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JURY TASK TAKING UP TIME TODAY

Selection of 12 to Try J. Blackington Not Finished at Noon

MOWRY TO ASSIST PROSECUTION HERE

Portland District Attorney's Aide to Attempt to Prove Man Guilty of Arson.

A jury to try the state's case against J. C. Blackington, of Imbler, on a charge of arson, had not been agreed upon when court adjourned for noon recess.

Sixteen men had been examined during the forenoon, four of the number being excused. Attorneys on both sides expect the drawing to extend well into the afternoon.

George Mowry, chief deputy from the office of the district attorney at Portland, will assist Carl G. Heim, district attorney for Union county, and John S. Hodgins with the prosecution. Mowry, Heim stated to the court, represents the state fire marshal, H. H. Pomeroy, whose duty it is to investigate and prosecute in incendiary cases.

Pomeroy in Courtroom. Marshal Pomeroy was in the courtroom, expecting to be called as a state's witness.

Despite the favored group, that drew over the country after the fire that destroyed not only Blackington's warehouse, but an elevator, another warehouse and surrounding buildings at Imbler the night of May 29, spectators are comparatively few in two

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OILING WORK TO BE HALTED UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS

Oiling operations on most of the highways in this part of the state will be suspended July 2 until the morning of July 6, Oscar Cutler, highway engineer here, said this morning. There will probably be some shoulder oiling on July 2 between Union and Telocast on the Old Oregon Trail, but this will not interfere with the traffic.

Five miles of the oiling on the Telocast-Baker section of the Oregon Trail has been completed. When two and one-half miles are finished the section between Telocast and North Powder will be finished. Plans are to have the entire Telocast-Baker section completed by July 10 or 15. When that section is finished oiling operations will be continued between here and Pendleton.

The surfacing of the Meacham overhead approaches will also be completed and the overhead open for traffic by July 4. Mr. Cutler announces.

Superintendent Praises Work Between Hilgard and Kamela

If there is a prettier piece of track anywhere than the 10-mile stretch that has just been ballasted between Hilgard and Kamela, Walter H. Guild, second division superintendent of the O. W. R. & N., would like to see it. Of the finest grade Walker gravel—shut all the way from the famous Walker pit on the Snake river banks between Wallula and Elparia because of the uniformity and cementing properties that make it especially valuable for track work—the ballasting has been dressed with a nicety that has attracted attention from both rail and automobile tourists passing in that vicinity.

Thirty-five hundred cubic yards of gravel has been required for every mile of the work, at a cost per mile of approximately \$3,500.

Continuation of Program. Improvement on this particular strip is a continuation, Mr. Guild says, of a program started about five years ago providing for the ballasting of the line from Huntington to The Dalles. The work is now practically completed between Huntington and Kamela. This year's quota includes the ballasting of 11 miles between Duncan and Gibbon, and six and a half miles from Nolla to Done. With those stretches done, the track from Huntington to Hinkle will all have been ballasted except for a piece between Kamela and Duncan, which is to be finished next year. Cuts between Kamela and

City 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 Perry. 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 papers will be there waiting for him when he reaches home from work.

This is city service obtainable in the valley towns, and at the same price as in La Grande. This service means something to the consistent advertiser, 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.

"Observe Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Pioneering In The Valley

The rigors of pioneer life in the Grande Ronde valley captured the interest of Mildred Stumate, whose essay was one of many from the Central school that won recognition in the local history essay contest. Mildred was given honorable mention in the sixth and seventh grade divisions.

The settling of the Grande Ronde valley was one of many struggles and hardships. The valley looked so beautiful, quiet and peaceful to the tired weary immigrants that came through here, but they didn't dare settle here as the Indians were very hostile. At no, the Grande Ronde valley was far from supplies and shelter.

In 1856, there was an Indian war in Washington and Oregon. At that time there were some scouts sent out from Walla Walla, Wash., to find out the location of the Indians. The soldiers station-

ed at Walla Walla were afraid the scouts were in danger in this valley and several companies of soldiers were sent out to meet them and the "Battle of the Grande Ronde" was fought. During this war, two white men were wounded and two white men were killed. A man named William Hill was one of the latter victims. The white men drove the Indians across the east side of the valley.

This victory made these brave sturdy pioneers almost certain of the settling of this fertile and beautiful Grande Ronde valley.

But as late as 1870, there was some danger from the Indian.

The Indians of all Eastern Oregon had high cheek bones, straight black hair that was usually braided and a reddish-brown skin.

In general, the pioneers wore homespun clothing, leather coats with fringe on the sleeves and bottoms of the coats, leather leggings. They had hair that was

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PAY TRIBUTE TO PIONEERS

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Celebrates 62nd Anniversary of its Founding.

Pioneers who labored and sacrificed to save the faith that had supported them through perilous times to their children growing up in a strange new country were accorded a full measure of reverence at St. Peter's Episcopal church Sunday morning, when the service celebrated both the sixty-second anniversary of the founding of the parish and the festival day of its patron saint.

Chorus and soloists gave their best in songs prepared expressly for the occasion. The scripture lesson was read by Jack Holman, an altar attendant, as a tribute to the founders from the younger generation. And instead of the usual sermon, the Rev. Oliver H. H. rector, called upon two long-time members, who recounted from their own experiences some of the church's early history.

Slater Speaks. J. D. Slater spoke first, tracing the steps of organization, and recalling the names of lay and clergy leaders who had blessed the church's progress. Mrs. Harold Mearns, who, with her husband, were among the petitioners for a parish in 1872, told more intimately of the religious life in the Grande Ronde valley long ago.

From church records that came to him with other papers left by the late Mrs. Joseph M. Shambaugh, Judge Slater read the list

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Mercury Fails to Pass Mark of 88 Yesterday

Saturday slight cloudiness and breeze apparently broke the back of the heat wave in this section of the state. After temperature readings of 100 and 98, Friday and Thursday, the mercury failed to better 89 Saturday and 88 yesterday. The nights, also, were much cooler than during the latter part of the week.

Latter Day Saints Attend Baker Session

About 100 L. D. S. members from the two wards in La Grande were numbered in the attendance of 250 when Union stake held its monthly worship and study meeting at the tabernacle in Baker Sunday afternoon. Mt. Glen, Union, Cove, Imbler and Baker were other wards represented.

A letter from Heber J. Grant, of Salt Lake City, president of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, set forth the need for more missionaries and called upon the bishops to make recommendations. The session was largely devoted to class work and forums.

La Grande people returned home between 6 and 7 o'clock. No services were conducted here after Sunday school in the morning.

Firemen to Gather at Annual Fish Banquet

The annual fish feed of the La Grande Volunteer fire department will be held in the department building this evening at 6:30 o'clock. It is announced today by the members.

It is customary to hold two feeds annually, a clam and fish feed.

17 COWS TESTED, WOODRUFF HERD GRADED HIGHEST

One hundred and seventy-four cows were tested during the month of May by the Union Cow Testing association, which has just issued a report for that month. Fourteen farmers, living in the Cove and Union communities, are members of the association. According to the report the cows tested produced an average of 822.8 pounds of milk during that period and 25.4 of butterfat.

The dairy herd with the highest average was that owned by W. H. Woodruff, of Union. He has seventeen cows which produced 958.5 pounds of milk and 45.8 pounds of butterfat.

The herd belonging to C. C. Hansen, of Hot Lake, was second highest and the one of J. H. Orton, of Union, third.

The high test cow in the association is owned by Mr. Hansen. This cow produced 171 pounds of milk and 69.1 pounds of butterfat, which is an excellent record.

The testing resulted in the detection of five boarder cows, which will be disposed of for slaughter. The April average production was 738.5 pounds of milk and 32.3 pounds of butterfat. During that month 165 cows were tested.

400 CATHOLICS IN PICNIC NEAR MEACHAM SUNDAY

About 400 members of the Catholic churches of La Grande and Pendleton met at the picnic grounds near Meacham yesterday for the first annual joint picnic of the town church given under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Several people were also in attendance from Cove, Union and Walla Walla.

A baseball game between the La Grande Knights of Columbus and the Pendleton K. C.'s was the principal feature of the afternoon. The La Grande team winning by a score of 17 to 3. The Pendleton Knights won over the La Grande team in the tug-of-war later in the afternoon, however. Races for everyone were also a part of the afternoon's program.

At noon a banquet lunch was enjoyed. Coffee, lemonade, soda pop and ice cream was furnished by the Knights. Many of those present stayed until late in the evening and had dinner at the picnic grounds.

About twenty-five carloads of people from La Grande were present.

Wallowa Lake Race Horse to Be Shown in Wallowa County Seat—Wonderland Makes Plans.

Major Vaneyten, said to be the world's fastest long-distance race horse, will be at Enterprise during the celebration July 5 and 6. It is announced here this morning. The horse won the Idaho endurance race, a 300-mile hike, in 49 hours actual traveling time. Forty-seven hours 34.25 minutes were used up from start to finish, the horse losing 15 pounds in weight.

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It is understood that the horse, which will also be exhibited at Haines July 2 and 3 during the Haines stampee, is en route to Hollywood and will probably never be seen in this part of the country again.

WALLOWA LAKE, June 28.—Plans for a Fourth of July celebration of some proportions at Wallowa Lake resort are announced by J. C. McPherson, manager of Wonderland hotel. Saturday night of this week there will be a fireworks display, the fun to be continued next day and Monday.

One of the special attractions for the amusement of visitors at the resort now is a large popper-boat, really a small yacht, which Mr. McPherson has had constructed only recently. With the official opening of the resort this weekend, the trip around the lake by power boat will have been inaugurated. The launch will have a capacity of more than 50 passengers, though but 30 life preservers are provided, and the number in the boat will be limited to this. The boat will make hourly trips around the lake, a distance of nine miles.

LIME FINDS RICHEST IN NORTHWEST TO BE HELD JULY 8, 9, 10

High Grade Ore Exists in Deposits on Alder Slope, Wallowa County

TESTS MADE SHOW SUPERIOR PRODUCT

Railroad Spur to Be Built from Enterprise to Hydrating Plant by O.-W. Company.

When members of the caravan from the Union county chamber of commerce visiting in Wallowa county last week were taken to inspect the project being developed by the Black Marble and Lime company at Enterprise, a program of tremendous significance to the Enterprise community and to the county at large was announced by officers of the lime company. This included the construction immediately of four kilns and a hydrating plant at the edge of Enterprise, for the manufacture of hydrated lime and kindred products.

Connecting this plant with the black marble quarries on Alder Slope will be an aerial tramway 3 1/2 miles long for transportation of the rock ore by gravity from the hills to the crusher and kilns. At the proposed plant the tramway cable tower will be 80 feet in height, so that as the buckets feed the rock crusher, which in turn will function by gravity in supplying the kilns and hydrator, so that the lime will come out a finished product and will even be loaded into railroad cars by gravity. All these points having been taken into consideration, it was said. The O.-W. R. & N. is to construct a spur from its line at Enterprise, to connect with the new hydrating plant.

Concentrate on Lime. From the plans outlined, the company does not plan any extensive development of the black marble deposits, as such, just now, but to concentrate on the manufacture of lime. It was concluded after six months' study, the officers declared, that the best results and the greatest possibilities of the quarry were in its lime, and that this should be pushed on a large scale.

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ENTERPRISE, LAKE PREPARE 800-Mile Race Horse to Be Shown in Wallowa County Seat—Wonderland Makes Plans.

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L. C. Keagle Found Not Guilty of Possession

L. C. Keagle, who was tried Saturday night in municipal court before Judge H. E. Dixon, was found not guilty in a written opinion filed late this afternoon by the judge.

Keagle was accused of possession of intoxicating liquor following a raid conducted by the police and sheriff's office June 15. Several witnesses were heard during the trial, which began at 7:30 and ended at 10:30 p. m.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E. New York Yankees 1 7 1 Philadelphia Athletics 7 9 1 Batteries—Hoyt, McQuaid, Braxton and Bengough; Grov and Cochrane.

BOSTON (AP) R. H. E. Washington 2 3 0 Boston 6 15 2 Batteries—Ogden, Palmer and Tuel; Milne and Stokes.

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEW YORK (AP) R. H. E. Boston 2 6 3 New York Yankees 1 7 0 Batteries—Benton, Goldsmith, Mogridge and Taylor; Hunsfield, Scott and Florence.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES OF GRANGES TO BE HELD PART IN MEETINGS

STUDY FARM CROPS IN VALLEY POINTS

Demonstrations to Be in Charge of E. R. Jackman and County Agent H. G. Avery.

The agricultural committees of the various Union county granges met Saturday at the Pomona grange meeting at Medical Springs and arranged to cooperate with the Union county agricultural, H. G. Avery, and E. R. Jackman in holding field meetings to study farm crops here July 8, 9 and 10.

The first meeting will be in the Elgin vicinity July 8, the second in the Grande Ronde valley near La Grande and the last July 10, in the Wolf Creek and North Powder communities.

Follow Usual Plan. The meetings will follow the same plan as farm crops meetings have in previous years and all farmers and the general public are invited to attend. The grange will take the lead in making arrangements in the Wolf Creek and Elgin communities.

It is likely that every meeting will be in the form of an excursion. County Agent Avery said this morning, visiting various crop demonstrations and plantings of new varieties on the different farms.

Of considerable interest in the Grande Ronde valley will be the crop demonstration surveys on the W. B. Buckman farm near Imbler. Many different varieties of wheat, oats, barley and flax are planted here. There is also a potato demonstration planting, five different lots of certified seed being planted in comparison with eight or ten lots of non-certified seed. All of the potatoes are of the same variety—netted gems—which will give

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TWO GIVE TALKS AT MEETING OF ROTARIANS TODAY

Vacation experiences of F. L. Meyers and Frank B. Appleby related to the Rotarians who gathered at the Foley hotel for their usual meeting this noon. The former attended commencement exercises at Notre Dame and Northwestern to see his son and daughter graduated. Mr. Appleby returned Saturday afternoon from Chicago, Des Moines and other Iowa points, stopping en route home at Yellowstone national park, J. P. Price, of Portland, guest of A. T. B. Shortwood, Williams, Walter H. Guild and J. D. Meyers were introduced as new members of the club.

Next week's meeting is postponed from Monday to Wednesday noon to avoid conflict with Independence day celebrations. The program will be patriotic.

FARMERS BLAME ADMINISTRATION FOR NO FARM AID

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 28. (AP)—President Charles E. Hoar, of the Iowa farm bureau federation, today informed President Coolidge that farmers of the Midwest charged the administration "with full responsibility for failure to keep the promise made to our people" in 1924, when the republican party pledged itself to economic equality of agriculture and industry.

In a telegram sent to the president and a statement issued here, Mr. Hoar described farm relief proposals still pending in congress as makeshifts and in no way meet the requirements of the greatest present day national problem. He charged defeat of the McNary-Haugen principle to a group which he said was now enjoying the advantages of the protective system and was unwilling to permit extension of that system to include agriculture.

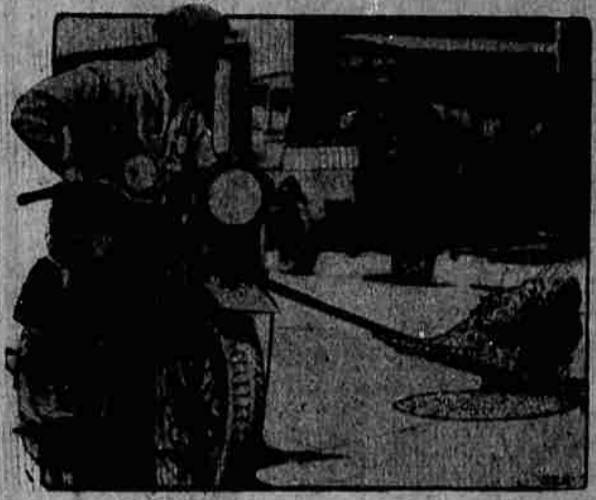
Mr. Hoar said his plans already were under way for a renewal of the farm relief fight.

Jury Resumes Inquiry Into Death of Sylvia

SEATTLE, June 28. (AP)—A coroner's jury that Friday began an investigation of the slaying of Sylvia Howard Gaines resumed sessions here today with her father, Wallace Cloyes Gaines, expected to take the stand.

Sheriff Starwich, who for four days had vainly sought to have Gaines arrested as murderer of his daughter, expressed great interest in report of discovery of an automobile crank near an altar grove on Green Lake inside the city, where Miss Gaines was found June 17.

Whisk! And Fido is Gone



F. H. Wilson, motorcycle policeman of Pittsburgh, Cal., makes a specialty of catching stray dogs while riding his motorcycle. His net swoops down while he is traveling at a good clip and Fido goes dangling through the air for a few blocks. No now Wilson has been appointed pound master.

HIGHER FEES ARE OPPOSED

Grangers Meet at Medical Springs—Will Send Questionnaires to Oregon Candidates.

Matters of business, an interesting program and grange plans for the near future featured the meeting of the Union county Pomona grange at Medical Springs Saturday. Nearly every grange in Union county was represented and all present pronounced the affair as one of the most successful.

J. A. Rice, county master, gave a detailed account of the state grange convention at Baker.

Resolutions were adopted congratulating the Baker grange for its successful convention, opposing the raising of freight rates to coast points, the raising of grazing fees in the national forests, and providing for a new form for electing county grange officers.

To Question Candidates. A special committee composed of E. D. Jasper, J. J. Fishman, F. S. Johnson and George South was appointed to prepare questionnaires to send to candidates for legislative positions from this district in an effort to ascertain attitude on a number of questions of importance to the grange.

S. T. Bailey, chairman of the special committee of organization work of the dairy interests of this district gave a report of the finding to date.

The county grange lecturer stages a home-talent program in the afternoon before a large

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Bulletins

WASHINGTON, June 28. (AP)—The senate passed late today and sent to the conference the veterans rehabilitation bill liberalizing the conditions for reinstating legend war risk insurance policies and extending the benefits of vocational rehabilitation which expires tomorrow.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 28. (AP)—Columbia was first, California second, Syracuse third in the freshmen crew race here today.

OTTAWA, June 28. (AP)—Premier MacKenzie King today announced the resignation of government.

HALEM, Ore., June 28. (AP)—District Attorney Myers, of Portland, received news this morning with a request to Governor Pierce that he ask Attorney General Van Winkle to take charge of the grand jury investigations in Multnomah county into alleged vice and gambling conditions in Portland. The request is the governor's response of a controversy between the Gov. Clement G. Clark, Portland publisher, and Mayor George L. Benson, the minister charging from the pulpit that gambling was rampant.

WITTENBURG, Prussia, June 28. (AP)—Two villages were flooded and three others endangered today when a dike in the Elbe river near Danneberg broke in three places. Twenty-five thousand acres have been inundated.

Sam Harrison Pleads Not Guilty to Charge

Sam Harrison pleaded not guilty to a possession of liquor charge in justice court at 1 p. m. today. Judge Hugh E. Brady set the trial for 1:30 p. m. Wednesday. No jury will be called. The defendant will be represented by Col. F. B. Ivanhoe. A bond of \$250 furnished for appearance at the hearing has been continued by the court.

Harrison was arrested Friday morning following a raid of his home by state and local officers, who reported the finding of a small amount of moonshine whiskey and several empty flasks and jugs.

The shooting happened about midnight in the cottage of Mrs. Dorothy Skinnas, where Mrs. Laughlin and her son were living. The bodies were not discovered until Austin Headrick, a brother of the murdered woman, arrived east the cottage for breakfast this morning.

Mrs. Laughlin was found lying across a bed in her nightgown. This body, while evidently had been shot while asleep, was in bed in another room. Laughlin, disrobed was lying in a doorway of one of the bedrooms.

Stoolpigeon Paid From Funds of W.C.T.U., Senators Learn

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VILLAGE IS WIPED OUT BY TREMOR

Mediterranean Area Severely Shaken by a Series of Quakes

2,000 RESIDENCES REPORTED RAZED

Casualties Few in Comparison with Property Damage—Shocks Centered Near Crete.

ROME, June 28. (AP)—The village of Arkhangels was wiped out and several other towns on the island of Rhodes were seriously damaged in Saturday's earthquake, which was felt throughout the Mediterranean basin between Asia Minor, Southern Italy and Northern Africa.

As far as is known only one person was killed. Several were injured. Greater loss of life was prevented by the flight of the quake-stricken population as soon as the first intimation of the approach of the dreaded earth tremor was felt. People escaped death.

The quake lasted only from 40 seconds to two minutes in various places and repeated itself three times. Even the upper stories of the houses were shaken and their inhabitants, however, before the walls began to crumble.

LONDON, June 28. (AP)—Meagre details were available today regarding casualties in a severe earthquake at a series of quakes which shook the Mediterranean countries Saturday evening.

In view of reports of the collapse of thousands of buildings in various parts of the Mediterranean coast, authorities here are making a list of the names of the buildings that were destroyed.

2000 Homes Shook. (Advice from Rome via AP) More than 2000 homes on the island of Rhodes in the Aegean Sea were raised and laid the village of Arkhangels, Apollonia, Apollonia and Monolitho, suffered severely.

JANITOR SHOOTS WIFE, SON; THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

LAKESPORT, Cal. June 28. (AP)—Lynn H. Laughlin, 39, janitor for a state institution in Ferland, Ore., last night shot and killed his wife Jessica, his son James, age 7, and himself apparently after having failed to effect a reconciliation with his family.

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