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THE WEATHER Oregon: Fair in east, increasing cloudiness becoming unsettled in the west portion tonight and Saturday.

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68 MISSING IN SHIP WRECK

\$172,591 TO BE SPENT ON KAMELA WORK

State Highway Commission Awards Grading Contract to E. L. Gate.

WORK TO EXTEND DOWN TO HILGARD

Largest Project to be Awarded in This Section of Eastern Oregon in Recent Years.

The state highway commission, in its August meeting in Portland last night, awarded a contract for the grading and widening of the Old Oregon Trail highway from Kamela to Hilgard, to E. L. Gate.

According to local highway officials the work is expected to start within the near future, with some of it carrying over to next year, as the commission does not wish to disturb the road too much to make winter travel over the mountain difficult.

However, a large amount of the work will be completed this fall, weather permitting.

Besides this project, which is one of the most sought in this section the following projects were contracted yesterday:

Baker county, Old Oregon Trail, Hamee-North section, 1.1 mile, construction district, H. C. Morrison-Kenderson company, \$12,998.

Grant county, Pendleton-John Day highway, Mountain Rest-Little Beech creek section, 7.18 miles, grading, Morrison-Kenderson company, \$88,525.

Hamilton county, Central Oregon highway, Hines Hill-Burns section, 2.75 miles, grade widening and resurfacing, C. L. Johnson, \$27,037.

H. G. Smith, division engineer with headquarters in La Grande, is in Portland at present in connection with the commission meeting, but expects to return this week.

Further information regarding the Kamela-Hilgard work and the successful contractor was not available today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—The highway commission late yesterday notified Douglas county that if that county is disposed to participate in the cost of construction of the eight miles of the Oregon coast highway in that county, the commission is prepared to proceed with the project.

Douglas county commissioners said at a meeting of the commission yesterday, had shown no disposition to cooperate in the construction of the highway while Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln, Wasco, Curry and Lane counties have all contributed.

The unfinished gap in the highway, commissioners said, lies in Douglas and Lane counties with about three miles in Lincoln. It was said the work had progressed to a point where about \$100,000 per mile.

The commission announced it (Continued on Page 8.)

'19 SHOW WILL BE STAGED IN SACAJAWEA INN

The days of '19 show committee of the R. P. O. 2125 lodge, at a meeting last night, decided to hold the show this fall in the Sacajawea Inn. The dates are Oct. 15-18, inclusive.

H. L. Browning is chairman of the committee, R. H. Carey secretary and C. L. Thompson treasurer. Other members are Marcus Rowan and H. Williamson.

Various other matters were discussed last night and plans were made for future prizes as the committee states that valuable prizes are being secured both for the "beano" games and the "wheel of chance".

In addition there will be a check-back at the show games and the "wonder wheel" prizes will be used to defray the expense of the annual Christmas tree for the La Grande kiddies and for baskets of provisions for the needy families of this district.

Meetings will be held every Thursday night from now until the show.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—57 above. Minimum 55 above. (Condition) mostly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 55, minimum 43 above. (Condition) stormy, rain, 49 at an inch.

WEATHER AUG. 30, 1929 Maximum 48, minimum 45 above.

Presidents Of Clubs Join In Organization

New Group Will Act as Official Host Body and Co-Ordinate Civic Work in La Grande.

Filling a long felt need in this city, a new organization came into existence yesterday when a La Grande Presidents club was formed, with a charter membership of eight. Later additions may be made.

The present membership follows: Mrs. J. L. Ogilvie, Neighbor hood club; Mrs. E. H. Towler, La Grande City Council of Parents and Teachers; C. V. Talbot, American Legion; Louis Evans, Central Labor council; Dr. Ray F. Murphy, Rotary club; Jack Peppel, Lions club; C. L. Berry, Realty board; and A. W. Nelson, chamber of commerce. All were present at the organization event Mrs. Ingle and Mr. Berry, although H. H. Richardson represented Mr. Talbot.

Mr. Nelson was elected chairman of the club and A. E. Hunter was named as secretary.

The purpose of the club is twofold, to act as the city's official host body and to coordinate civic work and avoid duplication of civic effort. Its activities will be confined to La Grande and it will not extend into the county.

When a project is large enough to need the combined efforts of all organizations, the Presidents club will be available and a positive cross section of every group or organization in the city may be brought together in half an hour's time or less. There will be no regular meetings, no expenses or funds, but the membership may be called in session at any time when necessary demands.

In case of a matter coming up for consideration of the city, the club, the executive committee will investigate the matter and then refer it to the proper group organization.

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Oregon Mothers Infirmary Fund Quota Is Raised

The quota of the Oregon mothers of La Grande for the infirmary fund was reached last night from the proceeds of their dance, given at the Sacajawea Inn.

The members of the committee of which Mrs. W. H. Guild is chairman and Mrs. A. J. Stange, assistant, extend their thanks to the business men and the women who helped to make the dance a success. Special appreciation is expressed for those whose donations came in unolicited.

All the Oregon mothers of La Grande assisted in this drive, and were patronesses at the dance.

University of Oregon students helped with the management of the dance, Miss Ethel Eichel had charge of the decorations, and Kermit Hagin helped with the features.

The committee announced it (Continued on Page 8.)

U. S. W. V. Meet In La Grande In 1931, Is Report

The probability that La Grande will be host to the United States War Veterans and auxiliary of Oregon in 1931 was revealed at the regular meeting of the local organization Wednesday evening at the R. O. Y. hall.

The delegates to the recent convention in Helsingborg, reported that La Grande failed to get the 1929 convention because it was already pledged to Bend, but that the arrangement proposed to La Grande for the 1931 convention.

A committee was appointed to work out the details for this convention.

It was also announced that La Grande had received appointment of two state officers, Senior Department Color Sergeant Platt and Junior Department Color Sergeant Davis, making three state officers from the local camp.

The Rev. R. F. Hopkins, M. E. Church south pastor, was installed as chaplain of the local camp 217, Hopkins also gave an interesting and instructive talk.

After the meeting the camp joined the auxiliary at the banquet table.

FISH TRAP INJUNCTION

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—A temporary injunction enjoined John O. Baker, Portland, from continuing a fish trap in the Columbia river from the north shore of Tenmile Island was 25-

FIRST TERM OF E. O. N. IS ENDED TODAY

Nine Transfer Students Receive Diplomas From President Inlow.

MR. SHIELDS GIVES CLOSING ADDRESS

Importance of Teaching Profession to Young America Stressed by Enterprise Man.

Nine students, the first to graduate from the Eastern Oregon normal school, were given their diplomas by President H. E. Inlow at the closing exercises this morning. These were students who had attended other normal school and who completed their course during this summer, thereby being graduates of the school in La Grande. The girls who graduated were: Dorothy Anderson, Josephine Bliss, Gracie Bowen, Minna Margaret Cook, Bernice Dunn, Lucile Tarr and Nellie Valden. Two others finished their work the middle of the summer session were to receive their di-

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OFFER \$170 FOR PARADE PRIZES

Best Floats, Funniest Clowns and Boy Scout Showing to be Awarded

A total of \$170 will be given by the Central Labor council as awards to prize winners in the Labor day celebration parade, it was announced today by L. E. Evans, chairman of the general committee.

Several floats, the La Grande municipal band, the American Legion drum and bugle corps, the national guard, boy scouts, clowns, members of the labor unions, etc., are to participate in the procession, which will move off at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

The prizes for floats follow: Labor section—first \$25, donated by B. of R. T., second \$15, donated by DeWitt's association, third \$10, donated by Conductors.

Fraternity and grange section—first \$25, second \$15, third \$10.

Commercial section—first \$25, second \$15 and third \$10.

In addition to the floats the following prizes are offered: Clowns, first \$10, second \$5.

Boy scouts—Troup with greatest percentage of its membership in parade, \$5.

The parade will start at Washington and Spruce. The band, the queen's float, the national guard and labor section will form on Washington headed east in the order named. Fraternity and commercial sections form on N avenue headed towards Washington. In order of arrival on street. Commercial and civic section forms on South street, headed toward Washington in order of arrival. All other sections and entries will form on Washington headed west, head on Spruce. The parade will move (Continued on Page 8.)

Stange-Oswald Tennis Team Is Winner Of Cup

Nelson-Ahearn Combination Loses in Playoff of Eastern Washington Tourney Finals.

Coming up in the face of terrific odds, Stange, La Grande, and Worth Oswald, Spokane, became Eastern Washington champions when they defeated Louis Nelson, La Grande, and Jack Ahearn, Walla Walla, today in the play-off of the tennis match that could not be completed during the tourney at Walla Walla Sunday because of darkness.

The players picked up the score at 4-2 in the second set after the first had gone 6-3 to Nelson-Ahearn. Each of the tournaments took 100 sets, carrying the tennis set to 10-10. Then Oswald again won his service and Ahearn failed to do so, giving that set to the champions, 12-10. They had seemingly no trouble in taking the third set, 4-2, though one of Oswald's services was threatened. With the exception of Miss Stange, who played fine tennis, none of the three playing the games they exhibited in Walla Walla last Sunday. The set did not move at the rapid pace they did on the Washington courts, or was there any evidence of the soft playing between the two men players. Rays of the sun on the court at midday made play difficult.

En Route to Idaho Oswald and Ahearn arrived in La Grande this morning at 10 o'clock with J. W. Withersall, Merle Boyer and Jeanne Bell, all Central tennis players, for the match. They left this afternoon for Boise to enter the state tournament. Miss Anne Stange accompanied them and will play with Oswald in the mixed doubles and probably with Mrs. Fred Fox in the women's doubles. She will also enter the singles. Oswald has two legs on the men's singles title and hopes to gain possession of the state trophy. He and Ahearn are entering the women's doubles match.

Withersall called lines for the final which were played on the Stange courts.

COLLAPSE OF OLD BUILDING ENTOMBS MANY

ALGHERA, Algeria, Aug. 29. (AP)—An unknown number of persons were buried early today in the crash of an old building on the water front, some estimates placing the number of victims between 40 and 70.

The building sheltered about 20 families. It suddenly crumpled and the inhabitants, most of them still in their beds, were caught in the ruins. There were 18 children in the structure.

Two hours after the collapse the persons had been taken out alive.

Arrangements For Labor Day Hike Completed

With ladies and other officials advised of their final preparations completed for the 2 1/2 mile men's hike and the 10-mile women's hike Labor day members of the committee in charge were today issuing appeal to people who are driving along the hike course next Monday to do their utmost to minimize dust. Last year many of the hikers were literally smothered in dust caused by driving cars from them at an excessive speed, and this year it is hoped that this misfortune of the hikers will be minimized. People who can use their roads are urged to avoid the hike course.

The men's hike begins at 5 and the women's at 7 o'clock.

A traffic officer will lead the women's hike and the men's hike will be led by the hiker not to bother them. Three of the judges will be on the road in cars, and they will exercise care in avoiding speeding dust on the hikers. Three other judges will be stationed on top of the Steeplechase Inn, equipped with high-power megaphones, so that they may warn the hiker from start to finish.

The judges selected are: Mrs. C. Waddie, Ed Allen, Andrew Pyle, Warren Kowich, J. T. Langstaff, Warren Gilbert, J. H. Koenig and J. H. Gilbert, Jim Morlock and Harvey Matthews are joint chairmen of the event. A W. Nelson will be starting and J. H. Weybold, J. H. Pearce and his son, Dr. William Pearce, and three entries must be filed by tonight.

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Her father, meanwhile, insists that as soon as he gets out of jail he will reconstitute the charges of forgery against Green.

The county grand jury is expected to investigate the entire matter soon.

Girl, 13, Given In Marriage For Mules—Grand Jury to Investigate

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Aug. 29. (INS) Service)—A queer bargain of the hill country, in which a 13-year-old girl was bartered off as a bride in return for a gift of four mules, a log chain and a wagon, has just reached the notice of the authorities here.

The result of the marriage, which the girl, accused of converting the property of another.

Her husband, Ed Green, who is 42 years old, 10 years the senior of her father, is waiting in Hopkinsville in the hope that he can get the girl to return to him. He is also vowing vengeance on Gibbs, whom he accuses of defrauding him.

It all happened like this: The 13-year-old Louise Green took Louise to Coffey, Ky., and married her, showing the clerk a letter purporting to be from her father, giving parental consent. This letter, according to Gibbs, was forged, and Gibbs threatened Green with dire consequences.

When a deal was made, however, when Green gave his new father-in-law

LIGHTNING IN BOMBARDMENT OF THIS CITY

At Least Two Bolts Strike in La Grande During Storm.

TWO MEN AND BOY KNOCKED DOWN

No One Injured and Little Damage Done—Nearly Half an Inch of Rain is Measured.

Lightning, coming in the afternoon in connection with a heavy rain, struck at least twice in La Grande yesterday and possible more times, a survey today revealed. It was the heaviest electrical bombardment this city has been subjected to in many years.

Accompanying the lightning, was nearly half an inch of rain—the official measurement showed .46 of an inch, the most rain since early in June. Much of the valley, however, escaped the force of the storm and in the Alsea and Elgin districts, practically no rain fell. The storm hit La Grande, Hot Lake and Union, seeming to move or pass the range of mountains on that side of the Grande, Idaho.

Walter Walker of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, said that the storm blew out five primary cutouts and two transformers, including one transformer near the Richfield station and another by the Zeller hall. He said that lightning has been hitting more frequently in the La Grande district this year than last year 1921.

At Elgin, in a nearby station, a transformer and crews of men were dispatched both to Elgin and to Cove to take care of dirt outages. In spite of this, Mr. Walker said, light and power service over the valley was not interrupted.

Walter Walker in that section of the valley, which the storm did not reach, continued with his work, practically uninterrupted, in spite of the heavy downpour in other sections.

The small fire at the Mr. Emily Lambey company fuel house yesterday, which was extinguished before damage of any consequence was done, is believed to have been caused by lightning.

During the storm the lightning came in contact with a wire near the Richfield station, starting a fire in a building on Cedar street, the force of the bolt knocking down the owner, drawing his

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QUEER CASE



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200 SWIMMERS IN LAKE MARATHON

Annual Wrigley-Canadian 15-Mile Swim for \$35,000 in Prizes Begins.

TORONTO, Aug. 29 (AP)—Without about four miles to go, Norman Ross of Chicago, entered the seventh lap of the 15-mile Wrigley-Canadian swim today with a four-minute lead over Edward Keating of New York.

The big field of contestants in the Wrigley-Canadian national exhibition fifteen mile swim in Lake Ontario, were off on the long grid for \$35,000 prize money at 11:58 a. m. today.

While a crowd of 25,000 persons viewed the spectacle, the entrants numbered more than 200, started to the pontoon garb in bath suits and greases of various colors, leaped up and took the plunge together at the rear of a brass cannon.

Ruth C. Turner, of Toronto, and Mrs. Evelyn Armstrong, of Detroit, the only women competitors, had their bodies smeared with heavy black grease which also coated their black bathing suits.

George Young of Toronto, winner of the first Wrigley marathon swim, was taken from the water soon after the leaders had passed the two-mile mark. Young was swimming in fifth place at the time he was forced to yield to the cold waters.

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Arabs Repulsed In Telpioth By Welsh Regiment

Town of Safed, Attacked Yesterday, Reported in Flames—Jerusalem Tension High.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (AP)—Arabs again today attacked the Jewish colony in Telpioth, between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The attack was repulsed by a platoon of British troops from the south Wales borders regiment. The troops were accompanied by a police commandant.

Tension prevails in Jerusalem today owing to apprehensions of renewed trouble when Moslems emerged from the Mosques, this being the Arab sabbath day.

Practically every shop is closed in town in flames.

Strong military pickets have been posted at strategic points. The Jewish telegraphic agency correspondent here today reported the receipt of advices that the town of Safed, which was attacked by Arabs yesterday, was in flames.

Denies Rumor LONDON, Aug. 29. (AP)—The British colonial office today denied reports that the American consul general in Jerusalem had advised Americans to leave the interior for the coast of Palestine for possible departure aboard a warship had been "categorically denied" by the consul general himself.

A rumor has been circulated to the effect that the United States consul general in Palestine has advised Americans to remove to the coast, whence they could be evacuated by warship. The colonial statement.

The officer administering the government of Palestine reports that the consul general had categorically denied giving any general notice of this nature to his nationals.

Passengers Gay One hundred ten passengers, gay at the prospect of a weekend journey down the California coast, left here last night for Los Angeles. Sixty-five were passengers and others being members of the crew. A thick fog forced the San Juan to stop for a while. Five hours out the ship lurched, stopped and began to sink.

"We are at the bottom," the radio operator of the San Juan, flooded. The radio equipment did not function long. In five minutes the top deck was awash and the 47-year-old ship disappeared beneath the dark waves, creating a whirlpool which was believed to have drawn many persons down with it. There was no time to launch life boats. Passengers and crew were trapped.

Another ship, the Munami, turned from her course nearby and aided in the rescue work. By 4 a. m. the Dudd was on its way to San Francisco with 27 survivors, some of them badly injured and in need of medical attention; the Munami had taken eight others aboard and was standing by, looking for those who may have remained afloat after sinking.

Captain Perishers Survivors aboard the Dudd said they saw Captain Adolph F. As-

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150 Doukhobors Parade Nude And Land In Prison

NELSON, B. C., Aug. 29. (AP)—The provincial and city jails here were packed to overflowing today with 150 Doukhobors, members of a Russian religious sect, who started a nude parade on the highway 15 miles south of the city yesterday only to be rounded up by provincial police and special officers.

A march on Nelson was begun several days ago in protest against the imprisonment of Peter Wins, a Doukhobor, in connection with burning of Doukhobor schools.

When provincial police appeared yesterday to arrest four members who had disrupted, over 100 of the marchers, men, women and children took off their clothes. They were given half an hour to put on their clothing. Refusing, they were loaded into trucks, automobiles and buses and brought here. Sixty special officers were sworn in to aid the police.

A special truck carrying discarded clothing, dumped the garments in the prison yard but the participants still declined to restore the habiliments of civilization.