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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fog on coast and fair without change in temperature or humidity over the interior tonight and Thursday.

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OREGON ROAD
SYSTEM WINS
MUCH PRAISEIowa Writer Declares the
State Can Rightfully Be
Proud of HighwaysDUNNE MEASURES
SEEN AS CRISISState to East Kept from
Progressing Until Trou-
blesome Problem Was
Definitely Decided.

By C. C. Clifton
(Of Des Moines Register & Tribune)
Oregon rightfully can be proud of its state highway system, which favorably impresses anybody who rides over it. The state appears to be one, who has watched the growth of hard surfaced roads in other states, as being fortunate in having decided to place its arterial highways in the hands of the state and to get them constructed and in use early through bonding to anticipate future receipts of current road revenues.

The Oregon system of state roads is especially interesting to a visitor from Iowa, a state which is just now embarking upon a \$100,000,000 state road bond issue program. The bonding proposal was submitted to referendum by a special session of the legislature this spring and will be voted upon at the general election, Nov. 6.

Approval Forecast
Approval of the bonds to be raised without real property taxes was forecast when Governor Hammond, running for a third term republican nomination with the bond question as the major issue against him defeated his nearest competitor among three by approximately 125,000 votes.

Oregon and Iowa have differed in road building policy in the past in that Oregon approached the problem from a statewide point of view while Iowa has had a struggle to get away from the county as the road building unit. Step by step, always forward—Iowa has gone to the state system in everything but anticipation of current revenues. With approval of the bond issue, the state will be in full control of every portion of road construction and maintenance, the work being in the hands of the state highway commission, just as it is in Oregon.

Iowa's problem is harder than Oregon's in one respect, even when it gets entirely on the basis of state control of highways. Iowa has three times as many state highways as Oregon and 88,000 miles of secondary roads. Because control of construction has been divided for more than ten years between the state and county, something has been done to every mile of the 6550 miles of state roads without providing even one paved road across the state.

At the end of this year all but about 750 miles of the system will be brought to permanent grade and the remaining work under the state bond issue program, the system will be completely surfaced with 4900 miles of concrete paving and 1650 miles of gravel in six years.

A Bigger Revenue
Iowa has more automobiles than Oregon and consequently more annual road building revenue. All of the motor vehicle license fees, less cost of collection, go into the primary road fund. The proceeds of the direct gasoline tax are divided between primary and secondary roads, the secondary portion being subdivided between county and township roads.

Of the gasoline tax, the primary roads get 1-2-3 cents; and the county and township roads each get 2-3 of a cent per gallon. The bulk of the money for county and township roads is raised by property taxes.

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BEN OSBORNE
TO MEET WITH
LABOR COUNCIL

Ben Osborne, state secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, arrived in La Grande today for a two-day visit here during which time he will assist in making arrangements for the state federation which will be held here Sept. 10-12, inclusive.

While here Mr. Osborne will also meet with the Central Labor council at its regular session in the city hall tomorrow evening at 7:20 o'clock. It is urged that all men, women and children be in attendance.

WEATHER TODAY
7:20 a. m.—60 above.
Condition—Clear.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 44 above; minimum 61 above.
Condition—Cloudy.
WEATHER JULY 18, 1927
Maximum 56 above; minimum 62 above.
Condition—Clear.

Morison Trial
Due Tonight In
Municipal CourtMan and Wife Arrested in
Raid—Woman Faces 2
Charges Carrying Se-
vere Penalties.

Following the receipt of several complaints from neighbors, local officers raided a house at 206 Box Elder street last night and arrested Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Morison. Both were taken to the city jail and imprisoned and bonds were set at \$500 each, which they were unable to raise. They will be tried tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the municipal court, the police announced today.

Morison is charged with possession of liquor and his wife faces two charges, one of disorderly conduct and the other of destroying city property. Police Chief Clint Hayes said this morning that the woman, after being placed in jail, smashed up dishes and other breakable articles in her cell.

Convicted at Enterprise
Morison was convicted at Enterprise some time ago on a liquor charge and was fined \$400 and costs. He has been employed in La Grande as a barber. It is said, however, that he is now a police officer in the city of Enterprise.

Officers expect to recommend a maximum sentence. Both the possession and disorderly conduct charges allow a maximum of \$200 and 90 days in jail and the destroying of city property charge carries a maximum fine of \$500.

County Pioneers
Will Gather At
Park Thursday

Final arrangements have been completed for the annual Union county pioneer meeting, according to officials of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers association which is sponsoring the affair.

It was announced this morning that those who wish to attend but are without transportation, may secure a ride to Riverside park tomorrow morning about 9 o'clock, where the picnic will be staged, by calling the chamber of commerce office.

An excellent program has been prepared, which will include addresses by Danham Wright, of Medical Springs, A. T. Hill, of La Grande, Senator Albert Hunter, of La Grande, and Milton A. Miller, of Portland, M. L. Carter, of Cove and Ed Eckley will also have a prominent part on the program.

A short business meeting will follow the opening addresses and will in turn be followed by a picnic dinner spread in the park pavilion. Mr. Miller, who is a forceful and interesting speaker, arrived in La Grande this morning and will spend today visiting with friends in this valley. He announces that his speech tomorrow will be entirely historical and reminiscent and will not touch upon politics in the slightest. It will be remembered that Mr. Miller, formerly a state senator, was in La Grande a few years ago with the late William Jennings Bryan.

The Varsity Glee club orchestra will play at the meeting tomorrow from 12 until 1 o'clock, during the luncheon hour.

Pendleton Man Is
Speaker At Lunch

E. W. Hunter, of Pendleton, who is conducting a public speaking class here and who is a native of Scotland, talked about Scotland and laid particular emphasis on the importance of patriotism and loyalty to one's country and home community at today's Rotary club luncheon at the La Grande hotel. Mr. Hunter was introduced by Robert C. Ayres and told various interesting incidents and gave a very entertaining talk.

C. R. Seltz and Oscar Warnock related their most embarrassing moments.

The club voted to offer a cup in the Eastern Oregon tennis tournament following a description of the tournament by Charles W. Dingner.

Chinese Arrested
By State Officers

Lon Gong, Chinese, was arrested last night by state officers at his home on Fourth street and is being held in the city jail today awaiting developments.

Gong was facing a charge, state officers reporting that some "dope" and a smoking equipment were confiscated.

It is expected, officers say, that Gong will be bound over to await the action of the Union county grand jury and, if indicted, will be tried in circuit court with the state prosecuting.

Walla Walla Golf
Club Here Sunday

Thirty-five golfers from the Walla Walla country club will be here for the return match between the two clubs on Sunday. This will be the Walla Walla players' first visit to La Grande this year.

MEXICANS IN
SORROW FOR
DEAD CHIEF150,000 Line Streets as
Body of Obregon Is
Taken to TrainARMY READY FOR
ANY EMERGENCYAssassination of Presi-
dent-Elect Results in
Establishment of a Na-
tional Censorship.

MEXICO CITY, July 18 (AP)—The body of General Alvaro Obregon, president-elect of Mexico, who was assassinated yesterday by a man who fired through a sheet of pencilled cartoons, was taken to the railroad station here today and placed upon a train en route to his home in Sonora.

President Calles, bare-headed, walked behind the hearse. At least 150,000 citizens lined the two and one-half miles of streets through which the cortege passed on its way from the national palace where the body had rested in state since last evening.

CURB DISORDER
MEXICO CITY, July 18 (AP)—Assassination of President-Elect Alvaro Obregon caused stringent measures today to curb disorder.

Censorship was in force. Police and soldiers patrolled the streets of the capital and the roads of the surrounding countryside. The army was prepared for an emergency, all troops being ordered to barracks and held in readiness in case of disorder.

There were unnumbered rumors in the capital of uprisings and other killings, but all proved to be untrue. Intense excitement prevailed everywhere, but neither the newspapers nor the government had any information of trouble breaking out anywhere in the republic. The war department today issued an official communique saying that the army would guarantee the public peace.

Calles Guarded
President Calles was surrounded

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REPUBLICANS ARE
INVITED TO CITYCongressional Committee
Asked to Hold Biennial
Session Here

Possibilities that La Grande may shortly be the site of a large republican rally and meeting—the most important in years—were foreseen today when J. H. Pearce, chairman of the Union county central republican committee announced that he had extended an invitation from this committee to the congressional committee of the second district asking that organization to hold its biennial meeting at which a republican nominee to fill out the unexpired term of Nicholas J. Sinnott in congress will be selected.

Mr. Pearce has sent the invitation to J. P. Donnelly, of The Dalles, chairman of the congressional committee which is made up of one congressman from each of the 18 counties in the second district.

Should the invitation be accepted it would mean that La Grande would be the focus for republican candidates and party leaders, and republicans from all over the second district.

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Boy Scouts Receive Awards For
Achievements At Court of Honor

The conferring of the rank of Star scout upon Everett Reynolds, 12-year-old boy scout, was an impressive moment of the boy scouts court of honor, held at Camp Boy on Catherine creek last night when Dr. W. T. Phay, president of the Eastern Oregon council, supervised the presenting of 37 merit badges and more than 20 first and second class awards.

The rank of Star scout is seldom attained by a boy still 12, who has not completed his first year as a scout. Dr. Phay, in presenting the Star award, which is the third highest rank, subordinate only to Eagle and Life, commended the work of the lad, telling him that he hoped and expected to see him become an Eagle.

The Rev. Oliver Riley, John Kuhns, forest supervisor from Baker, Dr. Blakely, of Baker and A. W. Nelson, made the other presentations.

The program was less formal than usual and was brief. The Indian ceremonial which was planned was postponed until a week from next Sunday.

E. Russell Scott, executive, and John Elliot Allen, camp director, led in the ceremonies. Approximately

Highway Traffic
About The Same
As During 1927Through Travel on Old
Oregon Trail, However,
Somewhat Increased for
Month of July.

That traffic along the Oregon Trail in this highway division is averaging the same figure this month that it did in July in 1927, regardless of decided increases at some points and noticeable drops in others, is shown by the 1928 traffic census which has been completed at the division highway offices here. The estimate was compiled on Thursday, July 12, when the cars were counted at the 32 regular points. This system gives the offices a survey network that has proved very satisfactory in checking traffic.

At Weatherby, on the highway near Huntington, a point considered particularly indicative of the through traffic on the trail, there were 400 cars counted this month while there were 381, 19 less, counted last year in July. The June 1928 census gave the traffic average for a day at that point at 334 cars.

At Mauchum this month 635 cars were counted, while at the same point last year in July 578 cars were counted. In June of this year 514 was the census. The heaviest count of the entire division was made north of Frees water, between Milton-Freeswater and Walla Walla, when 2081 cars were checked. Last year at the same monthly count, 1791 were counted. In June of this month there was a count of 2600 at this station.

Traffic at the top of Minam hill this year is 34 cars less for the July estimate than for that of last year. There were 129 cars counted at this station while last month there were 163.

A noticeable increase in traffic is noted at most of the stations in the John Day vicinity. Following are counts of particular interest for this month. The July 1927 follow each July 1928 number: West of Pendleton, 1928, 770; East of La Grande city limits, 1928, 124; South of Union, 647; Walla Walla, 222, 975; Junction at Weiser to Baker, 187, 432; Junction at Weiser to Vale, 608, 744; Junction at Weiser to Ontario.

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Wheeler and Ayers
Ahead in Montana

HELENA, Mont., July 18 (AP)—Nomination of United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler, as the democratic candidate to succeed himself and of Joseph M. Dixon, former governor, as his republican opponent in the general election in November seemed assured today on the basis of returns from the Montana primary election yesterday.

A neck and neck race for the democratic gubernatorial nomination developed today when returns from 157 precincts out of 1190 wiped out an early lead for Governor Erickson and left his opponent, Roy E. Ayres, of Lewistown, in the lead for a 61-4 vote advantage.

Ayres is a brother of Robert C. Ayres, of La Grande.

Berries Ripe In
Wallowa Forest

WALLOWA, Ore., July 18 (Special)—The huckleberry season has been on here for some little time, and many have made trips into the timbered sections in search of the fruit. Some have been lucky enough to secure a few gallons of berries, while many others state they were not very successful. In parts of the Promise section where sheep have not been grazed this season, the berries are said to be quite plentiful. Those who have brought quantities of berries out to sell have found a ready sale for all they could supply at very attractive prices.

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HOOVER STARTS CAMPAIGN



Club officers were at the depot to wish him well when Herbert Hoover left Washington for the west to visit President Coolidge at Beale, Wis., and continue on to his home in California, for the national campaign. Left to right are Secretary Kellogg, Postmaster General New, Secretary Hoover, Mrs. Hoover, former Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work, who is now chairman of the republican national committee, Secretary Jardine and Secretary Wilbur. Briefed before the party today when word was received that Mrs. Hoover's father had died in Placerville, Cal.

Man Injured By
Log At The Park;
Condition Grave

PARK, Ore., July 18 (Special)—Pat Corbett, who is employed at the Grande Ronde logging camp at Park, was very seriously injured Saturday forenoon when a large log rolled on him.

He was below the log when it started rolling down the mountain and ran to get out of the way but stumbled and fell over some brush. Before he could escape the log rolled on him up to his waist, shattering his pelvis bone and injuring him quite seriously. Mr. Corbett was a mile from camp on top of the mountain and was carried from there to the camp by other loggers. He was rushed immediately to the Grande Ronde hospital at La Grande.

Reports from the Grande Ronde hospital this morning said that Mr. Corbett's condition was about the same—very grave.

Salad Gives 325
Acute Indigestion

KANSAS CITY, July 18 (AP)—Most of the 325 employees of the General hospital here today were suffering acute indigestion, caused from eating chicken salad which was served at a luncheon yesterday. None was seriously ill.

Baker Police Chief
Resigns From Post

BAKER, Ore., July 18 (M. L. Stout, chief of police of Baker since Dec. 5, 1925, resigned yesterday following a disagreement with Mayor J. B. Messick, who appointed Mr. Stout shortly after his election. The nature of the disagreement was not made public. The former chief declined to make a statement, except to say that he had "not done anything that I would not do again."

Mayor Messick yesterday appointed C. P. Lawrence, who has been a member of the Baker police force for three months, to succeed Chief Stout.

Wallowa Prepares
To Harvest Grain

WALLOWA, Ore., July 18 (Special)—Warmer weather is bringing grain crops in this section along very rapidly. Spring wheat grain, which was very small the latter part of June, has made a fine growth during the last three weeks and, with a number of heavy rains, gives promise of making a fair crop in many instances. Some of the fields will be very uneven in the grain ripening, as a considerable part of the seed did not germinate at seeding time, but has come up since the late rains.

Winter wheat crops in the dry farming areas is maturing rapidly, although farmers state they do not believe the grain is ripening too rapidly to prevent good filling. Some of the farmers who will thresh their crops with stationary outfits may start binding some of the early sown fields during the coming week. Much of the wheat which will be cut with combine harvesters will not be ready for at least two weeks.

Putting in the first cuttings of hay in the valley sections has been in progress during the past few days. In some instances the hay crops are better than was expected.

RUTH GETS NO. 34
NEW YORK, July 18 (AP)—Babe Ruth's 34th home run of the season with Combs and Koenig on base in the ninth enabled the Yankees to nose out the White Sox, 5 to 3, here today, in the first game of the series.

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BRITISH ACCEPT
KELLOGG'S PLANProposal to Outlaw War
Meets with Cheers in
House of Commons

LONDON, July 18 (AP)—Sir Austen Chamberlain announced in the house of commons today that British acceptance of the Kellogg proposal for the outlawry of war has been delivered to the American charge d'affaires.

Replying to a question, the foreign secretary said: "I handed this morning to the United States charge d'affaires a copy of the governments of Great Britain, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa and the reply of the government of India accepting the proposals of the United States government for multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war."

"As regards the signature of the treaty, his majesty's government will be happy to sign it at such time and place as may be agreeable to the United States government."

The announcement was greeted with cheers.

PLAN WHOLELY APPROVED
WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—Acceptance of Secretary Kellogg's proposals for a multilateral treaty renouncing war by the nations which, with the United States, would comprise the original signatories to the pact virtually was completed today when the British note was handed to the American charge in London speaking not only for the London government itself but also for the Australian, New Zealand, Indian and South African units of the British commonwealth.

From Ottawa came the announcement that Canada's note of acceptance was in the hands of the American minister there.

At the same time announcement came from Poland of acceptance by that country.

It is obvious from the trend of

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TWO MEN MEET
DEATH AGAINST
TEETH OF SAW

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 18 (AP)—Two men met death here by being thrown against teeth of mill saws.

Henry F. Cooper, 20, died at the Silverton hospital late yesterday from injuries suffered at Cooper Brothers' hardwood mill at Willhoit. He was standing on a log carriage which started suddenly, throwing him into the saw.

Jaasper Wheeler, 59, was killed instantly last night at the Hemlock Mill company's mill, near LaGrande, when he was struck by a large piece of slabsawed and thrown into a revolving saw. The slab fell from a platform above the spot where Wheeler was removing slabs from the saw.

Portland Firm To
Build T. B. Hospital

SALEM, Ore., July 18 (AP)—The state board of control has awarded the contract for the construction of the state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles to Tranech & Pa-relis, of Portland. The bid was \$102,310. Barbara Brothers, of Salem, whose bid was \$15,000, were allowed to withdraw. Attorney General Van Winkle holding the bid could legally withdraw any time before the board had awarded the contract.

Woman Kidnaped
And Left Alone
By Side of Road

EUGENE, Ore., July 18 (AP)—Without a single clue on which to base a search, Sheriff Frank Richards of Albany is attempting today to unravel the mystery of an assault on the person of Mrs. John Matson, of Halsey, who was attacked in her home yesterday by two strange men and carried away in her husband's automobile to be left by the side of the highway alone.

A categorical message "We are drunk and out for a good time. You will find the lady on the highway," was scrawled on a piece of note paper and left on the kitchen table of the Matson home.

Mrs. Matson was rational last night, according to Sheriff Richards, but could give only a meager description of the men.

Her clothing was torn and she had numerous bruises and scratches about the body, Dr. Marks stated.

Mrs. Matson said she had never seen the men before.

ALBANY, Ore., July 18 (AU)—District Attorney L. G. Lawelling went to Halsey this morning to investigate further the kidnapping story told by Mrs. John Matson.

Mrs. Matson was examined by a physician at Halsey who said she showed evidence of having been given a drug, and that she bore bruises indicating an assault.

50 Perish When
Typhoon Strikes
Indo China Coast

HANOI, French Indo-China, July 18 (AU)—At least fifty persons are known to have perished in a typhoon which swept the coast of French Indo-China last night.

Thirty persons were drowned when the French steamer Cap lay foundered after a boiler explosion at the mouth of the Songkour river. More than 200 passengers were rescued before the ship was dashed on the rocks.

Twenty Annamite natives were drowned when a launch sank in the Halphong river. Dozens of junk and sampans were sunk at Hanoi and Halphong. And much water-laid damage was done in the neighborhood.

Oregon Forest To
Be Received Jan. 1

SALEM, Ore., July 18 (AP)—Oregon's first state forest embracing 75,000 acres in Western Douglas and Northern Coos counties, will be formally transferred to the state by the federal government by January 1, it was said at the office of State Forester F. A. Elliott today. The state acquisition is the first of an equal acreage of school lands situated in various parts of the state.

Howling Dog Quits
With Obregon Death

MEXICO CITY, July 18 (AP)—Some associates of General Obregon recalled today that for two days and nights a dog next door to his home had been howling steadily and that nothing could induce it to cease. General Obregon even sent a breakfast to the dog in an effort to quiet it but the howling continued.

General Obregon with seeming jealousy had expressed wonder if the howling foretold misfortune. The dog continued to howl dolefully to the time when Obregon's body was brought into his home. Then with one last wild howl it ceased.

MRS. HOOVER'S
FATHER DIES
EARLY TODAYEnd Comes While Daugh-
ter and Husband Are
Speeding Across IowaHOOVER WELCOME
IS POSTPONEDRace of Presidential Can-
didate's Train in with
Death Results in Vic-
tory for Grim Angel.

MONTREY, Cal., July 18 (AP)—This historic city lost one of its first citizens when C. D. Henry, father-in-law of Herbert Hoover, republican presidential nominee, succumbed to heart trouble, and the infirmities of old age, at Placerville in the high Sierras. He was 34 years old.

It was 36 years ago, in 1892, that Henry, then in the prime of life came to Monterey with his wife Florence, and two daughters, Lou and Jean. He came to guide a group of local business men in the formation of Monterey's first bank, the Bank of Monterey. Henry came from Los Angeles and under the original understanding was to have merely assisted in the launching of the bank, but he remained on as cashier and it was not until 1920 when the Valley bank acquired the bank of Monterey, that he gave up active business life.

Both of Henry's daughters, Jean and Lou, were active business women. Their girlhood days in Monterey and attended public schools here. Miss Lou Henry who is now Mrs. Herbert Hoover, later entered Stanford university where Jean studied music abroad.

Mrs. Henry died about five years ago. It was following her death that Henry moved to Palo Alto.

Henry was proud of the record of the young mining engineer who became his son-in-law in 1918 and although he originally opposed Hoover's entry into politics, he changed his mind at that point during his last trip to Monterey.

AHEAD HOOVER TRAIN
OMAHA, Neb., July 18 (AP)—A prediction that Herbert Hoover will offer a plan of farm relief more practical and intelligent than any heretofore advanced was made today by Governor John Hammond of Iowa after a conference with the republican presidential candidate aboard the special train.

This is the message which the governor said he would take to the republican state convention today at Des Moines, to which city he is to fly by plane from Council Bluffs to address the state political gathering. After half an hour's conference with Governor Harding, between Missouri Valley and Council Bluffs, Gov. Hammond declared

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LABORER PAID
LESS ON FARM
THAN IN 1927

WASHINGTON, July 18—Wages of all classes of farm labor are below wages a year ago, the index of the general level of farm wages for July 1928 being placed at 179 per cent of the pre-war level as compared with 172 per cent in July last year by the bureau of agricultural economics, United States department of agriculture.

The lower level of farm wages, says the bureau, is probably due to the larger supply of farm labor available this year. Supply expressed as per cent of demand is 165 for July 1 as compared with 160 a year ago. The larger supply in turn, the bureau adds, is probably explained by the much lower volume of industrial employment which has prevailed during the first six months of 1928, thus releasing more labor for the farms.

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