

SCHOOL TO OPEN HERE ON SEPT. 6

Children, However, Will Not Start Until Following Tuesday

IMPROVEMENTS IN HOUSINGS MADE

New Class Rooms Added and Equipment Renovated—Teaching Staff Is Increased.

Only two weeks and two days and summer vacation will end for the youngsters of La Grande. The four grade schools and high school here will open Monday, September 6, Superintendent J. T. Longfellow announces yesterday.

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Jurors Will Get Case of Gaines Soon

John H. Carmody, Defense Attorney, Refutes Testimony in Addressing the Jury.

SEATTLE, Aug. 19. (AP)—After John H. Carmody and Robert MacFarlane, for the defense, had argued that evidence presented by the state to show that Wallace Cloyd Gaines killed his daughter Sylvia merely showed an unhappy life and an advanced stage of drunkenness, Prosecutor Ewing D. Colvin began here today the last speech before leaving the jury to decide on a first degree murder charge.

SEATTLE, Aug. 19. (AP)—John H. Carmody, counsel for Wallace Gaines, who told a jury here yesterday that his client thought Mrs. Elizabeth Gaines, his wife, killed Sylvia Gaines, said today when he resumed argument in trial of Gaines on a charge of first degree murder that if the defendant had any such suspicion he discarded it immediately.

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FAMILY OF NINE KEPT UP BY BOYS

Police Chiefs of Two Cities Hear Sordid Story From Kiddies

FATHER OF TWO ISSUES DENIAL Strong Lecture Given Tourist in Local Police Headquarters by Clint Haynes.

Although some 10,000 or more gainful occupations exist in the United States, Police Chief Clint Haynes believes that he has countered one of the strangest and most sordid of the entire lot. Incidentally, he also believes that one of the worst outcroppings of the national pastime of touring has also come to light.

Boys Support Family. In brief, the story is that two small boys, aged 10 and 11, have been made to beg and borrow, gas, victrolas, money, and other provisions for a family of nine which has been touring the state on wheels for several months.

No legal action was taken in respect to the father but he did receive a firm lecture, such as only Chief Haynes can deliver.

The youngsters, Frederick and Roland, came to the police station asking for gasoline to take them to Pendleton, and said their father sent them.

But they weren't getting disgusted with the whole thing. So, after they failed to find anyone in La Grande to help them out, they decided to leave the family and go either to Caldwell, Ida. here a woman wanted to adopt them, or to go through to St. Louis, where their grandmother lives and would care for them.

But they didn't get far on their own.

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Boy Bandits Make Escape In Colorado

Lester and Forest Gonce, Young Criminals, Defy Large Body of Searchers.

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 19. (AP)—Possemen, bloodhounds and airplane searchers today continued their "man hunt" for two kidnaped boys, Lester and Forest Gonce, aged 15 and 14, who have terrorized this section and pursued a breath-taking career for crime for more than a week.

Two Sent to Jail Carpendor and Stevens were remanded to jail. State Senator Simpson, special prosecutor who ordered their arrest, said he planned to call a special grand jury and present to it as soon as possible the evidence on which the two were held.

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AMERICAN KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Passenger Plane Wreck Causes Three Deaths and Injured 12

GERMAN EXPRESS LEAVES TRACKS

Nineteen Persons Die in Tragic Derailment Believed Work of Criminals.

MAJOR TRAGEDIES Aldington, England—Airplane crash fatal to three; 12 injured.

Lehrte, Germany—Nineteen killed, five injured in train wreck.

POLKSTONE, England, Aug. 19. (AP)—The British air ministry began an investigation of the crash yesterday of a French cross-channel airplane at Aldington, England. The accident caused the deaths of one American, one Italian and one Frenchman and the injury of 12 others in the plane. Seven of the injured passengers were Americans.

The accident was the most serious passenger airplane tragedy that England has ever experienced. It occurred when the plane, piloted by a train wheel making a forced landing during a heavy fog.

Portland Killed The American killed was Robert Blaney, of Boston, who has been traveling in Europe since he was

MAN KILLS SELF AND WOUNDS WIFE KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 19. (AP)—In a mad rage because she refused him funds to attend the Trail-to-Rail celebration in Eugene today, Joseph Plank, 29, shot his wife twice in the back and killed himself at 12:30 o'clock this morning in the "Yellow Pelican," a room here.

Plank played the drum in the Kiamath Falls municipal band and for two years had no other gainful occupation, his wife said. She has a fair chance for recovery.

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Lived With 144 Cats



After neighbors of Magic Zeldler in Newport, Ky., had complained, health officers descended on her house (shown above) and found her living in one room with 144 cats. They killed 41 of the cats on the spot, sent Mrs. Zeldler (at left) to the hospital for observation, and are making arrangements to dispose of the remaining 100.

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U'REN CHARGE IS SAID FALSE

J. R. Latourette, Steiwer Aide, Demands a Complete Investigation Be Ordered.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19. (AP)—John R. Latourette, treasurer of the Steiwer-For-Senator committee announced here today that he had asked John Carson, district attorney of Marion county, to make a thorough investigation of charges made by W. S. U'ren of Portland, against himself and Frederick Steiwer, republican nominee for U. S. senator, that certain campaign expenditures were not reported as required by law.

Latourette, in a letter to Carson declared that a statement of Charles E. Henshaw, upon which U'ren's charges were based, that Henshaw had received from the Steiwer organization \$250 which were not accounted for in Steiwer's report, was a "malicious falsehood."

Latourette also demanded that an investigation be made of motives of U'ren in filing the charges. Secretary of State Sam A. Kozar, with whom U'ren's charges were filed, has advised U'ren that he was without jurisdiction in the matter because the charges had not been filed within 60 days after the expense report was filed.

Latourette questioned the validity of vouchers offered by Henshaw to support his report that he had expended money in behalf of Steiwer.

He also asked that inquiry be made as to the source of the "yellow ticket" which figured in the campaign. Latourette declared that neither he nor Steiwer knew of the "yellow ticket" until it was in circulation.

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EPISCOPATE APPEALS TO MR. CALLES

Catholic Church Asks the President for Modification of Laws.

CHIEF OF MEXICO TO REMAIN FIRM

Hopeless Deadlock Seems Unlikely to Be Broken—Business Men Hurt by Boycott.

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At the same time, the episcopate for the first time since the religious difficulties arose, if not the first time in Mexican history, has addressed a direct petition to the president of the republic.

The episcopate, which has often expressed its determination never to accept the present regulations, has sent a letter to President Calles, who has frequently and even more vigorously declared he will never withdraw them. This letter asks him to suspend the regulations, to give the church its "freedom" and to modify the religious clauses of the constitution radically, declaring that only thus can be settled the old religious struggle.

The president's office so far has declined official comment on these proposals for peace, but sources close to the government express certainty that President Calles will not alter his past attitude. The president has previously declared that the only solution of the controversy is for the Catholic and the laws. Church dignitaries, however, say that the

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Bulletins

HAMILTON, O., Aug. 19. (AP)—Butler county's first flood casualty occurred today when Mrs. John Eichler was drowned in Sullivan creek, near here.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 19. (AP)—Reappointment of James J. Murphy, of Washington, D. C., as quartermaster general of the Spanish-American War veterans was announced here today by United States Senator Rice W. Means, of Colorado, the organization's newly elected commander-in-chief.

ROBERT HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 19. (AP)—Mrs. George W. Wightman, of Boston, champion of the courts 17 years ago, was eliminated from the women's national tennis championship today after a stirring two set struggle against Mrs. Alfred H. Chapin Jr., of Springfield, Mass. 6-4, 6-1.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19. (AP)—Rumors in film circles of the engagement of Mary Astor, picture star, to Irving Asher, official of the First National Studios, were accepted as true today in the absence of any denial. It was understood the wedding would take place in December.

EVANGELIST TO SPEAK Dr. J. L. Thompson, evangelist of Kansas City, Mo., will speak at the Central church of Christian science at 7:45 o'clock, Dr. Thompson is making a tour of Oregon and expresses himself as being delighted with the scenery around La Grande. He will go to Wallowa from here, where he will speak Sunday. He will also visit Wallowa lake while in that vicinity.

Dr. Thompson is well known in Kansas City, having succeeded Harold Bill Wright, novelist, in the pulpit of the Forest avenue Christian church there.

Pageant Klatawa Ushers In Trail-To-Rail Celebration

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 19. (AP)—Before 6,000 people the pageant Klatawa, a pageant of motion, transportation, and the historical episodes dealing with the advance of civilization, was presented at Hayward field here last evening, as a feature of the Trail-to-Rail celebration commemorating the completion of the Natron cut-off line of the Southern Pacific railroad. The pageant will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night.

The Trail-to-Rail ceremonies yesterday afternoon when Miss Katharine Powell as Queen Susanna, belle of the trail, was met at the Southern Pacific depot by the Eugene Radiators, and was later introduced at a public reception. More than 3,000 attended the reception.

Queen Crowned In the evening the coronation of Queen Susanna marked the opening of the festivities the pageant following. This morning the 111 entries listed will be held. Williams street, the main business thoroughfare of the city has been elaborately decorated, and all cars are being kept off the streets until after the parade. The line of march is expected to extend for miles and the parade is to last for more than two hours.

The Concord state coach from Sacramento arrived last night driven by a span of six horses, E. J. McManahan, who drove the Portland-San Francisco stage in 1859, will drive the coach and

horses in the parade. Ezra Meeker, patriarch of the Oregon Trail, will also have a prominent part in the parade. Last night he drove an ox team in the pageant Klatawa.

Pioneers Participate Mrs. Mary Elliott, pioneer of 1841, daughter queen of the celebration; Mrs. Melvina Miller, 100, of Cottage Grove, and J. J. Poll, 99, of Eugene are among the pioneers who will be in the march today.

Hallhead, a miniature city, opened today in Concession park. Following the parade a pioneer barbecue will be held at the fair grounds in honor of Ezra Meeker. Judging of whiskers which the men of the city have been nursing for the past few weeks, will be another feature of the day, with a prize of a razor for the whiskered winner.

Flying Circus Drum corps of the state will compete this afternoon in a special event. A flying circus from Pearson Field will be another event, with band concerts adding to the festivities.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 19. (AP)—Shrieking of whistles a herald of the start of the first official passenger train ever on newly-completed Natron cut-off when a special train carrying about 150 local residents left Eugene to attend the Trail-to-Rail celebration.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON (AP) R. H. E. Chicago 9 8 1 Boston 1 5 1 Batteries: Thomas, Conally and Cruise; Wingfield and Gaston.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E. Detroit 1 4 1 Philadelphia 2 19 9 Batteries: Storer, Smith and Bessler; Gray, Willis and Cochran.