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THE WEATHER OREGON: Cloudy, Saturday probably fair. Normal temperature. Moderate east and northwest winds.

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BUFFINGTON WILL APPEAL CONVICTION

Files Notice After Being Sentenced to Two Years in Penitentiary

JOE SELLERS TO SERVE ONE YEAR

Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty at Midnight After Two Hours of Deliberation.

Clyde "Fete" Buffington was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary and Joe Sellers received a one-year penitentiary sentence...

Considerable interest has been shown in the case, which has been attended by a large crowd both Wednesday and Thursday.

Arrested in April Buffington was arrested, with Sellers, on April 26 by Sheriff Jesse Bessmers and Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghoffer...

Sell Identified The still at court was identified by the state's witnesses as the still which had been in operation during the operation of the same still and who testified that the still belonged to Buffington...

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BAND CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN FRIDAY, JULY 8

The second outdoor concert by the La Grande municipal band will be played on the evening of Friday, July 8, at the high school athletic field...

EAGER, CONSTANT INTEREST

The constant day-in and day-out eagerness with which a newspaper is read and the wide variety of appeal to people in all sections of the community...

Theater Is Sold To F. A. Grulich, Pendleton Man

Sherrys' Closed Until July 15 for Repairs—Mr. and Mrs. Trull to Retire From Business.

Sherrys theater here, owned and operated for the past 15 years by H. G. Trull, has been sold, and the new manager, Francis A. Grulich, of Pendleton, took possession today.

The final showing under the old management was last night and this morning the theater was closed, to reopen about July 15 under a new name, when a program which calls for the reconstruction of the interior and the reconstruction of the theater front, will be completed.

Mr. Grulich is a University of Oregon student, his father has been in the theater business in Pendleton for several years, but recently sold his interests there.

Mr. Trull retiring Mr. Trull, who for many years has been a respected citizen of Union county, is retiring after serving the La Grande public for 15 years. Before coming to La Grande he made his home at Elgin for several years.

REGINS DUTIES SALEM, Ore., July (AP)—W. H. Fitzerald, of Portland, newly appointed member of the state industrial commission to succeed W. A. Marshall, was sworn in and began his new duties today.

Native Son, 73, Passes At Home Of Mrs. Chandler

William Fine, a native son of Oregon, born in Marion county Jan. 29, 1854, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Chandler, 2909 Third street, here late yesterday at the age of 73 years.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fine, Oregon pioneers, who from 1790 to 1842 made their home in Union county. William Fine started out for himself in 1872, handling cattle in Whitman county, Wash. He went to Southern Oregon from there in 1875 and in 1878 he came to Union county and started horse raising.

Grangers Plan To Celebrate July 4

The Pleasant Grove grange of Summerville will celebrate July 4 with a picnic dinner and program at the grange hall, El Centro, Oregon, at 10 o'clock.

To Inspect Spud Crops In County

G. H. Hyslop, head of the farm crops department of the Oregon Agricultural college, will be in Union county the first of next week and will inspect potatoes grown here for certification.

HE'S PERFECT



This is George Jones, 56, Sandow medal winner 23 years ago, and now just declared "perfect" in a contest for men at Victoria, B. C., Canada, over 18 victors.

IMPROVING EAST OREGON RAILROAD

Much railroad construction work is being carried on within the second division of the O. W. R. R. and N. of the Union Pacific system, according to Walter H. Gubb, superintendent of this division, who this morning outlined the amount of work now under way.

One of the jobs is on the Walla Walla branch line, between Ritzsprung and Joseph, where a second rail, released from the main line, is being installed to replace the 36-pound rail formerly used. Last year the rail was laid on a 12-mile section, bringing it to Emeryville, and now operations are starting to complete the work the entire distance of the branch line. The work is to cost about \$25,000.

SALEM RECORD \$4,607,477

Building permits for the first six months of the year here total \$4,607,477, mostly residential improvements, ranging from small jobs of alterations and repairs to two 25,000 homes. Nine permits were more than \$100,000 each, with the largest being \$250,000.

WHEEL RUNS WILD, Breaking Window

A plate glass window in the new store which George Richardson is opening at Second and Adams was smashed last night when the car wheel broke loose from a passing car. The wheel ran wild, first crashing into a telephone pole and then bounding back and breaking the large window.

La Grande Medical Student Appointed

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The Oregon medical students have elected a committee to the national congress of the medical college of the army, according to the war department.

Summer Encampment of Guardsmen A Decided Success, Dutton Reports

The Oregon national guard summer encampment was a decided success, Captain G. L. Dutton, of Company 2, of La Grande, said this morning. Captain Dutton returned to La Grande last night by auto.

BUILDING FOR SIX MONTHS IS \$761,990

La Grande's Half Year Record Leads All Eastern Oregon Cities

MILLION MARK IS NOT FAR DISTANT

Although a slight slump was noticeable during the latter part of June, construction figures for the first half year in La Grande have soared to a new high record—a mark that surpasses any previous total for a twelve-month period.

Much Residential Work

During the month of June the permits numbered 27 and called for construction worth \$37,725, mostly residential improvements, ranging from small jobs of alterations and repairs to two 25,000 homes. Nine permits were more than \$100,000 each, with the largest being \$250,000.

NEARS MILLION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 1 (AP)—A new half year record in building construction has been attained in Klamath Falls with the report late yesterday that construction during the first six months of 1927 totaled \$923,285, or \$400,000 over last year's mark which had a record for that period.

Haines Stampede Opens Its Gates

HAINES, Ore., July 1.—Today the gates of the Haines Stampede are open to the public and the five days of wild west entertainment was started.

SETS SEPT. 12 FOR RETRIAL OF CASE

DETROIT, July 1 (AP)—Federal Judge Fred M. Raymond today set Sept. 12 as a probable date for the retrial of Aaron P. Hays, charged with the murder of Henry Ford and the Dearborn Independent.

Lou Gehrig Gets 26th Homer Today

NEW YORK, July 1 (AP)—Lou Gehrig, Yankee first baseman, knocked out his twenty-sixth home run today in the first inning of the game with the Red Sox, breaking his tie with Babe Ruth.

Move to Abolish Submarines Finds But Little Favor

Time for Step Still in the Future—5-Inch Guns, However, to Be Largest Arms.

GENEVA, July 1 (AP)—The time for abolishing submarines as engines of naval warfare apparently has not yet arrived, for the naval experts of the tripartite naval conference failed today to follow the American suggestion, made on the opening day of the conference, that the United States would be willing to consider abolishing the submarine if such action were made universal.

It is understood, however, that the experts agreed today upon five-inch guns as the largest cannon for submarines. The British delegates proposed creating two categories of submarines, one with a maximum size of 600 tons and the other with a maximum of 1,000 tons, with an age limit of 15 years.

Brothers, Wives Face Charges of Making Liquor

WALLOWA, Ore., July 1.—Two brothers, well past middle age, and their wives, are facing trial on charges of manufacture of moonshine liquor as the result of a raid conducted by Sheriff Miller and Deputies John McPetridge and John Crawford at the headquarters of Mad creek.

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SURPLUS FOR FISCAL YEAR SETS RECORD

Treasury Reports Show a Total of \$635,809,821 Left in Vaults

USED TO RETIRE THE PUBLIC DEBT

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—The treasury surplus for the fiscal year which ended at midnight last night was \$635,809,821, the greatest in history. Total ordinary receipts for the year were \$4,129,394,441.10 and the cost of operating the government chargeable against such receipts was \$3,493,584,619.40.

Retire Public Debt

Of the total excess \$611,909,000 already has been applied to retirement of the public debt the treasury announced. A part of the remaining \$24,900,800 has been carried over as an increase in the net balance in the general fund and will be used for debt retirement purposes.

Less Than Estimates

It was also ascertained that the total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts were \$150,909,000, less than treasury estimates. The difference was accounted for by the postponement of \$20,000,000 of expenditures because of the failure of the second deficiency bill, a \$25,000,000 decrease in tax refund due to change in the revenue law, reduction of expenditures and other items.

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Long Distance Flying Record Is Set By Byrd

Commander Estimates He Flew 4,200 Miles—Other Figures Credit Him with 3,812.

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd was credited today in figures compiled by the geological survey with covering a distance of 3,812 miles, the air line distance between Roosevelt field, N. Y., and the village of Ver-sur-Mer, France.

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TODAY'S GAMES

Table listing today's games for American League and National League, including teams like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.