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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair, east, cloudy west portion, probably rain on the extreme north coast tonight and Tuesday; continued mild.

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LA GRANDE WOMAN FOUND DEAD

BULLET HOLE IN HEAD OF MRS. K. SMITH

Officers Seeking Her Son, Bert W. Smith—Description Given

DEATH OCCURRED MANY WEEKS AGO

Discovery of Body Result of Attempt of Friend from Ponderosa to Pay Her a Visit.

Mrs. Katherine P. Smith, about 55 years of age, was found dead in her home at 1301 F avenue yesterday afternoon, with a bullet hole in her forehead, and today officers are seeking Bert W. Smith, her son, in the hopes that he may throw some light on the murder.

The crime, officers believe, was committed nearly three months ago. The house is somewhat apart from other homes in the neighborhood—which is near the intersection of Seventh street in Old Town, and neighbors had not become suspicious of anything out of the way.

Saturday Thomas Doyle, of Ponderosa, a friend of the family, came to La Grande and went to the house with the idea of visiting. He found "no one at home" and, becoming suspicious, returned to the house yesterday in company, officers say, with Red Gray.

Indications, officers say, are that Mrs. Smith had been ill before the crime was committed. The last time Smith was seen here, as far as officers can learn, was on March 29.

Note on Door

The note, which was circled with chalk marks, was unsigned. It read: "Everything in this house belongs to Mrs. Smith. I do not own one dollar worth. The kitchen range is from Lilly's. I am legally of age so none of her effects can be held for my debts, such as rent of this house, old shack and money I have borrowed from various ones. She once said if she ever died in La Grande she would want Snodgrass & Zimmerman to have charge of the funeral, Mr. Snodgrass can be appointed administrator. But to repeat, there is not one lousy dollar against her car, estate or anything else she owns. Please do your best. Lot."

No motive is known for the crime, although officers today were of the opinion that she was slain by some one other than herself. Mrs. Smith at one time lived in Pendleton, Ida., it is believed, where she lost her husband through death.

Search Fruitless

Sheriff Jesse Freshour, Deputy Klingshammer, County Coroner E. L. Rabston and Mr. Snodgrass spent this morning searching the house but could not find any money, jewels or papers with the exception of a receipt from the Adcox Auto and Aviation school of Portland, showing that Smith had completed a course there about a year ago for which he had paid \$125.

Coroner Rabston this morning, after his investigation, said: "It seems to be a clear case of murder." Mr. Rabston expects to hold an inquest tomorrow.

Smith is believed by officers to

UNION MEN TO BOOST STOCK SHOW TUESDAY

The Union commercial club will be here tomorrow and attend the Union county chamber of commerce meeting at noon for the purpose of boosting the Eastern Oregon stock show to be held in Union June 6, 7 and 8. They will be accompanied by the "Stock Show Girls," a quartet of girls from Union who will entertain at the luncheon. There will be several speakers whose talks will be largely devoted to the interest of the stock show. One of the speakers will be Robert W. Lybourn, of the experimental station, who has been connected with the stock show every year during its entire 29 years of existence. A piano solo by Miss Lewanna Graham, of La Grande will also be a part of the program.

La Grande Wins With Ease From Walla Walla, 17-6

Flock of Hits, Coupled with Bear Errors, Account for Plenty of Scores.

Blue Mountain League Standings table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

Yesterday's Games At La Grande: Walla Walla 6, La Grande 17.

In a free-hitting contest, featured by a home run with the bases full and numerous Walla Walla errors and near-errors, the Pirates added a fifth straight win to their credit 17 to 6.

The outcome of the game was never in doubt after the fourth inning, when, with the score La Grande 1, Walla Walla 0, the Pirates went on a rampage and after the cloud of dust—made by base runner's feet—had settled, the count stood 5 to 0.

In that fatal fourth, eleven Corsairs faced Mardis, Walla Walla pitcher, and his right-hand stats meant nothing to them. Silcott first up, was hit by a pitched ball and went to first. LaSalle sacrificed but made first on an error that let Silcott advance. Then the hits started, with Spellman, Robertson and Helm singling one, two, three. Hendon flied out to center field and Davis third base man, with the bases full, drove one over left fielder's head for a home run. Stokkie hit for two bases. Marlow grounded out, Silcott walked and LaSalle ended the inning when he flied out to left field. Seven runs crossed the plate during the carnage.

Run Getting Easy

But that wasn't all. In the fifth inning Spellman singled and then Robertson and Helm struck out. With two down and one on base.

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La Grande Golf Team Is Winner Over Pendleton

The La Grande golf team won from Pendleton yesterday by a margin of seven points in the first inter-city tournament to be played this season on the La Grande Country club course.

Tournament match play began at about 9 o'clock when the 15-man teams paired off and played in foursomes. The La Grande men were hosts to their guests at about noon. Many of the golfers attended the baseball game and some enjoyed a swim at Cove during the afternoon. The day was a pleasant one for the players. Some La Grande men played off their first matches in the spring tournament at the course during the day.

The tournament committee announced this morning that the two tournaments with Baker will be held June 3rd here and June 10th at Baker, corresponding with baseball engagements here June 2nd and at Baker June 10th.

Mercury At 88 Over Sunday In La Grande Area

After a few weeks of sunshiny, warm weather, a touch of real summer came to La Grande yesterday when the mercury climbed to 88 above, the warmest weather of the year.

Indications for today are for another above-80 mark. Yesterday many La Grande people went on picnics, fishing trips, etc., seeking cooler spots in Union and Walla Walla counties.

HOT IN PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Sunday turned out to be the hottest day of the season in the Pendleton area, the mercury going to 93.

Colonel Welch To Inspect Guard

Colonel Hiram U. Welch, of Portland, of the 184th infantry, Oregon national guard, arrived in La Grande this morning and was met by Major R. R. Huron, of La Grande, commanding officer of the second battalion of which the La Grande unit, company E, is a part. Tonight Colonel Welch will make a pre-camp inspection of company E during the regular drill, which will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Colonel Welch is Multnomah county assessor.

DEMOCRATIC RACE CLOSE; 8 VOTES WIN

Mrs. Celia Gates Noses Out Mrs. McCrary for Treasurer Selection

T. G. JOHNSON HAS LEAD IN COUNTY

Kiddle and Kozier Receive Heavy Vote for Delegates to National G. O. P. Convention.

With complete unofficial returns available for Union county, two races in doubt Saturday afternoon came to an end. One was the democratic contest for county treasurer nomination which was won by Mrs. Celia Gates who received eight more votes than her opponent, Mrs. McCrary, on the basis of unofficial returns. The count was 336 to 341.

The second result not certain Saturday was the three-cornered race for the republican nomination for representative from Union and Walla Walla counties between Oren F. Campbell and T. G. Johnson of Wallawa, and Fred Himeilwright of Joseph. Mr. Himeilwright had a slight lead in Wallawa county but the heavy Union vote for Johnson gave him the nomination. The Union county vote gave Johnson a plurality of 594 over Himeilwright. Campbell ran third.

Kiddle Vote Big

Fred E. Kiddle, state senator, received second high vote for republican delegate at large in this county. Sam Kozier was first with

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THREE-ACT PLAY AT M. E. CHURCH

Large Crowds Attend Services in La Grande Houses of Worship

Excellent attendances at the various churches over the city featured services yesterday, which in all cases were very interesting.

A three-act melodramatic play was given by the young people of the First Methodist Episcopal church at the evening hour last night, with Kenneth Owen presiding before the drama presentation. Miss Dorothy Brown played the leading part and was assisted by an able cast.

The play, which was given before a large crowd, was directed by Mrs. R. P. Tyler and Mrs. H. W. Parker.

At the Episcopal church, the Rev. Oliver Riley, rector, told of his attendance at the Provincial synod at Salt Lake City recently. His talk was very interesting and was appreciated by his audience.

At the Lutheran church E. Russell Scott talked in the morning on "Child Welfare" giving an interesting address.

BRETT HOPKINS MUST SERVE LIFE IN PEN

Bert Hopkins, convicted of slaying Ferdinand Sanday at Flora last December, was this morning sentenced to serve a life term in the penitentiary by Judge Fee, of Pendleton, at Enterprise. Hopkins was tried at Enterprise last week.

Benefit Program To Be Given At L. D. S. Tabernacle On 28th Of May

A splendid program that will fill a season of fine musical events will be given by Mrs. A. L. Hitchard at 8 o'clock Monday, May 28, at the L. D. S. tabernacle as a benefit for cripple girls of La Grande. Madame Adah Losh Jones is assisting Mrs. Richardson. The proceeds are to provide for a week's summer vacation for local cripple girls and will not only supply general camp expenses, but a trained director and swimming teacher, but will also enable a number of girls to take the trip who otherwise would be unable to pay for their board expenses.

C. J. Black Dies; Was Prominent In City Affairs

Death Takes Man Long Respected in This Community—Funeral to Be Wednesday.

Death claimed one of La Grande's leading and most respected citizens at three o'clock this morning when C. J. Black passed away following a long illness. No hopes had been held for Mr. Black's recovery for several months, yet his passing was sad news to the community whose respect and regard he held. Mr. Black had for 26 years been prominent in community affairs and undertakings and has during that time been a member of the school board, the city commission and been active in the chamber of commerce. His passing is mourned today by many civic bodies.

Active Church Man

Mr. Black was also a tireless worker and leader in the Latter Day Saint's church. He was for 14 years bishop of the First Ward L. D. S. church of La Grande, giving up that office when he became first counselor to President W. D. Hanks of the Union Stake, seven years ago. He has held that prominent position in the stake up to the present.

He was a member of the school board for three years, beginning in 1921 and serving three years, being chairman of the board in 1923. He was a member of the city commission for one term preceding Dr. R. P. Landis. Mr. Black had been in the realty business since coming to La Grande. He was a member of the realty board and at one time was secretary of it. "The board sincerely mourns the loss of Mr. Black both as a friend and as an active member of the organization," said George Curry, president today.

Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle with Bishop Lester Stoddard in charge. Peter J. Johnston, of Blackfoot, Ida., who was president of the Union stake preceding Mr. Hanks, will be in La Grande and will be the speaker at the services. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Black were boyhood friends. Interment will be made in the L. D. S. section of the Masonic cemetery. Snodgrass and Zimmerman are in charge.

Biographical Sketch

Charles J. Black was born in Ogden, Utah, on Nov. 24, 1865.

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Three Injured When Car Turns Over Into Ditch

Three men were injured, although none dangerously, when a large touring car overturned early Sunday morning near the Mt. Glean school house, according to a record at the police station. The car was registered to V. Lotties and Clyde Brown. Eddie Fallows and a Mr. King were hurt. Mr. Brown's collar bone was broken and Mr. Fallows was unconscious for about half an hour, it is said. Prompt treatment was given the men and their condition is reported to be good today.

A fourth occupant of the car was unhurt. Police did not learn his name.

The car is said to have turned completely over, landing right side up in a ditch. It is damaged considerably.

TWO FIREMEN ARE KILLED IN DRILL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Two firemen, William S. McCarty and Charles A. Ryan, were killed yesterday when a fire bell broke as they were going through a life saving drill in preparation for an exhibition for the Rose Festival. Both fell 65 feet to the street.

Gerald Van Kollen, 21, was drowned late yesterday while swimming in Oswego lake.

Alex Erickson, 35, a logger from Stevenson, Wash., died at a hospital here from injuries received in a logging camp.

METHODISTS AGAINST MILITARY TRAINING

KANSAS CITY, May 21 (AP)—A strong declaration against compulsory military training in the schools of the United States was adopted here today by the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The conference went on record as opposed to all military training in high schools and to compulsory military training in colleges and universities.

MINE BLAST KNOWN DEAD THREE SCORE

Fate of Night Shift of More Than 100 Men Is Not Yet Certain

LITTLE HOPE IS HELD FOR LIFE

Explosion in Mather, Pa., Workings Came While Two Groups of Miners Were In.

MATHER, Pa., May 21 (AP)—The bodies of three score miners, victims of an explosion in Mather mine Saturday, had been recovered up to this afternoon by rescuers, who were pushing past the scene of the blast in an effort to learn the fate of 133 men entombed in the far recesses of the workings. Shortly after noon rescuers carried 13 additional bodies from the mine, making the known dead to be 60.

After finding nine bodies this morning near Butt 15, the rescuers pushed on, building air locks to carry the fresh air with them. At Butt 24, they came upon 11 bodies, some of them mangled and burned, indicating that the greatest force of the blast was felt in this region.

Fate of Night Shift Unknown

Henry Fisher, leader, who left the mine a few minutes before the explosion spread death through the tunnels, said that practically all the bodies brought out so far were those of the day shift men. He said the rescuers must fight their way 4,000 feet further back before they could reach Number 9 shaft, where the entire night shift was on duty. The explosion occurred just as the day men were leaving and the night crew went to work.

LITTLE HOPE HELD

MATHER, Pa., May 21 (AP)—The known deaths in the Mather mine disaster reached 46 early today when rescue workers brought the bodies of seven additional victims from the explosion-swept workings. One hundred and fifty-two other miners, entombed by the blast were being sought by rescue workers. Little hope was held that they would be rescued alive.

The bodies were turned over to undertakers in the emergency morgue established in the mine machine shop, and later were removed to the village recreation hall, which has been converted into a morgue.

As the rescuers came from the shaft being the blanket-covered bodies on stretchers, the huge crowd of spectators rushed forward, but was restrained by state troopers and national guardsmen. Reports were that the rescuers had located 40 additional bodies in the far recesses of the mine, and that preparations were being made to bring them to the surface.

Two of the bodies in the group of seven were unidentified.

ITALIA'S ROUTE NOT YET DECIDED

KING'S BAY, Spitzbergen, May 21 (AP)—Whether General Umberto Nobile makes his next trip in the dirigible Italia to the North pole or Northern Greenland was dependent today upon the weather report which was expected from Tromsø, Norway. It was planned to fly about 2500 kilometers (about 1500 miles) during which time the Italia will be in 20 to 40 hours.

If the weather is good, the Swedish meteorologist, Malmgren and Engineer Torjald will probably descend from the airship and remain on the surface for three hours making observations.

CITY OF HAMBURG, GERMANY, FIGHTING DEADLY PHOSGENE GAS—11 OVERCOME

HAMBURG, Germany, May 21 (AP)—Faced with all the grim reality of chemical warfare, the city of Hamburg today was fighting a deluge of phosgene gas—a wartime poison gas—which factory in the Free Harbor district last night, overcasting a large number of persons.

By noon today 11 persons, most of them firemen and policemen were dead, and 40 victims were in hospitals under treatment.

The entire city was menaced but it was hoped that rain which set in would absorb the gas fumes. A needed number of gas masks for needs of the active fighters reached Hamburg from Berlin after an emergency call had been sent for them. A northeast wind also was carrying the fumes from the city in the direction of the nearby town of Wilhelmsburg.

ODD FELLOWS MEET

POSBURG, Ore., May 21 (AP)—The 73rd session of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Oregon opened here this morning with the meeting of the Patriarchs Militant and the ladies' auxiliary. Over 1200 delegates and visitors were present for meeting, the men meeting in the armory and the ladies at the I. O. O. F. temple.

NEW CHIEF



Rear Admiral Samuel S. Robison is the new superintendent of the United States naval academy at Annapolis, Md. He succeeds Rear Admiral Louis M. Nathan, transferred to command the battle fleet.

FARM BILL VETO EXPECTED SOON

McNary Says "It Looks Rainy"—He and Haugen Still Hoping

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—An early veto of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill by President Coolidge was indicated today after the president had conferred with Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, and Representative Haugen, republican, Iowa, authors of the measure.

Neither the senator nor the representative would divulge directly the trend of their conversation with the president. Asked point blank about the outlook for the bill, McNary said:

"It looks like rain. The weather-

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NEGRO HANGED BY TEXAS MOB EARLY TODAY

CENTER, Texas, May 21 (AP)—Buddy Ewins, negro, was lynched here today by a mob that took him away from two officers. He was hanged from the same limb of an oak tree in the court house yard where another negro was lynched about five years ago for an attack on a white woman. Ewins had been charged with murder following a fatal attack on John Wheeler at Canton on May 12.

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Frank T. Johns Dies Trying To Rescue Bend Boy

Portland Man Was Candidate for President on Socialist-Labor Party Ticket.

BEND, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Frank T. Johns, candidate for president of the United States on the socialist-labor party ticket, was drowned here Sunday evening about 7 o'clock in an attempt to rescue the life of a boy who fell into the Deschutes river while fishing.

Johns, who was at Drake park, on the Deschutes, to address a political meeting, saw Jack Rhodes plunge into the swift water of the stream from a bridge, and leaped into the water. Johns reached the boy, but the battle against the current proved futile. As he tried to shove the boy ahead but the boy sank, Johns himself, exhausted by the effort was carried down the stream and lost to sight.

The Rhodes boy was the son of a prominent realtor of Bend. The boy's body was recovered immediately, but Johns' body was carried down the stream. Searchers worked until late last night without finding it.

STARTING TOUR

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Frank T. Johns, Portland carpenter, who was drowned last evening at Bend, Ore., in an attempt to save a boy's life, received a telegram a week ago from New York City advising him that he had been nominated on the socialist-labor party for president of the United States. Johns was making preparations to tour the country on a speaking campaign, and his appearance at Bend, Ore., was being advised as a selection as a candidate.

Johns was a socialist-labor candidate for president four years ago and made a speaking tour of the country.

BORN IN EAST

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—Frank T. Johns, drowned at Bend, Ore., in attempting to rescue a 12-year-old boy, was 39 years old, a carpenter by trade.

He was born in Simsbury, Vt., Feb. 23, 1889, and educated in the public schools there. His family moved to the west and he attended high school in Spokane, Wash.

Pendleton Car Wreck Fatal To One Passenger

PENDLETON, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Mrs. Arthur Horn of the Upper McKay creek district, was instantly killed yesterday when a car driven by her husband left the Pendleton-Pilot Rock highway and turned over four times in a 43-yard loop. Her husband is in a hospital here with a fractured skull and internal injuries. Lucille Mail, James Mail and Jack Paul, who were riding in the automobile have bruises and shock from the accident. The accident occurred when a chemical factory to pass another car, went off the road.

Heavy Fog Lifts In New York Bay

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—The heavy fog which has blanketed New York harbor for three days and caused a series of collisions, lifted slightly today and four trans-Atlantic liners, the Leviathan, Baltic, Albert Ballin, and American Banker began creeping toward their piers.

HOSS NOMINATED

Results in the state contests showed only increased figures over Sunday. The nominees were: For supreme court justice, George Rossman and John L. Rand, incumbents.

HOOPER'S VOTE

For republican nomination for president 1703 precincts out of 1842 in Oregon. Hoover 97,174. For democratic nomination for president, 1543 precincts: Reed 5,760; Smith 15,833; Walsh 9,785; Workman 1,396. Republican nomination for sec-

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NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

FRED KIDDLE IS SELECTED AS DELEGATE

Hoover's Campaign Manager Among 7 Who Will Go to Convention

HOSS, RAND AND ROSSMAN WINNERS

Butler Nominated by Republicans and Pierce by Democrats for Congressional Race.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Oregon's preferences for candidates for national and state officers were on record today as a result of Friday's primary. Related returns trickling in over Sunday showed added totals, and the only change from the late Saturday tabulation was the placing of Herbert Hoover's campaign manager, Fred E. Kiddle, among the seven republican delegates at large. Early reports had him trailing in eighth place. All the republican delegates at large were pledged for Hoover.

One candidate for delegate pledged for Lowden ran considerably below the seven successful delegates at large in a field of 18 candidates.

Some republican voters took the trouble to vote in the names of other republican presidential candidates. Unofficial reports show that the 73 written in for Frank O. Lowden, and six for Vice President Dawes. One republican wrote in the name of Governor Al Smith of New York.

Smith Showing Fair

Governor Smith, who carried the democratic endorsement over Senator James E. Reed, of Missouri, and Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, by substantial leads won three of the four democratic delegates at large on the face of returns available today. The fourth on the list was a Walsh candidate. In the first district the two Smith delegates were leading; in the second district a Walsh candidate was leading and a Smith candidate close following. In the third district one Walsh and one Smith delegate were selected.

Senator Walsh's name remained on the Oregon ballot because it was certified before he withdrew from the race.

Pierce, Butler Nominated

Congressman W. C. Hawley won the republican nomination in the first district. R. R. Butler, of The Dalles, had a substantial lead for the republican nomination in the second district. Congressman F. P. Correll was unopposed for the republican nomination in the third district.

On the democratic side there was no candidate for congress in the first district; in the second district Walter M. Pierce, former governor received the nomination by writing in; in the third district W. C. Culbertson was unopposed.

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