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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fog near the coast;
fair without change in temperature
or humidity over interior tonight
and Wednesday.

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GENERAL OREGON IS ASSASSINATED

HOME-COMING
JUBILEE IS
CALLED OFFCommittee Takes Action
Because of Unfavorable
Dates SelectedCARNIVAL COMES
HERE IN AUGUSTShow Proceeds Will Be
Used to Liquidate In-
debtedness and as Fund
for Next Year's Plans.

The La Grande Home-Coming Jubilee will not be held in August. "Realizing now that August is a month wholly unsuited for a home-coming celebration, all formal invitations issued by the citizens to the proposed celebration, are respectfully recalled," states an announcement issued today by the Home-Coming celebration committee.

The announcement states further: "None of the committee or the business and professional men generally in attendance at preliminary meetings on this subject, thought favorably of the dates selected, but had no choice in the matter inasmuch as the major entertainment features, namely, the open-air circuit to run three afternoons and nights, could be booked only on the dates first named."

Conflicts Appear

"As harvest, hot weather, previously arranged vacations and many other impediments to the function of the original dates began to develop, the committee faces the necessity of a postponement and recall of invitations. A proposition to this effect has met with the approval of the Realty board, which organization has had an important part in the matter. All expensive entertainment features contracts have been cancelled."

"During the week of August 6-11, the Abner B. Kline carnival will be in La Grande and will pay a percentage premium for the privilege of showing here on that occasion. Funds accumulating from this source will be deposited to the credit of the La Grande celebration committee, set up by the Home-Coming jubilee committee to act in its stead until next year at which time the merchants and others will have a voice in shaping the nature of the celebration."

Some Talk of Fourth of July celebration in La Grande next year seems to be crystallizing, and if so desired, then the funds that may accumulate from carnival premiums will be available for that purpose.

However, in the meantime, approximately \$200 of indebtedness accrued in Home-Coming jubilee preparations, will first be liquidated so that there will be no necessity for a business house canvass to take up these outstanding accounts."

EAST OREGON
OFFICERS IN
WALLOWA CO.

Twenty-five peace officers of Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties gathered at Enterprise yesterday in the quarterly session of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers Co-operative association. During the afternoon they joined in a general and profitable discussion of various law enforcement problems. In the evening the officers enjoyed a fish dinner which was served at 6:30 o'clock at the Enterprise hotel. Wallowa county men caught the fish on Sunday and there were plenty for all.

The next meeting will be held in La Grande on Sept. 24.

Police Chief Clint Haynes, District Attorney Carl Heim, Policeman Bill Howard and Ben Hummel were in attendance from La Grande. Sheriff Henry McKinney, Traffic Officer Walter Lansing and Judge Miller went to the conference from Baker county.

Vacation period kept several officers from attending.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—b. above.
2:00 p. m.—Not read.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 86 above, minimum 55 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER JULY 17, 1927
Maximum 95 above, minimum 58 above.
Condition: Clear.

First Wheat Of
Year Delivered
To Local MillsGrain Harvested on W. J.
Beverage Farm—65 to
70 Per Cent Yield Is
Predicted.

The first wheat harvested in the Grande Ronde valley this year was delivered to the La Grande Flouring mills from the W. J. Beverage farm on the foothills near La Grande yesterday, according to word received today from Fred E. Kiddle. This is a little earlier than the first delivery last summer.

The wheat tested 60 and graded No. 1, a very creditable showing. The main harvest of winter wheat in Union county will not begin until the end of this month or the first of August, although a few grain growers over the valley are to begin earlier. It is said that Len Evers, of Cove, will start harvesting tomorrow.

Better Yield Than Expected
Mr. Kiddle reports that it is estimated at present that the winter wheat crop in Union county will be from 65 to 70 per cent of normal, which is a better figure than was expected earlier in the season.

The present price being paid to grain growers in this valley is about \$1.15 per bushel. The mills are preparing to handle the 1928 crop and a large crew of men are busy at the warehouses.

Hundreds Attend
Modern Woodman
Two-Day Picnic

There was a large attendance at the Modern Woodmen of America picnic at Immigrant Springs July 14 and 15 and with music, games, contests and a speaking program that included an address by former Governor Walter M. Pierce, the event was very successful. The hundreds who took part declared a number of distinguished lodge members were at the district picnic which drew from towns in this section.

The M. W. A. band of Milton had its share in keeping up the pep and jollity and in providing music for the day. Its music was the summons to the campers to assemble for both the Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon programs. In the morning an address of welcome was given by State Deputy Head Consul John S. Smith, followed by an address by State Deputy Head Consul Babcock, of Idaho.

Following this the lodge members and their families went to the camps for lunch. Lemonade was furnished free and provisions for satisfying the lunches were made by Mr. Clough, of La Grande.

Following lunch the band again called the assembly. A telegram was read from Neighbor Bert Oakman, of Detroit, Mich., to Committee Man J. A. Arbuckle wishing all a good time on the picnic. Neighbor Walter M. Pierce then

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Normal Students
To Have Picnic

Tomorrow evening at 4:15 o'clock the student body and faculty of the Eastern Oregon branch summer session of the Oregon Normal school will go to the Riverside park for a picnic. The affair is being planned by the social committee of the normal school of which Miss Hazel Kirk is chairman. Such a picnic at the park will be one of the diversions of the picnic and will be under the direction of Miss Kirk who is conducting regular swimming classes at the river as one of the courses in physical education each afternoon. Mass games are being arranged by W. W. Nussbaum and L. V. McCallough of the faculty. Picnic supper will be served at about 6 o'clock.

Transportation will be furnished by the Union county chamber of commerce.

Outlines Plans For Home Market Survey
In a meeting of the home market survey committee, of which Frank McKennon is chairman, at the chamber of commerce offices last night Robert M. Haley presented and outlined his plans for carrying out the survey. At the meeting were Mr. McKennon, Charles A. Malheur, secretary of the chamber of commerce, Mr. Bowles, Mrs. F. L. Meyers, president of the Neighborhood club and Mrs. Carl G. Heim, who was delegated by Mrs. Meyers to represent the Neighborhood club on the advisory board to the market survey.

HOOVER HAS
BEST CHANCE,
WRITER SAYSC. C. Clifton Believes That
Smith Will Run Sec-
ond to SecretaryAL'S HOPES ARE
SOUTH AND EASTMost of States That Dem-
ocrats Claim, However,
Are Disputed—Brisk
Campaign in Sight.

By C. C. Clifton
(Of Des Moines Register and Tribune)

The odds in this year's presidential campaign are greatly in Secretary Hoover's favor, according to most impartial observers. Governor Smith, the democratic nominee, had at the outset at best only a chance to defeat the republicans. In spite of having a very effective organization—one which demonstrated at Houston that it has learned a great deal since 1924—whatever success Smith has in the campaign will be due largely to his own efforts and his own personality.

Hoover, whose genius for organization is widely known, does not appear likely to make an extensive speaking campaign, leaving the stump in the main to Senator Curtis, the vice presidential nominee. Both Hoover and Smith intend to use the radio to a considerable degree. This will make Hoover's program much different than the front porch campaign by President Harding.

Campaign Plans
The republicans clearly are going to make a strong effort in the West and South.

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25 SCOUTS EARN
AWARDS AT CAMPThirty - Seven Merit
Badges to Be Given at
Court of Honor

Twenty-five boy scouts have earned 37 merit badges and have passed nearly 25 first and second class tests during the last ten days and will receive their advancement badges and honors tonight at the "Four Way Lodge" Indian ceremony, according to word received today from the boy scout camp now completing its first week at Camp Pily on Catherine creek.

Patterened after ancient native ceremony of the Indian tribes, the "Four Way Lodge" is conducted with solemnity and formality. The "Four Way Lodge" is seated in the "Court of the Mountain Lion" in the east, advance to the "Court of the Buffalo" in the south where they have completed the required tests. From there they go to the "Court of the Black Bear" in the west where only first class scouts sit. In the highest court of all, the "White Wolf" in the North, sit the Star, Life and Eagle scouts.

Chief Tahadulsoo, E. Russell Scott, is the Great Chief of the tribe, while John Elliot Allen will act as Little Chief and will be master of ceremonies. Each court will be conducted by members of the executive board of the boy

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Oregon Presbyterians Meeting At
Albany—La Grande Pastor Attends

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Synod of Oregon of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. is being held this week at Albany college, Albany, Ore. Day sessions will be held in the Administration building and the evening sessions in the First Presbyterian church. The Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the local Presbyterian church left Tuesday morning for Albany to be in attendance. Mr. Walz will appear on the program, Thursday morning.

The retiring moderator, J. A. Wilkinson, will preach Wednesday afternoon, after which the Synod Master, Pastor, The Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the Salem Presbyterian church, will be in charge of the Bible study hours. Other leaders and representatives of the various boards of the church will be present.

On Friday afternoon there will be a woman's conference and inspirational meeting conducted by Mrs. D. A. Thompson, president of the Synodical Society of Women.

There is promise of a large attendance of ministers of the state and lay delegates from many of the Presbyteries.

Mid-West Group
Condemns G.O.P.
Farm Aid PlankIn Contrast to Movement,
Many Democrats Are
Planning Hoover-for-
President Clubs.

DES MOINES, July 17 (AP)—Condemnation of President Coolidge's veto of the McNary-Haugen bill and the republican farm relief plank today were contrasted with the approval of the agricultural plank of the democratic party at the results of a meeting of the corn belt committee.

Members of the committee, made up of midwestern farm leaders, assembled yesterday to discuss the political situation as it affected the farmer in the forthcoming election. "Organized agriculture speaking through the corn belt committee hereby expresses its determination to carry on the fight for the principle of the McNary-Haugen bill, which is the only plan that has been suggested to make the protective tariff effective on these agricultural products of which we produce a surplus, without government subsidy, which we have consistently opposed," said the resolution.

Commend Houston Plank
The Houston agricultural plank was commended on the ground that it "included a definite endorsement of the principles for which organized agriculture has long been fighting." The republican stand on the farm question was pictured as "a renewal, in less definite form, of the pledges adopted in 1924 at Cleveland."

"With every ounce of our strength we oppose the Hoover-Coolidge policy of the industrialization of America at the expense of agriculture," said another resolution.

SOME DEMOS FOR HOOVER
CHICAGO, July 17 (AP)—Plans for the organization of a mid-west group of democratic Hoover-for-President clubs have been announced by M. D. Lightfoot, of Springfield, Mo., who said he would provide temporary headquarters here.

Lightfoot was a member of the democratic state committee in Missouri in 1906. The purpose of the new organization, he explained, was

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Judge Affirmed
In C. H. Finn vs.
Warehouse Firm

SALEM, Ore., July 17 (AP)—The supreme court today upheld Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, in his refusal to issue a license to Carl Herberich to serve as agent for the National Life Insurance company in Oregon. The refusal was on grounds that the company did not comply with the law requiring it to pay the state \$500 as an annual license fee for the appointment of an additional agent.

The opinion was written by Justice Dean and concurred by Justice H. H. Finn vs. La Grande Warehouse & Storage company, appellant; Union county; to recover possession of fruit. Justice C. H. Finn vs. La Grande Warehouse & Storage company, appellant; Union county; to recover possession of fruit. Justice C. H. Finn vs. La Grande Warehouse & Storage company, appellant; Union county; to recover possession of fruit.

James A. Reynolds et al, plaintiffs vs. Jacob Kiefer, judge of department No. 1, Multnomah county circuit court; original proceeding in mandamus to require defendant to pronounce judgment upon verdicts wherein Richard P. Landis and Maybelle D. Landis are plaintiffs and James A. Reynolds and Minerva D. Reynolds defendants; affirmed, sustained in opinion of Justice Brown.

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Pie Causes
SICKNESS TO
200 WORKERSAuthorities Investigating
Wholesale Poisoning in
Greater Boston

BOSTON, July 17 (AP)—Chocolate cream pie today was believed to be responsible for more than 200 cases of food poisoning in Greater Boston.

Approximately 75 persons were in hospitals in Somerville, Boston and Medford, as many more had been treated and released while an undetermined number of others believed to be several scores, were under treatment at their homes.

The victims were principally employees of industrial plants who had partaken of box lunches yesterday and those who had shared the lunches. So great was the toll of the Ford automobile plant in Somerville where 150 men and women were affected, many of them collapsing at their machines, that work had to be suspended for the day while those who were well helped to rush the stricken to hospitals and physicians' offices.

Traced to Waldorf Co.
Other large concerns where the badly affected included the Itasca Sugar refinery and the S. M. Howe company, both in Charlestown. Victims also included several persons who had partaken of noon day meals in a downtown restaurant of the Waldorf Lunch System, Inc. in this city.

The Waldorf company supplied lunch boxes to all of the plants affected. The boxes contained ham, cheese and bologna sandwiches, chicken, cream and milk.

Apart from samples retained for investigating authorities, the company directed its store managers to destroy every remaining pie.

Like Potomac Poisoning
Physicians treating the victims

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WOMAN PILOT IN AIR TOUR

When Mrs. Phoebe Fairgrave Omlie says "We," she means "the duck and me." She is the only woman flyer in the 1928 National Air Tour, and wife of Captain V. C. Omlie of Memphis, Tenn. She flies alone—pardon us, with the duck—and carries no parachute.

INDUSTRIAL PLANT
EMPLOYEES VICTIMSFord Automobile Plant Is
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—Food Traced to Wal-
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Mystery Monster
Is Seen By Girls

VERNON, B. C., July 17 (AP)—A report by a patrol of girl guides that they saw a mysterious monster disappearing itself in Okanagan lake has led a few persons to believe in a reappearance of the "Ozopogo" but a great many more to conclude that the girl guides ought to have a new instructor in zoology, or keep out of the sun on hot days, or both.

The "Ozopogo" has been reported before, always in the hottest weather, but whether it is the sun that causes the monster to rise to visibility from the depths of the lake or whether it merely causes sun baked eyes to see something that isn't there is an open question.

Aerial Bomb Blast
Injures 25 Persons

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 17 (AP)—Because an aerial bomb that had been a dud in the air, exploded as it hit in the midst of 3,000 persons on the ground, 25 persons were in hospitals today. Two men were blinded, fingers and powder having seared their eyes. Others suffered burns and contusions. The bomb was part of a fireworks display at an Italian fiesta in honor of our lady of Mount Carmel sponsored by residents of the towns of Swissvale and Braddock.

**Coogan Alienation
Suit Is Dismissed**
LOS ANGELES, July 17 (AP)—The \$750,000 alienation suit brought by Mrs. Clara Belle Bernstein against Mrs. Lillian Coogan, mother of Jackie Coogan, was dismissed in superior court here today on motion of counsel for Mrs. Bernstein.

Grip Fatal To
Rattlesnake;
Youth Faints

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 17 (AP)—A youth whose grip was fatal to a rattlesnake entwined about his neck was in a hospital today apparently suffering only from fright. He was not bitten.

On a road between Mt. Pleasant and Minersville, two men last night found Louis Karbosky, 23, unconscious. The tail of a three-foot snake was around his neck. When the men tried to help him Karbosky regained partial consciousness and twisted and groveled to defeat their purpose, keeping his hands back of his head gripping the snake.

Then the men appealed to passing motorists and the youth was taken to a Minersville doctor. But even the combined efforts of the doctor and two men were futile.

Dr. Leroy Woodell finally chloroformed Karbosky. As his muscles relaxed, the men stood by ready to capture the rattlesnake. The snake however, was dead. Karbosky was removed to a Pottsville hospital where an examination disclosed he had not been bitten.

GRATTAN BARS WINS
KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 17 (AP)—Grattan Bars, bay son of Grattan Rolay Polly Bars, owned by Fred Throver of Kenwood, Ont., won the \$25,000 American pacin derby this afternoon. Favored to win, Grattan Bars twice broke the track record of 2:04 1-4, winning in straight heats in 2:00 3-4 and 1:59 1-2.

PRESIDENT
ELECT SHOT
IN SAN ANGEL

Murderer Arrested After
Drilling Obregon's Body
With Bullets

CALLES RUSHES
TO DEATH SCENE

Will Take Charge of Body
And Direct Action
Against Slayer—All
Mexico, Stunned.

MEXICO CITY, July 17 (AP)—General Alvaro Obregon, president-elect of Mexico, was assassinated today.

The assassination took place at a restaurant near Mexico City shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. The assassin, who was not immediately identified, was arrested.

General Obregon was shot five times through the body. The restaurant where the shooting occurred is in the town of San Angel, 12 miles south of Mexico City. Calles notified.

"The assassin, known only as 'Juan,' was taken to jail. President Calles was immediately notified and hastened to San Angel, presumably to take charge of the body and direct action against those responsible."

General Obregon, who on July 1st was elected to succeed President Calles, returned here from his home in Sonora Sunday. He was greeted by one of the greatest political demonstrations known in Mexico in recent years. Only last night in a statement to newspapermen, he said he might possibly make a trip to the United States before his accession to the presidential post Dec. 1.

Not First Attempt
Several attempts have recently been made on the general's life. He was hurt at his home in Sonora in November. He escaped unscathed except for a few scratches on his face. His headquarters here were bombed twice recently.

Mexico City was thrown into the utmost turmoil and political excitement and uncertainty as the report of the president-elect's assassination spread. Much confusion followed.

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PORTLAND HOST
TO AIR VISITORSNational Tour Models
Stop at Port—22 Ma-
chines in Group

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17 (AP)—The Port of Portland played host today to a varied company of airplanes which arrived late yesterday on the national air tour. In the line of visiting airplanes, which stretched half the length of the island, was to be found almost every model, from two great all-steel monoplanes to two tiny biplanes.

Besides the 22 in the tour there were a number of other planes on the field. L. F. Schoenholt brought his Lockheed monoplane to rest yesterday at 3:57, and the others arrived at short intervals. The flyers were entertained last night by the Portland committee, and today were taken on the Columbia River highway, for lunch at the country home of Julius F. Meier. Crowds thronged the field to inspect the planes. The tour will resume tomorrow morning, with Tacoma as the next stop.

INDIANAPOLIS
OFFICERS USE
MACHINE GUN

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 17 (AP)—One man was killed and another seriously wounded early today when police turned a machine gun on two automobile loads of alleged holdup men on the national road east of Indianapolis. Six men escaped capture.

The dead man was believed to be Edward Ruder, about 23. Officers could not learn the identity of the wounded bandit.

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WARSZAWA REPORTS
TEMPERATURE OF
144 ABOVE ZERO

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—Deaths from the heat wave which has spread over Europe have reached a high total and the rush of thousands to the sea, rivers and lakes has led to many scores of drownings.

While the temperature in southern England dropped about 10 degrees yesterday dispatches from the continent report a continuance of the heat and in some places an increase in temperature. Temperatures of from 95 to 100 degrees were common in wide areas and in some places the thermometer was much higher.

The Daily Mail today said that it was 144 in Warsaw. A temperature of 119 was reported from Budapest and of 131 from Lake Balaton, 50 miles from Budapest. The whole Hungarian plain was scorching.

U. S. DOUBTFUL
WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Central European temperatures reported from London today were regarded as incredible by weather bureau officials here.

They attributed the "high figures" to errors in converting Centigrade to Fahrenheit, and that 105 degrees Fahrenheit "would be about the limit for central Europe." No absolute check could be made here, as only early morning temperatures are received from the continent.

"Figures officially reported everywhere are for shade temperatures," said Director Marvin of the bureau, "but Centigrade is used in Europe and there must have been an inaccuracy in converting these. I can't believe it is a credible report."

He added that 144 degrees Centigrade would be 44 degrees above the boiling point of water and even 144 degrees Fahrenheit is unknown on the Sahara.

**Andrews To Return
From Asia Search**

PEKING, July 17 (AP)—Roy Chapman Andrews, enroute to Urumchi, Mongolia, in his search for traces of the "Dawn Man," sent this telegram to the Associated Press today:

"Great success. Returning at the end of August."

The message, which also said the weather was extremely hot, was sent from Hsienlin, 200 miles north of Kalgan.

Mr. Andrews asked who the American presidential candidates were and for other news of the world.

ITALIA SURVIVOR
Tells of Trouble

MOSCOW, July 17 (AP)—The newspaper Izvestia today published an interview with Professor F. Behounek, a survivor of the ill-fated Italia in which he quoted Dr. Finn Mahlgren as saying the dirigible had been mismanaged.

**Bandits Surrender
To Marine Corps**

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—The surrender of 173 Nicaraguan bandits at Sonoma was reported by Rear Admiral David F. Sellers, commander of the special naval squadron in Nicaraguan waters. The surrender took place according to the report, on July 14 and 15.

The marine corps has recorded the surrender of approximately 400 Nicaraguans in the Central American republic during the past two weeks.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago	R. H. E.
Boston	6 11 3
Batteries:	Adkins and Berg, McCurdy; MacPadden, Cox and Hoffman.

Cleveland	R. H. E.
New York	2 11 2
Batteries:	Hale and Sewell; Sheely and Collins.

St. Louis	R. H. E.
Washington	5 8 0
Batteries:	Stewart and Schang; Braxton, Marberry and Rael.

Detroit	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	2 10 0
Batteries:	Hollow