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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair in the interior cloudy or foggy near the coast tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

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BUILDER OF FIRST HOME HERE DEAD

James Robert Munn, Who Started Houses in "New Town," Passes.

W. S. MONTGOMERY DIED SATURDAY

Three Pioneer Residents Taken to Great Beyond in Last Few Days in La Grande.

Two more names were inscribed on the necrology of La Grande's pioneer residents over the week end.

James Robert Munn, 68, who came to the Grande Ronde valley in 1872 and who built the first house ever erected in what for a long time was called "New Town," died at 6:17 o'clock Sunday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Ira Cantrell, near Hilgard.

William Spratt Montgomery, 70, died at his home, 510 Cedar street, Saturday evening, after an illness of more than two months.

Born in Kentucky.

Mr. Montgomery was born in Lexington, Kentucky. He came to La Grande about 1886, and for many years was a rancher in the valley. Later he worked in town as a teamster.

Surviving relatives include the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Roe and Mrs. Mamie Hasbrock, and a son, Charles Montgomery, all of La Grande.

The funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel, the Rev. George Albert Pollard, Baptist minister, preaching the sermon. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Native of Missouri.

Mr. Munn was a native of Missouri, born there Dec. 6, 1857. He came to Union county in 1872, and worked here as a carpenter. When the railroad came, and farsighted settlers began to talk of a new town parallel to the tracks, he was the man who built the first off-the-hill residence.

At Perry—called Stump Town in those days—Dec. 10, 1882, James Robert Munn took as his bride Miss Veola Robbs. The marriage

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GRANTS PASS TO INSTALL LEASED WIRE A.P. SERVICE

Addition of another city to Oregon's Associated Press leased wire circuit, of which La Grande and The Evening Observer is a member, is announced for August 16, when Grants Pass, Ore., will be linked in with the other eight members.

The addition of Grants Pass will give The Observer additional news prestige along with the other member papers.

Pendleton And Pirates Play Sunday

Baseball Game, for Benefit of La Grande Band, Scheduled; Local Team Preparing.

La Grande, last year all-powerful in Eastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington baseball circles, is at last going to have a ball game.

Not an ordinary sandlot affair but a regular game, of the same class seen here last year.

Next Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, the Pendleton Buckaroos, champions of the Blue Mountain league this year, and a tough bunch to beat will tangle with a Pirate team with the honor of the two cities at stake and the proceeds to go toward buying new uniforms for the best amateur musical organization in the Northwest—La Grande's municipal band.

Tickets Sale On Tuesday

Tickets are to go on sale tomorrow—at 75 cents a throw—with no extra charge for grand stand seats. And Andrew Loney, of the band, and Spud Helm, of the ball team, promise one and all that everyone will more than get his money's worth.

Just a whisper as to La Grande's lineup. Al Barth, rated as the best catcher in the league last year, and whose mighty batting prowess helped the Pirates win more than one game, will be receiving. The chucker will be one "Footy" Montague, former member of the Northwest league and who burned up the Mid-Columbia league this summer with his slants and speed. With a battery like that, the boys

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LEGIONNAIRES RETURN HOME

La Granders Placed High in Competition at Marshfield With Other Oregon Groups.

Coos Bay's slogan for this year's American Legion convention which closed Saturday night was "Coos Bay knows how," and acording to the 30 La Grande legionaires who attended the convention, they certainly do know how. The last of the La Grande legionnaires, 22 of them members of the drum corps, returned home this morning. Others arrived yesterday.

"Nothing for the entertainment of the visitors was left undone", Raymond O. Williams, who was among the members of the local post to attend, said this morning. "The only thing we didn't get was sleep." Money was spent freely, an average of $50 being spent by each legionaire. Fourteen hundred registered legionaires were in attendance at the convention and other visitors brought the total number of outsiders to 2500. Practically every automobile own-

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Reclamation of Boy Life Is Recommended by Marshall Dana

The reclamation of boy life as the most valuable task they can undertake was recommended to the Rotarians by Marshall N. Dana associate editor of the Oregon Journal, when he addressed them extemporaneously at their luncheon meeting at the Foley hotel this noon.

Lack of religious training and the denial of natural home life through the divorce of their parents were blamed by the speaker for the juvenile delinquency that exists today.

Blames Lack of Religion.

"Ninety-five out of every 100 waifs that come before the juvenile courts in Portland have had no training in religion," he declared. "Seventy-five out of every hundred are the broken products of the divorce mill."

"If the judges who grant divorces would study the effect on child life, they could do a big, definite job right there in the reconstruction of life."

Weekday schools of religious instruction are helping to solve the problem in Portland, Mr. Dana believes. The children enrolled are dismissed from their regular schools for a stated portion of the day, and receive credit for the time which is devoted to development of reverence and the inbuilding of character.

Mr. Dana's talk was inspired by a brief address by Judge U. G. Couch, who as county judge has handled the juvenile cases of Union county for nearly six years.

Judge Explains Policy

Explaining that he believed criticism of his leniency in dealing with boys had risen out of lack of knowledge of the particular cases, the judge outlined his poli-

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Messages That Are Read

The advertising in The Observer is read with as keen an interest as is the news. Because in The Observer three thousand families know that they can keep in touch with the new things of the local business world. It is the accepted means by which the business interests of this community communicate with their customers. No economical means is available to them elsewhere.

The Observer would not be read and could not be sold if it contained news exclusively, because advertising is equally interesting. The advertising may cause either a conscious or subconscious reaction—but the results are certain for the intelligent advertiser.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

MYSTERIOUS WAVE FATAL TO ELEVEN

Lake Front Swept by Big Wall of Water With Dangerous Undertow.

NO EXPLANATION MADE BY EXPERTS

Children Among Those Sucked From Shore by Phenomenon; Rescuers Lose Lives.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 9. (AP)—Eleven persons are known to have been drowned as the result of a "mystery wave" which swept Brant and Farnham beaches yesterday. The bodies of eight have been recovered.

Five others, at first reported missing, were later located.

No plausible theory of the visitation has been advanced other than it may have been the aftermath of some recent lake storm. Some of the bathers caught in its grip described it as a "tidal wave," against which the strongest swimmers were powerless. And many of those who had taken advantage of the warm holiday to seek the beaches, could not swim a stroke.

Resistless Undertow.

Almost unnoticed, the great wall of water surged forward through the ranks of the bathers and then back again in a resistless "undertow" which carried dozens out of their depths.

There were numerous rescues and numerous unsuccessful attempts to answer screams for help or to reach the wildly thrashing arm of a helpless victim. At least one man, Heinie Carstens, lost his life when he returned to the lake after bringing one girl ashore. He disappeared, far out, and hours later his body was washed in.

TWO DROWNED

MONHEGAN ISLE, Maine, Aug. 9. (AP)—Two children were drowned yesterday by a wave of unusual size, somewhat similar to that reported to have swept beaches near Buffalo, N. Y.

Jacqueline Barstow, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Barstow, of New York, was swept from her feet by a sudden huge comber. Edward Vaughan, of Southbridge, Mass., a playmate, went pluckily to her rescue, but both were washed to sea by the subsequent undertow.

Neither body had been recovered early today.

LOCAL GOLFERS DEFEATED 35-7 IN BAKER TILT

Sixteen La Grande golf players visited the Baker golf course yesterday and had an exceptionally good time, according to the La Grande men, playing against the Baker golfers. The day's games ended in a score of Baker 35, La Grande 7, points determined were one for each nine holes and one for aggregate, a total of three points.

Chase Bohnenkamp, who has not been very active on the links this season, yesterday being his first game, won the low medal score for La Grande with an 85. Earl Goddard was second with an 86. The only points won for La Grande were: Bohnenkamp 2, A. W. Nelson 2 and J. C. Bachelder 1.

Baker Plans Tourney.

Baker is making plans for a lively tournament on September 5 and 6, when several La Grande players will participate.

Players who went from here yesterday were: G. L. Larson, Earl Stoddard, R. F. Murphy, S. D. Crowe, J. C. Bachelder, John Theisen, W. H. Reuter, J. A. Tedford, F. L. Meyers, L. P. Dunn, A. V. Andrews, A. W. Nelson, C. H. Reynolds, Chase Bohnenkamp, John Larison and Paul Meyers.

Chlorination Plant Is Installed At Union

UNION, Ore., Aug. 9 (Special)—So little did the chlorine affect the taste of Union's drinking water when the plant was started last week, that most of the people did not distinguish any difference in the taste of the water. Now Union has a supply of drinking water that is practically safe from all danger of disease germs.

WOMAN RECOVERING

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8. (AP)—Mrs. R. W. Beal, 26, of Weed, Cal., and 20 months old daughter were injured last night when a street car struck an auto in which they were riding were recovering at a hospital today.

3 ESCAPE DEATH IN WOODS FIRE

Burns Suffered by Fire Fighters Near Glendale Junction.

MORE BLAZES ARE REPORTED TODAY

Forests Aflame Near Roseburg; Incendiaries Suspected of Having Caused Fires.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 9. (AP)—Homer Martin, Glendale logger, and two companions were painfully burned last night and had a narrow escape from death while trying to rescue logging machinery from a forest fire which started along the Pacific highway at Glendale Junction. The fire evidently started from a match or cigarette tossed out in the grass along the highway, and burned into the timber along the ridge west of the road. Mr. Martin has been engaged in logging operations on a small scale in that district and with two of his men attempted to take out his donkey engine and rigging. The men were caught in the fire and forced to fight their way out through the flames, being painfully but not seriously burned in the attempt.

Fire Spreading.

The fire is spreading over several hundred acres but is expected to be under control tonight.

The new fires reported yesterday on Council creek near Cornutt were reported under control this morning while it is expected that the fires on the summit of the Days Creek-Myrtle Creek divide will be under control tonight.

Two new fires were reported this morning on Yellow creek where hundreds of acres have already been burned over.

Temperature's Aid.

A sudden drop in temperature, coupled with higher humidity were a great aid to fire fighters this morning and they are taking advantage of the opportunity to get in close to the fires and complete their fire lines.

"If the incendiaries will leave us alone for two more days we can get caught up," Harvey Brown, supervising warden declared this morning.

The forest service, through O. C. Houser, central dispatcher, re-

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Horses Leave Range And Trample Lawns

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. Aug. 9. (AP)—Driven in from the range by drying up of the springs and lack of forage due to drought conditions horses have destroyed lawns trampled gardens in the south Riverside district of this city. Hiring of a cowpuncher to impound the roving herds was authorized this morning by Mayor F. R. Goddard.

Official Voters' Book Is Now Off the Press

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 9. (AP)—The official voters' pamphlet containing measures to be voted on at the November election which is now off the press, contains 104 pages and shows 19 measures to be voted on. Eleven of these are measures referred to the people by the legislature, three are measures which the referendum was invoked by the people and five are initiative measures.

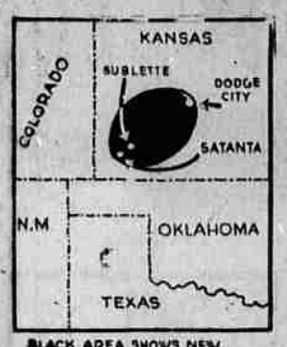
The measures referred by the people are: Klamath county bond amendment; six per cent limitation amendment; repeal of free negro section of the constitutional amendment to prohibit inheritance and income taxes; Seaside normal school act; Eastern Oregon normal school act; recall amendment; Curry county bonding amendment; amendment relating to elections to fill vacancies; Klamath and Clackamas county bonding amendment; Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital act.

Referendum measures invoked by the people are: Tobacco tax bill; motor bus and truck bill; bill requiring self sustaining departments to pay 10 per cent revenues into general fund.

Initiative measures: Public service league income tax bill; bus and truck license bill; fish wheel and seine bill; grange income tax; housewives' council hydro electric bill.

Too Much Wheat For Storage

The picture at the top shows thousands of bushels of wheat lying in the open air on the edge of a Kansas town because no elevators can be found to accommodate it. Scenes such as this are common in southwestern Kansas this summer. Below is a map of the area of the middle west where wheat growing is surpassing all else in point of popularity and profits. The black area shows the new wheat belt, which is termed the newest El Dodaro. So much wheat is raised that storage room cannot be found.



BLACK AREA SHOWS NEW WHEAT BELT

NEWEST WHEAT BELT THRIVING

Grain of Southwestern Kansas Brings Wealth As Did Gold of California and Colorado.

(By C. L. Jacoby)

DODGE CITY, Kas. Aug. 9. (NEA Special)—A new El Dorado has risen—the El Dorado of the boundless southwest, where as far as the eye can see the land is yellow with growing gold

In California men grew rich when they found rivers that flower over golden sands

In Colorado men dug fortunes out of golden mountains, hidden in the lavender nests of the tinted foothills.

And in Kansas men are finding untold wealth in gold that grows on the end of wheat stalks

Gold for California—gold for Colorado—but wheat for Kansas!

In the Dakotas and the rest of the northwest the wheat farmer may be in difficulties. In the middle west the farmer may have a list of grievances as long as the fence that surrounds his mortgaged corn fields. Banks may be failing and business firms collapsing because the farmer is hard-pressed—

But not in Kansas. The farmer here has struck pay dirt—rich, black dirt that lies in an unbroken harvest sea, level as a table for mile on golden mile, rippling and shimmering with thousands and thousands of acres of rich yellow grain.

Elevtars Bursting.

Every farm yard has its great pile of threshed wheat, heaped high around cribs that can hold no more. Grain elevators are literally bursting with it. This year's yield, besides being abundant, is of such high quality that a given quantity of grain weighs far more than it ordinarily does. The walls of many an elevator have cracked and split open under the strain. The railroads cannot carry it away fast enough.

To understand conditions here in southwest Kansas it is necessary to contrast farming conditions here and elsewhere.

In the east a man thinks he has a good-sized farm when he has 50 acres under cultivation. Eighty acres makes a ranch. In many a middle western state a quarter section of land is considered a big farm. But not here.

Wheat fields a thousands acres in size are the rule. Many are larger. A man whose field is

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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK (AP)	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	3	5	2
New York	4	10	0

Batteries — Kaufmann and Hartnett; Greenfield and Snyder.

BOSTON (AP)	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	0	5	2
Boston	5	12	0

Batteries — Keene, Reinhart, Sothoron, Hallahan and O'Farrell; Benton and Scheer.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	4	13	4
Philadelphia	7	6	2

Batteries — Donohue, May and Hargrave; Wingo, Carlson and Wilson.

Bulletins

SEATTLE, Aug. 9. (AP)—After a rush of spectators that carried policemen off their feet, trial of Wallace Cloyes Gaines as slayer of Sylvia Howard Gaines, his daughter, resumed here today with testimony of John A. Couden, 15-year-old, that he saw an automobile like that of the defendant near the scene of the girl's death and at the same time.

PORTLAND, Ore. Aug. 9. (AP)—The fifth in a series of attacks on taxicab drivers here occurred early today when Frank Reizer, Yellow cab driver, was knocked unconscious by two men when he stopped to let off a woman fare at her destination. The assailants pulled Reizer from his car and drove away in it, leaving Reizer on the curb, according to police reports. A strike of taxi drivers, for a new wage schedule has been in effect here for more than a week.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Aug. 9. (AP)—Reports of an alleged insurrection in Russian continued to reach newspapers here. The latest of these are to the effect that the soviet fleet has gone over to Gregory Zinovieff and is attacking the southern littoral and that Zinovieff has been wounded and that Leon Trotsky is a fugitive. It is further rumored that the soviet has ordered a general mobilization.

STANFIELD YET UNDECIDED ON FUTURE COURSE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 9. (AP)—United States Senator Robert N. Stanfield, in a statement given out on his arrival here today from Washington, said that he had been repeatedly asked whether he would run as an independent candidate to succeed himself at the November election, and that he would not decide until he had investigated reports of "wrongful and illegal acts which were committed during the recent primary."

He declared he would seek to learn who was responsible for printing and circulation of a "notorious fake yellow ticket," which bore his name and endorsed his candidacy without his knowledge or consent.

Governor Preparing For Telephone Quiz

SALEM, Ore. Aug. 9. (AP)—Governor Pierce will confer at his office today with Colonel A. E. Clark, Portland attorney to decide whether Colonel Clark is to accept the governor's invitation to serve as his counsel in an investigation of the service rates of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The governor believes he will accept. The conference will probably be during the forenoon.

COMBS APPOINTED

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 9. (AP)—Charles H. Combs, of Lakeview, was today appointed by Governor Pierce as district attorney for Lake county, succeeding Arthur D. Hay, resigned. Combs had the unanimous endorsement of the Lake county bar association.

GUESTS AT HOT LAKE

HOT LAKE (Special)—Dinner guests Saturday evening of Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, supervisor of the Union Pacific agricultural work and R. C. Everly, northwest representative of the Holstein-Friesian association of America.

The visitors spent the greater part of their time at the sanatorium inspecting Dr. Phy's herd of black and white registered cattle. They were enthusiastic in their praise of the type of cattle as well as in the standards of cleanliness maintained in the sanatorium herd.

TWO SHOT TO DEATH IN DUEL

Sheriff and Prohibition Agent Fight With Guns On Virginia Court House Steps.

CLINTONWOOD, Va., Aug. 9. (AP)—A sheriff and a state prohibition agent were dead here today as the result of a revolver duel on the steps of the Dickinson county courthouse, which came as the climax of an argument over a land deal that had been fanned anew by a disagreement over the recent Virginia primary.

C. Pridemore Fleming, Dickinson county sheriff, died soon after the duel with a bullet near his heart. James S. Mullins, the dry agent, succumbed last night from three wounds.

Sheriff Returns Fire

A group of villagers, gathered on the courthouse steps for their usual evening talk were ordered away by the sheriff. All but Mullins obeyed and witnesses said the sheriff opened fire on the agent, who had only one gun. Mullins retreated up the steps, endeavoring to draw his revolver. He sought protection behind a stone column but was struck in the abdomen, arm an face. Fleming turned and walked away and witnesses said that then Mullins fired the shot which struck the sheriff.

He fell unconscious and died 30 minutes later.

Fleming was 50 years old and was serving his second term as sheriff. He also conducted the Fleming hotel. His widow and three children survive. Mullins was 45 and had been conected with the state prohibition force for five years. His widow and eight children survive him.

Kansas Sweltering; Temperatures At 100

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 9. (AP).—Hot winds from the baked fields of Kansas will continue to sweep over this section today and result in temperatures of 100 or more, it was predicted at the weather bureau. Thermometer readings in Kansas yesterday reached 108 to 113 in Salina and Concordia districts, respectively.

SUBMARINE SINKS; SHIP HITS SHORE

British Undersea boat H-29 Dives After Blast; Five Men Lost.

DOCKYARD WORKERS ESCAPE DROWNING

Steamer Ringhorn Dashed to Pieces at Tine Cove; Five Members of Crew Killed.

LONDON, Aug. 9. (AP)—The British admiralty announced that the submarine H-29 sank today in the Davenport basin while undergoing repairs. It was feared that five lives were lost.

Advices from Davenport state that the H-29 sank in 25 feet of water with her hatches open. She was seen to tilt suddenly from some undetermined cause, although an explosion of some sort apparently occurred in the neighborhood of the conning tower.

Six men on deck jumped clear of the submarine and were rescued. Practically all on board were dockyard workers.

FIVE DROWNED

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 9. (AP)—Five members of the crew of the steamer Ringhorn were drowned and one injured when she went ashore at Tine Cove, Scatarie island, according to advices to the marine and fisheries department received late yesterday. Twelve of the crew were saved. The Ringhorn was dashed to pieces on the rocky shore.

A message from the steamer said that the French trawler Locarno had been abandoned approximately 200 miles east of Halifax.

MOODY FAILS TO GET MAJORITY IN TEXAS ELECTION

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 9. (AP)—The official canvass of the guebnatorial vote in the July 24 primary by the democratic state executive committee shows attorney general Dan Moody 1771 votes short of a majority.

The announcemtn was made just prior to the reconvening of the committee at 2 p. m.

WOMAN INJURED

Mrs. Will Crulkshank, of Cove, was brought to the hospital in La Grande this morning suffering from injuries about the hips and chest which she received in an automobile accident four and a half miles west of Island City Sunday evening. The car she was driving turned turtle in the ditch after an impact with a light machine occupied by three Peck brothers, also of Cove. The other occupants of Mrs. Crulkshank's car received only slight bruises.

French Debt Incident Closed; Coolidge Answers Clemenceau

PLYMOUTH, Vt. Aug. 9. (AP)—President Coolidge has let it be known that the negotiations for funding of the French debt to the U. S. are closed so far as concerns his administration.

The open letter of former Premier Clemenceau, of France, to Mr. Coolidge, made public in Paris last night and contending that the present debt agreement is impossible of fulfillment has resulted not only in this definition of the position of the Washington government but also of the assertion that the American government intends to conduct its relations with the French people through their duly constituted diplomatic authorities.

Detailed Comment Withheld.

The position of the president was made known last night at his old home here in the hills of Vermont. Information was given him of the letter by The Associated Press and without awaiting the text of the letter the statement of his position was made in his behalf. Detailed comment was withheld however.

When confronted suddenly with the international question Mr. Coolidge was in his Plymouth home with Mrs. Coolidge, far removed from questions of government and with only a private telephone at the neighboring corner general store available for contact with Washington and the summer executive offices at Paul Smith's, N. Y.

Position Made Clear.

With natives and a few lingering tourists kept at a distance by a cordon of secret service men, he was resting in the seclusion of his family. Informed of the Clemenceau letter, Mr. Coolidge for a considerable period, gave no indication of his reaction. He could be seen occasionally though a front window walking about the house, stopping at times to stoke the wood fire in the stove in the room, where three years ago he was administered the oath as president. Finally a message was sent out with word of his position on the debt funding question.

It showed his position unchanged from that revealed in his behalf repeatedly, in recent weeks, especially since the vacation trip of Secretary Mellon, of the treasury department, aroused speculation in European circles as to whether he might hold debt funding conversations.

Mr. Mellon is to conduct no such negotiations if it is for no other reason than that his authority is largely lapsed under the law in that field as the American debt commission in concluding agreements has completed it's work and further negotiations are barred.

All funding agreements except that with France have been rat-

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