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Mystery Deepens

POLICE FAIL TO FIND CLUE TO SHOOTING

Mother of Tex Ricker Located Today in Carlin, Wyo.

TO BURY GUIDE IN UNION CEMETERY

Midnight Gunshots Are Still Strange Enigma to Officers as Murder Theory Persists.

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrell

UNION, Ore., (Special) — With the death of Tex Ricker, big game hunter and guide of Jackson Hole, Wyo., still a mystery, the clue on which officers worked yesterday afternoon and this morning proved groundless. Ricker was found shot to death yesterday morning at four o'clock on the Mill Street bridge in Union, the discovery being made by Mrs. Mildred Jory about four and one-half hours after she and her daughters heard a shot.

Locate Mother

Officers got in touch with the mother of the dead man yesterday and found that she lives in Carlin, Wyo. She stated, according to communications received from the Carlin

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FRED NOWLAND WILL DIRECT FIGHT ON BILL

Fred Nowland, who has just completed his frosh year at the University of Oregon, has been named La Grande chairman of a state-wide student movement to fight the consolidation measure. Mr. Nowland will lead the local Oregon students in an effort to defeat the bill. Commenting this morning on his program, he said: "The state board has pointed out how wasteful and extravagant the proposed consolidation is. They gave 12 reasons why it should not be adopted and we are going to seek to make the public understand these reasons. The state board has eliminated duplication and saved nearly two million dollars in the past two years. We must give the board a chance."

SUMMER HITS TOWN WITH A MARK OF 92

Yesterday you just knew it was summer. And you were right. Something happened all at once to "gentle June" and the temperature went zipping up to 92, the highest mark of the summer. It came a little too quickly for most folks and there was a lot of unpleasant sweltering yesterday — augmented by the sultry atmosphere. The "kids"" could take to a cold refuge in the family water spray — and most of 'em did.

Though it was four degrees hotter at 7 o'clock this morning than at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, weather experts did not expect a second scorcher today, since the hot wind of yesterday had subsided.

Death Claims Francis Andrews

Francis Watson Andrews died at the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Andrews was born on Nov. 20, 1854 and married to James L. Andrews who died on Jan. 12, 1930.

She is survived by A. M. Andrews, McMinnville, Ore.; Mrs. C. H. Tuttle, Imbler; H. L. Andrews, La Grande; J. F. Andrews, Superior, Wis.; C. F. Andrews, Santa Barbara, Cal.; and Mrs. D. D. Childers, of Woodland, Cal. Two children are deceased.

Mrs. Andrews was a life long member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services will be held at the Summerville chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Thursday in west portion; fair in east portion; no change in temperature; moderate changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—73 above.
Minimum: 66 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 92, minimum 53 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER JUNE 22, 1931

Maximum 61, minimum 9 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

Couch Takes Part In Mapping Plans For Winter Relief

County Judge Meets With Meier, Other Officials In State Effort to Meet Needs.

Plans were made for the coming winter but no immediate relief was suggested when county officials from all parts of the state met recently with Governor Julius L. Meier, County Judge U. G. Couch stated upon his return to La Grande last night. Judge Couch attended the Portland meeting at which Governor Meier personally began organization of a state-wide relief program as a means of caring for the unemployed and the needy.

The program will include conservation of waste, farm products, clothing and other materials for distribution next winter, Judge Couch said this morning.

While no measures were suggested by the county officials, Judge Couch announces that the state has a large crew of men, working on maintenance work, the county has 30 employed at North Powder in road construction, and another group is given work on the Hot Lake-Union road which is being made under contract.

Governor Meier named an executive committee to analyze all relief plans and co-ordinate them, and they will meet on Thursday with the governor. The committee members are Raymond B. Wilcox, president of the Portland community chest; County

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WON'T PAY FOR NOODLES, LAND IN TOWN JAIL

Walking out of a noodle joint without paying for their food is alleged to be the basis for the charge of disorderly conduct against R. Vaught, M. Walker, R. Miller and D. Provost. They were arrested late Monday night and were tried Tuesday before Municipal Judge C. M. Humphreys who fined each of them $10.

In default of payment they are lodged in the city jail.

Rangers Attend Camp at Tollgate

Gerald J. Tucker, district ranger, L. C. Morehead, district fire warden and Vance Morrison, William Monroe and John Brigham, short term rangers, are attending the training camp which opened today at Tollgate ranger station, in preparation for the summer fire fighting season for the north half of the Umatilla forest. Officials from the Pendleton forestry office, J. F. Irwin, John G. Clouston and Bernard Lee, are in charge of the camp.

About 35 rangers, short term men and officials were expected to attend. Training will be given in fire chasing, fire suppression, use of the compass, map reading and look-out work. Mr. Irwin states that indications point to less fire hazard in the forest this year than last, as there is more snow in the mountains and the season is later and consequently shorter.

EBERHARD IS NAMED HEAD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. J. L. Ingle Will End Chairmanship With Tuesday Session.

RAYMOND WILLIAMS RE-ELECTED CLERK

New Board Has Harmonious Session at Initial Meeting Today; Inspections Planned.

Last night saw the old school board disband as Dr. J. L. Ingle presided at his final meeting and this morning officially ushered in a new group of directors whose initial procedure was the election of Colon R. Eberhard as chairman.

The new board — namely, Mr. Eberhard, E. R. Ringo, Ray Buell, Ed Moon and Gene Walker — launched out under most harmonious circumstances. Unanimous agreement was reached on all matters presented and there was an amiable discussion of future economies and policies.

Raymond O. Willams was elected clerk for the third consecutive term and accepted the office. Bond was set at $10,000 and his salary was placed at $135 a month, representing a cut of fifteen dollars a month.

Ray Buell was elected vice chairman of the new board.

Enthusiasm was shown a suggestion that the board arrange to commence early morning inspections of the school property and it was decided to devote several mornings to a thorough survey during the next few days.

Absence of Mr. Buell from last night's meeting made it necessary to hold the new boards meeting this morning at 9 o'clock at the high school. The retiring members, W. C. Perkins and Dr. Ingle, were replaced at the forenoon session by Mr. Walker and Mr. Moon who were chosen in Monday's election. The chief work of the old board last night was to make a canvass of the election votes. Their check tallied exactly with the returns printed in Tuesday's Obser-

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U. S. Pays Tribute To Judge Lovett

For one minute yesterday morning at seven o'clock all operations on the Union Pacific railroad ceased out of respect for Judge Robert Scott Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific, for whom funeral services were held in New York City, at 11 o'clock day light saving time. The action was observed throughout the United States on the Union Pacific line.

Judge Lovett was born in San Jacinto, Tex., June 22, 1860 and lived an active life both as a lawyer and as a railway director. He was elected chairman of the board on March 1, 1920.

AL SMITH SAYS DRY BILL MUST BE DESTROYED

First Word of Campaigner Restricted to Prohi Denunciation.

18TH AMENDMENT IS SAID 'UNWORKABLE'

Reminds Democrats That He Was Against Volstead Act When Wet Army Was Small.

CHICAGO, June 22 (AP)—A call for repeal of the 18th amendment and immediate modification of the Volstead act came from Alfred E. Smith today shortly after the campaigner of 1928 had arrived to dispute the nomination of his former political friend, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

His first statement on the convention scene was restricted entirely to prohibition. It gave no hint of the intensity of the party dispute that was stirring leaders, made no mention of Roosevelt or of the coming contest over permanent chairmanship of the convention which will bring the first test of the strength of the Roosevelt forces.

Need Liquor Taxes

Smith called the 18th amendment "unworkable" and demanded its repeal. He said the Volstead act should be changed to permit the sale of beverages of a reasonable alcoholic content, thus diverting "the profits of the bootlegger into legitimate taxes."

His statement follows:

"The 18th amendment should never have been put into the constitution. It is unworkable. I attacked it from the time it was first proposed and prophesied its failure and stated that it would be proved to be the greatest curse ever put over on an unsuspecting people.

"I fought it when it was unpopular to take that side of the issue in many parts of my own state and in many other parts of the union and when every weapon of narrow-minded intolerance was turned against me.

In Fight Early

"I carried the banner when the army was small, the stragglers numerous and the opposition bitter. I was then and I am now for the unconditional repeal of the 18th amendment.

"The Volstead act should at once be amended by a scientifically correct definition that will permit the sale of beverages of reasonable alcoholic content. The people of the United States are entitled to this relief, which would divert the profits of the bootlegger into legitimate taxes."

Chatting informally then with newspapermen Smith said the half of one per cent provision in the Volstead act was arbitrary and was put in there by the anti-saloon league.

He added that if a proposal for its repeal were not submitted to the resolutions committee he would submit one himself.

"Who is going to be the nominee?" Smith was asked.

"The convention will decide," he said.

"Who is your preference?"

"Alfred E. Smith."

"Who have you picked for your

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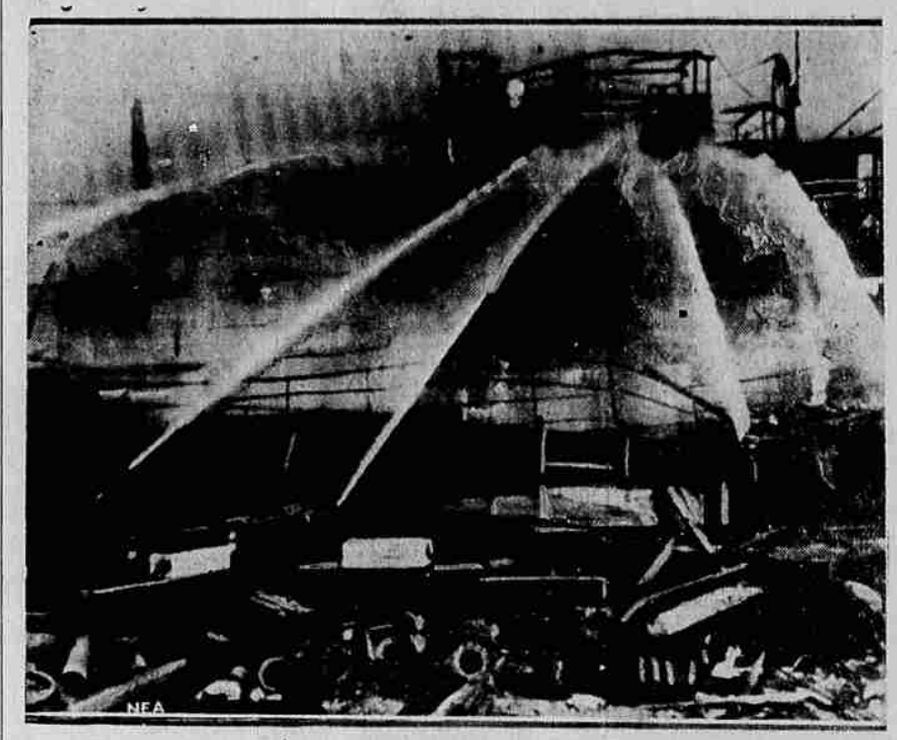
President Seeks Arms Cuts

TELEPHOTO SHOWS MONTREAL BLAST DISASTER



This first picture, by airplane from Montreal to New York, and transmitted by telephoto from New York to San Francisco, shows the terrific damage wrought by the explosions on the British tanker Cymbeline, in drydock at Montreal, when 21 were killed, many injured, and property damage was estimated at $1,000,000. Telephoto shows firemen playing water on the blazing hulk of the tanker, to prevent further spread of the damage.

Fail To Limit Relief Debate In The Senate

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP) — The $500,000,000 public works bond issue section of the Democratic relief bill, to which President Hoover is opposed, was approved today by the senate.

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP) — An unsuccessful attempt was made in the senate today by Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, to obtain an agreement limiting debate on the $2,000,000,000 employment relief measure.

Senator LaFollette (R., Wis.) objected to a proposal that after 7 p. m. today no senator be allowed to speak more than once or longer than ten minutes. He said he was pre-

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Fear Uprisings In China After Priest Shooting

PIEPING, China, June 22 (AP) — British nationals were advised today to evacuate the territory around Chientao, on the Korean border in Kirin province, Manchuria, following the alleged slaying of a German Catholic missionary, Father Conrad Rapp, by Japanese soldiers.

The British nationals were advised to leave because of fear of anti-foreign uprisings. It was believed here no Americans were in the region.

Missionary reports received here said Father Rapp was hurrying on horseback to the deathbed of a colleague stricken with typhus when he was halted at night by a Japanese military picket.

When he produced his identity card, the report said, the Japanese pulled him from the saddle, declaring he insulted the imperial Japanese army by failing to dismount. The soldiers beat him until he was unconscious, the reports said, then shot him.

Photographs of the body showed that the priest was shot through the heart and abdomen and bayoneted in thirty places. It was also reported his skull was crushed, his nose broken and both arms smashed.

The German legation here instructed the German consul-general at Mukden to investigate the case.

Certificate Not To Be Revoked

SALEM, June 22 (AP) — The state corporation commissioner has no authority to revoke a certificate of incorporation of a chamber of commerce, nor to compel such organization to change its name, amend its articles, or to abandon its purpose, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held in an opinion today.

The opinion was requested by James W. Mott in connection with the incorporation of the Port Orford chamber of commerce in Curry county March 4, 1932. After the certificate had been granted the chamber, a complaint was filed by George W. Sorenson, claiming that the incorporators of the new group had no authority to act for the true chamber, an unincorporated, voluntary association, which has been in existence for 10 or 15 years. Sorenson as secretary of the old group requested the certificate of the new Port Orford chamber be revoked on the grounds of fraud. The opinion makes recognition of the recent group official.

OREGON VANGUARD GOES INTO HUDDLE

Milton Miller and Carsons Will Advocate Repeal Of Prohibition

By Leslie J. Smith
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHICAGO, June 22 (AP) — The vanguard of Oregon's Democratic delegation of ten to the Democratic national convention, Joseph K. Carson, resolutions committeeman, and Milton A. Miller gave the city no more than a passing glance today before going into a huddle with national party leaders in pre-convention conferences.

Carson flew to Chicago and Miller,

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Athletic Group Will Hear Fight Protests Friday

NEW YORK, June 22 (AP) — Bert Stand, secretary of the state athletic commission, today said no special meeting was planned to ask Joe Jacobs, manager of Max Schmeling, to explain his charge that the German was robbed of the heavyweight title last night.

"We hold our regular meeting Friday," Stand said, "and it is improbable any special meeting will be called before that time. The Sharkey-Schmeling fight, of course, will be discussed at the Friday meeting and anyone wanting to file charges will be given an opportunity."

General John J. Phelan and William Muldoon, the two boxing commissioners in town, could not be located this morning for comment on Jacobs' charges. Chairman James A. Farley is in Chicago.

Gene Tunney, retired heavyweight champion, was another of the fight observers who thought Schmeling had won.

"I do not agree with the belief of many old timers that a champion has to be beaten decisively to lose his title," Tunney explained. "But Schmeling forced the fighting and earned the decision over Sharkey."

Tunney watched the fight from a front row ringside seat just behind the working press section.

Madison Square Garden was still busy counting up the receipts today and at noon had no figure to announce.

Sailor Is Lost From Fishing Boat

PORTLAND, Ore., June 22 (AP) — Captain E. A. Hanson of the fishing boat Martha reported to the harbor patrol here last night that Olaf Burg, a sailor, had been lost overboard about four miles below the mouth of the Willamette river.

Plant in Albany Destroyed in Fire

ALBANY, Ore., June 22 (AP) — The Albany Door company's plant No. 1 was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss was estimated by firemen at about $60,000. Insurance amounted to $40,000.

The plant employed 27 men and had been running full time recently.

Origin of the fire was not determined.

Hoover Proposal Said Sound By William Borah

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP)—President Hoover's proposal to the Geneva disarmament conference for a one-third cut in world armaments drew the immediate approval today of Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee who has announced he would not support the president for re-election on the party platform.

Borah said the plan seemed "fair and sound" and expressed the hope it would bring a realization to the conference that failure to disarm

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Mrs. J. L. Hedden Dies Today Noon

Mrs. J. L. Hedden passed away at 11:42 this morning at the Grande Ronde hospital after an illness of many months. Her condition became critical this morning and she died a few hours after she had been taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Hedden had made her home here for about the past five years. Her husband is manager of the Stevent-Van Engelen company in La Grande. Her husband and three children, Grace, Buster and Louise survive. Mrs. Hedden was a prominent member of the Baptist church. The body is at Walker's funeral parlors. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Rodeo Man Held On Kidnap Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., June 22 (AP) — L. L. Johnson, identified by state police as a rodeo performer, is in jail at Molalla on a charge of kidnaping a 15-year-old girl at Dallas and bringing her to Portland in a stolen car and leaving her here with his wife and four children. The girl, Margaret Lane, was found here last night and turned over to the police matron.

State police said they traced Johnson through the license plates of a car stolen in Oregon City.

Detectives and state police said they found the girl in hiding at Johnson's home here. Her parents were expected to come for her today.

Detectives McMecken and Davis said Miss Lane told them she had worked in the Johnson home here from March to June 4 and then returned to her home. Saturday she decided to run away, she said, and later met Johnson on the highway just south of Salem. They hid in the woods near Woodburn one night, the detectives said the girl told them, spent the next near Wheatland and Monday came to Portland.

Miss Lane said the car Johnson was driving was not stolen but had been borrowed from a Mr. Wells at Molalla.

Wife of Farmer Shoots Self Today

JEFFERSON, June 22 (AP)—While John Boff was milking his cows this morning his wife, Mrs. Florence Boff, 44, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart on their farm near Gilkey station. Despondency over ill health is believed the cause of her action.

BOY DROWNS

EUGENE, Ore., June 22 (AP)—Alfred Stewart, 19, of Portland, drowned in the Willamette river at Eugene Tuesday. Efforts to resuscitate him failed.

HOOVER PLAN TO GO BEFORE WORLD HEADS

Dramatic Suggestion Made to Reduce Armaments By Nearly 1-3.

HERRIOT DOES NOT APPEAR FAVORABLE

Drastic Proposal From U. S. to Be Presented at Lausanne By Hugh Gibson, Chief at Geneva.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 22 (AP)—The exchange telegraph agency reported today that Premier Herriot of France, in conversation with Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain had submitted a formal statement definitely refusing cancellation of reparations.

GENEVA, Switzerland, June 22 (AP)—President Hoover's proposal for a smashing reduction of the world's arms was received with almost breathless silence when Hugh S. Gibson, chief of the American delegation, presented it to the disarmament conference this afternoon.

The place was filled with an excited throng.

Previously advance copies of Mr. Gibson's speech had been circulated among the various delegations.

The French, on the other hand, received the announcement with frank hostility.

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Mayor Returns Bandits' Shots, One Is Killed

CHICAGO, June 22 k — A fighting mayor called the leaden bluff of three bandits on a deserted highway early today and disregarding personal danger, shot one of them to death and forced the others to flee.

The mayor, George A. Hahn of South Chicago Heights, was en route home with a neighbor, Mrs. Court Kraemer, when the bandit car pulled up alongside his about 20 miles south of the Loop, and its occupants commanded him to stop.

He refused, and advising Mrs. Kraemer to "lay low," he stepped on the accelerator. The holdup men fired four bullets into his car and all of them narrowly missed him. He returned the fire and saw one of the men fall to the pavement. The others fled.

While Mayor Hahn hastened to nearby Chicago Heights to summon police reinforcements for a chase, a youthful driver of a bullet pierced car called at St. James hospital in that village with the body of a man identified as Dominick Guzzino, 22, of Chicago Heights.

The youth, Herman Scazzia, 20, was arrested but denied any complicity in the attempted holdup.

TEACHERS CAN SMOKE NOW AT OREGON TOWN

THE DALLES, Ore., June 22 (AP)—The Dalles public school teachers may smoke as much as they please when they are not on school property.

Contracts drawn up by the school board for the next school year provided for forfeiture of a teacher's job if he were seen smoking, even in his own home. Numerous citizens objected to the clause and had the question placed on the ballot.

At the school election yesterday the clause was defeated, 405 to 241.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 22 (AP)—Still staggering under the effects of heavily increased taxes on future delivery dealings, wheat today fell more than a cent a bushel, but later recovered somewhat.

Reports that black rust was in evidence at various places in the Dakotas helped the market to rally today after today's prices had broken the season's low record. Official figures indicated that board of trade business under the new federal taxes had diminished more than 10,000,000 bushels in a single day.

Late buying attributed to eastern interests led to fractional advances at the last. Wheat closed nervous, ⅛@¼c above yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to ¼c higher, oats ⅛c off to ¼c up and provisions unchanged to 10 cents lower.

CHICAGO, June 22 (AP) — Grain values underwent fresh tumbles early today, and wheat established new low price records for the season. Bearish sentiment as to increased taxes on grain futures transactions continued to pervade the market. Opening unchanged to ¾@⅞, wheat later showed setbacks all around. Corn started unchanged to ½c down and subsequently showed a general sag.

WILL AWARD $500,000 IN CONTRACTS

La Grande Company Takes Part In Bivouac Along With Battalion

CAMP CLASOP, Ore., June 22 (Special) — Company E, after bivouacing Monday with the other units of the Second Battalion, was back at its regular training Tuesday, with a full morning schedule of drill, broken here and there where details were attending schools.

The remainder of the schedule—with camp half over at midnight Monday included brigade tactical inspection for Wednesday, regular training and the brigade field meet on Friday, and the brigade review and camp sham battle Saturday. The 186th Infantry will stage the sham battle this year which is expected to be viewed by approximately 15,000 people, including Governor Julius L. Meier and numerous other state and federal dignitaries.

The bivouac Monday saw the entire battalion — La Grande, Baker, Pendleton, Union and The Dalles—in action. It started off with squad problems and wound up with the battalion transformed into a war strength company with Captain Walter A. Bean in command. First Lieutenant Jesse V. Andrews, also of La Grande, had the first platoon; Lieutenant Clark, of Baker, had the second platoon, and Lieutenant Harthrong of Pendleton, the third platoon. And 1st Sgt. Robert R. Carey was "top kick" of the war strength company. It was organized in attack formation with the first two platoons in assault and the third in support, with a tactical situation covering various phases carried out.

Second Lieutenant William M. Heughan, of La Grande, would have had charge of one of the platoons except that he and Sgt. Grant Bean were ordered to chemical school and —so the story goes—had enough gas to bring tears to their eyes. In fact, some drifted over to the guard at the gate who had to call a relief.

The usual weekend leave will be followed by breaking camp and overnight bivouac next Monday, with the troops to start their homeward journey from Camp Clatsop early Tuesday morning. Twelve hours leave will be enjoyed by the Second Batalion in Portland, and the unit will arrive home about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, and after turning in of equipment, the company will be dismissed and the individuals return to their civilian pursuits.

Company E fared very well in the brigade inspection last Saturday, drawing the best report in the battalion and one of the best in the regiment. As a matter of fact, the La Grande outfit continues to more or less dominate the regiment—even the camp! Monday one of the sergeants from Portland attached to headquarters told a sergeant and corporal in the La Grande unit that Company E was the "best company in Camp Clatsop." Naturally, that didn't make anyone feel so bad!

In preparation for the field meet, the situation is similar. Vincent Newlin has charge of the sprints in the regiment, Philip Beaumont has charge of the wall scaling team for the regiment and Arnold Oliver has charge of the equipment race for the regiment. Then La Grande is furnishing one tent pitching team, one wall scaling team, two sprinters, pup tent-pitching team, entries in

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State Highway To Get Bids On 17 Road Projects

SALEM, June 22 (AP) — The state highway commission will meet in Portland tomorrow to award contracts on 17 projects, one of the largest road building meetings to be held this year. The total cost of the projects is expected to run above $500,000.

Although the main session will be held June 23, the commission will convene in Portland this afternoon to consider the important Fourth street improvement project as requested by Portland delegations. This preliminary meeting will not only consider this $2,000,000 project for connecting the city with the West Side highway over the Fourth street route, but unemployment matters will be taken up, the highway department announced today.

The commissioners, following hearing of delegations late today will hold a night session in order to adjourn the regular meeting tomorrow night. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock with several of the commissioners plan an inspection trip over the Mt. Hood loop Friday.

The largest project to be let at Thursday's session will be 11 miles gravel surfacing on the Umpqua highway. Other large projects include the oiling of 21 miles on the highway near Hebo and Otis and the 21 miles oiling near Tangent, Monmouth and Corvallis.

Improve 82 Miles

The entire work calls for the improvement of 82 miles of road, and

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