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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Fair in the east, cloudy in the west tonight and Tuesday. Cooler tonight.

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NOBLE GETS HALF-YEAR, \$500 FINE

George Noble, Convicted in Circuit Court, Is Sentenced Today

DEFENDANT WILL APPEAL, HE SAYS

Special Jury of Ten Out One Hour Saturday Afternoon Before Returning Verdict.

George Noble—convicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated Saturday afternoon by a jury of 10 men who deliberated only an hour over the verdict—was given the maximum punishment when he appeared before Judge J. W. Knowles for sentence at 1:30 p. m. today.

"It is the judgment of the court that you be confined in the county jail for six months and that you be compelled to pay a fine of \$500," his honor said at the close of his lecture to the prisoner.

"And I hope it will be a lesson to you and to others who give themselves full of moonshine whiskey and go out on the highways with their automobiles, endangering the lives of innocent people."

Approves of Verdict. "The court is satisfied that you had a fair and impartial trial. And though you had able counsel who did all that could be done for you, the jury found you guilty, and the verdict has my entire approval."

"I don't see how it could have been anything else, after your own admission of your drunkenness at the time you reached the courthouse."

SET DATE FOR STATE MEETING

June 21, 22 and 23 were the dates set for the state convention of Spanish-American War Veterans Saturday evening when the local camp was host to a number of state officers and a delegation of 20 members from Baker.

The meeting opened with a banquet at 6:30 o'clock at the K. P. hall with 30 people—veterans and members of the ladies' auxiliary present. H. H. Williams, commander of the La Grande camp, gave the address of welcome. H. E. Condit, president at toastmaster, and called upon F. S. Godfrey, state commander of Seaside. Late Manning, senior vice commander for the state, of Portland. Mrs. Glendon, senior vice president of the ladies' auxiliary, of Portland. Claude Kaye, department chairman, of The Dalles; Mr. Lovell, commander of the Baker camp; Mr. Kirkendall and Dr. Horton, both of Baker, for short addresses.

Earlier in the evening Ray Williams sang two numbers, accompanied by the orchestra.

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Four Negroes, One White Taken At Johnson Home

Ordinarily Sabbath evening is quiet and peaceful in La Grande. But such is not always the case. Last night the police rounded up seven persons, more than 50 per cent black, on charges of intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Billy Reed, a white woman, and Roy and Moe, white, were arrested on 8 avenue and lodged in jail charged with drunkenness. Both were released upon furnishing \$25 cash bonds each.

Then the police visited the residence of Mabel Johnson, colored, on Madison, and brought five to the police station. In-wit: Lela Thomas, D. Smith, Bill Brown and Mabel Johnson, colored, and Charles O'Hare, white. All five were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct and all but Mabel and Lela were released last night on furnishing \$25 bonds. The latter two were given their freedom shortly after 8 o'clock this morning after spending the night in jail. They, too, gave assurance in the form of \$25 cash that they would face the charges.

Present plans are to have all (Continued on Page Five.)

Tigers Lose, Girls Win In Baker Games

La Grande Quintet, Held Scoreless in First Half, Outplays Bulldogs 9 to 7 in Last.

The Tigers, although they outplayed and outlasted the Baker "wonder five" during the last half of Saturday night's basketball game at Baker, came home with the short end of a 19 to 9 score, giving Baker two straight wins over the blue and white quintet.

The La Grande girls, however, made it two straight over the Bakerites by winning 25 to 21. The first half of the contest was La Grande's undoing. With Glass, Hanks, Zundel, Lyman and Keown all showing the results of their terrific struggle with Joseph here Friday night, the Copper City tossers held the visitors scoreless in the opening frame while they counted 12 points.

The last half, however, developed into a real basketball game and clearly showed that La Grande has a chance to take the measure of the Baker five when the Union tournament play takes place. Lyman scored every point for the Tigers but he received plenty of assistance from his teammates.

While he was ringing up nine points the rest of the Baker team could do was count seven. La Grande's main trouble throughout the game was having the ball roll around the rim and then drop off on the wrong side to court.

On floor work, the two teams seemed almost evenly matched.

Baker Players Fresh

Although the La Grander were tired from the Joseph game, they showed much improvement over the Baker-La Grande game here. To offset the condition of Bennett's five, three of the Baker stars—Candiff, Payne and Duff—didn't get into the lineup in the Union-Baker game and were fresh on duties for Saturday's tests.

A Baker newspaper has this to say of the game: "The story was told in the La Grande story of the Baker team and it will therefore undoubtedly be Eastern Oregon."

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NORMAL SCHOOL NECESSITY WILL BE DISCUSSED

C. L. Starr, Portland attorney and member of the Oregon Normal school board of regents, will speak before the chamber of commerce forum tomorrow noon on the necessity for a normal school in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Starr comes to Eastern Oregon at the invitation of the local chamber and will speak at Baker Wednesday and at Pendleton Thursday before returning to Western Oregon. J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools here, will preside.

Preparations are being made for a large attendance. Inasmuch as the normal school question is of great importance here.

Violets in Bloom at Harry Fisher's Home

ALLICED. (Special) The Grande Ronde valley is not without its own freaks of winter, as witness four violets now in full bloom on the Mrs. E. S. Smith place southwest of Alliec. The flowers, proudly pointed out by Mr. Fisher, are growing unprotected in open ground.

Caterpillars Burned At Five Points Camp

Five destroyed two Holt caterpillar tractors and the shed in which they were housed Saturday evening at the Mt. Emily lumber company's camp at Five Points, according to a message received at the mill by A. J. Stange, noted agent of the company. The tractors were used at the camp for hauling logs. Insurance covers the loss.

Accompanied by L. E. Kinzel, of the lumber company, C. W. Bunting, of the tractor company, and Charles H. Reynolds, who represents the insurance interests, Mr. Stange went out to the camp today to ascertain if he could, what caused the fire and the extent of the damage.

Sentenced



Norman H. Parks, editor of the Holtville Tribune, is under sentence in Los Angeles to pay \$500 and serve five days for contempt of court, but Parks will never have to pay the fine or serve the time. Friends are raising the money and the Rev. M. E. Hudson, of the Holtville, M. E. church, has volunteered to serve the five-day sentence if the state supreme court refused to intervene.

NOMINATIONS ARE CLOSED

After three hours spent Saturday night counting nominating ballots the chamber of commerce committee in charge of the J. G. Snodgrass, R. J. Green and J. L. Ingle—found that the following men are nominees for election to the board of directors: W. P. McAdory, Floyd McKennon, A. W. Nelson, Howard O'Brien, W. C. Reynolds, W. T. Pfy, Charles H. Reynolds, J. G. Snodgrass, A. J. Stange, Elmer Stoddard, J. A. Tedford, Sherwood Williams, Frank Appleby, George Birtle, H. E. Brady, H. E. Cook, H. B. Dixon, Robert Eakin, F. A. Epling, Warren Gilbert, E. T. Hill, A. R. Hunter, Fred Kiddie, and G. L. Larson.

Of this group 12 men will be elected by a vote of the chamber of commerce membership, which will begin Feb. 15 and end at 7 p. m. Feb. 29. Ballots will be in the mail prior to the opening of the polls and may be either mailed or left at the chamber of commerce offices.

FARMERS HERE TO TAKE PART

Union county will have several delegates at the Moro, Ore., wheat conference which begins February 11 and continues until Saturday evening. H. G. Avery, county agent, said today. The purpose of the conference is to make a study of all available information on the production and marketing of wheat and print conclusions and recommendations for the benefit of Oregon wheat growers.

Branded



Miss Lilla Vennum, 29, of Los Angeles, says two hooded men attacked her in her room and with a white hot iron branded a cross on her arm. She says they said she would have to marry E. D. Mylar or they'd come back again. However, police noted that the cross was on her left arm and she is right-handed.

Passengers on Train 17 Have Narrow Escape

The engine on passenger train No. 17 blew a cylinder head at 7 o'clock this morning just as it cleared the tunnel near Sago, east of Trueman. The head loomed into the string of cars and was torn to La Grande nearly two hours late by an engine from the yards here.

Ex-Senator Chamberlin Is on Road to Health

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—The condition of former Senator George E. Chamberlin, of Oregon, who suffered a paralytic stroke last Friday, is improving. He passed a very comfortable night, the attendant said.

IDLE TALK SCORED BY MINISTER

Propaganda Ungrounded by Facts Helps Darken the World, Claim

90 PER CENT OF PEOPLE UPHELD

Other 10 Per Cent, Representing Knockers and Failures, Flayed from M. E. Pulpit.

Propaganda ungrounded by facts is to blame for what appears to be a darkened state of the world, in the opinion of the Rev. C. W. Tenney, president of Gooding college, at Gooding, Ida., who addressed a large congregation at the First M. E. church Sunday morning.

"Ten per cent of the people furnish all the knockers and kickers, and failures," the speaker declared, "and it is our own fault that we let them make so much noise that the world thinks everything has gone to the bows." "Conditions will better just as soon as we get rid of this pernicious propaganda," the college president continued.

In speaking of the fallacy of anti-prohibition propaganda, he said that recently he had asked how many of the 175 students at Gooding had never seen a man drink. Three-fifths of them answered.

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DRILL EXHIBITION AND DANCE WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

A program of exhibition drills, tent pitching, bayonet contests, an equipment race and formal review—the first entertainment of his kind to be given here—will be given by the La Grande unit of the Oregon national guard this evening between 8 and 9 o'clock in the armory at Zuber hall.

The guard members have been working for some time on the various drills and contests and with the support of the local people, Captain "Scouty" Dutton said this morning.

The balcony will be free to the public the entire evening. The dances, which will follow the entertainment, will be free to all guardsmen.

Seismographs Record Heavy Quake Today

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press).—A severe earthquake was recorded on the Fordham university seismograph from 10:24 a. m. until noon today. The disturbance was estimated at 1400 miles away, probably in the West Indies.

Milton Girl Drowned In Little Walla Walla

MILTON, Ore. (By The Associated Press).—Gladys Masie, 15, was drowned in the Little Walla Walla river last night when she fell from a foot bridge crossing the stream here.

W. A. Carter Will Enter Race for Governorship

PORTLAND, Ore. (AU)—W. A. Carter, Portland attorney, plans to enter the race for the republican nomination for governor, the Portland Telegram said Saturday. Announcement of his platform will be made next Saturday, the newspaper adds.

Flax Plant Proposed

STAYTON, Ore.—Practically all funds have been subscribed for Stayton's newest industry, a flax plant. The Hrows-Petzel mill property will be equipped for this industry, according to plans, and both the scutching and retting would be done here. John H. McNary, T. H. Kay and T. A. Lively, of Salem and several Portland men who are interested in the Oregon Linen mill at Stayton, are interested in the Stayton project.

Rotary Club Committees Appointed

La Grande Body Meets in First Regular Luncheon Since the Organization.

La Grande Rotarians gathered in the private dining room at the Foley hotel today for their first regular luncheon heard from their president, Floyd McKennon, the committees appointed to start the club wheeling on its program of activities.

The committee, of which there are nine, represent some of the outstanding interests of Rotary. Following are listed the appointments: Membership: A. T. Hill, chairman; B. C. Murphy and J. J. Carr.

Program: Robert Eakin, chairman; W. T. Pfy and Dr. Murphy. Following: Auditor: Pfy, chairman; Fred E. Kiddie and Frank Pfy.

Community service: Elmer Stoddard, chairman; W. C. Perkins and Mr. Hill. Rotary education: J. T. Longfellow, chairman; A. L. Richardson and G. S. Birtle.

Boys' work: W. C. Ross, chairman; Mr. McKennon and Dr. Pfy. Publicity: Fred Curry, chairman; Arthur Bowen and Warren Gilbert.

Business methods: S. D. Crowe, chairman; F. L. Meyers and Elmer Stoddard. Classification: Chase Bohnekaup, chairman; G. L. Dutton and Lee Bouvy.

Charter members of the club are Frank P. Appleby, J. J. Carr, S. D. Crowe, Fred Curry, G. L. Dutton, A. T. Hill, F. L. Meyers, R. H. Murphy, Floyd McKennon, Frank McKennon, W. T. Pfy, Frank Pfy, W. C. Perkins, Chase Bohnekaup, G. S. Birtle, Lee Bouvy, Elmer Stoddard, Robert Eakin, A. L. Richardson, Warren Gilbert, Fred E. Kiddie, J. T. Longfellow, Auditor Pfy, W. C. Ross and Arthur Bowen.

WOMAN FOUND IN CAKE OF ICE

PAULBORO, N. J. (By The Associated Press).—Authorities are trying to establish the identity today of a young woman, whose body, clad in a union suit, was found encased in a cake of ice in the Delaware river yesterday.

Examination showed that the woman, between 25 and 35 years of age, had been murdered, the coroner said.

Her skull was fractured and her forehead lacerated. The woman had been thrown from some vessel after a terrible beating.

DR. CHASE TO MEET REGENTS

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press).—Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, who arrived here yesterday en route to Eugene, where he will meet the board of regents of the University of Oregon tomorrow, said his first impressions of Oregon were very favorable.

He came west to look over the situation in Oregon to be able to reply to the board of regents if an invitation to become president of the university is extended him. In an interview, this morning on liberalism in education, he clearly expressed his belief that the university should be unfettered in the teaching of science.

Yosemite Sinks

SAN FRANCISCO (By The Associated Press).—The steam schooner Yosemite with 50 tons of dynamite and a cargo of percussion caps, surrendered to the sea a few hours before dawn today, after a 24-hour fight to keep her above the swells.

No one was on board. The schooner was being towed by the tug Sea Ranger, and broke the tow cable just outside the Golden Gate. Waterlogged and heavily burdened she scuttled the bottom of the bar and sank.

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The Yosemite went ashore on Point Reyes rocks yesterday. The steam schooner Willamette rescued her crew.

On A Milk Diet



Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry K. Thaw, is back in Atlantic City recovering from her most recent attempt at suicide. Her song now is "I Wanta Get Well." Evelyn is drinking—milk—and swears she is back to stay.

DAVIS WILL PROBE ARMY AIR SERVICE

Investigation Ordered by Secretary—a General Shake-Up Likely

WILL SEEK THOSE OPPOSING POLICY

Officers Fighting for a Separate Branch of Air Service May Face Military Court.

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—An investigation of conditions in the army air service has been ordered by Secretary Davis, of the war department.

The secretary wants to know whether air service officers are still opposing the air policies of President Coolidge and are employing dilatory methods in carrying forward aviation for a separate air corps.

Whether disciplinary action will be taken by the war secretary depends upon information collected by the investigation.

General Shake-Up Seen. It is conceded to be within the realm of possibilities that a general shake-up in the air service personnel, including courtmartial proceedings, will follow the investigation.

While war department officials have declined to disclose the evidence which led to the decision for a sweeping inquiry, it is known that Davis has copies of anonymous documents believed by some departmental officials to have been mimeographed and distributed through air service headquarters. These called upon the recipients.

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La Grande People View Shrines, Temples in Japan

Editor's Note—This is another of the series of articles written by A. B. Cherry, La Grande man, who is now touring the world.

(By A. B. Cherry) Friday morning, January 3, we docked at Yokohama. Here we found the weather cold, but it was not nearly so severe as we were accustomed to at home in the summer season, so none of us suffered.

We had the good fortune while in the harbor at Yokohama of obtaining a clear view of the sacred mountain of Japan, Fujiyama, in all its dignity and beauty. Many travelers visit Japan without obtaining a glimpse of the mountain, so we were delighted, and visitors on board commented on the unusual clear and fine view that we obtained. It is simply and looks very much like Mount St. Helens.

Clubs Building Up. In 1923 Yokohama was literally wiped out by an earthquake, not a structure was left. Thousands of

temporary wooden structures have been erected and many modern edifices and factory buildings. Everywhere the work of reconstruction is going on.

This being New Year's day, the biggest holiday in Japan, the stores were mostly closed. Everyone was busy making new year's call. Monday morning we went sightseeing in richland. They are much more comfortable than I expected and some of them very elaborate.