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Oregon Generally Fair tonight and Saturday but with fog near the coast, probably thunderstorms in the mountains of South Oregon.

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CHERRY CROP HARVESTED IN THIS COUNTY

Yield Less Than 50 Per Cent—Bears Out Early Season Estimates

COVE ASSOCIATION SHIPS 2 CARLOADS

Same Group of Orchardists Consigned 22 Carloads to Outside Markets During 1926.

The cherry harvest is practically at an end in this part of the state with actual yields approximating the normal production of less than 50 per cent of a normal crop.

ASSOCIATION SHIPS TWO

COVE, July 29 (Special)—The cherry harvest in this county with only two cars shipped by the association against 22 last year.

In the year 1926, when the association was formed, it shipped 22 cars of black cherries and 16 of white, making a total of 38 cars.

The loss this year is due to a sudden freeze last fall, damaging the trees still more, and again to late frosts this spring.

The horticulturists have numerous things to contend with. First of all the weather conditions that affect the crop; frosts in the late spring are no more damaging than rain during the blossoming period.

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GOLF TEAM IS SELECTED FOR SUNDAY MATCH

The order of players for La Grande's golf team which will compete against Pendleton's team of the local course Sunday, beginning at 9 o'clock, has been determined.

G. L. Anderson, Chase Robinson, Norman Press, B. J. Campbell, Elmer Stoddard, S. D. Crowe, Dr. Harry Stewart, H. E. Brady, W. P. Vaughn, Chas. W. Phoe, H. N. Ashton, Earl Reynolds, Dr. F. L. Holton, Charles Folsberg, J. E. Ravenscroft, Paul Meyers, John Davidson.

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43 Scouts Hike To Aneroid Lake; Ministers Visit

La Grande and Island City Pastors Speak at Wallowa Lake Camp—Mock Trial Interesting

WALLOWA LAKE, July 29 (Special to The Observer)—Probably the largest organized hike ever taken to Aneroid lake, took place Wednesday when 42 boys and one girl are attending the summer camp here, hiked to the lake and returned without outside aid.

Wednesday night at the regular campfire meeting two guests were present, the Rev. H. W. Parker, of La Grande, and the Rev. H. L. Wallis, of Island City. Both extended their good wishes to the scouts and asked that they keep on the watch for the numerous kinds of birds that inhabit the country.

Studying Tracking Thursday morning the Scouts made plaster casts of tracks of the wild animals to be found in this vicinity. Several elk have been seen and pictures taken of them.

Two axmen a day has been the schedule so far and is proving very popular. The beginners in axmen are learning rapidly. They are: Carl Holm, Floyd Knigge, Carl Johnson, Byron Hunt, and John Horn.

The Alexander patrol, led by Edwin Kirby, an patrol leader, has won all honors so far in tent inspection.

Mock Court Held Some interesting programs have been given around the evening campfire. A mock court was held in which the following boys took part: Jack McFall, Judge; George Gilkison, attorney for the defense; Willis Shuster, prosecuting attorney.

This was followed by a talk by the Rev. Leif H. Awe on "What Plines Are Our Favorite Trees." The scout executive, E. Russell Scott, gave a talk to the boys on "A Skeleton by the Wayside." The subject was suggested by the discovery of a skeleton on the hike to Aneroid lake, which turned out to be that of a deer.

Wallowa Pastor Declines Call To Church Here

WALLOWA, Ore., July 29.—Although called to the pastorate of the Central Christian church of La Grande, with a big increase over his salary received in Wallowa, the Rev. R. N. Olson, pastor of the Wallowa Christian church for the last year, declines the call.

Olson Tuesday, in commenting on his decision.

Recall of Mr. Olson was voted at a meeting of the official board last week, the action of the board being placed before the congregation for its approval Sunday, resulting in the unanimous decision. On the same day Mr. Olson received the call from the church in La Grande.

"Due to the fine spirit of harmony, fellowship, and good will and also the fine progress of the work during the past year, I felt constrained to remain," said Mr. Olson Tuesday, in commenting on his decision.

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27 ARE LOST WHEN VESSEL IS CAPSIZED

Lake Pleasure Steamer "Favorite" Sinks Not Far From Chicago

CHICAGO, July 28 (AP)—Whipped into wrath by a sudden squall, Lake Michigan dragged down the excursion steamer Favorite a half mile off Leland park, yesterday drowning 27 holiday makers—seven little girls, nine boys, ten women and one man. Today, still angry, the lake pounded away at five tons, anchored under a leaden sky at the scene while divers groped about to make certain the lost victim had been taken from the depths.

The authorities set themselves to investigate and fix blame and grief divided among the many. None of the authorities had any list of the missing. Whether others besides the 27 known dead, two women who last night were believed to have been drowned, were found safe at home, having escaped a piranha had been found containing their names.

Body Washed Ashore The last body recovered, that of a boy, had been washed in toward shore. Caps, handbags, lunch baskets and other baggage were brought up by divers who, after four hours work, had found no other bodies.

The lake looks bad because its victims are being taken away as if they belonged to it," commented Captain Carl Howell, of the coast guard.

He planned to obtain a long cable with floats attached suspend it between two boats and drag a large area about the scene of the capsizing.

The Favorite listed noticeably to the left when floated free, it was disclosed today.

Plans Investigation The coroner planned to make a personal inspection of the steamer, Sheldon Clark and Dr. Hollis P. Potter, both former holders of the Chicago Yacht club, commander Eugene E. McDonald, explorer and yachtsman, and others.

Several reports of boat anglers received lately are that fishing is good in some parts of Idaho and Wallowa counties while along other streams few large fish are taken.

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The police and fish will be dispatched to the Oregon Hardware company's windows.

SOUTH OREGON FOREST FIRES NEAR CONTROL

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29 (AP)—The local district office of the United States forest service reported that more than 60 men were fighting a fire that started in government timber on the Elk creek, Klamath Falls district, six days ago and that it was expected the conflagration would be extinguished within the next two days. More than 1500 acres were burned, the report stated.

WHEAT DESTROYED PENDLETON, July 29 (AP)— Sparks from a tractor hauling a combine yesterday caused a fire which destroyed 100 acres of wheat on the Gunderlin farm near Wheat Rock. The loss was covered by insurance.

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Portland Fires Do \$5000 Damage

PORTLAND, Ore., July 29 (AP)—A series of fires last night occasioned in half a dozen places, caused damage of more than \$5000. The most serious was in a building at Broadway and Ashkeny streets.

The Curtis restaurant, Rexos hotel, Jake Bloch, Hollingsworth real estate company, and Mrs. E. D. Rator radio services, all housed in the structure at Broadway and Ashkeny, were damaged.

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Trial of Dragey Suit Ends With Directed Verdict

Lyndall Farnham Fails in Effort to Collect \$25,000 from the Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co.

The case of Lyndall Farnham against the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, which was tried in the Wallowa county circuit court before Judge J. W. Knowles, was ended this morning when Judge Knowles allowed a motion made by the attorneys of the lumber company for a directed verdict in favor of the company.

The motion was made last night and was followed by a long legal argument, which ended in the motion this morning by Judge Knowles.

At the end of the case the plaintiff's attorneys made a motion for non-suit of J. W. Knowles, also defendant, which climaxed him from the case.

Result of Death The suit was for \$25,000, and was brought by Lyndall Farnham, son of Wilder R. Farnham who was killed when a tree being felled by employees of J. W. Crowley, fell across the road. The suit was brought by the boy's mother and guardian, who was separated from W. R. Farnham at the time of his death.

Daniel Boyd, of Enterprise, was counsel for the plaintiff, associated with Keith A. Caldwell and Harry E. Hall, of Portland, Cochran and Eberhart, of La Grande, assisted by Charles J. Young and Isaac Nelson, of Portland, were attorneys for the lumber company, and P. S. Ivanoff, of La Grande, represented Mr. Crowley.

FISH CONTEST TO BEGIN SATURDAY

Preparations are being made today by scores of local fishermen to start out bright and early tomorrow morning in the quest of trout, bass, whitefish and other varieties of fish, which, if they seem to have a "hook-in," will be entered in the annual Wing, Fin and Flank-foot club contest, which precedes the banquet to be held in the I. O. O. F. temple Monday evening beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

The fish contest is an annual affair and usually only two days are allotted to the anglers in which to do their best. This year, however, the contest begins tomorrow morning and does not end until Monday afternoon.

Members of the club are anticipating a large crowd of sportsmen to the fish banquet Monday night and urge that all anglers be prepared for the contest and banquet, regardless of whether they prefer to have a chance for the prizes or not.

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MOTHER DECLINES TO BELIEVE HER Mrs. McPherson Tells of Progress Being Made Throughout World in Building "Lighthouses"

LOS ANGELES, July 29 (AP)—Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist leader of the Angelus Temple, today virtually admitted that her daughter's kidnapping story of last summer was driving them both out of the temple.

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Dawes and Party Sleep as Engine Smashes Trestle

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 29 (AP)—One man was killed and two others seriously injured today when the locomotive of a special train bearing Vice President Charles G. Dawes and his party plunged through a trestle on the Yazo and Mississippi Valley railroad near Beard, Miss. The vice president was asleep in his berth and was not awakened by the accident, a telephone message from the scene of the wreck stated. Mr. Dawes retired soon after the special train left Greenville, Miss., where the vice president addressed the state convention of the American Legion.

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BIG OIL MAN



George Pachito, pictured here with his son at Celina, Ore., is the first Indian in this state, and possibly in the United States, to own and operate his own automobile service station.

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FATE OF GENEVA MEET IN BALANCE

By The Associated Press. The fate of the tripartite naval conference at Geneva was hanging in the balance today.

At Geneva the conference was generally regarded in a critical, if not hopeless, situation with the only ray of light suggesting that the British are still open to new proposals. It did not affect the fundamental of the British plan which they say must be retained.

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LONDON, July 29 (AP)—Japan will announce the caps of Japan later between the United States and Great Britain, it was the naval reduction conference from a breakdown, says a Reuters dispatch from Geneva this morning.

Alvin McCurdy To Serve Life Term

GREENSBORO, Ore., July 29 (AP)—With the guilty that marked him during the trial, Alvin C. McCurdy, 35, received his sentence of life imprisonment and left for state penitentiary. He merely shook his head in silence when Judge Campbell asked him if he had any reasonable grounds to believe he was innocent of the murder of his wife.

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Central Oregon Highway To Be Completed Soon

State Commission Orders Starting of Work—Indians Ask Permission to Cut Timber

PORTLAND, Ore., July 29 (AP)—The last big act of the state highway commission under Judge William Doby's chairmanship was done late yesterday when the commission ordered work started on the Mitchell-Rayville highway. A section road from Mitchell was ordered started as soon as possible. Seven miles will be advertised in August.

This road has been one of the dreams of Central Oregon people for many years. Judge Doby has long favored it, but did not urge its completion until the main highway program was about ended. But yesterday's action was taken on the motion of H. B. Van Dusen, secretary of the C. E. Gates. It is thought the entire project will take three years to complete.

Four real Indians appeared before the commission yesterday afternoon to ask that they be allowed to cut timber along the Old Oregon Trail and the new highway. The commission is anxious to preserve the natural beauty of the highways and the law gives the officials control of the sides of the highways for some feet back on each side.

No action was taken after an able address in his native tongue by Captain Stumpkin. The Indians sell cordwood in Pendleton.

A survey was ordered on the proposed Lakeview-Bend highway to go by Silver Lake, Summer Lake and Paisley. The new road will strike The Dalles-California highway (Fremont trail) between Creswell and Pendleton.

It was announced that the estimated expense of the highway department this year will total \$136,298 more than the estimated income.

Contracts were disposed of late yesterday as follows: Tillamook county—Roosevelt highway; Mohler-Garfield section; Sullivan, \$832,000; Newport construction company, \$99,450; referred to engineer.

Cook and Douglas counties—Roosevelt highway; Bendport-Lakeside section; gutting 11.32 miles; R. E. Johnson, \$56,548.

Good River county—Barlow pass-North Forest boundary; maintenance material; H. G. Johnson, \$30,395; referred to engineer.

Lincoln county—Waldport-Hatfield; maintenance material; Payne and McKay, \$12,460; referred to engineer.

Lincoln and Polk counties—Grande-Roads-Olive; gutting; Gutting; Howard and McMillen; investment company, \$47,750; Grande-Roads section; referred to the road district.

Bridges over Christianson slough; Tillamook; O. M. Olds, \$3,577.

FLOODS TAKE TOLL SHANGHAI, July 29 (AP)—The Chinese newspaper, Shih Pao, reports that 10,000 persons have been drowned and 100,000 rendered homeless by flooding of the Kiang river in Fukien province. The mountain floods were particularly destructive in the region of Chankow, west of Amoy, the damage being estimated more than \$2,000,000.

A Shanghai dispatch July 14, reported a flood disaster in Anhwei province which is far northward from Fukien province. More than 1000 deaths were reported in the Anhwei flood, which was caused by the overflowing of the Yangtze river.

South American Minister Victim Of Pistol Shot

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Francisco Sanchez Latour, 51, the Peruvian minister, whose life in Washington has been marked by other periods of trouble, was found unconscious in his study today, with a bullet hole through his body above the heart and his own old-fashioned pistol nearby.

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Five Portland Men Face Grave Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., July 29 (AP)—Disappearance Monday of a 14-year-old girl who left home clad in a white nightgown and light coat had a sequel today in the arrest of five men, ranging in age from 15 to 57, in a home on Columbia boulevard, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl. She was held as a material witness.

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