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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight and Thursday with fog near coast. Temperatures some but above normal in the interior, with lower humidity.

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FEATURES OF CONVENTION ATTRACTIVE

Detailed Program Completed for Legion Sessions Next Week

DRUM CONTEST TO BE BIG SPECTACLE

Coronation of Queen Will Be Another Outstanding Event, Local Legionnaires Declare.

A detailed program for the three-day American Legion state convention, to be held here Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, has been completed and includes many interesting features.

The regular routine of business of the first day will open with a combined meeting of the American Legion and the auxiliary, beginning at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at Legion hall, to which the public is invited.

The second day of the convention will be taken up with business at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at which time the drum corps contest will be held at the athletic field, which is also open to the public.

Friday evening the coronation of the queen will be held in the Depot street balcony of the Elks building.

MARKET ROADS INSPECTED BY STATE OFFICER

J. H. Scott, state market road engineer, with headquarters in Salem, arrived in La Grande this morning for the purpose of inspecting all market roads in Union county.

HAND-BILLS ARE VALUABLE

If you had no other means of getting store news, you would appreciate and value the advertising message of a merchant contained on a handbill.

Normal School Tour, Picnic To Be on Thursday

Thirty-Mile Trip and Luncheon Features the Program Planned by C. of C.

About 100 members of the summer normal school faculty and student body will participate in the tour over the valley and picnic lunch, which will be given by the Union county chamber of commerce in their honor tomorrow afternoon.

Cars will meet at the high school at 4 o'clock and the caravan will leave here promptly after the close of school, at 4:15. The tour, scheduled, which leads through Imbler, Summerville and Pleasant Grove, is 25 miles in distance and will require about one hour.

Plans are to arrive at Riverbank park at 5:30 o'clock, where the picnic lunch, being arranged by E. L. Lilly and Herman Roesch, will be waiting.

After lunch there will be a program. H. E. Condit, president of the chamber of commerce, will preside and will give the address of welcome. J. T. Longfellow, director of the summer school, will talk and there will be responses from both the faculty and the student body of the school.

Huckleberry Crop Not Up to Normal

WALLOWA, Ore., July 12 (Special)—A number of persons who have made trips into the timbered sections of the county recently, investigating the huckleberry prospects, report indications pointing to a fairly good crop of berries in many places.

SCARCE NEAR ALJEL

ALJEL, Ore., July 12 (Special)—Mrs. W. E. Case and daughter, Vera, were huckleberrying on the west mountain last week. They report the berries are being rather scarce this year.

Lostine Bank Is Moved to Joseph

LOSTINE, July 12 (Special)—The Lostine State bank was moved Monday to Joseph where it will be located from now on. A bank meeting of the stockholders was held Friday afternoon and in spite of the efforts of the Lostine people the vote to move was two in the majority.

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Miami Is Selected As Convention City

CINCINNATI, July 12 (AP)—Miami, Fla., was selected as the 12th meeting place for the American Legion convention, defeating Los Angeles when the second poll was taken today. Miami received 516 votes and Los Angeles 265.

WEST VISITOR



Bare knees like any part of the world, and absence of cowboys and Indians are the starting points of the west for visitors from Germany, according to the Countess Gertrude Pottelberger of Insterburg, Ostpreussen, Germany, now at Mount Vernon, Wash.

RUNAWAY TEAM IS CAUSE OF THRILL

Scores Witness Dash of Horses Down Adams, Endangering Driver

Those who believe that the exciting days of runaways vanished with the automobile would have been forced to admit that runaways of the most spectacular variety can still be provided had they been among those on Adams avenue who at about 5 o'clock last night witnessed the Greenwood dairy team careening madly through the main thoroughfare with its driver, Emil Gaertner, owner of the dairy, occupying the wagon and struggling without avail to stop the team.

Sheriff Takes Liquor Outfit And Elmer Mires

Sheriff Jesse Branshore, with deputies A. L. Helms and H. A. Klinghammer, last night arrested Elmer Mires, a local bootlegger, together with the liquor outfit, on charges of possession of malt and liquor, and confiscated one of the largest still outfits to be taken for some time. It is reported.

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OREGON CROP OF WHEAT IS ENCOURAGING

Government Statistician Figures Yield Will Be More Than Normal

FRUIT OUTLOOK NOT AS BRIGHT

Apple Crop to Be Around 4,600,000 Bushels, Which Is Less Than Five-Year Average.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12 (AP)—Reports gathered by E. L. Kent, Oregon statistician for the U. S. department of agriculture, show increased acreage of Oregon's principal crops for this year and a marked improvement in condition during the month of June.

The Pacific northwest wheat crop is now estimated at 194,654,000 bushels. Of this Oregon will produce 21,188,000 bushels of winter wheat from 500,000 acres and 2,570,000 bushels of spring wheat from 125,000 acres.

The winter wheat estimate is considerably higher than the five-year average while the spring wheat crop will be much less, reports indicated. The five-year average for winter wheat is 15,180,000 and for spring wheat 4,555,000.

Big Potato Yield Oregon will produce 5,491,000 bushels of potatoes from 52,000 acres. The five-year average yield is 4,280,000 bushels from 42,800 acres.

The timothy crop shows a slight increase in tonnage although the acreage has been decreased. Approximately 2,002,000 tons will be produced from 858,000 acres of land, it is believed. The five-year average is 1,970,400 tons from 859,000 acres.

Apple Outlook

The fruit crops show a general decline in yield. More than 4,600,000 bushels of apples will be produced, however, although the acreage will touch the yield of 6,372,400 as a five-year average. More than 1,128,000 bushels of pears will be picked in Oregon this year. The average is 1,208,200. Peach production took a heavy slump with only 148,000 bushels estimated for this year. The average for five years is 215,000.

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Peking Protest Sent to Japan; Note Is Sharp

Chinese Demand Recall of Troops from Tsinanfu and Tsingtao in Province of Shantung.

PEKING, China, July 12 (AP)—The Peking government, after a verbal protest by the foreign office on Monday, has sent a note to the Japanese legation in which it demands the immediate withdrawal of troops from Tsinanfu and Tsingtao in the province of Shantung.

The note also demands the recall of any further troops sent to the city and expressed the earnest hope for a satisfactory early reply. The note, which was made public this afternoon, expressed astonishment that the protests of the Chinese government regarding the dispatch of Japanese troops to Tsingtao have not received "due attention" by the Japanese government.

On the contrary, the note alleges the Japanese took advantage of the defection of some of the troops of General Sun Chuan-shan, the northern commander in Shantung, to dispatch Japanese troops to Tsinanfu from Tsingtao and to replace them with fresh troops from Daifon.

The note declares that the Japanese government which has constantly professed friendship for China, has thus ignored Chinese protests both in the committed act of violating Japan treaty obligations and Chinese sovereignty. The dispatch of troops, the note says, has evoked intense indignation throughout China.

The Japanese government has been sending troops to Tsinanfu and Tsingtao in both of which cities the Japanese have extensive interests. Both cities, for some time, have been the object of a drive by the nationalists, who seek their capture as part of the larger plan to take Tientsin and Peking.

LARGE YIELD ON WALLOWA FARMS

Hay Crop One of Heaviest in Recent Years—Wheat Gaining Fast

WALLOWA, Ore., July 12 (Special)—Warm summer weather which has held sway in this section during the past several weeks, has caused the grain and hay crops to make a rapid growth, and farmers are beginning to take an appearance of harvest on many of the farms. Cutting of the first crops of alfalfa on many of the farms in the irrigated parts of the county has been under way much of the past week.

The winter wheat crops are advancing quite rapidly, and will be ready to cut for hay during the next two weeks, and some of the early sowings will probably be ready to start binding around the 20th of the month. The greater part of the wheat in the dry farms, which was cut with combines and this will probably not be started much before the first of next month.

Crop prospects continue to look very favorable, and with plenty of moisture stored in the soil, all are of the opinion that the grain should do well. Farmers are considerably encouraged with price prospects and reports state that some wheat has been contracted for delivery at threshing time at around \$1.20 per bushel. This figure is considerably above that of last year.

Diamonds Worth \$50,000 Are Stolen

LOS ANGELES, July 12 (AP)—Diamonds valued at \$50,000 were stolen from a jewelry store here today by two young men who battered Sam Cohen, 54, a clerk, unconscious with their revolvers.

NABLUS LIKE A DEAD CITY REPORTS SAY

Earthquake Stricken Part of Asia Desolate and Heavily Damaged

NO AMERICANS OR EUROPEANS SLAIN

Unofficial Estimates Place Victims at 1,000—Official Figures Around Half a Thousand.

SHANGHAI, July 14 (AP)—Floods in South Anhwei province on July 6 caused the deaths of more than a thousand persons, it is said in belated reports received here. Tens of thousands of people are said to be homeless.

Unofficial figures are much higher, some estimates of the dead touching 1,000. Up to the present no American or European have been reported among the victims. Details from many of the affected places were still being awaited today, but the story of the fate of Nablus says it presents an awful spectacle of destruction. Scarcely a house in the old part of town escaped. Many collapsed entirely, while others seem to be held together by a miracle. High-towered buildings piled fantastically above narrow streets collapsed like cards, burying not only the inmates but the persons in the markets below.

DELEGATES PLAN PLENARY SESSIONS

Tri-Partite Naval Conference Negotiations Continue; No Bitterness

GENEVA, July 12 (AP)—The delegates to the tri-partite naval conference today decided to convene a plenary session tomorrow at 3 p. m.

Tomorrow's plenary session was arranged, it was learned, in order that assurance can be given that the negotiations are continuing in the friendliest manner.

Chief interest at the meeting centered on the question of cruisers and Japan announced intention to sign no treaty which involves the expansion of the Japanese navy.

Montana Wants Frank O. Lowden Next President

FRANK O. LOWDEN, former governor of Illinois, today received a petition bearing the signature of 10,000 Montana voters asking him to become a candidate for the republican nomination for president. The petition which had been circulated in every Montana county was presented to Mr. Lowden at his farm home by W. E. Stockton, Bozeman, Mont., president of the Montana Farm Bureau.

FREED-WANTED



Seattle police arrested Don O'Connell a few days ago, failing to recognize him as an individual wanted for a crime, and let him go. Then they learned there were rewards of \$11,350 up for him, including \$10,000 in London, \$1,000 in Paris, \$250 in San Francisco and \$100 in Los Angeles.

Accidents Over Northwest Take Six Youngsters

Vancouver Boy Killed in Runaway—4 Deaths Due to Drowning

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 12 (AP)—Wilfred Watson, 15, died yesterday from injuries received when a team of horses he was driving ran away and threw him from a load of hay.

STEVENSON, Wash., July 12 (AP)—Glen Dodson, 11, gave his life here yesterday in an attempt to save his companion, Marguerite Smith, 9, from drowning in a slough near here. Both were drowned.

DALLAS, Ore., July 12 (AP)—Nona Maxine Martinson, 7, daughter of Mrs. Hans Martinson of Bickleton, Wash., died in a hospital here yesterday from burns suffered when her clothing caught fire while she was attempting to light a fire.

MONTESANO, Wash., July 13 (AP)—Bernice, 10, and Virginia, 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pinnick of Melbourne, are believed to have been drowned in the Chubbuck river yesterday. The river is being searched.

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