

MEEKER IN LA GRANDE DURING DAY

Famous Old Oregon Trail Blazer Now En Route To Walla Walla.

ON SIXTH TRIP OVER OLD TRAIL

President of Memorial Association Paving Way for Distribution of New Half Dollars.

Looking and feeling healthier than he did when he visited La Grande last—some four years ago—Ezra Meeker, Old Oregon Trail blazer, arrived in La Grande this morning in a splendidly equipped automobile, on route to the Pacific coast on his sixth trip over the world's greatest home-making road.

Mr. Meeker is accompanied by Daniel H. Mauie, former newspaperman and connected with the Old Oregon Trail Memorial Association of which the 85-year-old pioneer is president.

APPEAL NOTICE FILED IN WATER DIVERSION CASE

A notice of appeal has been filed in the Walla Walla county circuit court by parties opposed to changing the point of diversion on Bear creek of the municipal water supply of the city of Walla Walla, as recently permitted by the state engineer, Ithia Luper.

Grande Ronde Valley in 1852 Remembered By Ezra Meeker

"Yes, I remember the Grande Ronde valley as it looked the first time we crossed the Blue Mountains in '52," Ezra Meeker said this noon, as he settled himself cautiously into an easy chair in the Polley lobby.

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.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Man Admits Strangling Three Women

Activities of Criminal Confined to California Cities, he Informs Police.

NEEDLES, Cal. Aug. 10. (AP)—P. H. Brown, alias Cameron, arrested here last night, has admitted that he strangled three women, one each in San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles, police said today.

Although Brown's memory apparently was hazy, he told officers he recalled having strangled a woman in a San Francisco room, leaving her unconscious and taking a boat for Seattle, Wash. He said he did not know what part of town it was.

Attempts to get additional information concerning the San Jose and Los Angeles victims were being made.

WILL ATTEND C. E. MEETING

La Grande to Send Delegation of Endeavorers to Turner, Ore., Late This Month.

At least four La Grande people will attend the seventh annual summer conference of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union to be held at Turner, Oregon, beginning August 29 and continuing until September 6.

Those who will attend from here are: Mrs. L. C. Bower, third vice president of the state society, Miss Hulda Anderson, Miss Elia Nelderer and Miss Kathryn Moran.

Martin Cascaic Fined \$250 For Having Liquor

Martin Cascaic this morning pleaded guilty of illegal possession in the court of Judge Hugh H. Brady, and was fined \$250 and costs. He had not fulfilled the sentence at noon.

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Watering of gardens and lawns in Wallowa has been restricted to two hours daily, and with Bear creek getting lower, some expert to see even higher restrictions placed on the use of water.

Guests at Luncheon

At the luncheon given in honor this noon by 29 representatives of the local Old Oregon Trail association and the Union county chamber of commerce, Ezra Meeker flanked away the festive spirit with a wave of his thin hand, and spent the half hour allotted his speech in detailed explanation of his purpose in making this trip across the country.

Almost pleadingly, he called his hearers' attention to the intrinsic value of the Government coins that are to be sold at a dollar each for the trail fund. He invited them to buy his latest book, 40 per cent

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MONGOLIAN GUNMEN YET AT LARGE

Charlie Eng Is Protected By Police Officers From Possible Death.

TONG WAR BREAKS IN YAKIMA, WASH.

Chinese Killings in This Territory in Recent Years, Recalled by Late Incident.

The two Hop Sing gunmen who were frustrated in their attack on the life of Charlie Eng Friday by Melvin Baxter, 16-year-old Cove youth, are still at large.

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License Not Granted To Mr. Dempsey

Tex Rickard's Plans For Tunney-Dempsey Fight in Air at Unexpected Development.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (AP)—Jack Dempsey today was temporarily refused a license to fight Gene Tunney for the world's heavyweight championship at the Yankee stadium September 15.

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SITUATION IS INTENSE IN MEXICO

President Calles Delivers Sweeping Broadside At Catholics.

EPISCOPATE FIRM AND UNYIELDING

Depression and Nervousness in Business Circles Alarms; Silver Exchange Slumps.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 10.—The situation arising from the government's religious regulations and their rejection by the Catholics today became more tense and more complicated.

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A Royal Swedish Indian



This introduces Big Chief Lone Bear, otherwise known as Gustave, crown prince of Sweden. He was adopted into the Arapahoe tribe by Indians who were working at a Hollywood (Cal.) movie studio.

AUTO PLUNGE FATAL TO TWO

Mrs. A. R. Greer and Miss May Wetherel, of Dundee, Cremated as Car Burns Up.

EUGENE, Aug. 10. (AP)—Mrs. A. R. Greer and Miss May Wetherel, of Dundee, Ore., were killed in an automobile accident near this city late yesterday afternoon.

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GRAIN CROP OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING

Production Forecasts Indicate Big Gains in Month of July.

WHEAT ESTIMATE IS ENCOURAGING

Yield Placed at 626,482,000 Bushels Compared Against 396,610,000 Bushels in 1925.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10. (AP)—Country's important crops, as indicated by production forecasts of the department of agriculture placed the corn crop at 2,574,265,000 bushels as compared with 2,550,740,000 bushels forecast a month ago and 2,905,000 bushels harvested last year.

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Bulletins

WALLA WALLA, N. S., Aug. 10. (AP)—Twenty-five fishermen were believed today to have been drowned when the Sylvia Mosher of Linnenton was pounded to pieces off the coast near the mouth of Snake Island.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 10. (AP)—When the trial of Wallace Cloyes Gaines accused of first degree murder in the death of Sylvia Howard Gaines, his daughter, adjourned at noon today a full court session is expected tomorrow.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 10. (AP)—Kansas cooled off somewhat today. Temperatures were 15 to 20 degrees lower throughout the state than yesterday. Goodland reported the lowest temperature—62 degrees.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 10. (AP)—After a sweltering night, with the thermometer standing 89 degrees at midnight, Kansas City today enjoyed a 10-degree drop in temperature from yesterday's record maximum of 103.3 the highest in eight years. The lowest temperature in 24 hours was 81 degrees at 6 a. m. today.

Indian Cowboy Dies Of Kick From Bronco

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10. (AP)—Injuries received Sunday at the Multnomah county fair at Gresham when a bucking broncho threw him and then kicked him in the head resulted fatally today to William S. Rankin, 34-year-old Indian of Cayuse, Ore. His body will be interred at Koonika, Idaho.

Oregon Desert Land Board Sued for \$250,000

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10. (AP)—Governor Pierce, Secretary of State Koser and Attorney General Van Winkle today agreed to make no comment on the damage suit for \$250,000 brought in the federal court against the state desert land board by T. H. Wegener, trustee in bankruptcy for the Jordan Valley Farms.

Four States Vote In Today's Primary Elections Over U.S.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10. (AP)—Electors of four states—Alabama, Ohio, Arkansas, and Nebraska—expressed their preference for candidates in today's primary elections.

Gunmen Fight Duel In Street; Crowds in Riot

CHICAGO, Aug. 10. (AP)—Two gunmen threw Michigan avenue traffic into turmoil today when they exchanged a dozen shots.

Incumbent Opposed

United States Senator Frank B. Willis is opposed by seven republican candidates.

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RUSS TROUBLE RUMORS FALSE

Stories of Stalin Murder, Trotsky Incident "Summer Fictions" Reporter Finds.

LONDON, Aug. 10. (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Moscow says it is announced there that the Russian battle fleet has sailed for maneuvers in the Baltic sea.

MOSCOW, Aug. 10. (AP)—All reports abroad of Stalin, general secretary of the communist party, has been murdered, that Leon Trotsky has fled, that Gregory Zinovieff has been exiled and that Russian army and navy have mutinied, are summer fictions.

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TODAY'S GAMES

Table listing today's games for National League, Brooklyn, Boston, and other teams, including scores and game times.