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THE WEATHER OREGON—Unsettled tonight and Friday with rain in the north portion; warmer in east portion tonight. Strong southwesterly winds on coast.

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CONVENTION TO WIND UP WORK TODAY

Action Speeded Up to Avoid Extension Into a Possible Fifth Day

RESOLUTIONS ARE BEFORE MEETING

Banquet One of Features Last Night—Labor Hopes to Secure Use of Radio Station.

The following nominations were made this afternoon, election to be later by mail: For president, W. M. Cooper, Portland; for vice president, P. E. McKesson, Portland; W. O. McKesson, Portland; for secretary-treasurer, Ben Osborne, Portland; for delegate to A. F. O., L. L. Anderson, Portland; Joe Reed, Portland.

The Oregon Federation of Labor delegates at the 26th annual convention now in session in La Grande during the morning and afternoon sessions speeded up action in an effort to bring the four-day meeting to a close today.

Yesterday afternoon, and this morning delegates heard a large number of committee reports and passed or defeated or tabled a number of resolutions which have been presented at various times during the convention.

Banquet Last Night Following the successful labor banquet last night at the Foley hotel with a hundred union delegates and local members attended the dance at Zuber hall.

This morning resolution No. 22 was referred to the executive board which calls for a boycott on a coffee house which does business on the Pacific coast because of alleged failure to comply with union demands.

Resolution No. 27 provides for asking the department of agriculture to provide for the discontinuance of the issuance of safe contracts in Modoc county, California, due to alleged unfair competition with Oregon.

A resolution was also presented commending the officers in their defense of the attack on the initiative and referendum now before the supreme court on the question of the Dumas bill.

The delegation reaffirmed their loyalty to the Union Labor life insurance.

Seek Radio Station The executive secretary was instructed to act with his special committee in obtaining the use of a radio station for broadcasting the program, philosophy and creed of the labor movement.

A resolution was also adopted relative to the Cooper-Haines bill in its endeavor to protect free labor against convict labor. The bill was endorsed and it was agreed to urge the bodies affiliated with the labor movement to carry on a vigorous educational program. The officers were also instructed to ask the Oregon representatives in congress to support the bill.

A number of resolutions were passed in yesterday afternoon's session including the following:

Favor Less Hours Resolution No. 4, for the reduction in the working hours of labor union workers in Oregon, covering a reduction of 25 per cent of working hours in all industries.

Resolution No. 7, relating to the organization of the state building trades council.

Resolution No. 24, proposing to organize the timber and mill workers in the state of Oregon at their request.

Resolution No. 12, relating to the drafting of a safety code in the building industry. The code will be worked out by joint action of the state industrial accident commission, the federation of labor officers and the building federation officers.

At yesterday's session resolution No. 11, proposing to reorganize the American Federation of Labor on an industrial basis as one big affiliate was defeated.

Express Thanks A resolution was adopted this morning to which the delegates and guests to the annual convention express thanks to the city of La Grande for the hearty welcome.

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WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—41 above. Minimum—23 above. Condition—Cloudy, rain 37 feet.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum—45, minimum 29 above. Condition—Cloudy, rain 37 feet.

SMITH IS ONE VOTE AHEAD OF HOOVER IN STRAW BALLOT

Table with columns: For, Dem., Rep., Ind., Soc., Total, Men, Women. Rows: Hoover, Smith, Thomas, Butler, Pierce, Wets, Drys, For Prohibition, For Modification, For-Socialist candidate for president.

A hip-and-tuck race between Hoover and Smith has developed in the Observer's straw ballot, with first one and then the other presidential candidate holding the lead. Hoover's lead of 27 to 23 yesterday was wiped away this morning when 24 new ballots were tabulated, giving the democratic standard bearer a 57 to 56 lead over the republican choice.

Of the 54 votes counted this morning 19 were for Hoover and 24 for Smith.

Butler Swings Into Lead In the race between Pierce and Butler for congress, Butler has wrested the lead from the former governor, the vote now standing 62 to 51. It is interesting to note that 26 of the 34 voting for Smith cast their ballot for Butler, instead of following party lines. If the party lines were followed as closely in November as in the straw ballot there will be frequent splits as Butler, Pierce, Hoover and Smith have all made heavy inroads into their opponent's party.

More wet votes were received this morning, bringing yesterday's total of five up to 16, of which four are women. The dry vote, however, has an overwhelming lead.

Will Observe Constitution Day Sept. 17

Monday is the fourteenth anniversary of the adoption of the present draft of the United States constitution and the occasion is to be observed during the week by the schools throughout the state.

R. R. Jingo, of La Grande, has charge of the committee in La Grande to plan a program for the observance of the day by aiding the organizations in a brief educational study program of the historical event.

10 Stolen Cars Recovered Last Half Of Month

A check by the police department today reveals that during the last half month seven stolen motor vehicles from other towns and cities have been recovered here, while three La Grande cars have been found, one here and two out of town.

In two instances local police recovered stolen cars before they were notified of the thefts. The police state that the recoveries have been largely due to co-operation of citizens with them, most of the cases finding citizens telephoning to the police about some apparently abandoned car near their place. Recently a telephone call came from Baker to the police, advising them that an automobile had been stolen there.

Within 15 minutes La Grande police telephoned to the police of a car abandoned near his place and the police found it was the Baker machine. This is typical of many of the cases.

One car, stolen in Pendleton, was found here and the police, having had no advice from the Round-Up City, called Pendleton and notified the officers, who in turn got in touch with the owner of the car to inform him that his machine, which he had not reported stolen, had been found in La Grande.

Recovered Cars A motorcycle from Klamath Falls, a coach and a coupe from Pendleton, a coupe from Layette, a touring car from Baker, a coupe from The Dalles and a touring car from Union were all recovered in the last half month, and a coach from La Grande and a coupe from La Grande were recovered at Pendleton and Union, respectively.

The police have a complete list of all motor vehicle licenses granted in Oregon during the year and it is a comparatively simple matter to trace the ownership of any car found abandoned. If license plates have been attached, it is still possible to learn the owner, although in some instances it might be necessary to search.

FAMILY WIPED OUT

At 11:25, Minn., Sept. 12 (AP)—John Morgan, his wife and their five small children were killed last night when Northern Pacific passenger train No. 11 struck the Morgan automobile at a grade crossing near here.

All apparently were killed outright.

COOLIDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGN

Confers With Hoover at Executive Offices Concerning His Plans

COMPLETE REPORT GIVEN PRESIDENT

Those in Touch Expect Coolidge to Make One Or More Speeches in New England Soon.

By James I. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP)—President Coolidge is to participate actively in the presidential campaign and his plans probably will be announced at the White House in the near future.

His part in the effort of the republican party to retain control of the national government, favored one of the subjects of a conference he had with Herbert Hoover at the executive offices late yesterday after his return from his summer in the hills of Northern Wisconsin.

No Announcement The conference was of unusual duration, lasting for an hour and a quarter. There was no official announcement regarding the meeting, but it was stated that the chief executive was anxious to be helpful in the campaign. This naturally led to the surmise that on his first trip to New England, Coolidge will make one or more speeches in the home section of the country, in some portions of which the republicans know they have to contend with rather stiff opposition.

Hoover made a rather complete report to the president on the political situation generally as he views it at this stage of the campaign and the president in turn gave the republican presidential candidate his opinion as to the situation in Wisconsin and other of the northwestern states from which he received reports during his stay at Cedar Island lodge in the Brule river.

Mellon Joins Them After the conference was over, Secretary Mellon, who aided in turning the tide for Hoover at the Kansas City convention, accompanied the president and Hoover to the entrance to the executive offices where the campaign men were waiting, but it was learned that the treasury chief had not been present at the political discussion.

He arrived at the executive offices over his accustomed route in a rear entrance. Just as the conference ended, having called to pay his respects as he was unable to greet the president upon his arrival in the early forenoon.

Hoover and Coolidge were alone for nearly an hour in the president's office, sitting near the bowed window overlooking the broad ex-

NATIONAL CREDIT MEN WILL SPEAK

Albert Saunders, of St. Louis, to Talk at Banquet Tomorrow Night

Albert Saunders, secretary of the National Retail Credit Men's association of St. Louis, will be the speaker at a banquet to be held at 6:15 o'clock tomorrow night in the Sarawana hall, members of the local credit men's association announced today.

All business men are invited and urged to attend. Reservations may be made either by calling Main 1111 or the Sarawana hall before tomorrow noon.

Mr. Saunders, whose subject will be "Advancement of Business," is a very able speaker and it is expected that business men will be here from Union, Wallawa county, Pendleton, Baker, Ontario and other points in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Saunders is expected to arrive in La Grande tonight.

P. J. LILLY IS AWARDED WORK ON EAST O AVE.

Contract for the construction of 117 feet of sidewalk in district No. 187 on East O avenue was awarded to P. J. Lilly by the city commission last night. Mr. Lilly was the only bidder and as his bid was the lowest, the city engineer's estimate of \$474.29, the offer was accepted.

The meeting was short, requiring only half an hour. Commissioner Charles Playle, who is in Texas, was absent. This was the first time he has been absent from a regular meeting since he was elected to the executive position.

A complaint by Tom Moore concerning sidewalk work was tabled until later, and Harry Hoffman, representing the Elks' 48 committee, was granted a request for permission to hold the above 661, 17-28 in the Sacramento hall ballroom. Bills in the amount of \$1,680.35 for the month of August were approved and the following estimates were allowed: Frank Hartley, Sawyer Brothers Co. for payment pending on Second street, for \$2,223.79; Neal, an Third street paving, Warren Construction company, 12,764.21.

SEVEN KILLED WHEN FREIGHT STRIKES AUTO

GAILY, Ind., Sept. 12 (AP)—Seven persons were killed and another was injured, probably killed, by a freight train striking their automobile at a grade crossing on the edge of Gary early today.

The dead were: Mrs. Mary E. Jones, 27, Mrs. John, 29, and their children, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, and 6 years old.

BRIDE-TO-BE SAYS FAREWELL



When Seizo Matsudaira becomes the bride of Prince Chichibu, here to the throne of Japan, in September, she must bid farewell to her girl friends, court etiquette forbidding further company with them. Miss Matsudaira, daughter of the former ambassador to the United States, is pictured above, in American costume, saying goodbye to some of her former school friends in Tokio.

JOHNSON'S LEAD ASSURES CHOICE

Several Races in Washington Primaries Down Hairbreadth Margins

SEATTLE, Sept. 12 (AP)—With congressman Albert Johnson's slender margin of re-election on the republican ticket, an outcome of Tuesday's primary balloted progressed today, several Washington state legislative posts narrowed down to hairbreadth margins between rival candidates.

Johnson, the only member of congress whose re-election was in doubt, ran an even race with Homer T. Bone, youthful Tacoma lawyer. A margin of votes once that several thousand votes swung back and forth until only a few hundred remained were tabulated, when Johnson apparently established a sliver lead of 1,989. With 24 precincts still unreported, Johnson had 24,467 and Bone 23,478.

Wins By Four Votes The closest ballot gave a four vote victory on county official petitions to Everett J. Smith, mayor Arthur H. Cho for the state senate. They both sought the republican nomination from the Lewis district, Walla Walla county, in which no democrats were filed.

Re-elected C. C. Dahl, democrat, was nominated by a landslide, while Miles E. Polhemus, whom he displaced in congress six years ago and who recently was ambassador to Peru, had the republican nomination by a heavy vote to Kenneth Mackintosh, former state superior court justice. Four other congress seats were the subject of no contest. The chairman of the House Administration Committee—Clare Bergquist and one democrat—had no trouble in retaining their positions.

George Vollet of New York, the incumbent incumbent, defeated Dr. Oscar P. Whiting of Portland, Ore., 4 up and 3 to play.

Deaths 4,538 In Gotham Accidents

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP)—Accidents caused the death of 4,538 persons in New York City last year, the New York safety congress announced today. Of this number, 242 were children between the ages of 5 and 14 years.

Automobiles caused 1,122 deaths, falls 1,929, drownings, 475, burns 259, street cars 128, railroad 51, and others died from various causes.

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Auditor Attacks Statement Made At Rail Hearing

LEWISTON, Ind., Sept. 12 (AP)—J. M. O. Dadds, Portland auditor for the Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada railway commission, today attacked a statement made at a hearing held last week by the commission, which he said was "disparaging to the public interest."

Dadds attacked an elaborate statement showing the income, profit and loss of the W. H. & N. from 1921 to 1927. This showed an annual loss ranging from \$2,531,148 in 1921 to \$3,811,459 in 1927.

Portions of the statement as to traffic, division of work, and other matters were read by the commission.

Al Smith Fires Volley at Drive By 'Whisperers'

Denies Charge That He Was Intoxicated at State Fair and Calls Accusation Slander

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 12 (AP)—Taking cognizance for the first time since his nomination of what has been termed a "whisperer" campaign against him, Governor Alfred E. Smith, democratic nominee for the presidency, yesterday issued a statement for publication today in which he charged that slander is being circulated against him. His statement, headed "nullifying a lie in the whispering campaign," dealt with the charge that he had been "disgracefully intoxicated" two weeks ago at the New York state fair at Syracuse.

The statement recites that a socially prominent Mrs. William J. Bauer of Parkersburg, W. Va., received a letter from Mrs. Florence Sanford of Syracuse, declaring that Mrs. Sanford had been seated by the box seat by that of Governor Smith on Thursday of state fair. The Mrs. Sanford letter, as quoted by the statement, said that Governor Smith was "disgracefully intoxicated, so much so that when he attempted to arise to make an address he had to be helped to his feet by two persons, one on each side."

Ask For Statement Friends of Smith in Parkersburg asked what truth could be attached to the letter and asked for a statement of fact from someone of a political party other than that of Smith.

This statement was issued by Senator George E. Pearson, chairman of the judiciary committee of the state senate and a prominent republican.

Senator Pearson's statement said in part: "Politically I am opposed to Governor Smith but I believe in a square deal even for political opponents."

"It so happens that I am a member of the advisory board of the state fair and that together with Henry Morgenthau Jr., I was designated as the governor's escort while he was at the fair. By reason of this assignment, I was with the governor substantially all of the day. I occupied an adjoining box to the governor while he was viewing the races."

"He made no speech from the box, he was not intoxicated. He showed no evidence of even having had a single drink, nor do I believe that he had."

"The governor made two addresses, one from the bandstand, the other at agricultural museum. I was most to him on both occasions. On neither occasion was there anything which would indicate that he had been drinking."

Following receipt of this statement:

Pierce and Butler Meet Requirements

RALEIGH, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP)—The final legal requirements have been complied with to place R. H. Pierce of The Dalles, and Walter M. Greer, of La Grande, in the running as competitors in the November election to fill the unexpired term of N. J. Sinnott in congress. This was the filing of Pierce's nomination by the democratic congressional committee of the second district and Greer's acceptance, which also has been received. The two are candidates in the regular election on Nov. 6 for the next full term in congress. As candidate for the short term begins next December and ending March 3 they will be voted on in a special election on the same date.

FORCED DOWN

HOKAN, Sept. 12 (AP)—Nick Mauer, Spokane entrant in the non-stop trans-continental race from New York to Los Angeles was forced down, unhurt, at Rood, Wyo., at 9:28 this morning, according to a telegram received here by his wife, Mauer was flying a Buhl aeroplane.

OCEAN FLIERS ATTEND

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12 (AP)—Spectators attending the national air races at Mines Field today had the unusual opportunity of seeing the first woman and the first man to make non-stop Atlantic flights.

Last night Miss Amelia Earhart was at Casa Grande, Ariz., the last stop on her flight across the continent to attend the aeronautical show in progress here.

At the same time, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh who thrilled the race crowd yesterday by flying at 200 miles an hour in during storm performance said he would appear in the air again today for more aerial acrobatics.

BASEBALL

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FOUR REMAIN IN AIR RACE TO THE WEST

Haldeman Crosses Nevada Line Today—Columbia Seen Over Tulsa

SPOKANE FLIER IS FORCED DOWN

Colonel Lindbergh In Attendance at Los Angeles Circus—Miss Earhardt on Her Way.

MINES FIELD, Los Angeles, Sept. 12 (AP)—News of four transcontinental non-stop planes were believed still pointed from the eastern skies toward the finish line of the national air races here.

Of the nine which took off from the famous trans-Atlantic runway at Roosevelt Field, N. Y., yesterday, four were forced down and one crashed.

Those thought still to be driving toward the chalk line on this carnival field, where \$22,500 in prizes have been hung up, are: Art Goebel, who achieved fame in winning the Dole Pacific flight last year. He is piloting a White Lockheed-Vega plane, the "Yankee Doodle."

George Haldeman, pilot for Ruth Elder on the trans-Atlantic flight that ended in mid-ocean, Haldeman is at the stick of a Scarlett Dolan.

Lieutenant Commander Jack Beaman, U. S. N., driving a silver and yellow Bellanca, the "Columbia." Emil "Hard Luck" Bergin, in an orange and black Bellanca.

HALDEMAN IN NEVADA WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 12 (AP)—A telegram from George Haldeman, pilot of one of the planes entered in the trans-continental non-stop air race, saying that he had just crossed the state line into Nevada and was "going strong" was received here at 11:28 this afternoon by the Haldeman Aircraft corporation.

The message was dropped from Haldeman's plane.

COLUMBIA OVER TULSA

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 12 (AP)—Lieut. Commander Jack Beaman, flying Charles A. Levine's trans-Atlantic monoplane, the Columbia, in the New York-to-Los Angeles non-stop air race, passed over Tulsa at 11:28 today.

It was the first of the five planes remaining in the race to be seen here. The plane circled McIntyre airport at a height of about 400 feet and the pilot dropped a message in a sack, telling his identity and asking that the word be telegraphed New York.

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