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ZULU EBELL IS AWARDED \$10,000.00

Jury, Out Six Hours, Returns With Verdict for Plaintiff.

O-W. IS EXPECTED TO APPEAL CASE

Jury, Out One and One-Quarter Minutes in City vs. Mrs. L. McNealy, Returns With Verdict of Not Guilty.

After being in session six hours, the jury in the case of Zulu Ebell vs. the O. W. L. & N. company, returned at 4:30 o'clock with a verdict for the plaintiff of \$10,000 damages. The suit was filed for \$10,000 damages for the death of Zulu Ebell, who was killed on the O-W. about two years ago. Attorneys H. J. Green, Henry Hess, E. S. Ivanhoe and Eugene Ashwell represented the plaintiff and A. C. Spencer, T. H. Crawford and Robert Eakin represented the defendant. Judge J. W. Knowles presided. It is understood that the O-W. will appeal the case.

The case of the city of La Grande vs. Mrs. L. McNealy appealed from the municipal court, came to a close about 5 o'clock yesterday and went to the jury, who after being in session one and one-quarter minutes returned with a verdict for the defendant, reversing the decision of Judge R. J. Kitchen, who imposed a fine of \$100 on Mrs. McNealy several weeks ago on the charge of having "littered" in her possession. R. J. Kitchen was attorney for the city and E. S. Ivanhoe represented the defendant.

The case of the state of Oregon vs. Grace Aldridge, charged with obtaining money on false pretenses, will be started tomorrow, due to today being a legal holiday. In this case prosecuting attorney E. J. Wright will represent the state and R. J. Kitchen is counsel for the defendant.

SPORTING CLUBS TO PLANT RICE

Announcement has been made by the secretary of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club that two bushels of wild rice has been ordered by the club, as a sample, to be planted in some low point in the valley with the view of finding out if it is feasible to order a much larger amount to be planted throughout the valley as an attraction to ducks and geese. Wild rice is a duck attraction that has long been recognized as being very efficient in causing the birds to stop instead of merely staying over night and if the sample proves successful, and a larger amount is ordered, sportsmen in the county may rest assured that in the future wild ducks and geese will be plentiful during the hunting season.

The planting of wild rice has been tried once or twice before in the Grande Ronde valley, with mediocre success, and the club figures that it is probable, by giving the rice a thorough trial, to ascertain whether it can be grown in this section or not.

Baker-La Grande Diamond League Favored By Many

Spring still sticks its head through the wintry clouds and promises to arrive a little ahead of time and with the pleasant weather, hot stove talk is beginning to take on the aspect of baseball. Some time ago the Observer suggested the reorganization of last year's six league intermountain club and since that time considerable talk has been rampant on the matter. Baker fans brought up the matter informally and appear to be in favor of another good baseball season, but in Union, Elgin, Cove, Haines and other small towns in the two counties the interest seems to have waned. Waived enough to practically assure intermountain club and since that time considerable talk has been rampant on the matter. Baker fans brought up the matter informally and appear to be in favor of another good baseball season, but in Union, Elgin, Cove, Haines and other small towns in the two counties the interest seems to have waned.

But the diamond fans will not be downed. Another idea was broached by La Grander that should meet with favor. It is the forming of a Baker-La Grande eight game league, each town to play four games on its own field. And as a two town league would not keep the interest for either team at the desired height throughout the season, a further suggestion has been made that both towns also play independent baseball. Games could easily be arranged with the members of the six-team league in northwestern and southwestern Oregon and Washington, with the Idaho leagues, and possibly even further.

Only Two Queens Still Reigning in All World; Royalty Is Declining

THE HAGUE, Feb. 22. (By Mail).—Only two important countries are actually ruled by queens, Holland and Abyssinia. Queen Wilhelmina ascended the throne of the Netherlands 23 years ago, while Walereu Zauditu was crowned at Addis Ababa in 1916. She is a daughter of the late King Menelik, who was reported dead so many times that the world was unwilling to believe an announcement of his death when it finally came in 1913. He was first succeeded by a nephew, Lij Yassu. But this new king was so friendly to the German cause in the world war that he was deposed by public proclamation, and his aunt was elevated to the throne. She is 47 years old and a member of the Semetic group known as Shoonas, from which the ruling class springs. Walereu Zauditu's empire contains about eight million persons and comprises an area twice as large as Turkey of today and eight times as large as New York state. Wilhelmina's territory in Europe has about the same population as Abyssinia, but only about one-thirtieth as much land. However, Wilhelmina has colonies with a population of 47,000,000 and an area twice as large as Abyssinia.

GIANTS-CLERKS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TONIGHT

The Independent Basketball Title of Eastern Oregon to Be Settled This Evening in High School Gym.

The Purple Giants arrived in the city this morning from their abode in Echo, fresh from a victory over the Hermiston team by an overwhelming score and are confident that they can register another hit against the La Grande Amateur Athletic club, otherwise known as the "Clarks." Big and in first class shape, the Giants look as if they were men whom you could rely upon to win a brand of basketball that is good and nothing else but good. The Clarks are expecting to have their hands full this evening in order to down the invading seekers of an independent title of Eastern Oregon.

Both teams are expected to win and both teams are considered better than any Eastern Oregon has had in several years—just the necessary ingredients for a battle royal on the court. Neither team has yet hit the dust before an Oregon team and they're both 'rarin' to go. The championship contest will come as the second item on a double basketball bill to be held in the high school gymnasium this evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock when the Blue and White quintette plays the M. L. A. high school alumni members. Charles Reynolds, who has the reputation of being one of the fastest referees in this section, has been engaged to call the fouls. The ticket sale has been progressing splendidly and a big crowd is already assured.

The Clarks hope this evening to get to a great extent upon their guards, Judy Ash and Skeet Reynolds, both former O. A. C. letter men, both down these positions and both are players that can be counted upon to hold their forwards to practically a nil number of close shots. Tools Garrity, at center, has been

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CITY HONORS WASHINGTON ANNIVERSARY

La Grande Observes Birthday Anniversary of First President.

WAS BORN 191 YEARS AGO IN VIRGINIA

Schools, Courthouse Closed; Social Functions Honoring Washington are Many During Week.

One hundred and ninety-one years ago today, according to the present calendar, George Washington, our first president, was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, later to become the "father of his country."—the greatest nation that has ever existed on the earth. Incidentally George Washington was born on February 22nd, the change of date to February 22nd being made in 1752 with the reformation of the calendar. Washington's entire career, until the time of his death at Mt. Vernon, Va., on December 14, 1799, was one of merit—merit that will live forever in the hall of fame. And today, the entire nation is celebrating his 191st birthday anniversary. Business sections are halting, the nation's legislative bodies stop work in memorial, schools are observing his natal days, and the citizenry of America as a whole are stopping in their mad rush to achievement to pause and honor the great president.

In La Grande during the past week many social affairs devoted to the life of Washington have been observed and today the schools, the courthouse, and the business sections are fittingly commemorating his anniversary day by either closing down, entirely or else holding memorials in one way or another.

Reverend G. H. Quilley, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered an address in the high school today, and following his speech the scholars were dismissed at an earlier hour than usual. In the grammar schools exercises were held this morning about noon and school was then closed until tomorrow morning.

The churches were unanimous in their religious services in the "father of his country" and today the county officials had made their work and united with the remainder of the city in remembering Washington's birthday.

WASHINGTON'S PLATONIC LOVE FOR FRIEND'S WIFE THROWS A NEW LIGHT ON HIS CHARACTER

