

LA GRANDE WINS FIRST ROUND GAME

Joseph, Baker and Wallowa Defeat Opponents Easily

TIGERS TO MEET WALLOWA TONIGHT

Joseph and Baker Clash Following La Grande Game; Losers to Play Losers in Afternoon.

FIRST ROUND SCORES Wallowa 10, Muddy Creek 9. Joseph 24, Prairie City 12. La Grande 22, Enterprise 16. Baker 48, Vale 6.

TODAY'S GAMES 3 p. m.: Vale vs. Muddy Creek. 4 p. m.: Prairie vs. Enterprise. 7:30 p. m.: La Grande vs. Wallowa. 8:30 p. m.: Baker vs. Joseph.

(By Special) UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The first round of the Union district basketball tournament went about as expected with the four teams, doped strongest prior to the tourney, coming through victorious.

Joseph and La Grande played the hardest game to stay in the win column while Wallowa and Baker found their opponents more or less set-ups.

This afternoon the four teams will meet. The Vale-Muddy Creek game is a toss up but Enterprise should win in her contest with Prairie City.

Big Games Tonight. This evening the four leading teams will play. La Grande, twice beaten by Wallowa, will attempt to subdue Baker's progress and Baker will face Joseph, rated as possibly the strongest team in this district.

Wallowa defeated Baker twice and Joseph trimmed Wallowa the same number of times. On the face of it Joseph should win but Baker is prepared to put forth a better brand of basketball than either in the year and, in the writer's opinion, the game will be very, very close with either team standing a chance of emerging winner.

Accommodations at Union are better this year than ever before and the spirit of sportsmanship shown is excellent. The U. H. S. coaches are organized into a coaching section and usually give each team a rousing cheer. When La Grande played, however, about 200 their supporters from the county seat gave Union little chance to voice their approval of the La Grande boys. La Grande sent the largest crowd from any one town to Union to witness the first round of the tournament.

Wallowa, La Grande, Joseph and Baker appear as the best teams, largely due to their offensive tactics. Muddy Creek, Vale and Prairie City lack the drive to pierce their opponents' defense. Enterprise can get through but in a week left weaker all around than the first four named. Two athletic shooters accounted for many long distance shots yesterday. Hummett of La Grande, and McIntire of Prairie City.

Joseph Makes Record. Cundiff, of Baker, was high point man of the first round with 22 field baskets and two fouls. Joseph played through her game without making a foul which may be a tournament record. Estes, Hummett and Payne put up the best brand of ball Thursday.

The games all started promptly on time and were well refereed in every case, by Coleman.

LA GRANDE TRIUMPHS The Tigers, in the third game of the first round, found in Enterprise a hard team to defeat, although this was accomplished with more ease than had been anticipated.

Flood Water Situation To Be Relieved

City Crew Busy Today Building a Ditch That Will Handle All Surplus Water.

In order to handle all surplus waters from the adjacent hills, the city crew, following orders by City Manager Crews, are today busy near the intersection of 1 and First streets preparing a ditch, emptying beneath the First street pavement, that is sufficiently large to take care of all future flood waters caused by melting snow.

The ditch, running down 1, became flooded a couple of days ago and, because of a shallow entrance to the main under the pavement there, it overflowed and caused much discomfort along M. N. and O streets.

The new ditch, which will be covered by a culvert and may remain there permanently, will be completed in a very short time. A railing will be placed along the sidewalk to protect passersby.

MANY CLUBS ORGANIZED

Special impetus to the boys' and girls' club work in this vicinity has been given recently by the efforts of E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent and H. G. Ayers, county agriculturist, who have visited the outlying districts organizing clubs.

The following boys' and girls' clubs of Union county were registered with the Oregon Agricultural college during the month of February:

Cove Gardening club—President, Lada Brothers; vice president, Vera Hou; secretary, Lee Ellen Broshaus; local leader, Mrs. H. Blank. North Powder Sewing club—President, Eunice McFarland; vice president, Fern Myers; secretary, Crystal Peterson; local leader, Mrs. A. G. Angell.

North Powder Cooking club—President, Jessie Davis; vice president, Yoda Wickes; secretary, Evelyn Metcalfe; local leader, Mrs. Magnolia Stout.

Island City Cooking club—President, Minnie Reber; vice president, Ethel Shafer; secretary, Lorette Reber; local leader, Iva L. Bryant.

Imbler Sewing club—President, Catherine McKinnis; vice president, Gladys Billings; secretary, Vada Slack; local leader, Mrs. Margaret Cleaver.

Imbler Gardening club—President, Homer Greener; vice president, Grant Stringham; secretary, Clifford Westenskow; local leader, William Westenskow.

Other clubs will be announced as soon as they are registered with the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

PERSHING IS STILL BEDFAST

HAVANA (By the Associated Press)—General Pershing is still in bed today and is not expected to arise before tomorrow when he is expected to visit President Zayas. He has been ill.

PUZZLE ANSWER



Presbyterian Organ Recital This Evening

Lucien E. Becker, Portland Organist, to Formally Present New Instrument Installed in La Grande Church.

The inaugural organ recital on the newly installed Klier organ in the Presbyterian church will be given this evening by Prof. Lucien E. Becker of Portland. Everything is in readiness for the touch of the master hand giving expression in a program that will appeal to all, as the tones of the organ bring their message, according to Reverend Ross. The church quartet will also assist in the evening's enjoyment, making two appearances, while Mrs. A. L. Richardson, the director-soprano, with Miss "Ave Marie" with violin obligato by L. J. Lindsay.

Programme Organ—Solemn Prelude. Mally Song of Hope. Mattie Wiltonello. Becker Vocal—"Appear Thou Light Divine." Morrison "Fear Not, O Israel." The Quartet Organ—Dirigien's Chorus. Wagner Grand March from "Tannhauser." Wagner Fugue in G Minor. Bach Vocal—"Ave Maria." Bach-Gounod Mrs. A. L. Richardson and L. J. Lindsay, with violin obligato.

Organ—Caprice Viennois. Kreisler Largo from "Norax." Handel Overture to "William Tell." Rossini Vocal—"Ile of Beauty." Coleridge-Taylor "My Love is a Muletoe." Francisco Di Nozero The Quartet Organ—Internozzo "Forget-Me-Not." Macbeth Trauered. Schumann A Southern Fantasia. Hawke (Introducing Swanee River, Old Kentucky Home, Old Black Joe, Dixie, Maryland, My Maryland)

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MOUNT JOSEPH PLANT BOUGHT

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—An important business deal was consummated in Joseph, states a local newspaper, when the transfer of the M. Joseph Lumber company, formerly Dawson Brothers, was made to McKinley & Hampson Lumber company of Bend. Mr. McKinley was in Joseph last summer and became interested in this property which was for sale. His company had an unfinished contract at Bend but upon its completion they came to Joseph to again look over the proposition. They expressed themselves very much pleased with the prospect here and the purchase was completed.

Library Plans Poetry, Lenten Picture Program

A poetry class and Lenten pictures will be combined tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the library for the children of the grade schools of La Grande. Tomorrow will mark the first of the series of Lenten pictures which will be shown each Saturday until Easter. Each day will represent one of the days of the last week of the life of Christ. The pictures will be shown by Mrs. E. P. Mossman.

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LECTURES IN LA GRANDE

Dr. Ralph Shaduck, biological chemist, will appear here in a series of lectures to be given at the Roman hall from March 10 to 15, inclusive.

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PETITION IS PRESENTED TO COUNTY COURT

A delegation of about 20 residents of Elgin and vicinity were in La Grande yesterday to present a petition for the improvement of a road along Phillips creek toward Summit in the county court. No definite action was taken by the court yesterday.

Among the men who were here to present the petition in person were Charlie Cross, Don Myers, Scot Haines, Clarence D. Bean, Charles Moore, B. Brownell, H. H. Weatherston, J. P. W. Gallowsay, Mr. McCallie, Bernard Hug, Eugene Hug, H. H. Hug and Paul Sadler.

LOSTINE WILL FOLLOW LEAD

Following La Grande's lead to encourage art appreciation the Lostine Women's club presented the library at that place with between two hundred and three hundred pictures last Friday at the library. Among this number are several world's famous masterpieces, which should be known by everyone.

Two schools at Lostine have been supplied and art appreciation will be encouraged by the instructors. A large number of people attended the presentation and an excellent musical program was rendered.

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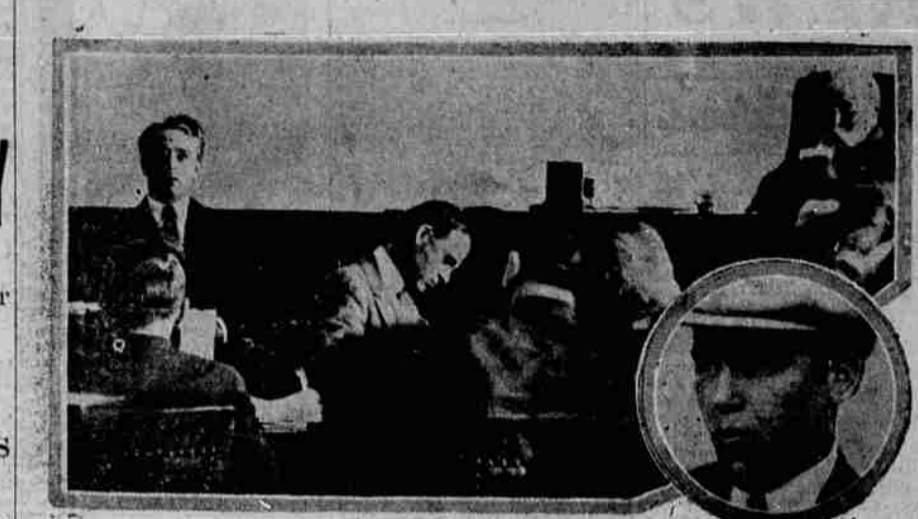
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Charlie Admits That He is Funny



Charlie Chaplin, noted film comedian, is shown as he appeared on the witness stand in Los Angeles during a trial in which he sought to prevent Charles Amador, inset, from imitating him on the screen. Charlie admitted he was funny and protested having his antics copied.

NEW DIRECTORS ARE NAMED

At the annual meeting of the La Grande chapter of the American Red Cross last evening at the city hall with seven paid up members and fifteen other people present a new board of directors for the year 1925 was appointed. The directors are Lynn Bohlenkamp, Hugh Brady, Berley Richardson, H. E. Coolidge, Ralph Haron, Otis Palmer and Mrs. Jena Palmer. Reports were made by the old board. The financial report announced \$300 on hand. The retiring board consists of Dr. H. P. Landis, R. O. Williams, Colton E. Richardson, Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, Mrs. E. P. Mezzman and Mrs. W. D. Hanks. Miss Oweida Lilly resigned an executive secretary of the home service department.

The new board of directors will meet in the near future and elect officers and make other plans for carrying on the work.

WILL PADLOCK N. Y. CABARETS

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Padlock proceedings rather than the arrest of offenders will be used here in the future to enforce the prohibition law, United States Attorney Emory Buckner has announced.

Mr. Buckner, who succeeded Col. William Hayward only last Monday, Thursday began proceedings in United States district court to close for at least one year 14 of the city's leading cabarets, clubs and fashionable restaurants.

Mr. Buckner's drive is the most drastic in the history of the city and if successful, will considerably dim the lustre of the lights of New York's great white way. The fashionable and expensive supper clubs and night life resorts against which he already has sought padlock injunctions are the Beaus Arts restaurant, Club Moritz, Club Boogie, Club Maridori, Club Beauville, Colony restaurant, Elroy club, Lido-Valce, Meadows restaurant, Monte Carlo, Monquin's restaurant, Piping Rock restaurant, Restaurant Carlton and the Restaurant L'Algon.

FIELD PLANES CRASH IN AIR; PILOTS SAVED

SAN ANTONIO (By the Associated Press)—When two Kelly field planes collided in mid air at an elevation of about 4,000 feet today, both pilots jumped in parachutes, landing soon after the burning planes, locked wing by wing, crashed to the earth.

EXPLOSION IN LENINGRAD IS FATAL TO MANY

LENINGRAD (By the Associated Press)—Twenty-six persons were killed and an unknown number wounded by an explosion of oxygen tanks in a building in the center of Leningrad today.

The explosion caused a panic in the vicinity and scattered debris and parts of human bodies in every direction. Most victims were women and children.

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Parker Says His Wife Is Not In Need

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Henry C. Parker, when informed today that efforts would be made in New York to force him to return there to support his two daughters, declared he is without funds and that he did not take seriously the assertion of Justice Dike, of Brooklyn, that his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Nagle Parker, who obtained an "Enoch Arden" divorce was in need.

"She is earning a large income as a commercial artist," he told the Associated Press that he had been informed. "I have not even enough money for a trip to New York. Engaged in experimental work, my means are limited."

COLONEL FORBES APPEALS

CHICAGO (AP)—An application for a writ of error in behalf of Colonel Forbes, former head of the War Veterans' Bureau, who was recently found guilty with John Thompson of conspiracy, was filed in the Federal court today.

Colonel Forbes' council is seeking to appeal the case to the United States circuit court of appeals.

REPUBLICANS TAKE CHARGE

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the support of the senators they have read out of the party councils the Republicans proceeded today to reorganize the new senate.

Senator Moses of New Hampshire was elected president pro tempore by a vote of 36 to 59 over senator Pittman, the choice of the Democratic conference.

TRAIN KILLS SIX WILLIAMSPOIT, Ind. (AP)—Mrs. Fred Bodine, 28, and four small children, and Miss Clara Hurd, 21, were killed today when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a freight train.

VINING TALKS AT DINNER

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Irving Vining, president of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, was the principal speaker at a large meeting and banquet at the chamber of commerce here last night. It was the occasion of the first occupancy of the remodeled new quarters and guests invited by the chamber included the local post, American Legion, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

FAIRM LOANS AUTHORIZED

SALEM, Ore.—The state board of control approved 43 applications for loans under the farmers' relief bill, enacted at the last session of the legislature. The loans aggregated \$10,999. Under the provisions of this law the money must be used for purchasing seed and the borrowers must pay the state interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

LONDON COMMENTS

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Quoting from the Coolidge inaugural speech the statement that "America cherishes no purpose save merit of Almighty God," and that "legions she sends forth are armed, not with the sword but with the cross," the Morning Post says, "It is good to know that Americans feel that way but it might be dangerous to presume too much on their Christian self denial."

Two Oversea Veterans In Present U.S. Senate

(By Harry B. Hunt)

MITCHELL SUCCEEDED BY FETCHET

Brigadier General to Be Demoted to Rank of Colonel April 27

AIR ASSISTANT'S TERM EXPIRES THEN

Second Favorable Report on Warren's Nomination for Attorney General Is Made.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Secretary Weeks today announced the selection of Colonel James E. Fetchet for assistant army air chief, succeeding Brigadier General Mitchell, whose term expires April 27th.

Fetchet will assume the rank of brigadier general. Mitchell will revert to the colonel rank. Weeks is not decided on a new assignment for him.

Warren Report Favorable. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The second favorable report on the Warren nomination for attorney general was ordered today by the senate judiciary committee.

The senate Republicans in conference voted 23 to 11 against consideration of the nomination in open session.

General Mitchell was absent when announcement was made but his office gave out a statement prepared by him.

His statement read: "The question of my re-appointment as assistant chief of the air service is a small matter. The question of the re-organization of our national defense system is a very big matter. People must decide what our national defense should be and to arrive at that conclusion they must know the truth about what we have, what we need and how it should be handled."

ELGIN SURE OF PLANING MILL

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The Portland Lumber company is to become an industry of Elgin. Negotiations have reached a stage that insures the establishment of the lumber company's plant in this city, states a local newspaper.

Wednesday the deal was closed by Mr. Moore, who is behind the Portland company, and representatives of the business men who are behind the move to furnish a site and erect a building, to be leased to Mr. Moore for a term of twelve years. On the other hand Mr. Moore let it be known that his part of the investment would aggregate \$12,000. A planing mill will be his first objective, later adding a saw mill to his equipment.

Two Oversea Veterans In Present U.S. Senate

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Two veterans of the World War service men landed in the United States senate as a result of recent elections. These are Rice W. Means of Colorado, elected Nov. 4 to complete the term of the late Senator Nicholson, and Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, chosen at a special election, Dec. 16 to fill the vacancy due to Senator Bandelier's suicide.

Both Means and Bingham have overseas service in the recent affair with Germany. Means as a lieutenant colonel, commanding the Fourth U. S. Infantry in the Strume-Argonne offensive, Bingham as a major in command of the great flying school at Issou-

O.A.C. Glee Club Will Appear in La Grande

O. A. C. CORVALLIS (Special)—The O. A. C. Glee club will arrive in La Grande March 23 to give a concert and a dance. The club tour will include The Dalles, Pendleton, Union, Hood River and Baker.

Forty men from the club, accompanied by the Oregon Agrarivators, a seven piece orchestra, and Victor Frank, magician, will travel in two large buses through eastern Oregon on their tour. In this way schedules can be arranged independently of train schedules.

A quartet composed of James Koon of Portland, tenor, James Jenks of Corvallis, tenor, Percy Blackstone