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LA GRANDE
WINNER IN
TWO GAMESGirls' Basketball Team
Trounces Wallowa 6
in Opening TiltTIGERS BATTLE TO
A 22 TO 12 VICTORYOutlook Bright for Miss
Johnson's Aggregation;
District Championship
Hopes High.BASKETBALL RESULTS
At La Grande: Wallowa 15,
La Grande 22.
At La Grande: Wallowa girls
22, La Grande girls 58.
At Pendleton: Joseph 21,
Pendleton 10.
At Union: Enterprise 5,
Union 13.The failure of Hunker, Wallowa
forward, to find half a dozen
"catch" baskets directly under the
goal, with no one within two
yards of him, gave the Tigers victory
in his first scheduled basket-
ball game of the season here
last night, 22 to 15.The blue and white girls' team,
playing in mid-season form, de-
cisively trounced the Wallowa
girls, 28 to 22, in the first game
of the doubleheader. The local
squad, superior in every depart-
ment of the game and proportion-
ately a far better team than the
boys' quintet, was never in any
danger of defeat. Every member
of the local squad outplayed her
opponent. Ann Stange, run-
ning center, and Lena Campbell,
forward, were just a stride ahead
of their teammates in ability. If
last night's exhibition is any cri-
terion, La Grande has the best
girls' team this year in several
seasons. If the squad continues to
develop a girls' championship of
this section of the state seems
probable. And Coach Ruth John-
son expects to see that such a
thing comes to pass.Takes Early Lead.
La Grande took an early lead
and throughout the game retained
the offensive, adding to the score
until at the end of the half the
count stood 21 to 15. In the last
half 17 more points were scored.

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COUPLE FACES
THEFT CHARGECharged with larceny from a
dwelling, Mrs. Blanche Graham and
her husband, Elgin, will have
their preliminary hearing this af-
ternoon in the court of Justice
Hugh E. Brady. Carl G. Helm,
district attorney, represents the
state. El J. Green, the defendant.
Mrs. Graham and her husband
were arrested two or three days ago
on the complaint of Mrs. Brueger,
that they had entered and stolen
fruit from his home. Garrett has
been held in jail pending the trial.Birds Make Merry With
Zest Savoring of SpringWorth
\$5
A WeekMany business men who are
fully acquainted with the ad-
vantages of and necessity for
advertising believe that it is
worth much more than the
minimum of \$5 per week just
to keep their name constantly
before the 12,000 readers of
The Observer.Yet a minimum advertising ex-
penditure of this size permits much
more constructive publicity
than merely printing the name
of a business. It can accom-
plish a great deal in acquaint-
ing you, the reader, with ad-
vantages and attractions of a
business that you could not
otherwise easily know. When
intelligently used, it is an in-
vestment of the soundest type."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Heiress

Nina Kelly, who while serving
a sentence in the Los Angeles
city jail on a bad check conviction,
learned she had inherited
\$250,000 from her uncle, Sen-
ator Buchanan.SISTER SEEKS
APPOINTMENTA sequel to the Hamilton tragedy
comes to light today, with the hear-
ing in county court of the petition
of Mrs. Maude E. Hamilton, a sis-
ter of O. G. Hamilton, for appoint-
ment as administratrix of the es-
tate, estimated at approximately
\$15,000.Her appointment is opposed by
Hal Bohlenkamp, levied creditor
against the property left without
will by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton.George T. Cochran is counsel for
Mrs. Hamilton. Bohlenkamp's in-
terest is being looked after by
Kings and Wright.Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, it is re-
membered, were victims of the
first of two "gap in the fence" ac-
cidents that happened at exactly
the same place on the highway
above Hilgard, with almost iden-
tical circumstances, and all within
a few days of time.It was the night of November 23
that the couple took their fatal
plunge over the 100-foot embank-
ment. Bohlenkamp's ambulance

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Sylvanus Smith, Sailor,
To Speak Here Tuesday"And all I ask is a tall ship,
and a star to steer her by."Chamber of commerce members
are expecting to invite some of
the spirit of John Macfie's "Sea
Poetry" Tuesday noon, when they
will be addressed at their regular
forum luncheon by Sylvanus
Smith, of Gloucester, Mass., who
deals in "Romances of the Sea."The jovial yachtsman is said to be
close to the sailing and fishing in-
dustries of the Atlantic coast, and
to have a host of early experiences
with which to entertain his au-
dience. He comes to La Grande
on his way to Baker, where he
has a lecture engagement for
Wednesday.Along with the unusually nice
weather for this season of the
year other indications of spring
have been noticed here in the
form of birds. Meadowlarks have
been heard singing their merry
songs on several occasions and yes-
terday robins and blackbirds were
seen along the highway, near Hil-
gard.Wallowa lake, which is usually
covered with ice at this time of
year, has not been frozen
over this winter. There is very
little snow in the mountains in
both Union and Wallowa counties,
which is also very unusual during
the month of January.Many of the older residents of
the Grande Ronde valley declare
that they cannot remember a win-
ter such as is being experienced
now. One man remarks that pos-
sibly Oregon has decided to ex-
perience the climatic contest with
Florida and California each year
find so interesting.FLOOD LIFE
LOSS HIGH
IN NAYARITBetween Two and Three
Hundred Mexicans Re-
ported KilledWATERS DESTROY
SEVEN VILLAGESFarms, Valuable Crops,
and Farm Implements
Lost—Damage Set at
Five Million Pesos.NOGALES, ARIZ. (By the As-
sociated Press).—The loss of life in
the flood devastated district in
the state of Nayarit, Mexico, is
fixed between two and three hun-
dred in special dispatches received
today by the Nogales Herald.Following torrential rains the
Santiago river overflowed its
banks, inundating a rich agri-
cultural section and virtually whip-
ping out seven villages. Each vil-
lage had a population of several
hundred. The damage is estimated
at five million pesos.Port Is Damaged.
According to dispatches received
here the port of San Blas has been
damaged by the rains.The Santiago river, along which
the greatest destruction occurred,
is reported to have overflowed its
banks for the entire 375 miles
of its length.The entire Santiago river valley
—rich and fertile—was inundated
and valuable crops, buildings,
and farm implements destroyed.YOUTHFUL TRIO
TO BE TRIED IN
JUVENILE COURTThree boys, whose plan to loot
the Hemlock grocery for provi-
sions with which to stock their
cabin in the hills was frustrated
by city officers Tuesday night,
Roy McLean, 17, Raymond Crum-
macker, 15, and Alton George, 16,
will be tried in the juvenile court
late this afternoon, Judge J. G.
Couch presiding.The lads had filled their needs
from the grocery shelves and were
out on the streets preparing to
take the stuff home when Police-
man Clarence Woodruff caught
sight of them. He fired his auto-
matic into the air, and at the
signal Policeman Rice joined the
chase. Two of the boys were cap-
tured immediately. Young George
was taken at his home. They
were lodged in jail to wait for
their trial, which was delayed by
the annual session of the county
commissioners, at which the judge
presides.Mellon Interested in
Company Now on GrillWASHINGTON. (By the As-
sociated Press).—The Aluminum
Goods Manufacturing company
one third owned by the Alumi-
num company of America, has
become the subject of a special
investigation by the department of
justice. Assistant Attorney General
Donovan today told the senate
judiciary committee. Secretary
Mellon is heavily interested in the
Aluminum company of America.Donovan asserted the minutes
of the latter company failed to
bear charges that it dominated
the policies of the Goods Manu-
facturing company.Dick Reed Joins Ranks
Of San Francisco TeamSAN FRANCISCO. (By the As-
sociated Press).—Two more foot-
ball stars of the Pacific coast were
added to the ranks of the San
Francisco praetorian when Dick
Reed, Chicago Bears' star, joined
the team.M. E. Cowan, local promoter,
announced that he has signed Dick
Reed, captain and end of the U.
of C. squad of 1924, and Dick El-
ler, half back on the Idaho team
of 1924.Reed was selected all-around end
in 1924.Dick Reed is well known in La
Grande, having spent summer va-
cations here while attending col-
lege. While in La Grande and Un-
ion he played some baseball and
also took a hand in officiating.Trustees of Billings Bay
"Married Women Teachers"HILLING, Mont. (AP)—Mar-
ried women will not be employed
as teachers in Billings public
schools. This was decided by
the board of trustees by a vote
of five to one. The ruling will
effect 13 women now employed
who will be let out at the termina-
tion of their present contract.Vesuvius, In
Angry Mood,
Causes FearInhabitants of Towns
Near Volcano Fright-
ened by Vigorous Out-
burst During Night.NAPLES, Italy. (By the As-
sociated Press).—Growing ominously
and sending up dense clouds of
smoke and showers of cinders,
Mount Vesuvius is being watched
anxiously by inhabitants of little
towns near its base.The volcano's renewed activity
is marked especially by an un-
usually free flow of lava, an in-
creased stream of which is con-
stantly increasing. The main lava
stream has reached a length of
more than 1000 feet.The intensity of this eruption,
together with the frequency and
violence of the explosions within the
crater, began to seriously frighten
the natives during the night, not-
withstanding scientists' assurances
that the eruption will not be dan-
gerous.RED CROSS HELPING
SIENNA, Italy (By the As-
sociated Press).—Red Cross workers
and members of the Misericordia
(Mercy) society of Sienna today
are giving aid to peasants in the
Anagnina who were rendered
homeless by the earthquake
of last night. Money and
clothing are being distributed to a score
of persons.Most of the inhabitants of the
region refused to return to their
homes fearing a repetition of the
disturbance.R. F. PETERSON
FILES APPEALR. F. Peterson was convicted
of the crime of driving while in-
toxicated on the first ballot polled
by the jury that heard his case
in justice of the peace court Fri-
day afternoon.Judge Hugh E. Brady, after he
had heard the jury's verdict, im-
posed upon the prisoner a fine
of \$250 and costs, and 60 days in
the county jail. Furthermore, he
declared Peterson's operating li-
cense revoked, and ordered the
sheriff to place the defendant's
car in custody for 30 days.Peterson, through his attorney,
R. J. Kitchen immediately filed
notice of appeal, and deposited
cash bonds to the amount of \$500
for his temporary freedom.

FIGURES IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. E. Summers, daughter of
Mrs. J. J. Burbridge, of La Grande,
sustained serious injury when her
automobile collided with a street
car at Portland Wednesday. Mrs.
Summers was treated by a physi-
cian, but did not go to a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Berlin

Girl in Jail Learns
She Is Rich HeiressLOS ANGELES. (NEA Special).
—Same fortune in all her glory
stalked into the cell of Nina Kel-
ley, inmate of the Los Angeles
city jail, the other day.Miss Kelly had been arrested for
passing checks without funds to
cover them. Her hard luck story
or having pawned her jewels and
being unable to obtain work failed
to impress the judge who sen-
tenced her to 90 days.After serving 13 days the old
mythical number proved her lucky
omen—she received word that she
had inherited the \$250,000 estate
of her uncle, the late United States
Senator William J. Buchanan of
Kansas City. When Buchanan died
in 1922, he named his niece, his
sole heir. The will was contested
by other relatives and a court ver-
dict upholding the will has just
been handed down.The next day, Miss Kelly,
through her attorney, made good
the checks and was released from
the jail. Practically overnight,
she had become transformed from
a "jail bird" to a society girl—
the niece of a former United States
Senator.More Pupils Enroll
In Business CollegeWith the beginning of the new
year several additional students
have been added to the roll of the
Intermountain Commercial col-
lege. Four new students started
this week, including Herbert Rea-
vis, Jasper Perry, Edna Goodwin,
and Lillian Pennington. Three more
have enrolled and will begin their
studies Monday. They are Eva
Provost, Cleo Taylor and Kipling
Larson.At the present time there are 45
students enrolled at the college.PROSPECTS
IN OREGON
ARE BRIGHTFederal Report Notes a
Spirit of Optimism in
Industrial CirclesMUCH BUILDING IS
FORESEEN IN 1926Condition of Industry,
Employment and Agri-
culture Also Rosy in
Nearby States.A general, optimistic outlook for
a prosperous year is given in a
report of conditions in the west by
the United States department of
labor which recently conducted an
investigation of industrial, agri-
cultural, and general employment
prospects for 1926."A spirit of optimism prevades
everywhere in the industry," says
the report referring to Oregon.
"There is every reason to believe
that the lumber industry will op-
erate as satisfactorily in 1926 as
in 1925. Lumber operators be-
lieve that 1926 will be a big build-
ing year and that, with the cur-
tailing necessary on account of
weather conditions the next few
months, with the coming of spring
there will be a heavy demand for
lumber, which will mean increased
employment in this industry. Vac-
ant cities, especially Portland,
plan large building programs, and
residential building craftsmen are
more or less assured of steady
employment during the spring and
summer months. It is expected
that the state will spend approx-
imately \$6,000,000 for state high-
way work during 1926. This work
will afford employment to a large
volume of labor, principally un-
skilled. The farmers predict that
there will be a much larger acre-
age of potatoes in 1926 than in
1925, and on account of the un-
favorable weather the past fall
there will undoubtedly be a con-
siderable increase in the acreage
of spring wheat to be planted in
1926."

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Girl, 15, Has Rung Up
Hundred Million DimesNEW YORK. (By the As-
sociated Press).—Fifteen-year-old
Barbara Hutton, granddaughter of
the late Frank W. Woolworth,
has rung up one hundred million
dimes on the cash register of the
five and ten cent store business
he founded.Her representative yesterday
sold 50,000 shares of Frank W.
Woolworth common stock, which
she inherited from her grand-
mother, for more than \$16,000,000.

Circles Over Field.

The airship headed north, and
with darkness descending, it was
soon out of sight. The dirigible
later circled about the field. It
was the air almost one hour.
Lieut. Orval Anderson, upon land-
ing, reported a successful flight. The
average speed was 40 miles an
hour.The RS-1 is the second largest
dirigible in the United States, the
Los Angeles being the largest. The
RS-1 is 232 feet long and has a
capacity of 755,000 cubic feet.Colonel Pasiglow has announced
that plans are under way for build-
ing a 237-foot steel mooring mast
on the field, which would be the
largest in the country.TWO BREAK AWAY
FROM ROSEBURG
JAIL; NINE STAYROSEBURG, Ore. (By the As-
sociated Press).—By sawing their
way through the top of the steel
cage in the county jail and dig-
ging out through the brick wall,
Emory G. Slater, alias Elmer Bul-
lock, and Russell J. Carpenter, held
on probation for charges, es-
caped some time early today. Nine
other prisoners remained in jail.Slater, besides facing charges in
Douglas county, is wanted by the
federal government on charges of
conspiracy to violate prohibition
laws.Intoxication Test Will
Be Developed ShortlyLONDON. (By the Associated
Press).—The establishment of a
standard, scientific test for
drunkenness has been brought a
step nearer by a decision of the
British Medical association to in-
vestigate the question in the
most scientific manner.It is announced that a com-
mittee of medical experts, in coop-
eration with judicial experts will
soon be working on the question
to find an answer to the question
which has been puzzling police
courts for years when a man
drunk. The committee will have
18 members, representing the
medical association, the metropoli-
tan police and stipendiary magis-
trates.This question has been agitating
the authorities for so long, caus-
ing endless court debates and an
understanding that the medical
association has decided to go into
the matter in the most thorough
possible manner to determine the
merits and demerits of existing
tests, and if necessary work out a
new test which will be infallible.Odd designs of snakes' skins
have been adopted for the latest
London novelty in men's ties. The
markings of boas, pythons and

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Risk Lives In Catboat

NEW DIRIGIBLE
IN TRIAL TRIPSCOTT FIELD, Belleville, Ill.
(By the Associated Press).—The
RS-1, the world's largest semi-
rigid dirigible and the first of the
type built in this country, took the
air late Friday, for its trial flight.The big bag, propelled by four
300-horsepower Liberty motors as-
cended shortly before 5 p. m. in a
15-mile wind, for a short cruise
over the field. The airship was
manned by Lieut. Orval Anderson
and a crew of eight men.The maiden flight had been post-
poned earlier Friday because of
unfavorable weather.The giant airship was christened
by snowflakes as it was drawn from
its hangar shortly before 5 o'clock,
after observers, who had been
watching conditions closely all day,
advised that conditions were favor-
able.Carrying a crew of eight men,
and Lieut. Orval Anderson in
charge, the big bag nosed into the
chilly north wind and ascended
gracefully, propelled by her Lib-
erty motors. The velocity of the
wind was 11 miles an hour.The airship headed north, and
with darkness descending, it was
soon out of sight. The dirigible
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ing a 237-foot steel mooring mast
on the field, which would be the
largest in the country.FISHERMEN WIN RACE
SOUTHWEST HARBOR, Me.
(AP)—Two fishermen won a race
against ice cakes that crashed to
the bottom of the harbor today
when a tidal wave swept 50 or
more fishing craft against the
shore. No one was injured. Two
men, Chester Sawyer and Forest
Albee, were in a dory anchored a
short distance off the wharf. They
had the amazing experience of
seeing the water sucked from be-
neath their craft as the harbor
was slowly emptied after a deep
rumbling sound that caused many
inhabitants to fear an earthquake.
As the keel of their boat touched
bottom, they leaped out and ran
to shore, dodging ice cakes that
tumbled down from the upper
part of the harbor. A few seconds
after the harbor emptied, the first
of three tidal waves came sweep-
ing in.WASHINGTON. (By the As-
sociated Press).—Revision of rates on
lumber moving from the north
part of the Pacific coast to the
southwest and gulf territory was
ordered today by the interstate
commerce commission.The changes are designed to
equalize competitive rates for both
the consuming and producing
territories and would result in
both increases and decreases.WOMEN'S ANKLES LARGER
CHICAGO. (AP)—Feminine
ankles and slender feet have
gone the way of corsets and long
dresses.Women's ankles today are half
an inch larger and their feet are
two sizes wider than were five
years ago, George M. Spangler,
manager of the National Shoe Re-
tailers association, declared at its
annual meeting.The "dinner coat" was design-
ed and worn during the recent col-
d and proved so popular
that it is being used now that the
weather is milder. There are a
variety of styles, mostly about 11½
feet long and made of ta-
feta lined with velvet. Others are
somewhat longer, in bright col-
ored chiffon velvets, the cut being
straight with long wide sleeves
and bell opening at the wrists.

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MEXICO'S
LAND LAW
UNDER FIREUnited States Sends a
Forceful Protest to
Southern RepublicSTAND TAKEN BY
GOVERNMENT FIRMRepresentations Against
the Anti-Allen Statute
Adopted by Mexico
Speak Plainly.WASHINGTON. (By the As-
sociated Press).—Formal represen-
tations against the retroactive fea-
tures of the new Mexican anti-
alien land law have been filed
with the Mexican foreign office
by American Ambassador Sher-
field.The action of the Washington
government was taken after pro-
longed interchanges which failed
to remove either from the land
law of the new republic act
those features which are held
here to violate assurances given
by the Mexican government at
the time diplomatic recognition
was accorded to it by the United
States in 1923.Takes Bit in Teeth
The state department has spoken
in direct, forceful terms of the
injuries it feels will be done to
American interests if the legisla-
tion goes into effect.Both statutes are based on the
celebration article 27 of the Mex-
ican constitution, against the ap-
plication of which the United
States has protested more than
once.The document presented by
Sherfield does not say what steps
this government may find neces-
sary to take if it is unable to ob-
tain adequate assurances for the
protection of American property
interests in Mexico.It is considered probably, how-
ever, that the ambassador's verbal
representations supplementing the
written document, may have given
a clear indication of what may be
expected.I. C. C. ORDERS
RATE REVISIONWASHINGTON. (By the As-
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