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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair in the interior, cloudy along the coast tonight and Tuesday. Cooler in the east portion tonight.

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CHAPTER IN STANFIELD'S WAR ADDED 150 LOOKED FOR DURING UNION MEET

Junior Senator Makes Hot Answer to Phil Metsch's Statement

'EXPOSURE' IS UP TO HIM, HE DECLARES

Dubbed a "Poor Loser," Replies That He Was Not Fairly Beaten; Calls Ticket Fraud.

Inter-Mountain Methodist Episcopal Gathering Plans Going Ahead

CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

L. A. Wright to Make Address of Welcome Due to Absence of Original Speaker.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—Another chapter in the political row in which Senator Robert W. Stanfield is a central figure developed in the publication today of a reply which Stanfield has made to a statement by Phil Metsch, chairman of the republican state central committee.

UNION, Aug. 29 (Special)—Owing to the fact that L. Z. Terrell who was slated for the address of welcome at the ministers' reception Tuesday evening, at the Inter-Mountain Methodist Episcopal conference, is on a camping trip, that part of the program will be filled by L. A. Wright, Rev. Quinn reported Sunday that already nearly one hundred ministers had sent in their names for the week and he predicts that the ministers and other visitors will number about 150—many more than was at first anticipated.

Cites Jury Action. In reply to the first, Stanfield cited that "two Oregon grand juries are getting ready to investigate the yellow ticket." Concerning the second the senator said that "even the two grand juries got through with their investigations next month I am confident that Mr. Metsch will admit the perpetration."

To Last Six Days. A delegation of Island City folks (Continued on Page 5)

LOWER RATE ASKED ON LIME SHIPPED FROM S. OREGON

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—Reduction in rates on lime rock from Willamette, Josephine county to all points in the Willamette valley is asked by Governor Hester in a complaint filed with the public services commission Sunday. A reduction of \$1 a ton and a milling in transit rate of 50 cents additional per ton is sought. The present rate to Salem is \$2.95 per ton. The maximum rate in carload lots from Willamette to Salem under the proposed tariff would be \$1 per ton and \$1.50 after being milled at the penitentiary plant. The proposed tariff would apply to carload shipments while correspondingly low rates are asked for less than carload lots. The complaint points out that agricultural lime fertilizer is necessary for the preservation and building up of the soils of western Oregon but that farmers are unable to purchase it at the present high freight rates. The complaint is directed at the Southern Pacific railroad.

LOCAL ROTARIAN BACK FROM MEET HELD AT ASTORIA

F. L. Meyers returned to La Grande this morning after attending a meeting of Rotary presidents and secretaries from all over the northwest at Astoria Friday and Saturday. Mr. Meyers is president of the local club. Dr. W. T. Pyle also attended the meeting, substituting for the Rev. William C. Ross, secretary, who was in the east. The meeting was attended by about 100 presidents and secretaries of Rotary clubs from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia and was both interesting and instructive. Mr. Meyers relates. The second day's session was completed by about 2 o'clock and the remainder of the afternoon was spent playing golf. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of Jim Beatty, of Victoria, district governor, who recently attended a district governor's meeting held in Chicago, when the work of the Rotary for the coming year was outlined, the presidents and secretaries in attendance to bring the information imparted by Mr. Beatty to their respective clubs. Mr. Meyers reports that Astoria was an ideal place for the meeting, with fine weather all of the time. Many people were passing through the coast city, going to and from the Oregon beaches.

It's Tough To Pay 30c A Pound For Steak; It's Tougher If You Pay 20c



SEE NORMAL WHEAT PRICE ONLY, IN '27

Department of Agriculture Has Little Hope of World Change

1925 HIGH PRICES HELD UNLIKELY

Same Problems Confronting Growers Next Year as Those Faced Now, Is Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (AP)—Wheat growers were advised by the department of agriculture today that the world market situation probably would show little change from the present in 1927, and that they should not expect conditions similar to those prevailing in 1925, when prices were on a domestic market basis. "It does not seem likely that the world market situation for wheat next year will be materially different from the present," the department statement continued, "as there is little indication of any material expansion in acreage outside the United States and the carry over next July is not likely to be large. Foreign Competition Feat. Barring unusually high yields such as occurred in 1916 and 1925, over a large part of the world, foreign competition probably will be about on a par with the present year. "If the American farmers carry out their intentions to increase winter wheat acreage, 14.4 per cent, and abandonment and yields average, a winter wheat crop of around 573,000,000 bushels would be produced, which would be about 5 per cent less than the harvest of 1925. With this average yield next year there would be a surplus for export and additions to carry over to amount 280,000,000 bushels. Should Not Be Mistaken. "Farmers should not be misled by the relatively prices received for the wheat crop harvested in 1925, when prices were on a domestic basis and under normal conditions (Continued on Page Eight)

Jacobs' Mill Near Powder Again Burns

Mysterious Blaze Destroys Sawmill Just Before Summer Season Work Is Ended.

UNION, Aug. 29. (Special)—For the third time in the past few years the Jacobs brothers have suffered a loss of their sawmill by fire. The last fire occurred at the mill located near North Powder last Thursday night. The fire, the cause of which is something of a mystery completely destroyed the mill. Mr. Jacobs was rushing the work so as to finish up what sawing he had in that vicinity before shutting down for the summer, when his work was stopped by the loss of his mill.

STATE PROHIBITION CHIEF SUED FOR DAMAGE

William S. Levens and Deputies Targets for Big Cash Demand

\$50,000 IS ASKED AFTER ARREST

Russell Beckett of Salem, Says Conviction Cast Stigma on Family—Charges "Rough" Acts

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 30. (AP)—Damages of \$50,000 are sought William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner, and three unnamed deputies in a suit filed in the circuit court by Russell Beckett, convicted of possession of liquor. The complaint asks \$10,000 for each of five counts, the plaintiff alleging that his arrest and conviction has "cast a stigma upon his widow and other members of his family, that his name has been blackened and blighted, that he is unable to earn a respectable living, that his earnings capacity has been damaged," and the final count would collect \$10,000 as he "was compelled to move from home" following his arrest. Cites Alleged Threat. Beckett declares in his complaint that Prohibition Commissioner Levens has threatened to make his home a "burning" and he would run Beckett out of town. The deputies used "strong arm" methods in handling the case, it is alleged. Beckett was found guilty of possession of liquor in the justice court and was sentenced to six months in the county jail and received a fine of \$500 in addition. Upon appeal to the circuit court the lower court was upheld by Judge Thomas of Medford, and the state is now on appeal to the supreme court. Beckett is at liberty under \$1250 bonds. CALIFORNIA WILL BALLOT TOMORROW IN PRIMARY RACE

UNION CHURCH SERIES ENDED

Rev. Mr. Ross, Head of Ministerial Association, Returns from Chicago with Fall Plans. Last evening's service at the Presbyterian church, the Rev. George Albert Pollock, Baptist pastor, delivering the message, marked the close of the summertime series of union worship, for which Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians gather each July and August by traditional custom. Year-around schedules will be resumed in most of the churches in September. Plans and projects, however, await the convening of boards, officers and memberships. The Rev. William Crosby Ross, president of the La Grande Ministerial association, arrived home this morning from Chicago, where a month of postgraduate study at the divinity school of the University of Chicago supplanted his usual vacation this year. While no announcement has been made, the

Ma Ferguson's Rival Running 2 to 1 In Lead

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 29 (AP)—Don Moody, youthful attorney general today was in a lead of two to one over Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. These returns gave Moody 469,182; Ferguson 247,169. Statements were forthcoming from the camps of both candidates on the day following the election, although Governor Ferguson remained silent, permitting her husband, former governor James E. Ferguson, and her campaign manager, Guy Hottel, to speak for her. "My wife is a good sport," was former Governor Ferguson's declaration of Mrs. Ferguson when asked how his wife was taking her defeat. He philosophized at length, observing that "within the next six months Moody besieged by the hungry boys with tongues hanging out for favors, will realize that being governor is not one continual round of plaudits." He intimated that as was not ready to reply when asked whether the outcome meant the termination of "Fergusonism" in Texas politics. Moody's statement following the primary declared the result definitely ended the political career of James E. Ferguson, Ferguson symbolized the "Fergusonism" which Moody urged and assailed as the campaign's principal issue.

PIONEER RAIL EMPLOYEE DIES

W. D. Harding, Born Here 56 Years Ago, Succumbs After Illness of Several Weeks. William David Harding, who was born in this city 56 years ago and began his career with the railroad soon after the first tracks were laid to Eastern Oregon, died yesterday at a hospital in Portland following an illness of several weeks, according to word received here by his mother, Mrs. Emma Harding. The body will be brought to La Grande, and funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman chapel. Mr. Harding, born here Nov. 27, 1870, was counted among the pioneer residents of the Grande Ronde valley. Joined Railroad Early. Entering railroad service while he was just a youth, he was rapidly promoted to the position of conductor. Longtime residents here remember him as a young man of unusual enterprise and industry. About 1899, Mr. Harding left La Grande for Portland. He was married there to Marjorie Wimer in 1892. Their residence thereafter was for much of the time at Corvallis, Alaska. Mr. Harding returned to Portland about three months ago for surgical treatment, but made no recovery. Leaves Many Relatives. Besides his mother, surviving relatives are the widow and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Edna Emigh, of Portland; a sister, Mrs. Cora Harding, of La Grande; and the following brothers: Edwin C. Harding, of La Grande; Fred J. Harding, of Vancouver, Wash.; Joseph P. Harding, of Madras, Ore.; and Charles H., now of Portland, but until recently a banker in this city. Mr. Harding was a member of the Knights of Pythias for many years, and an ardent disciple of the teachings of the order. Dr. Parker Officiates. Dr. Henry W. Parker, Methodist pastor, performed the simple services at the grave this afternoon. Snodgrass & Zimmerman attended. Those present included Mrs. McKennon's father, J. L. Carter, of Portland, a former county school superintendent here; her only sister, Mrs. George Tracy, of Oregon City, and one of her two brothers, Miles Carter, and Mrs. Carter, of Hood River. The other brother, Edward Carter, of Portland, was unable to attend.

SCOTLAND YARD IS NOW ON TRAIL OF THE D'AUTREMONTS

LONDON, Aug. 29 (AP)—Scotland Yard operatives have begun a nation-wide search for three robbers named D'Autremont, who are wanted in the United States for the alleged murder of four persons in connection with the holding up of a train near Shelbyville, Ore., in 1925. The operatives are being spurred on by an offer of \$15,000 as a reward for the capture of the men by the United States government and a tip that the men are hiding in England. Two of the brothers, Roy and Ray, are 26 year old twins. The other brother is Hugh, the youngest of them and he said to have been leader in the robbery. He is said to be a graduate of a New Mexico high school.

CITY BOUNDARIES WILL BE TALKED AT FRIDAY MEET

In behalf of the movement toward the expansion of the municipal boundaries, a special meeting of the city commission and planning commission has been called for 7:30 p. m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the city hall. Everybody in La Grande who is interested in the proposed expansion, and particularly everyone residing in the territory that would be affected, is urged to be at the meeting. Opportunity will be given for the expression of opinions, and questions from those who are interested will be invited, according to H. E. Dixon, who is chairman of the planning commission.

E. O. Normal School Is Explained to Rotarians

Exposition of the measure to establish a state normal school in Eastern Oregon, which is to be presented for approval of the voters at the general election this fall, was given by A. H. Hunter at the luncheon meeting of La Grande Rotarians at the Foley hotel this noon. Oscar Landsey, a Spokane banker and Rotarian, who formerly lived in Union county, Dr. Chas. Mumma, of Chicago, his host, Dr. Mark Phay, of Hot Lake, and Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce, were guests. Each responded briefly in response to the invitation that followed introductions.

\$3,000 Residence Here Is Destroyed by Blaze

Completely ablaze when the city firemen arrived in response to a call at 12:30 a. m. Sunday, the home of E. Davis, on Lake street, burned to the ground. The loss, estimated at \$3,000 or more, is understood not to have been covered by insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown. The Davis family has been at North Powder for several days. Mr. Davis, an employee of the Bowman-Hicks lumber company, could not be reached today. Two other fire calls answered by the department Saturday afternoon and evening were reported as causing little damage.

CHANNEL SWIM IS NEGOTIATED BY VIERKOETEN

DOVER, Eng., Aug. 29 (AP)—Otto Vierkoeten, of Germany, today swam the English channel. He landed at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon at Langdon State, half way between Dover and St. Margareta's bay from Cape Gris Nez, France, where he entered the water at 1:25 a. m.

KILLS ELKS AND DRAWS BIG FINE

Ernest Brannon Must Pay \$200 and Serve 30 Days for Act—Pleads Guilty to Charge.

Ernest Brannon of this city was brought before Justice of the Peace Hugh E. Brady Saturday after District Game Warden John Walden had arrested him on Beaver creek, 10 miles southwest of La Grande, and charged him with the slaughter of elk. When apprehended Warden Walden said Brannon claimed the elk meat he possessed had been given him, but the game warden promptly disbelieved this possibility, that a stranger would give one an elk he had just killed, he said, and brought his prisoner to the county jail. Brannon had only about 10 or 12 pounds of the elk meat on him, the warden said, what he did with the remainder of the animal not being known. After Brannon pleaded guilty, Saturday, Judge Brady fined him \$200 and sentenced him to 30 days in the county jail. Should the fine not be paid the total time which Brannon would have to serve is "stay it out" would amount to four months and 10 days, Marden Walden said.

Fragrant Rose Yields Old Story A Twig Which Crossed Plains in Covered Wagon Interesting History Is Recounted

It won't be entered in the Union county flower show—being of the good old-fashioned kind, it is content to scatter its bloom when June is spent—but the Mission rose that stands in Mrs. Don Turner's garden, out on Z Avenue, is of an honorable lineage that few blossoms in this neighborhood can match. Mrs. Turner's grandmother brought the parent plant to Oregon when she crossed the plains from Iowa in 1842. Israel Mitchell, Mrs. Turner's grandfather, was a surveyor, a wise and Christian gentleman, and when he decided to join the pilgrims of 1847, his wife agreed dutifully to accompany him. But she determined in her heart to take her posies with her. Their cherry faces were in his hand, when she was going to make her home. Starts From Slip. Potting the rose slips and a few other plants from her beloved garden in a little box, she nursed them carefully all the way across the desert. When water became so scarce that even drops were counted, she often went without, so that she might pour her portion around the roots of her thirsty flowers. Flowers, it has been said, grow only for those who love them. Perhaps Mrs. Mitchell's rose sensed her devotion, for it survived to brighten her wilderness home. A great bush from its roots still flourishes in Portland, near the end of Terrillville boulevard, where it was planted years ago. Brought Slip Here. From that bush, in 1838, when she was visiting her childhood home in the Willamette valley, Mrs. Turner brought a slip back to La Grande. She set it in the treacherous lawn of what is still known as the Turner place, on the west end of C avenue. In a few years it became a tall

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Bulletins

LENINGRAD, Russia, Aug. 30. (AP)—One hundred persons perished when the Russian steamer Burevestnik collided with the German steamer Graine in the Morskoi canal near here last night. A majority of the victims were Russians. LONDON, Aug. 30. (AP)—A press association dispatch from Pontybol, in Monmouth county, Wales says "many casualties" resulted when police charged a crowd of several hundred after a riot in which stones were thrown by unemployed coal miners. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 30. (AP)—Sudden cold following on the heels of a heat wave brought about the general wearing of overcoats here yesterday and today. Rain has fallen intermittently during the past two days temporarily ending all forest fire dangers. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 30. (AP)—Both Grande Ronde and Ashland yesterday caused postponement of what was to have been the final game of the Southern Oregon baseball league. Medford was scheduled to play Ashland and Klamath Falls was to have played Grants Pass. LONDON—You can just leave the window open and hear what's on the air if signor Marconi's latest invention is developed. No dials, aerials or batteries to bother with. He has perfected a radio loud speaker that can be heard for 10 miles. Bricklayers are all right. Don't lay many bricks. But look at the hen—she lays one egg a day. For the wee stranger is no less a personage than the daughter of Bodies, an \$500 Jersey cow, and of Combination Premier, who sold for \$25,000, when he was 14 years old. Both Forward and Volunteer leading sires of America, she claims as grandfathers. But despite her royal blood, she found companions of her ilk at the Bell ranch, where 12 purebred Jerseys gave her welcome. Twenty-five high grade Jerseys were there also to pay their admiring respects. May Rival Champion. She is expected before long to rival Bessie's Oregon Queen, the purebred calf that won Miss Gertrude Bell the championship ribbon in the Jersey class last fall at the Pacific International and the grand championship for two successive years at Union. The Bell brothers bought the Jersey bull from the herd of G. H. Dammer while they were in Portland last week. Dammer's top cow is a \$2,500 animal, they say.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE. ST. LOUIS (AP)..... 5 1 1. Baltimore..... 2 3 0. Batteries—Kremer and Smith; Ithem, H. Bell and O'Farrell.