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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair in the
interior, cloudy and unsettled
along the coast tonight
and Sunday. Not much
change in temperature.

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CITIZENS
COOPERATE
WITH CITYWater Restrictions Are
Being Generally Ob-
served Here TodayGIVE RULES FOR
CONSERVATIONOdd Numbered Houses to
Irrigate An Hour on
Odd Numbered Days
and Vice Versa.

General observance of the city's new water restrictions, put into effect in order to tide over the Mt. Emily Lumber company plant during a water shortage crisis, is noticeable in La Grande today.

Some cases wherein property owners have ignored the rulings have been reported but some of these were due to ignorance of the restrictions. It is believed that waste of water will be reduced to a minimum within the next day or two.

No Sprinkling Today, Sunday

The city's restrictions are as follows:

Not sprinkling today nor tomorrow.

Monday persons living in even numbered houses may sprinkle between the hours of six and seven o'clock in the evening.

Tuesday persons living in odd numbered houses may irrigate during the same hours.

Conservation of water is being urged more than ever today as it is figured by interested parties that more than 200,000 gallons of water, the amount necessary to keep the Mt. Emily plant running, can be gained by this plan.

Conservation Rules

1. Use a minimum of water for brushing teeth.

2. In washing hands, face, place

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ADAMS PARKING
ORDINANCE WILL
BE ADHERED TO

Thirty minute parking restrictions will be enforced on Adams avenue from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. each day, beginning Monday morning, announced Chief of Police Haynes today.

For the accommodation of shoppers, the officers have been lenient with violators of the city ordinance providing for the restricted parking, the chief explained. But now that the leniency has been abandoned by persons who derive no particular benefit from it and at the same time deprive others of parking space convenient to the stores and offices where they have business, strict enforcement is necessitated.

La Grande Team Ready To Lock
Horns With Pendleton Sunday

Everything is all set for La Grande's first baseball game of the year, which will be played tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the high school field.

Pendleton, champion of the Blue Mountain league this year, will come with practically its regular lineup. Reports are filtering out, however, that the Buckaroos are

When
Spreading
Information

In this day of modern daily newspapers, spreading information is an easy matter. When a civic organization takes as a duty that it wishes generally known, when officials want to give notice or information to the public—it's the natural and sensible thing to turn to the daily newspaper.

Business men do the same thing when wishing to spread information about their stocks or service. In the La Grande territory The Observer provides immediate and complete contact with those people to whom you wish the information to go. Your message "gets across" because The Observer's reader-interest is always at a high point. No more economical contact can be bought.

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A Merchandising Service"

1,000 Hear
Concert By
Local Band

Largest Crowd of Year
in Attendance at Last
Night's Outdoor Recital
at Ball Park.

Nearly 1,000 persons attended the outdoor concert at the high school field last night, given by the La Grande municipal band—probably the largest crowd at any similar event here this year.

Although a lighter class than is usually the case, the concert recored heavily. Originally expected to continue for about an hour and 15 minutes, the closing strains of Florenz's "Stradella" were not concluded until the band had been playing for a full hour and a half. Demands for encores caused the lengthening of the program.

Plays "Glow Worm"

"Chambers" march "Northwind" opened the program and was followed by the "Glow Worm" by Lancelotti, which struck a responsive chord in the audience. An encore was followed by the descriptive piece, "The Mill in the Forest" by Debussy, which preceded the intermission.

E. R. Blago, local attorney, while the musicians were resting, announced the benefit baseball game between Pendleton and La Grande, which will be played here tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, after which members of the band passed through the crowd, selling tickets. The recital.

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'BLACK EAGLE'
IS IDENTIFIED

Richard Byng Admits
Writing Note to Police
in Connection with the
Chinese Tong War.

"The Black Eagle"—self-commissioned avenger of Charlie Eng—has been identified.

His name, in the social records of day-by-day existence, is Richard Byng, one-time manager, one-time picture machine operator at Ambrose, one-time cartoonist, all-time romantic and to his own mind, at least—hero.

Byng admitted to Chief of Police Haynes last evening that he wrote the two dramatic proffers of assistance in the capture of Charlie Eng's would-be murderers that came this week to the police station.

Second Letter Arrives.

The chief first became suspicious of the young man yesterday when Byng brought in the second letter with wild-eyed tales of being forced at the point of a gun, by a man who jumped onto him from a tree at the south end of the Second

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\$309,557.24
EXPENDED
ON SCHOOLS

County Superintendent
Completes Statistics
for 1925-26

4,107 STUDENTS
TAUGHT IN YEAR

Grade Schools Use \$262,992.64 and High Schools
\$127,557.24 of Total
Sum.

Union county spent a total of \$309,557.24 on schools last year, according to statistics Superintendent E. A. Sayre is compiling for his annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction. Of that amount, \$262,992.64 went to provide grade school education, and the remaining \$127,557.24, high school.

Funds came from four sources: the county, the state, the elementary school tax and the direct tax on loans of the irrevocable school fund, amounting last year to \$1.50 per pupil. Next year, the expectation from this source will be slightly higher, amounting to \$1.55 for each child in school.

"The cost of education runs into large figures, but so does the value of the school properties," observed Superintendent Sayre as he transcribed the items from his record books to the official report blank. "Union county has school properties valued at \$721,900, not including the school furniture and furnishings, which total \$80,903 more."

Teacher salaries do not bulk so large a portion of the total cost of education as they should, in the superintendent's opinion. Some women teachers, the report dis-

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GUARDSMEN WILL
AIM AT TARGETS
SUNDAY MORNING

Efforts are being made to have every man of the local national guard company qualify on the regulation 10, course in rifle shooting by the middle of September, and if persistent practice will do the trick La Grande will soon have a company of expert riflemen, according to the company officers.

The Baker national guard company has challenged Company K, of La Grande, to a rifle competition match sometime the last of next month, and the local unit is developing a prospective rifle team by weekly practice at the range near Hot Lake. The guardsmen have been doing preliminary work at the range all summer, but starting this Sunday actual preparation for the match will begin. All members of the company who can go to the range this week will meet Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the company's headquarters. Lieutenant Walter Dean will be in charge of the practice.

A qualification match will be held the second week in September, and those making the best marks at that time will be chosen to meet the Baker team. The time and place for the final meet has not yet been decided upon.

The regulation 10, course, in which the guardsmen must qualify to make the team allows 50 shots at 200 yards, as follows: slow fire—standing, 10 shots; kneeling, 5 shots; sitting, 5 shots; prone, 10 shots. Rapid fire from standing to kneeling, 10 shots, and from kneeling to prone, 10 shots.

Each bullet counts five points in the competition, the first ring out four points, the second three and the third two.

Happersett Writes of
Convention of Eagles

Word has been received here from C. E. Happersett, treasurer of the local Eagles lodge, and treasurer of the state lodge, who is attending the Eagles' convention, as an official delegate from La Grande, in Seattle this week.

The first day was spent registering and getting around among the gang of 11,000 delegates and visitors," Mr. Happersett writes. The first session opened Monday evening with speeches and music. He saw George Nelson and J. S. Parry, both known in La Grande, his first day in Seattle.

"We are having a good time, and don't get to bed before midnight any night," he writes. "A big dance was a part of the convention Tuesday night and a parade was scheduled for Thursday morning."

"The women accompanying the delegates to the convention are being well taken care of."

Rogue River
Pears Ready
For Pickers

Southern Oregon Crop Is
Classed as the Largest
Ever—Growers to Pool
Forces.

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 14. (AP)—Picking and packing of the Rogue river pear crop, one of the largest ever harvested in Southern Oregon, is in full swing today following a mass meeting of local growers held last night for the purpose of devising ways and means of moving the big tonnage with the least loss to the growers and packers alike. So serious had the situation become due to inadequate packing facilities, that the growers voted in a body to pool their interests and cooperate to the fullest extent. Packers and shippers took similar action at a separate meeting.

50 Carloads a Day.

Pears will move from this date on at the rate of 50 carloads a day, every packing house being taxed to capacity to move the crop which is ripening unusually early. Bartlett, the first to move, are cleaning up this week and Delicious, Comice and Bosc are being picked. Even Newtown apples are ripening more than a month ahead of an ordinary season.

Officials of the Oregon Agricultural college have been drafted to assist in the work and a corps of experts is on the ground to advise growers to the end that the entire crop can be moved without loss from over ripening.

Getting Results.

"The situation is well in hand," said Professor F. C. Kiemer, of the Southern Oregon experimental station today. "Growers and packers alike have pooled their interests and are getting results. Fortunately, sufficient labor is at hand and packing facilities are being stretched to take care of the emergency."

MYSTERY BODY
IS IN LONDON

Newspaperman Says the
Coffin Contains Lord
Kitchener—Eng-
lish Press Scoffs.

LONDON, Aug. 14. (AP)—Covered with a union jack, a case, which Frank Power, British newspaperman, asserts holds the coffin in which he believes Lord Kitchener's body is inclosed, today lay in a private mortuary on Waterloo Road.

It was stated at Waterloo station that the case was brought by train last night from Southampton. Much mystery is attached to its previous coming.

The whole affair, including Power's story of the discovery of the body on the coast of Norway which the government recently discredited, is scoffed at by the English press.

Meeker's Car Ditched
East of Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14. (AP)—Searching the end of his sixth trip over the Old Oregon Trail, including three by automobile and one by airplane, Ezra Meeker, pioneer trail blazer, yesterday met with an accident when his automobile, which he was driving on the Columbia river highway about 20 miles east of Portland.

The aged pioneer's machine, driven by Daniel B. Maue, struck a truck loaded with timbers, and careened off the road. No one was injured and Meeker continued his journey to Portland with N. C. Westcott, editor of the Oregonian, and the local press.

Second Bandit Taken
By Portland Police

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14. (AP)—Detectives here today arrested a man giving the name of Fred Hill, 25, charged with being a member of the gang that held up a garage at Dulles, Ore., and engaged in a gun fight with officers at McMinnville Wednesday.

The officers received information that Hill would arrive at an address on Grand avenue, and when he appeared Detective Sevens captured him at the point of a gun.

The police said Hill admitted being in the gang, but that he denied doing any shooting. They said Hill was a brother of Jack Hill, captured near McMinnville Thursday. A companion of Fred Hill was seen at the Grand avenue address but eluded the officers.

EVIDENCE
MOUNTS IN
HALL CASE

Relations of Accused
Woman Identified by
Mrs. Jane Gibson

ADJOURN HEARING
UNTIL AUGUST 16

Court Documents, Miss-
ing for Weeks, Discov-
ered and Returned by
Marcus Beekman.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 14. (AP)—Two male relatives of Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler Hall have been pointed out in open court by a witness of four years ago as the men who saw with the widow at the slaying of the Rev. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

Henry Carpenter, Mrs. Hall's wealthy cousin, a Wall street broker, and Willie Stevens, her mentally deficient brother, were the men indicated by Mrs. Jane Gibson, who said Carpenter had a shining object in his hands.

Mystery Witness.

Another witness produced previously gathered evidence which had been reported missing, the slain woman's daughter told of an alleged attempt to poison her mother prior to the murder, and a "mystery witness" said to have been at the time of the murder within 75 feet of the crabapple tree where the bodies were found, entered the reopened investigation.

William S. Staub, the new witness, was in jail today held in \$2,000 bail as a material witness. His arrest was the fifth in the reopened investigation.

Carpenter and Stevens are in jail. Mrs. Hall, charged with two murders, is free in \$25,000 bail, and William Phillips, former night watchman, is free in \$2,500 bail.

Hearing in Progress.

The hearing, which is adjourned until Monday, revealed that the

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WOULD IRON OUT
DEMPSEY-TUNNEY
BOUT OBSTACLES

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (AP)—States Attorney General Albert O. Thayer was expected today to render a decision on the powers and functioning of the New York state athletic commission by George Dempsey, a member of the commission. The request was made in an effort to clear up the controversy which developed in the prospective heavyweight championship fight between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

IGNORERS CHALLENGE

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 14. (AP)—"Headhunting fight in the street" was Jack Dempsey's answer yesterday to the offer of Harry Wills, negro contender, to the heavyweight title, to knock the champion out any time he wanted to for nothing. Dempsey said he did not make his living fighting in the streets and had always tried to uphold the fighting game.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—E. H. E. Boston 2 7 0 Philadelphia 3 4 0

Batteries: Scott, Davies and McMillen, Snyder; Carlson and Wilson.

(Called in eighth because of rain. Second game postponed.)

BROOKLYN (AP)—E. H. E. Boston 4 5 1 Brooklyn 2 7 2

Batteries: Benton, Mogridge and Seymour; Petty and O'Neil, DeBerry.

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Cincinnati-Pittsburgh doubleheader postponed, rain.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—New York-Philadelphia second game postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
NEW YORK (AP)—E. H. E. Washington 2 6 0 New York 4 3 1

Batteries: Reuther and Tate; Jones and Collins.

BOSTON (AP)—E. H. E. Philadelphia 1 7 0 Boston 2 7 0

Batteries: Grove and Cochran; Ruffing and Gaston.

CLEVELAND (AP)—St. Louis-Cleveland game postponed, rain. Doubleheader tomorrow.

Trosky Heads Revolt?



Conflicting and emotional reports of revolts, murders, and governmental disturbances are coming out of Soviet Russia these days, with no one in the outside world positive as to the exact nature of the chaos—if it is true—condition. One report is that Leon Trotsky, former Russian minister of war and one of the chief figures in the original revolution that put the bolsheviks in power, is the moving influence behind the revolt.

OPEN SWITCH
WRECKS TRAIN

Four Passengers and Two
Trainmen Killed—Six
Injured Taken to Riv-
erhead, N. Y.

CALVERTON, N. Y., Aug. 14. (AP)—Mrs. George A. Shuford, of Biltmore, N. C., died in a hospital today as a result of the Long Island railroad wreck here last night. The number of dead remained at six however, as it was learned that James E. Way, Brooklyn, a supposed victim, only suffered from shock. He had been listed as "J. B. Way" among the dead.

The dead are:

H. L. Fisher, of New York and East Marion; J. B. Way, of Greenport; George A. Shuford Jr., three years old, and Dorothy Louise Shuford, one year old, children of George A. Shuford, of Asheville, N. C.; Engineer William J. Shires and Fireman John Montgomery, both of Greenport. The injured were attended in Riverhead, five miles west of here.

Mother Rescued.

Mrs. Shuford, mother of the two children killed, was extricated from the wreckage after five hours of heroic efforts, the aid of acetylene torches, and taken to a hospital at Southampton. Her negro maid was removed after a leg was amputated.

The two engines of the train jumped the track and turned over. A combination baggage and smoking car, just behind the engine, and a Pullman car, also left the track. The Pullman fell through the side of a factory building.

U. P. Train Robbed of
Registered Parcels

OGDEN, Utah, Aug. 14. (AP)—Bandits robbed one car of Union Pacific train No. 5 at Yammutter 20 miles east of Green River, last night, according to information received by railroad officials here today.

The train runs by way of Pinedale, Idaho. The car robbed is known as the California car, containing registered mail. The car was to be transferred at Green River to a train running through Ogden.

The robbery was discovered at Green River when two mail clerks were found bound in the car. It is believed the robbers boarded the train at Rawlins, Wyo.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 14. (AP)—Bandits who last night held up and robbed a registered mail car attached to Union Pacific train No. 5 near Green River, Wyo., received a small amount of loot, railroad officials here believe.

FIRE RAGES
IN FORESTS
NEAR BEND

Hundreds of Men Today
Fighting to Control
Conflagration

20,000 ACRES ARE
IN FLAMES' GRIP

Most Serious of Three
Major Blazes in Yellow
Pine Stand in Metoli-
ous District.

BEND, Ore., Aug. 14. (AP)—Hundreds of men today are fighting to gain control of the most serious forest fire situation experienced in Central Oregon in years.

Several fires in timber to the south of Bend, started by lightning Wednesday night already cover an area of approximately 20,000 acres. The most serious blaze is believed to be that in the Metolius region where more than 100 men are waging a fight to prevent the spread of the flames into the virgin stand of yellow pine. Vacationists spending the summer at Camp Sheridan have been drafted into fire fighting service.

Enters Deschutes Forest.

The Metolius fire, fanned by a stiff wind, leaped across the Lower Metolius river and last night was raging through timber on the Warm Springs Indian reservation, and had eaten its way up the slopes of Green ridge into the Deschutes national forest.

A big fire covering an area of about 11,000 acres is being combated by larger forces of men from Bend and Klamath Falls in the Sugar Pine mountain in northeastern Klamath county.

Yellow Pine Destroyed.

A third fire is sweeping the timbered slopes of Fox Butte in the Fort Rock district and already has burned a path five miles long and two miles wide through valuable yellow pine. The lookout station and telephone lines on the butte were destroyed by the flames yesterday forcing the lookout to flee down the opposite side of the mountain. Officials of the Brooks-Seaton Lumber company here have dispatched a force of

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WOMEN AND GIRL
KILLED IN AUTO,
TRAIN COLLISION

CODISTO, Cal., Aug. 14. (AP)—Two women and a girl were instantly killed and another seriously injured when the machine in which they were riding was struck by a northbound Santa Fe freight train at Denair today. The dead: Mrs. Zillah Harrison of Denair; Estelle Harrison, her daughter; Mrs. W. H. McGinness, of Denair, driver of the car.

The injured: Audrey McGinness, daughter of Mrs. McGinness.

Gaines' Car Seen Near Spot
Where Daughter Was Killed

SEATTLE, Aug. 14. (AP)—On request of defense counsel, because "we were unprepared for the testimony of Harry Wurstler," trial of Wallace Gloyes Gaines as a murderer of the first degree, was adjourned to Monday, here today. The trial opened Aug. 2.

SEATTLE, Aug. 14. (AP)—Harry Wurstler, an automobile mechanic, who Wednesday revealed that he had seen an automobile exactly like that of Wallace Gaines 60 yards from the spot at which the body of Sylvia Gaines was found June 15 and at the very time fixed as that of her death, today told newspapermen why he came forward after remaining silent so long.

Gaines, known as Bub, is on trial charged with first degree murder on slayer of Sylvia, his daughter. Wurstler went on the stand at yesterday's session drew to a close.

"Hated to Tell"

"At first" Wurstler told the reporters, "I didn't connect the man whose car I had previously worked on as the Bub Gaines suspected of the murder. Even then I hated to tell, for I hated to be mixed up in a case like that. I didn't tell anyone about it but turned it over to my mind. Then I thought of my family of three kids and I made up my mind to do my plain duty as a citizen."

"If Mr. Gaines is innocent of his daughter's murder, then he must have some good reason for parking his car where I saw it, and he can refute my testimony by giving that reason. But if he is guilty, then my testimony is important and should convict him."

"A man who would murder his girl would probably repeat his act in time, and its up to fathers to make our city safe for their daughters."

Extracts From Transcript of Wurstler's testimony follow:

"Last spring, I believe it was in April, I was called by Gaines to take a car out of a ditch. I removed the car to my auto repair shop and took the defendant to his home."

"I knew right away that the car was an old roadster of 1915 model. The left fender was badly caved in and bent. It had a spot light, a mirror and a bumper. That is, the bumper itself was gone, but the brackets were on either side of the car. The left fender to the rear was probably the worst of all. It was badly bent and very badly rusted. (It was learned that Wurstler did not repair the defects just mentioned, but only the disorder manifested when the car went into the ditch.)"

"I am an automobile mechanic and I just naturally notice the details of cars I handle."

Recognized Car

"I next saw the car along Greenwood avenue about two weeks after I worked on it. I would recognize that car if there were half a dozen of the same make around it."

"I next noticed it on Westlake avenue near John Street as I was coming down to work. This was a few days after I saw it on Greenwood avenue."

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