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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy or foggy on the coast, fair in the interior to night and Friday, continued mild, low humidity in the interior.

COMMISSION
STILL MADE
UP OF TWO

Hill and Playle Are Looking for a Successor for H. B. Coburn

SEEK ABLE MAN
FOR CITY POST

Some Said to Have Been Approached But Were Unable to Accept Due to Other Interests.

About 10 days ago H. B. Coburn, city commissioner, resigned his position here in order to accept a promotion to assistant superintendent of the Union Pacific system division at Walla Walla, effective immediately. Wednesday, May 2, the commission regretfully accepted his resignation and shouldered the task of finding a successor to Mr. Coburn.

At first the commissioners, President A. T. Hill and Charles Playle, were not greatly worried as to finding a third man to make up the official group.

But, as time passed and here and there a man well qualified for the position, they say, turned down the offer on the grounds that business would not permit acceptance, etc., Mr. Hill and Mr. Playle are beginning to be concerned about finding an able man to succeed Mr. Coburn.

Still Not Appointed.

Last night the commissioners met for the second week without a third member, and an inquiry by a reporter of The Observer revealed a new commissioner is still undecided.

Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Playle are anxious to find a man to complete the commission's personnel, and both wish to select a man who will "carry on" where Mr. Coburn left off—and there is the problem! The meeting last night was brief and devoted mostly to routine matters.

Petition Received

A petition for a sidewalk improvement district on Cove avenue from the O.-W. right-of-way to the city limits, was presented and referred to the city engineer. The petition asks for sidewalk on both sides of the avenue for a distance of five blocks.

A delegation of citizens objected to the condition of a water carrier on I avenue, seeking both an improved conduit and sidewalks. Mr. Playle and Mr. Hill promised that they would visit the district this week and look at conditions.

A hearing for the vacation of West street was held over until a later date.

Some discussion of flower stealing was heard and an effort will be made to apprehend some of the boys who are responsible. Valuable tulip gardens, belonging to G. L. Larson, Dr. Lee Bouvy, W. C. Perkins and other citizens have been vandalized. Mr. Hill reported the April bills, in the amount of \$7,127.75, were read and ordered paid.

POST OFFICE
LOBBY TO BE
OPEN TO 1 A.M.

Beginning last night, the lobby of the post office here will be open until 1 o'clock in the morning, according to announcement by R. R. Huron, postmaster.

The change was made necessary by the demand for increased service and due to the recent change in the train schedules. Box patrons may now get the mail from the evening trains immediately after distribution.

Formerly the post office lobby was closed at 10 o'clock each evening.

Straw Hats Worn
In La Grande Today

Straw hats are in style today—and from now on until the summer season is ended. Merchants of La Grande co-operated in staging the annual straw hat day today, featuring displays of new styles in headgear in their show windows.

Numerous hats made their appearance today, most of them new but a few left over from last year.

Two Arrested On
Car Theft Charge

Albery Cherry and Robert Lilley, two Portland youths, were arrested yesterday by Traffic Officer Claude Cooper and are today in jail pending the arrival of Portland officials. The two are wanted in the Oregon metropolis on charges of car theft. Police report that they were arrested in a car, that answered the description of one reported missing, along Gekeler's lane yesterday.

Wheat Suffers
Severe Reverse
In Early Trade

Prices Tumble as Much as Six Cents a Bushel in Chicago; Close Nervous and Lower.

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—Wheat prices suffered a severe tumble today, plunging downward as much as six cents a bushel after an early advance. May delivery of wheat fell to \$1.23 1/4 and July to \$1.54. Selling became general on account of the government crop report indicating more domestic winter wheat this season than was generally expected.

In the late dealings, further upsets in the market were witnessed as a result of widespread rumors likely to benefit winter wheat and spring wheat as well. The market closed greatly unsettled at nearly the day's bottom prices, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 c a bushel below yesterday's finish.

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—Opening 1/2 to 1 1/2 c off, wheat scored material gains, which, however, were followed by declines lower than before. Corn sympathized with wheat, starting 1/2 to 1 1/2 c down, but subsequently showing transient rallies. Oats were firm. Provisions tended to sag.

Wheat closed nervous, 3 1/2 to 6 1/2 c net lower, corn 2 1/2 to 3 c down, oats varying from 1/2 c decline to 1/2 c advance and provisions unchanged to a setback of 1/2 c.

Concert To Be
Friday Night At
H. S. Auditorium

Pinal arrangements are being made for the presentation of the La Grande Concert company Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. The concert will be under the auspices of the Central Church of Christ and a house-to-house canvass is being made in an effort to sell enough tickets to insure a full house. Reservations may be made at the Sproule-Hells store on Adams avenue.

The DeWoss family, which started its concert work more than 50 years ago at Cove, Ore., has visited every state in the union, every province in Canada and many European countries. The company was here last year and met with success.

Miss Smith, pianist, is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago; Homer DeWoss, flute soloist, is a pupil of George Barrer, and his technique is said to be excellent; Elbert DeWoss, violin soloist, has studied in the Leopold Auer school of New York city, and is a technician of rare ability. Mr. and Mrs. George DeWoss, the oldest members of the group, are both accomplished musicians. He performs the feat of playing two cornets at the same time, the soprano part on one and the alto part on the other.

Features of the program will include vocal music, readings, piano, songs, band picking in old plantation style, horn melodies on handbells and sleighbells. The closing number is the playing of two guitars while swinging them as dumbbells by George DeWoss.

Benefit Ticket
Sale Encouraging

Sale of tickets for the motion picture "Kivalina of the Ice Lands" which will be given at the Star theater tomorrow as a benefit for the children's room at the library, is proving very satisfactory, according to members stated this morning. Several hundred school children of the city will go tomorrow afternoon. Children from Riveria, Greenwood and Willow are to go at 2 o'clock and from Central at 2:30 o'clock for the second showing. Miss Mabel E. Doty, librarian, announced this morning.

Japanese Circles
Globe in 33 Days

TOKYO, May 10 (AP)—Tiochiro Araki today was credited with having made a trip around the world, using existing lines of communication, including aircraft where commercial lines were in operation, in 33 days 16 hours, 26 minutes. Araki, eastward bound competitor in the race staged by the news-paper Jiji Shimpo, completed his trip yesterday while his westward bound competitor Ryukichi Matsui, was sailing from San Francisco on the steamship Tenyo Maru for Tokyo, which he left five days later than his arrival.

TWO KILLED IN KIAMATH

KIAMATH FALLS, May 10 (AP)—Everett Ashworth, aged 24, and Oscar A. Howery, aged 22, were fatally injured last night after being struck by a Southern Pacific main line crossing at Calor, on the California-Oregon state line when their car was struck by a northbound S. P. passenger train. The two men were rushed to a Kiamath Falls hospital where they died several hours later.

LAKE RESORT
OPENING TO
BE ON MAY 19

John C. Macpherson Announces the Formal Beginning of Season

WALLOWA ROADS
IN GOOD SHAPE

Record Year Anticipated Popular Saturday Evening Programs Again to Be a Feature

Good news throughout Eastern Oregon is word that the Wallowa Lake Wonderland will be officially opened a week from Saturday, John C. Macpherson, manager of the Wonderland, announced the opening this morning. He has been at the lake supervising preparations and is now in La Grande for a few days.

While no conspicuously noticeable additions or improvements have been made at the lodge or the camping grounds, Mr. Macpherson declares that everything is in the "best shape ever." Beginning this season, the camping ground fee will be done away with and use of the grounds will be free.

Roads Excellent

Roads are in fine shape now, Mr. Macpherson declares. The lake road from Joseph is being worked at present and will be in good shape.

Warm weather in Wallowa county for the past week or so is melting snow so that the lake is rising and the streams are high. Mr. Macpherson related that the mountains are beautiful at this time of year, he says, while the grounds about the lake are very attractive.

That the lake will be patronized more heavily this year than ever before is indicated by the large number of inquiries received already. Mr. Macpherson declares that there has never been such wide interest shown so early. July and August are usually the heaviest months at the lake. The lodge, grille and camping grounds will all be opened on Saturday, May 26. Mr. Macpherson expects to have John Robinson's Varsity Vagabonds.

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PIRATE TEAM TO
GO TO PENDLETON

Spillman, New Catcher, Arrives—Addition Will Strengthen Locals

Another pitching duel looms for the next La Grande encounter in the Blue Mountain baseball league—next Sunday at Pendleton. The Buckaroos' manager has already announced that he will start Myers, who held the Pirates to six hits last Sunday, and Manager Roy Farnam expects to send Buckner, who turned in a four-hit game last week, to the mound.

The La Grande team will go to Pendleton considerably strengthened with the arrival of Ed Spillman, of Ombala, Neb., who will replace Baker behind the bat. Baker and Tex Knight were released earlier in the week.

Spillman arrived here yesterday morning and worked out with the team yesterday. He hits and the players are unanimous in saying that he is a much better catcher than his predecessor. His arm is excellent.

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Annual Elementary School Art
Exhibit Will Be Held Friday

The annual art exhibit of elementary schools of La Grande, an event of the school year second to none in community-wide interest, will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. It was announced this morning by Mrs. L. L. Douglas, art supervisor, and J. T. Longfellow, city school superintendent.

This will be the first time that the exhibits are to be opened during the evening so that those who cannot attend in the afternoon may come.

"Interest in the event is increasing annually and we are glad that it is necessary to increase the hours of the exhibit," declared Mr. Longfellow this morning.

From 1:30 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the afternoon every room in every school building of the city will be open to the public for the entire year is to be displayed. Work that can be correlated with the art department is also to be displayed. The evening display is from 7 to 9 o'clock, excepting at Riveria where it begins at 8.

Additional interest in the exhibit is being shown among the eighth grade exhibitors as the Neighborhood club has offered first, second and third prizes of three, two and one dollars respectively for the best flower and garden posters.

Police Seeking
Queer Attacker
Of U. S. Scientist

Washington and Maryland Authorities Carrying on Search—Banker Foils "New Criminal"

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Washington and Maryland police were cooperating in a widespread search today for a youth believed to have been responsible for an attack last night on Leonard W. Kephart, department of agricultural scientist and an attempt to abduct E. Percival Wilson, bank official.

Kephart, left unconscious and stripped of most of his clothing after the attack, turned up later for treatment in Soldiers' Home hospital and this morning was taken to his home in nearby Takoma Park, Md.

Wilson frustrated his captors' efforts, whatever they may have been, by attacking him and gaining possession of his pistol after the man had driven him a mile away from the rear of his home in nearby Chevy Chase, Md. Wilson is secretary of the National Savings and Trust company, of this city.

Police believe the same man was responsible for both the attack and the strange holing up of Wilson by Kephart's automobile was used to spirit the bank official away.

Refuses Money

Wilson said his abductor, a man about 25 years old, came upon him while he was leaving his own garage in Chevy Chase, Md., about 10:30 o'clock. He was right and brandishing a pistol, forced him into an automobile and drove off. As the car sped down Connecticut avenue toward Chevy Chase Lake, Wilson said he was forced to kneel down in the car.

Believing the man wanted his money, Wilson said he offered what he had, but the man refused, saying: "This is going to be something new."

At the lake, the man stopped the car, alighted and asked Wilson to do likewise. As Wilson stepped to the ground he screamed for help and attacked his abductor obtaining possession of the pistol. The kidnaper ran down the road, Wilson related and jumped on the running board of a car headed for Washington.

AVIATOR IS SAFE

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., May 10 (AP)—Theodore T. Hull, of Los Angeles, reported overdue on a flight from here to Tampico, Mexico, cleared the border here at 2:30 p. m. yesterday following a delay of several hours while necessary papers were being obtained for the flight across the United States-Mexico border.

Search For White
Indian Tribe Fails

NEW YORK, May 10 (AP)—A nine-month quest in Brazil for a reputed tribe of "white" Indians resulted in the discovery of one lone light complexioned Indian who was so ill with malaria that he could be made, Dr. Herbert Spencer, following the discovery of the tribe, reported upon his arrival on the Munson liner American Legion.

Dr. Dickey said he had been told, however, of a tribe of 70 "white" Indians supposed to live on the Amazon river, an affluent of the Orinoco, but said he had been unable to reach them. He was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Dickey and Harold Noise, photographer.

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SHANGHAI, May 10 (AP)—Hwang Pu, the Nanking foreign minister who has arrived from Tehran stated that the Nanking authorities had cabled C. C. Wu, former foreign minister, now in Paris, asking him to proceed to Washington for the purpose of bringing the Shantung situation to the attention of the United States government, possibly asking the United States to mediate in the Taiman case.

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JURY FAILS TO AGREE



After deliberating for eight hours, the jury before whom Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, former New York secretary of state, was tried on a charge of stealing census funds, disagreed early yesterday morning and was discharged. Justice Stephen Callaghan fixed May 21 as the date for a new trial. Above are Mrs. Knapp and her attorney, John J. Conway, left, and Earl Barkhoff, below are some of her relatives who testified in her behalf; left to right: Mrs. Julia A. Smith, sister; Charles Hubbell Smith, brother; Mrs. Helen Smith, sister-in-law.

Many Casualties
In Oriental Tilt
East of Tsinan

TOKYO, May 10 (AP)—A dispatch to the Japanese news agency Tenge reports that the southernmost of the Japanese islands, yesterday at Koton city, to the east of Tsinan, Shantung, suffered casualties of from 200 to 300 killed.

The Japanese lost 20 to 30 men. Japanese troops are now guarding the railway.

Jose Jurado Leads
In British Open

SANDWICH, Eng., May 10 (AP)—Jose Jurado, who led the golfing field in the British open golf championship, led again at the halfway point by scoring 71 today for a 36-hole total of 145.

In a tie for second place, three strokes back, were Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen and Bill Mehlhorn, another American pro, was tied with Archie Compston, low British entry, for fourth place with scores of 149.

California Cherry
Ban Is Extended

SACRAMENTO, May 10 (AP)—Extension of California's quarantine against Washington cherries to include seedlings in King, Whitman and Whatcom counties was announced today by E. C. Fleury, chief quarantine officer for the state department of agriculture.

The ban against fruit from the north state district several of which already were under quarantine, results from the discovery of the cherry fruit fly, California's at present is free from the pest, which also is found in certain districts in Oregon.

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ANTI-SMITHS
WIN THREE OF
4 IN ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 10 (AP)—With three places on the state's delegation at large to the Houston convention virtually assured for the anti-Smith faction as a result of Tuesday's primary interest centered today on the close three-cornered race for fourth place. W. A. Ginter Jr., anti-Smith candidate, was leading contenders for the fourth position but his margin was so small that the anti-Smiths claimed one of their men would head the Montgomery mayor when all ballots were counted.

Scarcely less interesting was the neck-and-neck contest between Walter Moore, incumbent, and Ward T. Brown for national democratic committeeman. Brown led Moore 25,744 to 23,467, but the count shifted frequently.

STEWART ASKED
TO QUIT OFFICE

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Seeking indictment of Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, District Attorney Roger T. Ladd yesterday filed a grand jury indictment of the oil magnate before the senate Teapot Dome committee on Feb. 2 and 3 and on April 24.

Request Made by John D.
Rockefeller—Colonel
Refuses to Talk

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Colonel Stewart had left New York City before the statement was released.

Stewart, who had been asked as a "lie" a report credited to his Chicago office that he would "talk to-day."

"That is a lie, sir, I know more about it than they do, and I refuse to discuss it with you in any way," he told a representative of the Associated Press.

Asked to Resign

Mr. Rockefeller in his statement in New York said he wrote Colonel Stewart April 27 asking him to resign his position because of Stewart's testimony before the senate committee investigating oil reserve leases. Colonel Stewart had previously told him he would resign if asked, Rockefeller said.

Colonel Stewart was re-elected chairman of the Standard Oil board March 1 by unanimous vote of all stockholders except Rockefeller, who declined to vote his stock, saying he was not prepared to vote either for or against Colonel Stewart at that time.

At least two reporters were turned away from the train when they tried to board it during the night. They were informed that "Colonel Stewart was not on board."

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"Dark Horse" To
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Of Third Party

Los Angeles Attorney Announces That Arrangements Are Made to Launch Movement.

LOS ANGELES, May 10 (AP)—A dark horse, whose name even, is cloaked with secrecy, has been chosen and has consented to head a third party as candidate for the presidency if Gov. Alfred Smith, of New York is nominated by the democrats at their Houston convention next month.

This was the announcement made here today by Fairfax Cosby, member of Senator Reed's California committee in the recent state primary campaign in which Reed ran second to Smith.

Following Smith's capture of the California democratic convention delegation at the polls, Cosby, who is an attorney, stated that he had been retained by a number of progressive democrats and republicans to draw up the necessary legal papers for launching of a third party if Smith is nominated at Houston.

Today he announced that preliminary arrangements had been completed, that a southern democrat had been picked and had consented to head the third party as presidential candidate and that organization already was under way in the south to launch the campaign.

If Smith captured the Houston convention, Cosby refused to divulge the mystery political leader's name pending the result of the democratic gathering at Houston.

Cosby asserted that he had received numerous offers of support of the third party from the south, a typical one coming from the Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church at Fort Worth, Tex., who offered his paper and his radio broadcasting station in the service of a third party if Gov. Smith becomes the presidential choice of the democratic party.

SEE HOOVER VICTORY

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Varying opinions as to the effect the Indiana primary results will have on the candidacy of Herbert Hoover for the republican presidential nomination were being heard today as the returns trickled in to show Senator Watson's margin of victory.

Pro and anti-Hoover forces were far apart in their interpretations of the Indiana senator's beating of the commerce secretary in the preference voting which means Watson will get the state's 13 delegates to Kansas City.

By failing to carry the state, Watson supporters and other republicans who have organized to stem the tide of votes for Hoover, claimed the secretary had suffered.

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Bremen Crew In
Cleveland Today

PHILADELPHIA, May 10 (AP)—The German-Prussian crew of the transatlantic liner Bremen started for Cleveland today, leaving the Philadelphia navy yard in the F-12, sister ship of the Bremen at 5:12 a. m.

About 500 persons were gathered at the field to see the airman off. The weather was regarded as perfect for flying.

CLEVELAND, May 10 (AP)—The Junkers monoplane carrying the three Bremen fliers landed at Brook Park airport today.

SMITH TAKES
LITTLE PART
IN CAMPAIGN

Tells Senate Campaign Funds Committee That Job Keeps Him Busy

FRIENDS SPEND ABOUT \$92,000.00

Will Not Attend Democratic Convention or Leave State for Political Reasons.

NEW YORK, May 10 (AP)—Governor Alfred E. Smith, leading candidate for the democratic nomination for president appeared today before the special senate campaign funds investigating committee and said he had spent no money and made no effort of any kind to further his cause.

"I haven't done a single thing about this campaign, even in my own state," Smith told Senator Steiwer, republican, Oregon, and chairman. "I promised the people of New York when I was inaugurated that I would not go out of the state but would give my time to the affairs of the state, and, believe me, that takes every minute of my time."

No Tie-Ups
Smith said he knew of no organization outside of New York state, and that George H. Van Name, public service commissioner of New York state, was in charge of that. "Have you any understanding or interlocking agreement with any other candidate?" asked Senator Bratton, democrat.

"No, that I know anything about," Smith replied.

"Have you contributed any money to the New York group?" asked Chairman Steiwer after he had placed the New York governor under oath.

"No, sir," Smith replied. "Do you expect to?"

"Am I right in assuming that you have made no promise of patronage?" Steiwer pursued.

"Absolutely none."

"And you will make none?"

"Not if I have to take the same kind of oath that I took as governor of New York."

"In there any advancement that you know about to take care of a deficit in your campaign?" asked Senator Bratton, democrat, New Mexico.