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HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT IS SUBJECT

Miss Ruby Beers Gives Advice at Homemakers' Institute

URGES CARE IN BUYING ARTICLES

Cleanliness Another Important Matter for the Housewife to Consider, She Declares.

TONIGHT
8:00—"Art in the Home," Prof. J. Leo Fairbanks.
FRIDAY MORNING.
9:30 to 10:30—"Household Budgets," an efficient business management of the home, Miss Ruby Beers.
10:30 to 12:00—"What Produces Good Teeth," and the effect of teeth on the health, particularly in reference to children. Dr. C. Ulysses Moore.
FRIDAY AFTERNOON
1:30 to 3:00—"The Company Luncheon," Mrs. Beth Bailey McCean.
3:00 to 4:00—"Efficiency Methods in the Household," Miss Beers.
4:00 to 5:00—"Proper Clothing and Shoes and Their Effect on Health," Dr. Moore.

The housewife as an efficiency expert was pictured for the several hundreds of women attending The Observer's free homemakers' institute this afternoon when Miss Ruby Beers, specialist in household management, delivered, as her first address, some pointed advice on "Household Equipment —What to Use and How to Use It."

"As the purchasing agent for your household, it is your duty to acquaint yourself with what is to be had in your markets and stores," Miss Beers declared.

Select Carefully

"While you are apt to do that when you go out to buy a wash-

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GLENN RYDER IS ACQUITTED; THIRD MAN'S TRIAL ON

Glenn Ryder was acquitted yesterday by the jury that tried him in justice court on a charge of illegal possession.

Trial of Glenn Graham, third of the trio with whom Ryder was arrested near Elgin a couple of weeks ago, was commenced at 10 a. m. today. L. Denham, of Elgin, who defended Ryder, is again defendant's attorney.

Ed Nelson, of the same group, was acquitted in justice court last week. He is section foreman at Minam.

800 Attend Concert At High School

Oscar Humphries, Sousaphone Soloist, Featured in Outdoor Band Recital Last Night.

Oscar Humphries, with his sonorous sousaphone, was the Hans Sachs of La Grande last evening, when between 700 and 800 people collected at the high school athletic grounds for the third of Andrew Loney's summer band concerts, just as the citizens of Nuremberg used to gather in the public square to hear the Minnesingers' contests more than four centuries ago.

A fantasy for exultant woodwinds, Egyptian serenade, a Cossack gallop that made the basses gloat, "A Summer Evening in the Alps" with delicately re-echoed shepherd pipes and a realistic mountain storm that broke at its height into a smiling calm—all these the auditors liked and vociferously acclaimed. But the sousaphone solo jubilated them. The familiar "Air Varie," elaborated with triplets and quadruplets of marvelous grace for an instrument so ponderous, put the whole crowd in a temper of glee. Humphries, indeed, was the favorite minnesinger of them all.

The program, which opened with the march, "Royal Decree," and ended with a splendid presentation of Leutner's overture,

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FIRE PARTLY WRECKS HOME

Dwelling Place, Owned by Mrs. S. C. Zuber, Damaged by Early Morning Flames.

Fire, of an unknown origin, partially destroyed an unoccupied dwelling place at 906 K avenue owned by Mrs. S. C. Zuber, early this morning. Loss will range from $600 to $700 estimates today indicated.

The alarm was turned in at 1:30 a. m and the firemen, although the flames were rapidly spreading, saved most of the house and a garage. A woodshed on the place was destroyed. The house, of three rooms, was damaged most in the kitchen.

The recall was sounded at 2:25 a. m.

Main Break on Second Street Cuts Off Water

Citizens in the northside Second street district are without water today following one of the worst breaks in recent years. A 14-inch water main went out under the viaduct this morning at four o'clock and, despite the fact that every measure is being taken to speed up the repair work, City Manager W. C. Crews is doubtful if the break can be repaired before six o'clock this evening.

PIONEERS MEETING AT PARK TODAY

Thirty-Sixth Annual Reunion Begins in City This Morning

TWO SURVIVORS OF WAGON TRAIN HERE

Business Meeting Postponed Until This Afternoon—200 Attend Noon Luncheon.

With an ideal day for the thirty-sixth annual Union county pioneer reunion, the picnic started at about 10 o'clock this morning when people began to arrive at Riverside park. Although the business session of the pioneer association had been scheduled for the morning hours, Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, president of the association, did not arrive until just before noon, so it was postponed until after the lunch.

By 12 o'clock approximately 200 people had arrived at the park and tables were arranged in the pavilion and every other shady nook in the park. Baskets were opened and by 12:30 o'clock lunch was well under way. Those who arrived at the park before noon spent the morning visiting and talking over pioneer days.

Train Survivors Present.

Several survivors of the 1862 wagon train were to be seen among those in attendance, including Sam Williamson and Dunham Wright. These men have been members of the Union County Pioneer association since its organization 36 years ago, and are now among the oldest surviving pioneers. Mr. Wright has been president of the association for the past four years. Mrs. Mattie Golden is secretary.

Several visitors are registered from outside of the county. All of the officers of the Wallowa County Pioneer association including J. P. Morelock, president;

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ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY SCHOOLS 4,378 THIS YEAR

Some interesting facts relative to the county's school system were brought to light by E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, while making up his annual report.

Mr. Sayre finds there are 55 organized school districts in Union county and that school was conducted in 54 of these during the past year. He found that total attendance in the schools was 4,378.

Forty-one one-room schools paid average wages to the teacher of $92.62 a month. Wages paid the one-room teacher last year was $97.20 a month.

Nine months of school was held in 23 of the 54 active districts. The course of study is based on a nine-month term.

Attendance figures showed that 3,447 pupils attended elementary grades and 931 high schools. The per cent of attendance in the grades was 94.5 and in the high school 95.1.

Commissioners Attend To Routine Business

At a short meeting of the city commission last night several matters were attended to. A petition from J. R. Williams asking permission to run an irrigating ditch in the street under the brow of a hill in Connordale, was granted following a motion by the commissioners. Stipulation was made that a six-inch corrugated iron pipe be used to transmit the water.

M. T. Collins, war veterans' representative, asked for the support of the commissioners in reference to the showing of the war picture "On Flanders Fields" here July 21-22.

A resolution, authorizing the city to enter into a contract with the O.-W. concerning construction of a storm sewer under the railroad tracks and along the right of way, was adopted.

TRIED TO SINK SHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15. (AP) —Patrick Murray and Frank Ruben, seamen, are held in city prison as a result of their alleged attempt to sink the freighter Seekonk, as she lay in the harbor early today.

They were discovered in the engine room of the ship busily engaged in opening a safety valve leading from below the water line ship's officers say. A disagreement over wages due Murray is said to have precipitated the attempt.

DOCTOR IS SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Warrants Issued for Dr. Thomas Walsh and His Wife

GIRL IDENTIFIED AS EDITH GREEN

Sweetheart of Boston Woman Tells Authorities of Operation and Notice of Death.

BOSTON July 15 (AP) — Dr. Thomas E. Walsh, wanted on murder charges in connection with the death of Edith Green, surrendered to police late today.

BOSTON, July 15. (AP)—Warrants charging murder were issued this morning for Dr. Thomas E. Walsh and his wife who were alleged to have performed an illegal operation on Miss Edith L. Green, state ward, whose dismembered body was found Tuesday.

The police last night raided the office of the physician in the south den but both he and his wife had disappeared. James V. Ford, young sweetheart of the dead girl, who had admitted responsibility for her condition told the police that he took her to Dr. Walsh last Friday and that the physician told him on Sunday she had died after the operation.

May Arrest Ford.

Ford declared that he refused to have anything to do with the operation on the body, the dismembered parts of which were found in the Mattapan section near two cemeteries. The police said they would prefer charges as accessory against Ford.

Naval Board Ready to Investigate Disaster

DOVER, N. J. July 15 (AP) — The naval board to investigate the civil damage in the Lake Denmark naval arsenal disaster assembled today in a tent at the entrance to Picatinny arsenal and announced that the taking of testimony would begin.

The number of those known to have lost their lives in the holocaust increased to 22 with the finding of an unidentified body of a man.

Fires in various parts of the naval arsenal today were combatted by details of marines. None was regarded as dangerous.

Shells some 14 inch calibre, continued to explode today in the wrecked magazines and the intermittent discharges of boxes of fuses added to the warlike atmosphere of the devastated area.

Portland Man Elected President of Druggists

ASTORIA, Ore., July 15. (AP) —L. B. Russell, of Portland, was elected president of the Oregon Pharmicists association in convention yesterday at Gearhart. Bend, Ore. was selected as the 1927 meeting place.

Umatilla Grain Fires Cause Loss of $16,750

PENDLETON, June 15 (AP).—Grain fires in three sections of Umatilla county yesterday did damage of $16,750, according to word here. Fires in the Weston, Adams and Milton districts destroyed around 600 acres of standing and threshed grain. This brings the serious grain fires of the county up to 12 for the year.

Some bad fires are reported in the Umatilla national forest and in a number of other sections of this district, according to advices received here this afternoon.

Western Auto Supply Store Opens Tomorrow

The Western Auto Supply company store, located across Adams avenue from The Observer office in the Lottes building, will be formally opened tomorrow afternoon and evening—from 5 until 9 p. m., according to announcement by the manager, R. E. Wilcox, today.

No merchandise will be sold tomorrow, which has been set aside solely to welcome friends of the new enterprise. With the opening, La Grande becomes one of 148 cities having "Western Auto" stores in the west. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Following the formal opening a three-day "get acquainted" sale will be held, beginning Saturday and ending Tuesday night.

Oregon Developing New Type of Architecture From Barns

"Oregon is going to develop a distinct type of architecture, and the inspiration, I think, will come from the steep-roofed barns that our pioneers built."

Professor J. Leo Fairbanks, eminent consulting architect of O. A. C., who will this evening address a meeting of both men and women at the high school auditorium, made the observation to an Observer reporter in the lobby of the hotel this noon, just before he left for the free homemakers' institute, where his lecture on "Home Planning and Remodeling" was one of the features of today's program.

Beauty Will Come.

"Not that the old barns are so beautiful—they will have to be adapted and ornamented to make them conform to the ideals of beauty in a home—but they are the result of their environment; they answer the requirements of the climate and the country. And true art develops naturally in response to a natural need.

"Thus far, in Oregon, we have followed California. We use the Spanish type of house when it in nowise meets the demands of our climate or our surroundings. Its low flat roof does not provide sufficient drainage in this country, and it quarrels with the contour of our mountains.

Favors English Type.

"The English type becomes us better, but we have not yet found just the kind of home that is suited to Oregon. In my own mind, I believe that the settlers furnished us our inspiration."

Professor Fairbanks, in his lecture before a good-sized crowd at the auditorium, emphasized the desirability of home ownership.

Own Your Own Home.

"It is instinctive with man to own his own home," the consulting architect asserted. "Man's

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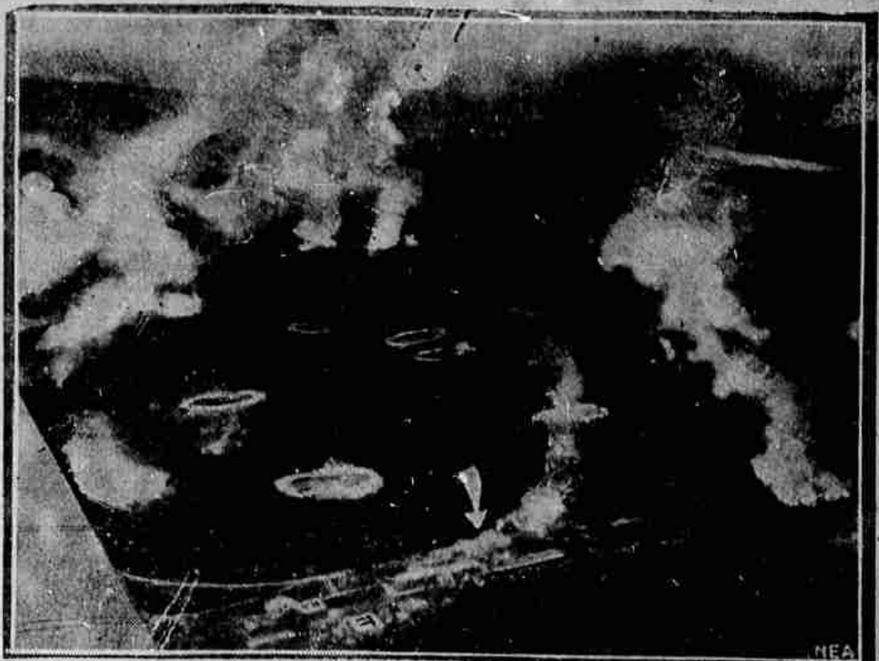
A Dollar's Worth For Nothing

One criticism of The Observer's Institute was made by a local woman who said that it was a mistake not to charge for the sessions—that with everything free the people have not appreciated the wonderful talent provided here this week.

Tonight at 8 o'clock is the lecture on "Art in the Home" by Prof. Fairbanks, of Oregon Agricultural college, and though it is free, it is a feature that is well worth a good admission fee. Mr. Fairbanks is an excellent talker and a practical expert in all phases of home beautifying. His talk will appeal to all classes and to both men and women.

"Observer Advertising— A Merchandising Service."

Air View of Arsenal Explosion Disaster



This airplane view of the U. S. navy ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, N. J., when 21 lives were lost and $75,000,000 in damage was done, was telephoned across the continent and rushed to this paper by NEA Service, Inc. The arrow points to buildings ablaze after lightning exploded ammunition dumps and spread fire over the whole field. In the center of the scene are shell pitted craters, while all around rises the smoke of other fires and exploding shells.

INFANT DEATH RATE HIGHER

Seven Out of 100 Babies Die in Union County, While State Record Is Only Five.

"To help you lower the infant death rate in Union county—that is my chief hope in coming to La Grande," declared Dr. C. Ulysses Moore, nationally known child specialist and research worker at the University of Oregon medical school, when he arrived here this morning to join the faculty of The Observer's free homemakers' institute now in its third day at the high school auditorium.

"Seven out of every 100 babies born in Union county die before they are a year old. In the rest of the state, the infant death rate is five per cent.

Diet Sometimes Wrong

"The trouble can many times be traced to wrong diet in childhood.

"At least 85 per cent of deaths

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Effort Being Made to Keep Bill Off Ballot

SALEM, Ore., July 15 (AP).—In proceedings filed in circuit court here against Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, on relation of John A. Carson, district attorney, an effort is made to enjoin the secretary of state from placing on the ballot at the November election the bill prohibiting use of fish wheels and seines in the Columbia river, east of the Cascades.

It is charged that petitions have not a sufficient number of valid signatures to permit them going on the ballot.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON (AP)—

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	4	8	0
Boston	2	6	0

Batteries: Smith and L. Sewell; Ruffing, Welzer and Gaston.

Second game—

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	2	6	2
Boston	6	10	1

Batteries: Shaute, Buckeye, Lehr and L. Sewell; Heimach and Stokes.

NEW YORK (AP)—

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	7	9	1
New York	2	9	1

Batteries: Gibson and Manion; Shocker, Hoyt, Thomas and Collins, Bengough.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chicago-Washington postponed, rain.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—St. Louis-Philadelphia postponed, rain. Two games tomorrow.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO (AP)—

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	3	1
Chicago	3	6	1

Batteries: Hearn and J. Taylor; Jones and Gonzales.

PITTSBURG (AP)—

	R.	H.	E.
New York	8	4	0
Pittsburg	3	7	2

Batteries: Greenfield, Scott and Florence; McMullen, Kremer and Smith.

Bulletins

NEW YORK July 15 (AP) — The Paul Berlenbach-Jack Delaney bout has been postponed until tomorrow. Announcement of the postponement was made after hope had been held out all day for a cessation of rainy weather.

LONDON July 15 (AP)—Calcutta dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph say ten persons are dead and seventy injured in rioting there between Hindus and Mohamedans.

LOS ANGELES July 15 (AP)—Three members of the Portland Coast League baseball team, including Manager Ernie Johnson, were fined various sums for "disorderly conduct" by President Harry A. Williams today.

PARIS July 15 (AP)—Captain Girier and Lieutenant Dordilly who left Le Bourget early yesterday landed at Omsk, Siberia, at 1:50 p. m. today, covering 2937 miles and establishing a new non-stop straight-line flight record.

STEWART NAMED MODERATOR AT OREGON'S SYNOD

EUGENE, Ore. July 15 (AP)—The Rev. W. C. Ross, of La Grande was appointed today as a member of the committee of bills and overtures.

EUGENE, Ore., July 15. (AP) —The Rev. Joseph Y. Stewart, of Albany, was unanimously elected moderator at the opening day of the annual Presbyterian synod of Oregon here yesterday. He succeeds the Rev. E. P. Lawrence, of Medford. The new moderator has been temporary clerk of the synod for several years. The Rev. F. C. Becker, of Independence, was elected vice moderator; The Rev. D. A. Thompson, stated clerk; the Rev. Wallace Howe Lee, of Albany, permanent clerk; the Rev. W. S. McCullough, of Roseburg, temporary clerk; the Rev. W. J. Large, of Eugene, treasurer, and the Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, of Parkdale, reporting clerk.

The congregational expenses for the year 1925-26 were more than double those of 1924-25, according to the Rev. D. A. Thompson, stated clerk. He explained that the heavy expense during the current year was due to the executive building program of the church and the increase of salaries of a number of pastors.

The 1925-26 expenditures were $330,000, he said, this amount being $214,000 more than in the previous year.

Membership Increasing.

The church membership has shown the largest increase in the past ten years. There are 2258 more members now than when the synod met a year ago. The benevolent offerings for the year total $134,000 as compared to $120,000 a year ago.

Tong War Guns Blaze In Seattle; One Slain

SEATTLE, July 15 (AP)—After a months war of tongs in the Pacific northwest three gunmen slew Charlie Sing, 25 years old, in a street bullet battle here today. Bullets passed close to Ruth Morgan, who was watering a lawn.

Belief that Charlie Sing, slain here today after revival of tong war, shot two of his three assailants was expressed by police.

FIREBUG SETS FOUR BLAZES

Ellensburg, Wash., Suffers $130,000 Loss—Mill, Storage Plant and Homes Burn.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., July 15 (AP)—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning gutted the building occupied by the Fulton Construction company on the edge of the business district, the anti-climax of a series of conflagrations that last night caused damage estimated at approximately $130,000.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., July 15. (AP)—City and county officials here early today started search for a man declared to have set fires in three parts of Ellensburg last night which menaced the whole town for two hours and did damage estimated at $115,000 to $120,000.

The heaviest loser was B. F. Reed. The first fire was in his residence which was destroyed. A flour mill of the Ellensburg Mill-

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Japanese Rest Case in Toledo Damage Trial

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15 (AP) —Defendants in the damage suits growing out of the deportation of Japanese from the Pacific Spruce Corporation's mills at Toledo a year ago, will proceed with their testimony in federal court tomorrow a recess being taken today on account of naturalization cases in Judge Wolverton's court.

When the plaintiff's case was rested late yesterday Federal Judge Wolverton overruled a motion for a directed verdict in favor of Mrs. Rosemary Schenk, one of the defendants, and a similar motion in favor of all the defendants.

CREWS HEM IN BLAZING WOODS AREA

Several Large Oregon Forest Fires Are Under Control Today

BUREAU PREDICTS WINDS AND HEAT

Washington, British Columbia and Montana Suffer Thousands of Dollars Loss.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 15. (AP).—Rain visited the Pacific coast of British Columbia today and in it was seen relief from lightning, heat and fire that beset Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alberta and this province Friday. The temperature dropped in the nights. Reports of improved conditions included Vancouver Island.

BAKER, Ore., July 15 (AP).—The fire on Dooley mountain broke across the east line of the firefighters and was out of control early today. Hot rocks were rolling down the mountain, menacing motorists. New supplies for the crews fighting the fire were sent from Baker this morning.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15. (AP) —Crews fighting stubborn forest fires in Oregon were reported making progress today in controlling the flames.

One division of the fire which has been burning in the Mount Hood national forest near Mitchell Point, broke out of control late yesterday and 200 orchardists fought all night to save their farms and the A. M. Kelley sawmill near Parkdale. The mill was saved by backfiring. A large crew was extending the fire lines today.

Fire Nearly Controlled.

The fire on Carcass creek which destroyed the camp of the Deer Island Logging company early this week was almost under control today. Crews had fenced it in on the south side and were drawing lines around it on the other side.

The Mitchell Point fire burned within less than a mile of the Mitchell Point tunnel. Orchards and a few Japanese farms were threatened when the Mitchell Point and the Post Canyon fires burned together.

55 Fires in Umpqua Woods

Fifty-five fires, six more than 10

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NORTHWEST RUST LOSS NOT LARGE; DROUGHT BIG AID

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. July 15 (AP)—The Northwest very likely will escape heavy losses from grain rust this year, says an announcement today from the Northwest Society for the Prevention of Grain Rust.

"The present advanced condition of the grain," the announcement states, "rules out any great rust loss this year, even though the rust becomes very heavy between now and harvest which in Southern Minnesota is only ten days to two weeks away."

The hot dry weather made possible the present favorable condition regarding rust.

Searching Ruins of Inn For Dead--11 Women, Children Die

TANNERSVILLE, N. Y. July 15 (AP)—Search was made today in the ruins of the Twilight Inn for additional bodies of guests and employes believed to have lost their lives when flames turned the three-story wooden structure into a roaring furnace yesterday.

Eleven bodies lay this morning in a barn, only slightly removed from the smoking mass of the debris that marked the site of the hotel in restricted cottage community of the Catskill mountains.

A few of the rescuers continued efforts throughout the night to find bodies of relatives and friends.

11 Women and Children

A revised list of the missing, issued by the Inn contained 13 names, 11 of them women and two children.

The bodies already rescued accounted for 11 of these, but they were charred beyond recognition.

The hotel safe, bent and battered, but intact, was taken from the ruins and it was planned to open it in the belief that it might contain some information on which to reconstruct the record of guests and employes in the building when it was destroyed.

Numerous examples of heroism were brought to light today by villagers and survivors of the Twilight Inn fire.

Miss Hanna Hyatt through her knowledge of the building enabled 12 guests trapped on an upper floor to escape.

Cornered in a hallway from which escape seemed impossible she remembered a trap door in the floor of a small porch near by, which would lead to a fire escape. This she pointed out to the guests, all of whom escaped uninjured. Miss Hyatt started down, fell and broke two ribs.

50 Were Asleep

Approximately fifty guests were asleep when the fire started, most of them from New York City. Some twenty who escaped were treated for burns at hospitals or nearby cottages. The value of the hotel was $225,000. Only chimneys remained standing today.

CHILD DROWNED

YAKIMA, Wash. July 15 (AP) —Bernice Hyatt, age 10, was drowned yesterday in an irrigation ditch near Wapato, making the second drowning in a ditch in that section in the week. The little girl dived into a hole and presumably struck her head on a rock.