

REALTORS COME HERE TOMORROW

Two Caravans Expected to Arrive in La Grande Late Wednesday

EXHIBITS WILL BE ON DISPLAY

Various Localities in the Northwest to Show Specialties During Convention Days.

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UNION IS FACING WATER SHORTAGE; CREEK RUNS LOW

UNION, Ore., July 20. (Special)—With the water the lowest it has been at this time of the season for many years and the farmers and gardeners hardly able to get enough water for irrigation purposes, the city supply is also running short and the city dads are considering the proposition of installing a chlorination plant. This latter is being considered because the quality of the water is not so good as when there is more in the stream. To insure pure water for drinking and a stronger pressure for fire fighting the pipe line will probably be extended farther up the stream in the near future. Another improvement which is being considered is a larger bed of sand for filtering the water. This will likely be installed if the pipe line is laid farther upstream.

Circus Lures La Granders; Grownups Crowd Out Children

(By Hazel Scott) Led by the little boy, little girl, that never grows up in most of us, half the population of La Grande and vicinity thronged the tented acres of A. G. Barnes' next to the biggest show on earth Monday afternoon and evening. Curious and excited grownups, quickly cured of their entrance embarrassment, crowded in the children for front places in the grand tent, and listened avidly while Texas Bill introduced his Little Giant in pyrotechnics and the cannibal boy with the neckless of reptiles. Opening Spectacle Thrills—Under the big canvas spreading to wide now that it threatens to belie Alcy's disarming modesty—they thronged to an opening spectacle that was something like the grand opera, something like the Pendleton roundup, an oriental bazaar, a coronation, a triumphal Caesar, all colored and high-lighted and meaningful with music by Charles Haddick's wonderful concert band. Came then the animal acts and the "breath-taking," "hair-raising," "death-defying," aerial devil-

Tells Story of Eviction of Japanese of Toledo

Toledo Contractor Denies That Any Yellow Men Were Roughly Treated by Crowd.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Testifying for the defense in the trial of damage suits by Toledo, Ore., Arthur E. Marvin, Toledo contractor, today described the incidents which led up to the eviction of Japanese laborers from the property of the Pacific Spruce Corporation July 12, 1925. Marvin said he saw a crowd on the port dock about 2 p. m. and approaching board W. S. Colvin, one of the defendants. "We will go down on a peaceful mission and go unarmed," Crowd Warned. Marvin said the crowd moved to the property line of the corporation where C. L. Johnson, president, came out and warned them to stay off. A committee consisting of Colvin, H. T. Pritchard, another defendant, and a man named Buck went forward to ask permission to interview the Japanese laborers. The crowd surged forward and a man named Markham, who said he

RECOUNT MAY BE APPEALED

L. W. Weeks Undecided Today—Cochran Carefully Investigate Action Already Taken.

L. W. Weeks, whose contest of Robert S. Eakin's election as his successor on the school board was dismissed by Judge C. H. McCulloch, of Baker, after a recount of the ballots in circuit court Monday gave Weeks and Eakin each 425 votes, has not decided whether he will appeal the decision to a higher court, he told The Observer this morning. His attorney, George T. Cochran, said he had not yet investigated carefully into the sum of yesterday's proceedings. The recount totaled seven more votes than were reported in the original returns, which gave Eakin 423 to Weeks' 422. Only two of the seven were among the ballots questioned by the judges who made the regular tally. Eakin's membership in the board of education is not affected by the recount, since the court dismissed the contest. E. R. Blago, counsel for the contestant, said his client had no criticism to make on the proceedings or the outcome.

Case Against Mayfield Dismissed by State

The state was compelled to discontinue its case against Vaughn Mayfield, charged with giving intoxicating liquor to a minor, in justice court this morning when the prosecution's chief witness, Norman Vandercort, a 14-year-old boy, failed to appear and could not be found. The jury, convened before it was known that Vandercort had disappeared, was discharged by Judge Hugh E. Brady without serving.

Phys Plans Reception For Visiting Doctors

HOT LAKE, July 20. (Special)—An all-county reception, honoring members of the state board of health and the Eastern Oregon District Medical society, is being planned by Dr. W. T. Phay for the evening of August 4, the day when both groups will meet at Hot Lake. Dr. Phay, president of the medical men of the district east of the Cascade, is also president of the state board of health and is bringing the August meeting of that body to the Grande Ronde valley. Though no special invitations are being sent to the reception, Dr. Phay is hoping that through the courtesy of the great all residents of Union county will feel that they are invited to meet the visiting physicians. The reception will open at 7:30 p. m., immediately after a banquet which is being given in the doctor's honor in the sanatorium grill and will continue until ten o'clock, the "quiet hour" at the lake. Music will be furnished for those who care to dance and all halls of the sanatorium will be open to the pleasure of others.

Log Rolls Over Paul Scott at Perry Today

Injured about the chest when a log rolled over him, Paul Scott was taken from the Grande Ronde lumber company's camp near Perry to the Grande Ronde hospital at 10:25 a. m. today. Examination disclosed no broken bones nor injury likely to prove serious.

FIREBUG IS SUSPECTED IN STAYTON

Oregon Town Suffering From Mysterious Fires This Month

TOWN ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION

Three More Buildings Destroyed Last Night—Flames Threatened Other Structures.

STAYTON, Ore., July 20. (AP)—The third fire to start in unoccupied buildings in Stayton in the past month last night destroyed three old structures just across the street from the Pajops manufacturing company plant, burned last Friday night, and for a time threatened destruction to other nearby buildings, including the newly established fax scutching plant of the Oregon Linn Mills company. All three of the buildings last night had been condemned and the work of razing them had been scheduled to start Thursday of this week. As was the case in the Phelps plant fire the blaze last night broke out about 10:30 o'clock and bore indication according to city fire officials, of having been of incendiary origin, and also to strengthen their belief that other recent fires here have been set. Investigation has revealed that the pet cocks on the gasoline tanks of six second hand automobiles burned in one of the buildings burned last night had been opened prior to the fire. Except for a loss of about \$500 to the Anderson Motor Company, which owned the six automobiles housed in one of the buildings, the property loss in last night's fire.

THIRD FARMERS' AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 28

Farmers expecting to take advantage of the free auction sale that will be conducted in connection with La Grande's third community sales day Wednesday, July 28, are urged by Earl C. Reynolds, chamber of commerce secretary, to list articles for sale in time to have them advertised in The Observer and special folders that go out Monday. The copy is being prepared at his office for the advertising service, which is without cost to the farmers. Last month, \$118,855 worth of machinery, stock and produce changed hands for cash during the auction sale. No charge is made either to the seller or to the buyer, so the farmers reaped the full benefit of the exchange. Some exceptional bargains are going to be offered by the merchants this time, the secretary declares, several of them cutting the selling price almost in half on their sale-a-day specialties.

Chambers of Commerce Secretaries to Meet

W. B. R. Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce, 12-15 Gignoux, agricultural agent for the Union Pacific, and E. O. Hugel, manager of the Walla Walla chamber club, will be among the guests and discussion leaders when the commerce chamber secretaries of this region hold their third annual meeting at Walla Walla Monday afternoon, July 26. The region comprises Walla Walla, Camilla, Baker, Morrow, Malheur, Grande and Union counties. Discussions will center on the interests of this part of Oregon, and will be informal in nature. The regional meetings were originated here a year ago in June. The second one was held at Baker.

Movie Shiek Is Rarin' To Don Gloves

Valentino Dislikes Editorial Saying That He "Should Have Been Drowned Years Ago"

NEW YORK, July 20 (AP)—Rudolph Valentino arrived here today, intending to fight the man who wrote an editorial, "Flax Powder Puffs," published in the Chicago Tribune. "The editorial said the shiek of the movies 'should have been drowned years ago' and concluded with: 'Rudy, the beautiful gardener's boy, is the prototype of the American male.' He admitted writing a letter to the newspaper about it. 'As soon as I had written the letter,' he said, 'I handed it to my publicity agent and let him do the rest.'"

Study Admits He's "Mad"

"I'm mad," Valentino responded to reporters. "I'll make every word that you start to put like a full moon. This is no publicity stunt, I'm really mad."

Valentino, interviewed at the Ambassador hotel, sat in an easy chair, the height of fashion in costume, but his eyes flashed. "I can't understand how the editor of the Chicago Tribune let that editorial get into the paper. But it is more than a coincidence. This happened before just as I was passing through Chicago. I read the editorial just before I arrived in Chicago. I wrote the letter."

"The Insulting Thing" "I am not angered by the reference to being the son of a gunner," he added. "What made me mad is the whole tone of the insulting thing. In Italy in the absence of the name of the writer of an article the editor may be challenged. I regret that you

PLACE PASTOR BEHIND BARS

The Rev. Phillip A. Goodwin Held in New York in Connection with the Santa Ana Murder.

NEW YORK, June 29 (AP)—A New York man, in priest's attire and calling himself the Rev. Phillip A. Goodwin, a former actor of Los Angeles, is being held here on a murder charge today by the police. He was arrested last night at the National Yacht club, a party club on a fugitive from justice. In response to a telegram from Santa Ana, Cal., Goodwin told the police he had come to New York two months ago to raise funds for the erection of a church at Victoria, Cal., by a vandeville club. The "Humble Cross," an act dealing with the party system. He and four others in the cast said the act had received a try-out and was waiting word of acceptance from Loy's vandeville club.

LINKED WITH DEATH

LOS ANGELES, July 20 (AP)—The arrest in New York last night of the Rev. Phillip A. Goodwin, former Los Angeles minister, was made on a telegraphic request warrant, based on a complaint signed by R. E. Patterson, of Miami, Ariz., following the identification in Fullerton of the body of a man found in the Huata Ana.

West Golfers Ahead At White Bear Lake

WHITE BEAR LAKE, St. Paul, Minn., July 20 (AP)—Frank Dolp of Portland, Ore., with a score of 149, was the first apparent qualifier to complete his 36 holes of medal play in the western amateur golf tournament here today. Dolp, whose 49-27 card yesterday gave him a 77, played around in par 72 today with 25 for the first nine and 53 for the second. He was well ahead in the first 12 players to finish. Dolp's qualifying score was matched by another Pacific northwest golfer when B. E. Stein, of Seattle, turned in a 28-27-75 for today's 12 holes. He had 74 yesterday.

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CANTON IS AWAKENED BY MURDER

Death of Don Mellett, Crusader, Shocks City into Activity

UNDERWORLD OPEN TO PUBLIC'S EYE

Real Purging in Store for Ohio Municipality—Police Held in League with Gunmen.

(By Bruce Canton) CANTON, O., July 20 (NEA Special)—They hardly took Don Mellett seriously when he told them that organized vice had gained a stronghold on their city. For nearly two years the youthful publisher of the Canton Daily News preached the gospel of a decent citizenship.

He told his fellow citizens that hoodluggers, panders and dope sellers were operating in Canton unchecked. He told them that the city was a haven for gunmen, a safe nest for hi-jackers and plurgies, a city whose law enforcement agencies were honeycombed with the dry rot of graft and incompetence.

Safe—on the surface. But it was all so hard to believe, someone (Gunmen and hoodluggers are almost mythical figures to the average man; "corrupt politics" is only a rather hackneyed expression, nothing more. The city was growing and prosperous, pleasant and—on the surface—orderly. The facade of its new buildings shone in the slanting light of the afternoon sun. Boys and girls strolled under the street lights in the evenings. To think of an "underworld" fraught with danger, was absurd.

And then it happened. Don Mellett was shot to death in the rear of his home—shot down in a way that convinced the most skeptical that he was murdered by the gangsters and crime leaders he had inveighed against. So now Canton believed him. It took a terrible tragedy to awaken the city.

ASTORIA IS HOST TO NORTHWEST AT FOUNDER'S FETE

ASTORIA, Ore., July 20 (AP)—The Astoria founders' celebration, during which the Astoria column will be dedicated, was opened formally today with a luncheon and reception tendered by the Gyro club, of Astoria, to Miss Betty Bestul as Miss Columbia, her maids, the princesses from neighboring cities and their attendants. Nearly 50 young women, the fairest of the lower Columbia river cities, assembled in the Hotel Astoria as guests of the Gyros. The public opening of the celebration is scheduled for 8 p. m. when Miss Columbia will be formally inaugurated as queen of the celebration.

Officers Drink Moonshine; Two Run Amuck Injuring 13

MUSKOGEE, Okla., July 20. (AP)—Thirteen persons shot and clubbed and the demolished interior of three rooming houses were the net results early today of a "reign of terror," precipitated by two intoxicated peace officers who were finally captured by fellow officers. One of the men, Paul Davis, a deputy sheriff, was shot and probably fatally wounded before being subdued. He, together with five of the victims, was at a hospital, while his companion, New Cornumack, a city detective, was held in jail. Guests Clubbed. Intoxicated on whiskey they had seized in raids last night, the officers entered the Maple Leaf rooms in the downtown section at 1 o'clock this morning, brandishing revolvers and threatening the guests. Sleeping men were shot and clubbed and the fixtures of the establishment were wrecked before the men departed and entered the adjoining Antlers hotel

Klamath Falls Driver Charged With Killing

KLAMATH FALLS, July 20. (AP)—Ed Erickson, driver of the car in which C. V. Anderson was killed in an accident here Sunday night, is charged with manslaughter following an inquest held here last night. A feature of the inquest was the admission of Mrs. Anderson, wife of the dead man, that both her husband and Erickson had been drinking heavily before they started the fatal ride.

Today's Games

Table listing today's games for American League, National League, and Boston (AP).

Young Publisher Murdered



Donald R. Mellett, 36, publisher of the Canton (Ohio) Daily News, who was shot to death in front of his garage early Friday morning. His brother, Lloyd Mellett, city editor of the News, declared the slain man was the victim of a conspiracy growing out of a campaign by the News against illicit liquor traffic and vice in Canton and his activities in demanding a cleanup of the police department.

Fire Danger Is Lessened

LOS ANGELES, July 20. (AP)—The finding of the bullet riddled body of Leon Cook, a Chinese houseboy, in a hotel room today added another tragic chapter to the long warfare which has raged along the Pacific coast the past six weeks.

35 Arrested in New Campaign by Prohi Officials

CHICAGO, July 20 (AP)—A new test of the ramifications of the Volstead act has been inaugurated by federal authorities here in a drive on a non-alcoholic product, which has already resulted in the seizure of the Archer Products company plant and arrest of 35 employees. Government attorneys intend to prove the product known as "Worl," is manufactured solely for use in making beer and therefore is produced in violation of the statutes. "Worl," according to the assistant United States district attorney, Jacob Grossman, is the first essential to the manufacture of beer. He said that yeast and fermentation would transform into an alcoholic beverage with pre-Volstead "kick." In reality, a mash. Grossman explained, "Worl" is condensed in small cans and sold to the "wildcat" producer who can add yeast and have real beer with a minimum of equipment.

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Empty Bottles Found

A quart bottle full of whiskey and a half dozen empty bottles were found in the auto used by the officers.

ORMISTON'S LETTER IS READ TODAY

Man Linked with Aimee McPherson's Disappearance Balks.

FLATLY REFUSES TO COME TO L. A.

Communication Read Before Grand Jury by District Attorney Asa Keyes During Session.

LOS ANGELES, July 20. (AP)—Kenneth G. Ormiston, whom whereabouts have caused officials investigating the disappearance of Aimee Semple McPherson much concern in the past few weeks, flatly refused to come to Los Angeles and appear before the grand jury in a letter read to that body by District Attorney Asa Keyes today. The letter, written by Ormiston and mailed from New York City, was handed to the members of the jury at the reopening of the investigation this morning and later was made public by the district attorney.

Under Assumed Name. In his missive, Ormiston stated that he was traveling under an assumed name and that he considered a trip to Los Angeles for the purpose of appearing before the grand jury "a worthless errand."

Ormiston is said to have entered a general denial to reports that he was spending a vacation here, and there, according to various places along the Pacific coast after her disappearance on May 16. District Attorney Asa Keyes said the handwriting was Ormiston's. The writing, according to Keyes, gave the district attorney permission to turn the letter over to the grand jury, to "the yellows," or throw it in the waste basket.

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