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PORTLAND (AP)— Oregon—Rain tonight and Saturday. Snow in the mountains.

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HUNTER IS OPTIMISTIC ON PROJECT

Union County Man Believes Irrigation Could Be Easily Secured

OUTLINES WORK OF PAST YEARS

Says Grande Ronde Reservoir Company, Which Still Exists, Could Help Materially.

That the financing of an irrigation project for the Grande Ronde valley at this time could be very easily accomplished, is the opinion held by A. R. Hunter, chairman of the chamber of commerce irrigation committee. At present, the Grande Ronde Reservoir company, formed in 1909 to handle an irrigation proposition which covers the construction of a large dam at Meadow Brook, has approximately $6,000 in its treasury which has accumulated from rentals of land the company holds. This amount would serve as a nest egg in the movement for reclamation of Union county acreage, it is indicated.

Along the same line, the chamber of commerce has rented two tracts of land, one on the sand ridge and the other tract of a different type of soil, to be irrigated by pumping and under the management of the Union experiment station, operated by the Oregon Agricultural college. These undertakings are in the way of tests to endeavor to show the effects of irrigation upon different types of soils in this valley. The Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co. has offered to furnish the power and procure the equipment free of cost to the business men and farmers of Union county.

Hunter Outlines Situation.

"At present the matter of irri-

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QUINTET RUNS AFOUL OF LAW

Moonshine dabblings at North Powder last night resulted inconveniently for five participants, four of whom are in the county jail today. The other secured his freedom by paying a fine of $250 and costs after pleading guilty to possession in Judge E. J. Sweeberbox's court at North Powder.

J. E. Pierce, who paid the fine, was taken just as he left the Spence home with a pint of liquor in his pocket. John Spence was arrested for the sale, and his father, Thomas Spence, on a possession charge. G. M. Pierce and Till Barnett were responsible for the arrests.

J. D. Anderson and E. C. McAllister completed the foursome this morning when Sheriff Jesse Breshears went back to North Powder to search the house and found them there with more liquor in their possession. Their home is at Union.

Telegraphic Shoot To Start Sunday Morning

Rain or shine, La Grande trapshooters will be at the Lone Tree field at 10 a. m. Sunday to shoot off the first match in The Oregonian's telegraphic contest.

All 300 members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club are eligible to participate in the La Grande section, announces C. E. Kingsley, secretary.

There will be no practice shooting. The first 25 shots determines the contestant's tally for the day.

Scores for the three high men will be telegraphed to The Oregonian by 5 p. m. Others will be mailed in before the end of the day.

Twenty-three clubs are entered for the shoot, which is to continue for 12 weeks. Finals will be held at Portland, where each club will be represented by a team of five men. The team automatically selects itself by the score made during the three months of the contest. Trophies are offered by The Oregonian; one for the high team; the other for the individual scoring highest.

The three-county tournament that was to have run simultan-

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Lower Reader Cost

The steady, constant growth of The Observer's circulation throughout the La Grande territory is especially gratifying to the advertiser because his reader-cost is constantly decreasing.

He buys readers. It is the number of readers and the interest they have in his medium that produces greatest returns. In The Observer both the number and the interest of his readers are growing, not by artificial means, but by steady, established methods. The cost to the advertiser per family is proportionately lower.

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Noble Trial, Appeal Case; Nearing End

Defendant Admits He Had a Few Drinks—Loses Bearing When Questioned by Helm.

George Noble, who is being tried in circuit court today on an appeal from the decision of the lower court which found him guilty of driving while intoxicated, made answers bright and snappy so long as his counsel, H. L. Hess, was the questioner, but lost some of his nonchalance under the cross-questioning of Carl G. Helm, district attorney.

Noble was arrested the evening of Armistice day when he drove into the alley on Depot street, behind Herman's place.

According to his story, corroborated by several of his close friends called as witnesses, he had gone to the Orr W. Norris home to talk with Pete Buffington about a hunting trip. Mr. and Mrs. Norris and their guests, including Bess Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hereford, decided they wanted to see the American Legion's fireworks display, so Noble drove one carload of them up to the Methodist church. He went back down Depot street, found no

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OREGON TRAIL ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN BAKER

The future of the Old Oregon Trail association will be determined at Baker on Tuesday, February 16, when the annual meeting of that association will be held there. Notices have been sent out from the office of the secretary calling the membership between southern Idaho, west to Astoria and north to Olympia together for the purpose. With the departure soon from Eastern Oregon of Walter Meacham, the president of the organization since its conception, there is much uncertainty as to what the future of the association will be. The Oregon Trail committee of the local chamber of commerce is expected to attend the meeting.

Normal School Will Be Discussed at Luncheon

C. L. Starr, a Portland attorney and the oldest member, in point of years, on the board of regents for the Oregon Normal schools, will speak on the subject of "A Normal school for Eastern Oregon" Tuesday at the luncheon meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce at the I. O. O. F. dining hall.

J. T. Longfellow, chairman of the education committee, will preside.

Lee Reynolds to Sell His Herd of 28 Cows

Announcements are out for a public sale at the farm of Lee Reynolds, which is located two and a half miles southeast of La Grande, on the Hot Lake highway. Mr. Reynolds will dispose of his 28 dairy cows at this time. Tom Johnson will be auctioneer when the purchasers gather next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. Reynolds recently entered suit against the city of La Grande charging his loss of business was due to the permitting of overflow from the septic tank to run through his acreage.

Refuses

Here's "Gentleman Jim," or, if you don't know him by that name, it's James J. Corbett, ex-holder of the world's heavyweight boxing title. Jim was recently challenged to a bout by a 73-year-old youngster, and is here depicted looking over the defi. Oh, yes, Corbett turned down the offer.

LOCAL BRANCH IS ORGANIZED

Organization of the La Grande branch of the Benefit Savings and Loan association of Portland was perfected here last night at a meeting attended by Charles L. Stidd, second vice president of the association.

A board of directors was chosen, the following men making up the body: C. J. Black, chairman, Leal Russell, secretary, J. A. Tedford, J. E. Stearns, Frank Robinson, J. G. Snodgrass, L. S. Weeks, L. H. Russell, J. E. Foley, H. E. Brady and S. D. Crowe.

Leal Russell, besides being secretary of the organization, is manager and has authority to transact business for the concern throughout the Eastern Oregon territory, of which La Grande serves as headquarters.

Mr. Stidd, in an address last night, stated that the company is prepared to take care of La Grande's loan needs immediately and that it is the hope of the directors that the local institution would start functioning at once on a liberal plan of loaning and investments.

Club Preparing For Next Old-Time Dance

The committee in charge of the second old-time dance to be given under the auspices of the Neighborhood club Wednesday evening, February 10, at Zuber hall, is making arrangements for several interesting features that evening. Besides, the program, which will be announced later, plenty of time has been set aside for dancing.

An orchestra under the direction of Dick Lindsay will furnish the music. There has been musicians in the Lindsay family for a hundred years and Mr. Lindsay has several copies of dance music of years ago, which were handed down to him, including Virginia reels, minuets, mazurkas, waltzes, quadrilles and others.

50 Men to Take Part In Womanless Wedding

About 50 men, including several of La Grande's most prominent business men, will take part in "The Womanless Wedding," to be presented at the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday evening, February 11. "The Womanless Wedding" is a musical caricature, which will be enjoyed by everyone who sees it, according to those in charge.

The presentation will be given under the auspices of the Wesley an class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. Mrs. Sherwood Williams and Mrs. Carl Wallace are the directors.

20 Visitors Expected At War Veteran Meet

All Spanish War veterans, whether members of the camp or not are invited to attend the meeting this evening when the local camp will entertain several state officers and delegates from both the Baker and Pendleton camps. About 20 visitors are expected.

After dinner, which will be served at 6:30 o'clock at the K. P. hall, the state conference to be held at Baker some time in June will be discussed.

BRILLIANT RALLY WINS FOR TIGERS

Joseph Quintet Defeated 20 to 18 in Overtime Contest

LA GRANDE PLAYS AT BAKER TONIGHT

Copper City Basketball Team, Minus Payne, May Find Victory Difficult on Home Floor.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

At La Grande: Joseph 18, La Grande 20.
At Union: Union 7, Baker 13.
At Union: Union girls 19, Baker girls 14.

Unleashing a cyclonic offensive in the final quarter, the Tigers clawed and scratched their Joseph rivals into submission last night and won one of the most thrilling games played here in several years in an overtime contest. By defeating the branch line team, which is rated with Baker in strength, the La Grande tossers earned the right to be listed in the Eastern Oregon upper four—Baker, Pendleton, Joseph, and La Grande. And anytime any two of these teams meet, look for a battle royal.

Before passing into the story of the game, Keown, who has been ill this week and who played last night mostly on his nerve, must be given a word of praise. His venomic offensive charges—spectacular basket shooting is actually what defeated the Joseph five, although he had plenty of help from the rest of his teammates. Keown started the rally with a swirling, side-step push drive into position for a basket and won the game in the overtime

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LEGION DRIVE IS UNDER WAY

Safeguarding their reputation as the strongest American Legion post in Eastern Oregon, La Grande legionnaires began their membership drive in earnest this week. Two teams of 12 men each, with Commander Harley Richardson and Charles Tull as their respective leaders, are out to raise the ranks to 400 at least.

Baker, whose post has edged ahead of La Grande in numbers this year, has challenged the local post to a membership contest. Further zest is added to the campaign by the agreement by which the losing team must furnish the winners a feed.

The district conference will bring legionnaires from all parts of Wallowa and Union counties to La Grande February 19. The post here plans to entertain all service men at the evening meeting of the conference, which will be held at Honan hall.

Will Pay

Ed Harris, colored, who will be executed by the state of Kentucky for attacking Mrs. Mary Bryant and killing her husband and their two children. One thousand Kentucky militiamen, with five tanks, three field pieces, and 37 machine guns, were on duty at Lexington during the trial to protect the negro from infuriated mobs.

Banker And Wife On Way To Europe

Stillmans, After 5 Years of Sensational Divorce Litigation, on "Trial Honeymoon."

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The New York American in a copyrighted story today says that Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stillman sailed for Europe aboard the Olympic last night, happy in a trial reconciliation after sensational five-year divorce litigations.

The banker and his wife are planning a new start in life on their "trial honeymoon" after adjusting their domestic difficulties, the paper says.

Stillman recognizes Buoy Guy, now seven, as his son, and a divorce suit recently started by Mrs. Stillman will be dropped. Lawyers on both sides have been notified that their services are no longer required.

The Stillmans held a quiet farewell dinner last night at Stillman's home with their 14-year-old son Alexander.

"From now on we march together, we hope," The American quotes them as saying. "We don't know what fate holds for us in the future. Tonight we leave for our new honeymoon—a sort of a trial honeymoon. We are through with lawyers and outside advises. We are going straight with each other and with ourselves. Whether the reconciliation will be permanent only time can tell."

SOLDIER KILLED DURING ATTEMPT TO ENTER HOME

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press). — Clarence W. Warf, 24, cook in Company A, Twenth infantry, Vancouver Barracks, was shot and killed early today by Vincenzo Candello on the porch of the latter's home.

Candello, who went to the police station after the shooting, said he fired when Warf broke a window after Warf knocked and tried to gain entrance to the house. He said he had never seen Warf before.

19 New Books Will Be Put on Library Shelves

Elinor Wylie's new allegorical phantasy, "The Venetian Glass Nephew," is one of the 19 new books that will be added to the library volumes at 6 o'clock this evening.

Other in the list are: "Dark Laughter," (Anderson), "Artificial Flower Making," (Baskin), "The Emigrants" (Bojer), "Black Thunder" (Bower), "Studies from Ten Literatures" (Boyd), "Ernestine Sophie", (Clough), "Toombs St. Mary's" (Diver), "How to Tell the Fashions from the Follies" (Duer), "The Glass Window" (Furman), "The Vanishing American" (Zane Grey), "Facing Forward" (Morris), "The Platinum Metals" (Smith), "The Crazy Fool" (Stewart), "How to Work Your Way Through College" (Sullivan), "The Runaway Bag" (Terhune), "The Buster" (White), "House Wiring" (Willoughby), and "The Business of Being a Club Woman" (Winter).

Mother of 6 Kills Self

BEND, Ore. —Mother of six children, although only 29 years of age, Mrs. Sylvia L. Fisher, a wife of J. W. Fisher, died in a hospital here after she took poison at her ranch house four miles east of Bend. Although she had taken a large amount of the poison, Mrs. Fisher continued her work of preparing breakfast for her husband. She fell to the floor in convulsions while putting bread in the oven.

The coroner's jury in Bend this afternoon, decided that Mrs. Fisher came to her death through suicidal intent.

SEVEN LOSE ALL IN FIRE

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—All of their personal belongings, except the clothes they wore, were destroyed for Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and their five children Thursday when the house they occupied on the W. F. Staats ranch, two and a half miles southeast of Echo, burned to the ground.

The fire is thought to have started from an overheated stovepipe. Mrs. Thomas and the children were at home. Neither house nor contents were insured.

MOTORISTS WARNED

An arc wire that burned off its connection and dropped to the street in front of Playle's Filling station at about 6:30 p. m. Friday offered no especial danger to persons driving by, an employe of the company said today. It was not for a layman to be sure of that, however, so C. W. Noyes and Charles Playle stood in the street and warned motorists by until an electrician got there to repair the damage.

Honeymoon In Clouds

When Irl Beach (inset) got married he took his wife with him on his business trips. Since he is an aviator, flying from town to town taking passengers up for short rides, this was easy, so the two are honeymooning by airplane. He lives in Arkansas City, Kas.

MOVIE COLONY MEMBER SLAIN

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)— Mrs. H. Prevost, mother of Marie Prevost, film star, was killed; Al Christie, comedy producer, and Vera Steadman, screen comedy actress, were injured in an automobile accident last night near Lordsburg, New Mexico.

The car, a heavy machine owned by Miss Steadman, overturned while traveling at thirty miles an hour. Mrs. Prevost suffered a broken spine and a fractured skull.

Miss Steadman sustained bruises and lacerations about the face and her lower limbs. Christie escaped with a lacerated arm and head.

Investigators Scored By Minority Members

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The methods of the senate committee which investigated the internal revenue bureau, were sharply attacked today by the minority of the committee which held that the bureau had emerged with a clean record.

The minority, composed of Senators Ernst, of Kentucky, and Watson, of Indiana, both Republicans, held that the committee had violated a senate order by not closing the hearings last June. The majority report assailed the bureau's methods of handling many tax cases.

Helen Wills, Partner Work Way to Finals

NICE, France (By The Associated Press).—Helen Wills and C. F. Aeschlimann will meet Suzanne Lenglen and Baron Hendi de Morpurgo in the mixed doubles of the finals of the Nice tournament tomorrow.

The American champion and her Swiss partner won their semi-final match against Miss Radcliffe and Stanley Doust today.

Closing of Streets Protested.

EUGENE, Ore.—Closing of the streets of Saginaw, an unincorporated village two miles north of Cottage Grove, on the Pacific highway, was protested by a delegation of citizens of that place before the county court yesterday.

A petition was presented some time ago for the closing. The opponents who filed a remonstrance plead that they will be greatly inconvenienced.

UPTON CLUB ORGANIZED

EUGENE, Ore.— An Upton-for-Governor club was organized here. More than 100 were present. Speeches were made favoring the candidacy of Jay Upton of Bend for governor.

L. E. Bean, attorney and ex-state senator, was chosen president, vice-president, George H. McMorran; secretary, James K. King, and treasurer, John B. Bell.

An executive committee consisting of the officers and the following was named: E. U. Lee, G. W. Griffin, E. O. Imel, F. E. Taylor and Lawrence Mesecrud.

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COMPANY SOLD

NEW YORK (AP). — Actual control of the Associated Oil company, second largest producer in California, was obtained today by Blair and Company, Inc., and Chase Securities corporation for $185,000,000.

CONSIDERATION POSTPONED

WASHINGTON (AP).—For the third successive session, the senate agreed today to postpone decision on the proposal in the tax reduction bill repealing the law allowing publication of income tax payments.

Milton Debaters Win.

PENDLETON, Ore. — McLaughlin high school of Milton defeated the Pendleton high school in a dual debate. The subject debated was "Resolved, That the United States should own and control all water power sites." The affirmative teams traveled, and at Milton the decision was unanimously in favor of McLaughlin's team at Pendleton the decision was two to one in favor of McLaughlin.

Five professors of Whitman college and Superintendent Howard James of the Pilot Rock schools were the judges.

PROHIBITION SHAKE-UP IS INDICATED

Several Changes in Regime Being Sponsored by Administration

NEW BUREAU MAY BE FIRST STEP

Bill, Introduced by Smoot and Backed by Treasury, Now Before the Senate.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Several changes in the present prohibition regime, including a proposal to create a new and separate prohibition bureau, were sponsored in congress today by the administration.

A bill for placing prohibition enforcement within a bureau ranking with other bureaus in the treasury department was introduced by Chairman Smoot, of the senate finance committee, with the backing the the treasury officials. The prohibition forces at present are under the bureau of internal revenue.

The treasury's decision to seek an amendment of the dry law forces coincides with a renewed drive in and out of congress for legalization of light wines and beer, but there is no indication that any step toward such legislation is contemplated in the treasury's program.

WEST OREGON FEARS FLOODS

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)— Heavy rains are continuing in Western Oregon.

Salem reported a new record for daily rainfall when 2.05 inches of rain fell in 24 hours at seven o'clock today.

The Willamette at Albany has risen five feet in eight hours and is still rising. Rainfall of nearly two inches in the past 24 hours is causing fears of flood damage in that vicinity.

The lower campus of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis is awash and drains are unable to carry off the surface water. Four and a half inches precipitation has been recorded there in the last four days.

The Willamette river is out of its banks and is crossing up to the Oregon Electric depot, which will have to close if the rise continues.

Flood conditions are feared at Eugene. A report from Mapleton said the Siuslaw river is over its banks and that nearly 5,000,000 feet of logs have been carried out by the high water.

Britishers Would Make Prince Avoid Dangers

LONDON, (By the Associated Press)—By all means let the Prince of Wales continue his hunting, but also let him deny himself the thrill of very dangerous jumps—this in effect is the consensus of opinion expressed in the British press since the heir to the throne was laid up with a broken collar bone.

The case of one prominent British hunter says he has broken nearly every bone in his body, is advanced to show that the Prince after all has not suffered many accidents and still has a lot of falls ahead of him before he becomes a veteran hunter. Thus far he has broken only his right and left collar bones.

Commander Louis Greig offers an interesting explanation of the Prince's method of riding and his ability to "fall soft." Commander Greig says there are two schools of riding in England. The old "grip" school is confined chiefly to the army, and riders of this type must particularly ride bareback without stirrups for months to enable them to stick to any horse under all conditions. The commander says this style of riding endangers the rider's neck in case of a fall, since he sticks so close to his horse that he is likely to be crushed. The Prince of Wales belongs to a new school which believes in balance without grip. Riders of this type lose their seats oftener than those of the "grip" school, but they fall easy and away from the horses. Consequently they are less in danger of serious injury.

The newspapers agree that the prince must have recreation and exercise which riding alone gives him away from the inquisitive curious crowds which follow him at golf and tennis. The express admiration for his pluck and courage, but generally agree that he has demonstrated his prowess sufficiently and should now take fewer risks.

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How long should a stage kiss last? Is a question which has been agitating the London theatrical profession.

The matter was brought to a head by several actresses who are decidedly opposed to realistic embraces on the stage and who, when kisses are to be given, insist on any thing of the "peck" variety. These actresses have encountered opposition, however, not only from other actresses, but from producers and directors who insist on realism.

One producer contended that a kissing scene in his play should continue at least 65 seconds, and during rehearsal she held a stop watch on the two persons to make certain that his order was carried out.

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The humble tin can, from which the American public derives much of its sustenance, takes its place along with the automobile tire as a means whereby the British empire draws profits out of the American consumer. The London tin market, the center of the world's trading in this necessity, has been enjoying a prosperity recently

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