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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight
and Wednesday, warmer
in the extreme southwest
portion tonight. Normal hu-
midity and gentle variable
winds.

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PREPARING
FOR FUTUREImprovements of Merit
Created During Sev-
en Months of 1926CITY PROJECTS
LEADING THE WAYContinuation of Progress
in Many Lines Gives
Promise of Rich Years
to Come.1926.
La Grande's greatest year.

With the county seat of Union county not yet through its seventh month of the year, more things of real importance to this city have taken place since the charitable new year was ushered in than at any other time in its history, competent observers believe.

Recent outstanding happenings follow:

1. Building of a modern, more than adequate \$105,000 sewage disposal plant.
2. Partial completion of a project to supply a sufficient quantity of pure water for the municipality. At present, with only one of two deep wells in operation, the usual mid-summer shortage has been eliminated.
3. Continuation of new construction, both business and residential. Building this year is hovering around the \$200,000 mark already.
4. Bringing of several state and northwest conventions to La Grande.
5. Preparation for an ornamental street lighting system for the city.
6. Opening of the Mt. Emily Lumber company's plant.
7. Creation of a movement to further the interests of the children of La Grande.

Besides the above named, many other movements of municipal and county-wide importance are being inaugurated and continued.

Two bills remedied. Among the most important, at least to citizens at present, are the two municipal projects, one now completed and the other nearly

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LUMBER PLANT
NIGHT FOREMAN
SUFFERS INJURY

D. J. Durkin, night foreman at the Mt. Emily Lumber company's mill, is in the hospital today the result of an injury to his foot last evening at about 7 o'clock when he dropped an iron casting, weighing about 40 pounds, on his foot. Two toes are fractured and will have to be placed in a cast, Dr. A. Richardson, who has charge of the case, says this morning. It will be from four to six weeks before he will be able to return to his work.

Illinois Senator Expended
\$350,000 In Primary FightTaking
Too Many
Chances

If a business fails to make a reasonable profit for its owner, fails to attract customers and serve them well so that it grows—then the business becomes a liability to the community and a worry to the man who operates it.

For a business to try to be continually successful without advertising is a long chance. Over 80% of the business firms that failed in 1925 were non-advertisers, according to recent figures. And advertising merely permits business contact with the greatest possible number of prospective clients or customers. In the Observer an advertising contract permits a business man to keep in constant touch with 3000 families for as little as 80c a day. It's an investment he cannot afford to miss.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Four Go On
Trial Today
In Tia JuanaJury Selected to Hear
Testimony in the Case
Growing Out of Suicide
of Peteets.

TIA JUANA, LOWER, Cal., July 27. (AP)—A jury of nine persons was selected shortly before noon today for the trial here of four men charged with having drugged the two daughters of Thomas M. Peteet, of San Diego. The members of the Peteet family, consisting of father, mother and two daughters, Clyde, 18, and Audrey, 25, were found dead in their garaged home in San Diego a few days after their return from a four days stay in this border resort town. A note found near the bodies declared the family sought death rather than face shame occasioned by an alleged night of horrors at the hands of Zeonido Llanos, former chief of police here, and several of his companions.

The defendants are: Llanos, Luis Amador, keeper of a saloon in which the girls charged they were drugged; Francisco Gonzales, a former policeman; and Rufugio Alvarez, a bartender.

The trial was called to order by Judge Saturnino Urias, of the court of the first instance, and convened in the municipal hall on the outskirts of the town.

Approximately 100 persons present, including the prospective jurors witnessed the trial.

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FACULTY WILL
BE ENLARGEDTwo New Grades to Be
Created at the Willow
School, Superintendent
Longfellow Says.

An increased enrollment in the lower grades from the first to the sixth indicated in a summer survey will be taken care of by the creation of two new grades in the Willow school, Superintendent J. F. Longfellow announced this morning. Willow school heretofore has comprised but four rooms.

Two additional teachers for the new grades at Willow school will make a staff of 73 instructors this year. No other additions are anticipated. Last year the teaching corps numbered 71.

Arlington Fair, Curry
Writes to Pendleton

PENDLETON, July 27. (AP)—G. H. Curry, publisher at Arlington, in a letter to the local commercial association, denies recent charges that garage and service station men of that vicinity were making disparaging remarks regarding the condition of the Old Oregon Trail, attempting to divert traffic other ways. Investigation was made and found that the people of Arlington were giving fair accounts of the travel routes, says the letter.

COMMUNITY
SALE HERE
WEDNESDAYThird of Monthly Bar-
gain Days Will Be Cou-
pled with AuctionTO ATTRACT MANY
INTO LA GRANDEHalf a Hundred Mer-
chants Cooperating in
Offering Articles at
Generous Discount.

Six thousand five hundred families in Union and Willamette counties read last night and today of the rich bargains that La Grande's leading stores are offering for the third monthly community sale Wednesday.

By rural and city carrier, the glad worded pink sheets went forth, until every mailbox holder in the two counties had received his copy.

This evening, someone in nearly every one of those numerous households will go to bed with plans all made for driving to La Grande tomorrow to fill family needs at more than bargain day savings.

50 Merchants Cooperate.

Were only one business house in the city advertising a sales event, the inducement might not be sufficient for people to drive here from remote homes in the district, but when 40 or 50 of the leading merchants cooperate in a sale with bargains that practically run the gamut of household needs at this season, there are few who feel they can afford to stay away.

The value of the community sales day has been noticeable, merchants declare. In the shoppers' opinion, the buying areas, especially from Wallawa county, which is not ordinarily so completely covered by their trade announcements as is Union county.

A Monthly Invitation.

The sales day is looked upon as a monthly invitation to both old and new customers to investigate La Grande as a shopping center. Business men who check on the days and after results are, in fact, covering about the plan. It is a momentary moment that will make sales this fall highly satisfactory to those who participate, they say.

Tomorrow's auction sale, to be held in the lot behind the chamber of commerce office between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, is expected to outstrip its two predecessors. To the list of advertised articles, mostly farm implements and livestock, have been

MRS. HENDRICKSON
IS LAID TO REST
THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucille Carter Hendrickson were largely attended this afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel. Women who worked with the decedent in the Presbyterian church, the Neighborhood club, the D. A. R. and the Art Research club were numerous among those present.

The Rev. William Crosby Ross, the dead woman's pastor, chose for his text, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." Moments before the service, a group of members of the Neighborhood club sang two hymns, "One Sweetly Solenn Thought," by Ambrose, and "Not a Sparrow Felleth."

When the rites were over, the body was borne to the Masonic cemetery for burial.

Relatives in Tennessee and Louisiana could not be reached in time for the funeral. Mrs. Hendrickson's mother and two aunts had been gone from here but a week when they received word of her death. At noon today, the brother in Idaho had not been reached.

Forest Fires Burning
In Glacier Park Today

MISSEOTA, Mont., July 27. (AP)—Blowing from a strong wind, the conflagration which leaped the control lines in the Blackfoot forest yesterday, was unofficially reported today to have spread into Glacier park at five different points. The report said the flames were scattering over 5000 acres. Reinforcements were being rushed to aid the crews fighting the flames in the Kanikou, which are reported to be burning out of control over 60,000 acres. Half dozen supervisors from other districts were detailed to aid in the battle against the flames in the Kanikou today, district forest headquarters announced.

New fires set by lightning are increasing the difficulties faced by the fighters.

Aimee Denies
She Was At
Beach HouseRyan, However, Says He
Has Positive Proof—
Evangelist Won't Be
Fingerprinted.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 27. (AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, today appealed to The Associated Press for aid in locating Kenneth G. Ormiston, former radio operator at Angelus Temple, her religious headquarters here, whose name has been brought into the mystery of her disappearance at the Santa Monica beach May 18 last. She denied that she was in Ormiston's company and begged him to return and clear her name.

Her attorneys announced today that they would not permit her fingerprints to be taken to compare with those found in a Carmel cottage where it is asserted she spent some time. They also said they would refuse to supply samples of her handwriting to compare with a photograph found in the cottage.

Mrs. McPherson's statement, in writing, headed: "An appeal to Kenneth G. Ormiston, was as follows: "If this should reach you anywhere, in the world, you will come forward in the interests of justice and make known the facts of your actions and whereabouts during the time elapsing between May 13 and June 22 of this year."

"You came to us a stranger. We endeavored to be fair and show Christian consideration to yourself and wife when you were in trouble. We still want to be fair and believe in you both."

"Dis honor My Name"

"Since May 13, when I was forcibly taken from my home, children and work, your name has been constantly before the public in an endeavor to link it with the case and an attempt to dishonor my name and work thereby."

"Many believe you were a party to the kidnapping plot and received large sums of money being paid to drive around the country and be seen here and there with an unknown 'mystery' woman resembling myself—a woman whose part in the transaction was to act mysteriously, wrapped veils and goggles and act in such a secretive manner as would draw inevitable attention to you both."

"Ever since my release from captivity, and return to my people, I have been embarrassed by persons who have been mistaken for me. These persons have later come in and by revealing their identity and relating the circum-

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CONDITIONS IN
U.S. IMPROVINGPresident Coolidge Is
Pleased with Growth of
Business Throughout
the Nation.

PAUL SMITH, N. Y. July 27. (AP)—Business conditions of the country are more than meeting expectations, in the opinion of President Coolidge.

It had been thought, it was said in behalf on Mr. Coolidge at the executive offices today, that there might be something of a slowing down in industry this year but this has not materialized, within the first six months of the year showing good conditions and the period since July 1 even an advance in general business conditions.

The prosperity in the belief of the chief executive, is due in part to the reduction in taxation, which has released money for private enterprise.

The general state of business affairs was reported to the president by his cabinet members before he left Washington and optimistic reports made especially by Secretaries Mellon and Hoover, he had found amply borne out.

Attorney General Gives
Soldier Loan Opinion

SALEM, Ore., July 27. (AP)—An ex-serviceman who filed his application for a loan under the state-aid act within the time required by law, cannot, after expiration of the time limit, change his application and elect a cash bonus instead of the loan, says an opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle. Inquiry was made by W. F. Simpson, secretary of the ex-servicemen's state aid commission.

An applicant who filed his claim for a cash bonus by June 30, 1926, the legal time limit, is assured of his claim even though the commission does not act on it until after that date, is another opinion of the attorney general.

FERGUSONS
ECLIPSED
BY MOODYYouthful Red-Haired At-
torney General Dark-
ens Their Sparkle"MA" TO RESIGN
ON NOVEMBER 1Announcement Taken as
Tidings of End of
Domination of Texas
Politics.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 27. (AP)—Dan Moody, youthful fifth haired attorney general, has forced the Fergusons of Texas into the first phase of a political eclipse after several years in which they dominated Lone Star state democratic politics.

Moody's vote in Saturday's primary, coupled with an announcement yesterday by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson that she will resign from office probably by November 1, virtually assures his ascendancy to the governor's chair next January.

With primary returns nearing completion Moody, by a few votes lacked a majority in the five-cornered democratic gubernatorial nomination race but led Governor Ferguson by more than 100,000 votes.

Lynch Davidson, third ranking candidate who, like Moody, based his campaign on "Inter-Fergusonism," received enough votes to cause Mrs. Ferguson to decide she did not care to continue her campaign for re-election.

Calls Legislature
Simultaneously with the announcement of her resignation, Governor Ferguson called a special session of the legislature for September 13, to consider validation of nearly \$100,000,000 Texas road

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Elk City Threatened
As Lumber Plant Burns

NEWPORT, Ore., July 27. (AP)—The business section of Elk City was threatened with destruction late yesterday when the plant of the Pioneer Lumber company, operated by N. G. Harris, was destroyed by fire which started in the engine room spread to the yards which were partially burned and to the approach of the Elk river bridge. The fire caused a loss of \$7,000, with no insurance.

Combined efforts of the Newport fire department, which made a 25-mile run to the scene and the Pacific Spruce chemical engine, sent from Toledo, prevented the flames from spreading to nearby frame structures. Hundreds of motorists aided in the fight. The destruction of the span approach temporarily cuts off Elk City from the Newport-Corvallis highway.

Anti-Rum Smuggling
Plans Kept Secret

WASHINGTON, July 27. (AP)—The rum smuggling agreement reached between General Andrews and the British government is to be kept secret for the present.

To what extent the new methods decided upon at the conference would tend to reduce liquor smuggling into the U. S. neither General Andrews nor the British officials would venture to predict at present.

General Andrews said: "It will require some time to ascertain just to what extent the new barriers will affect the bootleggers' business, as naturally it will require some time to get the new regulations into working order."

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
BROOKLYN, (AP)	B. H. E.		
Cincinnati	2	6	2
Brooklyn	6	7	4
Batteries: Donohue, May and Klein; McGraw and Hargreaves.			
SECOND GAME			
Cincinnati	2	6	2
Brooklyn	6	7	4
Batteries: Mays and Hargreaves; Barnes, Ehrhardt and O'Neil; Hargreaves.			
PORTLAND, (AP)			
Chicago	9	4	9
Boston	1	7	3
Batteries: Root and Gonzalez; R. Smith and J. Taylor.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
CLEVELAND, (AP)			
Cleveland-Philadelphia postponed, rain. Double header tomorrow.			

Russell and Robert Scott



Both convicted of the same murder, Robert and Russell Scott greeted each other in the Chicago jail after Robert (left) had been sentenced to life imprisonment. Russell is under sentence of death and is to be hanged this fall.

VOELKER HELD
BY POLICEMENAlleged Distributor of
Poison Liquor Voluntarily
Gives Himself to
Authorities.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 27. (AP)—District Attorney Guy B. Moore, today ordered a charge of first degree murder filed against James G. Voelker, alleged distributor of poison liquor, which has caused 14 deaths in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 27. (AP)—James Voelker, sought as the distributor of poisonous liquor which has left a trail of dead and blind along the Buffalo-Niagara frontier, today appeared voluntarily at police headquarters in company with his lawyer and surrendered.

Voelker was named as the source of some of the fatal liquor by owners of 231 drink places where victims purchased it. The police said they found in a garage in the rear of Voelker's home, white sticks of a chalk-like substance which is used in removing poison from wood alcohol.

Voelker refused to make any statement to the police. It was said he would be given an opportunity to plead to a charge of manslaughter, first degree, later in the day.

Police and federal authorities on both sides of the Canadian border were running down clues today concerning the origin and movement of the poison which took 14 lives and made others blind and ill.

Originated in Europe?

One theory was that the liquor originated in Germany or Belgium, was shipped to New York and from there to Buffalo. Here it was unsuccessfully redistilled and was smuggled into Canada where it was used in the production of cheap gin and whiskey. Some of this liquor found its way back to Buffalo soft drink places falsely labeled as good Canadian liquor and the remainder was disposed of in Canada at cheap prices.

PORTLAND WOMAN
FINED \$50.00 FOR
MONDAY ATTACK

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27. (AP)—Mrs. L. L. Davidson was out on her own recognizance today, pending her decision as to whether she will pay a fine of \$50 imposed upon her late yesterday by District Judge Mary Jane Spurlin, after being found guilty of forcibly resisting county surveyors. Testimony at the hearing was to the effect that Mrs. Davidson used a rake in striking one of the surveyors who were laying out a road running along one side of the Davidson property east of Portland. One of the witnesses declared that Mrs. Davidson also produced a gun to drive away the surveyors.

EAST, WEST
ARRAYED IN
WORDY TILTCentury-Old Controversy
of States' Rights Ar-
gued in CheyenneGOVERNORS SPLIT
INTO TWO FACTIONSPierce and Dern Bear the
Brunt of Western At-
tack—Brewster and
Trumbull Reply.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 27. (AP)—Bitterly assailing the usurpation of state authority by the federal government, Gov. John Martin of Florida, today told the governors' conference that "federal inheritance law as a flagrant illustration" of such usurpation "because it forces the state to make this levy whether it wants to or not." Governor Martin said he had instructed the attorney general of Florida to test the validity of the law.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 27. (AP)—The century-old controversy that once embroiled the U. S. in civil strife—states rights—again today became the subject of controversy by state governors assembled here for the twelfth annual conference.

The difficulty of operation that led to an open breach between the north and the south has shifted its geographical demarcation and today, as evidenced by the open expression of governor delegates, lies between the east and west, with the east defending the policy of federal control of natural resources and the vast undeveloped stretches of the far west and the west holding that federal domain in its sections is an encroachment upon the rights of its respective states.

Governor Ralph O. Brewster, of Maine, with an address on "State's Rights and Obligations," and J. H. Trumbull, of Connecticut, took up the cudgels for the east. Governor Walter M. Pierce, of Oregon, and George F. Dern, of Utah,

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TWO-YEAR TERM
LOOMS FOR NEW
YORK MILLIONAIRE

NEW YORK, July 27. (AP)—William V. Dwyer, race track owner and head of a syndicate said to have controlled 18 steamships and smuggled \$400,000,000 worth of liquor into the United States, has been found guilty of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law and sentenced to the maximum penalty.

E. C. Cohron, garage owner and "pay-off" man for the syndicate, was convicted with Dwyer, while six others, tried with them were acquitted.

Federal Judge Julian W. Mack, sentenced Dwyer to two years imprisonment and fined him \$10,000 after his conviction last night. Cohron got two years and \$5,000. They said they would appeal.

Hurricane Lashing Coast Of
Florida--Shipping Suffers

NEW YORK, July 27. (AP)—A wind that attained a velocity of 50 miles an hour at 9 o'clock this morning still was sweeping over West Palm Beach and vicinity this afternoon, a telephone message says. No lives have been lost and no injuries reported.

It was believed that the center of the storm was still to come, although at noon the wind had slightly decreased in velocity.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 27. (AP)—Miami and West Palm Beach, Florida, were cut off from communication with the outside world today, due to the hurricane which swept up the lower east coast from the Caribbean sea. Damage in shipping, to waterfront hotels and to residences was the toll of the storm.

Several small steamers plying between Miami and the Bahamas were reported missing.

Eight Men Drown.
At Pampuny, midway between Palm Beach and Miami, fishermen reported eight men were drowned when their boat sank in the gulf stream.

The Italian steamship Ansaldo San Giorgio Secondo, walloped helplessly with a broken rudder 50 miles off Miami, while the "Ward liner" Orbisala stood by.

At Palm Beach workmen reinforced the new Breakers hotel, under construction, with sandbags