

SEASON TO OPEN HERE TOMORROW

First League Ball Game in La Grande Stirs Up Interest

PENDLETON WILL TRY OUT PIRATES

Swashbucklers and Buckaroos Rated as Strongest Teams — A Snappy Contest Expected.

All other sports are destined to take a back seat in point of interest before the entrance of King Baseball who will be ushered in tomorrow afternoon by the Pendleton and La Grande nine in the first game of the 1925 season to be played in La Grande.

So when you here the band play in form in line. All roads lead to the ball park, not only the La Grande roads but out of town highways.

Harris French, manager of the Pirates is arranging a parade, from the business section of the town to start about two o'clock.

Workers with teams and tractors were working on the field all day today getting the lot in shape for the big game.

The game itself should be well worth watching. The Bucks and Pirates are considered somewhat stronger at present and the Pirates are in top shape with the exception of Hultz, first baseman, who is in the hospital with a bad throat.

Tex Knight, third sacker last season will be used on first during the absence of Hultz. Tex worked out last night with the team and is showing up in good shape. He has a few more days of his natural ability for a first baseman.

The remainder of the infield will be composed of Ruid Helms, second base, Williams, shortstop, and Gossett, third base. The pitcher position will be unchanged from last year.

George J. Foster, retired engineer of the second division of the O. W. R. & N. company, died at the residence of his extended family yesterday at Hot Lake, where he has made his home for several years.

Mr. Foster is well remembered as being one of the pioneers of the Grande River valley. He was 69 years, six months and nine days of age at the time of his death.

Funeral arrangements are pending the arrival of a daughter from Bend, Ore. The remains are at the Bohlenkamp chapel.

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Artists Will Appear Here In Concert

Interest in Recital Set for Friday Evening High; Affair to Add to City's Prestige.

Sponsored by the Neighborhood club and the Monday Musical of La Grande Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. Ella Conell Jesse, and Mark Daniels will be presented in concert on Friday evening, May 1, at the Presbyterian church.

The appearance of Mark Daniels, baritone soloist of Portland, at this particular time is especially interesting because he will repeat many of the solo numbers that will feature the farewell concert he is to give at Portland Auditorium on April 28.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson whose artists as a soprano, soprano, is well known among music lovers in this her own city, will be recited at the coming concert with increased appreciation.

Mrs. Jesse has appeared here before in a noteworthy concert and since that time has won for herself recognition as one of the foremost pianists in the Northwest.

The complete program for the concert will be published within the next few days and promises an evening of fine entertainment to the music lovers of the city.

Chamber Will Observe National Forest Week

The noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce, next Tuesday, will be dedicated to National Forest Protection week.

First Aid Leaders to Be Rewarded by Firm

Boys and girls of America who render the best first aid service in 1925 will be rewarded generously by the Bauer & Bauer company.

Marble and Lime Company Formed By Joseph Men

JOSEPH Men (Special) — A company was organized during the past week to develop the marble deposits above Alder State former, by known as the Oregon Black Marble Co. holdings.

The officers of the company are: J. E. Jordan, president; Ernest J. H. Davidson, vice president; Joseph E. Snyder, secretary; Joseph J. Doss, J. Ross, R. D. Keltner, J. A. Burtch and H. S. Gibson.

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The commission ordered the grading of that section of the John Day highway.

VOGEL WILL MANAGE '25 STOCK SHOW

Illness of President Benson Causes Appointment by Association

COMMITTEES FOR DIVISIONS NAMED

Union Preparing to Make Its Annual June Show the Greatest in Its History.

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer) — Plans for a better and bigger Union Livestock show next June than has been held during its history were discussed at a meeting here during the week, presided over by Dr. W. T. Phay, vice-president of the association.

One of the outstanding features of the session was the announcement by Chairman Hutcheson of the board of directors of the appointment of W. H. Vogel as manager for the 1925 show.

Standing committees were appointed and are as follows: Finance and Budget — L. Z. Terrall, J. E. Hutchinson, W. W. Stevens.

Publicity — F. B. Conner, Geo. A. Seibert, T. D. Smith.

Music — M. S. Levy, Floyd Edwards, L. A. Wright.

Admission — T. T. Cook, L. Z. Terrall, F. B. Conner.

Grounds — Robert Whycomb, W. B. Davis, William Dobbin.

Sports — C. L. Caldwell, Floyd McKennon, Dan Clark.

Greens — J. W. Spencer, Willis Phillips, H. C. Bidwell.

Music — George Baird, L. A. Wright, Harry McClay.

Dance — G. J. Hess, Floyd Churchill, Louis Biderer, Newell Martens, H. C. McClay.

Transportation — Millard Starns, G. E. Dunklee, James Webb.

Judges — A. R. Hunter, Robert Whycomb, L. Levy.

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KOZER VISITS IN LA GRANDE

Sam Kozer, secretary of state, was a visitor in La Grande yesterday. While here he visited the various departments, working from his office at Salem, including the traffic division.

Speaking of the increase in auto licensing in Oregon, Mr. Kozer stated that he expected a total of 215,000 cars licensed bringing in total fees amounting to \$5,300,000 this year.

SITUATION CALMER IN BULGARIA

American-British Counsel Cause of Relief Is Opinion of Many

BALKANS READY TO TAKE STEPS

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Business Men Out For Volley Ball Bunting

Volley ball fans see a rip snorter game in the offing. About two weeks ago the Pups, an aggregation of stars of the La Grande Athletic club, defeated the owners of the Sofia cathedral last week.

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Silver Fox Company's Representative Here

Stewart E. Mason, of Portland, representing the Silver Fox Lumber company, accompanied by Arnold L. Grapp, now coach of Hecla high school, are in La Grande on a business trip.

Mr. Mason reports that the company's profits led the world last year. Top price of \$53.50 and average price three times more than all other profits sold at the last sale in London. Mr. Mason has been in the silver fox business for the past twenty years.

HAYES TRIALS ARE CONTINUED

Two trials in which Jennie Hayes the defendant has been continued to permit further investigation, according to "announcement" today.

Jessie Hayes and Mrs. Helen Williams are charged with maintaining a common nuisance in a complaint filed in the justice court. Trial was to have been yesterday but was continued until next Friday.

They Can't Keep Him Off Very Long



TRAPPED MEN ESCAPE DEATH

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CANDIDATES ON LAST LAP

BERLIN (By the Associated Press) — Maurice Chameffor, Marx, and Fred Marshall of Hindenburg, champion of the parties of united right, today are on the last stretch of their race for presidency of the German republic with neither expected to have a "walk away" in tomorrow's polling.

HUGE MERGER IS INDICATED

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press) — Consolidation, involving properties of a total value of \$25,000,000, is foreshadowed by the filing of incorporation articles of the Charles E. McCormick Lumber company of San Francisco.

What He Would Accomplish

When a successful business man talks to you through the advertising columns in a way that means greater returns, he has a definite plan of accomplishment in mind.

He wants to acquaint you with facts about his business that you are interested in—and he can accomplish it best by a careful advertising plan thru the year. Without such a plan much of his effort is wasted.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Jury Acquits Wheeler; One Ballot Taken

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (By the Associated Press) — Senator Burton K. Wheeler was acquitted of a charge of unlawfully using his influence as a senator before the department of the interior by a jury in federal court here Friday night.

The accused senator received two pieces of good news simultaneously—his acquittal and the birth to Mrs. Wheeler of a daughter in Washington.

Senator Wheeler only smiled when the verdict was announced. Judge Frank R. Dietrich, before the verdict was read, warned spectators against any demonstration.

Senator Wheeler said he would issue a statement to the press later. His chief counsel, Senator Thomas J. Walsh, declared, however, that he had regarded the case merely as an offshoot of the Teapot Dome investigation, which he had started nearly a year ago and said he had felt it his duty to appear as counsel for his accused colleague.

John L. Shatter, United States district attorney, who prosecuted Senator Wheeler, said: "It was just a case for me. I am the district attorney and had"

WAR GAMES PROVE LITTLE; REAL CONFLICT ONLY TEST

(By Charles P. Stewart) — WAR GAMES, like the one at Hawaii, are faulty practice. But experts agree they don't prove anything. The conditions aren't war conditions and can't be made so.

If the "blue fleet" captures the "red fleet" it can't prove a fleet really can capture a fleet. If the "blue fleet" fails, it won't prove the islands are invulnerable. Honest to goodness shooting has to be done, if anything actually is to be demonstrated. This won't do in a war game.

For years the French annually repulsed a German invasion at the battle war games. For years the German army whittled the fat out of all (imaginary) corners at the Kaiser's annual war games. For years the British fleet annually destroyed the enemy in a North Sea engagement—not a bit like the Jutland battle.

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XTRA

JUDGE SETS PRECEDENT PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Circuit Judge McCulloch, of Baker, set a court precedent here when he sentenced a man at three o'clock this morning.

The prisoner, Jesse W. Collins, who received a sentence of 15 years, was convicted half an hour earlier of an attack upon Mrs. Besse Weiser, his neighbor.

KING AND QUEEN RETURN LONDON (AP) — King George and Queen Mary, returning from their Mediterranean trip, arrived here today. Both looked well.

CLOCKS SET AHEAD NEW YORK (AP) — Clocks are to be set ahead one hour tomorrow when daylight savings goes into effect.

"BATTLE" UNDER WAY HONOLULU (AP) — A "battle" for the possession of the Island of Oahu, goal of joint army-navy maneuvers, started at 6:15 o'clock this morning. Contact was established when a contingent of "blue" attacking forces pushed a fortress held by "black" troops defending the island. The "blue" attack signified the start of the most extended peace time maneuvers ever staged by the U. S. military forces.

TO RETAIN CHIEF LISBON (AP) — President Gomes has consented to withdraw his resignation at the request of a parliamentary delegation.

TO SPEED UP SERVICE WASHINGTON (AP) — Speeding up of the transcontinental air mail service was ordered today by Postmaster General New in an order to cut down transit time between San Francisco and New York from 30 hours 35 minutes to 28 hours 30 minutes and at the same time advance the Southern California air mail generally one full day by eliminating a 24-hour delay at San Francisco.

LEE DUNCAN CAPTURED ROSHARBURG (AP Press Time Flash) — Lee Duncan, ex-convict, who escaped from the county jail, was captured today about a mile south of here.

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3 ACTS OF TERRORISM REPORTED

Theater and Library in Bulgarian Province Are Bombed

PEASANTS INVITED TO RETURN HOME

King Boris Urges Refugees in Jugo-Slavia to Take Part in Government; Result Uncertain

SOPIA (By the Associated Press) — Three acts of terrorism by a band of communists occurred in Bulgarian provinces last night. The theatre and library in Plezna, capital of the Plezna province, considered a communist stronghold, was destroyed by bombs.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to destroy three bridges in the region of Varna.

In the town of Vrata, in north-eastern Bulgaria, a military patrol was fired upon during the night and one soldier killed and two wounded.

KING BORIS SPEAKS VIENNA (By Associated Press) — It is reported here that King Boris of Bulgaria, in an autographed letter to M. Obolof, head of the Bulgarian refugees in Jugo-Slavia, has invited members of the peasant party out of the country to come home and their representatives to enter the government.

Refugee leaders are said to have replied that the refugees are ready to return but are not prepared to guarantee a retention of the Coburg dynasty, the present house on the throne.

MOVING IMMIGRANTS BUDAPEST (By the Associated Press) — Advice from Jugo-Slavia indicate the government is transferring Bulgarian immigrants along the border to the interior of the country.

UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED BERLIN. (By the Associated Press) — The communist paper Rotefahn (Red Flag) says the University of Berlin and other special revenue laws enacted by the recent legislature. The approximate cost is \$25,000.

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WILL ENLARGE INSANE ASYLUM

PENDLETON (Special) — Work on the new wing at the Eastern Oregon State hospital will be underway by the first of July and every effort will be made to have the work under cover by snow fall next winter. The new wing will be constructed even though petitions should be filed holding up the tobacco tax and other special revenue laws enacted by the recent legislature. The approximate cost is \$25,000.

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