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OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday with fog on the coast; low humidity. Temperature above normal with increasing fire hazard in the interior.

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LONGEST OCEAN FLIGHT SUCCESSFUL

EAST OREGON STOCK SHOW GATES READY

Annual Union Event Will Start Three-Day Run Tomorrow Morning

FAIR WEATHER IN LINE FOR WEEK

Large Attendances and Excellent Programs Expected—Thursday Will Be La Grande Day.

UNION, Ore., June 5—Tomorrow is the day—and Thursday and Friday!

With the weather man favorable, and his prediction today is for warmth and sunshine, Union is approaching the eve of what is expected to be the greatest livestock show in the last score years.

Exhibits are being arranged in many of the stalls today for the opening of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show tomorrow morning and thoroughbred racing stock are stamping in their quarters for the click of the starter's gun.

Valuable Livestock

Besides the many thousands of dollars worth of livestock, ranging from thoroughbred horses to purebred, prize-winning sheep, groomed and prepared for the opening, spectators will be given an interesting cross-section of the best that the Grande Ronde valley and its neighbors produce.

Pens of swine, fat and sleek; rows on rows of dairy stock, some from the proud herds that supply a large supply of the county's milk and butter supply, and others cared for by members of the 4-H clubs; powerful limbed, shiny draft horses all will have their place in the exhibits.

Judging will be the order of events in the morning and in the afternoons and evenings of the three days, entertainment will be featured. Racing and rodeo performances in the arena promise to give more than ordinary in the way of thrills and excitement this year, and the quality of the fleet-foots that champ at their bits insures the crowds of neck and neck contests.

Much Entertainment

A road show, dancing and other evening features will provide entertainment after the show at the grounds is completed.

The streets of Union are being decorated for the occasion and the citizens are waiting with a warm welcome for the arrival of the

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DANCE PUPILS IN RECITAL AT THEATER HERE

An interesting recital of dance pupils will be given tomorrow evening at the Arcade theater between the first and second shows by pupils of Adah Losh Rose. In addition to the La Grande pupils, ranging in age from the tiny Miss Marcia Summer to girls of high school age, Madame Rose and her dancing partner, Raymond Ribak, of Walla Walla, and two of her pupils from Pendleton and Walla Walla will appear. Miss Gladys Sloan, high school girl of Pendleton and little Miss Anita Loos, of Walla Walla, will be the visiting dancers. The recital will be of about 45 minutes duration, beginning at 8:30 o'clock or shortly after.

Following is the program: "Evening," Sally Siegrist, "Dresden China Lady" Winifred Scott and Ann Stoddard, "To a Wild Rose", Marcia Summer, "Folly," Virginia Wiley, "Waltz", Millicent Hansen, "Classic Dance", Gladys Sloan, "Old Fashioned Dance", Mary Frees, "Dream Dance", Winifred Scott, "Toe Duet," Jane Stange and Guilda Ashby, "Chinese," Esther Crawford, "Rose Dance," Ann Stoddard, "Butterfly," Gloria Loos, "Jazz Dance," Winifred Scott, Mary Frees, Millicent Hansen, "Powder Puff," Jane Stange, "Swan Dance," Guilda Ashby, "Toe Dance," Sally Siegrist, "Oriental," Madame Rose and Mr. Ribak.

Barn And Silo Reported Burned

According to reports reaching La Grande a silo and barn were destroyed by fire last night on the place known as the Jensen poultry farm. Dave Hutchison has a herd of dairy cattle on the place. The cause of the fire and the amount of damage, although it will be at least several hundred dollars, have not been definitely determined.

COST OF EDUCATING CHILD HERE BELOW AVERAGE IN OREGON

The cost of education per child in La Grande schools, and in other towns in Union and Wallowa counties, is much lower than the average over the state in towns and cities of like size with similar problems, according to a compilation in the Oregon Voter by C. C. Chapman, editor, and appearing in the last issue of the magazine. Only Baker and Salem are below La Grande in the cost of education per child, the figures show.

A sharp contrast is shown in the group of five "industrial-commercial-agricultural" counties of Eastern Oregon. In city districts of Wasco, Deschutes and Klamath counties, these taxes average about $75 per census child, while in Union and Baker counties they average only $54.37 and $45.61, respectively. Both of these figures are much lower than the average for the district, which is $63.69, and the two counties are the only ones in the group below the average.

In the Eastern Oregon counties classed as undeveloped Wallowa county is just barely over the average of $56.58 per census child with a school tax of $57.67, making an excellent showing on the whole for the three Eastern Oregon counties.

The figures for the five counties show Union county with the biggest school census and Baker second. The figures follow:

County	Census	Taxes	Per Child
Wasco	2,058	$160,464	$77.97
Deschutes	3,271	242,955	74.27
Klamath	2,961	218,836	73.91
Union	3,566	193,877	54.37
Baker	3,376	153,986	45.61

Figures prepared for the eight largest cities in the state outside of Portland put La Grande well below the average for school systems of its size. The figures include all school taxes—high and elementary—levied on property within the boundaries of the districts, including taxes for new buildings, bond redemption, interest and current operating expenses.

La Grande was third lowest in this group of cities, with only Baker and Salem spending less per pupil. La Grande's figure was $73.67. Astoria was highest with $95.24 tax per pupil, Klamath Falls was only 97 cents less than Astoria. In school census La Grande showed 2786 children and Baker 2815. It is interesting to note, however, that enrolled pupils in La Grande were 1968 and in Baker only 1889 when the figures were taken.

The table for the eight cities follow:

	Census	Tax	Pupils	Tax Per Pupil
Salem	6162	$52.32	5133	65.88
Eugene	4841	72.08	4035	86.47
Astoria	3792	59.54	2368	95.24
Medford	3136	72.71	2570	91.51
Kla'h F's	2961	73.91	2314	94.57
Baker	2815	43.87	1889	65.38
LaGrande	2786	52.11	1968	73.67
Bend	2736	77.92	2462	86.59

The article also brings out that gifts are made to the school systems of Astoria, Medford, Klamath Falls, Baker, La Grande and Bend. "These gifts are not voluntary," the Oregon Voter says. "They are made by the taxpayers owning property in the rural school districts of the respective counties. These involuntary contributions by rural district taxpayers are through the channel of the county general school tax and the state elementary aid millage, the so-called 2-mill tax. These contributions aggregate several dollars per enrolled pupil, and their receipt materially increases the tax revenue available this year for expenditure by these six city school systems.

In discussing districts of from 400 to 1000, a wide spread in tax cost is revealed. Forest Grove makes the best showing, with a tax cost of only $43.45 per census child. At the other extreme for school systems of this size is Seaside, with its tax cost of $105.12 per census child.

Eastern Oregon towns listed in

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Most of Stores Will Close For Show Thursday

A number of local merchants have called on the chamber of commerce for a statement as to its attitude in reference to the matter of closing up next Thursday afternoon, which will be La Grande day at the Union Stock show, according to Charles A. Malboeuf, secretary of the chamber.

The question was submitted to the merchants' bureau of the chamber some time ago and Chairman M. M. Hunt reported at last week's forum that the committee recommended all business firms close for the afternoon on that occasion, and this recommendation was ratified by a majority of those present at the luncheon last Tuesday. The officers of the chamber feel that, as a community, La Grande should demonstrate its appreciation for the annual stock show by giving it the greatest possible support on La Grande day and that the closing of business for that afternoon would enable a record attendance from this city, it is said.

In speaking of this, Mr. Malboeuf said, "Aside from our natural feeling of good will and admiration towards the people of Union, who have created out of a modest beginning, one of the greatest entertainment and publicity assets of Union county which this annual stock show is today, we must not be unmindful of the splendid co-operation the staff of the Eastern Oregon experiment station, our county agriculturist, H. G. Avery, and Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, of the federal livestock inspection bureau, have given to the officers of this most worthy affair."

Although no complete check has been made there have been expressions from many lines of business places which indicate that a majority of the stores and business houses of the city will close Thursday afternoon. There will be some exceptions as some are to remain open, but not in any great number.

Evangelist Will Speak This Week

Special evangelistic services will be held each evening of this week excepting Saturday at the M. E. Church South, corner of Fir and U streets, beginning at 8 o'clock, it is announced today. The Rev. Charles Webber, of the Moody institute, will be the preacher. Everybody is invited to attend. This is a campaign for Christ against sin and Satan," declares the Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor. Special music numbers will also be a feature of the services.

CASE NON-SUITED IN COURT TODAY

Basche-Sage Hardware Co., vs. Jack L. Brandt Is Next on Trial

Judge J. W. Knowles declared a non-suit in circuit court this morning shortly after nine o'clock in the case of J. A. Snyder vs. W. S. Ezell in which the plaintiff was suing for $2,000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution. The judge dismissed the case with the statement that the complaint was insufficient. Attorney R. J. Kitchen, who with Green & Hess represented the plaintiffs, declared this morning that they would file over immediately.

In a criminal case in a previous

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FUNERAL FOR JACK BULL TO BE ON JUNE 10

Funeral services for Jack R. Bull, familiarly known as "Shorty," who was drowned at the Perry dam Sunday when he fell from the spillway walk will be held next Sunday from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel at 2:30 o'clock. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bull who came here more than 40 years ago. Mr. Bull was born here and had lived here all his life, receiving his education here.

Relatives and friends are making a strenuous effort to locate Mr. Bull's brother, Charles, who is touring in Idaho or Utah, so that he may be notified and return here for the services which have been put off until Sunday.

The tragic death was a shock to the community. Mr. Bull had many friends, particularly among his fellow O.-W. employes.

K. of P. Banquet Set for June 25

Plans for the final K. of P. banquet of the year, to be held June 25, were discussed last night when Red Cross lodge No. 27 met in business session at the hall. Elmer Rose is to be in charge of the banquet. The June 25 program will be an open meeting and the Pythian Sisters will be invited. Chancellor Commander Harley Stoneking presided at the meeting last evening. It was announced that one meeting following the banquet night will bring the sessions to a close until fall.

Cooking School To Be Held Here On June 19 to 22

Announcement Made by The Observer Today—Mrs. Beth Bailey McLean to Be in Charge.

A four-day cooking school to be held in the La Grande High school auditorium on June 19, 20, 21 and 22 and conducted by Mrs. Beth Bailey McLean, home economics expert, is announced by The Observer today. The school is sponsored and directly controlled by The Observer for the benefit of its women readers throughout the La Grande territory who wish to attend.

The school will be free in every respect as have been the previous schools and institute conducted by The Observer.

Mrs. McLean, who will conduct the demonstrations and give the instruction during the four afternoons, is already will known in La Grande as a home economics expert, having handled the cooking program in the Home-Makers institute given by The Observer two years ago. She was extremely popular with the school at that time and The Observer has had many requests for her return.

Mrs. McLean, who is now a resident of Hood River, is a former associate dean of the home economics school at Iowa State college, Ames, Iowa. She is a graduate of that school and Columbia university, of New York City, and is the author of a text book on cooking and table service that is in wide use in colleges and high schools throughout the country.

Table Service

In addition to her cooking demonstrations, Mrs. McLean will also give instructions in table service and will conduct a baking contest for The Observer in connection with the four-day event. Various prizes will be offered in connection with the baking contest that are expected to attract the work of the best cooks of the Grande Ronde valley and there will be other attractions during the school.

Additional details with reference to the contest and the program of the cooking school are now being worked out and will be announced as they are completed.

Pirates To Play Enterprise Team Exhibition Game

The La Grande Pirates will invade Wallowa county tomorrow for the purpose of playing an exhibition game with the Enterprise ball club, which has been playing in a league composed of Joseph, Enterprise, Wallowa and the Mt. Emily team of La Grande, it is announced today.

With the Pirates leading the league with seven straight wins, it is expected that their appearance at Enterprise will result in a large attendance of Wallowa county fans. The Enterprise team is practically composed of amateurs.

Harlason is expected to start the game with Henion in reserve. Several of the members of the team expect to remain over for a day and do some fishing in the Wallowa lake territory.

Sunday La Grande will go to Baker for its eighth league game.

Jubilee Tags To Be Distributed

A committee of the La Grande Home-Coming jubilee at a meeting held today, decided to undertake the furnishing of all La Granders who visit the Union stock show Thursday with a tag reading "La Grande Home-Coming Jubilee August 9, 10, 11."

This will be done as the visitors reach the ticket booths at Union, and the work will be aided by a corps of local boy scouts.

BOOTLEGGING RING BROKEN IN PORTLAND

Nine Members of Vaughan-Yeager Group Change Pleas

ACCOUNT BOOKS BEST EVIDENCE

Part of Gang Sentenced by Federal Judge—Vaughan and Yeager to Learn Fates Later

PORTLAND, Ore., June 5 (AP)—That it doesn't pay for a bootlegger to use modern business methods, was proved today in Federal Judge McNary's court when nine members of the so-called Vaughan-Yeager ring faced the bar.

The trial had been set for June 14, but by today all had decided to change "not guilty" pleas to that of "guilty."

As Assistant United States Attorney Marsh outlined the operations of the ring, which maintained four garages, four houses and a fleet of 25 cars, it was seen that most of the government's information had come from the neat account books, seized during the raid.

The indictment named 13 defendants, three of whom have not been arrested.

Several Sentences

Frank Vaughan and A. J. Yeager, partners, and heads of the firm will not be sentenced until July 30, the government trading this favor

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BEER RAID AT UNION MADE BY MR. BRESHEARS

In a raid that took place shortly after eight o'clock last night, Sheriff Jesse Breshears and his deputies confiscated 552 bottles of beer and 80 gallons of beer in the making at the Dan Anderson home at Union.

The sheriff and the deputies, A. L. Helms and H. A. Klinghammer reported the raid this morning, relating that the beer was found in cases, 23 in all. Crocks of beer being manufactured, containing 80 gallons of beer, the sheriff and deputies dumped out, they reported. Anderson was arrested and brought to La Grande and held in the county jail. The sheriff made out a complaint this morning and the arraignment was to take place after two o'clock.

Condition Still Dangerous, Report

No change was reported today in the condition of Leo Frost, young La Grande man who was critically injured in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon on the Cove highway six miles from La Grande. "There has been no change; Mr. Frost is still in a dangerous and critical condition," said Dr. E. G. Kirby at 2 o'clock this afternoon. His parents and two sisters arrived here today from Cranville, B. C., to be with him. The left side of Mr. Frost's chest is crushed. Mr. Frost is a man of about 25. He has been selling trucks for the Harry B. Waggoner garage.

A call to relatives of Miss Myrtle Walters and her little sister, Corrine, this afternoon in the country brought the information that the other two who were occupants of the car that was wrecked had suffered practically no ill effects other than grief from the accident. Miss Myrtle Walters was painfully bruised but Miss Corrine was none the worse for the accident.

Landslide Dam Breaks, Flooding Area at Big Pine, Cal.-Two Dead

BIG PINE, Cal., June 5 (AP)—A landslide which had formed a dam on Big Pine creek at Sage Flat about eight miles above here, broke about 2 a. m. this morning, and a torrent of water flooded the main street of this town to a depth of a foot but did no property damage. One man and a boy, campers, were reported missing.

The house of the caretakers of the intake of the Los Angeles aqueduct was swept away but he escaped.

The diversion dam of the intake of the Los Angeles aqueduct above the power plant was destroyed. The stream was diverted from its course and damaged the power plant slightly.

The intake keeper's house was swept away while he was telephoning a warning to the power plant, and his escape was a narrow one.

The two men and one boy, campers, whose names were not obtained, were camped several miles below the landslip. One of the men was awakened by the roar of the approaching flood, warned others and himself escaped. The other two climbed to the top of their automobile. A log struck the car and both the man and boy disappeared in the raging waters. Their bodies have not been recovered.

Big Pine has a population of between 500 and 600.

COLONEL STEWART ON TRIAL

NEA Washington Bureau

Colonel Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, is shown here (left) as he was leaving the District of Columbia supreme court at Washington after a day in his trial for contempt of the senate. Stewart is with Frank J. Hogan, his chief counsel. Although requested to resign several weeks ago by John D. Rockefeller Jr., Col. Stewart still retains his chairmanship.

RACE DEVELOPS BETWEEN WOMEN

Miss Boll and Miss Earhart Contesting for First Trans-Atlantic Flight

NEW YORK, June 5 (AP)—A race between two American women for the honor of being the first to fly the North Atlantic was in prospect today.

With Miss Amelia Earhart waiting at Trepassey, N. F., for a take-off in the seaplane Friendship, Miss Mabel Boll was making hurried preparations at Curtiss field for a take-off in Charles A. Levine's trans-Atlantic monoplane Columbia.

Although Miss Boll announced she would take off today, indications at the field were that a take-off would not be possible for some time. Mr. Levine said it would be several days, making Miss Boll's hopes dependent on a delay in the Friendship's attempt.

The hangar was barred to visitors yesterday as T. Harold Kincaid, Wright motor expert, looked over the Columbia's motors; work was knocked off last night, however, and it was said that more time would be required before the plane could be ready for an ocean flight.

Pilot Selected

Unofficially it was said that Oliver C. Leboutillier, of East Orange,

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Report SOS On Dirigible Italia

MOSCOW, Russia, June 5 (AP)—The Soviet meteorological station in Siberia reported today that it had picked up what was believed to be an S O S from the Italia, but that the location could not be secured.

Two other Siberian stations, SOB and PURPN reported hearing the same call.

California Forest Fire Is Spreading

REDDING, Cal., June 5 (AP)—A forest fire sweeping brush and grain lands along the Tehama-Shasta boundary was out of control last night. One thousand acres of land had been burned over, with 150 men unable to cope with its rapid spread. Women volunteers were carrying water in automobiles to the vicinity of Cottonwood, where the blaze was wreaking the greatest destruction.

Oregonians On Way to Kansas City Convention

The first party of Oregon delegates to the Kansas City republican national convention will leave Portland tomorrow morning at 11:05 on the Union Pacific. They are: Sam A. Kozer and Hal D. Patton, of Salem; and B. E. Farrell and W. A. Woodward, of Portland. In addition there will be Ralph Watson, of Portland, and William Murkhart, of Salem. At Pendleton, I. U. Temple, delegate, will board the train and at La Grande, Fred E. Kiddle, delegate, will join the party. Floyd D. Cook, of Medford, will arrive here tomorrow morning and visit with Mr. Kiddle during the day.

KANSAS CITY, June 5 (AP)—The contest over the delegate seat at the republican national convention from the fifth Georgia district was settled out of court today, but an effort to adjust a similar dispute in the first Georgia district failed when Chairman Butler, of the national committee, hearing contests, objected to an agreement, which would have given two delegates seats, each with one-half a vote.

Action by the committee on the fractional vote in the first district went over at Butler's suggestion. He advised his colleagues that he intended later to bring up the question whether republican state organizations should be permitted to disregard the national committee's call fixing delegate quotation.

Both the Lowden and Watson campaign directors, already on the firing line, were mapping out a plan of attack with which they hoped to stop Hoover.

Lowden himself is coming to the town the last of the week, to give personal attention to his campaign.

Seek Rooms For Normal Students

Inasmuch as the Eastern Oregon summer session of the Oregon Normal school will commence here in less than two weeks and that up to the present, very few rooms have been listed by the people of this city for the accommodation of teachers and students, the chamber of commerce urges that all parties having apartments or other accomodations for rent, during the period of the session, which will close July 25 make this known to the chamber at once in order that delay and annoyance may be obviated when the faculty and students arrive in La Grande.

Early advice is also essential, as the chamber is receiving inquiries by mail and wishes to be in a position to take care of these communications immediately.

FLIERS SAFE AFTER 5,538 MILE JOURNEY

Southern Cross Resting Peacefully at Suva, in Fiji Islands

COMMANDER PLANS FOR FINAL HOP

Third Leg of Air Trip to Australia Will Take the Birdmen over Dangerous Storm Area.

SUVA, Fiji Island, June 6 (AP)—(Wednesday)—Having successfully covered 5538 miles of ocean between Oakland, Cal., Hawaii, and Suva, the fliers of the monoplane Southern Cross today start preparations for the next 1700 mile hop to Brisbane, en route to Sydney, Australia.

They secured a long rest last night to make up for the more than 33 wakeful hours that were passed during their flight from Kauai, an island of the Hawaiian group, to Suva.

There were many things to be done: checking of the gasoline supply remaining in the fuel tanks of the Southern Cross; location of a site from which the refueled plane can safely take off for its flight over more seas toward Australia; examination of the three motors that labored faithfully through miles and storms; and to study weather charts and maps to decide the time and course of the shortest but perhaps the most hazardous leg of the flight.

Quartet Admired

Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, Australian pilot; Charles Ulm, Australian, co-pilot; Harry W. Lyon, former sea skipper and navigator, and James Warner, radio operator, were regarded as quite important personages in Suva today. They were objects of admiration by all, from the bushy haired native Fijians to the white inhabitants. These four men who flew in from the sea yesterday afternoon in a strange, powerful blue and silver bird of cloth, wood and steel were centers of interest in every corner.

One of the most important problems before the fliers was to select a take off point. Albert Park, where the Southern Cross landed yesterday afternoon, was barely large enough to accommodate the plane in its arrival. Unweighted by a large store of gas the pilots missed running into the side of an enclosure by about 20 yards and then only by making a sharp left turn upon a rise in the ground.

Taking off with a thousand gallons of gasoline—the amount estimated for the flight to Australia—will require a straight, lengthy runway heading into the wind. Kingsford-Smith intimated last night that he intended looking over a stretch of beach near the city, a sandy, level bit of ground that might accommodate the plane during low tide. Possibly, he thought there might be other places even more suitable.

Praise Each Other

As for the pilots—the fliers were unanimous in agreeing that each other member of the crew contributed invaluable services toward the success of the flight thus far.

During a reception in the Grand Pacific hotel shortly after the plane landed the mayor of Suva lauded Captain Kingsford-Smith, pilot of the expedition. The captain accepted the compliment by saying had it not been for his two American friends, Lyon and Warner, he could not accomplished the trip successfully.

Then Warner spoke up saying

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STEWART CASE AT HALF WAY MARK TODAY

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—The defense rested today in the case of Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, who has been on trial charged with refusing to answer questions in the senate committee investigating the Continental Trading company.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

All games postponed, rain and wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland-Boston, Philadelphia-Chicago and New York-Detroit games postponed, rain and wet grounds.

Don't Fail To Visit The Big Stock Show At Union Thursday, La Grande's Own Day!