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THE WEATHER OREGON—Fair tonight and Thursday but fog near the coast tonight; warmer with low humidity and increasing fire hazard in the interior.

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FIRE PARTLY DESTROYS COURT HOUSE

LOSS MAY BE HIGHER THAN \$25,000.00

Roof Destroyed and Upper Floor Guttered in Fire Late Today

BIG START BEFORE BLAZE DISCOVERED

Records Saved Excepting Those in Vaults, Which Are Believed to Be Fire-proof.

Fire of an undetermined origin partly destroyed the Union county court house here this afternoon shortly after three o'clock, before the fire department was able to control the flames.

The building, many years old and which was repaired extensively this summer, was valued at about \$30,000 and it is estimated today that the loss will run more than \$25,000.

The destruction is enough to make necessary re-building at least half of the structure, which stands at the top of the Sixth street hill on L avenue.

Started in Attic The flames were first discovered by C. K. McVernick, county clerk, as they broke through the clerical count room from the roof. The fire started in the attic above the second floor and had gained tremendous headway before they were discovered.

The fire department was immediately called, arriving with both pumps and regular truck, and two streams of water under high pressure were directed onto the burning building in a few moments.

It was nearly half an hour before the fire was definitely checked, and until the flames had eaten through the second floor ceiling the interior, and completely razed the roof.

Records in all departments were saved from the flames, excepting those in the vaults. The vaults are said to be fire-proof and it is not expected that records in the vaults will be damaged.

Furniture Saved Furniture was taken from both floors although some of it was damaged to some extent before rushed from the building.

A large crowd, attracted by the fire, circled the court house, and considerable assistance was given in removing furniture and records.

Many expressed the opinion this afternoon at the fire that if the city were without a premier truck, it would have been impossible to save any part of the building.

STATE MAILS OUT BOOKLETS ON MEASURES

State booklets, giving the proposed constitutional amendments and necessary explanatory material, to be submitted to the voters at the general election Tuesday, Nov. 6, are now in the mails. Several have already been received in La Grande and more are in come.

Among the measures listed are the two income automobile franchises which were recently established by their sponsor, Senator Thomas, and of course to take them from the legislature have been in vain.

Other measures include the group bonus tax plan, four bills that would close the Unions, McNamee, Deschamps and Rogue, revision to commercial purposes and one designed to limit the power of the legislature over laws approved by the people.

Voters are urged to carefully read the booklets, as the measures are thoroughly discussed by both opponents and sponsors.

Mellon Returns To Desk In Capital

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—Secretary Mellon returned to his desk today after a five-week vacation in Europe.

He was found not contented with articles of foreign acceptance but from some official observation believed that there to be good.

One Forest Fire Under Control; Another Starts

Blaze in Ladd Canyon Spreads Two and a Half Miles in Heavy Wind During Evening.

Although slight rains occurred over this part of the state last night, they affected the forest fire situation but little. The blaze in two sections of timbered land northwest of La Grande, which has been burning since last week, is now under control and the crew of fire fighters has been reduced by 25 men. About 15 or 20 are now in charge of this blaze.

However, an even larger fire broke out in Ladd canyon yesterday, starting about a mile and a half from the mill. A heavy wind in that section late in the day spread the flames with great rapidity, the fire advancing until now it is nearly four miles from the mill.

So far no merchantable timber has been burned but some good timber is menaced and unless the fire is soon under control, a heavy loss may result.

This blaze is being fought by the government and there are already 40 men at the scene, combating the fire.

Slight Rain Here In La Grande, another rain something like that on experienced on July 15, occurred. The shower, coming about 11 o'clock last night, did not except clear the air and moisten the ground. Measurements at the municipal building showed the rainfall to be just .02 of an inch.

The present dry spell, which began July 5, is now in its fifth day, with only .04 of an inch of moisture since it began. From July 15 up to last night, not a drop of rain fell.

The shower that hit La Grande last night was general over the valley.

TEACHER LIST MADE PUBLIC

Only Five Changes in the High School Faculty in La Grande

Five changes in the La Grande High School faculty and several in the elementary schools have been made for this school year which commences Sept. 10.

It was learned today when Superintendent J. T. Longfellow officially announced the city teaching staff selected by the school board.

The only change in principalship is the election of Horace Evans, of Salem, to succeed Chester Gilbert as head of the High School.

Mr. Evans is a graduate of Monmouth normal, has had one year of business administration at U. S. C., and five years of experience. Mr. Evans is a member of the Episcopal church. He comes very highly recommended. Mr. Longfellow stated today. Other principals are E. D. Towler, high school; Mrs. E. A. McEwen, Central; R. A. Wilkinson, Greenwald; Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, Wilcox.

Christie Re-Employed Ralph W. Christie has been re-employed as mathematics instructor and counsellor. Mrs. L. Douglas, supervisor of penmanship and art, and W. W. Ninkhorn, supervisor of music, will both be back.

Miss Blomgren Glass, a graduate this year of the University of Oregon who has previously made her home here has been engaged as science and girls' physical education teacher succeeding Miss Ruth Johnson, now Mrs. Green. High school. Miss Glass majored in physical education.

All new faculty members come splendidly recommended and the entire city's teaching staff is regarded as very satisfactory, school officials declare.

Miss Alice Kilgip, for the last nine years head of the history department and English teacher in Washington, Ia., has been secured for history and English classes, taking the place of Miss Madge Beatty. Miss Kilgip is a graduate of Marquette State college and has done graduate work at the state teacher's college at Greeley and the state University of Iowa at Iowa city. She has had 13 years of teaching. This summer Miss Kilgip has been abroad, and is on the water now on her return trip. She will land in New York the last of this week.

Miss Kilgip is a close friend of Miss Mabel Weston and made her home with the Weston family in Washington for several years. Her experience in European countries this year is

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HOOVER BIDS GOOD-BYE TO BIRTH PLACE

Cedar Rapids Next Objective of the Republican Standard Bearer

EXPLAINS RELIEF PLAN LAST NIGHT

Proposes An Agricultural Conference with Lowden and Other Farm Leaders Taking Part

BRUCEMORE, CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Aug. 22. (AP)—Through a simultaneous ovation from persons lining Cedar Rapids streets, Herbert Hoover today passed to the estate of Mrs. George B. Douglas at Brucemore, where he will live during his stay here.

BY JAMES L. WEST (Associated Press Staff Writer) WEST BIANCHI, Iowa, Aug. 22. (AP)—Bidding good-bye to his old home town, Herbert Hoover renewed today the grind of the campaign as a republican presidential candidate after a day and a night amid the environments of his boyhood.

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MRS. DICKERSON SLIGHTLY BETTER

Baby's Funeral Not Yet Arranged—Mangled Cle Elum Man Recovering

Late this afternoon it was decided to hold funeral services for little Wilberta Dickerson tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Stoddard and Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. W. D. Dickerson, who was seriously injured Monday afternoon in an automobile wreck near Philomath Junction that killed her three-year-old daughter, Wilberta, was reported to be slightly improved this morning. She is a patient at the Grande Rouge hospital. Her skull was fractured, an arm broken and she suffered other less serious injuries in the accident.

Funeral arrangements for Wilberta had not been made this morning as the family is awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Dickerson's parents, who are expected to reach La Grande some time today. The body of the little girl is at the Stoddard & Zimmerman mortuary.

A broken steering gear was the cause of the accident.

MANGLED MAN RECOVERING

"Getting along fine" was the doctor's report today on the transient school-teacher who was mangled in a four-wheeled accident here early Monday night when he was run over by a switch engine. The man, who is at the Grande Rouge hospital, never has been identified as Jack Sullivan but later said he was Johnny Owens and admitted that his parents lived at the home, Wash. They have been notified. One leg was severed just below the knee and the other at the instep. His condition has been very satisfactory.

Rotarians Honor Former President

J. T. Longfellow, former president of the La Grande Rotary club, was presented with a check and a just president's honorary button at the club's luncheon of the club today at noon. President G. S. Driest was presiding officer.

The program, in charge of Oscar Warnick, chairman of the program committee, was devoted largely to a lesson in recognizing members' nicknames and their classifications.

Women's Walking Race Announced For Labor Day Celebration Here

In addition to holding a 29-mile bicycle contest for men and boys from Union to La Grande, the Central Labor council announced today that a 100-mile walk will be held for women from Hot Lake to La Grande via the hill road, a distance of approximately 11 miles.

It is said that several members of the fair set who prize themselves upon their ability to walk distances in empty shoes are already preparing to enter.

Eight prizes have been announced by Mrs. C. Wilson, chairman of the labor day celebration committee. They follow: First—Footwear; second—Robe; third—Footwear; fourth—Footwear; fifth—Footwear; sixth—Footwear; seventh—Footwear; eighth—Footwear.

Plans Made To Organize Junior Orchestra Here

To encourage and promote interest in fine orchestral music and to give boys and girls of La Grande greater opportunities Leo Collier, Bryant, violin and piano instructor of the Eastern Oregon school of music, announces that he proposes to organize and develop a real junior symphony orchestra from local talent.

Mr. Bryant conferred recently with Ted Bacon of the Ted Bacon violin studies in Portland and announced that he will follow the general plan of Mr. Bacon's orchestra which now numbers more than 100 enthusiastic young players, it is said. The instruments required will be violins, violas, cellos, basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoon, trumpets, trombones, french horns, saxophones, piano, organ, timpani and drums.

Separate classes will be formed for each section. Violin classes are now being organized to include this section throughly competent, the school officials say.

Boys and girls in Union county playing any of the above instruments are invited to register their names with Mr. Bryant at his studio in the Odd Fellows' temple. All names should be in early as rehearsals will begin not later than Sept. 15," Mr. Bryant stated.

Boy Scout Rally And Field Day During October

The annual Eastern Oregon boy scout council rally and field day, on a larger scale than ever, is to be held in La Grande this fall and will take place some time in October. It was decided when the committee met at the city hall last night with Dr. W. T. Phipps, council president, and E. Russell Scott, council executive. Dr. Phipps presided at the session at which Mr. Scott presented the program as outlined for the rest of this year and in addition the program was outlined for the next five years. Fifteen commitments were present at the session which was a generally enthusiastic one and indicated an increased interest in scouting work. The Rev. Mr. Thomas of Halfway, scoutmaster from that community, was in attendance.

The field day will include contests and demonstrations in all kinds of scouting work, from athletic events to various crafts.

General Working As A Dishwasher

GERMANY, Aug. 22 (AP)—The Chronicle-Telegraph says that Dr. G. G. Charles Henry Gough, 60 years old, 14, N. O. D. C. M., who has a distinguished record in the British and Australian armies, is working as a dishwasher in a hotel here.

Unable to find suitable employment in Germany, although the report says, he had held responsible positions in New York with department stores, he was reduced to his most destitute circumstances and forced to accept the job at the hotel.

Running Mate Present Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Governor Smith's running mate, arrived here by automobile from Hot Lake with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. The vice presidential candidate and Mrs. Roosevelt were accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

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GOVERNOR ALFRED E. SMITH



Here is a late picture of Governor Alfred E. Smith, who this evening formally accepted the democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States at Albany, N. Y.

OREGON GOLFERS SCORE VICTORIES

Willing and Dolp Win Today—Don Moe Slips; Stein Eliminated

BOB O'LINK CLUB, Chicago, Aug. 22 (AP)—Chief Evans, today won Western champion, today went into the third round match play in quest of his ninth title, having defeated Russell Martin, 6 and 2 in the second round after putting out Dick Rockenback, 3 and 1 in the morning.

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GIVES VIEWS ON PROBLEMS OF NATION

New York Governor Formally Accepts Democratic Nomination

AGRICULTURE AID PLAN PRESENTED

Republican Administration's Foreign Policy Is Assailed by Bourbon's New Leader.

ALBANY, Aug. 22 (AP)—With all the force at his command, Gov. Smith tonight, told an expectant nation where he would be its elected president. In aggressive fashion, he accepted the democratic nomination with a speech which not only set forth his stand on prohibition, agriculture, foreign relations and other public questions, but accused the republican administration of a failure to keep faith with the people.

As millions listened in by radio, the new leader of the democrats advocated modification of both the Volstead law and the eighteenth amendment; reiterated that he would give the problem of controlling crop surpluses his immediate attention; if elected, assailed the administration's Near East and Mexican policy, and pledged himself to a "real" endeavor to outlaw war.

Wants Business Government He also called for a reorganization of federal government activity, a business budget, declared that neither he nor the democratic party contemplated "sudden or drastic" changes in tariff schedules, reaffirmed his stand for public ownership and control of water power; promised a square deal for war veterans; stressed the need for inland waterway development, reforestation and conservation of natural resources; and advocated "aggressive" legislation for the protection and care of working men and women.

While standing "squarely" on the democratic platform declaration for restrictive immigration, the nominee asserted that he was "heartily in favor of removing from the immigration law the harsh provision which restricts families" and was "opposed to the principle of restriction based upon the figures of immigrant population contained in a census 28 years old."

Tackles Prohibition Question Half way through his address, which he had prepared with the idea of completing its delivery within an hour, Governor Smith tackled the prohibition question. He never will advocate or approve any law, he said, which seeks to indirectly permit the return of the saloon, and sale of intoxicants by state agencies was proposed as an alternative.

Declaring that the president of the United States has two constitutional duties with respect to prohibition—determination of the law and enforcement of what changes, if any, should be recommended.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE (First Game) R. H. E. Detroit 7 3 2 Boston 6 12 2 Batteries: Gibson, Smith, Holloway and Hargrave; MacFadden, Griffin, Ketchum, Stronach and Hofmann.

Chicago 9 5 2 Washington 2 7 0 Batteries: Walsh and Green; Haddy and Hood.

Philadelphia 5 13 2 Philadelphia 6 20 2 Batteries: Cline, Milne and Spillane; Harnshaw, Hommel and Condit. (7 innings)

NATIONAL LEAGUE R. H. E. New York 4 8 0 Cincinnati 5 6 0 Batteries: Aldridge and Hogan; Egan and Hargrave.

Boston 2 8 2 Philadelphia 10 13 6 Batteries: Greenfield, Palmero and Taylor; Bruce and Homsey.

Philadelphia 2 10 2 Chicago 3 10 2 Batteries: Ring, McGraw and Davis; Nehf and Hartung.

Brockton 3 7 2 St. Louis 2 5 0 Batteries: Petty, Clark and Deberry; Mitchell and Wilson.

Dry Agents Shoot Chicago Citizen

CHICAGO, Aug. 22 (AP)—The second day of the city's prohibition fight today has closed with the shooting of a man in a hail.

Last March William Dwyer, a prominent local lobbyist, had been arrested after a prohibition raid. Yesterday, M. J. Adams, who gave his occupation as an insurance agent, was shot in the back.

By one of three prohibition agents, residing in a long building office where they sought members of an alleged liquor syndicate.

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Temperature 75 to 85 above, Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 85, minimum 54 above. Condition: Partly cloudy, Rainfall .04 inch.

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