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THE WEATHER OREGON: Generally fair tonight and Friday but with considerable cloudiness in the west portion; rising temperature in the interior tonight with lower humidity.

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DEMOCRATS TO MAKE CHOICE TONIGHT

GRAIN CROPS OVER VALLEY NEED WETTING

Lack of Rain Serious in Dry Farming Districts in Territory

CHERRY HARVEST BEGINS SHORTLY

Good Berry Crop on Records—Total Rainfall in La Grande in May and June .48 of Inch.

With a majority of the farmers of Union and Wallawa counties virtually praying for rain, a shower that hit La Grande yesterday was so light that it couldn't be measured.

In both Union and Wallawa county extremely dry conditions have prevailed for nearly two months. Crops in all sections of the territory are greatly in need of rain, with the exception of some fruits.

Spring grain in both Union and Wallawa counties is in poor condition and the winter wheat is below standard. This is not true where irrigation is to be had.

Practically all of the first crops of hay have been or are being cut and the yield is not up to earlier expectations.

Cherry Harvest Near With a continuation of the warm weather, cherry harvest will be started at Union and Wallawa shortly.

Larger fruits were expected to bear well throughout the county. A recent hail storm, of a freak variety, did considerable damage to some orchards and grain fields at Elsie, the newspaper there estimating a total loss of from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The strawberry harvest is nearly over in Union county with a large crop on record, although prices were not as high as growers had hoped for.

Less Than Half Inch Rain A check of weather conditions in La Grande, which is representative of the valley as a whole, shows that since May 1 less than half an inch of rain has fallen.

BOYS ACCUSED OF RANSACKING HAWORTH HOME Seven boys, ranging from eight to a few years older, were arrested yesterday by the police, and are charged with the ransacking of the S. A. Haworth home on Fir and Washington.

Union Society To Meet in Portland The Union County society, of Portland, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, July 15, in Laurelhurst park.

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E. O. L. P. Employees Elect Officers BAKER, Ore., June 28.—Leon Gray, chief stores clerk of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, was elected president at the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Company Employees' association.

Brethren Lentz, La Grande engineer, was elected vice president. Miss Loy Wisdom, cashier, was elected secretary and W. W. Vaughan of the operating department was elected sergeant at arms.

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Mt. Emily Plans To Resume Mill Operations Soon

Arrival of parts, that are being installed today, will allow the reopening of the sawmill probably Saturday, Aug. 3, Stange, of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, said today.

The sawmill has been idle for the last few weeks to permit repairs. When it starts again, continuous operation is planned with an shift of men at work.

Guard Company Home After Two Weeks Training

Sun-browned and toughened by two weeks of more or less intensive fire training at Camp Wheeler, Ore., near Seaside, La Grande company of the Oregon national guard arrived home on No. 24 this morning.

Forty-nine men and three officers made up the unit at camp but it is understood that a few were given permission to stay over in Portland, not returning to La Grande today.

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Commissioners' Session Lasts Just 8 Minutes

The city commissioners set a record for speed last night when they dashed through a routine meeting in exactly eight minutes.

Reading of the city manager's report, minutes of the previous meeting, granting of two soft drink licenses and the granting of a rooming-house license to Charles L. Borden for the Zuber block made up the evening's business.

Dollar Day To Be Held on Saturday

A second Dollar Day will be observed by many La Grande merchants Saturday when various articles of merchandise will be offered at special dollar rates.

An initial Dollar Day was held here a few weeks ago and was so successful that it is being repeated. Advertisements by various merchants are carried in The Observer today and will also appear tomorrow describing special Saturday offers.

Pendleton and La Grande To Play Here Sunday; Rivalry at High Point

The La Grande Pirates, champions of the Blue Mountain league, will wind up their home season here Sunday afternoon when they cross bats with the Pendleton Crossbros, tied with Baker for second place.

To date the Crossbros have two wins over the Pendletonians against one loss and much of the traditional rivalry between the two Eastern Oregon cities will exist in Sunday's contest.

Lineup Not Announced The lineup for Sunday has not been announced but it is expected that it will be about the same as last Sunday, with possibly one or two changes. Jimmy Rosenbaum may be stationed in the outfield. He was unable to play last Sunday because of a previous engagement with the O.W. rifle team.

While La Grande and Pendleton are playing here at 2:30 o'clock, the Walla Walla Bears will journey to Baker, where the Elephants are getting set for merciless revenge for an 18 to 3 defeat in the twiced-named city.

BOURBOIS TO SUPPORT DRY AMENDMENT

Prohibition Plan Declaring for Enforcement Approved by Board

FARM RELIEF PLAN IN DEMO PLATFORM

"Bone-Dry" Group, Unaware of Action, Ready to Bolt Party If Smith Is Nominated.

HOUSTON, Tex., June 28 (AP)—The platform drawn over night by a dozen members of the democratic national convention resolutions committee followed rough going today when presented to the 55 members charged with reporting out the 1928 party declarations.

A number of planks which it had been assumed would be accepted without discussions came in for debate and changes with a resultant delay in the committee's report to the convention which in no event could be made until very late in the day.

The declaration, which has been the subject of bitter controversy for days, is exactly as was drafted by Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada, chairman of the committee and is understood to have the full endorsement of Governor Alfred E. Smith.

Assail G. O. P. Resident declaring for enforcement of the eighteenth amendment. (Continued on Page 5)

Indian Ceremony To Mark Scouts Court of Honor

Indian ceremonials, based on Indian lore and custom, will make the three courts of honor that are to be held at the Eastern Oregon boy scout camp on Catherine creek next month, among the thrilling events of the outing.

With the tall, crooning pines forming the background, the tumbling waters of Catherine the music and the western wilderness the stage the scouts who participate in these three ceremonials will be stepped in the atmosphere of the days when the Indian ruled Oregon. Then, while the campfire shoots its red tongues into the pitch black sky, these Eastern Oregon boys will dramatize an old Indian ceremonial as they receive their ranks or their merit badges.

The ceremonial is to be called the "Four-Way Bridge." Tenderfoot scouts will be inposen in the court of the mountain lion in the east, second class scouts will be Braves in the court of the buffalo in the south, first class scouts will be Indian scouts in the court of the black bear in the west and star life and eagle scouts will be warriors in the court of the white wolf in the north.

Neither the Swedish, Finnish nor Italian airplanes were able to take the air today because of the thick fog.

While the Italia relief expeditions were held impotent by the foggy conditions, the search for Amundsen continued fruitlessly.

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SECONDS SMITH NOMINATION



Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, his state's favorite son, who withdrew from the democratic race a few days ago in favor of Smith, made the first speech of this morning's convention session in Houston, endorsing the nomination of the New Yorker.

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PARIS STUNT FLIER BURNED IN COLLISION

PARIS, June 28 (AP)—Alfred Frenvald, France's most famous stunt pilot, was killed today at the Villa Couillard landing field when his plane crashed and burned.

He was preparing to make a simple landing after performing a series of wild, breath-taking aerobatics high in the air during a fair.

As he touched the ground he collided with a military plane and his own craft burst into flames. Before he could extricate himself he was overcome and burned to death.

Frenvald held the world's loop-loop record with 1,100 consecutive turns until March 17, when Charles Holman of St. Paul, Minn., looped 1,423 times.

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Roosevelt Makes Nominating Talk For Gov. Al Smith

"Victory Is His Habit—the Happy Warrior" Democrats at Houston, Texas, Are Told.

HOUSTON, June 28 (AP)—Governor Smith, of New York was termed "the pathfinder to the open road for all true lovers of humanity," by Franklin D. Roosevelt in nominating him last night for president at the democratic national convention.

"America needs not only an administrator, but a leader," he said. "A pathfinder, a blazer of the trail to the high road that will avoid the bottomless morass of class materialism that has engulfed so many of the great civilizations of the past. It is the privilege of democracy not only to offer such a man, but to offer him as the surest leader to victory."

"The Happy Warrior" "We offer one who has the will to win—who not only deserves success, but who commands it. Victory is his habit—the happy warrior, Alfred E. Smith."

Mr. Roosevelt recounted that it was the third time he had urged the nomination of the governor at a convention of his party.

"The whole country has now learned the measure of his greatness. During another four years his every act has been under the searchlight of friend and foe and he has not been found wanting."

"His most uncomprohensible opponent will not deny that he has achieved an unprecedented popularity among the people of this country. It is not, however, my belief that I should urge popularly as the criterion in making our choice. A higher obligation falls upon us. More party expediency must be subordinated to national good. We are Americans even before we are democrats."

Mr. Roosevelt said Governor Smith possesses four great characteristics essential to the office of president—leadership, experience, (Continued from Page 4)

Wreck Mangles Happy Party of Women, Children

DARLINGTON, Durham, Eng., June 28 (AP)—Death cut a wide swath in a party of nearly one thousand happy North country excursionists returning from a holiday at Southborough when their train collided almost head on last night with an engine hauling freight cars in the yards here.

When the tangled debris resulting from the terrific crash and the telescoping of two crowded coaches had been searched, it was found that 22 persons, many of them women and children, had been killed and 47 injured, of whom 28 are still in the local hospital, some in a serious condition.

A large percentage of the victims were women and children. Comparatively few men were in the mid-week excursion party.

So badly mangled were many of those killed that it was not possible this afternoon to identify all of them.

Rescue parties worked all night under the ever-changing light of flares and the railway men who struggled desperately to take the injured from the wreckage said that they have never known a crash that presented more difficult or harrowing rescue efforts.

In one compartment six living and six dead were found, the living and the dead tumbled together in the smash.

Valuable Violin Stolen In Salem

SALEM, Ore., June 28 (AP)—Dr. John O. Hall, member of the Willamette university faculty, discovered yesterday that an old and valuable Gaudin violin had been stolen from the Hall home. The instrument was valued at \$5,000 and was insured for \$3,000. It was made in 1753.

Big Bill Tilden Defeats Baron

WIMBLEDON, Eng., June 28 (AP)—Big Bill Tilden, ace of the American tennis, conditioned his drive toward the Wimbledon singles championship today by defeating Baron Bela de Kehring, veteran Hungarian champion and Davis cup star, in sets 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

CONVENTION MARKING TIME BEFORE VOTE

Big Reed Demonstration Feature of This Morning's Session

SMITH ELATED AT EVENING OVATION

Senator Robinson Expected to Be Chosen as Running Mate for New York Governor.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 28 (AP)—Governor Smith was up until well into the early hours this morning listening over the radio to the demonstration staged at the democratic convention when his name was placed in nomination for the presidency, and he made no attempt to conceal his satisfaction.

He tuned in as soon as the evening session began and did not miss a word or a shout or a blast of music. As the demonstration broke out at the close of Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech offering him as the party's standard bearer in the presidential race, the governor grinned. Raising one hand he twirled it about his head as though he too was on the convention floor and swinging a clacker in the celebration.

When the radio reproduced the music of a band playing "The Sidewalks of New York" he could no longer contain himself and rising he danced slowly several times about a circle of family and friends who had been listening to the convention doings with him.

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OREGON MAN WILL SECOND MAJOR BERRY

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HOUSTON, Tex., June 28 (AP)—The Oregon delegation to the democratic national convention departed at its own suggestion of its own candidate for vice president, today had the honor of furnishing one of its members to second the nomination of another candidate.

Joseph K. Carson, of Portland, World war veteran, was selected to make the seconding speech for Major George L. Berry, a former service man for second place on the democratic ticket.

The Oregon delegates expected to hold another conference sometime today to consider further the attitude toward the national committee.

The Oregon delegates were enthusiastic over last night's nominating session and Smith's prospects for the nomination on the first ballot.

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