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The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight and in the east portion Sunday; gentle north to east winds offshore.

For the week: Fair weather but with scattered thunderstorms in the mountains middle week; cooler by middle of week.

LOCAL WEATHER
Friday: Maximum 87, minimum 49 above. Clear.
Today: Minimum 50, 7 a. m.—38 above. Clear.

Returns Home—
Mrs. E. Stringham returned Friday from Wallowa Lake where she has spent the past week at her cabin on Ice creek.

CELEBRATION IN ENTERPRISE JULY 3 AND 4
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on Main to the undertaking parlors where it will disband.

No cars will be permitted to park in the streets over which the parade will pass.

Besides the parade, many other events are scheduled for the celebration, which will be held both Tuesday and Wednesday. A racing program is scheduled for both July 3 and 4, with the street parade preceding the races the fourth. Dancing is scheduled both nights and free fireworks Wednesday night.

In La Grande business firms will be generally closed, also all city, county and governmental offices and departments. The Observer will not issue a paper on July 4.

Murder at MOCKING HOUSE
BY WALTER C. BROWN

SYNOPSIS: It seems obvious that the man found shot to death in Pierre Dufresne's breakfast room killed each other, and that one of them is the man who has been writing threatening letters to Dufresne. But Sergeant Harper has a different hunch. Although neither Dufresne, his wife, nor anyone else saw and saw him on the night Harper is about to question the household.

Chapter 15 INQUISITION

A FEW minutes later Mrs. Dufresne's sister arrived, with her husband, Richard Croymen. One had only to glance at Aline Croymen to recognize her as the sister of Sylvia Dufresne. Her hair approached an auburn shade rather than the golden blonde coloring of her sister.

Her features, too, though of the same distinctive beauty, had less of the fragile and ethereal quality. Her natural manner was more vigorous and forthright, though not lacking either in poise or graciousness.

Mrs. Croymen excused herself at the first opportunity to go upstairs and see if she could be of any service. Harper continued to talk with Richard Croymen. He found this brother-in-law of Pierre Dufresne a nervous, impulsive personality, but with an alert, incisive turn of mind.

He questioned the detective closely along lines which showed that he had a keen grasp of the essentials of the mystery and a bond of mutual liking and respect sprang up between him and the Sergeant of Detectives at their first contact.

It was not until later that the detective found out that Croymen was the famous concert pianist.

Croymen was not the only one who exhibited a strong interest in the strange mystery of the breakfast-room. The chauffeur, Donaghy, listened intently and said nothing. And Harper was surprised to glance upward and find D. Ulrich standing near the head of the stairs, absorbed in the conversations below. He caught the detective's look and slowly backed away, with a sardonic gleam of the eye.

When Mrs. Croymen returned from upstairs, Harper mustered them all into the breakfast-room. They formed into two natural groups, facing the body in the chair. In one group were Pierre Dufresne, and Mr. and Mrs. Croymen. In the other were the two Whitmores, Andrews, and Donaghy.

"The detective gave a brief summary of the situation, to which he listened in absolute silence. He demonstrated how the features had been altered by the disguise.

"Have any of you ever seen this man before?"

Pierre Dufresne looked on in stony silence.

"Have you, Mrs. Croymen?"

"I am sure I have not," she answered in a very small voice.

"Mr. Croymen?"

"No, Sergeant. Sorry I can't help you."

"Whitmore?"

The black-browed Mrs. Whitmore spoke up before her slow-minded spouse could pull his wits together.

"No, we've never seen him," she answered, sharply.

"Perhaps your husband would prefer to answer for himself," Harper suggested, annoyed by her air.

"Well, I ought to know. We've been married twenty-some years, and if I didn't see him, John didn't see him," she shot back, her black eyes snapping.

"That's right, I don't know him," the slow-voiced John Whitmore replied, with a sheepish look.

"Andrews?"

The tight-lipped butler looked more glum than ever as he silently shook his head.

"Donaghy?"

THE handsome chauffeur had been the most interested member of the group. He looked long and carefully at the unidentified victim. "It seems to me I have seen this man somewhere before," he stated, slowly.

His deliberate words had the effect of a bombshell in that room. Harper caught the sudden tension, the sharp hiss of some one's breath, a catch that just missed being a gasp. His eye swept the group. Andrews' look was positively venomous. The detective scented something in the wind.

"Think hard, Donaghy. This is most important."

Joseph Donaghy held his pause to the limit, but he smiled and shook his head. "For a moment I thought I had it—something about the face. I'll try to remember, Sergeant. Maybe it will come back to me."

That was what Donaghy's words brought to Harper's ear, but it was as if Donaghy's real voice had been saying, "I know this man. That knowledge is dangerous to one of you. Will it be made worth while for me to forget?"

And more than one pair of ears was aware of the importance of both messages!

The following day, Wednesday, January 11th, dawned clear and cold. The heavy fall of snow had tapered off about midnight and there had been very little wind to disturb it afterward.

Harper, arriving for duty at Dufresne's house shortly after eight o'clock, noted with satisfaction the undisturbed condition of the white blanket surrounding the house. A caprice of Nature had contrived this smooth carpet to record a portion of the previous night's fantastic story and the detective proposed to make good use of it.

Harper found Mrs. Richard Croymen in the hall, deep in consultation with the black-browed housekeeper, Mrs. Martha Whitmore. Despite the late hour at which she had retired, Aline Croymen was serene and clear-eyed, and without a trace of fatigue.

She wore a tailored morning dress and his sheer simplicity of line enhanced her air of youthful charm.

"Good morning, Mrs. Croymen," Harper greeted her, and nodded pleasantly to the housekeeper.

Mrs. Whitmore returned a grudging nod and retreated to her domain in the rear of the house. "Good morning, Mr. Harper," Aline responded, with a cordial smile. "Or should I say 'Sergeant Harper'?"

"The detective smiled with her. 'Not unless you prefer it. There is a theory that the best way to identify a Sergeant of Police is to call him 'Captain,'" he bantered, meeting her pleasant mood.

"That's a clever idea. I shall call you Mr. Harper and reserve the 'Captain' in case I should need it later," she said, coaxingly. "You know, I have been quite surprised at your assistants. I had the idea that detectives were heavy-set men with clipped mustaches, that they always chewed on unlighted cigars and wore derby hats which they never removed, except possibly to sleep. Or do detectives ever sleep?"

"Sometimes for weeks at a stretch," Harper assured her with mock solemnity. "but when a big case comes along we have to get our sleep when and if we can find it."

MRS. CROYDEN dropped her tone of light chatter. "But I am keeping you from your work. I fear the others will not be down for some time yet. It was so late when we retired. My sister asked me to take charge of the household arrangements until she is able to be around again."

"She asked you?" Harper caught her up quickly. "Dr. Ulrich told me that Mrs. Dufresne was not to talk for several days."

Aline nodded. "Of course, Mr. Harper. I used 'talk' in a figurative sense. My sister has already arranged a system of communication. Whenever she has a question or a message she writes it down on a pad. It works out quite easily."

"By the way, how is Mrs. Dufresne this morning?"

"Poor girl, she's naturally greatly worried over the possibility of a war, and then these tragic happenings are keeping her on edge."

Sergeant Harper and Mrs. Croymen entered the breakfast-room. Although the victims had long since been removed, the room retained a tragic and depressing aura that not even the bright morning light could dissipate.

There were those dark stains on the rug, for instance, and the unknown dead man's clothing piled on a chair, complete from the shoes to the beribboned nose-glasses. But the most characteristic seal of the police visitation were the numerous patches of dusting powder that had been sprayed here and there in the search for fingerprints.

"You certainly leave nothing to chance," Mrs. Croymen observed. "This morning I saw there was a policeman guarding Mr. Dufresne's room. Isn't that a rather unusual procedure, Mr. Harper? Surely, last night's events put an end to the danger?"

The detective shook his head. "This is an unusual case, Mrs. Croymen. We do not actually know that the man found in this room is the man who threatened Mr. Dufresne and attempted to kill him."

"But surely you have a theory?" thought the matter was quite clear," thought the matter was quite clear."

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Tomorrow, Harper plunges into the maze.

Unite Noted Baseball, Political Names



Names famous in politics and baseball were linked in Washington with the marriage of Miss Susan Sheppard, daughter of Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, and Cornelius McMillenny, Jr., son of Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. The couple, who met two years ago at Duke University, are shown at the Sheppard home in the capital before the wedding.

Just Another Old Grad—Mr. Morgan



He's a Harvard grad who made good. Recognize him? None other than J. P. Morgan, the financier, pictured as he marched along with his fellow alumni during his Alma Mater's commencement exercises in Cambridge, Mass.

Campercraft Group Popular Among La Grande Boys

One of the most popular of the boys' classes in the summer playground program is the campercraft group. This combines Scout work, Indian craft and campercraft. The boys started by making some up-to-date Indian tom-toms out of old fruit cans and the inner tubes of automobiles. Next they learned how to broil beefsteak over an open fire and how to roast potatoes. For the next session they cooked kabobs. These are meat, onions and apples cut in small squares and strung on a peeled willow twig. The kabob is then salted and roasted over a bed of coals. Some dried cherry wood made the best and hottest coals for this purpose.

Next the boys are having a flapjack flipping contest. Each boy will bring his own material and recognition will be given the boy who proves most proficient at "flipping" his flapjacks. This will take place Monday at Greenwood and Tuesday at the High school, both at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Bob McClay is assisting at the High school and Dan Biggs at Greenwood. The classes are handled by these boys under the supervision of Harvey Carter.

FIRE TRUCK IN DRILL FRIDAY

The fire department went through an efficient drill at Chestnut and Jefferson from 6:12 to 6:37 p. m. Friday. The big pumper truck, recently equipped with a new power unit, was used extensively during the test, with four lines of hose in operation.

NELSON TAKEN TO PORTLAND

Samuel E. Nelson, one of five arrested earlier this week in a box car robbery case, was taken to Portland Friday by U. S. Marshals De Long and Rickard. He will be placed in the Multnomah county jail.

GREENWOOD IS WINNER 18-8

The Greenwood A. C. defeated a pick-up team called the Barbers last night at the La Grande stadium in a kitten ball game. The final score was 18 to 8.

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TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

FORMER SHERIFF TO PRISON
MEDFORD, Ore., June 30 (AP)—Gordon P. Schermerhorn, former sheriff of Jackson county, under three years sentence in state prison for conviction of ballot theft conspiracy, this morning withdrew his application for a parole and a commitment to the state penitentiary was ordered. With the recommendation of the court that he be granted a conditional pardon by the governor, at the expiration of six months penal servitude.

MAY CARE FOR 50,000
PORTLAND, June 30 (AP)—The total of 30,000 families now being cared for by the Oregon relief committee may possibly be increased to 50,000 this winter.

This was one of the estimates submitted to the committee at its Friday meeting here, at which a general relief budget of \$1,200,000 was approved for next month.

WRECK ON MAINLINE
EUGENE, June 30 (AP)—Traffic on the S. P. mainline across the Cascades was held up by a wreck at Jasper this morning where the engine and six cars of a special freight train left the rails shortly after midnight.

C. H. REYNOLDS HEADS TRAIL ASSOCIATION
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automotive transportation. The association is non-profitable in character and performance.

A. L. Powers, of Pendleton, manager of the Pendleton branch of the United States National bank of Portland, was elected first vice president. Other vice presidents elected were Judge T. L. Phipps, of The Dalles, and Fred Kerr, of Baker. Election of a Portland man to a similar position will be made later, it was said.

The executive committee of the association will be made up of chairmen of roads and highways committees of the various chambers of commerce in cities located along the highway, and future meetings will be determined by this committee.

Thirty-three men were in attendance at the session, which was enthusiastic in nature, with all of the opinion that much benefit can be derived from its future operations.

From La Grande were C. H. Reynolds, Aug. J. Stange, L. K. Kinsel, Fred E. Laughlin, and Nelson and J. B. McLaughlin, and Union sent G. I. Hess, D. E. Richards and M. L. Bideler.

CAMPAIGN FODDER

Striking vigorously at his critics, mentioning talk of what he termed "plausible self-seekers and theoretical die-hards" and outlining points of his program either under way or contemplated, President Roosevelt, in his radio address of last Thursday evening gave vent to much unmistakable campaign fodder for the present administration's ambitions of continuance in its present power.

The president spoke strongly and with a deal of certainty for the success of his program. And in that line it is probably well that he should, with the millions who undoubtedly hung on his words at radio receivers throughout the nation and the millions more who read his talk or major portions of it in the country's newspapers. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast" and it is with a great hope in the process of their leader at the White House that the people of our nation must continue to lean toward expected fulfillments of a better day.

Whether such a talk this early should have smacked so strongly of evident campaign material that could and probably did shatter among many of his close listeners a deal of its effectiveness, is a question for argument depending upon which side of the fence one is on. The chief matter of concern of the administration at this particular time had naturally much to do with the general trend of the president's remarks. The administration is anxious for return in this fall's elections of as great a percentage of administration candidates to the halls of congress as possible to obtain. General criticism has been growing and support in some sections commencing to get a bit wobbly. A considerable part of the campaigns of certain worthies who desire to get back to Washington next year will be well along the way before Roosevelt returns from his sojourn in Hawaii and the Pacific. It was probably deemed timely that there be now given hearty commendation of the past congress, despite some slips over the traces which must have been hard not to recognize, in order that the folks back home might be constrained to again follow prodigious fingers that could the more gracefully "point with pride" to accomplishments.

"Like everyone else, we have hopes our president succeeds in his program with a great big 'B.' We want our business, our community and our nation to ride over conditions of adversity into a new happiness and peaceful content that will favor us all as we put forth individual efforts to bring it about. Our president has a tremendous program looking toward that end and we appreciate that the wholehearted support of every individual possible is necessary to bring any public program to successful conclusion. We hold to what is still the fortunate right, however, of any and every American citizen to agree or disagree in his own mind as to what he considers right or wrong and to speak freely and with full patriotism as he feels.

These are different and new times—times when it is possibly well to discard some of the old schemes of things that maybe haven't worked so well or perhaps worked themselves out entirely. It is, however, an American trait, individually or collectively, in business or government to sometimes "run hog wild," particularly when the "running" is good. We do not want to rush in to a wholesale destruction of all basic principles upon which the general well being and continued progress of our country over so many decades has been built.

The president gave his description of many reforms that he has in mind and many of which have already taken place. New laws, new instruments supposed to bring about the improved welfare of man have been initiated. That our leader is sincere there is little doubt. That improvements have been accomplished and help accorded is evident, he says, upon all sides. Statistics which he says he could have recited at length concerning measures of national progress will be believed according to where and whom have benefited.

When the president asked several straight questions for each individual to consider, his own happiness, indebtedness, working condition and bank account as compared to a year ago, he took indeed a bold chance of example for comparison. He has high confidence in his and the administration's ability. For there are still millions the country over who have either felt or received no material benefits.

He spoke of the high cost of his recovery programs—the billions that have been expended in attempt to get wheels turning and men at honest labor. He did not go into any detail as to how these experiments, successful as we all trust they may be, are to be paid for. As those billions and billions of dollars and total up there must go along with them some realization that all must be paid. The debt can become so great that even a return to our rosiest prosperity will never meet the bill.

We cannot help but wish that our president in his radio talk to his people had not given some comment concerning disposal of this growing burden that has already gone beyond us into our future generations. Perhaps he couldn't, but an attempt at least would probably have appealed more than the time spent on campaign fodder.

CAMPFIRE PERMITS NEEDED ON JULY 1

SALEM, June 30 (AP)—Effective July 1, it will be necessary for all campers who intend to build fires at other than designated camp grounds, to secure campfire permits before entering any national forest in the state, with the exception of the Stenshaw. It was announced today by proclamation of Governor Julius L. Meier.

Campers must refrain from smoking except on surfaced highways and carry tools suitable for fire fighting, consisting of a shovel, axe and bucket, the proclamation stated.

CHANGE MADE IN PLANS FOR CELEBRATION

noon, and it is expected that many of the Portland business men who will be here will take this opportunity to meet their trade in La Grande.

Pendleton Enthusiastic

While this important change was being made at a meeting here last night, Jim McLaughlin and A. W. Nelson were in attendance at the monthly membership meeting of the Pendleton chamber of commerce. Pendleton is enthusiastic about the La Grande celebration, they reported upon their return, and said the Round-Up association has promised anything they have that might add to the success of the jubilee here.

Mayor Jack Allen, of Pendleton, is among the most enthusiastic workers for the success of the U. P. celebration in the Pendleton country.

Garnet D. Best Taking Office As County Agent

ENTERPRISE, Ore., June 30 — N. C. Donaldson, former county agent, returned to Wallowa county this week in capacity of state wheat agent. With Donaldson is Garnet D. Best, his successor as Wallowa county agent. Here primarily to give instruction to supervisors who will measure wheat acreage, Donaldson also turned over to Best his office as county agent.

Best, for more than three years assistant county agent of Umatilla county with headquarters at Hermiston, comes here with an excellent record. While in Hermiston, he was instrumental in the organization of the Umatilla Co-operative creamery at that place. Trained in animal husbandry and dairying, he carried on

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