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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Generally fair and
cloudy with partial sun and
mist near the coast tonight and Fri-
day. Normal temperature and hu-
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INSTALL POOL
NEAR VIADUCTSwimming Tank Will Be
Larger Than Baker Nat.
When CompletedCONSTRUCTION TO
START IN 15 DAYSPurchases Harding Es-
tate Block as Site—
Deep Wells to Furnish
Water for Bathers

Announcement was made this morning by Charles C. Pratt, local real estate dealer, that he will build a modern swimming tank on the old Harding estate property located some 400 feet east of the second street viaduct on the north side of the railroad tracks and in close proximity to the city's depot.

He expects to begin construction of the pool within the next 15 days and will rush the work to completion, although he is not at all positive as to how long it will take to finish the project.

The initial outlay for the building of the tank and shower bath, lockers, etc., will probably be \$5,000 or \$7,000, Mr. Pratt said this morning. He does not expect to finish the tank as yet but in the future he may do so if conditions warrant. The lockers and shower bath will be built along one end of the pool and the wall for there will be no arranged that it would serve as a wall for an enclosed tank if such a step is decided upon.

Purchases Property

Mr. Pratt has purchased the property in question and states that the abstract is now being drawn up.

The pool will be larger and deeper than the Baker municipal pool, which ranges in depth from two to eight feet and is 45 by 112 feet. Mr. Pratt's tank will range from 12 to 18 feet in depth and will be 20 by 120 feet.

The temperature of the water is considered ideal for a swimming tank. At present tests show it to be 10 degrees warmer than river water.

Talk With Commissioners
Mr. Pratt took the matter up with the city commission last evening and states that the commission has approved his plan and that the members declared that his location of a site was ideal.

He has sent to the state board of health for rulings on swimming tanks and plans to have the pool constructed in an absolutely sanitary manner. All swimmers will have to use the showers before a plunge.

Mr. Pratt expects to make a contract with the city whereby he will receive water for the pool from the wells at a reasonable price. He also states that a reasonable charge will be made for swimming.

Several slides from slides of the city commission.

PRESBYTERIAN
PICNIC TO BE
FRIDAY NIGHT

The annual picnic of the congregation and friends of the Presbyterian church will be held tomorrow afternoon at Riverside park, announcement was made today.

An interesting program has been arranged, consisting of musical numbers and speaking. A picnic dinner will be served at about 5:30 o'clock, each family bringing a basket lunch.

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. This, by necessity, resorted to in Butte, Mont., last month when a strike resulted in that city, though retail business slumped more than 25% in spite of all make-shifts.

If you can secure daily store news, however, through your own daily newspaper—bought for the advertising information you get as well as for the news—naturally consider it a waste of money for a business man to solicit your trade with handbills that litter your porch and lawn. Both in the city of La Grande and over the Valley the Observer reaches by far the greatest number of families at by far the lowest cost per reader.

It is naturally preferred by the intelligent advertiser above all other publicity means in this territory.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

A. R. Hunter and
Hal Bohnenkamp
Become PartnersNew Undertaking Firm
Is Established in La
Grande—Announce-
ment Made Today.

The formation of a new business firm to be known as Hunter & Bohnenkamp is announced today by Albert R. Hunter and Hal Bohnenkamp, together with their purchase from the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. of the undertaking business conducted here for many years and managed by Hal Bohnenkamp in recent years.

Mr. Hunter, who was born and raised in this community and is widely known for his community and political activities, has been looking for a satisfactory business opening since disposing of his farm in this county a year ago. His ranch near Arlington has been leased and the new partnership just formed means that he will continue to reside in this community. His many friends are gratified that he is thus to be identified with the business interests of La Grande and Union county.

The new firm takes over the modern funeral home of the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., at the corner of Spring and Fifth streets, also all motor equipment and all funeral equipment owned by the former company. Hal Bohnenkamp is an experienced director and embalmer and is adequately fitted for the professional duties of the partnership. Regarding firm policy, they announced that service to outlying communities of the county will be continued on the same basis as that with which La Grande is served. Contemplated changing and broadening of service facilities will be announced as they become effective.

LET'S CONTRACTS
FOR CITY WORKSidewalks and Macadam
to Be Installed on Y
from Fir to Spruce

Contracts for work in two improvement districts, both on Y avenue between Fir and Spruce streets, were let last night by the city commission during its regular weekly executive session.

The opening of bids for district No. 122, providing for construction of sidewalks, resulted in an award to Hartenbawer & Spawth, who entered an offer of \$19,219.62. The engineer's estimate on the project was \$12,245.19.

C. R. Setz was given the contract for installation of macadam on two blocks of Y, his bid being \$4,744.17. The engineer's estimate on this job was \$4,978.17.

A considerable amount of other business, mostly of a routine nature, was handled before adjournment.

It was announced that pool balls would be allowed to remain open all night during the American Legion convention except on July 23, when they would be compelled to close at midnight.

A permit for a fireworks display at the high school athletic field during the convention was also granted to the legion.

Permits Granted
Other permits granted included street cleaning and construction, to Mrs. O. P. Akeley, of C street, and a theater license, to Francis A. Grullich, owner of the Colonial.

Charles C. Pratt appeared before the commission in connection with a play he has to install a swimming tank near the depot.

The commission promised him its cooperation.

A final estimate was allowed to Hartenbawer and Spawth on the 18-inch water main from the city reservoir to K avenue in the amount of \$2,742.98 and three estimates on improvement district work, were allowed C. R. Setz, totaling \$2,174.52.

Local Sheep Men
Take Part in Sale

Entry blanks for rams to be sold at the Oregon Woolgrowers association sale, to be held at Pendleton Aug. 13, have been received at the office of H. H. Avery, county agent here, and are available to sheep men wishing to consign rams to the sale.

Several local sheep men, including J. H. Dobbin, of La Grande; H. H. Hurns, of Imbler; and Robert French, of Cove, expect to enter rams in the sale. There will also be a number of rams consigned from Walla Walla county.

HEARING PROTEST
SALIDA, Ore., July 14 (AP)—The public service commission is today hearing the protest of the Howard Telephone Co. against the Klatskanie Stage Line, in which the plaintiff alleges that the Klatskanie company is in conflict with the schedule of the Howard and company.

20 POSTS TO
GIVE STUNTS
DURING MEETLegion to Distribute the
Events Throughout 3-
Day ConventionASTORIANS WILL
NEED MUCH SPACEBend to Send Caravan of
Automobiles, Headed by
Miss Bernice Zufelt, Se-
lected as Queen.

Stunts—furnished by about 20 of the legion posts which will be represented at the state American Legion convention here next week—will be one of the many clever entertainment features of the three-day convention program, which opens Thursday morning, July 21, and continues through Saturday, July 22.

It is the custom to have a stunt contest each year at the state legion convention, but the contest this year will be different in that the stunts will be scattered over the three days and not all given at one time.

The local legion committee will set the time and name the place for each stunt, all of which will be given on the streets, with the exception of two or three which will probably be given at the athletic field. The committee will also appoint the judges for the contest.

The winning post in the contest will be given a prize of \$100. The second prize is \$50 and the third \$25.

To make the stunts even more interesting they are kept secret and only those participating are allowed to know what the stunts will be.

Needs a City Block
Astoria writes that the stunt to be given by that post will require a city block or vacant lot and about half an hour's time. No word has been received from the other posts which will enter stunts except that they will be here and have one ready.

The posts which have sent word saying they would have stunts are: The Dulles, Grants Pass, Pendleton, Marshfield, Baker, Enterprise, Walla Walla, Sheridan, Medford, McMinnville, Portland, Astoria, Albany and Bend. There will be several other posts in addition to these.

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Hayina Is Started
In Walla Walla County

Haying is well started in the alfalfa fields in Walla Walla county, according to N. C. Davidson, county agricultural agent. The crop is good, and the haying season will probably require more time than usual.

There has been considerable work in putting up the crop, Mr. Davidson states.

Ian McKenzie To
Take Position in
Oakland SchoolLa Grande High Athletic
Coach Resigns—School
Authorities Seek New
Mentor.

Announcement was made today by Superintendent J. T. Langfellow of the resignation of Ian V. McKenzie, who during the past year held the position of physical director in the La Grande schools. Mr. McKenzie leaves La Grande to become one of the physical directors in the public schools of Oakland, Cal.

In writing to Mr. Langfellow of his resignation, Mr. McKenzie stated that he was deeply sorry to leave La Grande and his La Grande friends but that the opportunity to do special work at the University of California along with his position, and the substantial increase in salary induced him to make the change. "While it is with deep regret that we accept Mr. McKenzie's resignation, we are at the same time glad that he is securing such a fine position and one that provides so many opportunities," said Mr. Langfellow today. "I feel sure that Mr. McKenzie's excellent record here will be duplicated at his new post," he continued.

Mr. Langfellow returned this morning from a trip to Eugene, Salem, Corvallis and other western cities where he looked up prospects for the position. Mr. Langfellow and the school board are making every effort to secure a competent successor from the Oregon schools.

PREPARING FOR
EXPORTING OF
CROP OF GRAIN

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14 (AP)—Preparations are being made by the commission of public docks for handling the millions of bushels of wheat from the inland Empire which will be shipped in export through this port. All equipment necessary to this end is being put in shipshape order at Municipal Terminal No. 4.

At a meeting of the commission today, Captain J. Speer, superintendent of terminals, reported that the new wheel separator recently installed here was being tested, and that they could handle at the rate of 2,000 bushels an hour at against 1,200 bushels for the old type.

"White Bird" Found
Is St. Johns Rumor

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, July 14 (AP)—A wreck believed to be that of the "White Bird," French liner, was found today by fishermen near St. John's.

France in an attempt to reach New York has been found in the interior, two hunters reported today.

The two hunters, who live in Flat Bay, on the west coast, brought out the report that about 10 miles inland, in the wilderness, they had seen what looked like a large white bird. Highway officials at St. George's, to whom they reported their find, believing this might be the wreckage of the trans-Atlantic plane, immediately sent Truck Superintendent George Smith and Major F. Sidney Cotton by special car to question the men further and to determine what was actually seen.

Beating Wife Plunge
Car Takes Plunge

NEXMATH, PAID, Ore., July 14 (AP)—Intent upon administering a beating to his Indian wife, according to reports to police, Peter Garcia, laborer, lost control of his machine and plunged off a bridge into a government canal near the city limits last night. The pair were dragged from the deep ditch in a semi-conscious condition.

Mrs. Garcia was taken to the hospital to be treated for bruises and cuts said to have been sustained at the hands of her husband. Garcia was lodged in the city jail.

Police had been called by Garcia's neighbors a half hour before he plunged into the domestic difficulty. Arriving at his home they found that he had just left. On their way back to headquarters they received a call that a car had plunged into the canal. Rushing to the scene of the accident, they found Garcia and his wife.

Navy to Take Back
Oil Reserves Aug. 1

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—An agreement between the navy and interior departments under which the navy after Aug. 1 will take back administration of the naval oil reserves and leases of land in them was announced today at the navy.

"Radio Seance" Conducted, Drums
And Violin Music Reported Heard

NEW YORK, July 14 (AP)—Radio fans who were tuned in on WGY last night heard what they might have thought was static, but learned instead that it was a seance being conducted by the Mary Freeman of Liberty Spiritual Church.

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CALIFORNIA'S PRETTIEST EYES



These are the most beautiful eyes in Southern California, according to a committee of artists who chose them from a review of beauties. They belong to Evelyn Blackie, who is 22 and hasn't as yet appeared in the movies. The judges were Stewart Robinson, painter, Ernest Klein, art director, and Haskin Pinn Frick and Merrill Gage, sculptors.

Eastern Oregon
Net Tournament
To Begin July 31

The third annual Eastern Oregon tennis tournament will be held in La Grande, July 31 and Aug. 7, according to an announcement made by the tournament association today. This is the first time that La Grande has been selected for the tournament, the other two having been held on the Union course.

Participation is unrestricted and invitations have been sent out over all the northwest. At previous tournaments, both Idaho and Oregon have been represented and the local officials expect entries from several Idaho and Washington cities. Early reports indicate at least 25 entries in the matches which include both singles and doubles for women and men.

All of last year's champions will be back this year to defend their titles. Jack Abner, of Milton, defended the men's singles title last year while Miss Jean Bell won the women's singles championship. Hall and Boyer, of Bend, were awarded doubles championships while Boyer and Miss Bell won in the mixed doubles final.

Whether Pendleton can walk away with the cups this year as she did in the previous tournament is an interesting point of conjecture.

Singles will be played off the first Sunday while the double matches will take place the following Sunday. Special seating arrangements will be made for spectators, with possibly a slight admission fee to help defray expenses. A nominal entrance fee in charged entries. Anybody interested in participation is requested to communicate with Park Taylor.

Pretty Blonde
Fails in Bank
Robbing Trial

SAGINAW, Mich., July 14 (AP)—Blonde, bobbed haired and defendant, a 19-year-old girl is held here today, following her unsuccessful attempt yesterday to get money from the paying teller at the Peoples Savings bank.

Candy, pointing a .38-caliber revolver into the face of E. E. Speckhardt, teller of the bank, the girl showed a \$5,000 check signed "Make it snappy" through the window and then commanded the teller to "give me \$5,000 and make it snappy."

Speckhardt dropped to his knees behind the counter and pressed the complicated burglar alarm system. Within a few seconds a policeman, several hundred pedestrians flocking to his heels, rushed into the bank and disarmed the girl. She fell into the policeman's arms and was taken to the jail.

The young woman gave her name as Viola Harris, of Flint. "I needed the money to pay off a mortgage," she told police, "and I thought that would be an easy way to get it."

Man Suicides After
Slaying Mrs. Lewis

REDONDO BEACH, Cal., July 14 (AP)—A woman, Mrs. Annie Lewis, about 40 years of age, was slain in her home today by J. C. Lindeman, 34, an apparent friend of the family, who had been residing in the Lewis home.

The police said Lindeman, who then shot himself in the head and died later in the hospital, apparently had become temporarily demented.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14 (AP)—The federal grand jury today indicted Fred C. Kruse, 33, of Portland, for conspiracy to violate the prohibition act.

Paul Panoff and Frank M. De Kay, arrested with Kruse, were also similarly indicted.

Calvin Denies
U. P. Is Seeking
Milwaukee LineNips Rumor in the Bud—
Railroad Has No Ob-
jections to Merger of
Hill Interests, He Says.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14 (AP)—Rumors emanating from Wall Street during the last few weeks that in event of the merger of the Hill lines (the Great Northern and Northern Pacific) the Union Pacific would consider seriously absorbing the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, were declared utterly unfounded by E. E. Calvin, Union Pacific vice president, in a statement to the Portland Telegram.

The Milwaukee road follows a route between the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern and the report has persisted that if the interstate commerce commission approves the merger plan of the Hill roads, the Milwaukee would likely become a part of the Union Pacific system.

No Objections
"The Union Pacific will not file any objections to the proposed merger of the Northern lines," Mr. Calvin said. "The Union Pacific is not in any way affected by the merger plan of the Hill lines."

The matter of giving the Milwaukee entrance into Portland over Union Pacific tracks from Spokane has never been discussed between the two lines, Mr. Calvin said in reply to a query. Union Pacific officials have not been approached on the subject he added.

Bobby Jones Is
Leading Field
By Two Strokes

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, July 14 (AP)—Bobby Jones played his second round of the British open golf championship in 72, one stroke under par, giving him a total for the two days of 149 and maintaining his lead in defense of the title he holds. He was a stroke over par for the first time, but clipped two strokes off coming home.

The champion faced the final 25 holes late tomorrow with an advantage of six strokes under par for the classic St. Andrews course. He was five under par with his record-equaling 65 score of yesterday and added another today. Bobby's score of 149 for 25 holes compares with par 146 for two rounds.

Bobby, when he completed his round, was leading the field by two strokes. R. Hodson, of Tenby, Wales, returned a fine 70 today which, coupled with his 72 yesterday gave him a 24-hole total of 142. Joe Kirkwood was in third place with 144, made up of two 72's.

"Long Jim" Barnes, of New Rochelle, N. Y., who scored 75 yesterday, had another 76 today for a total of 151.

Larry Nabholz, of Sharon, Pa., taking 72 today for a total of 153 eliminated himself from further competition under the rules today. The field for the final 25 holes by removing from the play all 15 strokes or more behind the leader.

Other scores were:
C. H. Cotton, England, 75-72—147.
Tom Stevens, Los Angeles, 76-73—149.
Cyrl Tolley, England, 77-73—150.

Walter Kennett, Palma, Cebu, 78-75—153.
Arthur Havers, England, 78-74—154.
Rene Guinas, France, 78-78—156.
Bill Mohrman, 77-80—157.
John G. Anderson, Mamaroneck, N. Y., 82-80—162.

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SMITH BEGINS
AIR JOURNEY
TO HONOLULUHops Off from Oakland,
Cal., Fiel dat 10:39
This MorningACCOMPANIED BY
EMORY B. BRONTEHopes to Be First Civilian
to Make Trip Accom-
plished Recently by the
Army Flyers.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14 (AP)—The Federal Telegraph company received a report at noon from Ernest Smith giving the position of the airplane that left the Oakland municipal airport at 10:40 o'clock as 100 miles southwest of San Francisco.

MUNICIPAL FIELD AIRPORT, OAKLAND, Cal., July 14 (AP)—The silver-winged monoplane "Chy of Oakland," manned by Pilot Ernest L. Smith and Navigator Emory Bronte took off here at 10:39 a. m. today for the 2400 mile flight to Hawaii.

The Smith plane headed due west and disappeared in the low fog over San Francisco bay.

Speakers who watched the Smith plane through field glasses expressed astonishment when Smith apparently spurted up and passed one of the escort planes.

As Smith took off the crowd cheered with a mighty roar and there was much waving of arms and leaping into the air by the mechanics who had worked hours night and day to make the little plane ready for its flight.

Final preparations for the flight began shortly after midnight, when the weather chart showed the prospect of low clouds and fog.

Unfavorable conditions over the Pacific, with north and northwest winds—not at all favorable for a westward flight—prevailed from here to the half way mark.

Good Night's Sleep
While fueling and final grooming of the plane was being completed, Smith and Bronte slept soundly at the home of Captain William Foyle, their flight manager.

Dispatches from Honolulu to the effect that army officials considered it impossible to hop off on a return trip from Wheeler field where the flyers intend to make their Honolulu landing, because the 200-foot runway is too short for a heavily laden plane to get

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LOSS OF LIFE
IN SOUTH ASIA
CLIMBS TO 670

NEW YORK, July 14 (AP)—Dispatches from Jerusalem to the Jewish Telegraph agency say that figures compiled up to the present show 670 persons were killed and 3,000 wounded in the earthquake in Palestine and Trans-Jordan.