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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair in east, unsettled in west portion today and Thursday. Cooler in the interior Thursday. Normal humidity.

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ELGIN PLANS
CELEBRATION
FOR JULY 2-4John Spain Will Bring
His String of Buckers
for ExhibitionsONLY OBSERVANCE
IN UNION COUNTY

Complete Program Is Arranged; Religious Service Will Be a Feature Sunday.

One more attraction has been added to the list already announced for the big celebration at Elgin, July 2, 3 and 4. The committee at its meeting on Monday evening signed the contract with John Spain, of North Powder, who will bring his string of buckers to Elgin for exhibitions each day. Spain has one of the best bunches of buckers in the north-west and he, himself, won the championship for riding at the Pendleton Round-Up one year.

The celebration, which its promoters believe, is to be the only patriotic celebration this year in Union county, will be held in the fair grounds. Saturday and Sunday have complete programs of band concerts, dancing in the afternoon and evening, roller skating in the afternoon, boxing and wrestling matches. There are some other features which are under consideration but no definite announcement can yet be made. The officials are announcing, however, that the days will be packed full of thrills.

Religious Service Sunday

Sunday morning religious service will be held in the city park in which all the churches of Elgin will join and in which all the people will be urged to participate. In the afternoon there will be music, and races at the fair grounds.

Monday the events will be more varied. At 9:30 in the morning the street parade will be held. Merchants, fraternal orders and other groups are already preparing their floats for it and from present indications the parade will assume immense proportions this year. Following the parade will come the patriotic address the speaker not yet having been announced. Then comes the old fashioned picnic dinner with coffee and lemonade furnished by the committee.

Reunion To Be
At Park Sunday

The fifth annual Smith-Coleman reunion will be held at Riverside park Sunday, June 19. Once each year members of these two families from over all the northwest gather in La Grande for a picnic, and next Sunday was the date chosen for this year.

There will be a basket lunch at noon and a program. Indications are that about 100 persons will attend.

Elgin Man Killed;
Funeral Held Today

ELGIN, June 15 (Special).—The funeral of Ernest Coats, who was killed Saturday at Cathlamet, Wash., is being held here this afternoon at the church of Christ, which is in the Elgin cemetery. Mr. Coats, who was 29 years of age, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coats, of this community, who together with two brothers and two sisters, survive him. Coats was employed in a logging camp near Cathlamet, and met his death when a cable near which he was working broke.

PICKING
OUT THE
GOOD THINGS

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La Grande Pays
Tribute To The
American FlagSpecial Program Is Attended by About 200
Persons; Ex-Governor
Pierce the Speaker.

Citizens of La Grande paid tribute to the American flag last evening in a special flag day observance, held under the auspices of the local lodge of Elks. About 200 persons gathered at the Elks temple for the program, which began at 8 o'clock.

Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce gave the patriotic address of the evening, telling of the making of the first American flag just a century and a half ago yesterday, and the meaning of that flag, which represents the cause of human rights.

"Had it not been for America we would not be living in the present age," Mr. Pierce said. "The world would not have advanced as it has, electrically, and all those things which make this a wonderful world in which to live. If the things and principles had known many years ago what America meant, they would have crushed the life out of our ancestors."

He told how in the days of Rome, and even more recent years, people were killed and tortured for having new ideas. "But when the American flag came it said to you very

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PRESIDENT GRANT
TO SPEAK TONIGHTPresident of L. D. S. Will
Give Address in the
Local Tabernacle

Hobert J. Grant, president of the Mormon church, who will speak at the Mormon tabernacle this evening at 8 o'clock, arrived here this afternoon from Baker, where he delivered an address at a morning meeting. Mrs. Grant and her two nieces, Miss Helen Winter and Miss June Woodruff, reached La Grande this morning and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stoddard.

Tonight's musical program will combine the choruses from La Grande and Baker and will include 75 voices. Special joint choruses have been held under the direction of Elmer Stoddard, who has charge of tonight's musical program.

The public has been specially invited to attend the meeting which is expected to be unusually well attended, both by La Grande and people from neighboring communities.

President Grant, in company with his wife and nieces and two daughters and their husbands, will arrive this evening, will leave by car in the morning for Portland.

Appeals Made for
More Rooms For
Normal Students

An urgent appeal is being made by the housing committee of the summer normal school to local citizens for additional rooms to be rented by out-of-town students during the normal. While several rooms already have been obtained, a large number are still needed to take care of the some 100 or more students who have registered for the school.

The housing committee at \$12 for a single room and \$16 for a double. Those who have rooms should immediately notify the chamber of commerce who will take care of further arrangements. Rooms for the American Legion convention guests are also needed, which will open this evening. Monday continues to be bright. To date over 100 children have registered for the special teacher's training classes.

Sheep Men Meet
At Dobbin Ranch

A meeting of the wool growers of Union county was called on Monday at the J. D. Dobbin ranch. A detailed sheep study was conducted during the day.

H. A. Lindgren, live stock field man from the O. A. C. extension service, was present and discussed breeding problems with the sheep men. The visitors were especially interested in the new rams which Mr. Dobbin has secured in the last year. One ram was imported from England and another was purchased at the national fair sale at Salt Lake. The latter was bred in California.

The sheep in the different lines of breed were separated into different pens so they could be studied and compared as to types. Mr. Dobbin has 125 pure bred ewes and a larger number of lambs. All of the sheep are registered Hampshire.

ELIMINATION
OF SESSION
IS FAVOREDOmission of "Lame Duck"
Meeting of Congress
Idea of GrangersENDORSE GOSS AS
MEMBER OF BOARDFavor Adoption by Oregon
of Federal Method
of Representation in the
State Legislature.

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 15 (AP).—Elimination of the short, or "lame duck" session of congress through adoption of the Norris amendment providing that congress take office in January following election, is favored by the Oregon State grange in session at Oregon Agricultural college here. A resolution to this effect was adopted today with little debate. The resolution was sent here by the Washington State grange by which it was adopted last week.

Another resolution adopted without reference to committee endorsed A. L. Goss, state grange master of Washington for membership on the board of directors of the branch land bank at Spokane when it is reorganized next month.

Favor Method.

In a group of resolutions presented today, dealing mostly with matters of the grange organization, was one favoring adoption by Oregon of the federal method of representation in the state legislature. This plan, recently adopted in California, provides that each county, regardless of size, elect one senator. Representatives are twice the number of senators, and are apportioned according to population but with no more than one representative for each county. This plan, which is favorably designed to lessen the power of Portland in the legislature, was expected to be approved after consideration by the resolutions committee.

Vote on the place of meeting next year is scheduled for tomorrow, with Rainier, Bend and Oregon City competing for favor.

Corvallis was host to the state grange last night with an outdoor banquet on the campus attended by more than 1,500 persons.

Flyers Seen Is
Report Received

QUEBEC, June 15 (City Canadian Press).—It was unofficially reported here today that the French aviators Nungesser and Goll have been found alive.

The information came from the river, Bend through an employee named Blair of a large corporation in the district north of the Saguenay river. The information was contained in a telephone message with the man's mother, who lives in Quebec.

MONTREAL, Quebec, June 15 (AP).—By the Canadian Press. In connection with a report that Nungesser and Goll had been found alive, the finding of the missing French aviators, Nungesser and Goll, it was pointed out here that they had been seen in the southeast end of Lake St. John and as a considerable distance from the scene of the crash reported in the St. Germain territory Sunday night.

HORNSBY WILL BE MANAGER

ST. LOUIS, June 15 (AP).—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, announced here today that Rogers Hornsby, former manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, would become manager of the Giants and become active manager in 1928. McGraw said he was getting tired of traveling and would turn over his duties to Hornsby.

Big Crowd Gathers at Depot at Guard
Company Leaves for Summer Camp

About 200 La Grande people gathered at the railroad depot last evening when Company 12 of the Oregon National guard, of La Grande, left for Camp Clatsop, located along the beach between Astoria and Seaside.

The special train, which was formed in Baker and will take all of the Eastern Oregon battalion to the summer camp, pulled into the city at seven o'clock. Three additional cars were added here and by 7:30, the 60 members of the La Grande unit, with the guardsmen of Baker and Union were on their way.

The Pendleton company joined the train last night, which also stopped at The Dalles for the National Guard company there, bringing the total number of guardsmen on the train to about 275. The special, which was made up

Drives Auto Off
25-Foot Grade;
Six Are InjuredBarbed Wire Fence, Which
Slowed Up Machine,
Saves Six from Possible
Death.

One woman was severely injured and a man and four children lamed and scratched in an automobile accident about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon just this side of Kamela when A. Flourney Galloway, of Welser, Ida., drove his heavy sedan off the grade down a 25-foot embankment and onto the railway track. Only a barbed wire fence which hindered the progress of the rolling car, saved the party from possible death. Mrs. Galloway was brought to La Grande and received medical attention while her husband and four children, were also given treatment.

Mrs. Galloway's injuries proved to be painful but not dangerous. They were able to return by train to Welser this morning. The party had been to Wells, Idaho, where they visited with their daughter, who is attending Whitman college, and were returning home at the time of the accident. Mr. Galloway declares that he was going slow and that he is at loss to understand the cause of the accident. He apparently relaxed his hold of the wheel. The car was seriously damaged.

Couple Selected
To Take Part in
Public Wedding

Four applications have been received by American legion officials here by parties wishing to be married at the public wedding during the state legion convention July 21, 22 and 23, and a couple has already been chosen. The bridegroom is a member of the legion post and the bride is an auxiliary member. Names of the participants will not be announced until later.

Announcement that the wedding would be a feature of the state convention was made by the legion committee about two weeks ago, when anyone wishing to take part was asked to get in touch with legion officials.

The marriage will take place at the athletic field on the last evening of the convention, just preceding the fireworks display.

The committee in charge of the wedding, the local legion post will furnish the wedding first, the proper officials and attendants, the marriage license, etc. In addition to giving \$50 in cash and \$100 in merchandise to the bride and bridegroom.

Farm Work Held
Up By Weather;
Crops Look Good

WALLA WALLA, Ore., June 15 (Special).—Farm work in Walla Walla county has been held up considerably on account of the rainy weather. Several farmers have a small amount of spring seedling in, but with frequent heavy showers the land remains too wet for working. Much of the summer-fallow in the hill sections has been plowed and weeds are coming up rapidly, requiring cultivation to keep them down if the rainy weather continues.

Grain crops of all kinds have made an excellent growth during the past 10 days. Some of the early fall sowing of wheat is starting to head out. Spring seedlings have come up rapidly with an excellent stand in most of the fields. No damaging frosts have occurred yet, and many feel that with the season well advanced and an abundance of moisture stored in the soil, that danger from frost damage is not great.

Drainage beds are causing a gradual run off of water from melted snow and ice in the mountains.

The Japanese consul general at Shanghai has protested to the bureau of foreign affairs of the Nanjing government and has requested that full protection be given Japanese nationals at Hailow.

High Waters Cause
Of Little Damage

PORTLAND, Ore., June 15 (AP).—Continued slow rise of the lower Columbia river and the Willamette at Portland, with a stage of 22 feet here Saturday, was forecast today by the weather bureau. Moderate temperatures over the Columbia drainage basin are causing a gradual run off of water from melted snow and ice in the mountains.

The Willamette has flooded much of the valley and is within a few feet of the railroad tracks on the lower dock of the Union Pacific bridge today. Lowland along the Columbia below Portland has been converted into a vast lake. Little damage has been done in preparation made for the high water.

NEW TERROR
IN RUSSIA
IS RUMOREDReports Received in London
Tell of Executions,
Arrests, PreparationsTELEGRAMS SAID
TO BE CENSOREDG. P. U. Given a Free
Hand with Power of
Life or Death; Making
Liberal Use of Powers.

LONDON, June 15 (AP).—Rumors of a new terror in Russia, with numerous summary executions, wholesale arrests, drastic military preparations, an impending declaration of martial law and crowds of foreigners fleeing from Moscow, are current in London. They emanate from Warsaw, Riga and other centers, which are notoriously given to circulating anti-soviet reports, and whether they are based on facts could not be substantiated today from any independent reliable source.

It is said that a strict censorship imposed on all telegrams from Russia accounts for the inability to confirm the sensational rumors, which tell of other things, of "mass executions" in many parts of the union of soviet socialist republics, including Vladivostok, the republic of south Russia and Moscow and Leningrad.

The G. P. U. (political police) are represented as having given a free hand with the power of life or death over citizens and as making liberal use of their powers which is declared to be in accordance with soviet law.

Panic Stricken

The population of Moscow is described as panic stricken, with reports being called to the colors. According to a Warsaw dispatch to the Daily Mail, the Ukraine army alone will be increased by many thousands. This report says that boys and girls are being taught rifle shooting and that the workers are being compelled to do their "voluntary" military work. The dispatch suggests these preparations are due to "expected war with Poland."

Among other reports of alleged terror, in one from Helsingfors, Finland, which asserts that the Finnish general, Elvengren, one of 20 whose execution was announced officially at Moscow several days ago after the assassination at Warsaw of the Russian soviet leader, was actually put to death some time ago after undergoing a series of tortures from which he became insane. It is impossible to obtain information of this and similar stories.

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NATIONALISTS
TAKE HAIKOW,
REPORTS SAY

SHANGHAI, June 15 (AP).—Shanghai nationalist forces under General Chiang Kai-shek have captured the town of Haikow in northern Kiangsu, near the Shanghai border after three fighting days. Japanese reports received here.

The advisers said that when the approach of the southern forces began, the defending troops under General Sun Chuan Pang, former defender of Shanghai, began bombing the town and that its population was completed by the southerners who "committed robbery and outrage in wholesale fashion."

Japanese women and children had previously been evacuated from the town, but the Japanese men remained, equipped only with the clothes they were wearing after witnessing terrible scenes. A body of prisoners was reported to have been fired upon by Japanese refugees ship, Kinkai Maru and then to have been loaded and loaded the vessel without opposition from the crew or refugees.

The Japanese consul general at Shanghai has protested to the bureau of foreign affairs of the Nanjing government and has requested that full protection be given Japanese nationals at Hailow.

America Ready
For Paris Flight

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 15 (AP).—Commander Arthur E. Ryan's transatlantic monoplane "America" was ready today to take off at short notice on its non-stop flight to Paris, but indications here that it would be the end of this week before the start could be made.

All preparatory work on the huge biplane has been completed and the plane has been loaded with necessary food supplies as well as emergency equipment. The only thing that remains to be done is to fill the tanks with enough fuel for the non-stop crossing.

Commander Ryan has announced that he would wait until the reception here to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was over and then take advantage of the first good "break" in the weather to hop off. He said that it has not been decided whether the "America" will make a return flight from Europe to the U. S.

VICTIM



Miss Doris Dore, 21, Los Angeles actress, pictured above, claims to be the victim of a "gorilla man," who broke into her apartment and carved the letter "K" seven times on different parts of her body with a safety razor blade. Miss Dore links the attack with a New York secret society and says she was followed across the continent and approached several times by the attacker.

COL. LINDY SPENDS
MORNING IN BED

Boyhood Friends Wait to See Him; Approves Arrangements for the Evening.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 15 (AP).—An invitation to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh to come to Portland to dedicate a new airport here July fourth, has been sent by Harry S. Dorman, commander of Portland post of the American Legion. Dorman also wired Lieut. Oakley G. Kelley, transcontinental flier, now in the east, to urge Colonel Lindbergh to accept. A movement was started to name the airport in Lindbergh's honor.

NEW YORK, June 15 (AP).—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh took a morning off in bed today. He slept soundly after a busy night of entertainment that included the city's official banquet in his honor and a special winter garden performance given by an organization of famous pilots of the air.

When the colonel returned to the Harry Frazier apartment where he and his mother are staying, the early June dawn was just over the house tops and he lay down to bed. His friends did not call him until noon, or just in time for him to prepare for the luncheon given for him at the Hotel Astor by the New York state chamber of commerce and the Merchants' association.

Waiting to see the aviator when he arose was a delegation of four boyhood playmates from Little Falls, Minn., the town in which he grew up. The friends who call him "Chatter" were A. L. Grimes, mayor of the western city; Kenneth T. Martin, J. R. Lewis and Dr. C. H. Langley. The party motored east in an "old home town" car, and plans to stay in New York until

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Acquaintances of
Three Brothers
Review ActionsHugh Appeared Worried
as He Was Identified;
Hitchcock Tells of
"Swiping" Book.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 15 (AP).—Sheriff Ralph Jennings and his deputy, William Jennings, Jackson county, Ore., arrived here today and received custody of Ray and Roy De Autremont, arrested in Steubenville last week in connection with the blowing up of a mail car on a train in Oregon four years ago. It was expected that Jennings would begin his return journey with the prisoners tomorrow.

COURT HOUSE, Jacksonville,
Ore., June 15 (AP).—Hugh De Autremont, 23, charged with the murder of Charles O. (Coy) Johnson, during the Skikony tunnel attempted train robbery and slayings, heard Siverton, Oregon, acquaintances tell of the acts and movements of himself and his twin brothers—Ray and Roy—in the act and manner of 1923 when they were employed as loggers in the camps of the Silver Falls Timber company.

The dapper defendant who alternately paled and flushed as he was identified appeared worried.

He smiled when G. W. Hitchcock told of "swiping" the "Life of Jesse James" from his table in a logging camp bunkhouse, and appeared satisfied when Charles T. Persons described him as a "perfect gentleman" and frowned when he was vaguely identified as a visitor to a Eugene, Ore., store.

The courtroom was packed with spectators.

State Will Rest

The state now expects to rest by Thursday noon and the defense is expected to take a day and a half in the introduction of evidence. The final arguments are slated for Monday and Tuesday, with the case in the hands of the jury by Tuesday afternoon.

The defense still maintains silence upon its line of defense, and whether or not the defendant will take the witness stand in his own behalf.

H. P. Love of Eugene, a sales man in the general store of Love and Harrell, identified two army canteens and two knapsacks found at the bandit camps after the hold-up, as articles sold by him in September 1923 to a couple of young fellows, who left a deposit of \$3 to bind the purchase. On September 13, the pair returned with their young man, and procured the goods.

Love partially identified Hugh as the third party, who remained

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Men Waging War
On Grasshoppers

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 15 (AP).—A strange war—20 men versus millions of grasshoppers—is being waged on the flat fertile tracts of southwestern Tule lake. It is a war of poison and blooded insects. It is in the upland section of Tule lake that the insects are hatching and it is in this part that the war is planted.

It is believed that the hoppers can be kept out of the wheat, oats and barley fields, but that they will do damage to ryegrass fields in the upland section. It is in the upland section of Tule lake that the insects are hatching and it is in this part that the war is planted.

Robber Holds Up
Portland Store

PORTLAND, Ore., June 15 (AP).—A lone robber, resembling and operating the same as a robber who held up the place a few months ago, today held up Berg's waist shop in the Portland hotel and got away with between \$500 and \$700.

The robber walked in the front door, herded the employees in the rear of the establishment, grabbed what money he saw on the casher's desk, demanded money, got it, and then faded away into the back of the building through a rear door, just as he had done before. He had consisted of approximately \$500, practically the same amount he obtained on his first visit.

Efforts of Mrs. Emma Meyer, employee to forestall the robber, or at least give a quick alarm that might have resulted in his capture were blocked.

She was standing near the shop door, on her way out with a friend, Mrs. Thompson McCarthy and also saw the hand making his entrance. Without displaying recognition, she tried to lead him to the rear door, but he was too quick for her. He grabbed her and Mrs. McCarthy back into the waist shop. All the women were forced to the rear, where the accounts are handled and money kept.

Extraordinarily polite last April while conducting the robbery he was very early this morning the employees declared.

FATHER MAY
BE CONVICTED
OF SLAYINGSon Gives Testimony That
May Send Father to
the GallowsTELLS OF SHOOTING
OF MYRTLE GRAYSONKilled Her Because He
Thought Sullivan Too
Attentive; Suspicions
Unfounded, Son Says.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 15 (AP).—With tears welling up in his eyes, a son today gave testimony which may send his father to the gallows or to the penitentiary for the slaying of the son's wife.

The son is Albert Grayson, the 28-year-old rancher, who with his son conducted a ranch in Modoc county, California.

With a voice shaken by emotion, Albert related his version of the slaying of his wife, Myrtle Grayson, on the main street of Klamath Falls on the night of March 26.

He told of how his father believed that Jack Sullivan, his friend, was paying too much attention to his wife; he said that his father's suspicions were unfounded, that Sullivan was courting his wife's sister, Mabel Hoyle; he recounted alleged threats to kill his wife and Sullivan uttered by the elder Grayson.

The elder Grayson came out of the show and perceiving Sullivan talking to Mrs. Grayson pulled a revolver and walked toward him cursing. He quoted his father as saying:

"You d— I have warned you not to talk to Myrtle."

Reviews Scuffle

He told of how the elder Grayson dared Sullivan to come out of the telephone office, how he diverted his father's attention from Sullivan by advising him to put up the gun, how his father told him, "don't you start in or I'll plug you too," how both he and Sullivan grappled with the old man, and then of the tragic shot which fatally wounded Myrtle as she sat frightened in the front seat of the Grayson farm truck a few feet away.

Albert spoke with an effort. On cross examination when he was asked about his three children, he broke down and tears streamed down his tanned cheeks. Several members of the jury fervently dabbed their eyes with handkerchiefs.

On cross examination, Albert freely answered all questions. He said that his father would have had an opportunity to shoot him when he jumped in to disarm him; that before he and Sullivan laid hands on the elder Grayson that Sullivan and Mrs. Grayson were in the line of his vision; but that when the fatal shot was fired in the scuffle the father's back was turned towards Mrs. Grayson.

Asked what he did with his gun, immobile after the tragedy Albert answered:

"I didn't care what happened to it. I wanted to be with my wife."

DISPOSE OF
BRIDGE PLANS
DAVIS HOPES

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP).—Here that the question of specifications for the Longview bridge proposed to be built across the Columbia river will soon be disposed of, was expressed today by Secretary Davis of the war department, who with Secretary Hoover and Justice was named in special legislation to inspect plans for the structure. The secretary said he expected to confer soon with army engineers, who have received a report on the specifications made by three experts who held hearings at Portland. Mr. Davis would not discuss whether the experts accepted the specifications proposed by the builders, but declared that report was unanimous and that he expected the cabinet committee would approve it.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE R. H. 15.
Chicago 4 U. 1.
Philadelphia 1 U. 2.
Hatteras (game and McGraw), Quinn, Grove and Cochran.

NATIONAL LEAGUE R. H. 15.
Boston 7 U. 6.
Pittsburgh 1 U. 2.
Hatteras (game and McGraw), Quinn, Grove and Cochran.

St. Louis at Boston postponed because of rain.

R. H. 15.
Brooklyn 2 U. 0.
Cincinnati 1 U. 1.
Hatteras (game and McGraw), Quinn, Grove and Cochran.