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THE WEATHER
OREGON—Fair tonight and Thursday, except unsettled with probably showers Thursday over the extreme northwest portion. Cooler in interior west portion Thursday.

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FIRE LOSS IN CITY DURING YEAR IS LOW

Out of Every \$20 Worth of Property at Risk, \$19 Have Been Saved

SIX-MONTH LOSS IS ABOUT \$11,540

Compares Favorably with Half Year Record for 1927, When Higher Loss to Property Resulted.

During the first half of 1928, the La Grande volunteer fire department has chalked up an excellent record, one that many cities may shoot at.

Out of every \$20 of property at risk during the first six months of the year, only \$1 has been lost, a check by Fire Chief C. G. Murchison reveals. And most of that \$1 has been covered by insurance.

Approximately \$224,500 property was at risk during this period, because of fires consumed with \$179,960 property at risk during a corresponding time last year.

Total Loss Low
Total loss for this year was \$11,540.61 and the insurance loss is estimated at about \$9,000. From Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927, the total loss was \$12,353.92 and the insurance loss was \$9,544.01. More loss resulted with less property at risk, indicating, it is said, that the local fire department is constantly increasing its efficiency and ability to utilize the present equipment to the utmost.

During January this year the property at risk amounted to \$35,400, the loss was \$3,540.13 and the insurance loss was \$2,440.12.

In February property in the amount of \$113,400 was at risk, the loss was only a fraction of that, \$1,318.25 and the insurance loss was \$1,218.25.

March only \$11,300 property was consumed and the loss, both actual and in insurance, was \$731.14.

April found five fires with an estimated loss of \$4,000, although this has not been adjusted. Insurance at risk amounted to \$29,200 and the property at risk is about 20 per cent more.

May Worst Month
In May the loss was higher in percentage than during any other month. Property worth \$3,950 was in danger and the loss amounted to \$2,699.89. Insurance was \$2,449.89.

June's record have not been completely adjusted. There were 10 fires with a loss of about \$260. Property at risk was high, running around \$22,450 and the insurance at risk was \$17,250.

Property Valuable
One reason for the low percentage of loss in La Grande is the pump truck, purchased by the city some time ago. It increases the ability of the department to conquer fires to a marked degree, and has been used in a few cases with splendid results. All business alarms are answered by both trucks and then, if the pump is not needed, it is returned to the department. Residential fires are answered by the smaller truck, leaving the pump in the house to protect the city against another fire in same other location or any other emergency. If necessary, the pump will answer residential fires.

The pump also goes out when alarms are turned in from the saw-mills or other large business or industrial plants outside of the business district.

HOLD HEARING ON PROPOSED OREGON LINE

BOISE, Idaho, July 11 (AP)—A hearing on an application for construction of a railroad which would reduce the haul from Southern Idaho to San Francisco and Los Angeles by nearly 400 miles will open in Portland on July 30 if it was reported here today by the public utilities commission.

The proposed railroad will run from Crane, Harney county, Oregon across Southern Oregon to O'Fallon junction and there join the coastal lines reaching to the Southern California markets.

The action, which is sponsored by the public service commission of Oregon, will have the support of the Idaho commission. It was said.

According to Mayor W. H. Doolittle of Ontario, Ore., who was conferring with the Idaho commission today, the line will shorten the haul from Oregon lumber centers to the east by two or three days and will furnish an outlet to the coast for Oregon products, all of which is now routed either through Portland or through Sacramento and Ogden.

DENIES REPORT OF MURDER
PARIS, July 11 (AP)—A Havas dispatch from Tirane, today denied reports published at Belgrade that M. Mihalovitch, Jugoslav minister to Albania, had been assassinated.

Rotarians Hear Reports Of Two Political Meets

Fred E. Kiddle, Hoover Manager, and C. C. Clifton, of Des Moines, Speak at Luncheon.

Highlights and sidelights of the national conventions at Kansas City and Houston provided the main part of the program at the Rotary club luncheon today at the La Grande hotel.

Fred E. Kiddle, Hoover campaign manager for Oregon, who has just returned from a trip east which included the convention, told of the republican gathering at Kansas City. Mr. Kiddle, who was chairman of the Oregon delegation, gave an interesting report of the working of the state delegation and the convention proper.

Political Writer Speaks
C. C. Clifton, of Des Moines, Iowa, political writer for the Des Moines Register and Tribune, spoke briefly of the democratic convention at Houston.

Mr. Clifton, who is visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, F. B. Appleby, covered both national conventions for the Des Moines paper. His talk was very interesting.

Robert M. Haley, specialist in marketing, who is here from Corvallis to conduct a market survey for Union county, told briefly of the plan and purpose of the survey. He was introduced by Frank McKennon.

Oscar Warnock, chairman of the program committee, was in charge of the program.

O-W Sessions Convene Here This Morning

The bi-monthly claim prevention meeting and the monthly safety meeting of the second division of the O-W were held at the railroad clubrooms today, with John Grodzki, O-W safety agent, and Mr. Gipe, of the claim department, both from Portland, in attendance.

In the absence of W. H. Gullid, division superintendent, C. F. Roberts, assistant superintendent, is in charge of the sessions which have the usual attendance of about 50 railroad employees and officials.

Speaking and forum program pertinent to the subjects of the two meetings was lined up for the day.

The claim prevention session took place this morning and the safety meeting began at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Kiddle Speaks At Meeting in Baker

BAKER, July 11 (Special)—Sidelights of the national republican convention which filled a 13,000 capacity hall and likewise filled newspapers and the air over the country were given yesterday at noon to a group of Baker Kiwanis here by Fred E. Kiddle, state senator, delegate to the Kansas City caucus and Hoover manager for Oregon.

Mr. Kiddle told of the arrival of 13 Oregon delegates at Kansas City and the situation existing at that time in reference to presidential nominees. He said that the swinging of the Pennsylvania vote to Hoover was the turning point.

W. O. W. Adjourns Until September

Woodlawn of the World held their last regular meeting until the second Tuesday of September last evening when they convened at Kagle's hall, with T. Reese, council commander, presiding. Routine business was transacted.

Boy's Body Found In Five Mile Lake

PORTLAND, Ore., July 11 (AP)—When Donald Hruvick's parents went to a lake near here today to look for him, they found his clothes and a burnt out campfire. While the parents were seeking aid of the harbor police patrol, Donald's friends recovered his body.

The body, 16, left his home here yesterday noon to go swimming at Five Mile lake, a pond at St. Johns. It was believed he was alone and that he built a camp fire, and went swimming, later suffering from cramps.

Uncut Gems Worth \$100,000 Stolen

LOS ANGELES, July 11 (AP)—A robber today escaped with diamonds estimated to be worth \$100,000 after holding up a salesman in the jewelry building in the downtown district.

Jacob Perl, the salesman, told police a young, neatly dressed man pressed a revolver to his side and grabbed his brief case filled with uncut gems.

HEADS EDITORS



Judge Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, was re-elected president of the Oregon State Editorial association at its annual convention, held at Astoria last night.

WOMEN TO HAVE GOLF TOURNEYS

Decision Made at Meeting Last Night—First Competition Is Sunday

Golf tournaments for women are to be a regular part of the tournament program of the La Grande country club. It was decided last night when more than a dozen female golfers met in an enthusiastic session with the club tournament committee, made up of C. H. Reynolds, chairman, C. W. Binger and Norman Froese.

Just how keen an interest in being shown by members of the fair sex who "pursue the white pill" was demonstrated at the meeting, which was called by the tournament committee to discuss the feasibility of such a program.

Tournament Dated
No time was lost by the women club members in arranging, in conjunction with the committee, for a mixed tournament to be played next Sunday afternoon. It will be a novel event on the course and is being hailed with club-wide enthusiasm.

A women's tournament committee, with which the men's committee will work in conjunction, was created. Mrs. A. W. Nelson was appointed chairman with Mrs. W. C. Perkins and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds completing the committee. Sunday's tournament will be a nine-hole handicap event to be played beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be on the two-ball foursome plan.

Sunday to Be Busy
Sunday will be a busy day on the course, with a nine-hole handicap for the men in the morning and the mixed tournament in the afternoon.

Members of the women's committee estimated this afternoon that there are between 25 and 30 active women golfers on the course, and expressed a belief that the game will become increasingly popular with La Grande women, many of whom have taken it up just this year.

The handicap listings and the matchings for the mixed tournament Sunday will be published later.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
(First game) R. H. E.
Chicago 5 3 0
Philadelphia 10 12 1
Batteries: Blankenship and Berg; Grove and Fox.

(Second game) R. H. E.
Chicago 5 8 1
Philadelphia 3 10 0
Batteries: Fisher and Crouse; Earnshaw and Perkins, Fox.

(First game) R. H. E.
Detroit 4 8 0
New York 2 6 0
Batteries: Hallaway, Van Gilder and Woodall; Pappas, Moore and Bengough.

(Second game) R. H. E.
St. Louis 3 7 0
Boston 4 11 1
Batteries: Stewart and Manion; Harris and Heving.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
(First game) R. H. E.
Brooklyn 4 8 1
Cincinnati 3 6 0
Batteries: Loak and Goetz; Lucas and Hargrave, Pichich.

EAST OREGON MILLER HAS BEST CHANCE

So Declare Three Portland Men to Interstate Commerce Commission

LOWER THROUGH RATE PROTESTED

Charges From Pendleton to Medford \$6.90, Pendleton to Portland to Medford is \$9.10.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 11 (AP)—The Eastern Oregon grain miller has an advantage over the Portland miller in that he can send his products to the Willamette valley, coast and Southern Oregon points at a through rate that is much lower than the tariff Portland millers must bring his grain to this city, paying a local tariff. He sends the manufactured products to consumers at another local rate. The total is a larger rate than the eastern miller receives in a through tariff.

These were the points brought out at today's hearing before the interstate commerce commission here. The hearings are being held under the Hoch-Smith resolution which seeks to give farm relief through low freight rates on farm products.

Three Testify
Three traffic managers for local millers testified today. They were: E. F. Brady, of Albers Brothers; R. E. Sorenson, of Balfour-Guthrie and company, and F. S. Clay, of

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Sponge Left In Her; M. D. Upheld

SALEM, Ore., July 11 (AP)—Dr. Floyd M. Day, Eugene surgeon, is upheld by the supreme court today in his defense against Maudie Rayburn, who brought against him an action of malpractice.

An abdominal operation was performed upon the plaintiff. Her health failed to improve and a second operation was performed a year later, and it was discovered that in the former operation the surgeon had left a sponge in the abdomen. To this the woman attributed her ill health. This was denied by the defendant, although he admitted that the sponge had been left in the abdomen. He averred that the sponge was sterile and harmless.

Jeffries Pleads In Medford Court

MEDFORD, Ore., July 11 (AP)—William Jeffries, driver of the car that crashed on the life of 12-year-old Henry West, as he played on the Klamath Falls-Ashland highway Monday afternoon, arraigned in circuit court before Judge A. R. Walker, of Medford, pleaded guilty to the crime.

Jeffries, 22, of Corvallis, pleaded guilty to the crime of negligent driving. He said he was not guilty of negligent driving, but that he was guilty of negligent driving. He said he was not guilty of negligent driving, but that he was guilty of negligent driving.

George Masterson Won't Face Trial

PORTLAND, Ore., July 11 (AP)—George Masterson, who fired the shot that took the life of Mrs. Marjorie Stok in Masterson's hotel room here two months ago, will not face trial for the killing. The grand jury indictment against the man charging first degree murder was dismissed today at the request of the district attorney, who said every phase of Masterson's story regarding what he said was an accidental shooting was checked and found to conform to police knowledge of the case.

In view of the lack of evidence to show that the shooting was otherwise than accidental the dismissal was suggested.

Loses Appeal In Supreme Court

SALEM, Ore., July 11 (AP)—In affirming the lower court for Marion county where the case was tried before Judge Percy R. Kelly, the supreme court today held that Mrs. Ruth Lockwood, of near Turner, is guilty of manslaughter for the accidental killing of Maynard Sawyer, Salem druggist, who was run down by her automobile July 19, 1927. She was sentenced by the lower court to serve two years in the state penitentiary.

John J. Raskob Is Selected As Democrat Head

General Motors Finance Chairman Is Named in Preference to Gerry, of Rhode Island.

NEW YORK, July 11 (AP)—John J. Raskob, chairman of the finance committee of General Motors today was named chairman of the democratic national committee.

Prior to a meeting here of democratic national committeemen, Governor Smith, the presidential nominee, declined to discuss reports that Raskob, a close personal friend, would be named chairman and in this capacity would manage the campaign. Intimates of the governor declared he had determined on Raskob and his preference would be disclosed to the committee.

Mrs. Ross Mentioned
With Raskob's expected appointment were linked the names of Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, former governor of Wyoming, for the now vacant post of vice chairman of the committee and Col. Herbert H. Lehman, a New York banker, as campaign finance director. Lehman managed the last Smith gubernatorial campaign.

The general expectation had been that Senator Gerry, of Rhode Island, would be Smith's preference for committee chairman and his switch to Raskob was interpreted as a concession on his part to the advice of friends and political leaders that it would be best to have a man widely known in the business world at the campaign helm.

Talks With Reed
The governor, who came to the city last night from Albany, had a general talk on the political situation after his arrival with Senator Robinson or Arkansas, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, who placed him in nomination at Houston. This morning he had his breakfast with Senator Reed of Missouri, whom he had invited here to discuss the political outlook.

Both Smith and Reed declared later that their conversation had been general and that nothing definite was discussed as to the part Reed will play in the campaign.

Reed in conversation later with reporters, said his talk with Smith had been "pleasant" and had not

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Five Lost This Week in Waters Of the Northwest

PORTLAND, July 11 (AP)—Five lives have been lost this week in water accidents in the northwest. Helen Fitzpatrick, 12, of Albany, drowned in the Willamette river yesterday when she slipped into deep water while wading. Her sister, 14, was rescued after an attempted rescue.

Mrs. Hazel Fisk and a son, 12 years old, were drowned in the Trinity river near Weatherville, Calif. The woman died in a futile attempt to save her son. She was a sister of L. B. Walther, of the California-Oregon Power company, Medford, Oregon.

H. C. Casey, Astoria, Oregon, salmon fisherman drowned in the Grays Harbor jetty Monday night when a trolling boat overturned. Word of the accident was brought to Aberdeen yesterday by J. A. Maki, survivor of the accident.

Warren Kelly, 22, of Corvallis, drowned last night in the East Green lake near Seattle.

The Columbia river near Longview was being dragged today in an effort to recover the body of Roy Winchell, 19, who disappeared Monday. It was feared the had drowned.

Woman Warden Traps Game Poachers In California—Gets Convictions

SAN ANSELMO, Cal., July 11 (NEA)—An attractive young woman strolled through the Marin woods near San Anselmo.

She stopped. The leg of a deer hung from the foliage of a tree. A hard pull and the body of a young doe, shot through the heart, fell to the ground.

She didn't shudder in revulsion. She sat down to wait.

Near midnight she heard stealthy footsteps. Behind a tree the woman waited.

Two men came to the tree where the doe had been concealed after they killed it. They were startled—it was gone. One started to climb the trunk.

Mrs. Walter R. Sellmer, California's first and only woman game warden, stepped out.

"You're under arrest."

She marched her captives back to town and to jail. Subsequently they paid a heavy fine.

Since pinning the star of authority on her blouse last November, Mrs. Sellmer has made 12 arrests, all of which resulted in convictions.

Included among them were a San Franciscoan apprehended for shooting game from a moving automobile, and other men caught while shooting songbirds, taking undersized crabs, fishing out of season and hunting without licenses.

KOZER QUILTS TO TAKE NEW STATE POST

Secretary of State Will Resign Sept. 1 to Be Budget Director

HAL E. HOSS TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR

Appointment of Oregon City Man Regarded as a Certainty, Although Governor Is Silent

SALEM, Ore., July 11 (AP)—Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, will resign September 1 and will be appointed state budget director. This was announced late yesterday by Governor Patterson.

Hal E. Hoss of Oregon City will be appointed to succeed Kozar as secretary of state. This was not announced by the governor, but is a certainty since Hoss is a nominee for the office as Kozar was when appointed in 1920.

The office of state budget director was created by the 1927 legislature.

At the end of this year Mr. Kozar will have been 30 years in state offices. Beginning in 1925 he served for eight years as auditing clerk under Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar. There followed a period as chief clerk under Secretary of State Benson and then as state insurance commissioner by appointment of Benson after the latter became governor. Next Kozar became deputy secretary of state under Ben W. Olcott and some months after Olcott became governor with the death of Governor Withycombe he appointed Kozar secretary of state.

LIQUOR STOLEN FROM WAREHOUSE

Government Authorities Seeking Man Who Engineered Theft

NEW YORK, July 11 (AP)—A man described by government authorities as "one of the biggest in the liquor game" was sought today in connection with the siphoning of \$5,000,000 worth of government whiskey and alcohol from a warehouse in lower Manhattan.

Robert H. Watts, assistant United States attorney, said confessions had been obtained from three of the six men under arrest as conspirators in the warehouse thefts. He said the men sought as their leader was well known in shooting circles and had attracted attention as a liberal spender.

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186 Bandits Give Up To U. S. Marines

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP)—A surrendered total of 186 "confessed" Nicaraguan bandits, to United States marine forces at Ocotul, was reported today to the navy department.

A report of Rear Admiral David F. Sellers, commander of the special service squadron in Nicaraguan waters, made public by the navy department, said that 120 of the bandits gave themselves up on July 9. They were unarmed, the report added.

Lindbergh Escapes Flames On Plane

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 11 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's plane caught fire, supposedly from a flooded carburetor, at 11 a. m. today as he was about to take off.

P. Noonan, his mechanic, seized a fire extinguisher and put out the flames. The extent of damage to the plane has not been determined.

Colonel Lindbergh and Noonan were in the ship with the former at the controls warning up the motor when the flames burst out.

Noonan fell off the plane in his first effort to escape the sheet of fire. Lindbergh was uninjured.

The plane is a Curtiss falcon bi-plane.

18 Injured When Stage Hits Truck

SEATTLE, July 11 (AP)—Eighteen passengers were injured, two seriously, when a North Coast transportation company bus en route from Portland sideswiped a car stage truck here today.

Henry H. Derksen, Rosthern, Sask., with a fractured skull, was in a critical condition, and Mrs. H. I. Wagner, New York City, suffered internal injuries and shock.

BEAST STORM HITS CHILE
ANTOFAGASTA, Chile, July 11 (AP)—A violent storm raged on the coast of Chile today, destroying a considerable part of the defense works of the port. The storm advanced southward and in Valparaiso reached great proportions, at the service.

CHAMBERLAIN LAID TO REST IN ARLINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP)—Former Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, who guided the senate military affairs committee through the World war, was buried today with military honors in the Arlington national cemetery. He died at his apartment here Monday.

The funeral procession was met at Arlington gates by a khaki clad escort of two full infantry squads, in color guard and a firing party. Funeral services at the Wardman Park hotel preceded burial at Arlington. The Rev. W. B. C. Squires, of Norfolk, Va., officiated at the service.

No Relief From Heat Expected For Some Time

Warm Weather in Middle-west and East Result of Sizzling Blasts from the Gulf of Mexico.

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP)—The heat wave which for a week has gripped the eastern section of the country originated in the western Gulf of Mexico, gained in heat as the hot air rolled north and east over the sizzling plains of Texas and other states and may not end for a week or more, Dr. C. L. Mitchell, United States weather forecaster said today.

The relief from the heat enjoyed by the east yesterday was due to cloudy skies and showers which prevented the sun from adding heat to the breeze that blew gently along the seaboard but it is only temporary the forecaster said.

The heat wave, he added, will not be broken until cool breezes from the north or northwest sweep the country and bring down the temperature of the hot winds from the Gulf. He said, however, there was no indication yet of the coming of the north winds.

Heat Not Unseasonal
Dr. Mitchell in explaining the origin of the heat wave said it was not unseasonal. Winds over the Gulf of Mexico, he said, moved northward over the hot Texas plains gaining in heat each day.

The rain, he said, was due to the fact that short nights did not allow sufficient darkness to cool the winds and as they moved across the country it brought a "heat wave."

The duration of the heat wave, the forecaster said, would be from two to three days to a week longer, dependent entirely upon the cool winds from the north swept down and lower the temperature to the heated air.

5,000 Delegates Attend Sunday School Meeting

LOS ANGELES, July 11 (AP)—Five thousand delegates and officials to the world's tenth Sunday school conference gathered here today for the opening session of the organization's convention.

Two thousand more delegates from all parts of the world were expected to arrive during today and tomorrow to complete the ranks of the world wide religious congress.

Dr. W. C. Poole, of London, England, formerly a minister at San Francisco, was selected to preside at today's session which was to be started off by an official welcome to the visitors from Governor C. C. Young.

Fair East Represented
All through the day yesterday trains and boats brought scores of representatives. The Fair East was represented by 225 cheery and colorfully clad natives, while from the other side of the earth came the Pennsylvania and New Jersey contingents. Many other countries and states had their banners brought here by delegations ranging from a handful on up past the hundred mark.

At the last pre-convention session held last night Dr. Roberts Hopkins of St. Louis, told attending executives that the convention would cost approximately \$40,000 and that estimated receipts would about balance that sum.

A resolution of appreciation was adopted for the late Admiral David F. Sellers, commander of the special service squadron in Nicaraguan waters, made public by the navy department, said that 120 of the bandits gave themselves up on July 9. They were unarmed, the report added.

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