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THE WEATHER

Oregon: Unsettled, probably local showers tonight and Saturday, moderate temperature.

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LEGION PLOT IS DEDICATED AT CEMETERY

Services Held Both at G. A. R. and Legion Plots on Memorial Day.

EX-SERVICE MEN DINNER GUESTS

The Rev. J. George Walz is Speaker at Annual Services Held at Summerville Cemetery.

With a large present, in spite of threatening weather, Memorial day services were held yesterday morning at the Masonic cemetery both at the G. A. R. graves and at the American Legion plot.

Mr. Oliver, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and an ex-minister of the gospel, gave the invocation at the G. A. R. plot and the memorial services were read by Commander A. J. Martin and Mr. Oliver.

Following the services at the cemetery, which were preceded by a parade, the W. H. C., assisted by the legion auxiliary, served a dinner at the K. of P. hall for veterans and their families.

The legion committee for the day was: Mr. Bailey, chairman, Norman Desler and Earl Beaman. The Grand Induction of the nation should know," said the Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at the Memorial day services held at Summerville cemetery.

ENDEAVORERS WILL ATTEND LOSTINE MEET

Several carloads of Christian Endeavorers of La Grande either drove to Laidlaw this afternoon, or will go tomorrow morning to be present at the Laidlaw annual spring convention of the Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor Union which opens at Lostine this evening.

From all indications, the registered attendance at this convention will be unusually large. This union includes Union, Wallawa, Baker and Grand counties. The convention continues through Sunday.

A very strong program has been arranged with a number of outstanding speakers from out of this district being speakers Ross Gully, of Eugene, field secretary of the Oregon, U. E. Union, Miss Viola O'Brien, of Portland, executive secretary and Mrs. Effie Tithley, of Milton, vice president for eastern Oregon will be present.

Walt of the La Grande Presbyterian church and Rev. H. E. Patterson of the La Grande church of Christ will be on the program also. Robert W. Leap, of Baker is the president of this union and will have supervision of the convention.

Resigns Post As Phone Manager, Effective June 1

S. D. Crowe to Give His Attention to other Business Matters—F. G. Henning is Promoted.

The resignation of Dean Crowe, manager of this district for the West Coast Telephone company and for many years head of the old Home Independent company, was announced today and will take effect June 1.

Under the original terms of sale of the local company to the West Coast organization, Mr. Crowe was asked to remain with the new company five years and a contract to that effect was entered into, in order that the details and inner organization of the consolidation with the larger company could be effected efficiently.

Mr. Crowe has accomplished this more rapidly than had been expected and has reached a mutually satisfactory settlement with the West Coast officials regarding the remaining four years of the contract. He is thus able to gain release immediately and will give his attention to other business matters that have been pressing for attention. His plans for the future are indefinite but he expects to remain in La Grande for several months, at least.

Mr. Crowe said this morning that everything had worked out to his entire satisfaction, the success of the consolidation being such that there was no necessity for him remaining with the company further. H. C. Allen, general commercial manager of the West Coast company from the main office at Everett, Wash., has been in La Grande the last few days working out the arrangements. He expressed keen appreciation for Mr. Crowe's year of service with the new company. F. G. Henning, who has been with the local company off and on for the last 20 years, will become district manager, he announced. Mr. Henning is district plant supervisor at present.

Home Products Show Will Open Here Tonight

With the hostesses prepared and everything arranged, the Home Products show will open this evening in the Sackajawa Inn ball room, sponsored by the Union county association of consumers. Exhibitors and display are present, about 20 in number, from every section of the county.

An entertainment program, including the giving away of prizes, has been arranged both for tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening. Bill Dollar will speak each time before the prizes, which are valued at \$100, are distributed.

Prizes will be given away at 8:30 tonight, 21 at 10 o'clock, 15 at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and 22 each at 8:30 and 10 o'clock Saturday night. Prizes have been donated by 27 Union county citizens.

Robber Escapes In O.-W. Yards From Policeman

The fact that the back door to the W. N. Gilbert hardware store was unlocked last night prevented a robbery, and furnished some excitement for an intruder and Frank McCoy, night policeman.

Mr. McCoy was making his regular rounds and found the back door of the store open. He went in to look in just in time to see someone carrying a white shirt, starting toward the front door. The policeman gave chase, the intruder leading him to the door and standing in his face. He then rushed toward the O.-W. yards with Mr. McCoy giving chase.

The chase occurred just about 1 o'clock this morning. The would-be robber entered the store by means of an upstairs window.

SCHOOL DAYS CLOSE UNTIL NEXT AUTUMN

Assembly Held at High School at 1 o'clock this Afternoon.

GRADE CHILDREN RECEIVE CARDS

Franklin Eberhard Selected as District Representative in Thomas A. Edison Contest.

School days ended for 122 seniors of La Grande High school this afternoon, when an assembly was held in the auditorium at 1 o'clock, annually closing the high school semester. Grade school children of Riveria, Willow, Greenwood and Central also closed the 1928-29 year this afternoon when they reported to receive their report cards.

After today, all schools in the city closed for the summer vacation period, to resume again next September. Franklin Eberhard Selected At the high school it was announced that Franklin Eberhard, 17-year-old senior, had been selected in this district in the Thomas A. Edison contest for an outstanding American boy. Franklin will be among 19 other Oregon boys from which a state winner will be selected June 1, and the state winner will go to Washington, D. C., to represent the District of Columbia, will go to West Orange, N. J., to receive a \$2000 scholarship, to be awarded the national winner. Each state winner (Continued on Page 5)

EVERY MAN HITS AND PIRATES WIN

Baker Beaten 8 to 2 in Exhibition Game—Baker Here Sunday

Their bats colliding with William Brauer's slants for a total of 14 hits, the La Grande, Pirates walloped the Baker Elephants 8 to 2 in an exhibition game at Baker yesterday. Red Alexander hit a home run in the fourth inning but no one was on base.

Cecil Duff added another well- pitched game to his recent string, holding the Elephants to five hits and two runs. One safety went for extra bases, Cook getting a two-bass drive in the fourth. La Grande scored twice in the opening frame, King and Stokke crossing the plate as a result of a base on balls, an error, a fielder's choice and two singles. From then on the Pirates were never headed, adding runs in the second, fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth. Baker scored in the fourth and sixth.

Two double plays ended the game, each infield contributing one. This was the second meeting of the two clubs this season, La Grande winning both games.

A third game, to count in Blue Mountain league standings, will be played.

Weather Is Burning Issue at Union With Livestock Show Opening Near—Large Exhibition of Stock Sure

The weather is no longer a feeble attempt at conversation in Union but a real live, burning issue. Will it rain, or will there be a general stock show, June 5, 6 and 7? A thing certain, officials of the show state, there will be the greatest variety and probably the best quality represented in the livestock exhibition, exceptionally fast horses in the races, and no end of new features. The new action of Honey Holcomb's stock show down and his trained pig alone will be worth the price of admission, it is asserted.

Educational features at the stock show will be particularly interesting this year with representatives of a half dozen state and federal institutions displaying their wares. The game commission has a dozen pairs of the prairie in which will be shown; the biological survey will have experts on hand who will graphically illustrate their campaigns against the coyote and ground squirrels, while the Forest Service will illustrate the importance of the national forests to livestock men by a comprehensive display. The Eastern Oregon Experiment station will again be represented with stock from the big 600 acre experimental farm at Union as in years past.

Three Horse Teams At least three six horse teams will cavort around the arena when that class is called, promises Will Vogel, field representative of the stock show who has been scouring the country for fine horseflesh and otherwise boosting the show in his inimitable manner. Mr. Vogel is

Stanford Leads In Prelims At Franklin Field

Rothert Breaks Intercollegiate Record Twice in Shot—Kibby Tosses Javelin 204 Feet.

By Allan J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) FRANKLIN FIELD, Philadelphia, May 31 (AP)—Stanford, favorite to win the intercollegiate A. A. A. track and field championships for the third year in a row, got off to a good start today when the Cardinal weight ace, Harold Rothert, hurled the 16-pound iron ball to a new meet record of 50 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Rothert's toss barely displaced the former I. C. A. A. record, 50 feet 1 inch, made by his teammate, Eric Krenz, last year. Krenz was off form and did not better than about 46 feet on his first two attempts. Barney Herlinger, Pennsylvania's all-around star, excelled anything he has ever done before in the shot put by tossing 49 feet 3 1/2 inches. He had never surpassed 48 feet previously.

Weather Hot Scarcely a handful of spectators braved the boiling sun to witness the trial events, which pave the way for tomorrow's championship finals.

The javelin trials also saw Stanford's stars in the fore. Leo Kibby, 17-year-old senior, had been selected in this district in the Thomas A. Edison contest for an outstanding American boy. Franklin will be among 19 other Oregon boys from which a state winner will be selected June 1, and the state winner will go to Washington, D. C., to represent the District of Columbia, will go to West Orange, N. J., to receive a \$2000 scholarship, to be awarded the national winner. Each state winner (Continued on Page 5)

Progress Made At Reparations Meet in Paris

PARIS, May 31 (AP)—Germany and the credits, experts today agreed on the question of lifting the ban on the German railways and sea services. German conditions to acceptance of the Young plan. It was definitely decided also that the question of the reimbursement of Belgium for German wartime marks shall be eliminated from the experts' report leaving their differences to be settled by the two governments to negotiate their differences.

There now remain for settlement the question of the moratorium asked by Germany and the manner in which the last 21 annuities shall be paid.

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Thousands Flock to Bathing Beaches, with Several Drownings.

WARMTH REACHES UP TO ONTARIO

Mercury up to 96 in Boston and at Corinth, New York, Temperature 110 Above.

NEW YORK, May 31 (AP)—More than a score of deaths from heat and drownings marked one of the hottest Memorial days in the east.

Thousands flocked to the sweltering cities to seek relief at bathing beaches, while highways were jammed with automobiles adding to the toll many deaths and injuries from collisions.

In New York city the temperature rose to 83 degrees while a humidity of 92 per cent added to the discomfort. Four persons died from the heat, four others were prostrated and there were nine drownings.

It was 96 in Boston. In New England, five persons died from the heat and four were drowned. At Corinth, near Glen Falls, N. Y., the temperature was 110 degrees. Three drownings occurred in the upper New York state.

Three persons drowned in New Jersey and at Meadville, Pa., a Civil war veteran dropped dead after taking part in a parade. Pittsburgh, Pa., reported a high temperature of 93 degrees, one death from heat and five from drowning.

The heat was extended into Ontario, Canada, with a temperature of 92 degrees at Toronto. In the province there were two deaths from heat and two drownings.

ARGENTINE IN COLD WAVE BUENOS AIRES, May 31 (AP)

A cold wave gripped the entire Argentine today. At Ciudad Mendoza the temperature was 25 degrees Fahrenheit, three persons dying of the cold. Snow and freezing temperatures were reported from other sections of the republic, the snow falling in some places interfering with railroad traffic.

Imbler High Will Play Here Saturday

With one win and two losses in high school baseball games, Imbler will play Imbler and Cove American Legion junior league nine will play Imbler high here tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the high school field. This will be the last game of the season for the Imbler team, which won the Eastern Oregon championship.

Imbler was leading 12 to 4 in the first game, played at Imbler, when it was necessary to stop play in the fifth inning because of rain. The game had progressed far enough to stand as a contest however.

QUAKE FATAL TO 33 BUENOS AIRES, May 31 (AP)

Earthquakes yesterday in two Argentine villages took a toll of 33 dead and more than 100 injured.

Children Free First Day

All children will be admitted free the first day of the stock show, it is announced. This is an unusual custom and will mark the opening day as usual. The opening day, Wednesday, has been designated as "Baker Day" but could be as well called "Cattle and Horse Raiser's day" as the members of the state association of that name will attend that day with the Baker delegation, coming directly from their meeting at Baker Monday and Tuesday.

Governor Patterson of Oregon will be seen at the Eastern Oregon stock show on Thursday. The secretary of the Portland Cement company, visitors at the stock show will be welcome to attend this demonstration, according to announcement and observe the construction of this important sanitary feature, which is especially designed for the farm home or homes in districts without sewer facilities.

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WINNERS



Ray Keech



Louis Meyer

Here are two of the men who finished among the first three in the annual Memorial day auto classic at Indianapolis. Above is Ray Keech, winner, and below is Meyer, who finished second.

RAY KEECH WINS MEMORIAL RACE

Approximately \$40,000 in Cash will be Received by Philadelphian.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 31 (AP)—Approximately \$40,000 in cash and several trophies will be given Ray Keech, Philadelphia, here tonight for having won the seventeenth annual 500-mile automobile race yesterday at the speedway.

The presentation will be made at a banquet for the drivers who will divide there a purse of \$101,500. Each of the 23 pilots who started the long grind will receive some money regardless of his position at the end.

Used as they are to sudden death within their ranks, the racers were shocked at the accident which resulted in the passing of Bill Spence of Los Angeles. Spence died from a fractured skull a short time after his car had turned over early in the contest. It was the first fatality on the local track in ten years.

Louis Meyer, High Gate, Cal., the 1928 American driving champion who finished second yesterday will be given checks for about \$15,000. Jimmy Gleason of Philadelphia who was third will be rewarded with about \$7,000 in cash.

In addition to winning a fortune by his clever driving, Keech gathered 1000 points toward the 1929 driving championship. Keech kept from obscurity by a little more than a year ago when he established a world's record speed of 207 miles an hour on a mile straightaway course.

Speeding Car Is Cause of Wreck

A green coach or sedan, driven by a negro, caused considerable trouble yesterday on the Old Grove Trail highway near the Glover overhead crossing, causing one wreck and frightening other drivers, several of whom reported dodging the speeding car narrowly.

The machine slipped a wheel from a rear driven by W. J. Patton, causing it to go into the ditch, and throwing a fire and gas from the front tank. The little 2 1/2 was bruised but no one else was injured.

The negro did not stop their machine. Police called Pendleton to apprehend them but no reports of their arrest have been received here.

Joe Thomas, of 1309 J. avenue, was injured in an automobile accident yesterday and was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital. He is hurt about the chest but his condition is not serious. It was reported today.

Labor Party Is Still Short of Clear Majority

Capture 278 Seats in House of Commons but Needs 30 of 47 Unreported to Have Control.

LONDON, May 31 (AP)—Despite the smashing successes scored by the labor party in the general election at the expense of the conservatives, enough returns were in hand this evening to show that the laborites could not secure an absolute majority in the commons over all other parties.

LONDON, May 31 (AP)—The labor party at 5:40 p. m. had captured 278 seats in the house of commons, scoring a lead of 42 seats over the conservatives but needing 30 of the 47 seats still unreported to obtain a clear majority.

Stanley MacDonald, third of the leaders of the three great parties to be heard from, scored a tremendous triumph in the Seaham division of Durham. In a landslide of votes granting confidence to the labor chief, Mr. MacDonald rolled up 35,615 votes against 6,821 for his conservative opponent, 5,266 for his liberal opponent and 1431 for the communist candidate.

Premier Baldwin's victory at Bewdley, Worcestershire, was his first three-cornered fight. He polled 16,533 votes for 2,575 for the laborite Hancock and 7,186 for the liberal Carter, giving him a plurality of 6,832 over both his opponents.

Lloyd George Wins Lloyd George also came through from his own constituency of Carnarvon, Wales, by a wide margin, the vote being as follows: Lloyd George, 16,447; J. Bowen Davies, conservative, 7,513, and Thomas A. Rhye, labor, 4,534.

Premier Baldwin's son, Oliver Baldwin, and Lloyd George's daughter, Megan, also will be in the next house of commons with their parents.

Oliver Baldwin, who returned from Dudley, Worcestershire, in the same county as his father, is a laborite and for some years has been opposed to policies of his father's party.

Ten Women Elected Megan Lloyd George on the other hand's a liberal. The same as her father, she was returned with a strong plurality.

There were eight women in the recently dissolved parliament, but already today at least ten were in the new parliament, of whom six were elected on the labor ticket. The women returned thus far were the American-born heiress Lady Astor; whose husband is a laborite; a Mrs. P. M. P. who is a laborite; and the Duchess of Atholl.

Lynchburg And Houston, Texas Hit By Floods

HOUSTON, Texas, May 31 (AP)—Lynchburg was inundated today and the 200 residents of that town, about 20 miles from Houston, were sitting on a hillside about a quarter of a mile away, and watching the water flow through their homes and business houses.

The residents fled before the swollen San Jacinto river swept over the town. Property damage here will run near the half million mark before the water subsides, it was estimated. No deaths had been reported.

Three Shot Down Today in Chicago

CHICAGO, May 31 (AP)—Two detectives and one other person were shot and killed on the north side today by Fred Brown, who was believed to have become suddenly insane while arguing with his wife. Two other detectives and another person were wounded.

The dead are: Sergeant John Conley, Detective Herbert Haggren, John Chorasak, 37.

The wounded: Detective Joseph A. Murphy, Detective McIntire, Gus Jales.

Airman Injured Near Haines, Ore.

BAKER, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Roy D. Lamar, Vancouver, B. C. aviator, received a broken leg and severe body bruises last night when he was struck by a 4 1/2-ton driver on the Old Oregon Trail between North Powder and Haines. Lamar was picked up soon after he was struck, and brought to a hospital here. He said he left a Salt Lake City hospital recently, and was on his way to Tacoma.

Eugene Newsom Is New Rotary Chief DALLAS, Texas, May 31 (AP)—Eugene Newsom of Durham, N. C., was named president of Rotary International at the closing session of the twentieth annual convention here today.

FARM RELIEF ACCORD NEAR, SOLONS HOPE

Conferees of Two Houses Fail to Reach Any Decision Today.

ACTION MAY COME TOMORROW, BELIEF

Other Matters Discussed at Session with Debuture Plan Likely to be Settled Soon.

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The farm relief conference committee resumed its negotiations today, hopeful of an early agreement on the export debenture plan and all other differences in the two farm bills passed separately by the senate and house.

Senator McNary of Oregon, chairman of the conference, said he expected the committee to conclude its work in less than tomorrow while Representative Hagen, of Iowa, ranking house member of the committee, declared he saw no reason for prolonging discussions.

Resumption of discussions was taken to mean that the senate conferees would recede from the debenture section and take the controversy to the senate for decision. None of the conferees, however, would comment on this.

After the meeting conferees declined to discuss the debenture proposition but Senator McNary did say the committee will get to that all right.

To Meet Tomorrow The conference group arranged to meet tomorrow. This was taken at the capital to indicate that the committee was proceeding under an understanding implied but not expressed, that the debenture section will be eliminated from the bill as recommended by the conference committee.

At today's session McNary said the committee had agreed on what would be contained in the declaration of position for the farm bill. He added there also had been a general discussion over how many members there should be in the proposed farm board and whether the salary of the chairman should be fixed by the president or by congress.

Douglas County Prune Crop Big

ROSBURG, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Predicting that Douglas county will harvest one of the largest prune crops in its history, and placing the probably volume at fifteen million pounds, the Douglas Cooperative Prune association feels that the outlook at this time is "excellent." A report was issued by the organization yesterday. Shortage of many fruits reported in California was said to be a factor in the prune market.

Slayer of Three Dies in The Chair

LINCOLN, Neb., May 31 (AP)—Henry Sherman, 23 year old slayer of three persons, died in the electric chair at the Nebraska state penitentiary early today.

Sherman's crime included the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pochon, his employers on a ranch near Barwood, the slaying of Mrs. Elizabeth Pochon, mother of the former, the violation of 14 year old Nellie Pochon, and the beating of a six months old baby.

Pope Celebrates 72nd Anniversary

VATICAN CITY, May 31 (AP)—Pope Pius XI celebrated his 72nd birthday actively at work granting audiences and answering correspondence today.

His business postponed until later his replies to whole sheaves of congratulatory telegrams and cables, which literally inundated his secretarial staff.

The confite, who was born at Desio, Italy, May 31, 1857, and named Achille Ratti, is still in vigorous health.

Table with 2 columns: League Name, Score. Includes American League Games and National League Games.

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