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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Probably showers tonight and Sunday. Thunder storms in the mountains of the east portion. Cooler in east portion Sunday.

FIVE GRANGE OFFICERS GIVE ROAD OPINION

Officials Express Themselves as Not Opposed to Road Bonds

TWO GRANGES ARE SUPPORTING BILL

Cricket Flat and Pleasant Grove Organizations Are for Good Roads Program.

A 50-acre caravan made up of good roads boosters from Elgin, La Grande, Union, Summerville, North Powder, Medford, Springfield, and other sections paraded the streets of La Grande this afternoon, visiting business houses and touring most of the main streets of the city. Boosters displayed from the autos asked that everyone vote for the road bonds election day, Tuesday, June 28. Dodge cars advertising the same were distributed. Union and La Grande furnished special music.

Officials of five of the nine granges today expressed themselves as not opposed to the road bond issue and two granges, Pleasant Valley and Cricket Flat, reported that they were supporting the bill. Statements made by officers of each of the five granges in regard to the erroneous report that eight out of nine granges had gone against the bill follow:

Resolution Passed by Pleasant Grove Grange

Whereas, the bond issue to be voted on at the special election of June, 1927, to finance the good road building program, and

Whereas, said program will greatly benefit the people of Union county, and

Whereas, there are certain sections of Union county that badly need better roads and will be greatly improved by the building of such roads, and

Whereas, the proposed roads cannot be built unless the bond issue carries,

Therefore, be it resolved by the officers and members of Pleasant Grove Grange No. 45, that we will strongly support the program.

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BELIEVES THAT CHINA NEEDS FOREIGN HELP

"I certainly do not believe that the United States has taken too much interest in her dealings with China. On the contrary, I feel that Chinese conditions are improving only when the foreign powers put China on her feet." In these emphatic words Donald Robinson, an Englishman who makes his home in China, where he is connected with a shipping company, expressed himself on the Chinese situation this morning. Mr. Robinson, who with Mrs. Robinson has been visiting at the Henry Place home on Indian creek, near Elgin, for some time, left this morning for the east. They will sail soon for England to visit at Mr. Robinson's home before returning to China.

Mr. Robinson is of the belief that the foreign powers can straighten out the affairs through cooperation with China. As to how long it would take China to emerge from her present chaotic condition Mr. Robinson would not venture an opinion, declaring that conditions are changing so fast from continuously that great changes have probably taken place since he left the country about six months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were both in the midst of several gains and attacks upon American ports. Mrs. Robinson having been the only white woman present in one disturbance.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Place are sisters.

MAKES \$25 BY READING WANT AD

One circulation manager recently called on a rancher east of Union who did not take the Observer. The man said he was saving all his money to buy work horses and seed and consequently he couldn't subscribe right then. He was left a copy of the paper and that evening called the Observer office to ask who was advertising work horses in the Want Ad section.

"There are the horses," he said to the circulation man a few weeks later. "I saved enough on those horses to pay for the Observer for five years. Have you a blank check?" You too, can save by reading and using the Want Ads.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

City Commission Urges Approval Of Bond Issue

A. T. Hill, City President, Reviews Present Condition of Water Main from K to Jefferson.

A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, issued the following statement today regarding the bond issue for the second street water main, to be voted on at the special election Tuesday:

"The bond issue for \$45,000 to build a new second street water main from K street to Jefferson has been submitted to the voters of La Grande at the election next Tuesday because the city commission feels that it is its duty to the people as their officials to urge and ask permission to make this improvement.

Investigated Condition
"Both the commissioners and competent engineers have investigated the condition of the old wooden pipe now serving the city as a water main and the new pipe is asked because it is considered the only safe action that can be taken. The entire water supply of the city rests on that old wooden pipe, the joints of which, in many cases, are rotted beyond repair. If it should break under present pressure we would be both without water and without fire protection, and many property owners would suffer serious damage.

"Realizing this and knowing the danger of such a condition, the new line is put up to the people of the city Tuesday. If the bond issue is approved, the improvement will be made and any possible danger averted. If it is disapproved, the responsibility of any emergency will rest with the people, not with the city administration.

"An commissioners and as citizens and taxpayers, knowing the condition as it exists, we could not fulfill the obligation we feel toward the people of La Grande without asking and urging this improvement."

Following is a list of the polling places for the election, which will be Tuesday, June 28. Polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 in the evening.

No. 1—Frank Cleveland's residence, 502 Third street.

No. 2—J. A. McCarthy's residence, 2194 Oak street.

No. 3—Lane Chapel, North First street.

No. 4—School house, Frontale.

No. 5—Tom Strand's residence.

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HOTEL WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL STORY

Twenty More Rooms to Be Added to Building J. Roesch Announces

Julius Roesch, who is constructing the new hotel on Adams avenue and Fifth street, announced today that he is making plans for the addition of another story to the hotel, and that the building will be an eight-story structure when completed.

The construction work is progressing satisfactorily, Mr. Roesch said. The building is so designed to carry two or three more stories than the seven originally planned. The growth of the city indicates the need for an additional 20 rooms and the extra story can be added now at much less expense than later on, he declared, estimating that the addition would be planned now for that reason.

Workmen are pouring cement for the fourth floor of the new hotel today and construction is being boosted rapidly as possible so that the opening can be held into this fall.

One carload of face brick has already arrived and been unloaded on the job. Brick work will start within the next ten days or two weeks.

Annual Reunion To Be Held Tomorrow

The Hug family will hold its annual reunion in the city park at Elgin Sunday. The reunion will last all day.

Last year 102 Hug and many friends met at the reunion and it is hoped that the number will be as large if not larger, this year.

A good program has been prepared and all friends are cordially invited. Coffee will be served but each family is to furnish lunch for themselves.

Old Oregon Trail Officers To Meet

Officers, vice presidents and directors of the Old Oregon Trail association will meet in the city tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Elgin hotel with President W. C. Calder, presiding. The association will be discussed during the session.

LEGION HEADS WILL MOVE TO LA GRANDE

State American Legion Officials Will Come Here July 18

TO REMAIN UNTIL AFTER CONVENTION

Meeting Actually Starts July 20 with Meeting of Officers and Executive Committee.

Headquarters for the state American Legion will be moved from Portland to La Grande July 18 and will remain here until after the state legion convention, July 21, 22 and 23, according to word received here today from state headquarters by the local convention commission, Arthur Murphy, state commander and Carl Moser, state adjutant together with the entire executive committee will come here from Portland and will transact all legion business in this city as well as cooperating with the local commission on convention arrangements.

The convention will actually commence at 4 o'clock the afternoon of July 20 when state officials and the executive committee will hold a session prior to the main convention. Registration will be conducted all day on the 20th for the state legionnaires who reach here a day early. The legion hall and probably some convenient downtown office as well, will be used as registration headquarters.

The commission here is completing arrangements with the Chief Post, of Pendleton, the only Indian post in existence, for a complete Indian village to be set up in the downtown district. Wagon wheels and all that go with them to make the village realistic will be erected. An Indian dance is being planned by the "Redskins" post.

Advertising Man Added To Staff Of The Observer

Calvin P. Horn, of Falls City, Ore., arrived in La Grande this morning to take up his duties as advertising manager for The Observer, a position that has been vacant on the business staff of the paper since the death over a year ago of O. E. Moran.

Mr. Horn is a graduate of the University of Oregon and specialist in advertising in the school of journalism. He has had several years experience in newspaper and magazine work in Eugene and is especially well fitted for the job he undertakes here. He has also been an instructor in advertising copy writing on the journalism faculty at Oregon.

Working with both old and new advertising accounts on The Observer, giving competent copy and layout service to advertisers as desired, will be Mr. Horn's particular work. He is a young man of fine personality and ability, and The Observer feels fortunate in securing him as an addition to the business staff.

WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

GLENN COVE, N. Y., June 25 (AP)—Eddie Grier of the Cherry Valley club, former Princeton football star, today won the Metropolitan amateur golf championship by defeating Lauren Lipson, of Englewood, N. J., ex-California polo player, 2 up, in the 36-hole final match.

Largest Crowd Ever in Attendance

At Band Concert Given Last Evening

With the largest crowd ever in attendance at a band concert here the La Grande Municipal band, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., scored another triumph last evening, which was probably greater than any in the past.

The band concert was the first of the summer series and was given at the athletic field. The new band stand recently constructed by the city within the grand stand being used to good advantage. The stand is centrally located and the occupants of the most remote of the 250 or more cars parked in the athletic field were able to hear every note.

Seven Numbers

The program, which included seven numbers, was one of the unusual interest starting promptly at eight o'clock with the new march "Lindbergh—The Eagle of the U. S. A." The second number was taken from "The Wizard of the East" by Victor Herbert, and this was followed by an encore "In Storm and Sunshine." Following the starlight duet, "The Swiss

Excavation Work Is Started At Clubhouse Site

Will Cost \$16,000; Building to Be of Colonial Style; Construction to Start Soon.

The first steps in the building of the La Grande Country Club's \$16,000 clubhouse were taken this morning when excavation was begun. The building is to be on a Colonial style and will be about 75 yards from the entrance to the course, directly across from number one tee. A dining room, ball room, coffee room, professional room, gentlemen's and ladies' locker rooms, caretaker's headquarters, and card room will be included in the two story structure, a sketch of which, appears in the chamber of commerce window. The sketch was drawn by Mrs. P. B. Appleby from the original elevation drawing by C. R. Miller, architect. William Kelly is contractor for the work.

According to William Stegert, chairman of the house committee, work on the construction will begin in the very near future.

The Mount Emily lumber company has donated to the club benches which have been placed at every tee and about the course of convenient places. A marker is now available at Mr. Renner's office and new score cards are ready.

Second Day Of Of Damage Suit Now Underway

The second day of the trial of Dora Carr vs. the O-W company progressed more rapidly with the defendant's testimony taking most of the morning and afternoon. Six witnesses, including residents of Kamela and railroad employees were called to testify. Mrs. Carr went on the stand and briefly explained a damage suit about two years ago in which she sued the White Pine Lumber company for damages done to her son when a machine cut injured him. The plaintiff's attorney expressed his displeasure at the defendant's bringing this matter into the case but did not formally object to the judge, saying that there was nothing to conceal.

Mrs. Carr's little son Howard Rayson, fell from a pile of cut logs on the May 1, 1925, at Kamela, dying instantly from the fall, and for the second time, Mrs. Carr is attempting to receive compensation from the railroad. E. R. Lingo is representing Mrs. Carr while Cochran and Elchord and Mr. Robbins of Portland, are representing the railroad.

Miss Bantz Will Play In Recital

Miss Bertha Bantz, student of the College of Music of the Eastern Oregon School of Music, will be presented in a violin recital on Monday evening, June 27, at the Presbyterian church. Miss Bantz has appeared in several violin recitals, always winning much applause and favorable comment on her rapid progress and artistic skill on her instrument. Last spring when the high school and Eastern Oregon school in a piano contest, Miss Bantz won first place on the violin.

Miss Bantz will be assisted by recital by Miss Bethel Trill, soprano, pupil of Mrs. Wm. H. Parkinson.

The program is at a 7 o'clock and a cordial invitation is extended to the public.

FIRE LOSS \$200,000

POINT ARENA, CAL., June 25 (AP)—Twenty-one buildings of the Point Arena business district burned today, with an estimated loss of \$200,000.

Point Arena is on the coast, 10 miles north of San Francisco.

SYMBOL OF PERMANENT PEACE



The first international flag day is to be celebrated at the giant peace arch at Blaine, Wash., on July 2. The arch, which spans the international boundary between the United States and Canada, was dedicated in September, 1921, by Marshal Joffre of France. Queen Marie of Romania officiated at similar ceremonies conducted last year. At the flag day rites this year, William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canadian premier, will make the principal address. Henry Ford has been requested to obtain a keynote message for the celebration from Colonel Charles Lindbergh.

WAGE INCREASE IS DENIED BY BOARD

65,000 Conductors, Trainmen on Western Roads Ask for Advance

CHICAGO, June 25 (AP)—A wage increase was denied nearly 65,000 conductors and trainmen of 35 western railroads by a board of arbitration today. They asked an average advance of \$1 a day.

The yardmen on the western roads were granted an increase of seven and one-half per cent, retroactive to March 1, 1927. Bargainers are included in the classification of trainmen.

The order was signed by four members of the board, two of them E. P. Curtis, secretary-treasurer of the Order of Railway Conductors, and J. A. Farquharson, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen dissenting.

Those signing the order were: Dr. W. M. Spahn, chairman and president of the University of Texas, and Everett C. Brown, representing the public; W. J. Jackson and J. W. (Continued on Page 8)

Comet Will Come Within 3,500,000 Miles of Earth

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Paying its third visit in little more than a century, the Pons-Winnecke comet tomorrow night, by coming within 3,500,000 miles will make its closest contact with the earth. Although casual astronomical observers can see it throughout the country, astronomers planning, exhaustive studies of this rare, the comet itself may not be the only interesting phenomenon for, according to Professor Charles P. Olivier, of astronomy at the University of Virginia, there may be a shower of meteors as a result of this approach to the earth.

"The earth may pass through some of the debris of the comets nucleus, in which case there will be a meteor shower of more or less intensity," Dr. Olivier, who is chairman of the International Astronomical Union Meteor committee declared in a statement at the University.

While the comet may be seen faintly with the naked eye, naval astronomers said it is best viewed with a telescope or binoculars. The naval observatory here is planning its study through a 25-inch telescope.

The comet first came into view Monday night and will be seen for several days until about July 1, when it will disappear over the southern horizon.

Visitors from all sections of the United States, the comet according to the astronomers, is now near the bright star Vega and is traveling in a southeasterly direction toward the star Ponnabaut.

The comet was first discovered by Jean Louis Pons, the French astronomer, at Marseilles, on June 12, 1819, and its second and last visit to the earth was on March 5, 1858.

Three Flyers To Try Flight From U. S. to Hawaii

Ernest Smith, Richard Grace, Two Army Aviators in Race; Grace Is in Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25 (AP)—The race for first start on the flight over the Pacific ocean between San Francisco and Honolulu apparently narrowed down today to a contest between Ernest L. Smith, of San Francisco, Richard Grace, who plans to hop off from Honolulu, and the two army aviators preparing for the flight at San Diego.

Smith's plane received a setback yesterday when army officials barred him from Crissy field, the army aviation center here, refusing even to let him take off there on a flight to the Oakland municipal airport. His backers quickly obtained permission to use the Oakland municipal air field, however.

Smith hopes to start next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Walter E. Parkin, of the department of commerce, sent here from Los Angeles to inspect Smith's plane after Mills T. Kent, chairman of the committee arranging for the proposed San Francisco-Honolulu flight, asked the government to prevent Smith's flight on the ground that his plane is "second-hand" arrived last night. No announcement this far has been made regarding his plans.

Arrives in Honolulu
Grace, accompanied by Lieut. Estlin B. Koger, of the U. S. naval reserve was met by Commander Millington R. McComb on his arrival in Honolulu, and departed immediately for the Pearl Harbor naval station.

Ernest Smith, who is preparing a rumor that Koger would be the flyer to hop off on the mainland flight, in an effort to win for the navy the honor of making the first non-stop flight from Hawaii to the mainland.

Lieutenant Dodger, denied the rumor that Koger would hop off from the mainland, stating that Grace, whom he styled "the flyer with the broken neck," would make the attempt alone. Koger said he would perfect the plane mechanically. Grace's hop is scheduled for "soon after July 1."

Grace said he would take off from a runway specially constructed on the seashore near Barking Sands, on the island of Maui.

Lieutenants Lester J. Mattland and Albert E. Hegenberger of the army air corps, who have been at San Diego preparing for an independent San Francisco-Honolulu flight yesterday obtained permission from Secretary of War Dugess.

Secretary Davis announced that the flight would be put down in the army records as the "Golden Gate-Hawaiian flight."

Davis said the flight would be attempted "within the next few weeks," the exact time depending on weather conditions and a check-up of final tests of navigation instruments on the 3-motored C-2 Fokker which will be used.

LEGISLATURE OF S. DAKOTA CALLS

Pays Visit to President Coolidge at Summer White House

RAPID CITY, S. D., June 25 (AP)—The entire legislature of South Dakota, its governor and one of its United States senators, came to the summer white house today to pay a call of welcome upon President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Made up of ranchers, farmers, bankers, lawyers and a cowboy or two, the visitors presented a cross section of the life which is known in any of these western states and the meeting afforded Mr. Coolidge probably his closest touch with the people of this great agricultural section.

They came in a special train from Pierre, capital of the commonwealth, where they are in special session re-framing a vetoed appropriation bill. Some of them were in the clothes of the popular westerners, others with the sun and wind burned countenances of the wheat fields and ranges.

Headed by Senator Nurbek, Governor Bulow, Lieutenant Governor Curry as president of the state senate, and Ray Williamson, speaker of the house, the 25 or more South Dakotans mingled at Camp Gretna, where lunch awaited them, before making the mile walk to the state game lodge to (Continued on Page Five)

Son of T. T. Geer Dies At Tacoma

(PORTLAND, Ore., June 25 (AP)—The death of Fred Geer, son of the late ex-Governor of Oregon, T. T. Geer, was reported today from Tacoma, where Geer made his home. He was born in Cove, Ore., and lived in Portland most of his life. He is survived by his widow and one sister, Mrs. Theodore Geer, of St. Louis, Mo. The funeral will be held in Portland Monday.

PROBLEM OF CONFERENCE IS UNDECIDED

Unknown Whether Decisions at Washington Subject to Debate

ANSWER QUESTION INDIRECTLY TODAY

British Circles Intimate Warcraft Scrapped by Britain Greater Than by United States.

GENEVA, June 25 (AP)—Hugh S. Gibson, chief American delegate replied indirectly today to a statement emanating from British circles that the tonnage of warcraft scrapped by Great Britain since the war was probably three times that scrapped by the United States.

Alluding to the fact that the United States at the Washington conference voluntarily surrendered her supremacy in battleships, he declared she had committed herself to the scrapping of 531,000 tons of ships well under construction and of 15 old battleships with a tonnage of about 238,000.

This commission, he explained, was actually carried out and should be compared with the total tonnage of projected battleships and 19 old battleships—411,000 tons in all actually scrapped by Great Britain.

Information from the American (Continued on Page Four)

LEON DAUDET IS RELEASED FROM PRISON

PARIS, June 25 (AP)—Leon Daudet, royalist leader, who was imprisoned June 13 to serve a term for libel, was mysteriously released from prison this afternoon as a result, it is said, of a hoax on the prison director.

Daudet's associate, M. Delest, and Secretary General Bihard of the communist party, also were released.

The release of Daudet was effected by the royalist organization, Camels du Roi, "king's henchmen," it was stated at the office of L'Action Francaise.

This organization is composed of loyal supporters of Daudet.

According to the story told at L'Action Francaise, some one impersonating Minister of the Interior Surraut instructed the prison director to release the three prisoners.

It is reported that Daudet has left Paris "for an unknown destination."

Some Camels is said to have telephoned the prison director and told him that the cabinet decided today to release Daudet, Delest and Semard.

A few minutes later the director became suspicious and telephoned the ministry of the interior, as a precaution, but even in the ministry one of the "king's henchmen" apparently was waiting for the call. He told the director he was M. Surraut and sharply instructed him "hurry up, execute my orders!"

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Boston..... R. H. E.
Brooklyn..... 3 11 2
Batteries: Genewick, Mills and Hough; Dook, Petty and Hargraves.

American League
Washington..... R. H. E.
Boston..... 3 11 2
Batteries: Hadley, Braxton and Ried; Russell, Wingo, Wilts and Moore; Hoffman.

Baseball
Philadelphia..... R. H. E.
New York..... 7 14 2
Batteries: Grove, Tate and Perkins; Penning and Grabowski.
St. Louis at Cleveland, postponed. Threatening weather. Double header tomorrow.