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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably rains in the west, rains or snow in the east.

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COMMISSION
OF FIVE IS
PETITIONEDSeventy-Four Back Move
to Increase Number
of ExecutivesAMENDMENT TO
CHARTER SOUGHTCity Dads Will Consider
Request at the Next
Regular Meeting of the
Commission.

A petition, with 74 property owners of La Grande as signers, was presented to the city commissioners last night asking that the number of commissioners be increased to five.

Several movements to alter the present method of municipal government have been observed during recent years, none of which have been successful, but the petitioners have high hopes that this plan will receive general favor from La Grande voters.

The plan advanced is to alter the charter by an amendment that will provide for the election of five commissioners, four to be elected from different sections of the city classed as wards, and the fifth to be elected at large. At present only three are elected.

The petition was held over until next week in order to give the executives time to consider the matter.

Boundary Work Progressing.

H. E. Dixon, chairman of the city planning commission, was present in response to a request from the commissioners. Preliminary work on the proposed extension of the city boundaries is progressing. At present, means are being taken to ascertain whether extension of boundaries in some sections would be advisable.

It is the plan of the commissioners to call a special election, probably in April, to vote upon the

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BUCKS COMING
HERE FRIDAY

One of the best basketball games of the season is what is promised local fans in the Pendleton-La Grande game, scheduled to be played tomorrow night in the high school gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock.

Pendleton and La Grande rank among the leading teams in Eastern Oregon and both have an old score of rivalry to settle. Pendleton has been going great guns so far this season, losing only to Milton-Freewater and Walla Walla. The Blue Devils defeated the Bucks Tuesday night 42 in 49 in a game featured by three overtime periods.

La Grande, although beaten sev-

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Lincoln Day Will Be
Observed In La GrandePeople
Are
Forgetful

Most La Grande business men have learned long ago that advertising one year and "flying off" the next is a disastrous plan. Even though they are engaged in "educational" advertising and the building of good will, where it is difficult to put one's finger on direct results, nevertheless they know that it pays to keep at it continuously. People are forgetful—and critical. When a man no longer thinks enough of his business to keep it before the buying public regularly, you naturally think something is wrong with him or his business—and you gradually forget his facilities for serving you. Constant contact with you through The Observer is an inexpensive but necessary function of his business.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."Sickness Of
Juror Halts
Court TrialR. H. Peterson Verdict
Will Not Be Given Until
Saturday, Judge J.
W. Knowles Decides.

Sudden illness of one of the jurors delayed the verdict in the state's case against R. H. Peterson, a bricklayer, who was tried in the circuit court yesterday on a charge of drunken driving.

After the arguments of the attorneys, R. J. Kitchell, for the defendant, and Carl G. Helm, district attorney, for the state, late yesterday, the court excused the jury for the night, commanding them to return at 9:30 a. m. today for instruction. Only 11 of the jurors appeared this morning, word coming from the home of Ed Mitchell, at Union, that he was ill and confined to his bed.

Others Excused.
Judge J. W. Knowles excused the others with instructions to be in their places at 9:30 Saturday morning to complete their duties in connection with the trial. Peterson is at liberty on bonds furnished prior to the trial.

More jury troubles came up later this morning when the February list ran short before 12 men had been agreed upon for the case of the United States National bank against D. W. Miller and J. Guy Miller—a suit for collection of \$4,284.25 alleged to be still owing the plaintiffs on the defendants' note for \$11,154.00.

The case was continued to 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, to allow time for a special venire.

BULK RATES ON
VALLEY APPLES
MARKETING AID

"For the first time in many years, Grande Ronde valley apples are being shipped to eastern and middlewestern markets in bulk," observed L. Booth Larsen, of Eugene, in the lobby of the May hotel this morning.

"Previous to this season, this section of the northwest had no bulk rate on apples east. The present rate, granted by the railroads last summer, just before the season opened, has been a great help in apple marketing, particularly when the markets are as poor as they have been the past season."

Mr. Larsen, who is a former resident of La Grande, has shipped about 15 cars in bulk the past two weeks, and says he has several more loads to move before the season closes.

Elgin Community Club
Membership Growing

ELGIN, Ore. (Special).—The Elgin Community club has 62 members as the result of a drive conducted by W. F. Hall this week. This is the largest membership the local commercial body has ever had. It is expected that the list will reach 100 before March 1.

SECOND PROBE OF COMPANY
RECOMMENDED TO SENATE

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—Another investigation of the Aluminum Company of America, in which Secretary Mellon is a large stockholder, was recommended today to the senate by the judiciary committee.

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Ice Fountain



A water spray has been installed at the top of a 30-foot spruce tree at Escanaba, Mich. It has been showering water since Dec. 1, and the tree is now an ice fountain, lighted at night by colored lights.

YOKEL HERE
FOR MAT TILT

Mike Yokel, ex-light heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, arrived in La Grande this morning from Portland. He will meet August Ranch, of this city, in the main event of a card to be staged this evening at Elgin hall, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Yokel, who defeated Barney Longbeach, Washington, Tuesday evening, is expected to meet Noregaard, of Walla Walla, later this week.

Ranch completed his preparations for the match last night and is confident that he will be able to win from the Wyoming sheriff. But, to offset this, Yokel is just as confident. So there you are. In the semi-final match Bill Nelson, a go-getter from Baker, will attempt to defeat the son-of-a-bitch, of La Grande. Experts declare that Nelson is an aggressive, ambitious pugilist, and that Meier is capable of withstanding almost any onslaught. A wrestling royal will precede this match.

From ticket sales, a packed house is assured.

"Womanless Wedding"
To Be Staged Tonight

Members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal church are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the presentation of "The Womanless Wedding" by the Whelan club this evening at the church. The doors will be open at eight o'clock and at 8:15 the play will start.

"The Womanless Wedding" is a genuine extravaganza in the form of a wedding without a woman and is sure to be the inspiration for many laughs, according to those in charge. About fifty men of the city will take part.

After the wedding there will be an informal reception in the church basement and refreshments will be served. The entire cast will be in the receiving line.

J. F. Heasty Purchases
J. A. Tedford Property

J. F. Heasty has purchased the J. A. Tedford property at 202 Spring avenue and will move there from his present home at 1705 Second street within the next few days, he announced today.

Mr. and Mrs. Heasty recently returned from a trip to Kansas where they renewed friendships but decided that the northeast is the best place to make a home. He is now employed by the Play Oil company in connection with the new filling station going up at Second and Adams.

Grade School Game to
Begin Half Hour Early

In order not to conflict with "The Womanless Wedding" at the First M. E. church and other entertainments scheduled for this evening, the grade school boys are advancing their basketball game from 7:30 to 7 o'clock tonight in the high school gymnasium.

Central players, who hope to take their third consecutive game tonight, and Riviera boys, who are determined to keep them from it, constitute the opposing teams.

Convocation
Delegates In
La GrandeEpiscopal Parishes Over
All East Oregon District
Represented at the
Gathering.

With delegates gathered here from all Episcopal parishes in Eastern Oregon for the convocation that will be held in St. Peter's church beginning with holy communion Friday morning, the preliminary sessions at the chapel today were spent in the discussion of subjects vital to the program of the Church Women's Service league.

Mrs. W. P. Remington, the president, presided, with Miss Sophia Robertson, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Lina Sturgis, Mrs. Charles March and Mrs. S. W. Creamer, all of Pendleton, to assist here gave the report of the general convention of the organization that they attended in New Orleans last October.

Large Offering Given.

Among the outstanding achievements of the league, Mrs. Remington said, was the giving of a united thank offering of \$909.522.50 to be used for equipping and sending out women missionaries. The offering was the largest that the women have ever made.

She told also of the Bishop Tuttle memorial, consisting of two houses: one for negro workers at St. Augustine's in Raleigh, N. C., and the other in New York, for the use of returned missionaries who wish to take special courses in teaching. Plans for both houses were raised at the new Orleans meeting.

Mrs. Remington's cabinet includes Mrs. Thomas Flaherty, of Hood River, vice president; Miss Anne Lang, of The Dalles, vice

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GOVERNOR TO
ATTEND MEET

HOT LAKE, (Special).—Word that Governor Walter M. Pierce would come to La Grande March 12 for the Union County Economic conference. Governor Pierce's Dr. W. T. Fy, chairman of the conference, was read.

"I've have received March twelfth for La Grande. Write me particulars."

Walter M. Pierce, Governor. His message came in reply to a second telegram. The request originally sent Governor Pierce was that he come to La Grande for the closing meeting of the two day conference, Saturday evening. He was engaged to speak in Portland at that time, so was invited to come Friday night instead.

The boys and girls club program, originally planned for Friday night will be postponed until Saturday. Frank McKennon is in charge of that feature.

Royal Neighbors Take
In Ten New Members

Ten candidates, making a total of 25 within the last month, were initiated into the La Grande chapter of Royal Neighbors of America at the meeting in the lodge hall last evening.

Mrs. Ida Hamilton, of Portland, the state supervisor, was present to address the meeting, which was unusually well attended.

The jockeys of the camp will serve refreshments at the next meeting.

Criticizes



Thomas W. Duncan, writer of a criticism of university life which is published in The Observer today, Duncan is a senior at Drake university, Des Moines, Ia.

WHEAT MEN
GATHER AT
MORO TODAYEast Oregon Conference
Addressed by In-
gels and MarisGOVERNOR WILL
SPEAK TOMORROWReports of Five Groups
Will Be Given Satur-
day; Local Men in At-
tendance.

MORO, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—The Eastern Oregon wheat conference went into session here today with addresses by F. H. Ingels, chairman, and Paul V. Maris, director of the college extension service, explaining the purpose, scope and method of the meet. The five subcommittees went into executive session to iron out their problems. W. J. Spillman, consulting specialist of the federal bureau of economics, will speak tonight on the world wheat situation as it affects the Oregon farmer.

Investigations of the five big problems will continue all day tomorrow. Friday and Walter M. Pierce, governor of Oregon, will deliver an address in the evening on Abraham Lincoln. The report of the five groups will begin Saturday when final action will be taken on the co-ordinated recommendations, and printing and distribution of the findings authorized.

The First Report.
The first report, finance and credit will be presented at 9:30 by L. Barnum, The Dalles banker, and Fred Bennett, agent of Union County. It will consider short-time and long-time credit to farmers, and running on borrowed capital.

The report of the wheat handling committee will follow, presented by F. H. Ingels, Des Moines wheat grower, chairman, and G. R. Hynson, farm crops specialist of the experiment station, secretary. It considers federal inspection criticism, charges of rail and water transportation, cooperative selling, and how and when to sell.

The world supply and demand comes next, brought forward by

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SENATE VOTE ON
TAX BILL WILL
COME TOMORROW

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—The senate will vote tomorrow on passage of the tax reduction bill, is the forecast given today by Chairman Smoot, of the finance committee. The final vote, set for today, was postponed.

RADIO BILL APPROVED.
WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—The White bill to regulate radio was approved today by the house merchant marine committee.Legionnaires Elect
New Officers at Elgin

ELGIN, Ore. (Special).—The local post of the American Legion elected officers for the coming year at its last meeting. The new officers elected are: Paul Sadler, commander; L. E. Hull (vice commander); Guy L. Patten, finance officer; and Bud Smith, adjutant.

Pershing in Washington
For Medical Treatment

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—General Pershing returned to Washington today for medical treatment after five months of absence as chairman of the Twana-Arlec plebiscite commission.

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Dressed In Stockings



Helen Doty, Dallas, Tex., dancer, performed the Charleston before a big audience with nothing on but her stockings—but it was perfectly proper, as she had 2 pairs, made into the costume shown above. The whole costume cost about \$150, and has 31 different shades.

M'CAMANT HAS
LITTLE CHANCE

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—President Coolidge was informed today by Senators McNary and Stanford, Republicans of Oregon, that they believed it to be impossible to obtain senate confirmation of Wallace McCamant, of Portland, to be circuit judge.

A poll of the senate judiciary committee, they said, indicated an adverse report would be given to the senate, and in such an event they saw no possibility of favorable senate action.

The visit to the White House of McNary and Stanford strengthened the belief that President Coolidge might be urged to withdraw McCamant's nomination. They said they had not recommended this course but had left the question entirely up to the president.

ACCUSES EKWALL

PORTLAND (AP).—Assertions that he himself had drunk the liquor in Municipal Judge Ekwall's office at police headquarters were made in the municipal court today by Jack N. Barde, president of M. Barde and Sons, junk and salvage operators. "Ekwall has broken more liquor laws than any man in Oregon," he declared. Ekwall stopped off the bench and called Barde a liar. Barde's statement was made while he was speaking in behalf of a junk dealer accused of using the street for a junk shop.

Pupils Says Universities
Only 'Varnishing Plants'

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GOVERNOR
SPEAKS FOR
DRY AGENTSTestifies as to Character
Of Three on Trial
in PortlandGIVES THEM CLEAN
BILL OF HEALTHPierce Says He Knew the
Smith Boys "Since
Their Father and I
Stumped the State for
Bryan."

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press).—Governor Walter M. Pierce testified as a character witness today in the trial of three state dry agents charged with conspiracy to violate liquor laws, was twice defied by Deputy United States District Attorney Stearns, who was examining him.

Each time the prosecutor failed to elicit the desired answer.

"The governor on the witness stand in this state shall be treated the same as any other witness," declared Stearns when the governor had appealed to Judge Wolverton.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press).—Governor Walter M. Pierce declared on the witness stand today that he knew about one attempt to bribe three state dry agents who are now on trial in the federal court on conspiracy charges. He outlined the way in which he had given them instructions and followed their operations in connection with the raid on the St. Paul mill. Pierce gave them a clean bill of health.

The governor said he had known Robert and A. C. Smith since their father, John Smith, and I stumped the state for William Jennings Bryan in 1896" and that he had known Arthur Christensen since 1922.

The government charges that these three men conspired to violate the liquor laws and use their offices to engage in liquor traffic.

ROME PAPERS
SING 'TRIUMPH'

ROME (By The Associated Press).—The chorus of pro-government newspapers today, commenting on Mussolini's last shot in the Italian-German controversy, runs to this refrain: "Mussolini has triumphed personally over Stresemann; Fascist Italy has triumphed over Social Democrat Germany; Latinism has showed itself superior to Toltonism."

The papers, however, are careful to add that the triumph is all in the name of international peace.

MUSCOLINI SCORED.

BERLIN (By The Associated Press).—"A mixture of ignorance and brutal arrogance" is the comment on Mussolini's speech today by the Tagblat Runcshach, which paper Mussolini referred to as the personal organ of Foreign Minister Stresemann.

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says: "These new insults and charges cannot wipe out the impression that Mussolini's case is weak. It is time for a quiet survey of the difference."

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The self-centered "ideal college student" of today must not be unusual or extraordinary if he expects to remain in the favor of his fellow students. He must be ordinary to the nth degree; he must be extraordinarily normal. Indeed, if he is just a trifle abnormal he is much more likely to "make" a good fraternity.

He must believe implicitly that the variety football squad is composed of young gods, that the half-backed opinions of his instructors are final, that the "oh school spirit" is "great stuff," and, above all, that his fraternity, his group, his university are above criticism.

The university of today is an institution that is a disgrace to the name of education.

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