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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight and Sunday. Normal temperature; light variable winds.

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TURN WELL INTO MAINS THIS WEEK

La Grande Facing No Water Shortage Despite Lack in Other Cities

500-GALLON FLOW A REALITY NOW

As Soon as Wiring Is Completed, Pumps Will Force Artesian Yield Into City System.

With Baker, Portland and other Oregon cities already clamping on restrictions in the use of water because of the lack of moisture in the hills, La Grande is going

scarcely ahead, with plenty of the precious liquid for all purposes.

In former years, La Grande was usually among the first cities to feel the shortage of water but this year, even though the summer in dry and snow in the mountains is almost a myth, the Union county seat "should worry."

At present the Beaver creek supply, augmented with water pumped from the Grande Ronde river, is taking care of the demand.

Turn In Well Output

And, about Friday or Saturday, according to City Manager W. C. Crews, the city's deep well will throw its water into the mains and will furnish more than is now being pumped from the river. This alone assures La Grande plenty of water but, in addition, another deep well is now down about 725 feet and when it comes in, the water problem will be all but licked.

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Eakin, Weeks In Tie Vote In Recount

Each Polled 436 Although Status of School Board Remains Unchanged At Present.

Although a recount of ballots cast in the annual school election of June 21 gave Robert S. Eakin and L. W. Weeks, parties to the contest, each 436 votes, the status of the school board remains unchanged.

On the motion of E. H. Ringo, Eakin's attorney, Judge C. H. McCulloch dismissed the contest, on the grounds that Weeks had failed to establish the charges made in the petition.

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FIND BODY OF HOLMES NEAR PARK

Drowned Man Believed to Have Been in Water Since Wednesday.

ACCIDENT TOLL HIGH IN OREGON

Girl Drowns Near Salem—Auto Accident Fatal to Klamath Man—Medford Man Killed.

George Holmes, 31, whose body was found in the swimming hole under the Riverside park bridge at 7:30 p. m., Saturday—three days after his disappearance from a restaurant where he ate a heavy supper—is believed to have drowned in an attack of cramps.

Although the deed was not seen after early evening Wednesday, no search was started until about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

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Jack Ahearn Wins Tennis Championship

Milton Man Defeats Jean Taylor, of La Grande, in Finals at Union Sunday.

Jack Ahearn, of Milton, won the Eastern Oregon tennis championship in the men's singles yesterday by defeating Jean Taylor, of La Grande, when the second annual tournament was held at the Union tennis courts.

Ahearn also won the singles title last year. Miss Jean Bell, of Pendleton, won the women's singles, by defeating Mrs. Fred Fox of Union.

Other entries in the women's games were Miss Lois Nelson and Miss Betty Cochran, both of La Grande, and both played good games.

The tournament this year was an improvement over last year's meet. The games were faster and the entry list larger. Between 50 and 60 spectators were present during the entire tournament, which started at 8 o'clock in the morning and lasted until about 7:30 last night.

Ahearn Consistent Winner

During the first round Ray Wilson defeated Rhinehart, 6-2, 2-6, 9-7. Fred Fox received a default and Speros defeated Garrison, 7-5, 6-2. Ahearn won over Hyatt 6-0, 6-2; Bower defeated Bowman 6-5, 6-3.

In the second round L. Wilson defeated Cadwell 9-7, 6-4; P. Taylor defeated Hall 1-6, 6-4; J. Taylor defeated R. Wilson 6-3, 6-4; Speros defeated Fox 5-7, 6-4, 9-7. Ahearn won his match by default. Nelson won over Boyer 7-5, 6-4; Fox won over Deap 6-1, 6-2; and Withersall defeated Dotts 6-1, 6-4.

During the third round P. Taylor defeated L. Wilson 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; J. Taylor won from Speros 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; Ahearn from Nadon 7-5, 6-4 and Fox from Withersall 6-2, 6-6, 6-3.

In the semi-finals J. Taylor won by default and Ahearn defeated Fox 7-5, 6-3, and in the finals Ahearn won over J. Taylor 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles Next Sunday.

The doubles contest will be held next Sunday at Union. The drawings for the line up were made yesterday afternoon.

Baker sent two men for yesterday's tournament. Pendleton (five), Milton (one), Juntura (two), North Powder (one), Enterprise (two), and La Grande (three).

Rotarians Hear Facts About Coming Pageant

Rotarians who met for luncheon at the Polley hotel today heard about the patriotic pageant, "Spirit of America" which the American Legion is sponsoring for the entertainment of the rotarians Friday evening, and which they hope to make a traditional event of La Grande.

Judge Hugh E. Brady, chairman of the legion's central committee, introduced R. J. Hammer, who will depict Chief Joseph in the dramatic spectacle. The musician spoke briefly of the pageant and sang some numbers from the score. Mrs. Harley Richardson accompanied him.

Mrs. Ladda Grandy, who will be the pioneer queen for the event, was a guest of the Rotarians.

The program opened with a song by Alfred Meyers, son of P. L. Meyers, club president, and a graduate this year at Notre Dame.

Four-Ring Circus Arrives in City; 2 Performances

The Al G. Barnes 4-ring circus arrived in La Grande yesterday morning and opened its first engagement here this afternoon on the lot near the courthouse. A second program will be given this evening.

No parade was held. The opening of each performance features the pageant of Pook-Boone at the court of Queen Anne. This scene is richly costumed and affords a grand sight. The butterfly ballet is a dance that would be a hit on any Olympic stage.

Perhaps the feature attraction in the aerial numbers is made by the flying ballet of 15 girls on electric ladders. Wire walkers and tumblers and pyramid builders have an interesting act.

The animal division is particularly interesting, featuring almost every known kind of bird and beast in captivity.

The evening performance will begin at 8 o'clock.

Thieves Take Suits From Clothery Here

Thieves entered the Wendenbaver and Gilbert store Saturday night and escaped with two suits of clothes, according to a report made to the police here this morning.

The intruders gained entrance by the back windows and did not molest other articles, taking only the two suits.

LIGHTNING BOLTS ARE FATAL TO 4

Electrical Storm Moves From Ohio to Maine Over Week End.

DEATH LIST HIGH; CROPS DAMAGED

Coney Island Crowds Panic Stricken—Hail-Stones Fall as Large as Golf Balls.

NEW YORK, July 19 (AP)—Nine deaths and property damage estimated at \$250,000 today marked a path of Sunday electrical, rain and wind storms from Ohio to Maine.

In addition three boys, who set out in a cat on Sandy Hook, N. J., were missing. Four deaths in New England were caused by lightning. Four others were killed by fallen trees or drowned in New England during storms.

Lightning Takes Toll

Marine Anne Dubois, of Adams, Mass., was killed by a lightning bolt that struck and injured her brother, Alfred.

Leo McCaughey, Hampton Beach, N. H., Edward L. Snow, Hermon, Maine, and Fred Peich of Salisbury, Mass., were the others killed by lightning.

Lightning struck near the destroyed naval arsenal at Lake Denmark, N. J., frightening thousands of sightseers but did no damage.

The main railroad station at Brockton, Mass., was struck by lightning and the roof partly burned. The three back rows of the grand stand at Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox were demolished by the wind. The 90-foot steeple of the Ashbury Methodist church in Springfield, Mass., crashed to the ground. Two apartment houses in Springfield were uprooted and a boathouse blown into the water. Numerous farm buildings in New England were destroyed.

Crops were damaged by wind.

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Floods Fatal To 60 In Jugo-Slavia; Dams Give

VIENNA, July 19 (AP)—Reports from Colling, Jugo-Slavia, say the floods in that region have destroyed several villages with the loss of 60 lives.

The latest dispatches from Belgrade place the flooded areas in Jugo-Slavia at 499,000 acres, several more dams having given way under the pressure of the waters.

King Alexander and Foreign Minister Nizhitch are visiting the distressed regions in a motorboat. The lower parts of Belgrade are flooded and the inhabitants have been removed.

HONGKONG FLOODED

HONG KONG, July 19 (AP)—Low lying thoroughfares of the city and island of Kowloon on the mainland were flooded early today as a result of one of the most terrific rain and thunderstorms that ever visited this vicinity.

Numerous Chinese are dead, considerable property damage was done by water lightning and landslides and tramway service in some sections was suspended for a time. There was no damage to the harbor or to the liners arriving here.

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SNOW FALLS IN MINNESOTA WOODS; TWIN CITIES HOT

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 19 (AP)—Snow fell over the north woods of Minnesota yesterday when the Twin Cities sweltered in temperatures around the century mark.

Jay Gould, state game commissioner, vouched for the authenticity of the snow.

A blustering sun hoisted the mercury to the 95 mark here, causing one death from heat. At Mitchell, S. D., thermometers testified to a new July record of 107 degrees.

Bandits Steal \$11,755; Kidnap Mother, Girl

KANSAS CITY, July 19 (AP)—Five bandits early today kidnaped Sam Benjamin, manager of Fairyland Park, forced him to open the vault at the park and escaped with \$11,755, representing Saturday and Sunday receipts.

Mrs. Benjamin and daughter Lois were taken along by the bandits.

The Benjamin family was ambushed near their home in the residential district, forced into a car and taken to the park. Two watchmen were bound and gagged.

A general roundup of criminals was ordered by police this morning.

Girls in Politics Now



Women have been in politics for several years—but now girls are in, too. Irma Datt, above, is city clerk of Freeport, Ill., first woman to fill that position, and Lois Gannaway (inset), is city treasurer of Huron, S. D. She's only 22, and the youngest city treasurer in the country.

AMERICANS IN BAD IN JAPAN

Haysmier Cruelty Case Draws Fire of Press—Racial Prejudice Openly Charged.

TOKYO, July 19 (AP)—Hochl, the only vernacular newspaper commenting on the Haysmier cruelty case in Korea, makes it the occasion of an accusation of racial prejudice against Americans.

Dr. C. A. Haysmier, an American missionary of the Adventist denomination stationed at Pibyang, burned with acid the Korean word for "shit" on the cheeks of a small Korean boy whom was taken in the act of stealing apples from an orchard. The doctor later apologized publicly and paid the boy's mother \$10.

Deplore Prejudice

The Hochl comment deplores "radical prejudice which, sorry to say, is particularly strong among Americans who boast of their justice and humanity."

Some Americans are inhuman and barbarous, such as the missionary in Korea who mistreated a boy in a manner that is a disgrace to American honor. The shameful deed is still more unpardonable when we consider that the perpetrator

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THE DALLAS, Ore. July 19

(AP)—Grass and grain fires which swept farms between Celilo and Biggs yesterday caused heavy losses to several wheat growers and to the Pacific telephone and telegraph company. About 3000 acres were burned.

PARIS, July 19 (AP)—Edouard Herriot leader of the radical group has succeeded in forming a cabinet to replace that under Aristide Briand who fell Saturday. He announced this afternoon that final lineup of the ministry will be completed tonight.

MALONE, N. Y. July 19 (AP)—Acting on orders from the postoffice department at Washington a postal inspector from New York City was on his way here today to question a man arrested Saturday near Galveston, suspected of being Roy D'Autenant, sought in Oregon for attempted train robbery.

DES MOINES Iowa, July 19 (AP)—F. B. Edgar, blacksmith, shot and killed his wife Mintha Edgars today, probably fatally injured Charles Rollin with whom Mrs. Edgars was eating breakfast and then committed suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19 (AP)—Hundreds of men in five great government timber preserves in California today were fighting a half score or more of swift-sweeping fires covering miles in extent, some of which were leaving a swath of destroyed ranch homes and other buildings behind them.

LOS ANGELES, July 19 (AP)—Antonio Tardero, 16, attendant at Angelus Temple, who, records in the sheriff's office show, was released from the Patton Hospital for the insane May 22, reported late last night that an unidentified man and a woman asked him in what room Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson slept in her residence beside the temple, as they intended to "dynamite it before dawn."

Tardero said that the pair approached him twice for the information. As a result of his report a guard was placed about the temple but nothing happened.

Authorities today awaited confirmation of the report that a corset similar to the one worn by Aimee Semple McPherson on the day she wandered into Agua Fria, Mexico had been purchased several days before in a little town in Arizona between Yuma and Tucson.

The new evidence was said to have been found by independent investigators employed by the proprietors of the Arizona store in an attempt to trace the purchasers of the garment and the possible abductors of the evangelist.

EXISTENCE OF MURDER PLOT SEEN

First Baptist Church of Fort Worth Has Evidence of Scheme.

PASTOR SLEW MAN IN SELF DEFENSE

Following Killing, Dr. J. Frank Norris Preaches to Overflow Audiences Sunday.

FORT WORTH, Tex. July 19 (AP)—The First Baptist church in possession of evidence that there was a conspiracy to kill the pastor of the church, declares a brief statement issued today by J. Mickle of the church and Searchlight staff.

Dr. J. Frank Norris, the pastor, shot and killed D. E. Chipps a lumberman, Saturday.

Claims Self Defense

The minister said he shot in self defense.

"When the proper time comes," the statement concluded, "this evidence will be proven by unimpeachable witness."

After giving the statement Mickle, who described himself as a former United States secret service and newspaperman, intimated that there were three principals in the alleged conspiracy.

"They sacrificed the best man of the three," he declared.

"You mean Chipps?" he was asked.

"Yes," said Mickle and declined to say any more.

Preached Sunday