

INSTITUTE OPENS TOMORROW

4 FRUITY
DAYS ARE
ON PROGRAM

Miss Esther B. Cooley to
Start Off 'Homemakers'
School Tomorrow

MRS. McCLEAN TO
SPEAK AT 10:30

Bernard Jakway to Tell
of "The Aesthetics of
Home Furnishing" in
Afternoon.

TUESDAY MORNING
9:30 to 10:30—"New Hats
for Old,"—millinery renovation,
Miss Esther B. Cooley, of O. A. C.
extension service.

10:30 to 12:00—"An Informal
Buffet Supper and Service,"
Miss Esther B. Cooley, of O. A. C.
extension service.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
2:00 to 2:30—"The Aesthetics
of Home Furnishing," Bernard
Jakway, specialist and
writer on interior decorating.

3:30 to 5:00—"Old Hats for
New"—continuation of Miss
Cooley's morning demonstra-
tions and lecture, Miss Cooley.

Tomorrow morning, at 9:30 o'clock, The Observer's free home-makers institute will commence. And for four fruity days, its faculty—six of the ablest authorities that the Northwest affords—will assist the assembled women the results of their research in the realm of homemaking.

All sessions of the institute will be held in the high school auditorium. The lectures and demonstrations will be given from the stage, which is all outfitted with furnishings and paraphernalia that the experts will use.

Miss Cooley Opens Program

First tomorrow morning will be an illustrated lesson by Miss Esther B. Cooley, of the O. A. C. extension service, on the renovation of old hats. "New Hats for Old," she calls her demonstration. And she plans to make her lecture live up to the title. With truly antiquated headwear, she will show the amateur milliner all the necessary steps in the creation of an up-to-the-minute chaparran.

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EASTERN OREGON
TENNIS TITLE AT
STAKE ON JULY 18

The Eastern Oregon tennis championship tournament, which will be held at Union this year, will begin next Sunday when the singles will be played, it was announced here today. The following Sunday doubles competition will begin.

The tournament is open to any amateur player, regardless of his residence.

Immigration Laws Rapped By
Dr. Mills At Union Service

America, as she goes forth to Christianize the world, stumbles over the evidences of her own un-Christianity, Dr. Edward Laird Mills, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, told a union congregation gathered from Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches last evening at the Presbyterian auditorium.

Missionaries carrying the gospel to foreign lands are handicapped, the editor said, by the impressions of life in Christian America, that their prospective converts gather from the American movies, returning emigrants and students, and the attitudes of American diplomats.

Leadership Crippled
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"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Mrs. Gekeler
Buried Here
Late Today

Funeral Services Held for
Woman Pioneer at the
Farm Home Where She
Lived 64 Years.

Funeral services for Grandma Gekeler—widow of the late George Gekeler and one of the earliest pioneers of the valley—were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the farm home, just off the Old Oregon Trail highway, where she lived from the day she and her husband homesteaded there 64 years ago until her death at 2:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. William Crosby Ross, of the Presbyterian church, preached the sermon, for which many friends joined the venerable woman's numerous progeny. Afterward, her body was laid to rest beside her husband's in the Masonic cemetery, Snodgrass & Zimmerman attended.

Born in 1840
Catherine King Gekeler was born in Lancaster, N. Y., May 11, 1840. At the age of 19, she married George Gekeler, a native of the same place, and with him took the western train to the plains of Nebraska.

They homesteaded there, but after tolling for two years, they decided that better fields lay farther west.

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ANGLERS BRING
CATCHES HOME

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot
Club Fishing Contest to
End An Hour Before
Banquet.

Although more than half of the fishermen were still out at noon today, several excellent catches of fish had been brought in and entered in the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club's annual contest. The fishing contest started yesterday morning and ends at 6 o'clock this evening, an hour before the annual fish feed will be held at the M. E. church basement at 7 o'clock.

H. E. Coolidge is scheduled to be toastmaster this evening and L. A. Wright and C. L. Cadwell, of Union, will speak.

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Harrison Will Appeal
From Fine, Sentence

Sam Harrison, served notice of appeal from the judgment of the justice court Saturday afternoon, when Judge Hugh E. Brady fined him \$200 and sentenced him to 20 days on his conviction of moonshine possession. The case was tried without intervention of a jury. Col. P. S. Ivanhoe represented the defendant.

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7 FIRES ARE
BURNING IN
TIMBERLAND

Government Stand in the
Crater Lake National
Forest Is Burning

WOODS BLAZING
NEAR VERNONIA

Continued Drought and
Hot Weather Causes
Forest Service to Close
Big Areas.

MEDFORD, Ore., July 12 (AP)—Fourteen forest fires were started by lightning in Jackson county timber Saturday and Sunday evenings, and all were extinguished except two.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12 (AP)—Seven separate forest fires were burning in Oregon today, three in the northwest section, and three in the south central region. Another fire, believed to have been started by a cigarette, was burning on the Columbia river highway near Mitchell Point. The forest service had 116 men fighting this fire today.

Two fires starting outside the Crater national forest, cross the boundary and were burning government timber, the local forest office reported today. One fire near Pelican bay on the east side, was reported out of control.

On the south side of Crater national forest a fire in the holdings of Weyerhaeuser Timber company near Green Springs mountain has entered the forest. The exact extent of these fires were not reported.

One Controlled
A fire on the west side of the Crater forest near Battle Falls was

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SOUSAPHONE SOLO
INCLUDED IN BAND
CONCERT PROGRAM

The program chosen by Director Andrew Loney for the outdoor band concert to be given Wednesday at the high school athletic field at 8 p. m. may prove even more popular than the last one played.

Oscar Humphries, well known sousaphonist, and who has just returned from Medford where he appeared several times in solo work with the 18th Infantry band will again be on the program with a rendition of "Down Home On The Farm" with variations. His technique on this most difficult of solo instruments is always excellent.

One of the numbers never before played by the band will be a selection from the musical comedy "Woodland. The descriptive piece "A Summer Evening In The Alps" depicts in a most impressive manner the early morning with the singing of the birds, the storm coming up in the afternoon, the calm following and the rejoicing of the peasants completing the piece. The program will close with the difficult but pleasing overture "Fest" by Leutner.

Glenn Marr Arrested
On Charge of Forgery

Glenn Marr, of Joseph, once more takes up his sojourn in the cellular society of Union county. This time the charge against him is forgery. He waived preliminary hearing this morning in the justice court, and unable to produce the \$200 demanded as bail, returned to the courthouse with the sheriff.

Marr was convicted of disorderly conduct in the city court here a few months ago, but appealed the case and has been at liberty pending a retrial.

John Trotter Buys
Ash Brothers' Stock

John Trotter, a Baker clothier, was successful bidder on the stock of Ash Brothers' clothing store, which was recently assigned to a Portland credit association for adjustment among its creditors. Trotter bought the stock at 52 cents on the dollar, it was reported today. He has made no definite decision about the disposal, but may possibly offer it at retail in La Grande.

Blame Heat
For Death
of 9 Sunday

Hot Spell Continues in
Portland Today—Sat-
urday's Record Held
Out of Reach.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12, (AP)—The hot spell continued in Portland today, with temperatures ranging higher than the same time yesterday. The maximum Sunday was 92, and the weather bureau expected this to be equalled or possibly exceeded today, though Saturday's maximum of 104.2 which broke the record in Portland, was not expected to be approached. Relative humidity here yesterday was 63 per cent. This was greater than it is some times when rain is falling. The humidity made the heat oppressive.

Hot weather in the Pacific northwest resulted in nine drownings over Sunday. Two bathers drowned at Columbia beach, near Columbia, Ore.; one at Oswego; one at Portland; one at Seattle; one near White Center, Wash.; and two brothers and a sister drowned in the Columbia river at Ephrata, Wash.

103 HERE SUNDAY
La Grande experienced the warmest day of this year yesterday when a maximum of 103 degrees was recorded.

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MANY COMING
TO INSTITUTE

Men and Women of Community Generous in
Praise and Endorse-
ment of School.

Not only the women but the men of the community have been generous in their praise and endorsement of The Observer's endeavor to provide a free home-makers' institute of unprecedented proportions.

"It means more to the community than a chautauqua would," declared a La Grande business man the other day. "The kind of instructors you have provided will not only give the women of Eastern Oregon the very information they most desire, but they are bound also to prove mighty entertaining."

From many remote points, word has come that the women are planning to be here for the institute. Several hundred have informed the publishers that they made special arrangements for the care of their homes and families in their absence this week, because they didn't feel they could afford to miss a single session.

"We have provided for an attendance of at least 500," Frank B. Appleby, The Observer editor, said this morning.

"But if we have succeeded in our effort to let the women of Eastern Oregon know what an ex-

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Severa' Speak During
Rotary Lunch Today

Tourist traffic, road oiling, the coming Northwest Realtors' convention and The Observer's free home-makers' institute were topics offered by half a dozen speakers in a pied program at the Rotary club's luncheon meeting this noon at the Foley hotel.

The necessity of arousing more interest in the Old Oregon Trail highway and its attractions for tourists was touched on in a talk by Walter Meacham, of Baker.

Judge William Duby, of Baker, chairman of the state highway commission, stated that the oiling program in the direction of Baker will be finished tomorrow, and the work on the Hilgard to Pendleton stretch began Wednesday.

THREE SHOT
TO DEATH IN
CICERO, ILL.

Desire of Holdup Men to
Obtain Autos Cause
of Murders

THOMAS WAYNE, 24,
HELD BY POLICE

Admits Shocking Crime
After Viewing Dead
Girl—Man Known as
"Curly" Escapes.

CHICAGO, July 12, (AP)—Cicero, scene of the recent spectacular McGinnis party slaying, counted three more killings today, apparently prompted by a desire of holdup men to obtain autos for marauding expeditions.

A taxicab chauffeur who protested against surrendering his car to a pair of robbers was mortally wounded, stripped of his uniform and thrown from his machine while less than a block away a young man and young woman, sitting in a car in front of the latter's home were slain when they remonstrated against giving up their auto.

Tom Wayne Arrested
The police are holding Thomas Wayne, 24, from whom they obtained a statement implicating himself and a man known to them only as "Curly." Wayne said he and Curly had hired the cab to go to Cicero and that they shot the chauffeur, Ludwig Rose, to obtain his car. Shortly afterwards they sped an automobile occupied by Fred Helm, 26, and Miss Marie Blang, 23, and demanded surrender of the machine. When Helm protested, both he and Miss Blang were shot to death.

The taxicab driver was found lying alongside the road and was taken to the county hospital, where he died of a bullet wound in his back. His shouts had attracted a passerby, who notified Cicero police. While still conscious he told

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12,000 FRENCH
VETERANS APPEAL
FOR DEBT STUDY

PARIS, July 12 (AP)—Twelve thousand French war veterans, many of them wounded, have gone over the heads of diplomats and government to appeal to the American people for modification of the Franco-American war debt agreement.

The Paris police today had, in their possession a stone plaque taken from the foot of the equestrian statue of George Washington in the Place d'Orleans, and on which was inscribed:

"Over the head of diplomacy and far from political and financial considerations the war veterans of France appeal straight to the people of the U. S. After the destruction of peace, the proposed debt settlement would consecrate the ruin of France and the loss of its independence."

"America will understand that the war veterans of France, who are honest, sincere and loyal, are asking in a friendly manner that the study of the question should be taken up once more."

Spanish-American War
Vets at Baker Today

BAKER, Ore., July 12 (AP)—Registration for the state convention of the Spanish War Veterans which opened here today, had reached nearly 200 by noon. The session opened at Elkhorn temple this morning. The women's auxiliary also is holding its convention here. All sections of Oregon are represented. The convention will close Wednesday with a visit to the Copper Belt.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PITTSBURGH (AP)—R. H. E.
New York 3 2 1
Pittsburgh 6 5 9
Batteries: Scott and Florence; Aldridge and Smith.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
NEW YORK (AP)—R. H. E.
Cleveland 5 13 6
New York 2 4 1
Batteries: Uble and L. Sewell; Shawkey, Beal and Collins.

Grandmother Is Only 27



There are three generations in this Knoxville, Tenn., family, and the oldest is only 27. At the left is Mrs. James Harper, 15; then there is her six-months-old baby, Katherine Elisabeth; and on the right there is the baby's grandmother, Mrs. Alvin Sigler, 27. The grandmother married when she was 12 and the daughter when she was 18.

JOHN W. WEEKS
PASSES TODAY

Ex-Secretary of War Answers Last Call in Lancaster, N. H.—Funeral in Massachusetts.

LANCASTER, N. H., July 12 (AP)—John W. Weeks, former senator and war secretary quietly slipped from a state of coma into death early today. He had waged a long fight with the illness which forced him to submit his resignation as a cabinet member to President Coolidge in 1925. His condition became critical soon after he returned to his native town and on Sunday he lapsed into the coma from which he never roused.

Mrs. Weeks, his son Sinclair Weeks and his daughter Mrs. John Washington Davidge, were with him when he died.

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—Funeral services for John W. Weeks will be held at his home in West Newton, Mass., and his body will be temporarily placed in a vault there to be transferred later to a permanent resting place in Arlington national cemetery here.

The war department was informed of this arrangement today by telephone from the Lancaster, N. H. farm where Mr. Weeks died early this morning.

Born in New Hampshire
Mr. Weeks was born on a little New Hampshire farm near Lancaster, April 11, 1866. In 1885 Mr. Weeks married Miss Martha Sinclair.

In the senate and in the house Mr. Weeks won quick recognition. His services were rewarded by appointment to important committees of that body. As a member of the military committee during the war, he staunchly supported

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Russell Scott May
Yet Escape Gallows

CHICAGO, July 12 (AP)—Robert Scott, former wealthy Canadian financier, whose sensational trial for the murder of a Chicago drug clerk in a robbery more than two years ago, resulted in a sentence to death, may yet escape the gallows.

Robert Scott, brother of the condemned man, who was a participant in the robbery, today entered a plea of guilty to the charge of having murdered Joseph Maurer, the clerk for whose death Russell was sentenced.

Three hours before he was to hang last summer, Russell was saved from the gallows by a midnight telegram from Detroit by Governor Snell, purporting to be a confession of Robert that he was responsible for the killing. The telegram was a hoax.

A month later he was snatched from the gallows for a second time by a midnight plea for a sanity hearing. A few weeks later a jury declared him insane and committed him to the Chester asylum, whence he was brought for a new hearing last month. At the last hearing he was found sane and sentenced to hang October 15.

RESCUERS
TAKE DEAD
FROM ZONE

Fourteen Bodies Are Re-
moved from Lake Den-
mark Arsenal Ruins

BOMBARDMENT OF
SHELLS CEASES

Nine Hundred Refugees
from Stricken Towns
Content to Remain
Away from Homes.

DOVER, N. J., July 12, (AP)—A revised list of the casualties in the Lake Denmark explosion this afternoon showed that 17 persons were known to be dead. Only three of these had been identified.

NEW YORK, July 12, (AP)—Another naval magazine exploded this afternoon at the Lake Denmark ammunition depot when a sudden shift of wind sent a fire caused by previous explosions roaring down upon it, according to word received from Rear Admiral Plunkett. Fourteen more magazines were said to be in the neighborhood in danger of being ignited.

NEW YORK, July 12, (AP)—A rescue party of soldiers and marines under direction of Captain William R. Bayle, senior naval officer in charge at the scene of the disaster at Lake Denmark, N. J., in the opinion of Secretary of War Davis, after making a personal inspection of the explosion, has been ordered to remove the bodies of the victims from the wreckage. It was reported to Brooklyn Navy yard.

The bodies are to be brought to the United States naval hospital at Brooklyn, according to Lieutenant Commander Young, aide to Rear Admiral Plunkett, commander of the third naval district. The bodies Commander Young said, were found in various wrecked buildings.

Bombardment Ends

DOVER, N. J., July 12, (AP)—The bombardment of shells which has rained on the country since the destruction of the navy ammunition depot at Lake Denmark Saturday ceased

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THIEVES PLUNDER
RUINED HOMES IN
ARSENAL DISTRICT

NEW YORK, July 12, (AP)—Thieves have been plundering the shattered homes in the region of the Lake Denmark explosion, undeterred by danger of flying shell fragments, according to a dispatch from Dover, N. J., to the Evening World.

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Refugees Return; Find Homes
Like War Torn No Man's Land

ROCKAWAY, N. J., July 12 (AP)—Refugees from the shell-riddled area surrounding the burning navy ammunition depot at Lake Denmark returned today to find their homes a war torn no man's land.

The explosion which destroyed the arsenal and rained death on nearby towns in two days of fiery bombardment, has wiped out an entire town, and made of a peaceful mining valley a devastated area as desolate as those of the Argonne.

Let Refugees Pass
Ten square miles about the arsenal is an evacuated area. Its roads guarded by sentries, their bayonets fixed and rifles loaded. Refugees creeping back to their homes to search for their treasures, to find put animals, to reclaim what ever of their possessions have been saved are allowed to pass. Ambulances of the Red Cross, on another search, and moving kitchen of the army are other traffic allowed in the grim area.

Rockaway and Dover, larger towns at the foot of the valley at whose head the arsenal burns have suffered their damages. Shattered windows along the streets some now boarded up by the inhabitants, wrecked walls and crowded hospitals and relief stations make of these towns the out posts of the war section.

Destruction Terrible
As one advances up the valley, the destruction grows steadily worse. Dover about two miles south of the hill from the burning arsenal, is a dramatic Verden. One of the homes of its meagre mining population has escaped. Floors caved in and dropped to the cellar, window after window shattered, walls wrecked and little dwellings destroyed marked the path of exploding shells.

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