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THE WEATHER
OREGON—Clear to the
coast, but in the interior
tonight and Sunday, a
change in temperature.
Gentle, variable winds.

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TURN OVER
ARSON CASE
TO JURORSConclusion of Arguments
Today Will End
Week of Trial47 WITNESSES ON
STAND THIS WEEKDefendant, J. C. Black-
ington, Trial-Worn—
Wife, with Him, Pic-
ture of Serenity.The judge was delivering in-
structions to the jury as The Ob-
server went to press.Trial-worn but anxiously at-
tentive, J. C. Blackington listened
today to the arguments of counsel
that signified the approaching close
of the six-day courtroom strain.Beside him, on his right, sat
Mrs. Blackington, whose serenity
in the face of trouble has been the
defendant's constant encouragement.
At his left, looking almost
as worn as the prisoner, Henry J.
Hess kept hawklike tab on the
movements of the state.Twelve tired jurymen sagged in
their seats before the bench.

Arguments Eloquent.

Commencing just before 3 o'clock
Friday afternoon, the eloquence
of the attorneys surged, soared and
peaked in heroic effort to save a
72-year-old invalid to his family,
or condemn a vicious criminal to
just punishment.

47 Witnesses.

Forty-seven witnesses had
brought their testimony—19 for
the state and 28 for the defense.
Six days had dragged their swelter-
ing hours over the case. Monday
28 jurymen were examined and a
special venire was drawn before
the two sides agreed late in the
afternoon that 12 were qualified to
serve. Wednesday, with an abrupt-
ness that caught the defendant's
counsel almost unprepared, the
state rested its case. The rest of
that day, all of Thursday and until
after recess Friday morning, the
defendant examined his witnesses.
Blackington himself was on the
stand for hours at a time. Detail
by painstaking detail, his attor-
neys built up and buttressed the
defense. Then for tense periods

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CARRIERS STAGE
PEPPY RACE FOR
OBSERVER PRIZESWhen The Observer's carrier
boy brings one's paper around to
the house of an evening, one may
not stop to figure out just how
ambitious a little man he may
be, but many of the boys are
striving for higher goals, never-
theless. Since The Observer in-
stituted monthly contests, which en-
titled carrier boys to become "in-
terior salesmen" in the circulation
department, the race to procure
the most new subscription orders
each 30 days has become more and
more spirited. These boys getting
splendid training and experience.Ellis Watkins, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Watkins, who took
second prize for May, finished
first in the June contest, with Jack

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Union and Wallowa Counties
Celebrating Independence DayIndependence Day, which actu-
ally falls on July 4 but legally on
July 3 this year, is being more ex-
tensively celebrated in Union and
Wallowa counties this year than
in probably a decade.Four large celebrations are be-
ing conducted, one of which is al-
ready underway.Yesterday Elgin began a two-
day program that will terminate
tonight with a dance in the new
dance hall. Sports, speaking and
a parade—The Pageant of Na-
tions, feature today's program. An-
other attraction that is proving in-
teresting is a push ball contest.
Reports from Elgin state that a
fair crowd was in attendance yester-
day with a much larger one ex-
pected today.

Start Dance at Midnight.

Wallowa Lake's celebration will
begin at the stroke of midnight
Sunday, when a dance will get
under way, scheduled to continue
until 6 o'clock Monday morning.In addition to the dance sev-
eral other features go to make up
a wonderful program.A large crowd at Wallowa lake
is already assured, inasmuch as

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500
Women
ExpectedA minimum of 500 women
from all over the La Grande
territory are expected to at-
tend the sessions of the Ob-
server's Home-makers Institute,
July 13-16, at the high school.
Plans for the institute, in de-
tail, will be published regularly
and the complete program and
schedule of subjects will be
printed prominently next week
and a comprehensive report of
the sessions will be given each
day as the institute progresses.
Reader-interest in The Observer
will be at an unusually high
point during the coming weeks
—a fact that is specially val-
ued by advertisers."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."Mrs. Eckley
Is Elected
PresidentSons and Daughters of
Union County Pioneers
Pick Date for Annual
Picnic.Mrs. Hattie J. Eckley, whose
parents, Mr. and Mrs. William
Froeddel, were well known among
the early settlers of the Grande
fonde valley, was chosen pres-
ident when 12 Sons and Daughters
of Union county pioneers met at
the city hall Friday afternoon for
their annual business session.Miss Lucy Wade was elected
vice president; Mrs. Joan Tuttle
Hayden, treasurer; Mrs. Kate R.
Hawley, secretary.
July 15 was decided upon as the
day for the traditional pioneer
families' picnic at Riverside park.
Mrs. Nell Thacker was appointed
chairman of the committee that
will plan a program of entertain-
ment.THREE ELGIN
MEN ARRESTEDEd Nelson, Glenn Ryder
and Glenn Graham to
Face Charge of Pos-
sessing Liquor.Ed Nelson, Glenn Graham and
Glenn Ryder, arrested early this
morning at Fishtrap hill, near
Elgin, were arraigned on a charge
of moonshine possession this
morning in the county court.Judge U. G. Couch set bail at
\$500 each when the trio waived
preliminary hearing. They were
given until 10 a. m. Tuesday to
make their plea.The bail had not been provided
at noon.
Arrest was made by two state
officers, McBride and Zimmerman,
assisted by Sheriff Jesse Bru-
shars.ENTERPRISE GIRL
RECEIVES 100 IN
RELIGIOUS EXAMSSALEM, Ore., July 3. (AP).—Of
255 manuscripts in examinations
in 58 standard high schools of
Oregon on May 2, 1926, Miss E. A.
Baldry, of Bay City, each wrote
perfect papers and have been
awarded prizes.
Miss Pratt made 100 per cent
in new testament and Miss
Baldry in the old testament exam-
ination.The pupils made their prepara-
tion outside of school hours, using
as the basis for their work a
course of study formulated by the
state department of education.
Those successful receive one se-
mester credit in high school.The questions were prepared by the
state department and the manu-
scripts were graded in the state
office.Former Union County
People Picnic July 18The Union County society in
Portland will hold its annual picnic
in Laurelhurst park, opposite the
Thirty-fifth street entrance, begin-
ning at 10 a. m. July 18, a notice
from Charles W. Baker, president,
says.All former residents of Union
county are invited. "If you ever
lived in old Grande fonde and had
a friend or foe there come out and
meet him on the level," the invita-
tion reads.A business meeting will be call-
ed at noon with a program to fol-
low. Basket dinner will be served
at 1 o'clock.Marion County Grand
Jury Indicts Six MenSALEM, Ore., July 3. (AP).—Jon
Brown, Bill Brown, Christ Angulus
and Jim Angulus, all of whom
were arrested on the night of the
raid of prohibition agents on the
Brown farm near Broadacres, in
which John Kainbouris was killed
by officer C. C. McBride, were in-
dicted by the Marion county grand
jury in a report made by the jury
today.The charge made against the
four in a single indictment is
unlawfully selling intoxicating li-
quors.Indictments were returned
against Harold B. Looney, prom-
inent Jefferson farmer, and
Frank McGrath on a charge of un-
lawfully selling intoxicating liquor.
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tention because of Looney's prom-
inent family connection.

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MAGISTRATE
FACES QUIZ
IN CAPITALF. X. O'Connor's Story to
Be Investigated by the
Justice DepartmentCAMPAIGN FUNDS
COMMITTEE ACTSAsks Senate to Report
All Details of Case—
Records to Be Given
Attorney General.WASHINGTON, July 3. (AP).—
The senate campaign funds com-
mittee decided today to ask the
senate to report to the depart-
ment of justice the case of Magis-
trate F. X. O'Connor, of Philadel-
phia, who denied testimony of
four other witnesses that he had
said the William S. Vare organiza-
tion in the Pennsylvania senatorial
primary sought to purchase his
support.It is proposed that the whole
record be turned over to the attor-
ney general for such actions as
might be deemed appropriate.O'Connor made his denial be-
fore the committee of two occa-
sions contradicting flatly testi-
mony given by Senator Pepper,
of Pennsylvania, and by the three
newspapermen employed by the
Philadelphia Public Ledger.Two Jailed on Charge
Of Driving While DrunkRobert Hollenbeck and Peck
Jones were in the city jail this
morning awaiting trial on charges
of driving while intoxicated. Both
were arrested yesterday.
Bonds for Jones were fixed at
\$250.Family of M. J. Durkin
Finishes Its TestimonyCHICAGO, July 3. (AP).—The
family of Martin J. Durkin today
finished its procession through the
witness box in defense of the
youth charged with the murder of
Edwin C. Shanahan, federal
agent.Martin Durkin Sr., railroad em-
ployee, and father of the defendant,
testified, accounting for his son's
absence by the fact that the
young man drove a bus for the
Monon railroad and earned about
\$200 a month.The frequent trips of young
Durkin to California, on one of
which his father accompanied him
were made because Martin was
"working in the movies," the elder
Durkin testified.Eugene McGarry, Durkin's
counsel, promised that "Durkin
himself will tell you what he was
doing in California" when he
takes the stand, probably Tuesday.Former Union County
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CONGRESS
QUITS FOR
SUMMERAdjourns Until Next De-
cember—to Try Eng-
lish in NovemberCOMMITTEES TO
KEEP AT LABORSSeveral Groups Author-
ized to Function Dur-
ing Recess—Funds
Probe to Continue.WASHINGTON, July 3. (AP).—
Congress today fixed 3 o'clock this
afternoon as the hour of final ad-
journment for the summer. A
house resolution setting the time
disbanding the session was adopted
by the senate without a record
vote.Congress entered its closing
hours today with only a mild flurry
of bill passing and the usual flour-
ish of oratory to remind it of mad
adventures that have characterized
adjournments in the east.

State Cleaned

Practically all major legislation
proposed either has been passed
or rejected or definitely put off
until December. Both houses were
called to meet at 10 o'clock, two
hours earlier than usual, and Pres-
ident Coolidge had arranged to
go to his office in the capitol to act
upon such bills as are passed at
the last moment. In addition to
action on a number of these mea-
sures, most of them "pet" propos-
als of various members having only
local or sectional significance,
party leaders and others had pre-
pared the customary addresses
"pointing with pride" or such
other emotions as might fit in
with their political complexion,
and the subject under discussion.

Radio Bill in Balance

About the only piece legislation
given preferred status was hung
in the balance when the senate
and house wound up their day's
work yesterday was the bill de-
signed to set up machinery for
control of radio broadcasting. The

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MAN SLURS GIRLS;
BOY FROM SOUTH
EMPTIES HIS GUNNEW YORK, July 3. (AP).—An
alleged slur on women who
wear knickerbockers resulted in
a fatal shooting today in the
Bronx. Floyd Jordan, 24, who
came to New York recently
from Tennessee, took exception
to the slurring remarks made
by Joseph Housch, 23 years
old, whom he had never seen
before, and fired five shots, four
of which took effect, police
said.Jordan is alleged to have said
he opened fire after Housch
made his remarks. After the
shooting Jordan fled, but was
caught by two chauffeurs. He
made a complete confession, the
police said.Hydro-Electric Bill
Sponsors Will BattleSALEM, Ore., July 3. (AP).—
Sponsors of the hydro-electric bill
which the Portland housewives
council has attempted to initiate
threatens mandamus proceedings
to compel Secretary of State Koz-
er to certify it for the ballot. It is
the opinion of the secretary of
state that the total number of cer-
tified names on the petitions is
too few by about 1,000, while the
sponsors of the measure contend
the signatures are sufficient. The
secretary of state has the support
of Attorney General Van Winkle
who holds that there should be at
least 14,550 names on the petitions.
A second check will be made by
Kozer before he decides whether
he will reject or accept the bill.

MANDELL HAS ADVANTAGE

CHICAGO, July 3. (AP).—Sam-
my Mandell, Rockford challenger,
will have a weight advantage of
one and half pounds when he
fights Rocky Kansas, lightweight
title holder in the championship
match this afternoon at Comiskey
Park. Mandell weighed exactly
125 pounds, the required weight,
while Kansas scaled 133 1/2 pounds.In spite of an earlier downpour
at three o'clock the 31 rows of
seats built around the ring were
filling rapidly and the lower sec-
tion of the grand stand was prac-
tically full.

Quite A Husky Kid For His Age

STATE AGENT
DRUNK, FINEDProhibition Agent W. M.
McMills Stripped of His
Badge at Roseburg
This Morning.ROSEBURG, July 3. (AP).—
Special Prohibition Agent W. M.
McMills, working as a special of-
ficer on a committee from Govern-
ment Pierce, was fined \$100 here
this morning on a charge of being
intoxicated on a public highway.
He entered a plea of guilty, and
was fined the fine.McMills was arrested at Canyonville
last night by Frank Snodgrass,
special agent of the auto theft de-
partment, former chief of po-
lice of Cottage Grove and ex-de-
puty warden of the state peniten-
tary. McMills and Snodgrass are
reported to have had a thrilling
fight before the prohibition
agent was subdued.

Reckless Driving.

According to the statement made
by District Attorney Cordon, Snod-
grass and McMills were each driv-
ing north through Cow creek can-
yon last night when McMills failed
the auto theft bureau agent at
a high rate of speed cutting in
quite close and driving his car in
a very reckless manner.Snodgrass, it is said, tried to
overtake the prohibition agent but
was outdistanced, but finally came
across McMills parked beside the
road.Snodgrass stopped to warn Mc-
Mills against continuing his reck-
less driving tactics, the district at-
torney said, not knowing McMills
to be an officer. The latter be-

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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PITTSBURGH (AP) R. H. E.
St. Louis 3 7 2
Pittsburg 12 14 1Batteries—Bell, Keen, Rothorn
and O'Connell; Warwick, Aldrich
and Campbell, Smith.CHICAGO (AP) R. H. E.
Cincinnati 2 8 1
Chicago 6 12 1Batteries—Mays and Pincich;
Osborne, Jones and Hartnett.BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
Philadelphia 4 9 1
Boston 1 11 1Batteries—Dean and Heinke;
Mogridge, Hearn and J. Taylor.NEW YORK (AP) R. H. E.
Brooklyn 3 8 2
New York 4 9 0Batteries—Grimes and Har-
greaves; Greenfield and Florence.AMERICAN LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E.
Boston 4 10 2
Philadelphia 12 14 2Batteries—Harris, Welser and
Stoke; Rommel and Cochrane.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, July 3. (AP).—
The bill of Senator Walsh, democ-
rat, Montana, prosecutor of the
Teapot Dome investigation, de-
signed to expedite trial of the
naval oil lease cases, was approved
in amended form today by the house
and sent to conference.PORTLAND, Ore., July 3. (AP).—
Mrs. T. Nelson, 35, of Salem, is
in St. Vincent's hospital with a
fractured skull as the result of an
auto collision at Fourth and Mill
streets.SEATTLE, July 3. (AP).—Pro-
secuting Judge Jones today announ-
ced that trial of Wallace O. Gabes,
charged with murder of his daughter
Sylvia, would be July 19 sub-
ject to objection by the prosecu-
tion or the defense. Jones an-
nouncement followed conference
with a quorum of the thirteen
judges of the King county su-
perior court.NEW YORK, July 3. (AP).—
Crusader, ridden by Jockey Earle
Sande, established a new track re-
cord in winning the \$20,000 Dwyer
stakes at Aqueduct today. The son
of Man of War negotiated the mil-
e and a half in 2:20 3-5 clipping
five and two fifths seconds off the
old mark.New York Now Facing
Subway Line StrikesNEW YORK, July 3. (AP).—A
strike on the majority of New
York's subway lines effective
Monday, midnight, a p.p.a. of
probable today when the night
shift of motormen and switchmen
by a rising vote at a meeting voted
against arbitration of wage de-
mands by the state transit com-
mission.Abd-El-Krim Ordered
To Isle of MadagascarPARIS, July 3. (AP).—Abd-El-
Krim, the former Rifian war lord,
who, but a few months ago lived
with the idea that he could become
master of all northern Africa and
restore the Moorish glories of the
past, will be sent by the French
to the island of Madagascar.This is considered the most re-
mote possession of France, where
there is the least chance of escape
or successfully conspiring against
the peace of Morocco. Krim re-
cently surrendered to the French.
On this island in the ocean Krim
will be provided with every com-
fort. He will take with him his
three wives and a number of his
relatives and probably will be free
to go to and from any part of the
island.

RAIL SURVEYORS BUSY

ASTORIA, Ore., July 3. (AP).—
Parties of Southern Pacific sur-
veyors are engaged in checking
railroad surveys between the com-
pany's line at the mouth of the
Nehalem river and the mouth of
the Columbia. It is understood
that the purpose of determining
would afford the most suitable lo-
cation for a railroad extension to
give the Southern Pacific com-
pany an outlet at the mouth of
the Columbia.BILLS SIGNED
BY PRESIDENTDeficiency Measure and
Two Pension Proposals
Become Law With His
Signature.WASHINGTON, July 3. (AP).—
The deficiency bill appropriating
\$51,000,000 to begin work this
summer on federal buildings in
various cities, to expand prohibi-
tion and for many other purposes
was signed today by President
Coolidge.Coolidge also signed the omni-
bus pension bill, taking care of
pension claims of a hundred or
more civil war veterans. It grants
pensions to many who previously
had not been on the roll, and ad-
justed compensation of others.The general pension bill raising
the minimum monthly payment of
all veterans of the Civil and Mex-
ican wars to \$55, was signed by
the president.The measure also raises to \$20
the monthly pension to helpless
or blind veterans of those wars
and gives \$50 a month to widows
of veterans and all army nurses
of the World War.

CALIFORNIAN VICTOR

PHILADELPHIA, July 3. (AP).—
Reporting his triumph of a
year ago, Edward G. Chandler, of
the University of California, today
retained his intercollegiate tennis
crown by defeating Cranston Hol-
man, of Stanford, in the final
round, 6-0, 6-1, 6-8, 6-1.Aimee To Face Jury Next Week;
Evangelist Ready For QuizzingLOS ANGELES, July 3. (AP).—
Aimee Semple McPherson's ap-
pearance before the county grand
jury which probably will not open
until early next week, was looked
forward to today as the next out-
standing development in the
evangelist's mysterious case.Returning to Los Angeles late
yesterday with her mother Mrs.
Minnie Kennedy, from Douglas,
Ariz., to be met with a barrage of
questions and demands for expla-
nations for various angles of her
case. The pastor declared that
nothing would suit her better than
for the grand jury to make a full
investigation of her story that she
was kidnapped at Ocean Park May
18 and held captive for more than
a month.

Aimee Ready

She said that she would appear
before the inquirers voluntarily
and indicated that she had some
foals of her own that she would
like for the jurors to consider
along with the rest of their in-
vestigation.The evangelist's return to this
city was in vivid contrast with her
first arrival from Douglas a week
previous when 50,000 persons
greeted her. There were no de-
corations at the station yesterday.
There were several hundred per-
sons but most of them were thereto welcome distinguished visitors
a party of Catholic prelates and a
German prince. On completing the
brief ceremony of posing for news-
paper photographers the pastor
and her mother were whisked
away to Angeles Temple in a tax-
i-cab.

Makes No Comment

A signed statement made the
previous night by the mayor of the
Mexican border town of Agua
Prieta, in which he branded the
pastor's kidnapping story as false,
brought forth no comment from
Mrs. McPherson and was virtually
ignored by her mother.Later in the night a story from
Tucson that the evangelist had
admitted to the Mexican mayor
that she had been in Agua Prieta
for three days before she staggered
into the town, June 23, drew
more consideration. The Tucson
story was unqualifiedly denied by
Mrs. Kennedy.

Investigation On

The checking of clues in the
federal investigation of an angle of
the case—the sending of ransom
demands through the mails to
Mrs. Kennedy—already has start-
ed. It was indicated at the U. S. at-
torney's office. It was admitted
that an effort is being made to
locate the typewriter with which
one letter was written.4 CONVICTS
HOUSED BY
PEN POSSESMen, Who Escaped at
Salem Yesterday, Are
Still at LargeTHREE GUARDS
GET BLUE SLIPSWarden Lillie Blames W.
W. Casson, R. F. Och-
and W. B. Cyrus for
Daylight Delivery.SALEM, Ore., July 3. (AP).—
When shown pictures of the con-
victs who escaped yesterday from
the state penitentiary, the ferry-
man at Wheeland, 12 miles north
of here on the Willamette river,
today identified Richard Franzen,
and Elliott Mitchener as two men
who crossed the ferry yesterday in
a small automobile.SALEM, Ore., July 3. (AP).—A
grand jury investigation into the
circumstances surrounding the es-
cape of Richard Moore, Walter
Fisher, Richard Franzen and El-
liott Mitchener, convicts, from the
penitentiary early yesterday after-
noon under the very noses of three
lower guards and at least two
guards in the yard was assured this
afternoon with announcements of
Warden J. W. Lillie and District
Attorney John Carson of Marion
county.Richard Moore and Walter Fisher,
two of the four convicts who es-
caped from the state penitentiary
yesterday by scaling a wall and
cutting a barbed wire barricade
that surrounded the wall, are be-
lieved to be in hiding in Portland.
The other two, Richard Franzen
and Elliott Mitchener, are believed
to be skulking in the brush in the
vicinity of Salem.Moore and Fisher are thought
without doubt to have reached
Portland in a commandeered truck
last night, at least two men an-
swering their description reached
there after formerly taking several
cars and intimidating motorists
along the road. Apparently they
reached the neighborhood of Ore-
gon City in the car stolen here
from Louis Loree immediately af-
ter the escape. At Oregon City
they commandeered a light-colored
car to take them to Portland, and
when a short distance out of Oregon

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RUSSELL SCOTT
MOUNTS GALLOWS
NEXT OCTOBER 15

CHICAGO, July 3. (AP).—Rus