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THE WEATHER
Oregon: Fair in the interior, cloudy or foggy along the coast tonight and Thursday. Normal temperature.INTEREST
IS HIGH IN
CLUB WORKUnion County Boys and
Girls Working Diligently on Projects.MISS COWGILL ON
INSPECTION TRIPChess Clubs Here As
"Wide Awake and Really Working" Following Visit to Six.

"Union county's boys and girls clubs are wide awake and really working," Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader of Corvallis, said yesterday after visiting six of the clubs in this county. "I would like to have visited the other clubs in the county, but time would not permit it," she said.

Miss Cowgill and E. A. Syre, county youth superintendent, to whom much of the credit belongs for the active clubs here, the assistant state club leader declared, left La Grande yesterday morning at eight o'clock and during the day visited six clubs. They returned to La Grande about five o'clock last evening.

Clubs Ambitious.
All of the clubs visited are working and planning to finish the year's work in excellent shape. Island City has two clubs—cooking and sewing. The leaders are away at present and Mrs. Wayne Wick and her daughter, Mrs. Ed Wickland, are helping the club members to complete their work.

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OREGON WINTER WHEAT CROPS 20 BUSHELS AN ACRE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11. (AP)—The Oregon winter wheat crop for 1926 is now estimated at 17,600,000 bushels, grown on 880,000 acres, or an average state yield of 20 bushels an acre, said a report today by E. L. Kern, statistician of the department of agriculture. The spring crop is estimated at 2,400,000 bushels, making a state total for all wheat of 20,000,000 bushels. This is about one million bushels more than the estimate for last year when the total wheat acreage was largely spring sowing as a result of the heavy winter-kill of the previous fall. For the Pacific northwest (Oregon, Washington and Idaho) the total 1926 production is estimated at 85,104,000 bushels, compared with 77,132,000 bushels last year and the five year average of 84,562,000 bushels.

Oregon's crop for 1926 is estimated at 2,124,000 bushels, compared with 1,599,000 for 1925.

The Oregon spring crop promises to be greater than the dryers can handle.

Interest Keen In Ball Game;
Band Concert To Be Friday

As the date of the Pendleton-La Grande baseball game nears, interest in the game draws nearer, more baseball fans are shown throughout the city, those in the know report. Many predict that, if weather conditions are bright, more than 1,000 persons will witness the Sunday contest.

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 news 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"

Population
Of Baker Is
Set At 9,500With Pendleton claiming
About 8000, La Grande
Leads the Field With
10,000 persons.

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 11. (Special)—Baker now has a population of 9,500, according to an estimated just prepared here from postoffice records, public service company figures, the school census and other data available. This shows a gain of nearly 1,800 since 1920 when the official census gave Baker's population at 7,729.

The growth is considered all the more remarkable in view of the slow growth of the city in the two decades preceding 1920. In 1910 the population was 6,663 and in 1916 it was 6,742.

Baker county's population is now estimated at 21,000 as compared with 19,927 in 1920. Haines is now estimated at 500; and North Powder, which is in Union county, is estimated at 500.

La Grande Leads All.
The recent estimate of population in Baker recalls a similar estimate made here about a year ago at which time reliable and authoritative agencies showed that La Grande's population is more than 10,000 persons.

With Baker now populated with 9,500, La Grande is the leading city in the county.

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LIGHT UNITS
ARE SELECTEDFive Found Acceptable
By City Officials; District
May Be Created
This Evening.

If preliminary arrangements can be completed today, the ornamented street lighting improvement district, authorized at the June 2 special election, will be created this evening at the city commission meeting. It was announced today.

The district provides for lighting Adams avenue through the business section with 600 candle units and 400 candle power units on intersecting streets, including 1st street. The arrangement of the units, however, will provide about equal light for all portions of the district, it is said.

Five units have been selected by the city manager as acceptable and one of these, manufactured by the Pacific States Electric company, is now installed in front of the fire station. Installation work was done by the electric company at its own expense. The cost of the unit and the five year average of 34,562,000 bushels.

Other business to come up tonight includes opening of bids on a sewer improvement district in La Grande west of the high school.

FINANCIAL
CONDITIONS
EXCELLENTSurvey of Northwest
Shows Communities of
3 States ProsperingEASTERN OREGON'S
POSITION SOUNDLa Grande One of
Strongest Cities in In-
land Empire in Proportion to Assets.

A seasonal survey of conditions in the Pacific northwest recently completed by the United States National bank of Portland indicates that this portion of the United States is in exceptional financial position at present.

In general, the survey shows a healthy optimism and the better financial conditions are better this year than last and that nearly all Northwestern communities will go into 1927 financially better than in entering 1926.

Speaking of the lumbering industry, which represents from 60 to 70 per cent of the northwest's industrial activities, the survey has this to say:

Lumber Industry Prospering.
"The lumber industry has organized and most far-sighted leaders, one of the largest merchandising programs ever started in America. From now on, leading northwest lumbermen believe the American public will never be allowed to forget that Washington and Oregon are in the lumber business, to deliver good lumber as long as a home-builder or an industrial user needs it."

In Eastern Oregon, particularly, the outlook is becoming rosy with each month. Milton reports: "If nothing unforeseen happens, this section will be almost back to normal financial conditions by Jan. 1. Ontario expects a great future with promised reclamation projects, new manufacturing. Pendleton says, 'In Matilda county, like all grain sections, has experienced difficulty during the last four years which seemed almost unmanageable. We have, however, just about recovered our feet.'"

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JACOB GULLING,
RAILROAD VET.
ANSWERS CALL

Jacob Clinton Gulling, 75, a railroad veteran of the Northwest, and a resident in La Grande since 1887, died at the Grande Ronde hospital at 1:20 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Gulling had been in ill health for a number of years, but the direct cause of his death was a fall Friday evening from a stool at the corner of the Home Place, cigar store. He had reached for his cane and became unbalanced.

Although he had survived many serious accidents in his long career of railroad work, Mr. Gulling seemed to appreciate that his end was near.

Survived Wreck.
"A whole Union Pacific train falls in me and I recover; then a tumbler from a stool finishes me," he told friends who visited him at the hospital.

The wreck to which he referred happened many years ago when he was railroading in Nevada. A freight train was derailed off a trestle, burying him under the wreckage, where he lay for 48 hours. Both arms and both legs, as well as ribs and other bones, were fractured when they found him. Still he recovered and after that put in some of the most strenuous years of his life.

Born In Ohio
Mr. Gulling was born in Clinton, Ohio, July 26, 1851.

He cast his lot with the railway workers when he was a mere boy, and stayed with his vocation as long as he was able to work.

He came to La Grande with the railroad, and was conductor on the first train that ran as far as The Dalles.

On First Train
When the branchline was extended to Elgin, in 1891, he conducted the first train over the road.

It was always a matter of deep regret to him that ill health forced his resignation before the line to Joseph was completed.

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Distribute
2,000 Coins
In DistrictEzra Meeker Provides for
Continuance of Oregon
Trail Work He Is Now
Engaged In.

Realizing that he may not pass this way again, Ezra Meeker yesterday threw the torch to younger hands as he took reluctant leave of his fellow in the work of the Old Oregon Trail Memorial association.

Not often does the venerable trail blazer indulge in regret for his dwindling days. But on visit to Emigrant Springs recalled so poignantly the distance he has traveled since he came here a stalwart young fellow 74 years ago, that the experience almost unmanned him.

Not Much Time Left.
"I am an old man," he told the little group of reverent associates that accompanied him. "I cannot carry on much longer. There is a great work for you to do after I am gone."

Emigrant Springs is "Lee's Encampment" to Ezra Meeker. Long before he led his caravan of pioneers over the Blue Mountains in 1852, he had heard of Jason Lee's courageous response to the call for the first Protestant missionary. Yesterday he was delighted to find some of the tracks of the old trail at Emigrant Springs, where Lee and his party encamped in 1852.

Ezra Meeker was pleased, too, at hearing that the state of Oregon had purchased 14 acres at Emigrant Springs with a plan for preserving it as a historic shrine. He declared it fitting and commendable that a log house is to be erected there in honor of both the pioneers and the freighters who later made it their stopping point between the Emattilla landing and their destination in Eastern Oregon and the Southern Idaho gold-fields.

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Earlier in the afternoon, the

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COLLEGE MAN
HURT IN WRECKWendel Hunt, of Whit-
tier, Cal., Found Un-
conscious Near Emi-
grant Hill Today.

Wendel Hunt, about 25 years of age and apparently a college man of Whittier, Cal., was found unconscious beside his wrecked car at 9:30 o'clock this morning at Emigrant hill, 15 miles east of Pendleton, by C. C. Chase, of Milton.

Help was promptly summoned and a doctor, before taking Mr. Hunt to Pendleton for treatment, voiced the opinion that Hunt's skull was fractured and his leg broken besides less important injuries.

Death Escaped.
He declared that Mr. Hunt's car was a large touring car, had been unable to make a turn and had bounced from the road over a four-foot embankment and then hit soft dirt in a wheat field, turning over once or twice.

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OHIO WOMAN
IS TRAILING
POMERENEFour States Tabulating
Primary Vote Cast at
Polls Yesterday.DONAHEY LEADS
THREE OPPONENTSAlabama Klan Vote
Heavy; Governor Bry-
an and Senator Car-
away Unopposed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11. (AP)—The battle of ballots waged today in the state of Ohio, Alabama, Arkansas and Nebraska, the aftermath of yesterday's primary elections.

From columns of mounting figures tabulators sought to name the nominees for offices ranging from United States senator and governor down to county officials.

In Ohio where many of the national leaders of the past first jumped into the political arena, the battle waged fiercely.

Pomerene Leads Woman.
Miss Florence Allen, state supreme court justice, and first Ohio woman to seek a senatorial seat, was lagging behind former U. S. Senator Allen Pomerene for U. S. senator. Senator Frank B. Willis showed his heels to his seven opponents and his nomination for the republican senatorship was assured.

After leading through almost half of the count, Thad Brown, secretary of state, seeking the republican gubernatorial nomination, lost ground and Meyers Y. Cooper, Cincinnati real estate man, forced into first position among the 12 persons who sought the honor.

Brown and Cooper were regarded, as the only contenders.

Donahey Seeks Nomination.
Governor A. F. Donahey walked away from three democratic opponents who sought to succeed him. Donahey is seeking a third consecutive term.

Returns from 2,339 precincts of 8,631 gave Donahey 28,206 and Miss Allen 16,629. Senator Willis had 49,348 in 1927 precincts and his nearest opponent, U. S. Illinois, 16,375. Cooper had 66,470 in 4,292 precincts and Brown 64,788. Donahey had a lead of 55,999 over his nearest opponent in 5,499 precincts. His vote was 49,335.

Reputation of the national Ku Klux Klan organization was seen by some political observers in Alabama's democratic primary.

Klan Candidate Ahead.
Hugo L. Black, candidate for the United States senate, endorsed by

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CHICAGO ROBBERS
ACCOMPANIED BY
2 YOUNG WOMEN

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11. (AP)—As a sequel to the arrest here late yesterday of Albert Devry, 38, and Ralph Knapp, 24, charged with robbing garages in Chicago, the police today found two girls in an auto park who said they had traveled from Chicago to Los Angeles and to Portland with the men.

The girls gave their names as Mildred Johnson, 25, and Bernice Arneson, 23. They were taken into custody by two detectives after spending the night in fear that they had been abandoned by their companions.

The youths were arrested when a traffic policeman noticed the number of their car, which police had been warned to look for.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
WASHINGTON (AP) R. H. E.
New York..... 4 9 2
Washington..... 5 9 2
Batteries: Pennington, Davies; Braxton and Severide; Collins, Coveloskie, Marberry and Tate.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
St. Louis..... 2 12 2
Boston..... 0 2 9
Batteries: Haines and O'Farrell; Worley, Horn and Riemer.

NEW YORK (AP) R. H. E.
Chicago..... 11 11 2
New York..... 1 3 4
Batteries: Rube and Hartnett; Gonzalez; Ring and Snyder; McMillen.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E.
Cincinnati..... 21 21 0
Philadelphia..... 3 19 2
Batteries: Mays and Hargreaves; Wing; Mitchell, Pierce, Knight, Whitcomb, Ulrich and Wilson, Henline.

Five Hours of Torture



Walker H. Fletcher, St. Paul manufacturer, tied Edward Horrigan, his life-long friend, in a chair and tortured him for five hours because, he said, Horrigan had killed Mrs. Fletcher. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher deny Fletcher's charges. How Fletcher tied Horrigan and tortured him is shown in the large photo, which was posed by reporters.

'MA' READY FOR
RUN-OFF VOTEGovernor Miriam Fergu-
son Will Oppose Moody
in Texas; Will Make
Klan Issue.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 11. (AP)—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson today declared she was in the race for governor of Texas "with all her heart." In a 2,000 word statement she declared that Attorney General Dan Moody, her chief opponent, never had accepted her offer to resign.

The governor's statement, which has been awaited since the democratic state executive committee last Monday certified her name with that of Moody's for the run-off, presages a heated two week campaign for the democratic nomination, which in Texas means election.

No official statement as to her plans has been made by governor Ferguson since her announcement two days after the July 24 primary in which she said she would not be a candidate in the run-off.

Makes Klan Her Issue.
Mrs. Ferguson makes the Ku Klux Klan her principal issue, declaring that the Klan is celebrating Moody's large vote in the first primary as "a Klan victory."

Moody's vote in the first primary was about 409,000, which was 4,770 short of a majority over all other candidates. The Texas law requires a run-off primary in those offices in which no candidate received a majority.

Mrs. Ferguson declares that her duty to her state "is greater than my personal preference for private life at this time."

Borah Gives Opinion On Clemenceau Letter
BOISE, Ida., Aug. 11. (AP)—Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, late yesterday sent the following telegram to the east in response to inquiries regarding his opinion of the Clemenceau letter to President Coolidge.

"Clemenceau's letter is so creditable by misreading as to its intention that we are undergirding the independence of France and so deliberately unjust when he refers to waiting for America to enter the war and where he criticizes the U. S. for making a separate treaty of peace with Germany and yet so pathetic in manifest love of his country that I prefer not to comment at length."

"This constant charge of injustice and injury on the part of the U. S. is simply not only unfounded in fact, but dishonest in purpose."

WOULD PIN
CRIME ONTO
STRANGLERSeattle Police Seek To
Prove That P. H. Brown
Killed Sylvia GainesDESCRIPTION OF
MEN IDENTICALProsecutor Colvin Con-
tinues to Believe That
Father of Girl Took
Her Life.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 11. (AP)—Phillip H. Brown, in jail here after confessing to Sheriff W. A. Shay, of San Bernardino county, that he had attacked about 12 women in California, denied today that any of the alleged crimes were committed in Seattle, Wash.

"I have attacked many women," he said, "but none in Seattle."

SEATTLE, Aug. 11. (AP)—Having overnight realigned its case consequent upon ruling that before relations between Wallace Cloyes Gaines and Sylvia Howard Gaines could be put into evidence some connection of these relations with a motive for desiring her death must be shown, the state today put on witnesses who narrated quarrels between the two.

SEATTLE, Aug. 11. (AP)—While detectives of the Seattle police department today sought to prove that P. H. Brown strangled and beat Sylvia Howard Gaines to death here June 10, King county officials were reconstructing efforts in superior court to convict Wallace Cloyes Gaines, the girl's father, as her slayer.

William Kent, acting chief of detectives, declared that descriptions of Brown, who confessed in Needles, Cal., to wholesale strangling of women, were almost identical with one given by Mrs. Dorothy Stokes. She described a man she saw following the girl on a path the night of the killing near a spot where the denuded body of

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U. S. BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR TO
BE \$3,270,000,000

PAUL SMITH'S, N. Y. Aug. 11. (AP)—A total of \$3,270,000,000 was cut from the preliminary estimates of government departments and bureaus for the fiscal year 1928 by President Coolidge today in conference with Brigadier General Lord, director of the budget.

This would make the total appropriations for next year \$3,270,000,000 or about \$55,000,000 in excess of those for the present year, the increase being due to fixed charges added by pension and other legislation in the closing weeks of the recent session of congress. It will mean, General Lord said, that the estimated surplus for 1928 will be "negligible." The allocation will be returned to the departments for adjustment to the new totals permitted them.

Officers and Bandits Carry
Running Fight Through Town

Memphiscville, Ore., Aug. 11. (AP)—Officers here fought a gun battle this morning with three or more robbers who had earlier held up and robbed a garage at Dallas, Ore. One of the members of the gang was reported to have been a woman.

At least one of the bandits was believed to have been wounded, as blood was found on the front seat of an automobile which they had abandoned at the edge of McMinnville. The automobile had been stolen at Portland.

Running Fight.
Chief of Police Ralph Grenfell and Night Marshal Floyd Casey, of McMinnville, fired nine shots at the fleeing machine in a running battle. The car of the officers was hit by two bullets fired by the fugitives. One shot went through the windshield of the officers' car. They lost control of their machine, which was wrecked against a post. Taking up the chase on foot, the officers followed the fleeing car and found it abandoned, riddled with bullets.

Sheriff Manning of Yamhill county, and Merle Snyder joined the police officers and trailed the fugitives across a plowed field in the direction of St. Joe, two miles northeast of McMinnville.

The McMinnville officers found the robber suspects at a gas station one mile from town on the Sheridan road where they bought three gallons of gasoline. The au-

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