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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Occasional rains in the west, rain or snow in the east tonight and Tuesday.

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UNION GIRL
Wins Prize
IN CONTESTKatie Reuter Receives \$50
Scholarship in County
Essay ClassOTHERS RECEIVE
AWARDS SATURDAYMiss Ada Singleton Given
Special Prize at Community
Meeting Held in La Grande.

Katie Reuter, a junior in the high school at Union, was awarded the \$50 scholarship offered by Dr. W. F. Phy in the county essay contest, and Melvin Parker, a La Grande senior, was given the \$50 prize in the senior department of the city high school at memory contest, Saturday night when art week culminated in a community meeting in the auditorium.

Tears and smiles mingled as one after another the successful contestants answered to their names and received their prizes from the platform, where the committees of the Neighborhood club and library board were seated. The most touching moment of the evening came, however, when Dr. E. F. Mossman, speaking for a donor who preferred not to appear, presented to Miss Ada Singleton, whom he likened to Nellie R. Revere, the best-written story, a special prize of \$10. She was showered with flowers and congratulations by those who have watched her struggle to keep up with her chosen from her bedside.

Medals were furnished every youngster who entered the contest.

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HEALTH BOARD
DUE TOMORROW

Union county's first annual health week, which was ushered in yesterday throughout the county, will have tomorrow as its big day, when members of the state board of health will come to La Grande for an inspection of the city's sewage disposal plant and 88 guests at the chamber of commerce luncheon, which will be held at Eagle hall at 12:30 o'clock. Following the luncheon, members of the board will address every high school in the Grande Ronde valley. The schedule will keep the visitors busy from the time they reach La Grande in the morning until the evening on Feb. 25 tomorrow night.

The sewage plant inspection will begin at approximately 11 o'clock. At the luncheon, Dr. W. T. Phy, chairman of the board, will preside and each member will speak for three minutes. During the afternoon, besides the speeches in the schools, Dr. Rosenburg will address the Neighborhood club. The regular monthly business session of the board will be held at Hot Lake at four o'clock in the afternoon.

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Peterson Paroled But
Must Pay Fine of \$350Better
Business Is
Here

The year of favorable business activity predicted for 1926 is already being realized. Business firms report general volume increases over the same period last year and predict greater growth for the coming months.

Almost invariably it is the firm that has a definite, strong advertising policy that is forging ahead and enjoying the benefits of a good year. They value the opportunity to keep in touch with you constantly through The Observer. They are quick to appreciate the high reader-interest and low reader-cost—the essentials for practical publicity results.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Local Girls
Defeat Union
In Title TiltOnly a Major Upset Can
Keep Tigresses from
Becoming Eastern Oregon
Champions.

(By Scoop)
The La Grande Tigresses proudly clinched the Eastern Oregon basketball championship at Union Saturday night when they outplayed and outscored the Union sextet 21 to 19 in a game preceding the contest between the Tigresses and Bobcats which the former won 29 to 13.

Should the girls go on through their season undefeated it will be the first time this city has had a basketball championship since 1924 and the first time in many years that a local girls' team has won the purple honors.

Three games yet remain to be played—one here Saturday night against Union and probably two against the Imbler girls. After winning Saturday the girls should find little difficulty in repeating on their own floor and Imbler, although possessed of a fighting team built around a classy forward, should fall before the blue and white players. The local girls can afford to lose one game and still be at the top of the heap.

Close Guarding.
The game Saturday was featured by the close guarding of the La Grande girls, Nelson and Reynolds. Both girls had elusive forwards to hold down and it must be said that the Union sharpshooters were held—one to one field basket and the other to three. If these two girls continue to perform as they did against the maroon and white sextet, a clean sweep of the three games is a possibility.

Centers Owen and Stange and forwards Campbell, Courtney and Gragg were not far behind the guards. Their work was excellent and both centers saved many an offensive drive from registering before the ball passed into the forwards' end of the ball.

Campbell was high-scoring on the evening with a total of 14 points. Weaver, of Union, was second with seven.

Team Deserves Praise.

Many who have followed the fortunes of the maple court sextet in the past in this locality are of the opinion that the team this year, coached by Miss Johnson is one of the best ever developed in Eastern Oregon. Certainly, the members of the squad, and the coach both deserve praise.

The first quarter was the most bitterly contested, and ended in a tie. In the second frame the local girls hit their stride and scored eight points while Union was held scoreless. The third quarter found Union at its best, contributing six points while La Grande's efforts netted but five. The last quarter found La Grande chalking up three.

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Band to Give Old-Time
Dance on February 21

The second of a series of band dances to pay up a \$250 indebtedness incurred by purchase of instruments last year, will be held Feb. 21, in Zuber hall, the committee in charge announced today. The committee's personnel follows: Andrew Loney, Mrs. Ira Snyder, Dick Landry and J. G. Snodgrass.

The dance will be an old-time affair, not preceded by a concert, but with members of the band furnishing the music. A prize will be a feature of the evening's entertainment.

On the petition of the jury and 47 other residents of the county, Judge J. W. Knowles paroled J. G. Peterson from the jail provisionally on the sentence he pronounced upon him in circuit court this morning.

Peterson was convicted of driving while intoxicated. His sentence in the lower court, from whose judgment he appealed, was 30 days in the county jail and a fine of \$250. Judge Knowles reduced the fine to \$250, declaring that the cost of operating the circuit court amounts to about \$100 a day, and that in his view the defendant appealing from the lower court judgment should share in the expense of the trial.

"The jury didn't think you were a criminal. I do not think that you are naturally a criminal. I am satisfied that you have always been a hardworking man, and that you don't try to make your living by violating the law," the court said.

"There is a good thing in the case of boys committing their first offense. But the right of parole is often abused, by executives as

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Leader



One of the biggest leaders in the women's bowling field is Mrs. Edith Swartz (above) of Kenosha, Wis. She was recently elected secretary of the International Women's Bowling Association and is now at work on plans for the fair sex tournament to be held in Milwaukee, April 21 to May 9. She hopes to make the get-together the greatest in women's bowling history.

OFFICERS SEEK
'THIRD' PARTY

The mystery concerning the auto collision on Fourth street, Friday evening is partly cleared up, with only the identity of the person who was driving the horse car, which apparently escaped damages, unknown to the authorities.

The roadster was driven by W. H. Lawrence, formerly of Charleston, Conn. county, but now making his home at 103 B street. Mr. Lawrence, who did not report the accident to the police until The Observer was off the press Saturday, was injured only slightly, although he lost his left hand, and is said to take care of his wounds, mostly in the form of scratches and bruises.

Mr. Lawrence informs traffic officers that a large car blinded him with its headlights, causing him to swing against it, the impact throwing him against the ground, which was paroled.

Officers are now endeavoring to learn the name of the unknown party and they expect to bring charges against him if his identity can be learned.

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Upton-For-Governor
Club Meets Candidate

While J. H. Upton was in the city yesterday from Baker the Upton-For-Governor club held a short meeting with him. Another meeting was planned for Wednesday evening, February 17, for the purpose of forming a permanent organization.

The club was organized here temporarily some time ago by Spanish-American War veterans, with a membership of about 29. The local club has received reports from other organizations in the state and according to Upton it looks optimistic for Mr. Upton, members of the club said today.

Valley Ideal Site for
Fur Farm, Fancier Says

"La Grande would be a wonderful location for a fur farm," observed S. J. Claridge, of Portland, as he stood looking out the lobby windows of the Hotel Sommer this morning. Mr. Claridge is a big fox hunter, and his lobby had developed into a rendezvous for the Oregon-Alaska fur farm and trading company. He and his family regularly spend their winters on his famous fox farm near Kotzebue, Alaska, where he has two couples caring for his stock of about 100 pairs of the blue-blooded beavers.

"I should like to see someone start a farm in La Grande," he said. "You climate and other conditions of the country here would assure a good quality of fur."

Mr. Claridge said he slips pellets to all parts of the continent, and is now negotiating with a firm in Sweden for a shipment there.

2 EPIDEMICS HIT TOWN

IDAHLANDMAN, Ore.—With the school closed because of a smallpox scare, there is now an epidemic of mumps with 10 cases already reported.

One new case of smallpox developed last week.

MORO MEET
BIG AD TO
WHEAT MEN80 Typewritten Pages of
Reports Adopted in
Final SessionWHEAT LEAGUE IS
ONE OF RESULTSF. B. Ingels, of Dufur,
Is Elected President—
Each County Has Dele-
gate on Directorate.

Ten Union county people returned to their homes here Saturday night after attending the "Wheat League" Economic conference at Moro which ended Saturday after a three-day session with 250 wheat growers and scores of other representatives of agencies concerned.

Reports covering 80 typewritten pages were adopted on world supply and demand, wheat handling, finance and credit, farm management and tillage and production.

Wheat League Formed.
It was decided to have a wheat growers' association, known as the "Eastern Oregon Wheat League." F. B. Ingels, general chairman of the conference, of Dufur, was elected president of the league. Charles H. Fox, of Hesperia, vice president and Harry Thirkerton, of Moro, secretary-treasurer. A delegate from each county that produces wheat in Eastern Oregon, was chosen as an executive committee member from each of the 11 counties.

J. A. Gaskill was chosen as a delegate from Union county. Mr. Gaskill had with him a sample of the Gaskill red-wheat, which he showed. The speaker attracted considerable attention. Mr. Gaskill himself and finds it proven very satisfactory on his wheat farm here.

Would Revise Rates.
The world supply and demand group obtained the passage of a resolution asking a revision of grain freight rates to make them compare with those in Canada. They discussed the high rates on branch lines, bringing out the fact that motor trucks have taken away considerable traffic from the branch lines. Railroad men present explained government subsidy and contract was responsible for.

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SKAGGS STORES
LOCATE ANOTHER
GROCERY HERE

Another grocery store will be opened in La Grande Wednesday according to officials of the Skaggs United Stores, who state that store No. 253 will be placed here in the Lott's building, across Adams avenue from The Observer office.

B. L. Smith, who received his training at the other La Grande store, has been selected as a new manager. W. M. Busch, supervisor of the stores in the Portland district, has been in charge of installation.

"We have felt the need of another branch of our business in La Grande for some time, because of increased business which has grown beyond the capacity of one store," Mr. Busch said. "We feel that La Grande is coming to the top, both as a business center and in the advantages it has to offer the home-maker, and we are here to help it grow."

The opening advertisement appears in this issue of The Observer.

Gerald Chapman Loses
Appeal for Freedom

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Gerald Chapman, convicted burglar and murderer, today lost an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals for a writ of habeas corpus. The court sustained Federal Judge Thomas, of Connecticut, in dismissing application for the writ.

Chapman, sentenced to hang March 2 for murder, sought habeas corpus proceedings to be returned to the Atlanta penitentiary from which he escaped after serving part of a 25-year sentence for mail robbery.

Church Hears Penrose;
Gives Desired Elements

Religion as an accumulative thing, to be developed through education and the growth of the individual was discussed by Dr. S. L. Penrose in his sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Humility, in one's attitude toward God, self-interest, in regard to one's self, and friendliness toward others, the blind divine told his congregation, are the three desired elements of religion.

At the First Baptist church, the Rev. George A. Ballard illustrated his evening sermon with stereoscopic slides illustrating the parable of "The Good Shepherd." He gave recognition to health work in the talk to the youngsters in the morning.

At the Salvation Army hall, the weekend meetings were the best attended of any since the camp-meeting began five weeks ago. The services will be continued until Wednesday night, when all the members of the city will gather on

EPISCOPAL
MEET HELD
BEST YETBishop W. P. Remington
Praises Convocation
in La GrandeSESSION CLOSED
SUNDAY EVENINGPenrose, Zurbrick and
Upton Main Speakers
During Final Day of
Gathering.

After what Bishop W. P. Remington pronounced the best convocation—in points of spirituality and good fellowship—ever held in Eastern Oregon, 100 clergy and lay delegates returned to their homes today to carry the inspiration of the session to all the parishes and missions represented in this diocese.

Three solemn and impressive services of worship through the day, and a mass meeting addressed by three outstanding speakers in the evening, concluded the convocation Sunday.

Morning prayer was conducted in the chapel at 9:30 o'clock by the Rev. J. Henry Thomas, of Klamath Falls.

The Morning Service.
At 11 o'clock, the auditorium filled with delegates and local parishioners for the first rite of ordination ever celebrated in Eastern Oregon.

Snowy flurries and other white blossoms filled the altar, and symbolized the spirit of sanctity that pervaded the service. The bishop,

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EARL ARRIVES
IN MONTREAL

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—A warrant for the arrest of the earl of Craven, issued today by the department of labor, charged the earl was guilty of an offense involving moral turpitude in his employment to South Africa with the countess of Cathcart who had been denied admission to this country on similar grounds.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The New York World today says it is informed by Lady Craven, wife of the earl of Craven, that her titled husband arrived at an unnamed Canadian city yesterday.

Lady Craven told the World she received word from her husband several hours after learning that Commissioner Curran, of the immigration department, had asked the labor department for a warrant for his arrest.

FAIR AT MONTREAL

MONTREAL (By the Associated Press)—The earl of Craven, who faced deportation from the United States because of his former relation with the countess of Cathcart, was staying at the Ritz-Carlton hotel here today. He refused to be interviewed.

TENNIS CROWN
TO BE DECIDED

CANNES, France (By the Associated Press)—Helen Wills, American women's tennis champion, will face Suzanne Lenglen tomorrow.

Trail Association Will
Meet in Baker Tomorrow

The annual meeting of the Oregon Trail association, which will be held in Baker tomorrow, beginning at 10:30 a. m. in the chamber of commerce rooms, is expected to attract a large delegation from this city. Nearly every city in Oregon and Idaho along the highway is expected to be personally represented, although Baker and La Grande delegates are expected to be the largest. These two cities have been the moving spirit in the trail work from the start.

Election of officers is one of the important matters that confronts the association, and it is rumored that this city has hopes of bringing the presidency to La Grande. At present A. W. Nelson is secretary of the association and has been with Walter Meacham, one of the greatest workers since the association was organized.

Mr. Meacham, who recently resigned from the Baker chamber of commerce and who is expected to

Pastor Under Arrest



The Rev. William S. Eldridge, Los Angeles pastor, is under arrest on a charge of attacking his 15-year-old foster-daughter, Geraldine, who is also shown. Inset is Mrs. Kathryn Brown, the Rev. Mr. Eldridge's daughter, who corroborates Geraldine's story.

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