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PORTLAND (AP)—
Oregon—Cloudy tonight
and Tuesday, excepting
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Blue and White Tossers Will Enter the Salem Tourney

LA GRANDE WINS TITLE IN TOURNEY

Baker and Enterprise Tossers Defeated in Semi-Final and Final

PRICE, ALTHOUGH ILL, WENT OKEH

Tiger Team, Before Vast Crowd Saturday Afternoon, Wrestled Victory From Baker by One Point.

(By Scoop)

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—On March 12, 14 and 15 La Grande high school's basketball team will participate in the state title tournament at Salem, Oregon with championship teams from other sections of the state.

By winning Saturday the Blue and White team not only won the right to go to Salem and the undisputed title of district No. 1, comprising Walla Walla, Union, Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties, but they also won a reputation basketball, presented by C. L. Caldwell, of the Union Hardware company, and a loving cup given by Dr. William Pease, of La Grande.

The Baker team, composed of veteran players, put up a game fight Saturday afternoon and during the first three periods seemed to have the game sewed up. However, a last period rally won for La Grande.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS SOON

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stange and daughter, Miss Ann and Jane, returned yesterday from Vancouver where they attended a family reunion celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. Stange's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stange.

Mr. Stange stated that the plans for the actual construction of the

Meet Set for Tuesday.

Sons of Veterans of the Civil War will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the City Hall for the purpose of being "mustered in." Division Commander Forester, of Portland, will be present. A special invitation is extended to all "sons" and "grand sons" to be present.

Final Services Held in Episcopal Church Here

With pioneers and their sons and daughters present, final services were held yesterday afternoon at four o'clock in the historic Episcopal church of this city.

Plans are practically completed for the erection of a new and modern building, in which the congregation may worship and present indications point that the building, a church that has stood for half a century, will be razed.

Knowledge that the services Sunday would be the last held in the Episcopal church resulted in a large crowd attending. Every seat in the building was occupied and the capacity was crowded to the limit.

Prayer Opens Services.

Rev. George opened the services with a prayer and shortly afterwards J. D. Rafter, in a well presented address, reviewed the history of the church.

J. H. Stevens, who was wedded fifty years ago in the famous building, gave some reminiscences of earlier days. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were present at the first services held in 1872 and were guests of honor at the final services.

Others made short speeches, among them being Mrs. Harriett McDonald, Ed Eckley, Tap Thomas, Mrs. L. H. Russell, Mrs. Joe Richardson and Mrs. Tall.

Following the program the congregation and guests retired to Honan hall where a reception was held. Delicious refreshments were served before the completion of the reception.

Mrs. Kate Hanley, president of the sons and daughters organization, was in charge of the ceremonies and was ably assisted by several others.

Friends of the Farmers



These senators called on President Coolidge to urge a more liberal policy by the War Finance Corporation toward small country banks. Left to right a more liberal policy by the War Finance Corp., McNary, Shipstead and Capper.

FRANCE GIVEN SOFT REBUKE

Premier MacDonald Writes Letter to Poincare; Answer to Englishman Filed.

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Premier MacDonald in a letter to Poincare published today, said the people of England regard with anxiety what appears to be France's determination to ruin Germany and dominate the continent, without consideration for Great Britain's reasonable interests and the future consequences of the European settlement.

Macdonald also said that the British people feel apprehensive of large military and aerial establishments now maintained by France.

Poincare, in his reply, characterized as mistaken those Englishmen

SALVATION ARMY CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE

Word has been received that the Eastern Oregon Young People's convention of the Salvation Army will be held in La Grande Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17.

Saturday evening will be a free program with delegates from all points participating. Three sessions of council have been arranged for Sunday.

Young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years are included in the association.

Officers from San Francisco, Portland, The Dalles, Bend, Baker, Pendleton and La Grande will be in attendance.

BULLETINS

CASE IN DOUBT.

McMinnville, Ore. (AP)—Because of a defect in the indictment charging Walter L. Toole, Jr., chairman of the state Republican central committee, and J. W. Temple, garage owner, with "contributing to the delinquency of a minor by giving her intoxicating liquor," the case was referred back to the grand jury by Circuit Judge Tucker today. The defect consisted in the omission of the charge that the girl involved was an "unmarried juvenile." Attorney Ricks, for the defendant, says the whole affair is a spite work.

NOT ON PAYROLL.

Salem, Ore. (AP)—J. S. Culbertson, prohibition agent who is alleged to have shot Frank Valentini in a raid at Verona Saturday night, is not on the payroll of the state prohibition department, according to the governor's office. Culbertson was formerly a deputy under Cleaver but was dismissed at the demand of the governor because of the methods he used.

EXTRADITION GRANTED.

Salem, Ore. (AP)—The governor's office today granted extradition for George Meadows to stand trial in Jasper, Alabama, on an indictment charging murder 19 years ago. Meadows, who is held at Roseburg, will be turned over to A. M. Solt, deputy sheriff from Alabama.

STATE LAW SUSTAINED.

Washington (AP)—State law prohibiting possession of intoxicating liquors acquired before national prohibition were sustained today by the supreme court, affirming the conviction of Raymond Moore, of Idaho.

TEACHER DEAD AS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT

Reports received in La Grande today, yet unverified, state that Miss Lillian Stevens, of Pendleton, died yesterday as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. Mrs. Horace Mann, another lady who was in the accident, although unhurt, is the mother-in-law of George Hart, of Pendleton, according to reports.

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Miss Lillian Stevens and Miss Nell Chandler, teachers in the Riverside school in Pendleton were injured more or less seriously when the car in which they were riding overturned on the highway between Weston and Milton today. Mrs. William Baker, also of Pendleton, who was riding in the car, suffered slight injuries, while Mrs. Horace Mann, to whom the car belongs, was uninjured as was Mrs. Joseph N. Scott.

The party was en route to Walla Walla and the driver is believed to have turned out sharply to avoid a car, causing the machine to turn turtle. Miss Stevens, who is in a Walla Walla hospital, suffered a severe concussion about the head. Miss Chandler's collarbone was broken.

SENIOR DRAMA THIS WEEK END

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" to Be Presented Friday and Saturday Nights.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate," a mystery drama, will be presented to the public in the high school auditorium by the Senior class of La Grande high school Friday and Saturday evenings.

Fourteen members of the cast, in charge of Miss Mahol Bennett, director, have been working on the finishing touches of the play during the past week and will hold their final dress rehearsal Thursday preceding the initial presentation Friday. Reports indicate that the work of the cast is very satisfactory.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate," a royalty play, is hailed everywhere by

Body to Lie in State.

The body of Mrs. Hutchins, who died Saturday here, will lie in state from eleven until one o'clock Tuesday at the Stodgrass and Zimmerman chapel.

Late News Flashes

DRUG STORE IS ROBBED.

UNION (Special).—The drug store of L. A. Wright was broken into Sunday morning and about one hundred dollars worth of fountain pens were stolen. Apparently from the way the store was rifled the robbers were hunting for some kind of a drug which they did not find.

The night watchman was on duty until 4 o'clock Sunday morning and reports everything regular in making his rounds, indicating that the robbery must have occurred after 4 o'clock.

WILL REPORT BILL.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The house insular affairs committee decided today to report the bill providing Philippine independence.

AGGIES REQUEST LOSES.

LOS ANGELES (AP).—Advises received here indicated that four Universities voted against the Oregon Agricultural college plan to reopen the basketball championship of the north division of the Pacific coast conference by permitting the Aggies to play two more games with Montana.

MALONE TO BE RENAMED.

SALEM (AP).—W. H. Malone of Corvallis, will be reappointed a member of the state highway commission when his term expires March 31, the governor's office announced today.

EDUCATORS GATHER IN LA GRANDE

Eastern Oregon Superintendents and Principals Meet Here

DU BOIS URGES SMALLER TEAMS

Limitation of Members of High School Athletic Bodies Urged by Enterprise Superintendent.

Pratt Brown, superintendent of Baker, Ore., schools was elected president of the Eastern Oregon Superintendents and Principals' association at a meeting here Saturday. P. K. Knight, Baker principal, was named secretary.

Among the speakers who addressed the association were H. M. DuBois, Enterprise, president of the Oregon State High School Athletic association; A. C. Hampton, La Grande superintendent of schools; E. D. Hedrick of Heppner; W. W. Green, county school superintendent of Umatilla county; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction of Salem; and Roy Conklin, Union superintendent of schools.

Mr. DuBois, in his address, advocated limitation of players on athletic teams. His viewpoint that it is manifestly unfair for a larger school to play two or three teams against a smaller school, necessitates

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AMERICAN NAVY IS ORDERED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

WASHINGTON (AP)—The strictest neutrality between rival revolutionary movements in Honduras has been enjoined upon the American naval commanders in Honduras waters.

They have been directed to confine themselves to strictly protective American lives and interests.

Forces of the de facto government were seriously defeated yesterday by a revolutionary column commanded by General Ferrera at Tamara, 15 miles west of Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital.

KING GEORGE ILL.

London (AP)—King George is confined to Buckingham Palace suffering from a cold. He has cancelled his engagements for a week.

MESSAGES OF M'LEAN TO BE READ

Public Hearings of Senate Oil Committee Continued Tuesday

WILLIAM BURNS TO BE CALLED

Court Action Will Start During Present Week; Oil Counsel Preparing for Work.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Cipher experts of the war department who have been translating the code messages in McLean's telegrams will be called first tomorrow when the Senate oil committee resumes public hearings.

William J. Burns is to be questioned and Mrs. Mary Buckstein, former private secretary to Burns though now an operative in the justice department, will probably follow Burns on the stand.

McLean may be called before the end of the week.

Court Action To Start.

Court action in the oil cases will be initiated this week by special government counsel while the Senate oil committee is following further the trail of the celebrated McLean telegrams.

The first step of action will be to bring civil action looking to the stoppage of the extraction of oil from the naval reserves in California and Wyoming and the annulment of the leases awarded by Albert B. Fall as secretary of the interior, to the Doherty and special interests.

Any criminal action growing out

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SECOND OFFICE SEEKER FILES

E. J. Spencerbox, North Powder, Declares Himself Candidate for a County Office.

E. J. Spencerbox, of North Powder, has filed his declaration for candidacy for the office of county commissioner of Union county in the May primaries, according to an announcement by County Clerk C. K. McCormick today. Mr. Spencerbox is the second aspirant for office, to file. Dr. P. L. Babson, of La Grande, was the first to file. He is a candidate for county coroner.

The platform as indicated in his statement to the county clerk, is as follows:

"I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office cooperate with the citizens of Union county in all efforts for its advancement and betterment of conditions within the county."

UNION GETS TRACK MEET

During the superintendent and principals' meeting held in La Grande Saturday unanimous decision was made to award the Eastern Oregon interscholastic track and field meet this May to Union, Oregon.

It is customary for each school to "take turns" in staging the meet and this year happened to be La Grande's time. However, inasmuch as no field is prepared here yet, it was decided to give the meet to Union this year. La Grande will probably be host to the athletes next year.

The meet will be held at the track show grounds on May 16.

Rainfall In California Is Welcomed

Drought Ends When a Downpour Occurs Yesterday—Rain Yet Raining.

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Rain is a titillating in portions of Southern California today after a downpour yesterday that ended what threatened to be a disastrous drought.

Officials of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association, the county foresters' office and producers of hydro-electric power hailed the long delayed downpour as a Godsend, and said that much more is yet needed.

INVITATIONS OUT FOR MEET

Invitations for the annual meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, to be held in the Bay View Hotel building at the corner of Elm and Jefferson streets, have been placed in the mails and members are today making reservations with Earl C. Reynolds, secretary.

From present indications a large number will be present tomorrow evening at the gathering, which is to feature a "home products" banquet, and Mr. Reynolds urges that all who intend to be present make their reservations before tomorrow.

Several numbers have been added to the program, among them being a cornet-trombone duet by Andrew Loney, Jr., and Frank Robinson, and two numbers of the La Grande municipal band. Following the banquet, the band will stage a short concert and dance at Zuber hall.

Several local manufacturers have announced that they will donate samples of their products for the banquet tomorrow evening, which begins at six o'clock, and every effort is being made to make the affair a truly "home products" banquet.

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ASK LIMITED PRODUCTION

State Market Agent Spence, who was for 12 years state grange master of Oregon, states that reports from granges and other farmer organizations in many states, indicate that a movement is already under way to curtail production of nearly all grown food products and move backward toward pioneer days, when farmers raised what they could with their own labor and horses, or exchanged work with their neighbors, and let it at that.

"The big wheat raising states

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Frank Lilly Is Winner Of Weekly Trap Shoot

In Sunday's weekly trap shooting contest at the Country Club, Frank L. Lilly turned in one of the best cards of the season, breaking 29 out of a possible 40 pigeons. Other members turned in unusually high scores but none came up to the mark set by Mr. Lilly according to Chase Bohlenkamp, Master of ceremonies.

La Grande Team Takes Many Honors at Union

(By Scoop)

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Captain Owen Price, of La Grande's five, and Rinehart of Enterprise, both forwards, tied for high point honors in any one game during the first annual district basketball tournament with 26 points each. Hummel, La Grande center, 23 points; Payne, Baker forward, 23 points; 24 points; Coker, La Grande guard, 23 points; 24 points; Rinehart, Enterprise forward, 24 points; 22 points; Max-

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PRESIDENT SILENT ON 'QUIT STORY'

Coolidge Refuses to Comment on Frank Vanderlip's Statements

OTHERS MAKE STRONG DENIAL

Vanderlip Charges That Coolidge Has Asked for Daugherty's Resignation With No Success.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—White House officials said today that President Coolidge did not care to dignify by comment the declaration of Frank A. Vanderlip yesterday that the president had asked but had not received Attorney General Daugherty's resignation.

The story has been denied by all in a position to speak authoritatively.

Probe Administration.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Members of the Daugherty investigating committee devoted their time today to working out a plan for an inquiry into the attorney general's administration.

Daugherty's personal counsel, Paul Howard, a Cleveland, was ex-senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, requested the right to examine

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BEARS TO PLAY HUSKIES FOR COAST TITLE

OAKLAND, Cal. (AP)—The University of Washington will meet the University of California at basketball in the auditorium here Tuesday night in the first of a series of games for the championship of the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference.

The teams will meet again Thursday night, and should a third game be necessary to decide the supremacy, it will be played Friday night.

Election of Officers For Round-Up Occurs

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Henry W. Collins was reelected president of the Round-Up association and the present directors were retained at a meeting of the association. Brock Dickson was added to the directors and will be treasurer. R. E. Chleupke, whom Dickson succeeded, will in the future be director of non-competitive events.

WILLSON GETS 3 YEARS, \$500

Dr. E. G. Willson, of Elgin, found guilty of manslaughter last week in the circuit court, was fined \$500 and sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary by Judge Eakin, of Astoria, who presided at his trial.

This sentence was imposed Saturday afternoon. Dr. Willson will appeal the case, according to announcement by his attorneys.