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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair in the interior, cloudy or foggy along the coast tonight and Thursday. Cooler in interior of west portion tonight.

106 SHEEP
PURCHASED
AT \$2,958First Annual Ram Sale at
Union Described as
Very SuccessfulAFFAIR WILL BE
AN ANNUAL EVENTTop Price Paid for Ram
\$70—Ewes Bring Average
of \$23.78 and Rams
\$31.43.

Eastern Oregon's first annual ram sale was held at the stock show grounds at Union yesterday afternoon and was a decided success. So successful in fact that this year's consideration may that it will be continued as an annual event. One hundred and six head of sheep were sold for a total of \$2,958. Fifteen buyers were present among the 150 persons in attendance and prices received were fair. The buyers were all well pleased with stock purchased and declare they will bring others to the sale in 1927.

A stud ram listed by J. D. Dolbin brought the top price of \$70 and was purchased by Ed Miller, of Union. Mr. Miller was the heaviest purchaser of rams at the sale. Robert Withycombe, of the Union experiment station, bought the second stud ram entered by Dolbin for \$55. The top price received for yearling rams was \$15, paid by G. W. Rugg, of Pilot Rock, for two pens of ram lambs entered by Mr. Dolbin. Mr. Rugg is one of Unafills county's largest range sheep men, running 7000 head of sheep in the Pilot Rock vicinity.

Whitmore Sell: 20. Carl Whitmore, of Joseph, was the largest consignor at the sale. Some of his sheep—about 20 head—were sold to T. E. Kennedy, of Medical Springs. In the number was the ram lamb bringing the highest price which sold for \$23.78. Dr. W. T. Plax, of Hot Lake, was the heaviest purchaser of registered ewes. He bought 24 head of the best even at the sale and expects to secure an outstanding ram and become one of the important purebred sheep breeders of the county.

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BAND WILL PLAY
CONCERT FRIDAY
NIGHT THIS WEEK

The La Grande municipal band will appear in concert at the hall behind the high school Friday evening at eight o'clock. It is announced today by Andrew Loney, director.

The band has been undergoing some stiff rehearsals of late, in preparation for the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon jobs next month, and a program that will appear to all, the director reports, is being drawn up.

160 May Attend Second Meet
of New Pipesmokers' Club

Host Clint Haynes, of the newly formed pipesmokers' club, is beginning to worry.

Yes, the club is growing by leaps and bounds, and is more successful than he ever dreamed.

His
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? He 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"

Wallowans
Hopeful of
High PricesWheat Men Are Holding
Grain Until Market
Turns Upward—
Rain Halts Harvest.

WALLOWA, Ore., Aug. 25. (Special).—Harvest operations were held up here several days last week, because of rain which fell the first of the week. Shocks in the fields were wet considerably, and some of the grain standing in the field was softened some, requiring a few days sun and wind to dry it sufficiently for threshing. Some of the stationary outfits commenced threshing again Saturday morning, and it is expected that the rain will prove beneficial in getting a good job of threshing, as the straw, when toughened, does not break up so badly.

Practically all winter wheat in the hill sections has been threshed at this time. The yield has been below normal in many fields, while a few scattered fields have produced very satisfactory yields. Ground which sloped to the south and east produced very heavy crops. Much of the spring sown grain on dry land has been harvested at this time. However, the yield has not been good, much of the spring sown grain yielding as low as eight and 10 bushels on acre. This is considered a very low yield, due to the fact

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SELLS LIQUOR
TO DRY AGENTW. A. Gidney Fined \$350
And Costs by Judge H.
E. Brady After Pleading
Guilty.

Three dollars a gallon probably would not be considered a handsome margin of profit on moonshine whiskey in professional bootlegging circles. But W. A. Gidney, high on admission, was only an amateur. That may explain the fact that he chose a state prohibition officer for one of his customers. In any case, it led to his taking up quarters at the county jail this morning, with prospects of remaining there as many days as there are two dollars in \$250 and costs, officers declare.

"Go as light as you can Judge," begged the defendant in justice court, after he had pleaded guilty to a second violation of the 13 gallons of whiskey a second prohibition officer took from him. Just as he was ready to make a delivery last evening at North Powder.

"Two hundred and fifty dollars and costs," pronounced the court, "is about as light as I can go and be consistent."

Gidney came to Eastern Oregon from Oklahoma about six months ago. He lived for a couple of months at Baker, from where he moved to North Powder in the spring.

It would be when the idea first originated. But that didn't cause the anxiety.

And with such a large and talented bunch of neophytes were bound to be present, it would be a calamity if the food gave out!

So today Host Haynes is sending an urgent plea to all who have received invitations, and have not yet sent in their cards of acceptance, to drop them in the mail immediately.

Invitations have been sent, besides those mailed to La Grande people, to smokers residing in Portland, Boise, Baker, Union, Cove, Pendleton, Elgin, Walla Walla, The Dalles, Salem and Medford, thus giving the affair a northwestern atmosphere.

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MEXICO'S
TROUBLES
DISCUSSEDSecretary Kellogg and
Ambassador Sheffield
Meet in WashingtonOIL LAND PROBLEM
IMPORTANT ISSUESheffield Favors Strong
Stand for American
Rights—Denies Resignation Rumor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP).—Mexico's present troubles, particularly her dispute with the United States over the new land and oil laws, were discussed today at a conference between Secretary Kellogg and Ambassador Sheffield, both here from the Mexican capital.

The ambassador brought with him to the state department many first-hand details of the religious controversy in the southern republic and exact information about the attitude of the Calles government on this and other questions now disturbing Mexico City officials.

It was apparent that the outstanding diplomatic issues under consideration at the conference was the land and oil controversy, for months a subject of official correspondence. A reply to the latest American note of protest is awaited as the next step in the exchange, but meantime Mr. Sheffield was able to give Secretary Kellogg an intimate picture of the probabilities of the situation and of the general attitude of Calles and his cabinet toward Washington.

Working on solution. Department officials insist that despite surface indications of a disagreement, the ambassador and the secretary were working in perfect harmony toward solution of the oil and land problems. Mr. Sheffield has indicated that he favors a strong stand for protection of American rights, but he had no hostile word of criticism today for the conciliatory tone which has characterized the American notes delivered by him, or orders from Washington to the Mexican foreign office.

When his attention was called to reports that he was preparing to resign, Mr. Sheffield called attention to the statement issued by Mr. Kellogg after his recent conference with the president at Paul Smith's. In that statement the secretary declared the ambassador would keep his post and no change was desired either by him or the state department.

"If that statement was made," said Ambassador Sheffield, "it must be true."

CIRCUIT COURT
NOT TO CONVENE
IN SEPTEMBER

"Circuit court will not be convened here in September, announced Judge J. W. Knowles today.

Several cases among them, Lee Reynolds' suit against the city for damages to his health and dairy business that he claims were due to sewer seepage, had appeared for argument an adjourned session of the June term, but the number that will actually be ready for trial by next month does not justify the expense of calling a special jury, the judge explained. Moreover, he indicated that he was loathe to take men from the farms during the harvest season.

Judge Knowles heard motions in several important cases at Pendleton yesterday. Judge Phelps, for whom he was substituting, writes from Seattle that he hopes to be back on the bench in a week or two.

Mercury Climbs to 103
Yesterday Afternoon

Although yesterday started out with indications that Monday's high mark of 101 degrees above would not be passed, conditions changed early in the afternoon and the mercury in the official thermometer above the municipal building never wavered until it reached 103 above, on par with the hottest day this year.

Last night was one of the warmest nights of August, with a minimum of 61. At 7:30 o'clock this morning the mercury had climbed to 71 above.

WISH THEY COULD SWIM

ATHENS.—Pangalos and Abd-El-Krim are in the same boat and probably wish they were long distance swimmers. The ousted Greek dictator has been exiled to Agia island and the French are sending the abdik to Reunion island in the Indian ocean.

Intervention
By Governor
Is RequestedCommittee From Chiloquin
Would Stop Alleged High-Handed
Practices of Officials.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 25. (AP).—Intervention of Governor Walter M. Pierce in affairs of the town of Chiloquin, incorporated this spring, is asked by a committee from the place, headed by T. L. Snook.

Snook, in a communication mailed to the governor, charges the recent election, the first held by the city since its incorporation, was illegal because of 125 voters sworn in; only three were vouched for by freeholders, as is required by law.

Furthermore, Snook alleges, first acts of the city government were the granting of 99-year franchises to the Chiloquin Water Telephone and Telegraph company, actions alleged illegal because Mayor A. C. Geisner owns the Chiloquin Water company and because Councilman J. L. Hess is part owner and manager of the telephone company.

Immorality charged. A previous communication of Snook and his supporters is on file with the district attorney's office here, pending action by the county grand jury, in which charges of gambling and immorality are set forth.

DUST PRIMARY,
G.O.P. TO URGEOhio Republicans Will
Take No Action, However,
Until People Ratify
Plan.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 25. (AP).—The Ohio republican party today stood pledged to carry before the voters in November a plank for repeal of the state primary law.

The declaration, adopted by the platform committee of the state convention in session here, is merely a pledge and declares nothing would be done toward repeal if it is not ratified by the voters at the November election.

The democratic platform adopted yesterday committed that party against repeal of the primary system and declared against heavy campaign expenditures in the November election.

Both parties apparently are to fight shy of the prohibition question during the campaign.

Two Killed When Work
Train Hits Handcar

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 25. (AP).—Two persons are dead and nine are in a hospital at Gallup, seriously injured, as the result of a wreck at a Santa Fe work train west of Theresa, early today. The dead are T. J. Tucker, Gallup, conductor, and Mrs. W. Hansen, wife of a bridge foreman.

The victims, aside from the conductor, were asleep in the rear car of the train which in backing, struck a handcar. The rear car was derailed and six of the 13 other cars piled up on it. All but one of the 100 sleeping workmen escaped with minor injuries.

TWO CARS COLLIDE

Two cars, one driven by Clyde Winn, of this city, and the other an Iowa tourist's car, came together at the intersection of Adams avenue and Fir street at about 6 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Winn's two little children, 13-year-old Louis, were riding in the back seat and Ellen was thrown from the car to the pavement and her head bruised slightly. Louis was also a little bruised about the head. Damages to the cars was slight.

PIONEER HOME BURNED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 25. (AP).—Saved numerous times from destruction by forest fires, the Lucien Applegate home on Swan lake, erected in 1886, burned late yesterday. Sparks from a defective fire are blamed. Lucien Applegate, who died last winter, crossed the plains with his parents when one year old.

SAGINAW, Mich., Aug. 25. (AP).—Criticism of the workings of the Fordney-McCumber tariff law relative to alleged high duty rates on articles chiefly used by farmers are wholly unjustified, former Congressman Joseph W. Fordney declared in an interview published here today.

ELECTIONS
MAY SHOW
1928 TRENDTwelve States to Go to
the Polls During Next
Few WeeksPUBLIC OPINION
TO BE UNCOVEREDKeen Interest Centers in
Pennsylvania Senatorial
Race—Al Smith Is
Biggest Mystery.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (AP).—The sound of the tocsin will soon reverberate in primaries and elections to be held in twelve north and middle Atlantic states—New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and the New England states—the echo of which may still be heard in the first skirmish of the presidential campaign of 1928.

Smith a Mystery. Apart from the regular coast to coast congressional campaigns politicians with a weather eye to windward are watching for events in New York where the electors will choose a governor and other high state officers as well as a senator. Governor Al Smith is still the big unanswered question. Whether he will consent to run again probably will not be known until the convention late in September.

He has declared that he is not a candidate, notwithstanding the pressure on him to make the race. The democrats also will name a man to succeed to the senatorship of James W. Wadsworth whose term expires. The republicans have indicated that they will name Wadsworth to succeed himself.

Prohibition is very much to the fore in New York where the voters will pass on a memorial to congress to amend the prohibition act so as to permit each state to determine what shall constitute intoxicating liquor under the law.

Pennsylvania Watched. Keen interest centers in the senatorial election in Pennsylvania since it was disclosed before the senate investigating committee that nearly three million dollars was spent in the primaries in which Congressman William S. Vare was chosen. He ran on a platform that advocated the modification of the Volstead act. William B. Wilson, secretary of labor under President Wilson, is the democratic candidate for senator. He ran as a dry in the primary. John S. Fisher, republican, will oppose him.

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TRAIN HITS RIG;
KILLS HORSE AND
INJURES DRIVER

ROSBURG, Ore., Aug. 25. (AP).—J. W. McConnell, a resident of Rosburg, was painfully injured last night when his buggy was struck by a southbound passenger train at the Oak street crossing in this city.

Mr. McConnell did not hear the train approaching and saw no flagman as he started across the tracks, and the train was almost upon him before he realized his danger. He attempted to turn the horse, but the animal was hit squarely by the engine and killed almost instantly. The impact threw Mr. McConnell from his rig which was dragged about 50 feet. He suffered numerous bruises and cuts, and because of his age is in a serious condition as the result of shock.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
Detroit 11 17 2
Boston 4 9 2
Batteries—Gibson, McPadden and Marston; Wingfield, Russell and Gibson.

NEW YORK (AP) R. H. E.
Cleveland 6 12 0
New York 0 8 0
Batteries—Uhl and L. Sewell; Jones, Thomas, Braxton and Seaver.

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

WASHINGTON (AP)—St. Louis-Washington postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PITTSBURGH (AP) R. H. E.
Brooklyn 2 5 0
Pittsburgh 1 7 0
Batteries—McGraw and Deberry; Aldridge, Bush, Gooch, Morrison and Smith.

She Treats 'Em Rough



Bootleggers and other liquor law violators have been faring poorly at Fort Worth, Tex., since Mrs. Sarah Cory Menzies became assistant U. S. district attorney. Out of the 57 cases she handled, she got 51 convictions, continued four cases to get more evidence, had a hung jury in one more and saw the defendant acquitted in only one. She gets prison terms for all second offenders.

ROUND-UP SAID
'MOST VICIOUS'Commercialized Rodeos
Scored in Convention
of American Humane
Association.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25. (AP).—The commercialized rodeo or round-up, was branded as "one of the most vicious influences in America upon the morals of childhood" in an address today at the annual convention of the American Humane association by Dr. J. H. Nichols, Tacoma, Wash., chairman of the humane education committee of the Congress of Parents and Teachers organization.

Declaring that a general line of operation in national state branches of parent-teachers organization has been directed against rodeos, he added "in this powerful co-operation other humane agencies may take courage and look with renewed hope to the hour when the head of public opinion shall be set upon the head of this serpent."

The convention turned today to

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Tacna-Arica Problem
Solution Is Offered

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 25. (AP).—The Chilean government has received a communication from Dr. Miguel Cruchaga, the ambassador to the United States, containing a new proposal reported to have been made by Frank H. Kellogg, American secretary of state, for a settlement of the dispute between Chile and Peru over the provinces of Tacna and Arica, now held by Chile.

The proposal is understood to be that Tacna be given to Peru, that a corridor to the sea, extending ten kilometers north of Arica, be awarded to Bolivia, and that the remainder of the disputed territory, including the Arica-Lapaz railway, be given to Chile.

The cabinet will meet tonight to discuss the proposal, and the chamber will gather Thursday to decide on acceptance or rejection of the cabinet's decision.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (AP).—The state department denied today that Secretary Kellogg had made new proposals for settlement of the Tacna-Arica dispute as reported in Santiago. It was asserted that the secretary had not met with Ambassador Cruchaga for more than two weeks and that nothing new had transpired in the situation during that time.

Boy Grief Stricken. Examination of the girl's stomach, said failing, authorities have been forced to search for further information concerning her strange

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (AP).—Two American destroyers will be sent to the Nicaraguan ports of Bluefields and Corinto because of the revolutionary outbreak in that country. The step was described here as a precautionary measure for protection of American interests.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 25. (AP).—The storm raging up through the Gulf of Mexico toward the Eastern Louisiana coast is of hurricane force, said messages received here today from the steamship Cranford, reporting from a point about 120 miles south of Morgan City.

GALESTON, Tex., Aug. 25. (AP).—Reports from ships in the Gulf of Mexico today indicated winds of hurricane velocity were accompanying the tropical storm moving inland from the gulf.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 25. (AP).—Two miners were killed today at the Klondike mine south of here in a fall of 500 tons of slate.

Mania For Administering
Medicines Cause of Death

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 25. (AP).—The mania of her youthful sweetheart for administering medicines is seen by authorities as the only plausible reason for the death Sunday of pretty Dorothy Kirk, 21-year-old stenographer who, it is believed, died as a result of overdoses of poisons given her by Emil Ballanescu, 21, her suitor.

This theory has gained weight as the questioning of the youth has delved further into the strange relations of the pair and as examination of the girl's stomach by coroner A. P. Hammond and City Chemist Harold J. Knapp has proceeded.

Ballanescu, according to police, has admitted prescribing medicines for the girl, but is adamant in his refusal to disclose what they were. 35 numerous were the pills and other medicines taken by the girl that chemists working under Dr. Knapp have pronounced the girl's stomach a "veritable storehouse of drugs."

It might prove impossible to isolate the medicines found in the girl's stomach, Dr. Knapp said, or to attribute her death to any one drug. So far as has been learned, no poisons were given Miss Kirk and it might be necessary to attribute her death to an indiscriminate conglomeration of medicines, it was said.

Police expect to detain him until an analysis of the chemicals found in the girl's vital organs and in the boy's home is completed.

Indiana Model, Warren, Ohio, attorney, retained yesterday to represent the boy, said last night that there was nothing criminal in the girl's death and that he would demand the lease of Ballanescu today.

TAX CUTS
WAITING ON
WAR DEBTSRepresentative Madden
Expects No More Im-
mediate ReductionsVISITS COOLIDGE
AT SUMMER CAMPPresident Emphasizes In-
tention to Adhere to
Administration's Econ-
omy Plans.

PAUL SMITH, N. Y., Aug. 25. (AP).—Further tax reduction in the United States must await the funding of all the world war debts owed this country by other nations is the belief of Representative Madden, republican, of Illinois.

Mr. Madden, who was the overnight guest of President Coolidge at White Pine camp, thinks no tax reduction program should be laid for the forthcoming short session of congress, although it is his opinion that by the time the congress of December, 1927 comes into session the situation may warrant an effort at cutting taxes.

Hinges on Debt Situation. Mr. Madden is convinced, however, that future attempts at reduction should only follow complete adjustment of the foreign debt situation.

The representative's views were obtained upon his arrival at camp yesterday. At the same time he issued a statement in which he defended the protective tariff, praised the economy program of

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U. S. MAKES MOVE
TO PROTECT ITS
CHINA PAYMENTS

PEKING, Aug. 25. (AP).—The United States legation today lodged with the foreign office an emphatic protest against the proposed use by the Chinese government of the customs revenue surplus, soon to become available, as security for a new domestic loan to the detriment of American creditors.

The protest names 21 American concerns whose Chinese accounts are in arrears and reminds the government of its obligation toward them. The legation asserts that the proposed action means further failure to observe good faith in its transactions with Americans.

The customs surplus referred to becomes available in 1927 through the extinguishment of the ninth year democratic loan.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 25. (AP).—Agiators, attempting to intimidate the workers at the Japanese owned Dong Shing cotton mills here, fired a volley of shots near the plant today, killing a Chinese watchman and wounding one worker and a girl pedestrian. The assailants escaped.