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THE WEATHER

Oregon fair tonight and Saturday with not much change in temperature. Moderate northwesterly winds on coast.

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FIRE LOSSES DURING HALF YEAR \$15054

Local Department Called Out 45 Times—June Lightest Month.

PROPERTY WORTH \$93,600 AT RISK

State Loss, Outside of Portland, Lowest Since 1925, Salem Reports Reveal.

During the first six months of this year, the fire loss in La Grande reached a total of approximately \$15,054. The use of the word approximately is made necessary by the fact that two totals included in the fire loss have not been completely adjusted, and estimates were made to cover these two.

The largest losses of the year were due to incendiarism. It is said, and had it not been for these, the total loss for the first six months would have been about \$2,000.

From January 1 to June 30, inclusive, the department was called out 45 times, and of this figure, three or four were false alarms. Two of the 45 calls were to fight grass fires.

Loss Below 20 Per Cent

The loss, in proportion to the value of the property at risk, was very small, records show. The property menaced by flames was worth the \$93,600, making the loss less than 20 per cent. Also, in some of the cases, the flames had such a start that there was no possibility of the department saving the house, the firemen being forced to direct their efforts to saving adjoining property, etc.

The figures for each month so far this year follow:

Table with 4 columns: Month, No. Fires, Prop. Value, Loss. Rows for Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June.

STATE LOSS GIVEN

SALISBURY, Ore., July 19 (Special)—Records in the department of State Fire Marshal Lee show that the fire losses for the first six months of 1929, outside of Portland, amounting to \$1,499,812, were \$27,000 less than for the first six months of 1928; were the lowest of any previous corresponding period since 1925, and \$259,983 below the average six months' losses for the five years previous.

June Loss Heavy

Dwellings and their contents suffered the heaviest of the June, 1929, fire losses with an aggregate of \$116,329, or 59 per cent of the total, in 45 of the 44 fires reported for the month. Six dwellings fires entailed losses of \$50,435. Burned dwellings, barns and outbuildings were damaged in the amount of \$50,000 or 25 per cent of the total, in 20 fires. The Owyhee irrigation project in Malheur county suffered a \$50,000 loss by fire at the dam and headworks. A Klammath Falls lumber yard fire \$7,000, and a theater fire at North Powder \$6,000, comprise the other major losses of over \$5,000 during the month.

In the list of known causes electricity and defective wiring

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MRS. THEISEN IS WINNER OF TOURNAMENT

Mrs. John Theisen, with a net score of 24, won first place in the sweepstakes tournament held at the country club course yesterday for the women golfers. Mrs. Theisen carried 51 and her handicap of 17 strokes saved her a 24.

Mrs. A. W. Nelson was second in the tournament with a gross of 48, a handicap of 12, and a net of 36.

Mrs. Don Tanner was third with a gross of 56, a handicap of 18, and a net of 38.

WEATHER TODAY

7:20 a. m.—67 above. Minimum 57 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 85, minimum 63 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER JULY 19, 1929

Maximum 75, minimum 56 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

Jones Law Will Be Called Upon In Local Cases

Federal Men, Assisted by Other Officers, Arrest Two on Liquor Sale Charges.

The Jones law, drastic federal weapon for use in certain cases of violation of the national prohibition act, is to make its appearance in two La Grande cases, according to federal agents who are working here in connection with state and county peace officers.

Late yesterday Mrs. Ethel Harrison and Johnny Nickelson, charged with sale of liquor, were taken before United States Commissioner Colon R. Eberhard and both were bound over to the federal grand jury under the national prohibition law.

To an Observer reporter the federal men declared that both cases would be prosecuted under the Jones act.

Both prisoners waived examination and bonds were placed at \$1,000 each. This amount was furnished by both in a short time.

The next step in the cases will be either an indictment by the federal grand jury or a true bill at Portland, depending upon the strength of the testimony presented.

The two arrests were made here in a campaign that has been under way for several days, resulting in several arrests. Yesterday the officers brought two Union men, John Jenkins and John Shore, into justice court here on charges of selling liquor. Jenkins was fined \$200 and Shore \$150.

Leonard Couch Seriously Hurt In Car Accident

Leonard Couch, prominent realtor of Wallowa, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Wallowa late this morning, according to a telephone call received by Mrs. C. G. Couch, at Island City, just before noon. At that time he was being taken to the Wallowa hospital.

Details of the accident had not been learned here today. Mr. Couch has many friends in Union county, being quite well known in La Grande and other nearby towns.

Mrs. Fields Dies Here During Night

Mrs. Cora Emma Fields passed away about 11 o'clock last night at the Grande Ronde hospital following a short illness. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with burial in the Masonic cemetery. The Women of Woodcraft, of which she was a member, will have charge of the services.

She was born Nov. 15, 1871 and has been a La Grande resident for many years. She leaves two brothers and three sisters, I. J. Stoll, of San Francisco; S. G. Stoll, of Hammond, Ind.; Mrs. Sarah Rhoads, of Anita, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Austin, of Low Angeles, and Mrs. J. B. Smith, of La Grande. Her husband, Ed Fields, passed away a few years ago.

Eddie Tolan Says He Defeated Percy

WINDSOR, Ont., July 19. (AP)—Eddie Tolan, of the University of Michigan, 199 and 200-yard sprint champion of the United States, today charged he was the victim of a "home-town decision" when he was adjudged beaten by Percy Williams in Vancouver last week. Tolan made the statement while passing through Windsor. He is en route to Europe with other athletes who are to tour the continent.

He said he had pictures which show him leading Williams by close to a foot at the finish. At the conclusion of the race, he said, the judges went into a lengthy conference, from which they agreed to announce that Williams had won by a close margin.

"I have been beaten before," said Tolan, "but never have felt that I was picked second when I actually finished first."

Pilot Killed In Refueling Test

DES MOINES, Ia., July 19. (AP)—Loss Arnold, pilot of the engineless monoplane, Greater Des Moines, was killed late yesterday when the plane crashed nine miles southeast of here. The crash followed an attempt at a test refueling preparatory to starting an endurance flight today. Charles Gatschet, co-pilot, was thrown from the plane but landed safely with a parachute.

Small Boy Starts Watermelon Price War

What is the best way to increase one's sales? One answer: Have a small boy start a price war. How? Ask Enterprise melon merchants, and they'll tell one all about it.

The watermelon market started to operate at Enterprise a few days ago on a safe and sane price margin, the Enterprise Record—Chieftain says, the first quotation being three and a half cents a pound. This price was chalked prominently on several of the grocery windows and the sale was fairly brisk, and then something happened.

Some small boys passing by one of the windows decided the price was too high so they erased the half cent from one sign. This was all right until discovered by another grocer who promptly lowered the price to 1 1/2 cents where it remained for several hours and then another grocer accepted the challenge and dropped the half cent on making the price even one cent a pound. Others followed this example and soon this was the price all over town.

By evening the stock of melons was practically exhausted as many customers, lured by the lowest price this year, bought several of the melons for consumption the next day.

HOOVER WILL JOIN TARIFF FIGHT, BELIEF

President Asks Commission for Report on Democratic Requests

MOVE COMES AS SURPRISE ACTION

Information to be Used by Hoover Himself or Else Turned Over to G. O. P. Senators.

WASHINGTON, July 19. (AP)—The Washington post today says "President Hoover has directed the tariff commission to give him a report of all democratic members of the house and democratic senators who have made requests of it."

"Presumably," it continued, "Mr. Hoover is preparing himself to get into the tariff fight. The president requests, caused considerable surprise. It cannot be, it is pointed out, that he has in mind reviewing the cases in which the democrats have been turned down with a view to revising the action of his predecessor. The conclusion must be that he is arming himself for the tariff fight, that he intends to use the information himself or plans to turn it over to the administration senators."

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 19. (AP)—Higher tariff on dried eggs as a means of encouraging establishment of drying plants in this section of the country to absorb small eggs and eggs of good quality which, however, are unmarketable, is sought by the Oregon poultrymen's association. The association adjourned its seventh annual session here yesterday, after election of officers.

Four Counties To Enter Girls In Beauty Race

Plans to make the beauty contest to be held in connection with the annual labor day celebration here in September, much larger than any held in the past, were discussed at a meeting of the Central Labor council committee last evening.

The idea at present is to select girls from each town and city in Union, Wallowa, Baker and Ematilla counties, who will be entered in the finals to be held in La Grande. All of the girls will sell tickets on a percentage basis, and there will be an attractive prize for the winner.

The council funds are now in charge of the general committee for the purpose of defraying preliminary expenses incident to the celebration.

A. W. Nelson has been appointed advertising and publicity chairman. Last night Everett Rosenbaum, treasurer of the council, who is to leave here for Salt Lake City the first of the month, submitted his resignation. A successor will be selected at the meeting next Thursday night.

BERGER IMPROVING MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 19. (AP)—Victor L. Berger, 69, former socialist congressman who suffered a skull fracture when struck by a street car Tuesday, was reported today to be "steadily improving."

Attending physicians expressed the opinion that, barring complications, he would recover. Messages poured in to the sick room from all parts of the world, expressing the hope of a speedy recovery.

FLOODS FATAL TO 20 HYDERABAD, India, July 19. (AP)—Floods following torrential rains through Sind have taken twenty lives. Standing crops such as cotton and rice, and houses on the low lying lands have been greatly damaged. Cattle losses have been heavy.

Fire Raging Today In Angora, Turkey

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 19. (AP)—A large part of the city of Angora was ravaged by fire today. Flames broke out at 2:00 a. m., and fanned by a strong wind, spread rapidly.

Six charred bodies were recovered in the ruined buildings when the fire was brought under control after burning 8 hours.

The total number of casualties had not been listed. It was estimated that more than 1,000 shops and houses were destroyed.

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Two Caravans To Be Welcomed By La Granders

Louisiana Special Will Stop Here Tonight—California Men Coming Sunday Evening.

Two caravans, consisting of prominent men from two southern states, California and Louisiana, are scheduled to pass through La Grande this weekend and in each case, the visitors will be given an informal greeting.

Sunday evening 44 dairymen from California, who are making a tour of this district, will be formally welcomed at the hotels here by a chamber of commerce committee, and literature concerning dairying in Union and Wallowa counties will be distributed to them.

Because of the lateness of their arrival and the earliness of their scheduled departure Monday morning, it will be impossible for the chamber to give them a luncheon, it was said today.

The Louisiana caravan, consisting of a distinguished group of 79 to 100 tourists, is to go through La Grande this evening on a special train. The visitors will be met at the station by the presidents of the chamber of commerce, the Rotary club, the Realty board and the Lions club—A. W. Nelson, Dr. Ray Murphy, Claude Berry and Jack Ferris.

The few minutes at the station will be spent in an informal welcoming and in distributing Union and Wallowa county literature among the visitors.

The Louisiana special arrived in Pendleton this morning and is spending the day there, getting better acquainted with one of the greatest wheat producing sections in the west. At the same time exhibit cars included in the special to see exhibits that, visually, to a degree, some of the major resources of the southern state.

The exhibit cars are the most comprehensive and complete yet assembled," said P. H. Wheeler.

DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 19. (AP)—A crowd of several hundred persons, many of them said to be communists sympathizers, today staged a demonstration in front of the Chinese consulate in Astor place which police reserves were required to disperse.

A number of arrests were made. The demonstration took place during the lunch hour period and attracted a large crowd.

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The same sources stated that Soviet airplanes were flying over Chinese territory in Northern Manchuria and dropping pamphlets urging the Chinese masses to support the Soviet.

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"Despite Moscow's severance of relations," the official said, "the Soviet remains faced with the responsibility of making the next move. The Nationalist government is following a policy of watchful waiting. Its leaders do not believe the Soviet will attempt to regain the Chinese Eastern railroad by force."

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FIRST 'CHUTE JUMP IS FATAL TO YOUNG MAN

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19. (AP)—His first parachute jump, proved fatal to Conrad Blatter, 21, of Kirk, Ore., late yesterday. The youth drowned in the Columbia river when adverse air currents bore him away from the stream after he had stepped from a plane over Vancouver field. It was Blatter's first flight.

Blatter made an excellent take-off from the plane and manipulated his parachute perfectly. Strong air currents, however, swept him over the Columbia and he landed in the stream and became entangled in the parachute.

Blatter lost his life, veteran fliers said, by disregarding the fundamental rule of parachute jumping—contingency over water—the rule that requires that the parachute be unfurled so the wearer will be free to swim.

Young Blatter joined the army last Wednesday.

Benefit Dance To Be Held Tuesday

A benefit dance, the proceeds to go toward defraying expenses of taking the American Legion auxiliary drill team to the state convention in Salem, will be held at the open air pavilion here Tuesday evening, July 23, it was announced today.

As part of the evening's entertainment, the auxiliary team will give an exhibition drill.

SHOTS FIRED IN MANCHURIA REPORTS SAY

Russians Said to Have Assumed Offensive and Captured Two Cities.

AMUR RIVER ALSO SCENE OF BATTLE

Trouble in Orient Has Echo in New York when Communists Stage Demonstration.

MANILA, July 19. (AP)—Japanese press dispatches from Nanking tonight said Governor Chang Hsueh-Liang of Manchuria had telegraphed Nanking for instructions in view of the fact that "Soviet troops since morning had apparently commandeered a positive movement plating Manchuria in great danger."

OSAKA, Japan, July 19. (AP)—The correspondent of the Osaka Asahi telegraphed his paper today that the Russians had assumed the offensive and had captured the border cities of Pogranichnaya and Manchuria.

Pogranichnaya and Manchuria are border points, the former about 150 miles north of Vladivostok and the latter a thousand miles away across Manchuria. Both are key positions to the Chinese eastern railway.

Neither place is of industrial or commercial importance.

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EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL BOY WINS TOURNEY

PORTLAND, July 19. (AP)—Playing the difficult Muttomah golf club course in even par, Eugene, Nev., high school student of Eugene, won the Oregon state junior golf title here yesterday by defeating Holman Crawford, young negro star of the Peninsula during the next 10 days will be able to have all or part of it entered in the contest.

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A change that means no belts, no collars, no boiled shirts, no wool clothes in ninety degree weather has got to come they say, and the more courageous are practicing what they preach.

His Comfortable. Dr. Darlington is appearing publicly these July days in a costume he had adopted for "health and comfort."

It consists of a washable tan poplin suit, with loose trousers and a coat cut like a Russian smock, buttoning across the right shoulder and down the side, having a two inch standing collar, a cotton union suit, shoes and socks. "A man's hips aren't built to hold anything up," says Dr. Darlington, "and the tight belts he wears now are just about as ridiculous as a woman's corset used to be. He's got to get rid of belts that constrict his stomach."

Swims in Trunks Only. Stuart Chase wages his war against men's clothes on the beaches. He wears no top to his swimming suit.

"Occasionally I'm asked to leave the beach," he says, "but more often I find in a few days that the other boys are doing the same thing and leaving their suits tops in their lockers."

Men want to acquire stomachs and chins when they can be so easily seen. They'll take better care of themselves if they wear less clothes, they'll be more comfortable and therefore healthier, and there's no question that they will work better."

Mr. Chase advocated a costume for daytime wear that consists of a linen doublet, knickers, socks and sandals.

ENLISTS AID OF OTHERS. In his step to avoid hostilities in the far east, Secretary Stimson enlisted the aid of Japan, Great Britain and France. Besides conferring yesterday with French Ambassador Claudel, Mr. Stimson talked at length with Japanese Ambassador Debutchi. Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, has also conferred with the secretary on the situation. Under the terms of the four-power treaty concerning the Pacific signed in Washington in 1921, the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France are obligated to confer.

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CANDIDATE



Miss Katie Daffan, picture above, has already thrown her hat into the 1930 gubernatorial campaign in Texas—a year in advance of the primaries. Miss Daffan is a newspaper woman and her campaign will mark her debut in the political arena. At present she is literary editor of the Houston Chronicle.

NINE LIVES LOST IN TRAIN WRECK

Crews at Work Near Stratton, Colo., Fail to Find Additional Bodies

DENVER, July 19. (AP)—Wrecking crews at work throughout the night at the scene of yesterday's wreck of a Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railroad train three miles east of Stratton, Colo., failed to discover any additional bodies in the submerged pullman, Rock Island officials at Goodland, Kan., this morning advised the Associated Press. The death list now stands at nine persons—seven white persons and two negro porters.

Scores of the more than 100 passengers aboard the train were injured and were taken to the hospitals throughout the region. Passengers on the train said that most of them were awake when the accident occurred. A few minutes before the train, westbound, had pulled into a station to permit the passage of the eastbound train over the same tracks. The eastbound train passed over the flood weakened bridge without trouble, just 45 minutes before the disaster to the westbound train. The dawn was breaking as the train sped westward, at an estimated speed of 45 miles an hour.

Engineer M. V. Ryan of Colorado Springs, Colo., a veteran of 25 years service on the Rock Island, and pilot of the head engine of the double-header said the engines crossed the bridge safely.

The bridge gave way as the rear wheels of the baggage car passed over it. "The Cape Porpoise" was completely submerged and the pullman next in line had its front section submerged. The rest of the 13 coaches in the train were strewn about the prairie.

Ryan disconnected his engine from the baggage car, and raced it

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FISH FEED WILL BE HELD JULY 29

Izaak Walton League to Sponsor Contest, Starting Immediately.

The Izaak Walton league of Union county announced today that a first annual fish feed and contest will be held here, the contest beginning immediately and continuing until 9 p. m. the evening of July 29, the night of the feed. This promises to be one of the greatest events of the year, according to Roy Farnam, president, and a large number of anglers have expressed their eagerness to help make the contest and feed a complete success. "Every red-blooded sportsman in Union county is earnestly urged to take part in the contest," he said, "and we hope to make it the largest thing of its kind ever staged here."

Details Later. The details of the contest and the program for the feed have not been completed, but it was announced that those taking part in the contest may leave their catches at either the Jack Allen Supply Co. or W. K. Gilberts, the fish to be put on ice until the 29th. Prizes will be awarded in several classes. It is announced. Receipts will be given those bringing in fish, so that any one making a good catch during the next 10 days will be able to have all or part of it entered in the contest.

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