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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair in the interior. Cloudy or foggy along the coast tonight and Saturday. Warmer in the interior of the west portion Saturday.

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CITY WILL GIVE WATER TO PLANT

Restrictions Today Placed on Use of Water by City Officials

ORGANIZATIONS LEND SUPPORT

Threatened Shutting Down of Mt. Emily Plant Averted by Plan for Conservation.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions on the use of water, ordered by city officials, becomes effective tomorrow. 1. There shall be no irrigating nor sprinkling Saturday and Sunday. 2. Beginning Monday, irrigation and sprinkling will be allowed between 6 and 7 p. m. alternate days. Even numbered houses may use this hour on even numbered days and odd numbered houses on odd numbered days. 3. The restrictions will apply only as long as the present emergency exists at the Mt. Emily Lumber company plant or other industrial plants here.

The above restrictions on the use of municipal water in La Grande were agreed upon as necessary steps to supply the Mt. Emily Lumber company plant here with sufficient water during the present extraordinary dry season and to prevent this plant or any other from being forced to shut down for any length of time.

Immediate response from La Grande organizations followed announcement of the city's step. Representatives of various organizations met in the chamber of commerce officers last night in a mass meeting and discussed the problem and in support of the city commission the following resolutions have been adopted by the organizations whose signatures are attached:

WHEREAS the community's welfare is endangered by a shortage of water at the mill of the Mt. Emily Lumber company which will cause a shut-down in the immediate future unless relief is secured; and WHEREAS a suspension of this industry would mean a loss of employment for 570 La Grande citizens, would deprive them and their families of a means of livelihood for an indefinite period, and would eliminate a payroll of \$50,000 a month which is now a vital factor in the prosperity and business activity of the city; and WHEREAS the city commission has seen fit to meet the emergency by a restriction of use of city water for sprinkling and irrigation purposes in order that the water may be diverted to the Mt. Emily Lumber company plant and assure its continuous operation; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned civic organization of La Grande that the action of the commission be commended and that the citizens be urged to cooperate in the fullest possible extent in complying with the city's restriction order and also in conserving water for personal and domestic use in order that every possible gallon may be saved and utilized to keep this industry running.

Signed by La Grande Neighborhood club, Mrs. Robert Esklin, president; La Grande Realty Board, William Miller, president; Ship Employees Association, W. J. Norlund, president; Union County Chamber of Commerce, Dr. W. T. Pitt, president; La Grande Rotary Club, P. L. Meyers, president.

Resolution.

WHEREAS the operation of the Mt. Emily Lumber company's mill is in danger of suspension due to lack of water; and

WHEREAS a shut-down of this industry would throw 570 men out of work, would immediately stop their incomes, and would cause a payroll loss of over \$50,000 per month; and

WHEREAS it is of paramount importance and for the best interests of the entire community that the operation be continued and the men be given constant employment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the La Grande Rotary club, through its authorized board of directors, that the action of the La Grande city officials to curtail use of city water and give the required supply to the Mt. Emily Lumber company be and hereby is endorsed and commended.

(Signed) P. L. Meyers, president;

Slays 14



Thomas Johnson, alias Tom Smith, who has confessed 14 murders, is now en route to Minneapolis from Seattle to face "the gallows," he hopes. Johnson is ready to pay the penalty for his crimes.

PRaise GIVEN TO LA GRANDE

Secretary of Northwest Realty Association Sends Word of Appreciation to City.

A letter just received by William Miller, president of the local realty board, from T. W. Zimmerman, secretary of the Northwest Real Estate association, president of La Grande, for his hospitality and entertainment during the recent convention.

A portion of the letter reads: "The treatment that was accorded me by the citizens of La Grande, preceding and during our convention, is sufficient assurance of the fine sentiment of the majority of the citizens of your community."

"The support that was accorded the officers of this association by your local board was the finest that I have experienced since I have had anything to do with our convention work. I desire to this time to thank you personally and through you every member of the La Grande realty board and the members of the civic organizations of La Grande for the spirit displayed and the efficient manner in which they handled the necessary preliminaries, and which has undoubtedly been declared to be the best convention we have ever held."

It has also been stated that the cause of the recent convention was

200 Attend Old Folks Picnic At Union Thursday Afternoon

UNION, Ore., Aug. 12.—More than 200 persons attended the annual old folks picnic at Goodwood lake here yesterday afternoon and at adjournment there, all expressed the opinion that the affair was the most enjoyable of their kind in many years.

The visitors were welcomed by

E. L. Caldwell, president of the Union commercial club, who acted in lieu of Mayor M. S. Sweeney who was unable to be present for the opening of the picnic, although he arrived later in the day.

A committee, the program kept secret, awarded a number of prizes.

Mr. Stoker Oldest Man.

Moroni Stoker was given a bouquet of flowers for being the oldest man in attendance. He is 85 years of age. Mrs. Maria Tripp, 88, was the oldest woman and received a bouquet of gladioli.

Mrs. B. M. Hoop was honored with a box of candy as being the best appearing woman present and S. M. Haynes, 84, won the men's prize, also a box of candy.

Mrs. Susan Graham was awarded a box of candy for being the youngest looking elderly woman.

Robert Whycombe was declared the homeliest and was given a box of candy.

Mrs. Belle Wright was given a box of candy for being the pleasant appearing elderly woman.

Mekonnen Wins Prize.

Another box of candy was presented, this time to L. I. McKennon, of La Grande, who was declared to have the largest feet.

Bishop Kohler gave prayer and Roy Conklin presided.

The speaking program included addresses by Danian Wright, of Medical Springs; Mayor Levy, of Union; Mr. Caldwell, of Union; Otha Eckersley, of Cove; Mrs. Wright, of Union; Mrs. K. J. Marshall, of Union; Mrs. A. E. Finkler, of La Grande; Mrs. Esther Purcell, of Union; the Rev. William Mur-

FAIR BOARD TO REBUILD PAVILION

Will Replace Elgin Building Destroyed by Early Tuesday Fire

PREMIUM LIST IS OFF THE PRESS

Particular Attention Is Paid to Club Work—Premiums in Horse Department Increased.

ELGIN, Ore., Aug. 12. (Special)—Despite discouragement offered by the Union county fair board recently, plans for the annual exhibition, which will be held here September 22 to 25, inclusive, are forcing steadily ahead.

Fire destroyed the new dance pavilion at the fair grounds early last Tuesday, causing a loss of approximately \$1800 of which \$800 was covered by insurance. In addition an electric polisher, probably worth \$500, and an \$800 piano belonging to the W. H. Bohannan company, of La Grande, were burned.

Will Re-build Pavilion.

The building which was only erected this spring, will be rebuilt at once, according to Gay Dutton, secretary of the fair board. This decision was reached after talking with members of the pavilion committee.

The annual premium list is now off the press and is being mailed to all interested parties.

County School Superintendent E.

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LUMBERMEN AT CONFERENCE AT BATES AND BAKER

La Grande lumbermen are well represented at the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Lumbermen's association that began this morning at Bates and will be continued tomorrow at Baker.

Elmer Stoddard, president of the Grande Ronde company, H. N. Ashby, general western manager for the Bowman-Hicks company, R. J. Tanner, the general superintendent, and V. Z. Church, the logging superintendent at Maxwell, were present this morning.

August J. Stange, vice president; L. K. Klinger, general manager, and J. F. Ravenscroft, all of the Mt. Emily company, were to leave for Bates this afternoon.

Tomorrow, A. L. Brown, Bowman-Hicks sales manager here from Kansas City, and A. E. Kinnman, superior of grades at the Bowman-Hicks mill here, will be in attendance.

The meeting this morning is at the Oregon Lumber company's mill on the Sumpter Valley railroad, at Bates.

Storms Hit East States; Loss Heavy

Death, Injury, Fire and Flood Arc Left in the Wake of Terrific Disturbances.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (AP)—Underground transit and communication lines in New York remained crippled this afternoon from the flooding of tunnels and sewers by yesterday's downpour of rain.

An army of workmen was engaged throughout the metropolitan area in repairing the ravages of the subterranean floods. In an attempt to save millions of New Yorkers from a repetition of their experiences last night, when hundreds were marooned for hours in stalled trains.

This afternoon only one of the four East river tunnels of the Long Island railroad, hardest hit of all the local transit lines, had been cleared of water sufficiently for the movement of trains.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (AP)—Terrific thunderstorms in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have left death, injury, fire and flood in their wake.

The storms broke over the east yesterday when a wave of heat and humidity was at its height. Street traffic here was paralyzed when the heavy rains caused the sewers to overflow. Motor vehicles, half-deep in water, were left in the streets and subway traffic was tied up. A washout on the Long Island railroad disrupted traffic.

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BAND CONCERT HERE TONIGHT

Program Includes Many Popular Numbers—Baseball Game Preparations Progressing.

The program for the outdoor concert to be given at the high school field at 8 o'clock tonight by the La Grande municipal band, is as follows:

- March, "Northwind" — Chambers
Lyric, "Glow Worm" — Lucke
Medley of College Songs
Then Moses
Descriptive Piece, "The Mill in the Forest" — H. H. Bengberg
Concert waltz, "Wedding of the Winds" — John P. Hall
Patrol, "The Blue and Grey" — Dudley
(b) "Song of Love" from "Bliss" — Schubert-Romberg
Overture, "Stradella" — Mozart
A large crowd is expected to be present at the concert, probably in the neighborhood of 100 persons. A number of popular encores are in reserve.

Game Preparations Progress.

Progress is also being made in preparing for the La Grande-Pendleton baseball game Sunday afternoon, proceeds to go toward buying new uniforms for the band.

The team is practicing diligently each night and the ticket sale is reported to be encouraging.

A definite lineup will be published in tomorrow's issue of The Observer.

Corey to Give Decision At Some Future Date

Following separate hearings in the office of Judge L. G. Couch, at the courthouse, H. H. Corey, public service commissioner, took under advisement the application of the Grande Ronde Lumber company and the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company for permits to extend logging railroads over wagon roads.

Both petitioned crossings are to be temporary affairs. The Grande Ronde Lumber company's new railroad in the Telocross country is needed for about 20 years, a representative told the commissioner at the hearing Thursday morning. The spur that the Bowman-Hicks company wishes to extend over the road from Wallawa to Promic will probably not be used more than two years, it was testified.

Castle Creek Forest Fire Gains Headway

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 12. (AP)—A forest fire on Castle creek which had burned over many square miles of timber and brushland in the territory west of Castle and which was brought under control yesterday, broke out afresh last night and the forest service has asked for 200 men to add those already on the fighting line. It is believed that 450 men will be on duty against the fire today.

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RELATIVES ACCUSED BY PROSECUTOR

Cousin and Brother of Mrs. Hall Held for Pastor, Girl Murder

CASE ESTABLISHED ATTORNEY ASSERTS

Former State Trooper, in California Prison, Admits Taking Money to Remain Silent.

SOMMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 12. (AP)—A cousin and a brother of Mrs. Edward Wheeler Hall, were held today, held without bail, and cited with her the murder four years ago of her clergyman husband and his sweetheart, Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

"Crazy" Willie Stevens, the brother; and Henry Carpenter, wealthy cousin of the wealthy widow, were arrested last night, two weeks after the arrest of Mrs. Hall, now at liberty on \$15,000 bail.

All Plead Not Guilty

All three have pleaded not guilty. State Senator Simpson, special prosecutor, however, says "We have established a case nothing can destroy."

A chemical analysis of blooded soil, he declared, has established the fact that Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were slain under the grapefruit tree on a deserted farm where their bodies were found. It had been suggested they were killed elsewhere, the bodies moved and the clothes carefully straightened out.

Damaging Confessions Made. Last night's arrests were ordered by Mr. Simpson after 57 depositions of witnesses had been taken in a reopened investigation which resulted from the filing of an affidavit by Arthur S. Riehl, who alleged that his wife, a former maid in the Hall home, had made damaging confessions to him.

New evidence was withheld from Mrs. Hall obtained after her arrest two weeks ago, but last night's arrests aroused expectations that it would be revealed in a hearing today before County Judge Frank L. Cleary.

Stevens Near Collapse. Stevens was arrested yesterday at his sister's home. Carpenter surrendered to state police in front of their headquarters. Carpenter, bareheaded and well dressed, was nervous but contained. Stevens, wearing heavy lensed spectacles and showing his mustache, was disconnected by his own hands, and finally sat on them. He nearly collapsed later when taken to jail after commitment by Judge Cleary.

One other person, William Phillips, formerly a night watchman, has been arrested in the case as a material witness and is free in \$2500 bail.

Troop Accepted Brlie. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12. (AP)—The Chronicle says that Henry L. Dickman, former Jersey state trooper, now serving a term in the U. S. disciplinary barracks on Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Bay, has admitted that he accepted

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WOMAN, TURKEYS KILL 4 SNAKES DURING SUMMER

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Aug. 12. Mrs. Richard Plake, Wallawa county woman, has killed 44 rattlesnakes during the past summer with the help of a flock of turkeys.

Her husband's ranch is midway between a snake-infested rock cliff and a stream and the snakes, in reaching the water, must cross ground whereupon 200 turkeys range.

The turkeys, upon discovering the intruder, form a circle around him and set up a great commotion, which is the signal for Mrs. Plake to arrive with a scow and a scorpion and end the life of the wriggler. Her efficiency in this task is proven by the remains of the two score and four poisonous reptiles.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE. PITTSBURGH (AP)—Chicago-Pittsburgh postponed, delay in arrival of teams. Doubleheader September 5.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—New York-Philadelphia game postponed, wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. BOSTON (AP)—Philadelphia at Boston postponed, wet grounds. Doubleheader tomorrow.

Fighting Gangland Killers



Police in Chicago yesterday announced that gangland's "alky" war has broken out independently. The above pictured machine guns are to be used by highway police of Cook county, Ill., to keep roads safe. This picture shows Sergeant George Ulrich and Chief L. R. Davidson, of Chicago, examining the new weapons.

H. E. SHIPLEY SHOOTS SELF

Man Who Sought Revenge on Jackie Coogan Found Dead in a Garage Near Border.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12. (AP)—Joseph Block, 42, private guard for Jackie Coogan, juvenile screen star, who was shot and seriously wounded in a gun battle on the grounds of the Coogan home here last Tuesday morning was reported slightly improved today. H. Everett Shipley, alias Don McCrea, discharged chauffeur for the Coogan family, declared by police to have been Block's assailant, has pleaded guilty to the shooting.

Shipley's body, with a bullet hole through his head was found by police yesterday in a garage on the Coogan ranch, near Campo, which is located a short distance from the Mexican border. A post card, addressed to Jack Coogan Sr., Jackie's father, and mailed from Tecate, a Mexican border village, led to the discovery. The brief message said that Shipley would be found "cold" if the ranch were searched. The handwriting was identified as Shipley's.

Left Note. A penciled note apparently written in the dark and addressed to Mrs. Coogan was found on a table in an unoccupied house near the garage. It read: "Mrs. Coogan: I am writing this in the dark. Could find no guns here, so do not know. I am going to take my life so you can be happy. Sorry I had to hit you, but he shot first. Please notify my folks and send the body to Tipton, Iowa for burial. With the same love for you."

Block Shot Thrice. Shipley had been discharged as chauffeur for the Coogans and rehired numerous times. Block, who was engaged to guard the Coogan residence at night, stumbled

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Friday and 13 Ignored; Black Cat Is Different

LAWTON, Okla., Aug. 12. (AP)—A black and white dog named Little in the life of Lieutenant Cornelius Comand, post field pilot, but a black cat—that's different.

Corporal George H. Whelling, who intends to make a parachute leap from plane number 13 at 3:13 o'clock this afternoon, Friday the 13th, wanted to take along as a passenger a feline of midnight hue, and blast ones and for all the attendant superstitious. Lieutenant Comand consented to make the flight but balked at carrying the cat.

Whelling intends to make the leap if possible from a height of 1513 feet.

Northern Hemisphere Produces More Wheat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (AP)—Washed estimates to date for 14 northern hemisphere countries which last year produced 77 per cent of the total northern hemisphere wheat crop place this year's production at about 2,254,000,000 bushels against 2,227,000,000 bushels for the same countries last year. In announcing the estimates, the department of agriculture said latest conditions reports from European countries not yet reporting definite forecasts indicate crops smaller than last year and those reductions may reduce the production for the northern hemisphere below that of last year.

NEW CHARGE LIKELY IF MAN FREED

Prosecutor Colvin Will Try Gains Again If Murder Not Proved

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SHOWN TO JURY

Defense Protests Against Exhibit, But Judge Overrules Objections by Carmody.

SEATTLE, Aug. 12. (AP)—New charges against Wallace Gaines based on the testimony of his relationship with his daughter, Sylvia, will be filed if Gaines is found not guilty of murdering the girl at the completion of a trial in progress here, Prosecutor Colvin announced today.

PHOTOS INTRODUCED. SEATTLE, Aug. 12. (AP)—After a fight by the defense, enlarged photographs of the body of Sylvia Gaines were admitted as evidence here today in the trial of her father, Wallace Gaines, as her slayer.

Prosecutor Colvin declared the photographs as showing by the situation of the wounds how unlikely it was that the person who beat and choked her to death beside Green Lake here the night of June 16 would have much blood on his clothes.

Defense Protests. "The photographs are unnecessary to show the wounds and are objectionable because of their gruesomeness," replied Defense Counsel Carmody.

"We shall allow," argued Colvin, "that the wounds were of a skill and on the forehead near the hair. The hair formed a sort of screen and kept the blood from spattering."

Stern to Testify. Resumption of testimony in the trial was delayed until 10:30 a. m. today to permit Prosecutor Colvin to question state witnesses before they took the stand. Louis Stern, former companion of Gaines, was to be removed from the King county stockade where he has been held since relating a "confession" of Gaines to the county-city building, so he could testify when wanted.

TWO NEW AIRWAY LINES APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

PAUL SMITH'S N. Y. Aug. 12. (AP)—A transcontinental and a southwestern airway were approved today by President Coolidge as the first two commercial routes laid won by the department of commerce in its development of civilian aviation.

The transcontinental route was approved in conference with Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce will run from New York to Cleveland, Chicago, Iowa City, Des Moines, Omaha, North Platte, Cheyenne and Salt Lake City, from where there will be a leg to San Francisco and another to Los Angeles.

MAN, 91, GETS DIVORCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12. (AP)—C. A. Wallace, 91, an Indian war veteran, was granted a divorce today from his bride, aged 73, whom he married last May. He charged her dictatorial nature ruined their home life.

Whittemore, Billion-Dollar Gang Leader, Is Executed

BALTIMORE, Aug. 12. (AP)—Richard Jesse Whittemore, leader of a bandit gang that net itself a goal of a billion dollars loot, died in the gallows shortly after midnight this morning in the penitentiary where he slew a guard in escaping a year and a half ago.

The end came quickly for the youthful criminal who led his followers to robbery of nearly \$1,000,000 of the fabulous sums they sought. At midnight he said "I wish to say good bye, the best I could wish anybody."

Shot Guard, 60. Whittemore, serving a 15-year sentence for burglary, fatally shot Robert H. Holtman, a 59-year-old guard, with an iron bar on February 29, 1925, and walked out of the hospital gates of the penitentiary. He was hanged within a few yards of the spot where the guard was struck down.

Relatives Claim Body. Less than 20 minutes had elapsed after he stepped on to the scaffold platform at 12:06 o'clock