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Weather Forecast

PORTLAND (A.P.)
Tonight and tomorrow
Cooler in the east
tonight. Light frost
in the east, possibly
in the north.CASES
HALTEDLA GRANDE TO
GET ATHLETIC
FIELD SOON

School Board Makes Appropriation for Fence First Actual Step.

WOULD BE FINISHED WITHIN TWO YEARS

Quarter Mile Cinder Track, Gridiron, Diamond and Grandstand Planned.

(By a Staff Writer)
Assurance that La Grande high school and the community as a whole will have a modern, adequate athletic field within the next year and one-half or two years, is being evidenced by actions of the school board and the high school.

The vision that is held now and which will undoubtedly formulate in a concrete fact, is a quarter mile cinder track, fenced by wire, seven feet in height supported by metal posts, encircling a field that would be used in the summer as a gridiron, and in the fall as a diamond, and equipped with a grandstand that will seat approximately 1,000 people, located directly behind the track, the home plate and parallel with the football field.

The school board this year included in their budget for 1924 provisions for the construction of the wire fence around the field. Providing the tax supervision and conservation commission, today hearing the school district budget, sees fit to permit the appropriation to remain, work will be started immediately and the fence should be erected, marking the completion of the first unit of the whole, within a few weeks.

Board Action Commendable.
The action of the school board in making the appropriation is entirely commendable inasmuch as they clearly saw that, when completed, the field would be used not only by the high school but by the community as a whole. The high school will of course use the field during the school year for their athletic contests but on the other hand the field will be available for use by the cinder track team during the summer and also by the community or organizations in the community for community celebrations, such as Armistice Day, Labor Day, Fourth of July or similar observances.

The writer it appears that it is right that the financial aid be extended to the school board through their annual budget. Taxes that are used in the budget come from the community as a whole who will directly benefit by the creation of the field. And in addition it would provide La Grande with an athletic field that would easily rank supreme in Eastern Oregon and would be a source of pride and prove beneficial to the city thereby.

Cinder Track Next Spring.
If the tax commission permits the appropriation to remain the fence will be erected this fall. The next step then will be the installation of a cinder track next spring. An appropriation is really not necessary for the second unit as the actual work could be done easily by the school children and the cinder could be cheaply obtained. La Grande in Eastern Oregon's railroad center and capital are plentiful and should prove no obstacle.

Further work, as the plans now stand, would be limited as far as the grandstand is concerned, until another appropriation is made by the school board, which would not be earlier than September, 1924.

Community Should Help.

To the writer it appears that, inasmuch as a grandstand cannot be erected by appropriations from the school board until next fall, it would be feasible and highly practicable if the Chamber of Commerce would co-operate with other organizations, among them the baseball team, with

Late News Flashes

Clue to Robbers Thought Found.

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP).—A possible clue to the Siskiyou train robbers was found in a six-passenger automobile abandoned here Saturday, two days after the holdup. It bore a Washington license and fitted the description of a car seen near the tunnel after the holdup. Special Agent P. E. Kelly, S. P., found the car numbers filled off in the same manner as the number had been filled from a revolver found at the holdup scene, and expressed the belief that the robbers used a car found here. He said the "trail is getting hot." An overcoat with a pistol in the pocket was found on the street here last night, loaded with steel nosed bullets like those which killed the engineer and fireman of the train.

Bonus Issue Discussed by Legionnaires.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—The bonus issue came before the American Legion when a question came in today asking the convention to decide either for centering on a bonus for disabled veterans or taking a referendum to learn the will of the majority on the bonus question. The letter, containing the question, said that the Ex-Service Men's Anti-Bonus league was opposed to any compensation but included aided bodied ex-service men and that the Legion had lost many members through advocating compensation for physically fit veterans.

Butcher Found Guilty.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Chester Butcher, charged with a statutory offence, was completed late this morning and went to the jury at approximately noon. The jury is composed entirely of men. They returned a verdict of guilty as charged about 2:00 o'clock today.

DESIRE DIOCESE
HEADQUARTERS

Chamber of Commerce Discussed Invitation to Bishop Remington to Locate Here.

After a diversified discussion, covering the question from every angle, occurred, with A. C. Hampton, superintendent of the La Grande schools, Ed. Holmes, George H. Curry, August J. Stange, G. L. Larson, T. H. Crawford, E. Marks, Dr. J. L. Ingel, participating, the members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, in weekly session yesterday noon, voted unanimously to refer the matter of inviting W. P. Remington, head of the Eastern Oregon Episcopal diocese, to locate permanently in La Grande, to the social welfare committee of the Chamber for consideration to be followed by a conference with the Episcopal vestry, thence to report their findings to the Chamber at the next Tuesday luncheon.

The meeting Tuesday was presided over by E. Marks and was devoted entirely to discussing an invitation by the Chamber to Bishop Remington to make his headquarters in this city. Earl Stoddard said grace, officially opening the meeting. A report of the Highlanders, an organization within the Chamber, composed of members who have secured new members, was given showing that several new members had been enrolled during the past week. Mesdames Will Clark and Walter Parker, Chamber caterers, served the luncheon.

Favorable to Diocese Headquarters.

Messrs. Hampton, Crawford, Stange, Larson, Holmes, Curry, Ingel and Marks were all favorable to issuing an invitation to Reverend Remington to locate here. As a whole, the entire Chamber appears to join with them in that respect, the only matter remaining unacted upon preliminary to actually issuing such an invitation, being the consideration of the financial aspects of such a move. The latter, although presenting a problem that deserves considerable deliberation, will undoubtedly be solved in the very near future.

What social, educational and other betterment La Grande will derive from determining of the Episcopal diocese headquarters here were exemplified by the above mentioned speakers in glowing terms. Incidentally, it became known that if such a step was taken, the erection of a magnificent cathedral would result, the cathedral to be financed by the local people, the Eastern Oregon diocese and the House of Bishops.

Expression of Goodwill.

Accompanying such an invitation, yesterday's speakers felt that it would be necessary in conjunction to issue a concrete expression of good will, of several thousand dollars. With the end in view of determining just how much would be required and what means would be justified in raising the sum, was the motion

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TWO FOUND GUILTY
ON DRUNK CHARGE

Bob O'Hair, found guilty last evening of drunkenness, was fined \$25 and sentenced to 12½ days of servitude on the city streets, by Judge R. J. Kitchen. O'Hair will be permitted to work during the day on the streets but must remain in jail during the evening.

Charles Kunimatsu, Japanese, found guilty last evening of drunkenness, was fined \$25 and sentenced to 10 days in jail. His jail sentence was suspended during good behavior. W. E. Bennett paid a fine of \$5 for traffic violation.

UTAH MAN TO DEMOCRACY IN
PAY PENALTY DANGER, SAYS
FOR MURDER LLOYD GEORGE

Omer Woods Slew Wife and Then Burned Her, Court Claimed.

CHOICE OF NOOSE OR FIRING SQUAD

Convicted Man Still Asserts Innocence; Case in Courts Many Years.

SALT LAKE CITY, (UPI).—Unless his brain paints a mental picture of the most atrocious crime ever committed in Utah, a picture of eager flames leaping about the charred and blackened body of his wife lying on a home-made bed, local officers assert that the justice of man-made laws will have been defeated when Omer Woods, convicted murderer, pays the death penalty.

Under the Utah laws Woods must face an executioner's squad of riflemen with a target over his heart, or swing from a hangman's noose at the State prison before October 24. He is permitted his choice of the two.

For more than a year Woods has forsworn the penalty, but the State Supreme Court has spoken and the arch criminal of Salt Lake City, police records, veterans officers declare, must die for his crime.

Woods, a native of Tennessee and employed by the United States Internal Revenue Service at the time of his arrest for murder, asserts his innocence. When he sits, tightly bound, with five rifles pointed at his heart, should he choose this form of execution, those familiar with the case believe he will confess, provided a confession is not forthcoming before then.

When firemen rushed into the suite occupied by the Woods at the Pauline Apartments, in this city, on January 9, 1922, they found the body of Mrs. Maretha Woods lying on the flaming bed. She was bound, hand and foot, while a handkerchief had been used as a gag.

The odor of smoke had attracted the attention of Mrs. H. S. Catlett, proprietor of the apartment, to this room occupied by the Woods. As she opened the door leading to the hall, Woods toppled out and fell to the floor, apparently unconscious, or at most completely overcome by smoke.

A strand of electric light wire which had been wound around Woods' wrists fell off as he was carried to another floor of the apartment. There were slight abrasions on his head, and one eye was blackened.

Upon being revived Woods told of a sudden attack by two robbers, who entered the suite at he and his wife were seated at a table eating lunch. After being ordered to hold up his hands, Woods contends, he was struck on the head with a club in

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Former British Premier Is Welcomed at Chicago by Tremendous Demonstration.

MOOSE ENTERTAIN HIM AT MOOSEHEART

Lloyd George Commends Inauguration and Continuation of Institution Conducted by L. O. O. M.

CHICAGO (AP).—Suffering from a cold aggravated by fatigue, Lloyd George had a slight temperature today, causing doctors to order him to bed and cancel all engagements for the day.

Hopes, however, are held that he will speak tonight at the international amphitheatre at Stockyards, his secretary, Sir William Sutherland, in a statement said: "We feel that with the example of President Harding and President Wilson before us we are under a heavy responsibility to care for Lloyd George's health. He has been called upon to make many more speeches than was expected. With much of the tour left we must be careful."

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Five years after the World war, democracy, which in 1918 won a great victory over autocracy, is in peril, David Lloyd George, the wartime premier of Great Britain, declared in a luncheon address here Tuesday.

A wave of autocracy seems to be sweeping over the world, he said, but against it, the United States, Great Britain and France will stand together.

Russia threw over democracy a few months after starting the experiment, the former premier asserted. "Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and now Germany is talking about a dictatorship. Democracy is in peril—in peril five years after the greatest triumph democracy has ever had."

"Why is democracy now more, autocracy? It is because, in action, it does not bring the forces of action in the way perhaps an autocracy does, but in a struggle it is the heart that tells and democracy sustains the heart, and what happens is that democratic institutions along with produce and train men that are able to appeal to nations, to rise to those heights of sacrifice which are the last citadels of freedom in all lands."

"Now, when democracy is in danger, when I can see the throne of democracy tumbling in one hand after another, you have a hand of democracy, France I believe, will stand by democracy, and whatever happens these three great lands together will stand against this wave of autocracy."

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Days of '49
Open Tonight
With Parade

Tonight at 7:00 o'clock a parade to leave the Elks temple, march through the main business section of La Grande, ending up at the Zuber hall, will herald in the 1923 Days of '49, sponsored by the La Grande R. P. O. E. Lodge No. 423 for the benefit of the needy and to finance the annual Elks Kiddies Christmas tree. The doors to the hall will open at eight o'clock and then the fun will continue until midnight.

Elks are anticipating a record attendance this evening and derive this anticipation from the fact that it appears that advance interest is greater in the show this year than ever before. Interest is especially high regarding the Elks Pendleton woolen robe, which will be given away this evening.

The parade tonight will consist of the forty-musicians, the American Legion drum corps and the La Grande Municipal Band.

Allow No Shooting.

Chief of Police Clint Haynes today announced that the peace officers would tolerate absolutely no shooting during the Days of '49 with the exception of firing of blank cartridges during the evening parade by members who are taking part in the parade. Any other display of shooting or holsters will be promptly curbed by the police.

SUPER BOARD
PASSING ON
TAX MATTERS

Reynolds, Huffman and McGoldrick, Governor's Appointees, Review Public Business.

The board from which there is no appeal on tax matters is in session at the city hall today. It is a board created by the last legislature and has been termed the "super" board on taxation. The governor appoints a board of three members in each county under the law and in Union county Governor Pierce has chosen J. E. Reynolds, Henry McGoldrick and C. L. Huffman. It is the duty of the board to review the appropriations made in the school districts, cities and the county wherever tax money is to be spent and the board holds the absolute power of removing any item from the budget and inserting any new item it deems proper.

In this respect the new board is a very important institution, for after the budget committees and the regularly elected officers of each political unit have settled upon what they believe should be proper expenditures, the new tax board must review their findings and if the new board sees things differently it has a right to make changes.

Today the board is holding a public hearing for School District No. 1, the city of La Grande and Union Lake and Cove plant in the Grande Ronde valley, and the South Baker steam plant in the Baker valley, were able to operate at capacity, according to a check of the situation last night. Sections of the high voltage line running in all directions from the Rock Creek plant, which is the load dispatching point, were swept out by the hurricane, the lines going down in rapid succession. Quick work by all available help brought the system back into working order with the least possible delay and at no time was the service discontinued except for periods of very small moment.

Meeting Quiet.
The meetings this morning were quiet, called by the many changes in

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Teach Love in Church,
Urges Syracuse PastorBy Chester B. Babin,
International News Service Staff
Correspondent.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., — Love-making should be fostered in every church in Syracuse and the art of it taught in the Sunday schools, declared Rev. Albert H. Wright, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

"Courtship is going on in our churches and Sunday schools constantly whether we know it or not," the minister declared today. "It really does not have to be taught to develop, but some guidance should be given in order to have it take the right channels. Without the spirit of love-making our Christian Endeavor Societies would have to close doors, for there would not be enough young people to sing anything but a solo."

Church Love Fosters.

Under the influence of the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor Society the young people of both sexes are brought together under conditions and learn love in its purest sense. This is not always understood and fostered by the heads of the religious organizations.

TWO DIE, LOSS
\$2,500,000,
IN OKLAHOMA

Waters Are Receding in Oklahoma City According to Latest Reports.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS TODAY

Mrs. R. H. Loose and 8-Year Old Daughter Drowned While Attempting to Escape Flood Waters.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP).—The flood waters are receding today. Two are known dead. The loss here is approximately \$2,500,000. Thousands are homeless.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (By the Associated Press).—Staggered by the greatest flood in the history of the state and virtually isolated by rail and highway, Oklahoma City Tuesday night sheltered her little army of refugees and waited for the muddy, turbulent waters of the north Canadian river to recede and reveal the damage it has wrought.

Although the river had fallen approximately two feet from the 24-foot crest that swept down on the city at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning the swift rush of the waters was still swirling through streets heretofore considered immune from the ravages of the fitful stream.

2000 Are Homeless.

More than 2000 of the 15,000 persons who fled before the onrush of the water still were homeless Tuesday night. They are quartered in halls and churches throughout the city. The remainder of the host had returned to their homes by means of vehicles that passed, often hub-deep, through streets still filled with back water.

The known dead list stood at two, but city officials and members of rescue crews declared it probably would

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STORM HURTS
POWER SYSTEM

E. O. L. & P. Co., Combats a Fierce Wind Storm in Grande Ronde and Baker Valleys Yesterday.

A terrific windstorm struck the Grande Ronde and Baker valleys yesterday, making operating conditions for the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company extremely difficult. Early yesterday afternoon there wouldn't have been no light or power if it had not been that the Morgan Lake and Cove plant in the Grande Ronde valley, and the South Baker steam plant in the Baker valley, were able to operate at capacity, according to a check of the situation last night. Sections of the high voltage line running in all directions from the Rock Creek plant, which is the load dispatching point, were swept out by the hurricane, the lines going down in rapid succession. Quick work by all available help brought the system back into working order with the least possible delay and at no time was the service discontinued except for periods of very small moment.

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LIQUOR TRIALS
ARE POSTPONED

Herb Mires, Perry Woodell and Clarence Heryford Being Tried This Afternoon.

Trial of Herb Mires, Perry Woodell and Clarence Heryford, arrested Saturday and charged with possession of intoxicating liquor and sale of same, scheduled for this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the justice court, were postponed this afternoon. Justice of Peace Hugh E. Brady is presiding at the trials this afternoon.

