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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Generally fair tonight and Sunday with fog near the coast; cooler west portion Sunday; low humidity in the interior.

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LOVE, OF EUGENE, NEW COMMANDER

PORTLAND TO ENTERTAIN IN COMING YEAR

American Legion and Auxiliary Elect Officers in Final Business Meet

MRS. KELLY, BAKER, ELECTED BY WOMEN

Visitors Prepare for the Mammoth Parade to Begin About 3 O'clock on Adams Avenue.

The last business sessions of the American Legion state convention here and the legion auxiliary were being held this afternoon—the last day of the three-day convention. Officers for both the legion and auxiliary were elected.

Portland will be the convention city for 1928, all of the larger cities in the state having had the convention and the smaller places being unable to attempt it because of the large expenditure. It is thought that the executive committee during the year will make some arrangement whereby a limited amount can be spent for the convention, making it possible for smaller cities of the state to entertain.

George E. Love, of Eugene, was unanimously elected commander of the Oregon department, and will take the place of Commander Arthur Murphy. Jack Carkin, of Normonia, and Earl McSheary, of McMinnville, were nominated to the office of vice commander, and McSheary was elected by a motion by Carkin for a unanimous vote cast.

Thomas Stokin, of Portland, was elected to the office of finance officer and Dr. Schuyler Pratt, of Mt. Hood, was elected department chaplain, a motion for a unanimous vote being made by Dr. Duncan P. Cameron, of Cottage Grove, who was also nominated for the office. Vick McKinzie, of Salem, was unanimously elected national executive committeeman for the next two years.

Mrs. Wilcox Elected

Mrs. Rose Wilcox, of Antelope, was elected president of the American Legion auxiliary, to take the place of Mrs. Anna Hershner, who automatically becomes national committeewoman. Mrs. Jesse Kelly, of Baker, was elected vice president, Mrs. L. C. Garlock, of Medford, also being nominated to the office.

Mrs. Cleland, of Salem, and Mrs. Dewey Yates, of Portland, were nominated to the office of state

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ARREST THREE ON MOONSHINE CHARGES HERE

William A. Stevens, E. McCaughey and Perry Goss were arrested last night by George Pierce and A. F. Marriot, state officers, and several federal men who found the three with 80 pints of moonshine in their car, the officers said. No further action has as yet been taken. Dick Weeks was also arrested last evening when he was found selling beer and intoxicating drinks, they report. His home is on the north side.

"WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW—"

The old saying, "What you don't know, doesn't hurt you," may or may not apply in advertising sometimes — but it is certain that "what you don't know" DOES hurt a business man when it is something that would attract your trade to his counters.

Many firms "get along" because they have a small established following of customers who are well sold on the firm's service, goods, etc. But some of them fail to "get ahead" because they neglect acquainting you and others who are not customers with logical reasons why you should be. You welcome this information, give attention to these reasons when given you in advertising messages in The Observer. The Observer constitutes your contact with the active business of the community. Fortunately, it is available to business men at the lowest cost per reader of any possible method.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Union Stake To Hold Picnic At Medical Springs

Public Invited to Participate—Program Includes Speaking, Singing and Athletic Events.

Final arrangements have been made for the Union stake, of the L. D. S. church, 25th of July celebration at Medical Springs, it is announced today.

The public is invited to attend the all-day meeting, the program for which follows:

10 a. m. ..... Boy Scout salute
Community singing ..... Elmer Stoddard
Prayer ..... President Hanks
Double mixed quartet
Address ..... Bishop Whiting
Presentation of badges to:
Mother of largest family, oldest pioneer, all pioneers, and oldest member in church ..... Bro. C. J. Black
Duet ..... Baker Ward
Address ..... Hon. Dunham Wright
Boys' quartet ..... La Grande Ward
Solo ..... Nellie Bean
Reading ..... Kate Metcalf
Orchestra selection ..... Imbler Ward
Paper ..... Erma Chadwick
Solo ..... Baker Ward
"Star Spangled Banner" .....
..... Congregation
Benediction ..... Joel H. Orton

Picnic Lunch at Noon

Pageant ..... Union and Cove Wards
Stunts ..... Elwood Gwilliam, Grant Bean.
Baseball game ..... Married vs. single men.
Horse shoe pitching ..... C. J. Black and E. O. Morris, challenge Union stake.

Races and Games

Sack race
Three-legged race.
Potato race.
Fat woman's race.
Greased pig race (winner keeps pig)
Greased pole race (winner keeps prize at top of pole)
Tug-of-war.
Nail-driving contest (free for all women)
50-yard dash
100-yard dash

Union Gymnasium

Drama ..... Stake Sunday School
Dance ..... 9 p. m.

Note: Each ward arrange for own transportation committee. Pioneers to be given preference. Pioneers will be furnished with badges. Each family bring own lunch. All eat together. Decorate cars with flags.

BUFFINGTON IN OREGON PRISON

Surrenders at Salem and Starts Serving His Two-Year Term in the Pen

"Pete" Buffington, recently sentenced to the state penitentiary on still operation charges, and well known in federal, state and county circles for previous liquor charges, has reported to the state penitentiary and is now serving his two-year sentence, much to the surprise of local officials, who expected Buffington to go through with his original plans of appeal to the supreme court.

Buffington has had two previous federal court trials in each of which he was found not guilty. The last trial was heard by Judge Fred Wilson of The Dalles the first of July, following a grand jury indictment made when Buffington, with Joe Sellers, who is now serving a one year penitentiary term, was arrested by Sheriff Jess Brashears and party April 26. In the trial, which evoked considerable attention, Sellers attempted to take all blame, absolving Buffington of any connection with the confiscated still and apparatus. Both were found guilty by the jury, after a short deliberation, however, and Sellers was taken to Salem immediately by the sheriff.

Entered Appeal

Buffington promptly entered an appeal which, with the recent word received from the superintendent of the Salem institution, has been dropped.

The letter received by the sheriff from H. W. Meyers, superintendent of the penitentiary, follows: "In response to your inquiry of the 15th inst. will state that Guy Buffington called at the office a few days ago informing us that he had been committed to the institution and that the district attorney would send the commitment upon advice from us. He then went back to Portland, giving us his address. His commitment arrived day before yesterday and we immediately advised Mr. Buffington by letter of its arrival, and he put in his appearance this morning at 11 o'clock and is now confined within the walls of the institution."

SALEM CORPS TAKES FIRST, BEND SECOND

Portland Given Third in a Spectacular Contest Viewed by 4,000

MISS SHERIDAN IS CROWNED AT NIGHT

Bend Princess Wins Second and Miss Ruth Bramwell, La Grande, Selected Third.

DRUM CORPS CONTEST
First—Salem.
Second—Bend.
Third—Portland.
QUEEN CONTEST
First Princess Sheridan.
Second—Princess Bend.
Third—Princess La Grande.

The crack drum and bugle corps of the Salem American Legion post emerged victorious in one of the most colorful and spectacular contests in the history of the Oregon Legion conventions yesterday afternoon at the high school field.

Under a broiling sun and in the presence of more than 4,000 spectators, ten corps took part in the contest and two others appeared on the field but without being officially in the race—Baker, Ore., organized only three months ago, and Dayton, Washington., which is out of the state. The La Grande corps did not take part, its members serving in various capacities over the field during the contest.

Second Place Close

On points, the Salem bunch had a lead of a fraction better than four points over Bend, in second place. Bend in turn kept Portland in third by a point margin. Eugene was a close fourth.

The 12 judges in adding up the points, gave Salem 82 1-2, Bend 78 7-24; Portland 87 1-2; Eugene 86 2-4; Hood River 82 1-6, Cottage Grove 74 5-6, Coos Bay 69 1-2, Pendleton 69 5-6 and McMinnville 58 2-4.

In the drum major contest R. M. Elder, of Bend, won the individual prize. No second or third places were awarded.

As may be seen from the points, the competition was very keen although most of the large crowd were sure that Salem would be selected. Choice for second place, was the closest race.

Women Given Ovation

The contest began shortly after four o'clock, after an appearance of the La Grande auxiliary drill team with the Sheridan band furnishing music. The crowd gave the organization loud applause as the women uncorked trick after trick and some drills that none of the drum corps equalled.

The Dayton bunch came on the field then in a short drill and were followed by the La Grande auxiliary team—this time with small drums and bugles. Their second show was appreciated as much as the first.

Medford was the first to take part in the contest, making a good score and drawing generous applause, as did the ones to follow.

Hot on Medford's heels was a red-clothed, hot appearing group of devils, advertising themselves from Island City. Their burlesque brought many a laugh. Several declared that this was Fred E. Kiddle's fire department.

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GEORGE LOVE

George Love, of Eugene, was today elected state commander of the Oregon American Legion. He will succeed Arthur Murphy, of Portland, who is to be transferred to the Washington department.

SHRINE HEAD VISITOR IN LA GRANDE

Clarence E. Dunbar Guest at Drum Corps Banquet Last Night

TRAIN STOPS HERE FOR 40 MINUTES

Party En Route to Portland Met by Umatilla Indians, Bend Drum Corps, Local Lodgemen

The imperial potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine for North America, Clarence E. Dunbar, of Providence, Rhode Island, and party passed through La Grande on the 6:20 o'clock train last evening. The local Shrine club, headed by L. L. Snodgrass, C. M. Humphreys and Geo. T. Cochran, arranged with the railroad company to hold the train for 40 minutes while they entertained the party. Nobles Snodgrass and Cochran met the train at Hot Lake and accompanied the visitors to La Grande. A number of other nobles, with cars, met the train at the depot.

Upon arrival at La Grande, the Umatilla Indians in attendance upon the American Legion convention captured the imperial potentate, led him to their old stage coach and placed him on top of it in charge of Chief Sumpkin. The drum corps of Bend, in attendance at the convention, also met the party at the train and gave them a welcome. Accompanied by a band of Indians on horseback, the nobles, and the Bend drum corps, the imperial potentate and his party were paraded through the main street of La Grande to Fir street, where the visitors were transferred to automobiles and taken to Riverside park.

Speaks at Banquet

At that place a banquet to legionnaires and the drum corps in attendance at the convention was being served. When the state commander of the American Legion appeared with Imperial Potentate Dunbar upon the platform, they were given a rousing cheer, and after the introduction, Noble Dunbar addressed the legionnaires for a few minutes. It was with difficulty that he left the meeting, as all the boys present desired to meet him and shake hands.

Upon returning to the train, Noble L. H. Russell, rajah for Union county of Al Kader temple, introduced the imperial potentate and his party to numerous nobles, including Noble L. L. Patterson, governor of Oregon.

Others in Party

Those in the party of the imperial potentate were as follows: Clarence E. Dunbar, imperial potentate, of Providence, Rhode Island; Walter S. Sugden, Sistersville, West Virginia, member of the imperial council, and past potentate of Oasis temple; A. A. D. Italia, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and W. R. North, of Providence, Rhode Island, secretary to the imperial potentate.

The party was en route to Portland, Ore.

Coolidge Visits Nebraska Governor

MYSTIC, S. D., July 23 (AP)—President Coolidge pulled off his coat and in his shirt sleeves climbed over a steep and rocky mountain trail today to reach the summer lodge of Sam McKelvie, former governor of Nebraska in the Black Hills woods.

A lumber wagon with spring seats upholstered with gaily bright Indian blankets met the president and Mrs. Coolidge when their train pulled into Mystic, a mountain settlement of about a dozen persons, and with cameras clicking on all sides they climbed aboard and started on the two-mile pull up a steep hillside.

Soon, however, the horses tired from the hard drag, and the president left the wagon and walked behind it. A warm sun beat down on him, and he took off his coat.

Whippet Racing To Be Featured

PORTLAND, Ore., July 22 (AP)—Whippet racing will be featured at the Vancouver, Wash., speedway Sunday, July 31. Entries are expected from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Yakima, Seattle and as far east as Calgary, Alta. A total of 27 dogs have been entered to date.

FIVE FLYING HEROES BACK

Home again after having flown to Europe, the heroes of the Chamberlin and Byrd flights wave "Hello" to New York from the deck of the welcoming boat Macon which brought them from the Leviathan to the battery, in New York harbor. From left to right are Lieutenant George Noville, Commander Richard E. Byrd, Clarence Chamberlin, Bernt Balchen and Bert Acosta. Big crowds were on hand to welcome the flyers after their perilous adventures through fog. This photograph, the first taken even before the flyers stepped on American soil, was rushed to The Observer by the aid of telephoto.

Sideshows Of The Convention

Sam Wildermann, sports publicity director of the Associated Students, University of Oregon, Eugene, is among the newspaper men from Western Oregon who are partaking of La Grande's hospitality during the American Legion convention.

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Much praise should be given Baker for the progress its drum and bugle corps has made in the three months since organization, visiting legionnaires declared yesterday after the white uniformed Copper City veterans finished their drill following the official drum corps contest. Generous applause was given the organization.

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Mrs. A. B. Reals, national president of the western district, left La Grande this morning for Reno where she will attend the Nevada convention. Mrs. Reals praised the convention city and declared that it was with regret that she left the meet which was "one of the finest I have attended." It is interesting to know that Mrs. Reals, during the war, occupied the seat on the Seattle bench made vacant when her brother was across seas.

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The Roseda hotel building, still under construction, hold a unique record in convention displays, in having a flag flying high above all other stars and stripes in the city. The flag pole is attached to the supply shaft which itself towers above the present height of the hotel.

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Florida wouldn't have known Charlie Mills, of Miami last night when, disguised as a Pendleton Beckaroo he acted as judge at the queen contest. He looks so much like a westerner that people about the stand were wondering who that "fellow from Pendleton" was.

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After the drum corps dinner at the park last night, impromptu musical organizations numbering from one to a dozen members paraded the business section until the wee

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Washington And Oregon Lumber Rates Altered

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—Shippers in Washington and Oregon are entitled to the same rates on lumber sent to points on the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railroad in Montana, Minnesota and the Dakotas that they are given to points in the same territory but on other railroads, it was held today by the interstate commerce commission.

At present the rates to the Soo line points from the west coast are seven cents per 100 pounds higher than to points on other railroads.

The commission ordered the Soo line and the other carriers participating in the traffic to make new rates effective Oct. 1 equalizing the charges.

Income Tax Not Dead In Oregon; Petitions Filed

SALEM, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Income tax sentiment is not dead in Oregon notwithstanding the outcome of the special election of June 28. Today the State Income Tax league, of which H. H. Stallard, of Portland, is president and George Bylander, secretary, filed petition forms with the secretary of state for an initiative income tax bill to be voted on in 1928 if the petitions are successful the forms are not correct and will be returned by the secretary of state with the request that they be put in proper form. Stallard and Bylander are also behind the proposed initiative measure for a flat automobile license fee of $3.

Rates proposed in the new state income tax bill are:

First $7000, 1% per cent; $2000, three per cent; $3000, four per cent; $4000, five per cent; $5000, six per cent; $6000, seven per cent; $7000, eight per cent; $8000, nine per cent; $9000, 10 per cent; over $9000, 20 per cent.

Exemptions are for a single man, $2500; married man, $5000; dependents, $400 each.

250,000 Rumanians Pay Tribute To Dead King—Burial To Be Sunday

BUCHAREST, Rumania, July 23 (AP)—More than 250,000 Rumanians have honored their dead king by filing past his bier in Cotroceni Palace. Peasants and townsfolk from outlying places continued to arrive in the capital today by all sorts of conveyances, of Carter Haynes Argus, many more thousands will have gazed upon the features of the "father" as the Rumanians chose to call him.

Queen Marie, receiving the correspondent told of Ferdinand's longing to see America.

"It was the king's ardent wish to visit America before he died," she said, "but now it is too late."

Tears in Marie's Eyes

There were tears in the queen's eyes when she referred to Ferdinand as "a great king, a good man and the kindest of husbands. His simplicity, his humility and greatness of heart endeared him to everybody. His whole life was one of sacrifice."

He asked that the correspondent convey to her friends in America her sincere appreciation for the many touching messages of sympathy that have come to her.

The boy king Michael was brought in by Princess Helen, his mother. The blonde haired blue-eyed youngster seemed puzzle in his childish innocence to realize his grandfather, who only lately had presented him with an American teddy bear and toys, was dead, and that, although less than six years old, he had inherited his mantle and would wear the golden crown of greater Rumania and control the destinies of 15,000,000 persons.

Boy Consoles Her

"Don't cry, grandfather will come back to us," said the little fellow in perfect English to the queen, who was quite overcome by his baby-like reassurance.

The most pathetic figure in the room was Princess Helen, who after suffering from the ignominy of desertion by her husband, Carol, now is called upon to bear the loss of her father-in-law, to whom she was deeply attached.

Ferdinand, whose generosity and sympathy were proverbial, had supported Princess Helen and her child ever since Carol eloped with Mme. Lupescu.

STILLMANS AND WILSONS QUARREL

Bud Ends Disagreement When He Kidnaps His Bride-to-Be

NEW YORK, July 23 (AP)—The New York Daily News today in a copyright dispatch from Grande Anse, Quebec, says a quarrel between the Stillman and Wilson families resulted in Bud Stillman "kidnaping" Lena Wilson, his 18-year-old north woods sweetheart and taking her to his mother's camp for their marriage next Tuesday.

Prior to the kidnaping, says the Daily News, Bud had announced his intention to plunge into the woods and stay there for months, while his bride-to-be tearfully insisted she would go to Montreal to become a manicurist.

Religious Quarrel

The quarrel is reported to religious and social barriers raised by the Wilson family, farmers, and the matter was only settled when Bud literally kidnaped the hysterical Lena and carried her in a battered car over 30 miles of forest trail to his mother's camp.

First, says the Daily News, Bud signed a document agreeing that the marriage should be by Catholic ritual and that any children of the union should be reared in the Catholic faith. In return, he received from Lena's mother her written consent which is necessary under Quebec laws for the marriage of a minor daughter.

But none of Miss Wilson's rela-

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Better Lamb Prices Expected In Fall

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—A rising tendency of wool prices and a favorable outlook for producers of winter lambs is indicated by present conditions, the department of agriculture said today in its July wool outlook.

"In view of the large increase of the crop of native lambs and the probabilities of less lamb feeding on the corn belt and increased feeding in the west," said the department, "prices of slaughter lambs this summer and fall are likely to be higher than during the corresponding periods of the past 12 months. Average prices for the coming year however are expected to be about the same as the past year.

"Domestic wool prices have shown some strength and are expected to show a rising tendency during the next six months although no considerable increase is expected".

Normal Weather Due Next Week

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning July 25 was announced here today by the weather bureau as follows:

For western states. The outlook is for generally fair weather but with fog along the coast; scattered thunderstorms over the plateaus and in the mountain regions and early in the week; temperatures will be normal on the coast and near or somewhat above normal in the interior.

SUMMER HEAT WAVE GRIPS THIS STATE

Mercury Climbs to 100 and Above in Southern Oregon Yesterday

LA GRANDE WARM WITH 96 MAXIMUM

Logger Collapses in Klamath Falls — Forest Fire Hazard Increasing in Roseburg District.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Oregon and the Pacific northwest are experiencing some real summer weather today. Portland is favored in the matter of temperature, however, with 81 degrees at 10 o'clock. A northwest wind prevailed and cooler weather is promised for tomorrow. Yesterday's terdas, with equally high temperatures, with equally high temperatures in sight for today.

At Medford and Grants Pass temperatures in excess of 100 degrees were predicted. Roseburg reported higher temperatures and lower humidity are increasing forest fire hazards. Yesterday's temperature of 92 degrees was expected to be equalled again today.

At Klamath Falls, Charles Foster, 55, a logger, collapsed yesterday while at work and expired before medical aid could reach him. He is believed to have been a victim of the heat, with a temperature of 92 degrees prevailing.

In Eastern Oregon, Pendleton and La Grande report temperatures well above 90 degrees in prospect.

KLAMATH FALLS HOT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Klamath Falls basked under a hot sun that brought the mercury climbing to 92 degrees by mid-afternoon yesterday and indications this morning were that this mark would be reached again today, with local forecaster promising relief by tonight and tomorrow.

Charles Foster, 55, a logger employed by the Big Lakes Lumber company near Sprague river, collapsed while at work yesterday afternoon and died before medical attention could reach him. He is believed to have been a victim of the heat, although a post-mortem examination has not yet been made.

MERCURY REACHES 100

MEDFORD, Ore., July 23 (AP)—With the mercury reaching 100 yesterday, the highest mark of the month, the local weather bureau predicted an even more torrid temperature today, although a slight breeze and increasing cloudiness gave hope of relief.

LA GRANDE 96

The maximum temperature in La Grande yesterday was 96, three degrees cooler than the warmest day this year. Indications are that this will be equalled or surpassed today.

PENDLETON WARM

PENDLETON, July 23 (AP)—The mercury stood at 101 here yesterday. Thursday it registered 99.

FOREST FIRE HAZARDS

ROSEBURG, July 23 (AP)—

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DEMPSEY WILL FIGHT TUNNEY IN SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, July 23 (AP)—Tex Rickard announced today that Jack Dempsey was formally named as Gene Tunney's opponent in a worlds heavyweight title boxing match to be held sometime in September.

Tunney agreed to postponement of definite announcement as to the time and place until August 1. Richard originally was scheduled to name Tunney's opponent and the site of the title battle on July 25.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	7	8	0
Boston	6	11	1

Batteries: Yde and Gooch; Greenfield and Gibson.

All other National league games postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia-Cleveland, postponed, rain. Two games tomorrow.