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THE WEATHER
 OREGON: Generally fair to-
 night and Tuesday with fog near
 the coast. Probably thunderstorms
 in the mountains of the east por-
 tion tonight. Cooler in extreme
 portion tonight.

CARAVAN TO
LAKE CLOSES
CONVENTION

More Than 300 Make Up
Party for Outing at
the Wonderland

PARADE BIGGEST
IN CITY'S HISTORY

Fireworks and Public
Wedding Witnessed by
Thousands at Ball Park
Saturday Night.

Fred E. Kiddle, chairman of the American Legion convention, said today that the convention wished to express appreciation for the wonderful cooperation and help given by the community in making the convention the outstanding success it was. Mr. Kiddle says that it was universally agreed it was the best convention the department has ever staged. He further said that the commission wants all bills against the legion for the convention to be submitted immediately so they can be paid.

More than 200 legionnaires enjoyed the trip to Wallawa lake yesterday, which ended the program of the American Legion state convention held here.

Cars left La Grande at about 7 o'clock and beginning at about 10:30 o'clock the chamber of commerce and Chief Joseph legion post of Enterprise, assisted by citizens of Joseph, served breakfast, which consisted of cantaloupes, lemon and eggs, fried potatoes and corn dough bread. Thirty-six dozen eggs were cooked and three sacks of flour were made into bread to feed the crowd.

Wonderland Feasted

People from various Oregon points, who witnessed the Wallawa wonderland for the first time yesterday, were high in their praise. It was a nice day and the reflections in the lake were unusually clear and beautiful.

Elect Park Delegates

The convention actually closed Saturday when officers were elected and resolutions adopted. Delegates to the Pacific convention from Oregon were also elected. Those from district No. 1 are: Ben S. Morris, Eugene, Weir McDonald, Medford, Auto W. Heider, Sheridan, Shown, Sorenson, Amity, and Neil Moffat, Astoria. District No. 2: C. L. McFadden, Charles E. Dill, Astoria; Burns, Ray W. Johnson, Wallawa, District No. 3: Jerry Owen, Portland; Claude Bristol, Portland, and Joseph Deboen, Portland.

The convention passed a resolution commending the financial effort.

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JUDGE BRADY
FINES WEEKS
AND STEVENS

William A. Stevens pleaded guilty in the justice court Saturday night to a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor and was fined \$100 and costs which he paid. E. McCaughy and Perry Goss are arrested with Stevens, when 30 photos of moonshine were found in their car according to officers, were released.

Dick Weeks, who was also arrested on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor, pleaded guilty to the charge this morning and was fined \$100 and costs, which he paid.

"WHAT
YOU DON'T
KNOW"

The old saying, "What you don't know, don'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 competitors.

Many firms "get along" because they have a small established following of customers who are well sold on the firm's services, goods, etc. But some of them fail to "get along" 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"

Rain Last Night
Brings Relief
To La Granders

Cool Showers Halt Heat
Wave That Reached a
Peak of 100 Above Sat-
urday Afternoon.

A rain storm, coming last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, at least temporarily broke the back of the heat wave that gripped La Grande and the state all of last week. The storm, with its cooling qualities, came after the mercury had climbed to a new record of 100 above Saturday and had reached a maximum of 81 above Sunday.

La Grande's maximum wasn't out of the 90s once last week except Saturday, when it topped 100. At the same time the following marks were being made over the state:

Portland, 100; Bend, 101; Pendleton, 102; Grants Pass, 105; Oregon City, 102; McMinnville, 98; Medford, 104; Hillsboro, 102; Baker, 92; Canyon City, 100; Hood River, 104; Eugene, 98, and Dallas, 97.

PENDLETON 106
 PENDLETON, July 25 (AP)—A new heat record was established in Pendleton Saturday for the summer when the official mercury hit 106. Yesterday, although cloudy, was sultry and the mercury registered 98.

GRANTS PASS HOT

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 25 (AP)—The Rogue River valley seems dry today for a continuance of the torrid weather which has gripped this section for the past three days. Yesterday the temperature went to 104, two degrees under the high mark of 106 set Saturday. No relief is in sight today.

HAIL ON MOUNT HOOD

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—Hail stones as big as gooseberries and lasting electricity attacked climbers on Mount Hood yesterday at the summit, forcing them to the shelter of the ranger cabin and bombarding those left outside. The storm was sudden and brief, but amazing to the out-of-state people who had joined the climb. Static electricity made a hissing noise resembling the rubbing together of two sheets of sandpaper, said Ray Conway, leader of the party. In ten minutes two inches of hail fell. Alpenstocks and ice picks gave out sparks.

Fish Feed And
Contest To Be
Next Week End

With the annual Wing, Fin and Finest fish feed drawing nearer, interest is becoming stronger in both the banquet, which will be held next Monday night in the L. O. O. F. temple, and in the fish contest, which will begin Saturday morning, July 25, and end Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The committee in charge has secured a number of valuable prizes for the winners in the fish contest, which will be on display in the windows of the Oregon Hardware company.

The committee asks that all on the contest who can and further urge that all fish be turned in, as a large crowd is expected at the banquet and to adequately serve, it will require a large amount of fishy treasures.

La Grande Boy, 10,
Climbs Mount Hood

Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, and two sons, Jackie and Roy, returned last night from Portland. While on their Western Oregon trip they climbed Mount Hood and they were informed at Hood River that Roy, who is only 10 years of age, was the youngest person to ever climb the Sunshine trail. This is near the place where Dr. Shryver, of Portland, was killed about a week ago.

Large Car Burns
Up Near La Grande

A large touring car belonging to Charles Roland burned on a wide road just two miles outside of the city limits last evening. Mr. Roland was on his way home to La Grande, when the car caught fire from underneath and quickly spread to the extent that it could not be saved.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The car was not insured.

Buyers' Week Opens
In Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—Hundreds of retail merchants were here today from every section of Portland's trade territory for the thirteenth annual buyers' week of the chamber of commerce. The visiting merchants were in a cheerful mood, due to the prospect of a bounteous harvest in their respective districts.

A program of entertainment has been provided for the week.

CHURCH HERE
CALLS OLSEN,
OF WALLOWA

To Succeed the Rev. C. V.
Dunn as Christian Min-
ister in La Grande

UNION SERVICES
HELD IN EVENING

The Rev. George Walz
Speaks to Fair-Sized
Crowd at Meeting Held
in Episcopal Church

The Rev. R. N. Olson, of Wallawa, will come to La Grande soon as pastor of the Christian church here. The church congregation voted to call Mr. Olson yesterday, and he has already accepted.

Mr. Olson has been pastor of the Christian church of Wallawa for the past year and is very well liked there. He plans to be in La Grande to preach his first sermon early in September, although he may be able to be here before that time.

"We discover faith and measure faith by what it has enabled men to do," the Rev. J. George Walz, of the First Presbyterian church, said last evening in introducing his sermon at the regular union service which was held in St. Peter's Episcopal church.

Riley presided at the service and Rev. J. George Walz read the scriptures. "Men learn to know God through purity of heart and excellency of faith," Mr. Walz continued. "What then can we do to serve our country and our time? Referring back to Samuel, who was a man of faith, we find the answer. To inquire a people's election, to exalt the permanent claims of God, to keep alive the spirit of religion, to pray without ceasing—that is truly serving the state."

"We understand that our active and nervous and material age wants something practical, like a new party or league or society. Yet there is nothing in the universe as surely trusted as spiritual forces. Landwehr was borne, as on eagle's wings across the Atlantic, by the eager prayer of a million people. Such prayer will carry the state to that experience of righteousness which exalts."

There was a full-sized crowd in attendance to hear the sermon.

Mr. Parker Speaks

The Rev. H. W. Parker, of the First Methodist Episcopal church, was speaker at the union service held on the north side of the city in the Methodist Episcopal church south.

Miss Gertrude Eakin was speaker during the morning service at the First Presbyterian church. Miss Eakin has charge of all Protestant work at a government Indian boarding school at Chemawa, Ore.

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LOCAL SHOOTERS
MAKE O.-W. TEAMS

McAllister Scores High in
Rifle Competition for
Three Divisions

Twenty-five expert trapshooters, representing the three divisions of the O.-W. confederate of the O. F. athletic club grounds here Sunday for places on the five-man team which will represent the O.-W. unit at the system meet at Provo, in September. Tom Wolf, of Wallawa, was high man of the day with a score of 95 out of a possible 100. R. G. McCall, of Huntington, was second, J. R. Smith, of La Grande, third, H. A. Davenport, of Wallawa, fourth, and W. W. Longmire, of Walla Walla, fifth.

Mr. Longmire's place on the team was hard fought and was secured only when he defeated C. J. Hamilton, of Walla Walla, after trying three times. Mr. Hamilton, of Walla Walla, tied for fifth in the regular shoot. Mr. Overly, however, was eliminated in the first special contest but Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Longmire continued to the final shooting distance was finally increased from 10 to 15 yards, when Mr. Longmire won by two points, shooting 24 out of a possible 25.

McAllister High

In the rifle contest held at the national guard grounds, A. McAllister, of La Grande, won first place with 652. W. E. Evans, of Kamela, second with 647, and M. M. Oyster, of Rich, third with 611. W. A. Hunting, of La Grande scored 611 to tie Oyster, while H. A. Arrowsmith, of Rich, netted 589. A. J. McNair and G. E. Roeder, of Rich, will be given a chance to compete against the results at a later date, as they were unable to be released yesterday. Five men with two alternates will be selected for the rifle team at Provo.

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WATER TAKES
FIVE LIVES
ON WEEK END

Three Girls, Two Youths,
All of Portland, Lose
Lives Swimming

OAKLAND RESIDENT
AUTOMOBILE VICTIM

Tragedy Mars Arrival at
Coos Bay of Japanese
Merchant Marine Train-
ing Vessel.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—Three Portland girls and two youths were drowned a swimming and boating accidents over Saturday and Sunday at widely separated points.

The dead: Hattie Allen, 14, drowned Saturday in a slough near Parkrose; Margaret Christine Irving, 25, nurse at Emmebaum hospital, Sunday at May Lake near Parkrose; Edward Schlitt, 23, and his sister, near lower end of Swan Island.

Florence Peggy Schlitt, 13, Harold Johnson, 18, driver for Progressive Creamery company, Sunday at Mountrose park, near Troutdale.

ROSEBURG, July 25 (AP)—Douglas Mahoney, a well known resident of Oakland was killed this morning in an auto accident on the English Settlement road about six miles northeast of Oakland.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 25

(AP)—Tragedy marked the arrival at Coos Bay today of the Japanese merchant marine training ship, Tabei Maru, with 30 cadets of the Tokyo nautical college.

One of the cadets, it was learned, was killed while working on the yards starboard. Details of the accident were not obtained. The body will be sent to Portland for cremation, and the ashes returned to Japan.

Labor Unions To
Visit Pendleton

A party of representatives from the Central Labor council of La Grande will drive to Pendleton tonight where they will meet with the Pendleton Central Labor council and also with the Carpenter's and Painter's union to discuss plans for co-operation in the La Grande Labor Day celebration. The local council will extend an invitation to Pendleton to participate in today's program here. Similar invitations will be made to Baker and other neighboring cities and the council will endeavor to arrange for one joint celebration with La Grande the seat and the La Grande council in charge.

Jefferson Myers
Ill in Washington

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—An attack of bronchial pneumonia is preventing Jefferson Myers, commissioner of the United States shipping board from attending to business, his secretary at Washington, D. C., wired to Frederick Piper of Portland yesterday. The message did not state how serious was the condition of Mr. Myers.

115 Easterners In
Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—One hundred and fifteen easterners, mostly from New York, were visitors in Portland today. They were participants in the summer and tourist-tourism tour of the New York Evening Graphic.

The party arrived here by special train from the south over the Southern Pacific. At the train to greet them was a delegation from the chamber of commerce.

The visitors immediately started on a motor trip over the Columbia River highway.

Local Baptist Girls Again Awarded
Northwest Trophy at McMinnville

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KIDNAPED BY BUD STILLMAN



Leah Wilson, girl of the Canadian woods, is sketched here by artist George Clark, of MEA Service, as she will look as a bride. Bud Stillman, after serious quarrels between his wife and her families, last week—determined that nothing would stop their marriage.

Dr. J. S. Landers
Is Speaker At
Rotary Meeting

Dr. J. S. Landers, president of the Oregon Normal school, was a guest of the Rotary club today, at its noon luncheon and delivered one of two excellent addresses. The other was given by John Carson, of Walla Walla, past president of the Rotary club of this city and member of a delegation that attended today's session at the Foley grill.

Steele Passes
Hundredth Hour
Of Driving O. K.

With 100 hours of driving, cheered to the wheel of his car by hundreds behind him at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Elmer Steele, although tired and weary, was confident that he would be able to continue until Wednesday noon—which will give him 136 hours of driving and break his former endurance record of 114 hours.

Yesterday Mr. Steele drove into Wallawa county, going to Wallawa lake, and making the return trip last night.

Since he was handicapped to the car Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, he hasn't had a wink of sleep and has been living on milk.

One Boringraph Ruined

One of the boringgraphs seemed entirely destroyed but the other appeared to be only slightly damaged. The blaze broke out as Champion was descending.

Champion's battle for his life was a spectacular one. Several pistols were completely torn out of his hands, probably due to lack of lubricating oil when he came down.

On the descent the engine caught fire on four different occasions, and at one time the pilot was half way out of the cockpit preparing to jump. When he thought of his boringgraph, however, he decided to remain with the ship. The jump would have meant the crushing of the plane and the probable complete destruction of the instruments.

Beautiful Landing

Flames were shooting out of the engine front as the flyer made a beautiful landing in the corn field in the fifth Wright "Apache" plane.

Other than the damage to the engine, there was nothing seriously wrong with the plane when it landed. Persons at Hoover field, a nearby commercial airplane, reported the falling of parts of the engine on their grounds.

Mrs. Coolidge Will
Be Wedding Guest

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—Mrs. Coolidge today had plans to motor to New Castle, Wyo., tomorrow afternoon for the wedding of Dorothy Mendenhall, daughter of the famous Wyoming congressman, and Alexander Irving, chief counsel for the interior revenue bureau.

The president will be unable to attend but Mrs. Coolidge hoped to make the Seattle trip. New Castle is just across the state line.

ASHLAND WINS

MEDFORD, Ore., July 25 (AP)—Medford defeated Medford 6 to 9 yesterday through the no-hit pitching of U. Davis, backed by sensational support.

Charles Birger,
Illinois Bandit,
Is Facing Death

Only Supreme Court Can
Save Gangster from the
Noose—Murder Guilt
Attached by Jury.

BENTON, Ill., July 25 (AP)—Charles Birger, leader of a formidable band of Southern Illinois gangsters, who once boasted that no law was strong enough to hold him, looked today to the state supreme court to save him from the noose of the hangman.

Convicted yesterday, along with two of his former henchmen, for the murder of Mayor Joe Adams, of West City, last December, Birger paced his cell in the county jail the strain of 15 days of trial showing plainly on his haggard countenance. He placed his only hope to escape the gallows on an appeal to the supreme court, in case Judge C. H. Miller over rules a proposed motion for a new trial. His attorneys announced they would seek a new trial, and it is likely that the motion will be filed in a day or two.

Henchmen Convicted

Meanwhile Birger's two former henchmen, Art Newman and Ray Hyland, also convicted with the gang chieftain and sentenced to life in the penitentiary are being held in the county jail with Birger, awaiting Judge Miller's decision on a date for their incarceration. Their counsel has indicated that they may file a motion for a new trial, although it generally is reported they are satisfied with the verdict.

While awaiting the next turn of events in the case, counsel for Birger and Hyland made the announcement that the two gangsters had confessed to them their guilt to the crime and admitted that the state's case was identical with the happenings from the time Birger is alleged to have planned the hired killing of the mayor through the chief slaying itself.

The attorneys said they told the two gangsters before the trial that unless they "came through" with the true story of the killing, they would not represent them.

Counsel also said that if Newman, who testified as to his part in the crime and implicated Birger and Hyland, had talked any more of the case, they would have withdrawn from the trial.

Public sympathy has swung to a certain degree to Newman, because of his willingness to make a clean breast of the crime. Reports were in circulation today that Newman might be taken by Benton citizens in an effort to obtain executive clemency for him in case he aids the state in clearing up mystery surrounding several bank robberies and other crimes attributed to the Birger gangsters.

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Pulmotor Fails

Efforts to revive Crumpacker in the ambulance failing, a pulmotor squad attempted to resuscitate him at the hospital, but he died without regaining consciousness.

Speaker Longworth, who was spending the week end at the home of former Senator James D. Phelan, at Saratoga, Cal., said Crumpacker was to have been a member of the same party, but failed to rejoin the group after separating from them Friday.

Longworth declared the congressman's home life was ideal, and was unable to offer reason for the breakdown.

Crumpacker had been in public life in Oregon since 1921, when he served as special deputy district attorney for Multnomah county. He was serving his second term in congress.

He is survived by his widow and three sons.

Arrangements have been made for an escort to accompany the body from the undertaking establishment to the train, including Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the house of representatives, and others of his party, of which Congressman Crumpacker was a member.

ELECTION NECESSARY

SARASOTA, Fla., July 25 (AP)—Under the constitution of the United States, it will be incumbent upon Governor Patterson to call a special election for the third Oregon congressional district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Maurice K. Crumpacker. The governor does not appear to fill the vacancy as he does.

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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis 2 7 0
 Cincinnati 2 12 0
 Batteries: Himes and Snyder; J. May and Pichard.

PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh 0 8 1
 New York 1 0 1
 Batteries: Kremer and Gooch; Benton and Cummings.

FIRE SITUATION IN
UMPUQUA IMPROVED

ROSEBURG, July 25 (AP)—The forest fire situation on the Umpqua national forest was reported greatly improved today. A severe electrical storm Saturday night started nearly 100 fires over the entire forest, but a rain which followed extinguished all except about 25. Men were sent out to all of the fires Sunday and it was reported this morning that all had been brought under control. Only one new fire was reported Sunday. None of the fires reached more than an acre in size.