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FLOODS STRIKE TWO NATIONS

OBSERVER'S
INSTITUTE
DRAWS NEARFour-Day Homemakers'
School To Be Opened
Here July 13MANY FEATURES
ATTRACT WOMENExcellent Faculty to Re-
sult in Enthusiastic At-
tendance—Program Al-
most Complete.

With The Observer's free home-
makers' institute only 17 days
away, women in town and coun-
try homes over all Eastern Oregon
are busy this week planning their
household schedules so that they
need miss none of the demonstra-
tions and lectures that they have
been enthusiastic in pronouncing
the finest service to housewives
ever offered by a newspaper in this
part of the state.

The institute, which opens the
morning of Tuesday, July 13, com-
prises five and six lectures for each
of its four days. The program is
now practically complete. Minor
details will be arranged by Mrs.
Jesse D. McComb, state home dem-
onstration leader, when she ar-
rives here in a few days from the
Oregon Agricultural College at Cor-
vallis. She is giving the school her
personal supervision.

Private Interviews.
In addition to the talks on home
planning, interior decorating, sew-
ing and designing, cooking and
health in the home, the five ap-
ecialists who will compose the fac-
ulty will be prepared to grant pri-
vate interviews for the discussion
of individual problems of the wo-
men attending the school.

Considerable interest has been
aroused by the announcement that
Bernard Jukway, widely known as
thority on interior decorations and
furnishings, is to have charge of
that department of instruction. Mr.
Jukway is alert to the difficulties

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HUCKLEBERRIES
ARE RIPENING
EAST OF UNION

UNION, Ore., June 26.—The
huckleberry season is opening in
the hills to the east of Union near-
ly a month earlier this summer
than ordinarily is the case.

W. W. Langford Monday
brought in a basket of a huckle-
berry bush that showed ripe ber-
ries, and many are preparing to
spend the week end in the hills,
accompanied by sufficient buckets.

Ornamental Street Lighting
District Work ProgressingCity Service
To The
Valley Towns

It means something to the
individual to receive his Evening
Observer an hour after it is
printed each afternoon, whether
that individual lives in La Grande,
Union, North Powder, Imbler, Elgin or Per-
ry. For those neighbor-cities all
receive equally as good carrier-boy
delivery service as does La Grande. The wife need
not wait till her husband brings
home the paper from the post-
office. The husband knows his
paper will be there waiting for
him when he reaches home
from work.

This is city service obtain-
able in the valley towns, and
at the same price as in La
Grande. This service means
something to the consistent ad-
vertiser, too. He knows that this
expedited delivery of The
Evening Observer results in
readers anxiously awaiting its
coming. In turn, this makes it
an invaluable medium in which
to carry his advertisements.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."Blackington
Trial Opens
Monday MornMan Indicted on Charge
of Arson in Connection
with Imbler Fire
to Face Jury.

Trial of J. C. Blackington—in-
dicted by the June grand jury on
a charge of arson in connection
with the fire that spread from his
warehouse to surrounding build-
ings at Imbler the night of Sun-
day, May 30, causing damage es-
timated at \$50,000—will be com-
menced in the circuit court at 9
a. m. Monday. Judge J. W.
Knowles will be on the bench.

Counsel for both the state and
the defense have let it be known
that they are prepared to call
numerous witnesses. The trial is
expected to extend through Tues-
day, and probably will not go to
jury before the next day.

Difficulty in drawing jurors is
anticipated. Stories of the fire
have been widespread, and some
of the sufferers at Imbler have
given their theories of the conflag-
ration considerable range. The
attorneys agree that it may re-
quire a good part of the opening
day to impanel the jury.

Blackington, at liberty on bonds
of \$1500, has been in La Grande
ever since he was arraigned on the
indictment Tuesday noon, June 12.
He has made his home with his
daughter, Mrs. Jean Walker. His
son, J. Clark Blackington, said to
have been the real owner of the
warehouse in which the fire is
claimed to have started, is here
from Los Angeles. Mrs. Black-
ington and the defendant's sister
are expected to arrive tomorrow

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HAROLD FACES
TERM IN JAILConviction in Justice
Court of Transporting
Liquor Costs Man His
Liberty.

George Harold—convicted of
transporting intoxicants just five
weeks after he had finished serv-
ing out a sentence for operation
of a still—returned to the county
jail Friday afternoon, face to face
with a fine of \$500 and 30 days
of imprisonment. A verdict of
guilty was reached on the first
balot by the jury that tried the
state's case against him in justice
of the peace court.

Harold asked for a bond for a
stay of execution, after the sen-
tence had been imposed. Judge
Hugh E. Brady set the bail at
\$750. But at noon today no ac-
tion had been taken.

PEOPLE OF
2 COUNTIES
JOIN HANDSUnion and Wallowa
County Neighbors in
Friendly MeetingsCARAVAN TRIP IS
GLOWING SUCCESSMore Accomplished Than
by Any Other in Past—
Wallowa May Send a
Group to Grande Ronde

That the people of Wallowa
county learned that the people of
Union county are indeed inter-
ested in them as neighbors and
friends and fellow-factors in Eastern
Oregon, and that Wallowa
county citizens in return voiced
gladsome appreciation of these
facts, according to the caravan
from the Union county chamber
of commerce, was the practical
unanimous opinion of members of
the caravan when they returned
here late last night. Moreover,
those things were the outstanding
features of the trip, and them-
selves are the very achievement
which the Union county caravan
sought to learn and to bring
about, in making the northern
journey. Much satisfaction with
the results accomplished have
been heard locally. "This caravan,"
one of its leaders said last
night, "strikes me as the most
successful we have ever staged be-
cause it has brought us nearer our
goal of cementing the two counties."

Wallowa Meet Gratifying.
Only a few persons short of a
hundred were in attendance last
evening at the banquet served in
the Presbyterian church at Wal-
lowa by the ladies' aid members
of the congregation, this being
the largest turnout of any meeting
held on the trip, with the possible
exception of the large number
which gathered at Wallowa Lake
during the day Friday. During the
afternoon emissaries of good
will from all over Wallowa coun-
ty met the Union county dele-
gates at Wonderland hotel.

But at dinner in the evening,
when the two counties were gath-
ered expressly for the enjoyment
of delicious food and goodfellow-
ship, harmony and a friendly
spirit prevailed. The Wallowans

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Two Stories
Are Told of
Girl's DeathCoroner's Jury in Seattle
Hears Opposing Theo-
ries in Sylvia Gaines'
Case.

SEATTLE, June 26. (AP)—A
coroner's jury entering this morn-
ing upon the second day of an in-
quiry had before it two narratives
picturing two opposing theories of
how Sylvia Howard Gaines, Smith
college graduate came to her death
on the margin of Green lake in
this city the night of June 15.

The jury heard yesterday Mr.
and Mrs. F. S. Stokes, and George
A. Memmer, a new figure in in-
vestigation of the mystery, to
whose report Sheriff Starwich at-
tributed pivotal significance.

Mrs. Stokes Alarmed.
"My wife and I," testified Stokes,
"left our home about 8 o'clock the
evening of June 15 and walked to
Green lake. My wife saw a man
five feet north of the path and
just west of where the body of Miss
Gaines was later found. My wife
was alarmed."

"After we passed the man we
saw a girl, going in his direction
and my wife said, 'I'll bet that man
gets that girl.'"

Man's Nose Prominent.
"He was about five feet ten
inches tall and weighed 165 or 170.
He had on a dark gray cap, a blue
serge coat and dark gray trousers,
and I could see the end of a belt
around his waist. He had a prom-
inent nose—not misshapen, but
prominent, and a strong chin that
fitted in with the rest of his face."

Memmer, a next door neighbor
of Wallace Gaines, father of Sylvia,
and brother of William, told the
jury that in the middle of the night
of June 15 and again at dawn of
the 17th, Wallace awakened Mem-

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PARADE WILL
FEATURE DAYEnterprise Plans Com-
plete for Fourth of
July Celebration—Miss
Broyles Goddess.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., June 26.—
Nearly 50 floats will be in the
Fourth of July parade, Monday
morning, July 5, according to the
list signed up by the committee.

The parade was the distinctive
feature of last year's celebration
and promises to be equally good
this year. Many business concerns
are preparing to present decorated
cars illustrating their business
and trucks are in demand, as they
can be used to best advantage.

Many cars also will be cov-
ered with bunting, colored paper,
flowers and converted into things
of beauty. It will be easier to get
novel effects with touring cars
without tops than with the sedans
which have become so popular,
but much can be done with the lat-
ter and they may prove a feature
of the parade. W. J. Ortmann and
F. H. Cole spent part of Monday
on the street in the interest of the
parade and found the town much
interested.

Miss Broyles Is Goddess.
With report at the finish, Eth-
elda Broyles won the race for god-
dess of liberty for the Fourth of
July celebration. Her friends
came in at the last minute with
votes enough to put her far in the
lead.

The contest started quietly and
proceeded without much stir all
the week. It looked as if it was
to end in the same manner, but

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**City Manager Is Given
Masonic Third Degree**

The work of the third degree of
the Masonic lodge was conferred
upon W. C. Cross, city manager,
last evening by a degree team
from the Pendleton lodge. Be-
tween 70 and 80 Masons were pre-
sent for the meeting, including
about 30 from Pendleton.

The Pendleton degree team,
which is made up of the young-
est members of that lodge, is called
the "Kid" team. The work was
put on splendidly.

After the meeting refreshments
were served.

An invitation has been extended
to the degree team of the local
lodge to exemplify work at Pen-
dleton in the fall.

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WORDEN AND
KENO SAVED
FROM FIREHundred Men Start Back-
fire That Saves Farm
Homes and TownBLAZE IS STILL
OUT OF CONTROLSecond Serious Forest
Fire Breaks Out in
Klamath Falls, Oregon,
District.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June
26. (AP)—How 100 men saved
the farming community of Worden
from complete destruction and
how fire fighters last night back-
fired from the Ashland-Klamath
falls highway to save the little
town of Keno from being wiped
out by the biggest fire in Klamath
county in the past 15 years, were
among the tales that came back
last night from the fire line in
Bear valley, 15 miles southwest of
this city.

A change in wind yesterday af-
ternoon turned the fire to the east,
directly in its path lay the com-
munity of Worden. The huge con-
flagration, covering an area of
over 20 square miles covered the
four miles in the community in
just four hours.

Home Wiped Out.
One ranch home, barn and ad-
jacent buildings of the R. W. Tow-
er farm recently vacated was wiped
out by the onrushing flames.
Fire fighters concentrated on sav-
ing the Grant Nelson and Frank
Nelson farms, which face the
Dorris Keno road.

Only a miracle saved the Grant
Nelson ranch. So close did the
fire come that trees whose branch-
es touched the house were crown-
ed.

At the last moment a sudden
tull in the wind temporarily
checked the advance of the con-
flagration and gave forest fire
fighters an opportunity to check
the blaze.

The fire came within a few
hundred feet of the Frank T. Nel-
son ranch.

To save the town of Keno, 150
population, it was necessary to
back fire upon the blaze, which
was burning fiercely south of Keno.
Hope of controlling the blaze to-
day was slight. Indications point
to another hot day with low humi-
dity.

**MERCURY CLIMBS
TO 100 ABOVE IN
LA GRANDE FRIDAY**

A new high mark for the year
was chalked up yesterday when the
mercury in the official thermome-
ter above the municipal building
did not check its ascent until it
reached 100 degrees above.

Thursday, with the high mark
at 98, set a new record for this
year but yesterday found the tem-
perature two degrees warmer. The
minimum last night was 64 and at
7:30 o'clock this morning the
reading showed 76. A breeze to-
day and traces of clouds indicate
that the peak of the heat wave
has been reached.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 26 (AP)—
Following a week of hot weather
and a temperature of 103 de-
grees yesterday, it is cooler today
with a cooling breeze.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CHICAGO (AP) R. H. E.
St. Louis 5 9 0
Chicago 4 9 2
Batteries—Zachary, Hallou
and Schang; Lyons and Grabowski.

DETROIT (AP) R. H. E.
Cleveland 9 5 1
Detroit 0 5 1
Batteries—Karr and Lee, Ben-
gough; Wells and Woodall.

BOSTON (AP)—New York-Bos-
ton postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E.
Boston 4 12 1
Philadelphia 5 12 1
Batteries—Genewich and J.
Taylor; Mitchell and Henline.

NEW YORK (AP)—Brooklyn-
New York doubleheader postponed,
rain.

Now It's Dr. Henry Ford



Henry Ford has the title of doctor now, and this picture shows
him getting it. He was given the honorary degree of doctor of
mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan commen-
cement exercises.

BOILER BLAST
CAUSES WRECKThree Railroad Employees
Killed in Rhode Island
—Flyer Crashes into
Freight Debris.

KINGSTON, R. I., June 26. (AP)
Three railroad employees were
killed today when the boiler of a
locomotive hauling 60 cars ex-
ploded while passing over marsh-
land near here. The wreckage of
the freight train was thrown on
the passenger tracks and a few
minutes later the New York, New
Haven and Hartford's "Cape Cod"
train from New York for Cape Cod
points crashed into the wreckage.

The locomotive of the passenger
train was thrown from the rails
and the first car dived into the
swamp. Several passengers were
slightly hurt. The fact that none
was seriously injured is believed
to have been due to the fact that
none of the upper berths of the
flyer was occupied. The train,
which runs only on Saturday morn-
ings, was making its first trip of
the season.

The dead:
WILLIAM MOULTON, engineer
of the freight train;
GEORGE SHAWAY, fireman
of the freight train;
JAMES J. McFARNEY, a spare
man, riding in the cab of the
freight locomotive.

The engineer of the express train
was injured.

**Carnival Stays Open;
Officials Win Kewpies**

BAKER, Ore., June 26.—The
Boucher and French carnival won
its fight to keep concessions
open here.

The decision to allow the car-
nival to continue came after pub-
lic officials, disregarding their au-
thority temporarily, succeeded in
winning two kewpies at the
stands. It was decided, then, that
the concessions where truly games
of skill and science.

Action against the carnival was
considered after a petition signed
by 75 business men was pre-
sented. A counter petition, to keep
the concessions open, is reported
to have been signed by 600 per-
sons.

**Senate Campaign Fund
Committee to Quiz Many**

WASHINGTON, June 26. (AP).
The Ku Klux Klan, the churches,
the wets and the drys, and all
others whose organized influences
had been felt in senatorial elec-
tions will be asked to testify about
their activities before the senate
campaign funds committee.

This announcement was made
today by Chairman Reed after it
had cancelled today's session so
that more details of the opera-
tions of the Anti-Saloon league
could be supplied by Wayne B.
Wheeler.

DESCRIBES PROHIBITION
WASHINGTON, June 26. (AP).
Prohibition was described today
today by representative German
republican, Illinois, as a curse
which was "making bums out of
respectable people and million-
aires out of bums" and which
was playing a leading role in an
increase of crime.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 26. (AP)—
The shack in which Alimee Sem-
ple McPherson said she was held
captive by three abductors was lo-
cated twenty miles southeast of
Agua Prieta, Sonora, this morn-
ing, according to members of an
official searching party upon their
return here after several hours
hunt. The party has spent more
than three days tracing what they
believed to be Mrs. McPherson's
footprints, leading from nigger-
head mountain in Sonora, Mexico
and announced last night that the
tracks had led 18 miles southeast
of Agua Prieta from which the
shack was sighted.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 26. (AP)—
With Alimee Semple McPherson
speaking on her way back to Los
Angeles, a congregation, in
search for her kidnappers and
lonely cabin where she says
was held a prisoner continued
abated today.

Powers, both official and un-
official, struggled through the
lands south of here to find
the shack and thereby a trace
of the three persons whom Mrs.
McPherson says kidnapped her at
Ocean Park, Cal., on May 13.
They were spurred in their efforts
by rewards offered by Mrs. Mc-
Pherson and a Los Angeles paper.

Reports Seeing Cabin
One posse early in the field this
morning was headed by O. A. Ash,