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ORIGON—Fair tonight and Tuesday with fog near coast; normal temperature, continued low humidity in the east portion.

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50 MEN FIGHT FOREST FIRE WEST OF CITY

Blaze Spread Sunday by Winds, May Be Controlled by Night

VALUABLE TIMBER IS NOT DAMAGED

Situation Is Much Easier Today—Two Smaller Fires Controlled over the Weekend.

A forest fire, one of the largest of the season in the La Grande territory, is expected to be under control before daylight, and two smaller blazes, one near Starkey and the other on Indian creek, are reported today to be under control.

The large fire, five miles northwest of La Grande, has not destroyed any valuable timber and is not expected to reach the Mt. Emily lumber company property, according to T. H. Russell.

Twenty-nine men are engaged in fighting the blaze and the situation is much easier this morning, with indications that the fire will be headed off by tonight.

Some of the men were experienced by Mr. Russell in getting men to fight the fire and several prisoners in the city jail, backed on various grounds, were released to join the fight.

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Campfire Girls Home From Camp East Of Union

Twenty-Nine Take Part in Week Outing—Swimming, Nature Study and Hiking Honors Won.

After a busy week of swimming, play, nature study, hiking and handcraft work at Camp Phis on Catherine creek, 29 campfire girls returned home Saturday from a thoroughly successful first annual campfire outing.

A different program was arranged for each day at camp and provided such novel events as croquet, tennis, swimming, nature study, hiking and handcraft work.

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ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO SEE HOOVER

Doubtful States Give Standard Bearer a Good Reception

NOMINEE ARRIVES IN KANSAS TODAY

Sunday's Speeches Not of a Political Nature—Platform Talks Continue Along Route.

BY JAMES L. WEST (Associated Press Staff Writer) HOOPER TRAIN IS BROUGHT TO KANSAS CITY, Aug. 20 (AP)—Having put behind him the admittedly debatable ground of Arizona and New Mexico, Herbert Hoover came today to rock ribbed republican Kansas to continue conferees with republican leaders at his train stop in his old birthplace at West Branch, Iowa.

The republican presidential candidate's schedule, called for five stops at Dodge City, Hutchinson, Newton, Emporia, and Topeka, the home of his running mate, Senator Charles Curtis, who was unable to remain to greet the head of the ticket because of pressing engagements in the east.

Plan Vigorous Campaign Davis Mulane, national committee man, Senator Arthur Capper and J. N. (Dolly) Tamm, former representative, who nominated Curtis for the presidency at Kansas City, were among the state. Plans for

On this point Wm. C. McCulloch, attorney for the public service commission, asked whether the same standard of refrigeration and service would be expected on the cross-state line as on the present lines over which such products are moving.

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FLAMES TODAY

Two Other Dwellings Are Damaged Before Fire Is Extinguished

Shortly after 2:30 o'clock this afternoon a house owned by Mrs. Zaher at 1607 Seventh street caught fire on the roof and only immediate action on the part of the fire department prevented destruction of the building, which was occupied by two families. The roof and back part of the house were badly burned and the loss will be at least several hundred dollars.

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The dwelling place at 2001 Q avenue, belonging to R. M. Anson, was destroyed with a loss of approximately \$1,000. This house was vacant and the origin of the fire has not been determined.

Shades from this building set the Perry Blanchard house at 2902 Q avenue on fire, burning the side and roof before it was extinguished. Mr. Blanchard's loss is estimated at \$300, which was covered by insurance.

The Ralph Welch place at 2908 Q avenue, suffered exterior damage, the paint being blistered, badly damaged, however, is slight. This house was also insured.

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Railroad Loss For 1927 Given At I. C. C. Hearing

Oregon Short Line Figures Injected into Records of Testimony in the Cross-State Case.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20 (AP)—Testimony that the Oregon Short Line lost \$128,982.55 in operations in 1927 was offered today at the interstate commerce commission hearing on a proposed cross-state railroad. R. Wipprecht, auditor for the line, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific, presented a mass of figures giving details of revenues totaling \$201,168.58, and operating expenses \$332,251.14.

Examiner John L. Rogers, of the interstate commerce commission, asked Wipprecht why the line had not carried more freight. To this he replied that it was an auditor and not a freight man, and hence was not qualified to testify upon that subject.

H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, who testified last week, was the first witness on the stand this morning, under cross examination of attorneys for the state public service commission.

Lounsbury said he could not agree that a large amount of freight moving on the present long hauls via Ogden and Roseville would be diverted over a cross-state line which the state public service commission wants to have built. He said he believed that the 237 carloads of broccoli moving a day from the Portland gateway to Southern Oregon would have to come this way because of better refrigeration and quicker train movement.

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There are fifteen possible winners in the changing of commerce contest, which ended Saturday night, with the first prize an automobile. The contest was started during the showing of the Abner Kline carnival here, under auspices of the chamber.

According to Charles Malwood, the winner, No. 4287, has not yet identified himself. He will have 10 days from last Saturday in which to do so to retain his rights.

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AT 23, SHE'S MOTHER OF 13



At the age of 23, Mrs. Sista Corona, Relands (Cal.) "flapper-mother," has borne 13 children—and she's willing to have more, too. The girl is a member of Reland's oldest Spanish family and married David Corona when she was 13. Her first child was born a year later. Only six of her offspring are still living. Only one—June, born a few weeks ago—s with her now. She declares they don't feel they have too many children, and declares there may be more if there's a reconciliation.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 20 (AP)—The "talking movies" may be the talk of Hollywood, but talking too much about them is barred by Will Morrisey, stage comedian, for a mixup, or rather a "Tom Mix-up" that sent Morrisey and his wife, Marie, to a police station for medical aid and detained them in jail temporarily on drunkenness charges.

The version of Tom Mix, millionaire cowboy of the silent screen, agreed with Morrisey that the latter's talking was at least indirectly responsible for the set-up. But his long-by-lone account was couched in an American, mixing-master, to the police officers of Venice, a beach suburb, by the stage and cabaret comedian and his wife.

The story meeting of the loquacious comedian and the silent actor of the films took place at the club of the home-wrecking party given by George Helms, film player, at his new home near the coast.

"I told Tom that his nose talks," Morrisey told the officers. "The horse could at least snort. But what could Tom do?"

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15 Nations Will Sign Outlawry Of War Treaty

International Spotlight on Paris as Statesmen Gather—Russia Views Step with Alarm.

By Melvin E. Coleman. (Cable Editor, Associated Press) International spotlights have turned on Paris where shortly statements of 15 nations will gather to affix signatures to the Kellogg pact outlawing war as an instrument of national policy. The formality is likely to be followed by a deal of talk on the results that may be expected or the additional steps that various thinkers believe should be undertaken.

Advocates of disarmament have appeared regularly in the discussions that have preceded the signing. Russian thought is that unless armies and navies are scrapped the treaty will be a mere creature among the signatories whose true motives will be revealed as hostility toward communism, Germany considers that the pact will be ineffective unless other powers reduce their forces to something near the limit imposed on that country by the treaty of Versailles.

Other Opinions Many advocates of the treaty have stated that it will lack force unless it is backed by an educated public opinion. David Lloyd George stated this viewpoint a few days ago when he commented on the air maneuvers over London. He said that war in the future would be nothing less than annihilation.

"Postponement" became the key word in the Japanese-Chinese situation. Baron Gonsuke Hayashi, special envoy of Japan to the funeral of China Tso-Lin, announced that Chang's son and successor had told him he would put off the junction of the three provinces immediately to the Nationalist government at Nanking for at least three years.

An attempt to postpone development in Jingo-Asia was less successful. Adjustment of the government wing of the national assembly after ratifying the Kellogg treaty with Italy and the Netherlands, was followed by fresh outbreaks. There have been violent demonstrations in Balkan cities against the treaties, centering upon Bulgaria because the pact allows annexation of the country of Mussolini in its own lands on the Eastern littoral of the Adriatic.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (AP)—An optimistic report on conditions in the south was brought to New York by Joe T. Robinson, democratic vice-presidential nominee, who said upon his arrival here from his home in Arkansas that Governor Smith's popularity is "rapidly growing" throughout that section.

The senator declared that "some dissatisfaction exists but it is now clear that this will be more than offset" by what he described as an awakening in the democratic ranks in the south.

"Since my last visit to New York at the time of the national committee meeting in J. J. he said, 'I have conferred with many prominent democrats in my home state and from various parts of the south.'

The people of the south are becoming better acquainted with the record and personal characteristics of the head of the democratic ticket. Governor Smith's popularity is rapidly growing. The people are anxious to hear him."

Socialist Attacks Smith (Associated Press) Socialists attacked Governor Smith today, charging that he was a "traitor to the people" and a "sell-out" to the big business interests of the state.

66-Year-Old Beard Accidentally Lost (Associated Press) A 66-year-old man from New York accidentally lost his beard while shaving, and he was forced to wear a wig for several days.

Four Burned To Death In Stage (Associated Press) Four people were killed in a stage fire in New York, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

FEAR FLIERS ARE DOWN IN ARCTIC AREA

No Word from Monoplane Now More Than 30 Hours Overdue

GOEBEL ARRIVES AT CURTIS FIELD

Western Airmen Break Transcontinental Non-stop Record by 7 Hours and 42 Minutes.

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