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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday with fog and cold near the coast. No change in temperature. Humidity below normal in east.

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DRUM CORPS' CONTEST TO BE JULY 22

Fourteen Organizations to Take Part in Annual Convention Drill

AUXILIARY TEAM WILL ALSO MARCH

Sheridan, Ore., to Send Legion Band — Cave Men's Orchestra Coming from Grants Pass

At least 14 drum corps will take part in the drum corps contest Friday afternoon of the state American Legion convention here, which will be one of the most spectacular features of the three-day convention program. Those in charge declare it will be the biggest thing of the entire convention, with its array of colors and uniforms, in addition to the excellent music and drills.

The contest will begin promptly at four o'clock Friday afternoon at the athletic field, and those who have never witnessed the performances "aint seen nothin' yet", according to those in charge. Corps will participate from Portland, Bend, Salem McMinnville, Medford, Hood River, Pendleton, Marshfield, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Grants Pass, Weiser, Ida., Dayton, Wash., and Baker.

Band to Play

The Sheridan band will play and immediately following the drum corps competition, while the judges are making up the score, the ladies' auxiliary drill team of La Grande will perform. This drill team is the only one of its kind in the state of Oregon and is expected to be a main attraction at the convention.

A cup, awarded by the Pacific Legion, will be the first prize in the drum corps contest. The corps also compete for a trophy donated by the Selberling-Lucas Company of Portland, which has been won for two consecutive years by the Salem corps. The trophy is the permanent possession of the corps winning it for three consecutive years.

Field in Shape

The athletic field has been mowed, raked, dragged and sprinkled preparatory to the convention, Lynn Bohnenkamp, chairman of the drum corps contest, announces. The work was done by the state highway department in conjunction with the city street department.

Following the performance at the athletic field the drum corps members will be taken to Riverside park, where they will be the dinner guests of the Union county chamber of commerce. Final arrangements for the dinner were made last evening when the entertainment committee of the cham-

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BOY HURT WHEN ENGINE BUMPS CAR AT PERRY

A car was badly damaged and its driver, Orville Baum, was hurt Saturday at Perry when the machine was struck by a switch engine, according to reports received here today. The boy was accompanied by Milford Wheeler and Max Burk and the three declared that the locomotive gave no warning of its approach. They saw the engine, they state, just before it hit them and Orville attempted to back off the crossing, but was too late. The car was overturned.

Orville, who was injured about the arms, hips and back, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Baum, of 2702 Greenwood, and the other two live on V avenue.

WHEN ECONOMY MUST RULE

Sales result from the seller contacting the prospective customer—without that contact business comes to a stand-still. Contact is possible through a good store location, through satisfied customers who tell others, through signs, through the mails, through newspaper—all of which is advertising.

Customer contact costs money—particularly does it cost money to contact large groups of prospective customers, to cover an entire trade territory—but the most inexpensive and most effective contact is the daily newspaper. In the La Grande territory The Observer provides the most economical customer contact to be had by any method—reaches constant, eager readers at less than half the cost per reader. When economy must rule it is significant that The Observer is universally the selected method.

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Band Will Play Concert July 20 At 7:45 O'clock

La Grande Organization to Appear in Recital as Part of Legion Convention Program.

Visiting legionnaires and La Grande music lovers as well will have an opportunity to hear the La Grande municipal band in concert tomorrow night at the high school athletic field at 7:45 o'clock in the third outdoor recital of the summer season.

This is in the form of not only a regular concert but also is considered an event on the convention program.

The program, as announced today by Director Andrew Loney, is as follows:

March—
"Spirit of St. Louis" ..... Woods
(Dedicated to Col. Chas. Lindbergh)
"Victor Herbert's Favorites." ..... Arr. Lake
(Excerpts from musical comedies of the late Victor Herbert)
"Largo" from the "New World Symphony" ..... Dvorak
"March and Procession of Bacchus" from the ballet "Sylvia" ..... Delibes

INTERVAL.

Descriptive—
"The Cavalry Charge" ..... Luders
Vocal solo ..... Selected
Paul Khauta
Overture—
"Hungarian Comedy" ..... Keler-Bela

Fish Feed Will Be Held First Day of August

"The annual Wing, Fin and Fleet-foot club fish feed will be held Monday evening, Aug. 1 in the basement of the I. O. O. F. temple on Elm street, it is announced today by Secretary McAllister.

As is customary, the annual fish contest will be held before the feed, beginning Saturday morning, July 30 and closing Sunday night, July 31. Prizes will be offered and these will be displayed at the Oregon Hardware company. The fish will also be displayed at the same place Monday prior to the feed.

Cherry Picking Begins At Cove; Weather Ideal

COVE, Ore., July 19. (Special)—It's cherry picking time at Cove. Some of the orchardists commenced work in their cherry trees yesterday but the most of them are merely engaging pickers, getting ladders and boxes in readiness and planning to start the harvest in earnest tomorrow.

The crop is light this year, many orchards not bearing any cherries to speak of and other orchards only having a 50 per cent crop.

The weather, hot and dry, is ideal for cherry picking and if it continues the work will go on rapidly and will need only about 10 days to two weeks to finish.

Auto Strikes Boy, Injuring His Ankle

A boy, whose name is unknown, was injured about the ankle yesterday when he was struck by an automobile driven by Brella Gerrity, of Rupert, Ida., according to reports made to the police here.

The Idaho woman declared that she was driving along the Old Oregon Trail highway several miles west of La Grande, when the boy started crossing the road about 35 feet ahead of her. She said she sounded her horn continuously but was unable to miss the boy. He was brought to La Grande but police were later unable to find where he had been treated.

The woman said she was driving her car about 15 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

Mr. Awes Speaker At Normal School

The Rev. Leif H. Axes, of the Lutheran church, delivered an address to the students of the normal school at their regular bi-weekly assembly in the high school auditorium this morning. Director J. T. Longfellow presided, calling upon Mr. Axes who spoke on the subject, "The JProblem of Building Character." Miss Asgodt Frigard, one of the normal students, whose home is at Ione, sang two vocal numbers which were well received by the audience. Group singing, led by W. W. Nusbaum, musical director, concluded the program.

BOYS ARRESTED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19. (AP)—Five boys who ran away from the Chemawa Indian school near Salem, Ore., last week were picked up by police officers late Monday. The boys, Jess Hall, 14, Charles Plummer, 19, Edwin Lund, 14, Thomas Dubrey, 15, and Irving Colsell, 14, will be returned to the school.

GIRL SAVES LITTLE BOY FROM DEATH

Verla McLane, 13, Swims 70 Feet to Rescue Jackie Munhall, Aged 6

CAMPFIRE TRAINING HELPS IN EFFORTS

Heroine, After Bringing Lad to Bank, Supervises First Aid Measures—Boy Well Today.

Miss Verla McLane, 13-year-old campfire girl of the Sacajawea group, rescued little Jackie Munhall, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Munhall, from drowning in the Grande Ronde river yesterday.

Jackie, with other children, was playing on the river bank just beyond the Bowman-Hicks boarding house, when he lost his footing and fell into the water. The current was swift and he was rapidly carried down stream. Verla McLane, who was there with the children, went into the water after him and was able to reach him after swimming about 70 feet.

The little boy had come to the top of the water for the fourth time and was near drowning when she finally reached him.

She succeeded in getting him to the river bank, where she, with the assistance of others, rendered first aid. Today he seems none the worse for the experience.

Second Rescue By Girl

This is the second time within the last week that an Oregon campfire girl has saved someone from drowning, in each case work in campfire giving the heroine the basis for intelligent action.

A campfire girl at Klamath Falls saved a child from drowning only a few days ago. The mother, who was unable to swim, would undoubtedly have been drowned in an attempt to save the tot if the campfire girl had not been present and able to help.

UNION STORES TO CLOSE SATURDAY

Lumber Mills Here to Cease Work for Final Convention Program

Word was received here this morning from F. B. Connor, Union merchant, announcing that the business men of Union will close their stores Saturday from 2 until 6 o'clock, so that all may attend the last afternoon of the American Legion state convention here.

The Mt. Emily Lumber company, of La Grande, has announced that it will close Saturday afternoon and the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company will also cease work at the same time. The employes of the two mills will thus be given an opportunity to see the parade and other features of the final program.

A few stores in La Grande have also signified their intention of closing their doors, it is said.

To Furnish Cars For Local Pioneers

Cars will be furnished by the Union county chamber of commerce to take people to Riverside side park for the 38th annual pioneer reunion Thursday. Any pioneer wishing to ride to the park is asked to call the chamber of commerce offices and leave their address and the cars will call for them. Transportation will also be furnished for others who call at the chamber of commerce offices.

SEIZE FISH NETS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19. (AP)—Five nets, four of them brand new, have been seized by deputy game wardens in the last few days in their campaign against illegal commercial fishing in the Nestucca river, according to Harold Clifford, state game warden. The men operating the nets escaped, but the wardens were so close on their heels that they left machinaws and other evidence which the officers hope to take full advantage of.

CONVENTION PARKING, TRAFFIC RULINGS

No parking of motor vehicles will be allowed on Adams avenue from Fig to Third streets during the three days of the American Legion convention, July 21, 22 and 23, and during drilling or stunts on Adams, the section of street will be entirely closed to traffic.

This ruling was made by the city commission at the request of the American Legion post here.

Garters Tight? Watch For Rain Hit Worm Diggers

OMAHA, Nebr., July 19 (AP)—Here's something new. If your garters tighten look out for rain. Take the word of M. V. Robbins, local government meteorologist. Garters are a fairly accurate barometer. Humidity, coming as it does in damp warm weather, tightens the elastic, Mr. Robins explained. And rain generally follows high humidity. Hence, when the garter tightens one may expect a shower.

How about those who roll 'em? "Ah, that's another story," commented the observer with a twinkle in his eye.

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SAVE THE POOR WORM

GLENCOVE, N. Y., July 19 (AP)—Fish worms, which have of late crawled into the public prints in dispatches of presidential pastimes, have now wriggled their way onto the official statute books of this little Long Island community, the richest city of its size in the east.

The city council has unanimously adopted "ordinance number 61, which makes it unlawful for any one NOT a resident to dig worms within the city limits. Violation of the ordinance will be a misdemeanor and a police officer has been assigned as worm warden to take action against poachers.

For years out of town people have been digging worms here to sell else where, threatening to cause a vermicular famine to the despair of residents who scorn the use of flies.

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PERILS OF POULTRY

BILLESDON, Eng., July 19 (AP)—Poultry farming in England has its disadvantages.

Among them is the uncertainty whether eggs placed in incubators will produce chickens, ducklings or alligators.

B. Mellor, a Billesdon farmer, bought a dozen eggs in the local market and put them in an incubator.

Three weeks later he opened the drawer to see if the expected chicks had made an appearance. He shut it hurriedly. Twelve baby alligators were the sole occupants.

New Wheat Arrives In Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19 (AP)—The first two cars of new crop wheat arrived here today for export. They were from Echo, Ore., where the harvest is now well under way.

Secretary Philip Carroll of the commission of public docks said today that nearly all the space in the municipal grain elevator has already been taken for August by grain shippers in this district. Indications are that the heavy movement of wheat from the Inland Empire will begin to reach Portland during the next two weeks.

May Move Divison Point to Bend, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19 (AP)—Recommendations that the Oregon Trunk's division point at Metolius be moved to Bend, has been made to the joint owners of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, W. P. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway, of which the Oregon Trunk is a subsidiary, advised the Portland Telegram today.

This recommendation results from the fact that Bend would be the junction point of the Oregon Trunk and the Great Northern, which is extending its independent operations south of Bend into the Klamath basin.

The Oregon Trunk is already planning for the enlargement of its roundhouse at Bend.

AUXILIARY TO SEND HEADS TO LA GRANDE

Officials Due Here Tomorrow — Executive Meeting to Follow

PENDLETON GROUP TO MEET SAVAGE

National Legion Commander Will Be Presented with Sombrero—Program Given.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the American Legion state convention here Thursday morning, which will continue through Saturday, closing with the gigantic fireworks display that evening.

Carl Moser, state adjutant of the American Legion, arrived in the city yesterday and is making his headquarters here until after the convention." Other state legion officers are scheduled to arrive tomorrow evening.

State officials of the American Legion auxiliary will arrive in the city tomorrow and all executive meetings will be held tomorrow evening at the Sommer hotel. The party will include Mrs. Anna Hershner, state president, of Hood River; Mrs. Mable McInturff, state secretary-treasurer, of Marshfield; Mrs. Rose Wilcox, state vice president, of Antelope; Mrs. Duritha Deming, of St. Helens; Mrs. Jessie Kelly, of Baker, and Mrs. L. C. Garlock, of Medford, district committeewomen; Mrs. Georgia Webber, rehabilitation chairman, of Portland; Mrs. A. C. Hoggett, child welfare chairman, of Portland; Mrs. Robert Dillard, publicity chairman, of Marshfield; and Mrs. Lena Stuart, membership chairman, of Albany.

Northwest Officers

Mrs. A. B. Beals, national vice president of the northwest district, will be here Thursday. The auxiliary president of Washington state will also attend the convention one day.

The auxiliary convention will open at 8 o'clock Thursday morning with registration. Headquarters will be at the I. O. O. F. building. All meetings are open to the public.

Howard P. Savage, national commander of the American Legion, will be given a real Round-Up welcome upon his arrival in Walla Walla Wednesday en route to La Grande to the state convention, according to word received from

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Housing Demand Growing; Seek For More Rooms

Reservations that have been made for the American Legion convention indicate that the last-minute demand for housing accommodations will be greater than has been planned for, according to Mrs. Hugh E. Brady, of the housing committee.

She says that a number of rooms have not been assigned as a precaution against a last-minute rush but it looks as if the demand will be unusually large. Anyone having rooms available and not already listed are asked to communicate with her.

The established rate, payment accommodation, is $1.50 per night for one double bed whether occupied by one or two persons, and $1 a night for each single bed.

LOU AND BABE—BACK AND FORTH

Just to show no hard feelings existed even though Lou Gehrig was pushing him for home run supremacy in the majors, the Babe got out a saxophone given him by Paul Whiteman and entertained his boy frend'. The Babe's toots gave the boy frend' quite a few laughs as you can see. When this picture was taken Ruth had the most homers but a day or two ago Lou tied it up again.

MORE HOPE SEEN AT GENEVA MEET

Americans at Tri-Partite Naval Conference Reveal Optimism Today

GENEVA, July 19. (AP)—A sensation was caused here late today by the official announcement that Earl Cecil, member of the British delegation to the tri-partite naval conference will return to London tonight and W. C. Bridgeman, head of the British delegation tomorrow, for the purpose of consulting with the British cabinet and elucidating the British position at the naval conference.

LONDON, July 19. (AP)—Reuters Geneva correspondent says he learns that the naval delegates have reached an agreement "in principle" under which the total tonnage of cruisers and destroyers is stated to have been fixed at 500,000 for Great Britain and the United States 250,000 for Japan.

GENEVA, July 19 (AP)—"We are more optimistic now than we have been for some days." Hugh S. Gibson, chief American delegate to the tri-partite naval conference, declared after a conference this morning between the six principal delegates.

"The discussions are continuing in a most cheerful and friendly atmosphere," added Mr. Gibson. "We are beginning to see more light ahead."

Mr. Gibson, however, indicated that this morning's deliberations, which were devoted to the broader phases of the cruiser problems as a whole would have to be followed by several other sessions of the "big six" and that the harmonious spirit prevailing today did not necessarily signify rapid progress in concluding the work of the conference.

No Meeting Soon

The American delegate stated that there would be no meeting of the executive committee of the conference for three or four days. This indicates that there is little likelihood of another public plenary session of the conference before next week.

The question of defining the obsoleteness of cruisers—determining what ships shall be counted as active units and included in the to-

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Peach Prices Poor; May Let Fruit Rot

YUBA CITY, Cal., July 19. (AP)—Threats to let the peach crop rot on the ground rather than accept a price less than $35 a ton were voiced last night at a meeting of 1200 growers who have formed a pool for 80,000 tons of the 1927 Sutter county crop. Many growers announced intentions of letting the first portion of the crop, estimated at 10,200 tons, which will be ripe in a few days, go to waste rather than pick it at the price offered.

The growers said that the canners had proposed a sliding scale with prices depending upon the size of the crop. If the crop were only 8,000,000 cases the canners would pay $25 a ton. For each half million cases above 8,000,000 the price would slump $1.50. The state statistician estimated the 1927 crop at 300,000 tons, or 12,000,000 cases which would leave the growers about $15 a ton for their fruit.

Bomb Exploded At Consulate in Nice; None Hurt

NICE, France, July 19. (AP)—A bomb was exploded today in front of the building in which the American consulate is located. No one was hurt and only slight damage was done.

The police started an investigation. Consular officials today expressed the belief that the bombing was the work of some one who wished to make a demonstration in behalf of Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti without actually causing bloodshed.

Nearly every window was broken in the consulate, but there was no other damage.

Threats Received

Consul J. Lee Murphy revealed this afternoon that the consulate has received many threatening letters recently concerning the Sacco-Vanzetti case and had asked police protection. Lately officials have been disturbed nearly every night by the frequent ringing of their doorbells although no one was visible when the bell was answered.

French officials called early upon the consulate to express regret for the incident and promised every effort to arrest those responsible.

ON HUNGER STRIKE

BOSTON, July 19. (AP)—The voluntary abstinence from food of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti today entered its third day with state prison officials still inclined to attribute their fast to bad weather rather than to admit he condemned men were actually on a hunger strike.

Vanzetti continues to sip coffee and to refuse other food while Sacco has declined everything. Both men, however, have running water in their cells.

Dr. Edmund V. Wilson, assistant superintendent of the city hospital, said that if the men drink no water they could not live longer than ten days.

Rodent Control Work in Oregon Worth $250,000

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19. (AP)—County agents' estimates of savings in farm and timber crops resulting from the operation of the rodent control work in Oregon total $250,000 for the past year, according to the annual report of Ira J. Gabrielson, in charge of rodent control work of the United States biological survey. The work cost about $35,000.

The savings resulted from the department's campaign against ground squirrels, gophers, moles, rabbits, crows, groundhogs, pocket gophers, mice and other field and forest pests. Most of the extermination work was done by poison. Acreage over which poison bait was spread during the year totaled 705,160. Drives against ground squirrels and porcupines were particularly effective, Mr. Gabrielson said.

Meadow Lark Named As Oregon State Bird

SALEM, Ore., July 19. (AP)—The western meadow lark was today officially proclaimed by Governor Patterson as the state bird of Oregon, in accordance with a vote by the school children of the state. The next legislature will be asked to ratify the proclamation.

BIRDS HOVER OVER OCOTAL, BATTLE CITY

Authorities Cleaning Up Place to Guard Against Epidemic of Disease

VIVID DESCRIPTION OF MARINE STAND

Devil Dogs, Living Up to Traditions, Repulse the Nicaraguan Rebels Despite Fierce Attack.

MANAGUA, July 19 (AP)—Fearful of an epidemic, the authorities at Ocotal, scene of Sunday's 17-hour engagement between the forces of General Sandino, rebel leader, and a joint body of 28 United States marines and a group of Nicaraguan constabulary, are cleaning up the city, which has the appearance of a big graveyard.

Flocks of great vultures descended upon the battlefield over which the bodies of about 200 of General Sandino's men lay scattered, most of those killed meeting death from bombs dropped by five planes ordered from Managua to the rescue of the marine force at Ocotal, by Brigadier General Logan Feland.

Aviators Escape

The rebel force which attacked Ocotal at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, succeeded in bringing down one American plane yesterday, but the aviators escaped safely and landed in Ocotal. The plane was piloted by Sergeant Albert S. Munsch. One bullet punctured the gas tank and another bullet went through the pilot's pistol holster.

Major G. D. Hatfield, in command of the marine force at Ocotal, reported last night that all was well and that a column under Major Floyd was marching on the town for the purpose of preventing General Sandino from reorganizing his forces. Late reports indicated that the rebel chieftain was being deserted by the remainder of his band.

Battle Fierce

A graphic account of the fight, in which one marine, Private Michael A. Obleski, of Roulett, Pa., was killed, has been received by President Adolfo Diaz from Armaldo Ramirez Abaunza, one of the leading citizens of Ocotal. The account described the battle as one of the fiercest in the history of Nicaragua.

Abaunza said that General Sandino attacked the city from all directions Sunday morning, the troops shouting and cheering for Sandino and crying "death to the Americans." The fighting became general with the marine force and the Nicaraguan constabulary, returning a hot fire with rifles and machine guns.

"The hosts of Sandino swept on," Abaunza said in his report, "attempting to capture the municipal park, to use the stone wall for protection. It is now daylight —the Americans have not retreated an inch. The constabulary maintain their position. The American sharpshooters are piling up the dead."

The Marines Answer

In another part of his message

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NEW AND RICH TIN DEPOSITS ARE LOCATED

ROSEBURG, July 19. (AP)—Discovery of extensive tin deposits in the Honey Creek vicinity, about 30 miles east of Roseburg, was reported this morning by Henry Strader, who holds a large group of claims in that vicinity. Mr. Strader has for several years been working a potter's clay holdings on Honey creek, a tributary of the North Umpqua, and only recently became interested in the tin or "mystery metal," which has been found in Southern Oregon. After prospecting in the North Umpqua territory for a short time he reports that he has located three big ledges of high grade ore on his claims. Assay reports show the tin running from 8 to 16 per cent. He is constructing a road to his claims, which are less than a mile from the North Umpqua highway.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	6	13	0
Boston	2	6	2

Batteries: Ilsey and Hargrave; Robertson and Urban.

Pittsburg-Philadelphia postponed, rain, two games tomorrow.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	2	7	0
Cleveland	3	12	0

Batteries: Willis, MacFayden and Hofmann; Miller and Autry, L. Sewell.

Portland Writer Sums Up Situation; Espouses Eastern Oregon's Cause In Lewiston Rail Extension Proposal

Editor's Note — The following story, published in yesterday's issue of the Portland Telegram, Portland, Ore., is reprinted because of the interest it contains for Eastern Oregon residents. However, although Mr. Sims indicates that the Portland chamber of commerce has endorsed the Homestead-Lewiston proposed route, this organization has not taken a definite stand on on the matter and will hold a hearing before acting one way or the other.

By Harold M. Sims

Eastern Oregon cannot understand why the Oregon public service commission with the tacit approval apparently of the Portland chamber of commerce, should join in a move to shift the main line of the Union Pacific out of Oregon and into Washington.

The main line at present cuts diagonally across the northeast corner of the state and follows down the Oregon side of the Columbia to Portland.

Pendleton, Baker and La Grande, the largest cities in Eastern Oregon, are along this route.

The proposal now before the interstate commerce commission, sponsored by the state of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and countenanced by the Portland chamber of commerce, is to compel the Union Pacific to build a new line down the Snake river from Homestead to Lewiston, Ida.

This line would skirt the eastern state boundary, following a deep box canyon through what is known as the Seven Devil country, as desolate and unproductive a section as can be found in the state.

The line would push northward well into Washington, connecting with the Clearwater branch of the Union Pacific at Lewiston, Idaho, from Lewiston to Oregon soil again, the route traverses diagonally the southeastern portion of Washington in much the same way as the present main line serves the northeastern portion of Oregon.

Make Bold Prediction

The Eastern Oregon cities make bold to predict that if the Union Pacific had come forward with the suggestion that it build the Homestead-Lewiston link of railway and turn its main line trains northward

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