

MORE BOOKS ARE READ BY LA GRANDERS

Heavy Increase in Use of City Library Noted During This Year.

EXPECT TO TOP THE 100,000 MARK

Normal School Students and New Residents Both Responsible for Gain of 7,813.

A heavy increase in the use of the city library is indicated by the circulation figures for the first half of this year, prepared by Miss Mabel Doty, librarian, and released this week.

During the first six months of 1930, there was an increase in volumes circulated of 7,813, and if the figures for the first half are born out during the remainder of the year, the library will top the 100,000-book mark for the first time in history.

The librarian and her assistants have been earnestly hoping to reach this mark, but will short of it by three thousand last year.

Last year the circulation of books for the first six months amounted to 49,905, and a similar total was checked for the last six months of 1929 for 1929 to approximately 97,000. If conditions are similar this year, a total for the year of approximately 113,000 will be arrived at, or a gain of around 11 per cent.

Normal School Figures

That a considerable amount of the increase is due to the location of the Eastern Oregon Normal school in La Grande is certain, but this does not account for all of the gain. For example, there were practically no new students in the normal school student body during the last half of 1929, but in spite of that the figures showed a large increase. Indications point to increasing interest in the library by local people, following a definite trend that has been noticed during the last several years.

During the month of June a total of 6,789 volumes were in circulation, and there were 33 applications for membership received at the library, including both normal school students and new residents of La Grande.

Miss Doty, in connection with the survey, states that an unusual number of tourists have visited the library this summer, showing a widespread interest surpassing that of previous years.

Many Improvements

The library is under the supervision of the city library board, a committee of appointed members who have charge of the superintending of expenditures of the city library budget, etc. During the last year a number of improvements have been made, and patrons will be glad to hear frequently on the delightful atmosphere that ferns, wicker chairs and lamps lend to the reading rooms. The coolest place in the building at present is the children's room, which is one of the most popular departments.

New books are being placed on the shelves each month and one of the latest, Miss Doty says, is that of the Newbery medal award, which is a Rachel Field for best of the child's book "Hitty," the story of a doll 100 years old.

PROPOSED AIR SERVICE WILL BE EXPLAINED

Business men of La Grande and representatives of various airlines met at a meeting held at the city hall last night to explain the proposed air passenger and express airplane service between Portland and Eastern Oregon points, and also to sound out local sentiment.

La Grande Youth Jailed In Baker

Walter Hinton, 18, of La Grande, was bound to the county grand jury at Baker yesterday by Judge Miller, following a preliminary hearing on a charge of carrying a gun and post-office as well as the main building of the inn. Most of the furniture was saved.

RANGES FEEL DRY WEATHER

REMOND, Ore., July 18 (AP)—Loss of approximately 4,000 resulted late yesterday when fire destroyed the annex to Rhododendron Inn. The 11-room building was fully insured. A defective flue caused the fire. Volunteer fire fighters and forest service firemen saved an adjoining store and post-office as well as the main building of the inn. Most of the furniture was saved.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—53 above.
Minimum: 51 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 78, minimum 32 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER JULY 18, 1929

Maximum 88, minimum 45 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Congressman Is Concerned About 18th Amendment

Andrew, of Massachusetts, Believes Some Other Way Should be Sought for Prohibition.

AMESBURY, Mass., July 18 (AP)—Representative A. Piatt Andrew, republican of Gloucester, believes some way other than the eighteenth amendment should be sought to deal with the problem of prohibition. His concern, he said in an address before a joint meeting of Rotary clubs here last night, was "the eighteenth amendment as it is, not as it might have been had it been possible to carry it out as many in the beginning had hoped."

He said the eighteenth amendment has brought "some very important" benefits, but declared, "it has undermined the people's regard for the basic charter of our institutions here."

He praised President Hoover's advocacy of an "organized searching inquiry of the subject in its accordance with the address two years ago, but congress, he said, "dodged the issue and authorized a much diluted inquiry into the enforcement of all laws."

In an effort to carry out the president's original purpose, he said, "a letter addressed to the responsible heads of every national organization and committee known to be concerned with prohibition, whether pro or con."

J. J. Handsaker Talks At E. O. N. Assembly Today

"To build an institution of peace is the distinctive task of this generation," J. J. Handsaker, of Portland, associate secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, quoted in his address to the assembly of the Eastern Oregon Normal school in an assembly this morning at 11 o'clock.

The remarkable thing about the address, he said, "when five nations met for discussion around a table, is not that all five didn't agree, but that three did not. That is, the limitations are great, but that there were any limitations."

"Just one step further in the development of society is what the present generation needs to take, it is the time to take it," he quoted the lines, "Because you die, not that we die, but that we need to match our intelligence against war, and defeat it; never before has there been such a revolution against war, never before in the state so soon for the furthering of peace as it is now," he continued. "Now, before the generation that has in its mind the time to make ways for peace."

Mr. Handsaker is an interesting speaker who brings his points out clearly. Sunday he will speak to the adult department of the Christian church Sunday school at ten o'clock at the Lutheran church at 11 o'clock and the union meeting of the city at the Baptist church at 8 o'clock.

'Unloaded Pistol' Wounds Child, 2, Near Joseph, Ore.

"Shoot my finger" playfully said the two-year-old daughter of Ben Eckley, who resided on the Divide, and Jimmie Surber, who was examining an automatic pistol which he believed to be unloaded, did just that, says the Joseph Herald.

The little girl held up her finger as she made the remark and Jimmie, who had been assured by the owner of the gun that it was not loaded, pulled the trigger with disastrous results.

The bullet grazed the little girl's finger, went on down through her knee and leg and came out at her foot. A physician was called to dress her wounds, which proved to be not serious. She is reported to be recovering rapidly from the accident.

Four Advance In Women's Tourney

Several matches have been played in the women's handicap golf tournament at the country club. Mrs. W. C. Perkins defeated Mrs. Charles Reynolds, the scoring was 107-107. Mrs. J. R. Murphy, one up; Mrs. L. K. Kinzel defeated Mrs. Dan Tanner, four and three, and Mrs. A. W. Nelson won from Mrs. Fred Spetch, seven and six.

In the women's sweepstakes tournament yesterday, Mrs. Kinzel won in class No. 1 with a 93, a handicap of 19, for a net of 88. Mrs. Murphy was second with a gross of 102, a handicap of 13, giving her a net of 90. In class No. 2, Mrs. Gustafson scored 119 and her handicap of 30 gave her a net of 89. Mrs. Ravenscroft was second with a gross of 132, a handicap of 30 and a net of 102.

Men's sweepstakes will be played Sunday.

Christian Young People to Meet

Beginning Tuesday evening the second annual Young People's conference of the Eastern Oregon Christian churches will convene at Wallows lake. The conference consists of a series of conferences at the Methodist camp grounds. About thirty young people and their leaders are expected to be in attendance. The conference leaders are B. L. Putnam, president of La Grande; Arthur Harriman and wife of Wallows; H. L. Ford, of Enterprise; P. Trimble of Baker, and Dorothy Smith of La Grande. The conference is designed to make a young people in Christian leadership in local churches.

HUNDREDS DIE IN VICIOUS WIND

Typoon, Worst in Years, Sweeps Across Island of Kiusiu.

TOKYO, July 18 (AP)—A typhoon, the worst in years, swept across the island of Kiusiu, in lower Japan early today and took an undetermined number of lives, seriously damaged numerous large buildings, and caused several deaths and interrupted communications.

VILLAGE BURIED UNDER LANDSLIDE

Fifty-Six Perish When Fishing Boats Sink—Storm Accompanied by Heavy Rains.

The storm centered in the vicinity of Nagasaki, it swept an estimated velocity of 90 miles an hour toward Korea to the northwest. It was accompanied by torrential rains which caused landslides. In one instance a village of 300 persons was reported buried. The wind slashed through the Loochoo islands yesterday.

A report by the governor of Nagasaki prefecture to the home ministry told of heavy loss of life among smaller fishing boats. The governor said, sank in Nagasaki harbor and several bodies had been recovered.

Die When Boats Sink

Fifty-six persons were reported to have perished when two small fishing boats sank, one off Katsura-Ura and another off Shimoda, but messengers dispatched did not say they were typhoon casualties.

The governor of Nagasaki said many public buildings, including prefectural government headquarters, were badly damaged, some being destroyed.

With communication lines crippled efforts to determine the extent of death and property damage made little headway.

For the safety of the freighter Kori Maru were put at rest with the announcement the vessel was safe in the lee of an island.

OSAKA, Japan, July 18 (AP)—Reports to the Osaka Asahi today said the freighter Kori Maru, with 90 aboard, belonging to the ministry of railways, was wrecked between Shimoda and Fusan, Korea, in the Korea strait.

The most severe typhoon in many years was reported to have struck the island.

CHILDREN BURNED

When the home on the "murder farm" was burned down the bodies of two children were recovered.

MISS LA GRANDE AMONG THE FIRST

Judges Rank Florence Houston Very High in State Beauty Contest.

Somewhat tired but happy, and with memories of a delightful two-day tour of safety in Portland, Miss Florence Houston, 16-year-old girl who represented this city as "Miss La Grande" in the Lions club beauty contest at Jantzen Beach, was back home this morning.

She returned with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rosenbaum during the night, accompanied by "Miss Baker" at 11 o'clock.

According to reports received here today, "Miss Oregon" ranked very high among the eleven girls competing for the right to represent Oregon at the International Pageant of Purchitudo at Galveston, Tex., next month. Her final ranking placed her, it is said, in close proximity to "Miss Medford," who was selected as alternate.

Competition Very Keen

Competition in the judging contest was very keen, with the judges confronted with a difficult task in selecting "Miss Oregon" with it being necessary to make an extremely close check of all points considered. Miss Willworth, Portland stenographer, was finally selected.

Miss Houston left here early Tuesday morning with the Rosenbaums, arriving at Portland to attend a reception and dance at the Motomah hotel, with Oregon Lions and the beauty contestants in attendance.

Tuesday Busy Day

On Tuesday the girls were guests at a banquet at Jantzen beach during the afternoon. Lions participated in a golf tourney and a stunt feature. The judging was at 8 o'clock in the evening, and following this a second dance was held. Mr. Rosenbaum reports that an exceptionally large crowd was at the beach for the evening event.

Sorrowful Families Gather At Mine Entrance As Bodies Are Recovered

CAMP MITCHELL, Cal., July 18 (AP)—Haggard men and weeping women and children gathered about the entrance to the Mitchell mine tunnel today as rescue crews toiled to reach the remaining bodies of 12 workmen killed yesterday in a gas explosion.

Woman Charged With Operating A Murder Farm

Belle Guinness Said to Have Mania for Killing—"Private Cemetery" is Recalled.

JACKSON, Miss., July 18 (AP)—Suspicion that a Harrison county, Mississippi, widow, was Belle Guinness, accused of murdering some 15 men on her Indian matrimonial farm 20 years ago, was exploded late today by the woman's life history as related by intimate friends.

GULFPORT, Miss., July 18 (AP)—The sheriff's office here today said a woman, believed to be Mrs. Belle Guinness, charged with operating a murder farm near Laporte, Ind., 20 years ago, had recently left her home on Wolf river, and gone out of the state.

At the request of Indiana authorities, the sheriff of Harrison county attempted to arrest the woman early today but found her gone. The suspect had been known in this section under another name.

Sheriffs of Hinds and Harrison counties attempted to keep the news of the suspect quiet after it had leaked out. Several Indiana authorities mistaking a telegraphic inquiry to learn if Belle Guinness was wanted to mean that she already had been arrested.

The sheriff here refused to say what information led them to believe the suspect was the woman wanted on charges of luring 15 or 20 men to their deaths by marrying them and then giving them poison.

MANIA FOR MURDER

LA PORTE, Ind., July 18 (AP)—Belle Guinness, reported to have been 22 years in Mississippi, has been called by the law and the press the most notorious murderess of the century.

James Porter county prosecutors have charged her with a mania for murder. Her investigators said she lured men to her farm by promises of marriage and then killed them.

In 1908, authorities digging on her farm found a "private cemetery" in which the bodies of 15 persons were found—all alleged by the investigators to be Belle Guinness' victims.

The investigation showed the woman had inserted a matrimonial advertisement in Scandinavian newspapers and the authorities believe the men who were said to have been killed were all Scandinavians. One by one, they said, the men came to the Guinness farm, just outside La Porte, and were seen to die.

Three of the bodies were identified. One was of E. J. Trefland, Minneapolis; another was Carl Pittman, Minneapolis; and the third was Oscar Buehler, Wis.

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\$111,070 TO BE AVAILABLE TO STUDY FOREST

PORTLAND, July 18 (AP)—T. T. Munger, director of the Pacific Northwest forest experiment station of the department of agriculture, has received word of an allotment of \$111,070 for forest research work in the northwest.

The bulk of the \$111,070, which \$74,700 will be used in a survey of the Douglas fir region. The survey will comprise an economic study of present and prospective resources and requirements for forest products. A new project undertaken this year is a study of the practicability and principles of insuring standing timber. For this work \$7000 has been allotted.

Nearly \$20,000 will be used for study of growth and yield, methods of slash disposal and methods of reforestation, natural and artificial.

Grange Will Give Farm Board Chance

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—Louis J. Taber, master of the national grange, informed President Hoover today the grange was urging farmers to give the farm board a chance to work out the agricultural problem.

"As soon as we can get business, America and financial America to realize that commodity prices are at the bottom, there will be an upswing," he said as he left the White House.

He said the grange would not renege at this time its campaign for the export debenture plan of farm relief.

Lions Elect Hodges; Toronto Is Picked

DENVER, July 18 (AP)—Earle W. Hodges of New York City today was elected president of the International Association of Lions clubs to succeed Ray L. Riley of Sacramento, Cal., at the closing session of the organization's 14th annual convention.

Toronto, Canada, was announced as the 1931 convention city.

CLIFFORD ON STAND TODAY AT HEARING

State Game Warden Says His Regime One of Vigorous Prosecution

PORTLAND, July 18 (AP)—The defense opened today in the state game commission hearing on charges of inefficiency and laxity brought by several sportsmen's clubs against Harold Clifford, state game warden, and E. J. Clark, chief deputy. The complainants closed their case yesterday after offering unsworn testimony for three days.

"I have served under two governors and state game wardens and three governors as members of the game commission," Clifford said, "and I will demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commission, I believe, my regime has been one of vigorous prosecution of game and fish laws of Oregon."

NEW LEADER

Earle W. Hodges, of New York, head of the department of public relations for Henry L. Doherty and the Cities Service company interests, was this afternoon elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs in Denver. He was to first vice president in 1929-30, and now succeeds Ray L. Riley.

STATE CABINET PLAN IS FAVORED

Legislative Interim Committee Completes Arguments for Proposal.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18 (AP)—The legislative interim committee on administration reorganization has completed arguments in favor of the proposed cabinet form of government, which has been published in the voters' pamphlet. A statement declaring the action of Governor Norblad in dismissing Robert W. Sawyer from the highway commission is an argument for the cabinet system, accompanied by the affirmative argument.

Oregon Church Shows Decrease In Membership

EUGENE, Ore., July 18 (AP)—The Presbyterian church in Oregon has 21,262 members, a decrease of more than one thousand during the past year, according to an annual report read at the session of the state synod here today. Of 192 churches in the Oregon synod and 180 ministers. There are 20,807 students enrolled in Presbyterian Sunday schools and this total represents a decrease in the past year of approximately 1000.

During the past year the Presbyterian members of Oregon contributed \$655,412 to the support of the church, a decrease of \$8,053 over last year.

The decrease in membership was attributed partly to the circumstances that several of the large churches of Oregon were without ministers for considerable periods during last year. The decrease in financial support was attributed to the loss of membership and to general business depression at this time.

Man With Fox-Like Face Is Sought

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18 (AP)—Police here today were searching for a man who shortly before dawn entered the apartment of Mrs. C. A. Pizer, 21, attempted to chloroform her, failed, then struck her a blow on the head which while she lay stunned, lifted her two-year-old child from the bed, took him outside and threw him to the steps of the building.

Pizer said the man had a "painted" or "fox-like" face, and declared he was the same person who had twice before appeared around the apartment.

Nine days ago a man invaded the sleeping room of Bertha and Louette Wallerman, 20 and 17 respectively, and fled when they awakened. A rag saturated in chloroform was left by the intruder.

America Leading In Davis Cup Play

AUTEUIL, France, July 18 (AP)—America had won one match and led in the Davis cup tennis tournament today. The United States and Italy today. Wilmer Allison eked out a dramatic victory over Giorgio Panatta in the first match 4-6, 7-9, 6-4, 8-6, 10-8, and George Lott led Baron Humbert De Morpurgo in the second, 3-6, 9-7, 10-8.

Labor Celebration Discussed at Meet

TRINIDAD, Colo., July 18 (AP)—One man is dead, another seriously injured and several persons shaken up and bruised as a result of an attempt to wreck a south bound Colorado and Southern railway passenger train eleven miles south of Trinidad last night.

Carl Blunch, 35, Clinton, Okla., died in a hospital today and Pete Lee, 19, Paducah, Tex., was in a serious condition, suffering from loss of his right foot and a fractured left leg. The train was deliberately derailed, railroad officials said.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 18 (AP)—With export business in North American wheat estimated 8,000,000 bushels this week and with prices about 50¢ a bushel lower than last year, wheat values scored material gains today.

Much notice was being taken of reports of heavy feeding of wheat to livestock owing to relatively high prices of corn. It was asserted that 25,000 bushels of wheat has already been fed to stock already in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Wheat closed strong, 1 1/4-1 1/2¢ a bushel higher than yesterday's finish. Corn closed 1 1/2-1 1/4¢ up, oats 1/2-1/4¢ advanced, and provisions varying from 20¢ decline to a rise of 15¢.

State Trooper And Blackmailer Fight to Death

Both Killed in Cemetery Rendezvous at Monessen, Pennsylvania Early This Morning.

MONESSEN, Pa., July 18 (AP)—A state trooper and suspected blackmailer shot each other to death in a cemetery here early today.

The trooper, Private Charles Stewart, 23, was assigned with other officers to guard a pocket containing \$10,000 in marked money, placed near a tombstone by W. F. Wright, wealthy furniture dealer, who recently received a death threat.

Short after the trooper took up their vigil, a man later identified as John Sabol, 25, Monessen, appeared in the cemetery. As he stooped to pick up the packet, Stewart pounced upon him.

Sabol whipped a pistol from his pocket and fired at Stewart wounding him in the abdomen, as he fell to the ground. Stewart fired at Sabol, killing him instantly. Stewart died a few minutes after being removed to the Monongahela hospital.

Wright told police he received a letter seven days ago, demanding the \$10,000 in the cemetery at 2 o'clock this morning. He was to be slain if he failed to comply with the demand, the letter said.

The trooper was a former resident of Reynoldsville, Clearfield county, Pa. He was a rancher, trapper and prospector. The two lived three miles from Drew in one of the most remote sections of Douglas county. Hamm said Barrett had been visiting Sabol and the morning became violent. He said Barrett attacked him and he shot in self defense.

The two men had been engaged in trapping and hunting. Sabol's place is located off the Tiller-Trail section in the extreme southeast corner of the county. The only communication to Drew is by forest service telephone and details of the shooting were meager.

Van Dyke, to whom Hamm surrendered, notified Sheriff Jackson who sent two deputies to investigate.

Bend Residents See Mountains; Smoke Is Blown

BEND, Ore., July 18 (AP)—For the first time in nearly a week residents of Bend today saw the mountains as smoke from at least 20 forest fires were carried away by wind.

All fires are now under control. Backfires were completed yesterday and crews of fire fighters were being reduced. The fire in the Shevlin-Hixon district covered 5000 acres, damaged 4,000,000 feet of yellow pine, 13,000,000 feet of government owned timber, and some privately owned timber.

REICHSTAG IS DISSOLVED TO ENFORCE TAX

BERLIN, July 18 (AP)—The Reichstag today was dissolved by presidential decree to safeguard enforcement of the German tax measure made law by proclamation under article 48 of the constitution.

Chancellor Bruening's action became necessary to maintain the life of his cabinet which was threatened by a socialist motion of no confidence and another resolution revoking the tax measure, both up for vote today.

The chancellor carried out his indicated determination to produce the dissolution decree which he had carried out last night for the emergency for several days.

Train is Derailed, One Men Is Killed

LOS ANGELES, July 18 (AP)—With seven deaths attributed to the heat in the last five days, Southern California today faced the prospect of sweltering further in a blast of hot air rolling down from the Mojave desert.

Weather bureau officials said an area of low pressure over Arizona and lower California would reach this vicinity today, taking the place of a breeze which somewhat alleviated the discomfort here yesterday.

Four deaths were recorded yesterday, three in Imperial valley and one at Montebello, suburbs of Los Angeles. The Central Labor union announced today it does not feel that the business men can support so expensive a celebration. However, there will be a picnic and athletic contests and events, dances and probably a boxing match. It was not decided about the annual hike.

Election of officers was held with W. M. Hesse chosen president, Floyd Lanning, vice president, and H. A. Scott secretary-treasurer.

Severe Earthquake Fatal To Scores

RANGOON, Burma, July 18 (AP)—Fifty persons were believed today to have been killed or severely injured in a severe earthquake 90 miles north of Rangoon in the Tharwa-wadi district of Burma. Many houses collapsed. The village of Letpadan was badly shaken.

REJECTION OF NAVY TREATY IS DEMANDED

Senator Moses of New Hampshire Delivers Oral Attack on Pact.

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—The blunt statement that President Hoover and Secretary Stimson "seriously affronted" the representatives of the American people in refusing them the private treaty documents, was made in the senate today by Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, during an assault on the constitution provided, and Stimson had taken an attitude of "superciliousness much more biting than to Stannard (his London residence) than to Woodley (his Washington home)." "As a consequence," he added, "we now find ourselves so limited in our freedom of action in naval construction that we can provide ourselves only with that size of fleet made up of that type of ships which the British admiralty permits us to have."

In his opinion, he said, "this is a piece of colossal effrontery on the part of those who sit with us at the London conference table."

Comparing London and Geneva. "He said the British gun cruiser 'which we are permitted to build' has a useful purpose for the British Empire, and that the United States could have had a similar treaty at Geneva three years ago 'but the American delegates to that meeting were less pliable.'"

"We are told that the treaty before us is the only treaty obtainable at London," he continued. "Evidently it also was the only treaty obtainable at Geneva. Calvin Coolidge refused to accept such a treaty."

Arguing there was no method of dealing with the London pact adherents.

MAMER MAKES ST. PAUL TO SEATTLE TRIP

SEATTLE, July 18 (AP)—Nick Mamer, Spokane aviator on a flight from St. Paul to Seattle and return which he hopes to complete within 24 hours, landed at Boeing field here at 5:44 a. m.

The veteran aviator said his dusk-to-dawn flight over dangerous areas, included the bad lands, the Rocky and Cascade mountain ranges, was the most difficult incident, although some fog and rain were encountered in parts of the mountainous stretches. He said lack of lights along the route was the most serious difficulty involved.

Mamer left St. Paul at 6:40 central standard time last night, making two stops, at Miles City, Mont., and Spokane, Wash. He is flying along in a single-engine biplane, for the purpose of demonstrating the feasibility of regular passenger and mail service over the route.

Five-Year Pact To Govern Wages

NEW YORK, July 18 (AP)—Miner's and operators' committees announced today in a joint statement that a "tentative agreement" had been reached on a new five-year pact governing wages and working conditions. The agreement is final, subject to ratification by the complete membership of the Anthracite Operators' association and the