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SAWMILL TO BE ERECTED NEAR ELGIN

Hanford F. Reed Purchases Machinery; Announces His Plans.

ANNUAL PAYROLL TO BE \$60,000.00

Construction will be Started in Near Future with Operations to Begin late in Summer.

Decision to erect a sawmill near Elgin was reached this week by Hanford F. Reed, lumberman of that district. Mr. Reed states that he has purchased a modern seven-foot band mill with all the necessary appliances and equipment and will start construction of the building in the near future.

The mill will be located in the southwest part of Elgin, near the planting mill of the Ponderosa Pine Lumber company, according to the Elgin Recorder. Mr. Reed has secured options on two pieces of property, but is as yet undecided as to which one he will choose for the permanent location of the mill.

The new plant will cut between 25,000 and 40,000 feet of lumber each working day. Mr. Reed has effected an arrangement with the Ponderosa Pine Lumber company, whereby they will handle the manufacture and sale of his entire output. The annual payroll is expected to be in excess of \$60,000.

The logs will be hauled from privately owned timber tracts west and northwest of town, principally by motor trucks. The timber will be purchased and the logging done by Reed, for the most part, but he plans to buy logs on a delivered at the mill basis. "The convenient location of the mill right here in town will give the owners of small tracts of timber an opportunity to dispose of their logs. There has never been a mill located in just such a place that these people could economically transport the logs to the mill site," Mr. Reed stated. A supply of logs from both sources to keep the new plant in operation over a period of ten or fifteen years is in sight, he also stated.

Bought From Menefee The machinery and equipment in its entirety was purchased from the L. B. Menefee Lumber company, and stands in Ladd Canyon, where it was operated by that company.

Although work on the erection of the new mill will start within the next thirty or forty days, or as soon as the present cut is completed at the Reed mill seven miles north of Elgin, it will not be in actual operation until late this summer.

The old mill will be dismantled as soon as the machinery is sold. The Elgin mill will be new from the ground up, a larger and more efficient plant, with an increased payroll and a larger capacity, the many of his previous timber operations.

AIRMEN WILL PHOTOGRAPH LOCAL TIMBER

Airplane views of Union county timber sections will be taken this week by the Commercial Airways of Portland under the supervision of T. V. Arrieter, chief executive of the company, who is in this city. Mr. Arrieter, with his photographer and pilot and one of his company planes, has been here for several days but no filming can be done until the sky is clearer. The pictures will be taken from a Fokker triplane, which is installed in the bottom of the plane, looking directly down. C. D. DeBuse, of Portland, a former navy man, is the photographer and Jack Hohver is the pilot. The plane is now at the La Grande air field.

AIRMAN KILLED

SEAL BEACH, Cal., June 21 (AP)—Charles Penn Warden, 25, of Pasadena, was killed and Walter Cole, 19, also of Pasadena, was seriously injured when their plane crashed from a height of 300 feet.

COLONEL DIES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21 (AP)—Colonel E. R. Martindale, in command of the harbor reserves at Fort Winfield Scott, died suddenly of a heart attack.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—27 above. Minimum: 45 above. Condition: mostly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 74, minimum 45 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER JUNE 21, 1929

Maximum 79, minimum 53 above. Condition: clear.

Summer Arrives On Longest Day; Mercury Climbs

Weather Here Nearly 80 at 1:30—San Francisco Finds heat Records Surpassed.

Summer, long over due, has apparently as well as actually arrived in the Oregon country. Yesterday the maximum in La Grande was over 79 and at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, in spite of a few clouds in the sky, the street thermometers registered all the way from 72 to 80 above.

Southern Oregon has already been plunged into real summer. Yesterday the temperature in Medford reached 86 above, gladdening the hearts of the Rogue River valley orchardists.

CALIFORNIA SWEATERS SAN FRANCISCO, June 21 (AP)—The year's longest day was on record as the hottest June 21 in more than 50 years here today as the United States weather bureau thermometer recorded 92 degrees shortly before noon with indications that the 95 mark would be reached before sunset.

Records of the weather bureau dating back to 1874 contain only one June 21 when the temperature neared that of today. In 1921 on that date the mercury mounted to 90 degrees, two less than that under which San Francisco and vicinity sweated near noon today. Clites throughout California were in the grip of intense heat yesterday, the highest temperature being recorded at Brawley, where the maximum was 113. Other high spots were reported as follows: Imperial Valley 112; Chino 102; Redlands 104; Paso Robles 105; Riverside 104; San Bernardino 110; Sacramento 100; Romona 100; Modesto 100; San Jose 96; Los Angeles 92; Fresno 90; Santa Barbara 98; and Santa Rosa 98.

EASTERN HEAT WAVE BROKEN

NEW YORK, June 21 (AP)—The heat wave which has kept the east sweating for over a week was broken today. The temperature held within the seventies in New York during the day and other parts of the east reported corresponding cool weather. The temperature had remained in the 60's during the night giving New Yorkers their first comfortable night in some days.

90 RIBOVE IN FRESNO FRESNO, Cal., June 21 (AP)—Temperature of 99 degrees here this noon brought the prediction from the United States weather bureau that the day's maximum would reach 104 degrees, slightly above normal.

Man Wanted In California Held By Police Here

James Gillespie, alias Gilbert Calhoun, a parole violator from Pooleton prison, California, was arrested in La Grande yesterday and is being held in jail here awaiting the arrival of an officer from Sheriff C. A. Swelter's department in Riverside, Cal. A wire received today said that an officer would leave Riverside Sunday for La Grande. Gillespie, who was using the name of Calhoun when arrested here, had been sentenced to 15 years for first degree burglary and, after five years, had been paroled. He left San Francisco in his father's car and accompanied by two women, his father's step-daughter, Nora Davis, and a little girl. When arrested here he was accompanied by the step-daughter.

Labor In Favor Of Earlier Closing

Meeting in mid-month session, the Central Labor council last night went on record as favoring an earlier closing hour for stores on Saturday night.

A letter was also read from the American Federation of Labor asking the local organization to aid in combating home-to-home peddlers and instead, patronize local merchants.

Father Of Local Teacher Is Dead

Word was received in La Grande last evening of the death of George Mitchell which occurred yesterday at Montello, Wisconsin. Mr. Mitchell was the father of Mrs. E. A. McEachern, of La Grande, principal of the Central school. Mr. and Mrs. McEachern left La Grande May 21 to go to Wisconsin to see her father, who at that time was very ill.

BODY FOUND

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 21 (AP)—The body of Elmer Freeman, 39, of Woodland, Wash., was found in the Lewis river last night. He had apparently fallen into the river while fishing. He is survived by a widow and three children.

YANKS DROP FIRST GAME TO MACKMEN

Athletics Pound Three New York Pitchers for Sixteen Hits.

SIMMONS DRIVES OUT TWO HOMERS

Sixty-Five Thousand Fans Crowd Into Yankee Stadium to Witness "Little World Series."

NEW YORK, June 21 (AP)—The New York Yankees earned an even break in today's double header with the Athletics, by taking the night cap, 8 to 3. Babe Ruth drove in seven runs with two homers and a single. Hoyt pitched against Earnshaw and Shores.

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, June 21 (AP)—The Athletics pounded three Yankee pitchers, in Penneck, for 16 hits before 65,000 fans here today to win the first game of the doubleheader 11 to 1. Bob Grove hung up his eleventh victory as Al Simmons hit his fifteenth and sixteenth home runs. Haas also hit for the circuit.

Simmons pounded Yankee hurlers for five hits in five times at bat and drove in three runs. Miller batted in five markers. The victory increased the lead of the Mackmen over the champions to eight and one-half games.

Huggins Surprises Fans Miller Huggins surprised the fans somewhat by starting Penneck instead of Hoyt. Connie Mack ran true to form with Grove, who up to today had won ten and lost only one. The weather was perfect if a bit warm.

Babe Ruth assumed his customary place in right field at the start of the game.

First Game: R. H. E. Philadelphia 11 16 4 New York 3 7 3 Put in a worse hole than ever by Grove's impressive 11 to 1 victory over Penneck in the opening 75 cents is made to those under 14 and one dollar for adults. An effort is being made to teach every boy and girl in La Grande to swim and also to learn life saving. The Boy Scouts and the Red Cross are backing the swim week and hope to make it a great success. There was a large registration for swim

Hoyt's record is 8 won and 3 big righthander from Baltimore, who has won just as many games as Hoyt, and lost one less started.

SWIM WEEK WILL OPEN ON MONDAY

John Allen Jr., of Eugene, to be in Charge of La Grande Classes.

John Allen Jr., of Eugene, who will instruct the boys and girls of this city in swimming, will start his classes Monday. There has been much delay due to the accident which happened at Crystal Plunge last week. It is explained, however, the pool has been inspected by Dr. A. L. Richardson, city health officer, and he has expressed his views of the sanitation of the pool as excellent.

Registration is being taken at the Boy Scout office and this must be done immediately as there is only one more day. A charge of 75 cents is made to those under 14 and one dollar for adults. An effort is being made to teach every boy and girl in La Grande to swim and also to learn life saving. The Boy Scouts and the Red Cross are backing the swim week and hope to make it a great success. There was a large registration for swim

Lutherans Against Sunday Blue Laws

CHICAGO, June 21 (AP)—Over-strict sabbath observance and blue laws were condemned today at the 34th triennial convention of the Evangelical Lutheran synod as not faithfully interpreting Christianity and as causing harm.

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Baker People Delighted With Band Concert Given Wednesday Night

The appearance of the La Grande municipal band in Baker in a concert Wednesday night resulted in much favorable comment from the Copper City.

THEORA HIX SLAYING IS CLEANED UP

Dr. Snook, Former Ohio State Professor, Confesses to Crime.

THREATS CAUSE OF ACT, HE SAYS

Struck Girl on Head With Hammer during Violent Quarrel in His Automobile June 13.

COLUMBUS, O., June 21 (AP)—The confession of Dr. James H. Snook, 49, dismissed Ohio State university professor, that he killed 25-year-old Theora Hix, his paramour, was ready for the county grand jury today, just one week from the day the girl was beaten and slashed to death. He killed her, he said, because she threatened the life of his infant child.

The confession, announced at midnight by County Prosecutor John J. Chester Jr., was held for the grand jury with Chester's prediction that a first degree murder indictment would be returned before evening.

Bringing to an end 23 hours of questioning, Snook lost his iron nerve, sobbing like a child, told the prosecutor and police heads that he was ready to "tell everything."

Used Hammer, Penknife The confession that followed declared that he had struck the girl on the head with a hammer during a violent quarrel in his automobile parked at a lonely residence near here on the night of June 13, and that resulting laceration of her skull was fatal.

The quarrel, he said, followed the girl's protests against his plan to leave the city over the weekend with his family and her threat to kill his wife and two-year-old daughter if he went. As the altercation became more bitter, the confession said, Miss Hix reached for her handbag in which at times she carried a small pistol that Dr. Snook had given her. Then followed the struggle in which Dr. Snook said he snatched up the hammer in the car and struck her on the head.

"She continued to fight desperately and an increasing number of blows of increasing force were necessary to stop her," he said. "Realizing then, no doubt, that her skull was fractured and to relieve her suffering, I severed her jugular vein with my pocket knife."

Flees From Murder Scene After he was convinced the girl was dead, Dr. Snook said he "proceeded to clean up the things that had been scattered during the struggle and hurriedly left the scene of the struggle, leaving her body at that point."

Dr. Snook said he then went home, tossing the girl's handbag in the Scioto river as he drove over a bridge. The gun, he said, was not in the purse.

Three Killed In Seaplane Wreck

MONTREAL, June 21 (AP)—The waters of the St. Lawrence river were being searched today for the body of C. K. Caldwell, chief pilot for Canadian Packers Ltd., Caldwell, Captain J. C. Jervis, former aide de camp to the governor-general of Canada, and Dr. William D. Morris were killed yesterday when a seaplane, piloted by Caldwell, struck a span of high tension wires and plunged into the river.

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Now They Can Write Story On Separation

BALENE, Cal., June 21 (AP)—Mrs. Lincoln Stephens, who wrote a few months ago, a magazine article on "How He Feels to be Married to an Old Man," won a divorce in superior court here yesterday. She charged Joseph Lincoln Stephens, internationally known writer and lecturer of California, with being "harsh and abusive" and he refused to speak to her, objected to her attending parties or dances and was jealous.

Seeks Repeal Of Oregon Dry Law

SALEM, Ore., June 21 (AP)—Initiative petitions seeking repeal of the state prohibition amendment have been filed in the state department here by H. H. Stafford, of Portland. The petition has been referred to the attorney general for a ballot title. In case sufficient signatures are obtained the measure will go on the ballot at the general election in November, 1929.

A similar measure was initiated by Mr. Stafford ten years ago, but failed to secure a sufficient number of signatures.

DR. HOLLEMAN SAFE

AMOIY, Fukien, China, June 21 (AP)—Dr. H. Holleman, Reformed Presbyterian church missionary in Southern Fukien who recently was abducted from his post by Communists, has arrived safely at Swatow and is expected at Amoy June 22. He escaped from the bandits after being held several days.

SAD NEWS FOR ROBBERS



Determined to break up the bank robbery industry, Portland (Ore.) police and bank tellers are co-operating in training. A facsimile of a bank window has been constructed at the police rifle range, and bank employees are taught to hold and tactics, and then invited to use the range to improve the accuracy of their shooting. Photo shows police demonstrating the work.

Woman Flier In Attempt To Set New Air Record

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., June 21 (AP)—Viola Gentry, former holder of the women's solo endurance flight record, and Charles W. Parkhurst, former instructor at Roosevelt field flying school, took off at 11:22:15 o'clock, Eastern daylight time, today on a refueling endurance flight.

They were flying a light biplane with a 110-horsepower engine. The plane is called "The Answer" and the refueling ship is called "The Exclamation Point," names recalling the title of the famous army endurance plane "The Question Mark."

The Exclamation Point will be flown by Emil Burian and the 10-foot hope will be handled at the refueling ship and by Harold Wilder. The Answer had 114 gallons of fuel when it went aloft and it was not planned to refuel until this evening.

The refueling endurance flight record is held by Rog Robbins and James Kelly, who kept the plane "Port Worth" in the air for 172 hours, 33 minutes and one second, beating the time of the army "Question Mark" by 21 hours 51 minutes and 10 seconds.

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Northwest Asks For Changes In Tariff Measure

Agricultural Interests Present Plan to Encourage Diversification of Crops.

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—The agricultural northwest carried a plea to congress today for changes in the house tariff bill that would further encourage crop diversification. Flax was the principal commodity mentioned.

Representative Burnett, republican, South Dakota, urged before the senate finance subcommittee on agriculture rates an increase to 70 cents a bushel in the present rate of 55 cents on flax seed. The house bill raises the duty to 63 cents.

The recent presidential proclamation increasing the Fordney-McCumber duty of 40 cents to 55 cents, Burnett said, was based on differences in cost of production in this country and Argentina, which took into consideration Argentine invoice prices including profits and other items of cost. American costs, he said, did not include profits.

It cost the domestic grower \$2.54 a bushel to law down flaxseed in New York, he said, against an Argentine cost of \$1.52. Burnett also urged a 20 per cent duty on millfeeds and screenings. The present rate of 15 per cent on millfeeds is reduced to ten per cent in the house bill, while the ten per cent duty on screenings is retained.

"The agriculture rates in the house bill," Burnett said, "are better than in any tariff bill in history, although they could be improved by raising them more in some instances."

F. G. Swoboda, Plymouth, Wisconsin, representing the National Cheese Producers Federation, recommended a duty of 8 cents a pound and not less than 40 per cent ad valorem on cheese against 5 cents and 25 per cent on butter and 7 cents and 35 per cent on the milk.

CLOSED UNIVERSE HELD POSSIBILITY

New Evidence Bearing on its Structure Laid Before Scientists.

By Oscar Leiding (Associated Press Science Editor) BERKELEY, Cal., June 21 (AP)—New evidence bearing on the structure of the universe has been laid before the American Association for the Advancement of Science with announcement of a study of three celestial bodies fainter and more distant than any whose light has ever before been analyzed.

Dr. Milton Humason and Dr. Francis P. Moore, of Mount Wilson observatory, presented the evidence, which included the measurement of the greatest velocity known in nature, 4,300 miles a second by one of the bodies.

All three bodies are moving away from the earth, the other two at speeds of 4,600 and 5,100 miles a second. Two are believed to be in a cluster near the pole of the Milky way, while the third is nearer the earth.

The bodies analyzed by their spectrums in the great 100-inch reflector of the observatory, are fifty million light years away from the earth. Each light year is equivalent to about 9,000,000,000,000 miles.

The significance of the work is thought to lie in the curious relation that where bodies are moving away from the earth, the more distant they are, the faster they appear to be moving.

This relation has been suggested as a clue to the structure of the universe. The theory is that velocities are directly and the displacements seen in the spectrum are not actual motions but distortions in light waves that have traveled enormous distances through space.

The distortions may be due to a curvature of space, predicted by Einstein in his theory of relativity. Thus, it is thought, further study may show that the universe is closed, exhibiting a fine volume with no boundaries, just as the surface of the earth is closed in two dimensions.

Federal Judge Favors Spanking

ST. LOUIS, June 21 (AP)—Federal Judge Charles R. Davis believes the government should have a "spanking department" for youthful offenders.

The court expressed this belief after hearing the cases of Michael Giff, 15, and Charles Myers, 15, both of Chicago, who pleaded guilty to unlawful interstate transportation of a stolen automobile from East St. Louis to St. Louis, April 4. The judge allowed the boys to go home after lecturing them and returning them to the two months and seventeen days they had served in jail, unable to give bond.

NEW REGENT MERGER HELD WITHIN LAW

Act of 1929 Legislature is Held Constitutional by High Court.

JUSTICE BELT GIVES OPINION Board of Higher Education, Appointed Early This Year, to Take Office July 1.

SALEM, Ore., June 21 (AP)—The act of the 1929 legislature creating a state board of higher education to have charge of the affairs of the University of Oregon, Oregon State college and state normal schools, is constitutional, according to an opinion of the state supreme court handed down here today.

The opinion was written by Justice Belt in a suit brought by L. Smith and other taxpayers of Portland against Governor Patterson and other state officials. All of the justices concurred in the opinion, with the exception of Justice Brown who is absent on account of illness.

"The 1929 act is a revisory statute," read the supreme court opinion. "It is not a revenue producing measure. There is merely a continuance of the tax levies previously authorized. No additional tax burden will be imposed. Whether this act is held constitutional or unconstitutional, plaintiff, by reason thereof, is obliged to pay the same amount of taxes. We can see no way in which he has been injured."

"In construing the statute we look to what the legislature had in mind to accomplish. Clearly there was no intention to create additional funds. The allocation of the funds was the problem which the legislature undertook to and did solve."

"The provisions of the prior statutes have been reenacted in the amendatory act and, in addition thereto, there have been incorporated certain sections pertaining to the control and management of institutions of higher education, all of which are germane to the title. No legislator who read the title of the amendatory act could have been misled as to its subject matter. The words 'to provide for the support of the state institutions of higher learning' are sufficiently broad and comprehensive for the reenactment of the tax levies in question."

"Assuming, but not deciding, that the act of 1929 as one regulating taxation and for that reason violates article IX, section 1A of the Oregon constitution is that an emergency was declared, it is immaterial in this proceeding as

Supreme Court Asked To Check Excise Tax Again

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—Massachusetts today asked the supreme court to reconsider its recent six to three decision in the Macallen case in which the court set aside as invalid excise taxes imposed on corporations.

The petition declared the decision threatened seriously to disrupt the tax systems of California, New York, Oregon, Washington and other states. California, Oregon and Washington have been permitted by the court to join Massachusetts in urging a rehearing.

Chokes Girl And Then Kills Self

CHICAGO, June 21 (AP)—Julius Krivda, 45, jumped to his death in the Chicago river last night several hours after he had choked his 15-year-old fiancee, Olga Kull, and left her for dead in Lincoln park.

The girl said she was compelled by her parents to consent to marry Krivda and that he attempted to kill her following a quarrel. Believing her dead, he killed himself.

College Orator Of U. S. Crowned

LOS ANGELES, June 21 (AP)—Lee King Souter, 25, a junior in William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo., last night won the college oratorical championship of the United States by defeating six other champions in the finals of the fifth national collegiate oratorical contest on the constitution.

Third place went to John Patrick McEnery, Santa Clara university, Santa Clara, Cal., who won the Pacific zone championship. He received a prize of \$750.

Frank Dolp Leads Seattle Golfer

SEATTLE, June 21 (AP)—Frank Dolp, Portland, grabbed a 2 hole lead over Ben Stein, Seattle, while Chandler Egan, Medford, Ore., and Malcom MacNaughton, Portland, were both "all square" at the end of first 9 holes of the championship semi-finals today in the Pacific Northwest Golf association.

LIONS ELECT CHIEF

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TODAY'S BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES R. H. E. Boston 7 16 2

Pittsburgh 14 18 0 Chicago 3 9 1 Batteries: McWeney, Morrison and Pincini; Cooney and Spohrer. (15 innings).

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