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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair south, cloudy north portion to night and Tuesday, probably showers along the coast.

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MILL POND IS SUPPLIED WITH WATER

La Grande Mains Furnish Enough to Float Logs at Mt. Emily Plant

CITY'S RESPONSE KEEPS MILL GOING

Conservation of Water Enables Industry to Keep Operating—Hour Sprinkling Tonight.

With the public generally observing the city's water restrictions, La Grande's water system has been able to furnish enough in the last few days to the Mt. Emily Lumber company to float the logs in the mill pond and raise the level of the pond almost six inches—past the danger mark.

It was stated this morning that if the level can be maintained at its present height there is no danger of a shutdown. Cloudy weather, such as exists today, lessens evaporation and assists materially.

Danger Temporarily Past

Workmen at the mill have been dragging the heavier, more water-soaked logs to the front and replacing them with newer logs which do not require as much water to float them. By this method, although the present level is not as high as is ordinarily necessary, the danger of a shutdown is temporarily past.

If the city can furnish water to the pond for the next few weeks—until the low water period and term of high evaporation passes—the crisis will have been successfully past.

The city furnished the first supply of water to the lumber company pond Saturday from 4:20 until 9:20 p. m. A second allotment was made Sunday from 8:20 a. m. to 9:20 p. m. This morning the water was supplied for three hours.

Reservoir Holding Up. In the reservoir holding up the water, City Manager W. C. Greer reports that the Old Tawa reservoir is holding up in good shape and that pressure is being maintained at the level required by the state fire marshal.

If conditions are right, it is hoped that the water restrictions

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ENTERPRISE GIRL SECOND TO SWIM WALLOWA LAKE

WALLOWA LAKE, Ore., Aug. 16, (Special)—Miss Stella Deary, of Enterprise, swam the length of Wallowa lake Sunday. She is the second to accomplish this feat. Last summer a Joseph girl negotiated the five miles.

Miss Deary's time was two hours and 45 minutes.

There is no known record of any man having conquered the lake.

Hall and Boyer, Pendleton, Win Invitation Net Tourney

Hall and Boyer, of Pendleton, won yesterday's tennis tournament here by defeating Fox and Wilson in the finals 6-2, 6-4. Invitations were extended to tennis players over all Eastern Oregon to attend the doubles tournament, but Re-

When Spreading Information

In this day of modern daily newspapers, spreading information is an easy matter. When a civic organization takes action 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.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Champs Best La Granders Sunday, 2-0

Proceeds of Game Will Go to Buy La Grande Band New Uniform—Large Sum Raised.

Although La Grande lost a ball game Sunday to the Perpeton Buckaroos, Blue Mountain game champions, a large sum, which will partly pay for new uniforms for the La Grande municipal band, was realized.

According to estimates today, the net turned over to the organization amounted to about \$200. This will not outfit the band, but will take care of a good deal of the uniforms.

Errors Aid Pendleton

The game, despite the fact that La Grande's team lacked practice, was well worth watching. Costly errors by Alexander and Hargitt, paved the way for Pendleton's two scores. Twice La Grande was near a run, but each time the rally was checked, spectators say, because of poor officiating.

The first five innings were straight. No errors, a handful of hits, and no players of either team were out.

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SPOKANE FIRM TO WORK ROAD

County Court Awards the Alicel-Lower Cove Contract to Joslin & McAllister Company.

The Union county court, meeting in Judge E. G. Couch's office in the courthouse this morning, awarded the contract for surfacing of the Alicel-Lower Cove road to Joslin & McAllister Construction company, of Spokane, whose bid was held over from the regular first of the month meeting. The Spokane company bid \$31,116 on the crushed rock job, which was deemed the lowest and best bid by the commissioners. Four other companies made offers.

Mr. Couch announced this morning that the construction work will probably begin in about 10 days, as the Spokane company announced as its intention to complete the project as soon as possible.

D'Autremont Suspect Arrested in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 16, (AP)—Detectives of the Sacramento police department took into custody at the Southern Pacific station here late last night a man who answers the description of Hugh D'Autremont, the young son of the three brothers who have been hunted for several years for the Southern Pacific tunnel robbery in Siskiyou county. He is being held for identification. He claims he is not D'Autremont and gives his name as John E. Furlung.

Three Face Charges Of Larceny of Fowls

Claid Nickle, Rex Young and William Shankle will appear before Justice Hugh E. Brady Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock charged with the larceny of turkeys from the H. Anderson place along the river near the Bowman-Hicks company's mill.

The turkeys are alleged to have been taken Friday night of last week. Four were missing from the large flock which Mrs. Anderson is raising.

First Defense Witness Heard in Gaines Trial

BEATTIE, Aug. 16, (AP)—John E. Mullane, first witness on behalf of Wallace Gaines on trial here as slayer of Sylvia Howard Gaines, his daughter, testified today that Louis Stern, a witness for the state who had told the jury Gaines confessed to him, had said he hoped Bob didn't do it. Bob is a nickname for the defendant.

The defense opened after an automobile belonging to the defendant, and which Harry Wurster, an automobile mechanic Friday swore he saw at the time and place of the death of Miss Gaines, had been admitted as an exhibit and viewed by the jury.

Testimony for the defense in the trial of Wallace Gaines as slayer of his daughter Sylvia began here today after the court had refused to strike out testimony as to relations between father and daughter, or to direct a verdict of acquittal.

Shrimp and Buddy Reynolds served as last budy during the games and Joels Grocery furnished ten gallons of lemonade for the players.

MAXVILLE NATIONAL FIRES OUT POLITICS OF CONTROL WARMING UP

Bowman-Hicks Employees Fighting Serious Blaze in Willowa County

FLAMES SPREAD AT WOLF CREEK

Conflagration Reported from Many Points—Hilt, Cal., Saved from Red Demon.

Reports received here today were that a serious forest fire has developed near Maxville presumably in Crowley's camp and that the Bowman-Hicks employees there have quit work and are fighting the flames.

I. N. Ashby, of Bowman-Hicks headquarters here, left this morning for Maxville to investigate the fire. Reports here are meager and lack much of detail but they indicate that this is one of the worst fires of the season in this district.

FIRES SPREADING

NORTH POWDER, Aug. 16, (Special)—Forest fires in the Wolf creek district are spreading rapidly and were not yet under control the last of the week. Several of the logging crews have quit logging operations to fight the fire. Four men from the logging crew of the Pacific Fruit company here were sent to fight the fire, besides several truck loads of men from Baker.

CITIZENS SAVE TOWN

HILT, Cal., Aug. 16, (AP)—A forest fire seriously threatened this community of about 200 persons last night. With the male population out fighting the blaze, the women and children gathered on the north edge of the town.

The fire started Saturday at White Point, Ore., near the summit of the Siskiyou mountains. It burned an area six miles long and two miles wide.

18 NEW FIRES

ROSEBURG, Aug. 16, (AP)—Eighteen new forest fires in seven localities were reported over the week-end by the Douglas fire patrol. Seven fires were set in a string on Lavander creek, near Purdie on Saturday, and five were started on Tom Felley creek, between Drain and Elilton. A big fire is burning at Harness Burn on the divide between Ohlam and Coon creeks, tributaries of the Teshopoo, and fires were also reported at Huelson Wagner creek in the coast range, two at the steel bridge near Elilton and one on Brush creek.

BEND FIRES TRUNCATED

BEND, Ore., Aug. 16, (AP)—All forest fires in this vicinity were reported truncated and were expected to be under control tonight unless high winds should spread them.

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NATIONAL POLITICALS WARMING UP

SMITH HAS EYES ON PRESIDENCY

Democrats Criticize Coolidge—Prohibition and Anti-Saloon League Rumpus Looms.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (AP)—National politics is warming up in the hot weather season.

A demand that the Anti-Saloon League be prosecuted, claims that a satisfactory number of dry candidates were in the primaries. Claims that the republicans will lose senate control this year, and a declaration by Governor Smith of New York that he is reluctant to wear himself out with another term as governor were among week end developments.

Asks Prosecution

Representative George H. Tinkham, Massachusetts, republican demanded in a letter to Attorney General Sargent, Maryland, that the Anti-Saloon League be prosecuted under the corrupt practices act.

Claiming that "this ecclesiastical political organization" has "set aside one of the great constitutional guarantees of American freedom and liberty" the separation of church and state, Mr. Tinkham asks prosecution of the league for failure to report political receipts and expenditures or for falsely reporting there were none, and of league officers for perjury.

On the other hand, "the wets are spending more money, building an organization and spreading more propaganda than ever before," in the view of Wayne R. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, in a Washington statement.

Mr. Wheeler declared primary runoff from 25 states showed there was no reaction against prohibition. On the contrary, he estimated that 75 per cent of congressmen and 80 per cent of senators nominated in states where nomination is tantamount to election were dry.

Childless Coolidge

The democratic national committee criticized President Coolidge on the \$55,000,000 budget increase for next year, after a \$479,855,681 increase this year.

What price constructive economy?

Senator Peter G. Gerry, chairman of the national democratic senatorial campaign committee is sure his party will control the next session. Depression of some eastern industries and a continued slump in the agriculture south and west are bringing a reaction against republican lack of leadership, says a statement at Providence, R. I.

Smith's Statement

The governor regards conditions so favorable for his party that he is loath to test his strength with another term as governor. (Give

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IMPORTED LIQUOR DRIFTS ASHORE NEAR SEASIDE

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 16, (AP)—Residents and week-enders at Seaside spent many hours in vigil along the beach when reports spread that a quantity of imported liquor had drifted ashore. The first find was made Saturday night by an unidentified man who picked up a case and returned with a car for more. Some of the contraband bottles landed in front of apartments owned by Mayor George L. Baker, of Portland. High tide early Sunday brought more. Officers think that a rum runner, pursued by a coast guard cutter, jettisoned its cargo.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON (AP) R. H. E. 8L. Louie 6 15 0 Boston 1 1 4 2 Batteries: Yangtzer and Hargrave; White and Gaston.

Second game—R. H. E. St. Louis 1 7 1 Boston 7 8 1 Batteries: Gaston and Schang; Hargrave and A. Gaston.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Cleveland-Philadelphia game postponed, set grounds. Two games tomorrow.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Boston-Pittsburg postponed, set grounds. Doubleheader tomorrow.

Fire Makes Inferno of Coast Mountains



Tens of thousands of acres of tall pines and redwoods have been burned and are burning up and down the Pacific coast as forest fires sweep hill after hill. New fires, many caused by lightning, are being reported daily. This picture, one of the most remarkable of its kind ever taken, shows a blaze in the Truckee hills, near Lake Tahoe, Cal., at its height.

COMMITTEE IS AT TEST PLOT

Chamber of Commerce Members View Irrigated land at Huron Place Near Summerville.

The agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce met here Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and drove to the Huron place, north of Summerville, to look over the irrigation plot, there. The committee members were shown over the place by Robert Wilbycombe, directly in charge of the experiment, and Mr. Black, who is taking care of the plot.

Tentative plans were outlined by the committee for a similar experiment next year, when they will probably secure a large acreage so more results will be shown. The irrigation test this year was started by the Oregon Agricultural college extension workers, the experiment station and the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company.

Results Favorable

The results of irrigation can be seen in every test crop on the plot, according to the committee members. It is most noticeable in the alfalfa test. Where the alfalfa was unirrigated there was no second crop. On the irrigated plot there was a good stand of second crop alfalfa, which has been harvested, and a third crop is growing. A big difference was also noticed between the unirrigated and irrigated potato plots.

After visiting the irrigation plot the committee members returned to Hot Lake where they were guests at dinner of Dr. W. T. Ploy, chairman of the committee.

Dairy Problem Discussed

Chief among the evening's discussions was a symposium on dairies. A paper prepared by H. G. Assey, county agent, and a member of the committee, who was out of town, was read by Chase Robinson. The subject of the paper was "The Qualifications Most Desirable in a Dairy Cow." Frank McKennon gave a paper on "The Breed That Embodies Most of These Qualifications" and Robert Wilbycombe's statement was "The Advantages of a Standard Breed in Our County." Earl Reynolds gave a paper entitled, "Is Our Section Particularly Adapted to Dairying?"

Reports Progress

Progress was reported on the economic conference for 1927, and a committee was appointed to determine the time and place for the conference. It was also reported that the paper, "Production of Clean Milk on the Farm," was progressing rapidly, as was the idea of exchanging purchased milk for fresh milk.

The matter of vaccinating dogs for rabies and distemper was again stressed. Many valuable dogs could be saved if people would go to the trouble of vaccinating, the committee members.

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Wendell Hunt Dies of Auto Wreck Injuries

PENDLETON, Aug. 16, (AP)—Wendell Hunt, 21, of White, Cal., and a senior in Whittier college, who was injured in an automobile accident here last Wednesday morning, died in a local hospital this morning, having never regained consciousness since the time of the accident. His father and mother arrived at his bedside too late, although they had been in town since two days after the accident.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, (AP)—General reductions in the interest rate charged farmers on loans through federal land banks is planned by the treasury and federal farm loan board.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 16, (AP)—The Cincinnati Nationals today purchased from the Portland, Ore., club Pitcher Roy Meeker and Third Baseman Prothro. Meeker will report for immediate service but Prothro will hold Prothro until a player they are after as a part of the deal has been obtained by Cincinnati. The sum of \$75,000 and two players, neither of whom is a Red at present, are involved in the transaction.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 16, (AP)—How best to cooperate in their common aim of enforcing all the laws will be discussed by approximately 50 officers at a meeting of the southern Oregon and northern California law enforcement association here tonight.

Weed, Cal., Fire Loss Is Estimated at \$100,000

WEED, Cal., Aug. 16, (AP)—Estimates today placed the loss in the fire which yesterday swept part of Weed, between \$80,000 and \$100,000. The blaze, which started in a restaurant, destroyed 20 buildings and seven business establishments in the Chinese district of the city.

Fighting the fire, which for a time threatened the entire city, was hampered when nearly frozen pipes severed a power line supplying electricity to an auxiliary pump. Fire fighters confined the flames to the Chinese district.

Valentino Recovering From Double Operation

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (AP)—Luchino Valentino, "black" film actor, who underwent a serious double operation at Polyclinic hospital last night, was reported on the road to recovery today.

Hospital physicians were cautious in their statements but might because of the serious nature of the operation—removal of a gastric ulcer and his appendix—but today they said definitely that he was out of danger.

The seven star became suddenly ill yesterday in his apartment at the Hotel Ambassador. Only his valet was with him at the time. Mr. Valentino, gasped, gripped his side and collapsed in a faint.

Young Man Confesses To Wholesale Thefts

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16, (AP)—Arrested at The Dalles yesterday with two companions charged with theft of gasoline, a 21-year-old youth who gave the name of Jean Groves, was brought here today after investigation showed that he was driving a car which was stolen here Friday.

Police announced that after questioning here Groves confessed 12 automobile thefts, three hold-ups, one attempt at burglary and half a dozen burglaries.

According to the police account Groves said he drove a stolen car to Springfield, Ill., where the auto was stolen from him. Several months later he said, he stole a motorcycle from a traffic officer at Chico, Cal., and drove it to Hadding where he abandoned it. Two weeks later he was arrested at Medford and served six months in the county jail.

U'REN ATTACKS MR. STEIWER

Demands Investigation for Alleged Violation of Oregon Corrupt Practices Act.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 16, (AP)—The letter of W. S. U'ren, Portland attorney and one of the authors of the Oregon corrupt practices act to Sam Koser, secretary of state, alleging violations of the corrupt practices act by Frederick Steiwer, republican nominee for the United States senator in the filing of his expense statements covering the May primary election was received by Mr. Koser this morning.

Mr. U'ren's suggestion that the alleged violation be referred to district attorney John Carson of Marion county, for official investigation and "such action in his opinion the evidence may legally justify" has so far brought no response from the secretary of state, who asserted that he had not yet had time to go into the matter and had "nothing to say." The opinion was generally current in state house circles this morning that Mr. Koser would confer with Attorney General Van Winkle before taking any action whatever.

U'ren Makes Charges

In his letter to the secretary of state Mr. U'ren charged that the campaign expense statements filed by Mr. Steiwer and John R. LaTourrette, secretary of the Steiwer-for-Senator committee, made no mention of payments made by Steiwer and LaTourrette of \$230 and \$270 to Charles E. Henshaw and Charles A. German for services promised in promoting the candidacy of Steiwer through the Multnomah county republican club.

U'ren further alleges that he has in his possession an affidavit made by Henshaw and other evidence to show that Steiwer promised to pay Henshaw and German \$500 for their services.

It is also charged by U'ren that

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Grants Pass Smallest City With Leased Wire Service

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16, (AP)—The Grants Pass Daily Courier, of Grants Pass, Ore., was added today to the Oregon state day leased wire circuit of The Associated Press. Addition of the Courier makes nine Oregon daily newspapers now served by the state relay.

The Oregon state relay of The Associated Press was established two and a half years ago. Over this circuit the members file the news of their district and receive the news of the world, relayed through the Portland bureau, which is served by continuous wire.

A. E. Voorhies, who has long been a member of the Associated Press, is publisher and proprietor of the Grants Pass Daily Courier. Earl E. Voorhies is managing editor.

Development of small farm tracts in the Grants Pass irrigation district and increased tourist trade because of Grants Pass' strategic location at the junction of the Pac-

ific and Redwood highways, have brought such remarkable growth in the past two years that addition of the wire became imperative.

Wilford Allen Jr., city editor of the Courier, becomes Associated Press correspondent.

SEND CONGRATULATIONS

The following messages were sent out by the Grants Pass Courier today by other members of the Associated Press Oregon day leased wire circuit:

Congratulations to you, the Courier and the citizens of Grants Pass on securing the daily leased wire service of The Associated Press. Beginning today you and your thriving city are connected with 55,000 miles of leased wires. Your enterprise in securing these facilities will be of great advantage to your merchants and your citizens generally. We are confident that they will have a feeling of pride that Grants Pass has a newspaper with such modern and metropolitan facilities. The Portland Telegram.

The Pendleton East Oregonian congratulates the Courier. We believe the Courier will find the

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REBELLION CHECKED BY U.S. FORCE

Officers Arrest Small Army Commanded by General Estrada

WERE TO INVADE MEXICO AT NIGHT

Serious Charges to Be Filed Against Prisoners in Jail in San Diego, California.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 16, (AP)—Between 100 and 150 men, mobilized for a Mexican revolution under the command of General Enrique Estrada, former Mexican secretary of war were lodged in the county jail here last night and their arms and ammunition seized.

Agents of the United States department of justice, aided by city, county and other federal officers, captured what was to have been an armed party of invading insurgents only three miles from the Mexican border. Information gathered by the government agents led them to the appointed rendezvous at Dulzura where General Estrada and his staff were concentrating their forces preparatory to a descent upon the towns just below the border.

Force Well Armed

An armored truck, two ten-ton truck loads of rifles, machine guns and ammunition, other trucks for transportation of men and supplies, and about 150 Mexicans made up the captured expedition, while government agents also captured documentary evidence and complete sets of plans for the insurrection.

The most important capture was made yesterday afternoon when General Estrada and his staff, including Eddie C. Parker, San Diego hardware and arms dealer, were captured and brought into the city from Dulzura.

While the munition trucks were captured near La Mesa, captured rifles two machine guns and 165,000 rounds of ammunition, and a miscellaneous assortment of small

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JEALOUSY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FATAL GUN DUEL

WHITSTABLE COUNTY, KENT, England, Aug. 16, (AP)—Alphonse Francis Austin Smith, grandson of the late Hugh Hagan, of Canadian railroad building fame, was recovering in the Malden hospital today from injuries he sustained Friday night in a fight from which John Thomas Derham emerged with a bullet wound which caused his death several hours later.

Jealousy is alleged to have been the cause of the trouble. It is asserted that Smith subjected to the attention of Derham to his wife, a pretty English woman, who was Catherine White when Smith married her after Ruth Wynne, daughter of the late Robert J. Wynne once United States postmaster general and consul general in London, divorced him in 1922.

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