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THE WEATHER OREGON: Cloudy on the coast, fair in the interior tonight and Tuesday. Normal temperature and normal humidity.

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WET LAW IN CANADA NOT WORKING OUT

Major Schoff Tells Rotarians That Situation Is Growing Worse

MANY BOOTLEGGERS PEDDLING LIQUORS

Conditions Likened to the Old Saloon Days by Officer of Northwest Mounted Police.

Canada is doing no better under a government controlled wet law than the dominion did under the dry statutes. Major Schoff, of the former dry states, of the North West Mounted Police, told La Grande Rotarians today at the weekly luncheon of the organization.

Not only is Canada failing to improve conditions but under the new law the situation is growing worse, he declared.

Many Bootleggers

The country to the north has been experimenting considerably in prohibition. First the Canadians were given wet laws, then dry, and now the present wet ruling. "I am, as an impartial observer, of the opinion," the major said, "that there are just as many bootleggers in British Columbia as in any part of the United States in proportion to the population. There is just as much drunkenness now as during the old saloon days."

To Speak in Schools

The major also told of the work of the mounted police, pointing out its other duties, such as fire protection and game preservation work, in addition to peace policing. Tomorrow he will speak in the schools and give an address in the high school at 2 p. m. The major, who has been serving his country in his present capacity for two score years and has seen service in Mexico and South Africa as well as Canada, was introduced by George S. Birnie, "God Save The King" was sung as well as "America" in honor of the visitor.

Treasurer F. L. Meyers also introduced F. A. Epling, who told of the meat packing business here and gave facts and figures on the volume of business and the purchasing of livestock.

It was announced that a meeting of the board of directors will be called for Thursday evening.

Lime Company Buys Manufacturing Site

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Sept. 12.—First payment has been made by the Clark Marble and Lime company on the 50-acre farm purchased from Roy Road, a mile west of town. The Enterprise chamber of commerce has agreed to pay \$1,500 toward the purchase.

It is the plan to place the kilns on a ridge where will be located the lower terminus of the trunk road which will bring the rock to the quarry. From the kilns the burned lime will move by gravity to buildings where other manufacturing processes will be carried out.

INTEREST IN SALES DAY IS RUNNING HIGH

The list announcing articles for sale during the first community sales day of the fall season, which will be held tomorrow, went out Saturday night since then several other items of furniture and farm machinery have been brought in.

Interest is high among the merchants of the city, who are today displaying their bargains for that day in the show windows.

The sale, which is usually held on Wednesday, was moved up one day this month to avoid a conflict with the opening day of the Pendleton Round-Up.

NEW HOUSES GOING UP

Wherever you go on the residential streets of La Grande you will notice new houses under construction. Within one block there are five small modern homes so much in demand. When they are completed, they will be occupied by old families who move from less desirable quarters or by new families coming to town. Vacant houses are scarce—which means a new population. And the only way a business man can get immediate and permanent contact with these new people is through regular advertising in The Observer. The cost is small—the advantages are great.

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BOSSES GREECE



Greek dictator General Gungorhis, this, at work in his office after the revolt in which he overthrew the Pangalos government.

ILLNESS TAKES MAYOR OF COVE

Died Here Saturday Eve Services Held at Cove This Afternoon

Joe E. Trippier, mayor of Cove, died here Saturday night at 10:40 o'clock at the Grande Ronde hospital following an illness that had extended over the last 13 years.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Episcopal church at Cove. Burial was in the Cove cemetery under the direction of the W. H. Bohnenkamp company. The Rev. Mr. Bradner, of Cove, preached the funeral sermon.

Mr. Trippier was born Dec. 5, 1856 in Peru, Ind., to John and Sara Smith Trippier. He was married in Ladies, Mo., Dec. 16, 1878 to Alice Alexander and they made their home in Peru for seven years, then moving to Ladies, Three years later—in June, 1888—they came to Oregon, locating at Cove in 1892.

He had been interested in livestock many years and owned the Cove market until 1914. He served several terms as mayor. He is survived by his widow, a daughter Mrs. Robert French, of Cove, a son Dr. H. A. Trippier, of Walla Walla, two grandchildren Denise Trippier and Stuart French and four sisters and two brothers.

American Need Held Education In Christianity

The need of Christian education and more Christian schools was stressed yesterday morning by Dr. J. G. Morrison, the new president of Northwest Nazarene college, at Nampa, Idaho, when he spoke at the Nazarene church here, before the unusually large audience. The Rev. A. E. Schaner, district superintendent of the Idaho-Oregon district, introduced the speaker, and the other members of the party from Nampa, Mrs. Morrison and daughter, Miss Beverly, and William Godfrey.

The party left yesterday afternoon for Baker where Dr. Morrison spoke at the Baker church last evening.

Pastors of other churches in the city also emphasized education in their morning addresses. The Rev. C. V. Dunn delivered a sermon especially to the young people of that church who are attending or expect to attend college this fall. "Life Insurance" was his subject in the evening.

A special service was held at the Salvation Army hall in the evening when five young people were enrolled into the ranks of the army as soldiers.

Major Loney, who is visiting his son, Andrew Loney Jr., was the chief speaker of the evening. Major Loney is in charge of all social work of the Salvation Army in Spokane and has the distinction of very soon having completed forty years' continuous service.

Mrs. Hattie Stanley, who has been a member of the local corps for twenty-six years said a few words of goodbye to the members of the corps.

President Ready to Return to Capital

PAUL SMITH'S, N. Y., Sept. 12 (AP).—This is "going home week" at the summer white house. The president and Mrs. Coolidge will break camp either Friday night or Saturday, returning to Washington on the same special train that brought them to the Adirondacks early in July.

Although Mr. Coolidge has not indicated whether he will leave late Friday, arriving in the national capital next Monday morning, or make the journey by daylight Saturday, it is said that he is giving serious consideration to the daylight journey, as it would give thousands of people in New York cities an opportunity to greet him.

McNARY OFF FOR CHICAGO TO AID G.O.P.

Oregon Senator to Assist in Battle for Control of Next Senate

BATTLEGROUND TO BE IN 32 STATES

Believes That People's Faith in Coolidge Will Give Republicans Victory.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 12. (AP).—United States Senator Charles L. McNary will leave tonight for Chicago to begin work incident to the senatorial campaigns in the various states where elections are to be held this fall.

"An active campaign will be made," he said today, "in all of the 32 states where senators are to be elected. Naturally it is the strong desire of the republican party and the committee having in charge the campaign to maintain a working majority in the senate in order to carry out the policies of the administration under the leadership of the president."

Every Vote Needed "The contest to keep the senate republican will be close, as most of the senators to be elected represent republican and doubtful states. A loss of a few states would turn a republican majority into a republican minority, thus politically dividing the congress, and producing a condition most embarrassing to the president during the remainder of his term."

There are several democratic and 25 republican senators whose terms expire and whose successors must be selected at the November election. Consequently the main battleground will be upon republican soil. The situation gives the opponents of the republican nominees a distinct advantage.

However, G. O. P. Victory. "Forces, in my opinion, the accomplishments of the Harding and Coolidge administrations are sufficiently appreciated by the voters in the states where contests are to be held to keep the senate a republican body after the fall elections. My work will be largely conferring with and assisting the national committeemen and republican state organizations in the conduct of the campaign in middle and western states. I shall return to Oregon in early October for a short time to render such assistance as I can to the republican party and its ticket, and then visit a number of states where contests are anticipated.

I shall go to Washington city and return after as I have a number of matters to present to the departments of government involving state and community activities."

IDAHO PASTOR WILL OCCUPY UNION PULPIT

Rev. R. C. Lee, of the M. E. church, preached his farewell sermon here at the Baptist church last evening. He leaves early this week to take the Union, Ore., pastorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee have been here for the past four years and their many friends regret to lose them, although believing that Union is fortunate in securing a minister of his caliber.

QUINN LEAVES UNION

UNION, Ore., Sept. 12. (Special).—The Rev. Charles A. Quinn, former pastor of the M. E. church here, left Friday for his new pastorate at Whiter, Ida. Mr. Quinn was in charge of the work here during the past four years and leaves many friends who wish him well in his new location.

The Rev. R. C. Lee, who will succeed him here, will arrive at Union from Welter, about the middle of this week.

Commerce Chamber Resumes Luncheons

Dr. W. T. Ploy, president, will preside over the first forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce this season tomorrow night at the Sommer hotel. The meeting will begin at noon and continue until 1 o'clock.

H. L. Hess, local attorney, will speak on Constitution week observance. J. T. Longfellow, chairman of the education committee, will tell of the plans outlined by the committee for securing a large vote for the Eastern Oregon normal school.

Fair Attended By 500 Persons On Closing Day

Wolf Creek Grange Annual Event Declared Best on Its Records

The Wolf Creek grange fair, which closed Saturday evening, will go down in records as the most successful of the annual events. It is announced today out of the office of W. R. Gekeler, Oregon state grange deputy master.

Guessing the weight of the biggest hog, the prettiest woman and homeliest man, listening to political candidates, watching horseshoe contests and eating ice cream and hot dogs made the event appear what it was—a most successful fair, Mr. Gekeler reports.

Half A Thousand Attend More than 500 persons were in attendance Sept. 11. Calves, saddle horses, draft teams, sheep, hogs, cattle and poultry were on exhibit on the school house grounds. The grange hall and agricultural building were filled up as restaurants.

Sweepstake prizes were given in addition to the regular prizes in flowers and canned fruit and commodities were very keen. The one receiving the largest number of blue ribbons was awarded a \$50 credit by the Eastern Oregon Music company.

One exhibit that attracted considerable attention was an \$200-pound hog belonging to Henry Hill.

Poultry Awards

In the poultry exhibit Mrs. May Gilkison won first on reds, Harry Nice on barred rocks, and J. A. Nice on white rocks. Mr. Nice also received the championship award. Complete list of awards will be prepared shortly.

Mrs. Celesta Nice had charge of the program and J. A. Nice was chairman for each special division. The school exhibit was one of the largest seen at the fair.

FIRE DESTROYS POWDER GARAGE

Early Morning Blaze Causes \$3,000 Loss—Threatens Homes

NORTH POWDER, Ore., Sept. 12. (Special).—The Seymour and Freeman garage, owned by C. J. Forstrom, was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin early this morning. Flames were first noticed at 3 o'clock. Early estimates of the loss, which may be altered when a more thorough check is made, place the damage at \$2,000 to garage and contents.

The contents included three cars and about \$1,500 worth of equipment. One of the cars was insured and the equipment carried some insurance.

Two residence houses were threatened but the absence of wind and efficiency of the fire fighters prevented their loss. One was owned by Volney Lee and the other by Jess Taylor.

BEND WOMAN KILLED

DALLAS, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP).—Mrs. L. D. Fraden, about 25 years old, of Bend, Ore., died in a local hospital this morning following an automobile accident from which she never regained consciousness. The machine in which she was riding with two men failed to negotiate a sharp curve on the Pacific highway south of Hickman and crashed into a telephone pole.

Blue Mountains Continue to Yield Deer; Five More Bucks Brought From Woods

The Blue mountains are still yielding deer to local hunters. Over the week end a total of five bucks were brought to La Grande and a Mr. Sanderson, who lives near Sunnysville, shot a 200-pound beauty in the hills near his farm.

Probably the proudest animal to return was E. T. Andrews, who shot his first deer in the John Day country on the opening day of the season. The animal was second largest of four brought down besides sporting six points. Guy Burkett, of La Grande, shot a 135-pounder and besides bringing his buck home, he also brought up one of the two shot by the two John Day members of the party.

MISS X TALE UNTRUE, SAYS MRS. SEILAFF

Seamstress Says Aimee Was to Pay Her \$5000 for Fake Story

SISTER CAUSES HER TO CONFESS

Sworn Statement Regarding Mrs. McPherson Case Printed in Los Angeles Newspaper.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12. (AP).—The Examiner in a copyrighted story today says Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman McDonald Seilaff, 318-a-week seamstress, has confessed that her story of having shared a seaside cottage at Carmel with a sister, the anonymous "Miss X," and Kenneth G. Orniston, former Angelus Temple radio operator, was a fake for which she was to receive \$5,000 from Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist.

The admission was made in a sworn statement. The alleged confession climaxed a dramatic meeting between Mrs. Seilaff and her twin sister Mrs. Viola Kimball, of Oakland, and is said to have been made at the direct request of the latter. They met in the newspaper office Mrs. Seilaff being taken under guard from her cell in the county jail where she had spent two days since her arrest Saturday on charges of issuing worthless checks. The sisters kissed and after a consultation with her lawyer Mrs. Seilaff announced her intention of "making a clean breast of the whole thing." She then proceeded to dictate her statement, which was acknowledged later by a notary.

Sends Telegram to Keyes

Mrs. Seilaff began her affidavit by stating that she was approached in San Francisco on about July 30 by a man who gave his name as "Mr. Smith," and who asked her if she would come to Los Angeles on "some work which would pay good money and would only take a few weeks or not all of that time." She said the man could give her only a few details, but informed her that the work offered was in connection with the McPherson case. She stated that she was instructed to send a telegram to District Attorney Asa Keyes, at Los Angeles, declaring that her sister, who was in the east, had been with Orniston at Carmel and that she had wired the sister to return immediately.

The same day Keyes received a wire from San Francisco signed "Belle Owen." Mrs. Seilaff said she left that night for Los Angeles. Unable to reach Keyes over the telephone upon her arrival, she said she went to Angelus Temple.

"I had some time in getting in because no one knew me, but I told them it was in regard to the Carmel case and that I had come to help Mrs. McPherson out," Mrs. Seilaff said.

"I talked with Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Veitch, one of her attorneys," the statement continues. "I could not tell them much because I did not know how to go about it until I had got some information. I met Mrs. McPherson for just a few minutes that day."

Mrs. Seilaff said she remained in town two days during which time she went out to the temple quite a number of times, talking with Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. McPherson.

"Aimee Said 'Go Ahead'" "During these two days I at no time talked with Mrs. McPherson."

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C. E. Preparing For Autumn Convention

Plans for the program of the fall convention of the Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor Union were made yesterday afternoon when the regular executive meeting was held at the First Presbyterian church here. The convention will be at Baker November 5, 6 and 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Landers, Roy Anderson and Arza Butler, all of the Union, Mr. Anderson, transportation superintendent and Mr. Butler, prayer meeting superintendent.

Luncheon was served at noon in the church dining room and the meeting followed. Others in attendance were: Miss Katherine Moran, vice president; Mrs. L. C. Brower and Miss Hulda Anderson, executive advisers; Dr. J. L. McPherson, education superintendent; Miss Edna Nelder, treasurer; Miss Gertrude Wagner, junior superintendent and Miss Gladys Church, missionary superintendent.

Rot Baker was among the hunters who returned without evidence of their prowess with the rifle.

RIVALS ESTHER LEE MOTANIC



Pendleton, Ore., "started something" when it chose Esther Lee Motanic, Indian beauty, as queen of its annual roundup and announced here as the loveliest Indian girl in America. California wants to enter charming "Little Pawn," pictured above, in a contest with Miss Motanic and all other Indian comers. "Little Pawn" is a princess of the Klamath tribe. She took part in the recent opening of the Redwood highway between Orick and Trinidad, Cal.

CAR DIVES INTO RIVER, 8 KILLED

Automobile Plunges Off Crater Lake Highway Into Raging Waters

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP).—Eight persons were killed Sunday afternoon when a large touring car plunged off the Crater Lake highway at a turn in the road called Lookout Point, near Prospect, into the raging waters of Rogue river, 200 feet below.

Identification of the dead was made this morning by Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Norris, Akron, Ohio; David Talmadge Smith, aged six years; Georgia Mary Norris, aged three; Sarah Nan Norris, aged three; Jessie Kitchin, Mahaffey, Pa. owner of the automobile, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Beige, Jacksonville, Ore.

Try to Recover Bodies

None of the bodies have been recovered up to 2 o'clock this morning. They are believed to be pinned beneath the car, which is held in the river by a log loosened by the plunge of the vehicle.

One body was loosened from the wreck and was floated between huge rocks in the river. Rescuers arrived from 4 o'clock until dark yesterday to recover it, without avail. A rope was finally passed around an arm and the body made fast until daylight.

State Traffic Officer O. G. Nichols believes that the accident was caused when the driver, in making a sharp turn at a lively pace, was blinded by the sun. Tracks in the road showed that the broken had been applied and that the automobile skidded 150 feet before hitting off the precipice.

One Eye Witness

W. J. Burgeny, a traveling salesman of Portland, who was standing on a concrete bridge near the scene, was the only eye witness to the accident. He saw nothing but a cloud of dust, and heard a muffled scream and loud roar as the car plunged over the embankment.

Rosenthal Is Held Prisoner in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 12. (AP).—Jacob Rosenthal, retired New York City business man, who came to Mexico as a tourist, is held prisoner by bandits, who attacked an automobile party 49 miles from Mexico City yesterday.

MIDDLEWEST CONDITIONS GROW WORSE

Greatest Storm in More Than Forty Years Sweeps Kansas

FLOODS DAMAGE CROPS, LIVESTOCK

Three Known Dead and Hundreds of Families Homeless—Waters Still Rising.

EMPORIA, Kan., Sept. 12. (AP).—Three known dead, hundreds of homeless families sleeping in churches and schools, and uncounted livestock, crops and buildings, was the toll today of the worst storm that has swept this region in more than a score of years.

That the high water mark of the floods that have inundated a score of towns has not yet been reached was indicated today by reports from Burlington, Madison, Iola, Neosho Falls and intermediate points located on three rampaging rivers.

Floods Advancing Starting at the headwaters of the Cottonwood, the Neosho and the Verdigris rivers, when unprecedented rainfall throughout the watersheds turned every gully into a raging torrent, the flood swelled in volume as it advanced.

Over a region 50 miles long and 25 miles wide hastily organized rescue parties commandeered boats and fought their way through streets where only roofs or second floors protruded above the turbid waters.

In one such rescue Billy Brandon lost his life when the boat in which he and his parents fled from their home struck a submerged tree and capsized near Madison. Charles Rodgers, 40, fell dead when he peered from his bedroom window to see water stretching to the horizon from his front porch. A farmer at Osborn was killed by lightning.

Water rising on the Neosho at Burlington at midnight at the rate of three inches an hour. Approximately 20 miles upstream on the Cottonwood, it was rising a foot an hour.

Fear that the flood will wreak greater havoc when it strikes the lower reaches of the Neosho was expressed by observers at Iola, where the water is rising rapidly.

WEST GOLFERS OUT IN FRONT IN NATIONAL

SHORT HILLS, N. J., Sept. 12. (AP)—Play began on the difficult Baltusrol links today in the thirty-first national amateur golf championship with Bobby Jones, the youthful American wizard, defending his crown against a field of 144 challengers.

Scores of the first 18 hole round of the 36-hole qualifying test follow: Jake Westland, Seattle, 42-37-78. E. S. Stimpson, Boston, 40-45-85. James Manion, St. Louis, 46-35-81. Roy M. Moe, Portland, Ore., 37-42-79.

Bobby Jones, Georgia's wizard of the links, today played the difficult Baltusrol course in 70, two strokes under par, in the first 18-hole round of the qualifications test for the national amateur championship.

Dr. Owens-Adair Is Dead in Astoria, Ore.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 12. (AP).—Commemoration of the life work of Dr. Bertha E. Owens-Adair, who died at her home at Astoria Sunday at the age of 86, was expressed here today by Governor Pierce and Dr. W. B. Morse, a member of the state board of health. Both have strongly believed in the legislation fostered by Dr. Owens-Adair, providing for sterilization of human defectives.

GIRL ESCAPES DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12. (AP).—Miss Vanda York, of Portland, had a narrow escape from death on the slopes of Mount Hood yesterday afternoon when she slipped and fell 35 feet into a crevasse where she lay helpless, wedged in the ice, until her companions effected a rescue.

MAN BELIEVED DROWNED

LONGVIEW, Wash., Sept. 12. (AP).—John Niemi, 45, Astoria, Ore., employed by the Columbia Packing company, is believed to have been drowned in the Columbia river Saturday. Niemi was seen on a barge at the mouth of the river Saturday. The barge was being dragged today for his body. Mrs. Niemi and several children live in Astoria.

Merton Denies Knowledge of Money Division

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (AP).—Richard Merton, German capitalist and star witness for the government in the trial of former Attorney General H. M. Daugherty and Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, testified today that he had no knowledge of a "split up" of a \$44,000 fee between the accused and John T. King, former Connecticut national committeeman.

Merton received a quarter million dollars for his efforts in having the assets of the American Metals company turned over to the Societe Salsbe by the alien property custodian. He admitted this on the witness stand this afternoon.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE CLEVELAND (AP) R. H. E. Washington 3 4 1 Cleveland 6 11 0 Batteries: Crowder and Ruel; Shaute and Sewell.

DETROIT (AP) R. H. E. New York 3 19 1 Detroit 4 7 0 Batteries: Shocker, Hixson and Bengough; Collins; Whitehill, Danks and Breuder.

CHICAGO (AP) R. H. E. Philadelphia 5 12 2 Chicago 2 6 4 (13 innings.) Batteries: Ehlers, Walberg and Cochrane; Connally and McCarty.

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEW YORK (AP) R. H. E. Pittsburgh 5 9 1 New York 9 11 1 Batteries: Hill, Morrison, Koppal, Yde and Smith; Ting, Davies and McAllen, Florence.

BROOKLYN (AP) R. H. E. Cincinnati 4 6 0 Brooklyn 0 4 1 Batteries: Rizer and Hargrave; Grimes and Hargreaves.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E. Chicago 3 5 0 Philadelphia 1 7 0 Philadelphia: Blake and Hartnett; Dean and Henline.