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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday, but becoming unsettled in the north-west portion, cloudy or foggy along the coast; cooler in the interior Wednesday.

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EXHIBITION
OF FLOWERS
TO ATTRACT

All of County Municipalities to Send Displays to La Grande

TEN DAYS LEFT FOR PREPAREDNESS

Site of the Neighborhood Club's Annual Show Will Be Decided During Next Few Days.

La Grande has no internationally famous roses, nor can she regale the visiting tenderfoot with scalp-shrinking tales of early copper stampedes. But she does have treasures better than the annual Union county flower show reveals the tastes of a people whose lives are attuned to the beauty of their mountain-rimmed valley homes.

Friday afternoon and evening, Sept. 3, has been announced by the Neighborhood club as the date for the third of these all-county flower exhibitions.

10 Days to Prepare.

That leaves only 10 days in which to make the preparations, and Mrs. E. L. Halden and her committee members are making the most of the intervening hours. The hall is still to be definitely selected. A musical program under direction of Mrs. Lester Stoddard is being completed. Final arrangements are being made for the serving of candy and punch, proceeds from which, together with returns from the sale of some of the flowers, will help reimburse the club for the expense of presenting the show.

Clubwomen are not the only persons who are concerned with the show. Prospective exhibitors, since there was no previous assurance that an exhibit would be held this year, will have Burbank tasks on their hands for the next several days coaxing their favorite blooms to timely perfection.

Weather Unkind.

Torrid noontimes and downright dry spells have had their unkind

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SAM HARRIS TO
ATTEMPT TO SWIM
WALLOWA LAKE

Sam Harris, La Grande business man, made an unsuccessful attempt to swim the length of Wallowa lake Sunday but plans to make another attempt, probably next Sunday.

After making two and a quarter miles in 45 minutes, described as excellent time, he was seized by cramps and forced to quit. His attempt was not preceded by any physical training or dieting. He began to swim at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and the lack of sun permitted the water to grow colder.

Mr. Harris expects to start his next attempt about noon. If he is successful he will be the first man to swim Wallowa lake although three girls have accomplished the feat.

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club
Will Assist Game OfficialsHis
Customer
Depreciation

Every business man allows for the depreciation of his stocks, fixtures and equipment. Some of his stock is certain to become out-of-date, decreased in value. Some of his fixtures and equipment is certain to become worn and less efficient. He must cover this loss with an allowance for depreciation. But sometimes he fails to allow for an item of depreciation that can represent a far more serious loss—customer depreciation. How can he prevent customers dwindling, keep his following from becoming less valuable? His advertising investment protects his customers, prevents depreciation, adds value by adding to his following. If he fails to advertise, he is overlooking the most important depreciation item in his business.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Forest Fire
Burning In
California

Seventy-Five Men Battle Flames That Threaten Mt. Wilson Observatory.

PASADENA, Cal., Aug. 24 (AP)—Seventy-five men are fighting a forest fire which started in the foothills north of Pasadena this morning and which is traveling in the direction of the Carnegie observatory on Mt. Wilson, about seven miles away.

The fire started about three-quarters of a mile west of the Mt. Wilson toll house and gained considerable headway before a crew of fighters could reach the scene.

Forest officials stated that conditions today were very unfavorable for fighting the flames, due to the heat and low humidity.

SIGMA NU IN
ANNUAL MEET

Eastern Oregon Members of Fraternity Gather for Yearly Dinner in La Grande.

About 25 Eastern Oregon members of the Sigma Nu fraternity, with 10 high school students, who plan to enter college this fall, as their guests, gathered at the Summer hotel last evening for their sixth annual banquet.

Members of the fraternity from Baker, Pendleton and points over the valley were present for the banquet, which began at 8 o'clock.

Dr. W. P. McAdory presided as toastmaster, and called upon most of the members present for impromptu talks. Frederick Steiwer, of Pendleton, candidate for United States senator, was present and gave the principal address of the evening.

The Sigma Nu fraternity members here held a banquet of this kind once each year, inviting several prospective college students. The purpose of the banquet is to bring the fraternity members in this part of the state together and to give the students a chance to know the fraternity men and learn something about fraternity life.

Freight Service Will
Start September 1

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—Freight service over the new Cascade line of the Southern Pacific between Eugene and Klamath Falls will start September 1.

Local passenger service between Eugene and Klamath Falls will start September 15. This was stated today at the offices of the general manager of the Southern Pacific company at Portland.

Plans for starting through service between Portland and San Francisco, via the Cascade line has not yet been determined.

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club
Will Assist Game Officials

A determination to assist the game warden of Union county in keeping game law violations at a minimum was arrived at last night at a spirited special meeting of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club held at the city hall building.

The question of putting a stop to the slaughter of timber pheasants, grouse and Chinese pheasants, which the club declares has been going on for the past two weeks, was discussed thoroughly and it was decided that drastic measures should be adopted to bring the offenders to justice.

Arrangements were made to hire ten special deputy game wardens to work under the direction of John Walden. These officers will be duly appointed by the state game commission and given full authority to make arrests. In addition the majority of the members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club have promised to act as special scouts and to turn in any information that they may be able to obtain with reference to violations of the hunting laws. The club is appealing to all other sportsmen to do likewise.

The club also decided to offer a reward of \$25 to any one turning in information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any person shooting birds out of season.

EXAMINE 20
IN INQUIRY
IN PORTLAND

Investigation of Source of So-Called "Yellow Ticket" Under Way

GRAND JURY WILL HEAR U'REN CASE

Steiwer and Latourette, Accused by Portland Attorney, to Testify in Marion County.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—Statements under oath of about 20 witnesses have been taken by the district attorney's office here in an investigation to determine who was responsible for the issuance of the so-called "yellow ticket" at the primary election campaign last May.

George Mowry, deputy district attorney, said the inquiry had been started to determine if the state court practices act had been violated by the printing and distribution of the "yellow ticket."

Mowry said the ticket omitted the name of the printer, which, in itself, he declared, is a violation of the act.

The ticket was purported to have been issued by the Oregon Good Government league, with Fred L. Gifford's name attached. Gifford has denied that he issued the ticket or that he had anything to do with it.

TO HEAR U'REN CHARGES

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—District Attorney John H. Carson, of Marion county today addressed letters to W. S. U'ren, Portland attorney, who alleges that Frederick Steiwer and Jos. N. Latourette, of Portland, had made false statements of Steiwer's primary election campaign for nomination for United States senator, and to Mr. Latourette, advising them that the Marion county grand jury will reconvene early in September and requesting them to appear before that body and submit whatever evidence they may have bearing upon the alleged violations of the election laws.

The letters are in reply to requests received from both U'ren and Latourette for a grand jury investigation in this county of the falsifying filing charges and all matters pertaining to them.

District Attorney Carson advises them that their letters to him requesting an investigation will be laid before the grand jury along with such other evidence and information they may have to offer bearing upon violations of the law coming within the jurisdiction of the Marion county court.

Hiatt Fined \$20 for
Blocking Trail Traffic

Burr Hiatt was fined \$20 and costs in the justice court this morning for operating a header over a public highway thereby blocking traffic without a flagman at the back of the machine.

Hiatt was charged with driving a header eight feet in width which blocked the Old Oregon Trail highway about two miles west of Tolocost without a flagman at the rear on July 24.

The case will be appealed Hiatt's attorney, Eugene Ashwell, told the court after Judge Brady passed sentence this morning.

Mercury Jumps to 101
Above Here Yesterday

La Grande returned to summer time yesterday with a vengeance. Mild weather, with the mercury playing around between 80 and 88 above, was succeeded by a scorch or when the temperature was officially registered at 101 degrees above at the hottest time yesterday afternoon.

The maximum the day before had been but 88 and today promised to be several degrees below the century mark.

Flovd McKennon Named
As Judge of Round-Up

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—The Pendleton Round-Up association Monday announced the judges for the 1926 show.

They are: Dan Clark, of Portland; Allen Grumbler, Portland, and Flovd McKennon, of La Grande. All have accepted.

Mr. McKennon is a familiar figure at the Round-Up, not that he is a performer, but that he has for a number of years assisted in the arena. In the Round-Up vernacular, Mr. McKennon is one of the "old hands" and as such will be most competent as a judge.

To Consider
World Court
On Merits

Coolidge Expects Other Nations to Decide Stand Only on Senate Reservations.

PAUL SMITHS, N. Y. Aug. 24 (AP)—The matter of American entrance to the permanent court of international justice President Coolidge expected will be considered on its merits with the other nations concerned deciding their positions merely in the light of the senate reservations to the protocol of adherence.

Any suggestion that the question of the American entry to the court will be conditioned upon economic concessions such as tariff reductions Mr. Coolidge considers untenable. In fact, it was said today at the summer white house that the president doubts if any informed authorities in other countries would think of making such a suggestion.

Up To Congress

If such were made, it was added, the matter of tariff changes would have to be taken up by congress and the move, in the official position here, would be entirely impractical.

Unfounded reports that appear in the press of this or other countries in such connections, it was emphasized in behalf of the president, only contribute to misunderstandings between nations in a way that conceivably may lead to an endangering of friendly relations.

Western Plans Hazy

An for reports that the agricultural west could be expected in the new congress to seek tariff changes, it was said Mr. Coolidge had heard of them only through the press. He had read the views of Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, that the farmers would seek higher rates on some agricultural products, he said, but no other senator nor other visitors to White Pine camp had mentioned the question to him.

HANDS OFF POLICY ADOPTED

PAUL SMITHS, N. Y. Aug. 24 (AP)—The intention of President Coolidge to maintain a hands-off policy in the selection of a republican nominee for governor in this state was made known today.

In announcing the position of the chief executive after conference with republican leaders of this state, officials made clear that the conference had not concerned the governorship, and Mr. Coolidge does not expect to take any part in that question.

MAJOR PARTIES
MEET IN OHIO

Republicans and Democrats in Session to Adopt Platforms for November Battle.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 24 (AP)—Republicans and democrats were here today to adopt platforms on which they will go before the voters for preference in November and to lay down the gage of battle.

Democrats, starting their convention in the city district will transmit all their business and adjourn this evening. Republicans planned to take two days to do their work.

Thomas J. Duffy, former member of the state industrial commission, and attorney for the Ohio Federation of Labor, is to make the keynote speech, which will start the democratic campaign for the reelection of Governor W. Donahoe, former United States senator, and the remainder of their ticket. The governor and Mr. Donahoe will supplement the keynote address.

The republican keynote address will be delivered late in the day by United States Senator Simon D. Frost and his speech will be supplemented by addresses by Senator Frank B. Willis, candidate for reelection, and Myers Y. Cooper, gubernatorial nominee. Adoption of the republican platform will go over until tomorrow.

Oldest Man in Baker
Laid to Rest Today

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—John M. Worley, known as the oldest man in Baker county, died at his home here Sunday at the age of 101 years, six months and 24 days. Funeral services were held at West chapel this morning and interment was made in the Mount Hope cemetery.

Mr. Worley was born in Virginia, Jan. 27, 1825. He came to Baker county 41 years ago, being then a man of 60 years.

PITTSBURG
BANK SCENE
OF BOMBING

Man Sets Off Explosive After Demand for Cash is Refused

BOMBER'S HEAD IS BLASTED OFF

Institution Resembles a Battlefield — Pedestrians Hit by Showers of Glass.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 24 (AP)—His demand for \$2,000 rejected, a man dressed in working clothes set off a bomb in the Farmers' Deposit Savings bank here late this afternoon. The interior of the institution was wrecked and the explosion resulted in the death of at least one man, critical injuries to two others and cuts and bruises to a score of pedestrians who were passing the institution at the time.

The bomber, said by bank officials to be of foreign appearance, presented a note to D. J. Jones, a teller, demanding the money. Jones summoned other officials and special bank policemen. Two officers, George Orman and Albert Anderson, attempted to seize the man. As they grasped his arms he kicked a satchel which he had placed on the floor. Immediately there was a terrific blast. The man who demanded the money was said to have had his head blown off. The policemen were reported critically hurt.

Many windows in the 16-story building were shattered, engulfing pedestrians in a shower of glass.

The blast occurred in front of the tellers' cages in the Deposits Savings bank, which is a branch of the Farmers' National bank, of which A. E. Braun, newspaper publisher, is president. The cages were ripped asunder and large slabs of marble from floors and walls were hurled about.

Scene Like Battlefield.

Thousands of persons in nearby offices, buildings and theaters rushed to the scene. Police reserves were called in an effort to control the great crowds. The scene a moment after the blast resembled a battlefield. Many

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New Church Exponent
To Speak Here Friday

Eldred E. Ingberich, lecturer for the New Church, of Bryn Athyn, Pa., will arrive here Thursday night on train No. 15 and will speak here Friday and Saturday, both afternoon and evening. The place where the lectures will take place has not yet been announced.

The New Church, or Church of New Jerusalem, is not widely known in this section, although branches are becoming numerous in the eastern part of the United States and in Europe. One has been established in Portland, Spokane and Walla Walla, besides several in California cities.

Mr. Ingberich has traveled extensively, visiting South America and other places of interest. From here he will go to Baker for a two-day stay.

Cove Schools to Open
Monday, September 6

COVE, Aug. 24 (Special)—Schools in the Cove district will begin Monday, September 6. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coad and Miss Doris Neptune have been engaged for the high school and one vacancy remains to be filled. For the grade school, Mrs. J. E. Mills, Miss Grace Gayette, Miss Beatrice Warfield, and Mrs. Helen Conklin have been employed.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

NEW YORK, (AP)—Cleveland-New York postponed, rain.

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Chicago-Philadelphia game postponed, rain.

BOSTON, (AP)—Detroit-Boston game postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITTSBURG, (AP)—R. H. E. Brooklyn 1 5 2

Pittsburg 19 12 1

Batteries: Grimes, Elhardt, Williams, Roehrer and Hargrave; Krenner and Smith.

CHICAGO, (AP)—R. H. E. Philadelphia 4 6 2

Chicago 5 14 2

Batteries: Pierce and Wilson; Root and Gonzales.

Snake Hypnotizes Bird



This remarkable photo shows a Texas rattlesnake in the act of ordering his lunch. The snake is hypnotizing a chaparral bird just before he coils to strike and kill the bewildered bird with his poisonous fangs.

GIRL VICTIM
OF DOPE RING

Sophomore in Western Reserve University Is Questioned in Cleveland About Death.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 24 (AP)—A sophomore in the medical school at Western Reserve university was being questioned today about the death of Dorothy Kirk, 21, who police believe was a victim of drugs given her for experimental purposes.

The detectives found a bushel basket full of drugs under the student's bed. Some were of the most deadly poisons, they assert.

"I met Miss Kirk," the young man said, "at church services."

"When did you first begin giving her drugs?" police asked.

Admits Giving Her Drugs

"A month or six weeks ago," the suspect answered. "Dorothy told me she wasn't feeling well, and I prepared some prescriptions."

"What was the matter with her?"

"I don't know," the suspect replied. "What I gave her was to soothe her. I thought she was nervous."

Police said the youth could not or would not tell what drugs were in the pills. The young man's mother told police that many of the medicines found in her son's room had been prescribed for her by a hospital clinic and by her personal physician for ailments she had suffered in the last two years.

Before they left their former home in Paris, France, six years ago, the mother said she was told by a philosopher that dangers awaited her in America. She and her husband decided to come here for their son to prevent his getting into trouble.

The youth said last Friday night

Coundouritis Assumes
Presidency of Greece

ATHENS, Aug. 24 (AP)—Admiral Coundouritis has decided to resume the presidency until the new elections can be held. This is regarded by all classes as an important step toward the improvement of the domestic situation.

Leaders of the various political parties agreed a conference to the formation of a coalition cabinet as the only solution to the present political problem. It is not known who is favored for the premiership.

France Borrows Huge
Sum from Switzerland

PARIS, Aug. 24 (AP)—The official journal today prints a decree authorizing the ministry of finance to contract a loan of 50,000,000 Swiss francs with the Swiss credit bank of Zurich for the French state railroad. The loan will be in thousand franc bonds and run from April 1, 1927 to October 1, 1931. The interest will be seven per cent.

(The Swiss franc is worth 12.25 cents.)

Commenting on the loan the Echo de Paris remarks that one big result of this loan will be to show the New York market "and those who put an embargo on all French public and private operations" that there still exists beyond their influence reserves of capital ready to come to France's aid.

Bulletins

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—E. M. Croisan, of Salem, today became collector of customs for the district of Oregon, one of the highest appointive federal positions on the Pacific coast.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 24 (AP)—Four airplanes, believed to form part of the equipment of the Mexican revolutionary movement, headed by General Enrique Estrada, were seized last night at an air field here by United States officers, J. George Chaussean, assistant United States district attorney, said this morning.

LAUREL, Mass., Aug. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Scott Allen, aged 35, killed her four children, aged from eight months to eight years, at their home near Moss, Jasper county today. Instantly over religion is given as the cause. Mr. Allen was absent from home.

ROME, Aug. 24 (AP)—The secretary of the state of the Holy See has issued an official statement warning the public against inaccurate news of the present religious controversy in Mexico and reiterating the pope's stand against the new regulations there.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Aug. 24 (AP)—A heavy cannonading has been reported a few miles south of the Greece-Bulgarian frontier near the village of Alivoto, south of Saloniki, Greece. It was reported that the garrison at Saloniki had been attacked and a civil war has broken out.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—A plan to reduce telephone rates and bring the telephone company under "absolute control" throughout the state was laid before Governor Pierce in Portland today by former Congressman Elton Watkins.

A. P. EDITOR DIES

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 24 (AP)—A. A. Silverman, 46, for 10 years night editor of the Associated Press in Cleveland, died this morning. Mr. Silverman was taken ill last Thursday with a heart attack.

Funeral Service For Rudolph
To be Held In New York Monday

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—The funeral of Rudolph Valentino will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the actors' chapel of St. Balach's church in West 49th street.

Following the services the body will be taken to a receiving vault at Woodlawn cemetery, if Valentino's brother, Alberto, has not yet arrived from abroad. If the brother is here in time for the funeral, the body will be turned over to him.

George Utman, Valentino's manager, said he would try to persuade the brother to have him buried at Hollywood, Cal.

THREE HURT IN PANIC

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—A number of persons, including three women and three policemen were injured this afternoon in a panic among the thousands of persons standing in the rain at Sixty-Sixth street and Broadway in front of a funeral chapel waiting to view the body of Rudolph Valentino.

Frightened when mounted patrolmen endeavored to drive the surging crowd away from the plate glass windows in the Broadway entrance to the parlors, the crowd pushed against one of the windows and it crashed.

Three patrolmen were cut by

NATIONAL
DEFENSE'S
SUPPORTED

Commander of American Legion Points Out Dangers of Disarming

PACIFISTS RAPPED BY JOHN McQUIGG

Preparedness Should Be Abreast with Prestige as World Power, He Asserts.

CEDAR CITY, Utah, Aug. 24 (AP)—Declaring that the American Legion "has no patience with those well-meaning but misguided people who are making strenuous efforts to play the arm of America," National Commander John H. McQuigg in an address before the convention of the Utah department of the legion here today, voiced the determination of the veterans' organization to "support every effort to build our national defense on a high plane of preparedness in keeping with our national security and prestige as a world power."

"America is today the richest nation on earth," he declared. "The money center has shifted from London to New York. The civilized world is indebted to America. We are creditors of the universe, and the frailties of humanity are such that debtors are not especially kind to their creditors. We were one of the powers least affected by the war—last in and first out after the job was done, and this very fact is even now creating some feeling abroad."

Sounds Warning.

Persons who would "deprive us of the small defense we have," Commander McQuigg declared, "are taking their eyes to the history of our country and ignore all the experiences of the past. They apparently are willing and anxious to jeopardize all we have gained in the last century and a half."

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THREE FINED IN
PENDLETON FOR
SELLING LIQUOR

PENDLETON, Aug. 24 (AP)—Dan Downey and Emmett Graham late yesterday entered pleas of not guilty to charges of possession and transportation of liquor following their arrests Sunday evening by Sheriff R. T. Cookingham. The two are alleged with having delivered five gallon kegs of liquor at a designated spot where they were arrested by the officials of the county. Downey is held in \$1000 bond and Graham in \$1500 awaiting trial.

T. R. Sweet, arrested in the same case, pleaded not guilty to possession and transportation and was held in \$1000 bond. John Barnes and John Spencer alias James Stewart, were fined \$250 when they pleaded guilty and Barnes was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Joe Berry was fined \$100 when he pleaded guilty to possession and transportation.

Two women taken in the raid were released on their own recognizance to stand trial later.

Funeral Service For Rudolph
To be Held In New York Monday

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—Published reports hinting that Rudolph Valentino had been poisoned, brought from Assistant District Attorney Pecora today a statement that his office had received no definite information on the matter and that he would take no action until official proof was presented to him. Mr. Pecora's statement follows:

"If any responsible party brings any proof tending to show the commission of any crime the matter will receive the official attention of this office, regardless of what it may involve. We are not going off on any rumor or gossip that goes around this town. If we did we would have no time for the legitimate affairs of this office."

The death certificate filed yesterday with the board of health gave as the cause of death a peritonitis with septic pneumonia and septic endocarditis (an infection of the heart tissues) as contributing causes.