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PORTLAND (AP).—Oregon: Unsettled, occasional rains in the west tonight and Thursday.

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CITY SEWAGE
PLANT HELD
AMONG BESTC. J. Smith, Member of
State Board of Health,
Praises WorksSPEAKS BEFORE
GATHERING HEREEvening Program Brings
to Fr. Most Important
Day of County's Health
Week

Congratulations on the completion of a new sewage plant that will probably not be surpassed in any city of this size in the northwest was extended the people of La Grande by Dr. C. J. Smith, of the state board of health, when he addressed a community meeting in connection with the observance of health week last night at the high school auditorium.

Although the attendance was disappointingly small, the medical man graciously adapted his speech to the occasion and gave an informal discussion of the relation of sewerage and water problems to epidemics.

The state of North Carolina has paid more attention to public health than any other in the country, he declared, and through the expenditure of large amounts of money on special measures, but by the carrying out of a wide and definite plan of health education. And as a result, the whole attitude of the people is radically better than that in surrounding states, the physician said. The people are better spirited, and get more enjoyment out of life.

Chief Eugene's Case
Dr. Smith spoke of water contamination as the cause of disease, and cited Eugene's experience in 1906, when an epidemic of typhoid fever was traced to the state board to a breaking through of the sewerage system into the water supply. The state board, working with the engineer, corrected the matter, and today Eugene is one of the finest residence cities in the state.

A supply of pure water is a necessity.

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LODGE MEN TO
MEET AT ELGIN

ELGIN, Ore. (Special).—District No. 11, Knights of Pythias, will meet here Saturday, February 20, in an annual convention. The district comprises Union and Walla Walla counties. It is estimated that 200 Pythians will be in Elgin for the convention.

Prominent among those who will be present are Robert D. Clyde, grand chancellor of Walla and H. E. Dixon, deputy grand chancellor of La Grande.

At 5:30 p. m. there will be a street parade and stunts by the various lodges of the district. At 8 p. m. there will be a banquet in the Masonic hall, which will be

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Carried From Bed To
Court, Woman Testifies200 More
Homes In
The City

The Observer is being read regularly in more than 200 more homes in the city of La Grande than a year ago. In an area already heavily covered, such a gain is especially gratifying. The same growth has been made proportionately in the outside territory. On the rural routes out of the city, for example, nearly 90 per cent of the homes receive the paper each day. No greater proof of reader interest could be desired—and the cost per reader per inch of advertising is less than in 1921. Such low cost gives the advertiser an unusual medium that he is using on an increased scale each year.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Negro Woman
Convicted In
Police Court

Municipal Judge Humphreys Fines Mabel Johnson \$200, Gives O. Smith 30 Days.

Mabel Johnson, colored, who is said by officers to have appeared in municipal court last night with a taint of liquor on her breath, is now behind the bars in the city jail.

She, along with four others—three blacks and one white—was arrested about a week ago in a raid on her residence. Charges of disorderly conduct were placed against the other four and a complaint alleging she operated a disorderly house was filed in her case.

At the trial last night Municipal Judge C. M. Humphreys, after the defendant had been found guilty as charged, fined her \$200 which she failed to pay. Unless future payments are made she will have to serve out the fine at the rate of \$2 a day.

Smith Sent to Jail.
O. Smith and Bill Brown, two of the four arrested with her, were tried last night on disorderly conduct charges. Officers stated that the two were fighting. Smith was found guilty and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and Brown was acquitted.

The two others, a man named O'Hare and a colored woman named Lena Thompson, left La Grande the day following their arrest, forfeiting \$25 bonds each.

Salvation Army Camp
Meetings End Tonight

Most of the clergymen in the city will be on the platform for the service with which the Salvation Army is closing its indoor campmeeting at the hall tonight. They will all share in the program, which is to be rather informal.

Tonight's crowd is expected to surpass all former audiences. Special music and congregational singing at these revival meetings have proved an attraction.

Last night there were 68 in attendance.

DAUGHTER OF FORMER
PRESIDENT DIVORCED

PRINCETON, N. J. (AP).—Marion Cleveland Dell, daughter of the late Grover Cleveland, has been granted a divorce in Paris from William Stanley Dell.

Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, jr., widow of the former president, said Tuesday that desertion constituted the grounds for divorce.

Both now live in Switzerland, while her daughter is in New York, she said.

SLAYER PLEADS GUILTY;
GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

OROPING, Idaho (AP).—The menial Fogelbach pleaded guilty here Tuesday to a charge of first degree murder for the slaying Monday of Harry W. of Spokane.

The slaying which occurred near Pierce city followed a demand by Wells that Fogelbach vacate a cabin which had been erected on Wells' homestead claim.

TEXAS CATTLE BARON DIES

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP).

George W. West, 74, one of the few remaining cattle barons of the old west, died Tuesday at his home here.

He had been sick 10 days with influenza, which developed into pneumonia.

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Hardings



Dr. and Mrs. George T. Harding, parents of the late President Harding, pictured at a reception given them at Daytona Beach, Florida, where their distinguished son often visited.

TIGERS DOWN
IMBLER QUINT

La Grande defeated Imbler 24 to 16 in an after-school basketball game played in the local gymnasium Tuesday. Neither team made as good a showing on the floor as it had in the first encounter at Imbler last Wednesday night. The score in the other game, was 29 to 14 in the Tigers' favor.

The first quarter was played by the local seniors, who finished with seven points to the visitors' one.

Couch Thorson Bennett today expressed pleasure in the demonstration that his squad made. "Their passing was not of the best, but they played a good game, and showed up really well on the court," he said.

The regulars went into the game without a chance to warm up, and consequently didn't find themselves until along toward the middle of the game. Scores tallied 19 and 14 at the end of the first half, and practically all of the scoring was done in the last period. Nevertheless they outplayed their seconds after the first few minutes on the floor.

La Grande plays its last pre-tournament game at Pendleton Friday evening. At the same time, the Tigers will be battling the visitors in a game for supremacy of the feminine field. A preliminary game will be played between the eighth graders of Union and La Grande at 7 o'clock, the girls' contest being scheduled for 8.

City of Portland Five
Coming Here Saturday

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FACES TRIAL

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DAVIS POSTPONES
TRIP TO STUDY
CATHART CASE

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FATHER WILL FLASH NEWS
OF DAUGHTER TO WORLD

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MINE BLAST KILLS SEVEN

CENTRAL CITY, Colo. (By The Associated Press).—Seven miners were killed and three seriously injured in an explosion in the Nelson creek coal company's mine at Nelson, seven miles from here, late yesterday.

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MERGER NOT
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TRAIL BODY

Highway Association Will
Retain Its Identity,
Despite Proposal

BOOKLETS WILL
BE SENT TO EAST

Old Oregon Trail Markers
Remain on Road—
Resolution Scores Federal Plan.

Three things were definitely decided upon and resolutions concerning them were adopted yesterday at the annual meeting of the Old Oregon Trail Association at Baker. Representatives from 15 towns along the Old Oregon Trail highway were present.

At Pendleton's suggestion that the organization should join with existing state organizations, such as the Portland chamber of commerce and state chamber of commerce for publicity purposes, a resolution was passed that the Oregon Trail association would maintain its own identity and that publicity would go out under its own name and that no state organization would be asked to further it. This resolution was passed after much consideration and was adopted because the association is of an inter-state character and wants the support of the other states as well as Oregon's.

Members of the association state that this resolution is not to be understood to dampen the desire of the state to advertise the Oregon Trail under their own signature.

Would Retain Markers.
The association unanimously went on record as opposing the elimination of Oregon Trail markers when the federal numbering system goes into effect. All federal goals are to be numbered in the near future and with this plan other markers would not be necessary. However, the association yesterday decided that Oregon Trail markers be eliminated. It is the plan of the association to have markers in addition to the numerals.

On the strength of what money there is in the treasury of the association Huntington, Baker and La Grande and a few other towns underwrote an \$800 printing bill to publish 25,000 booklets immediately. These will be distributed to Eastern travel bureaus, chamber of commerce organizations and other places of this nature within the next six weeks in order to reach early routings.

Budget Set At \$2,500.
The budget of the association for the coming year is \$2,500 outside of Portland. The association will undertake nothing else until further funds are raised.

Directors, elected for two-year terms were: W. E. Meacham, Baker; R. C. Frisbie, Baker; W. C. Perkins, La Grande; one year terms: C. E. Lind, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mikele, Portland; Dr. A. W. Kern, Pendleton; George H. Cursey, Arlington; L. J. Page, Salem.

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Eight Teams
Enter Union
Tournament

Basketball Championship
Of Six Eastern Oregon
Counties to Be Settled
February 25-26-27.

Final arrangements, with the exception of determining which teams will play and the drawing for placings, have been completed for the third annual district basketball championship tournament. It is announced today by E. D. Towler, chairman of the district board. Other members of the board are: H. M. Broadbent, of Baker; and P. B. Bennett, of Astoria. Roy Conklin, of Union, will manage the tournament, attending to all local details.

The double elimination plan will be used, calling for 14 games to determine the final winner. There is an outside chance that a 15th game will be necessary but if that is the case, it will be played at Union at 8 p. m., February 25. The tournament dates are February 25, 26 and 27.

Eight teams will be eligible for play and several of these have already won the right to contend, including Baker, Joseph, La Grande, Union and Vale. The other three will include one more team from Union and Walla Walla counties, a team from Baker county, and a team from Grant county.

Caccia to Referee.
It. C. Caccia, of Eugene, who helped Ralph Coleman referee the first tournament, will officiate. He is a member of the national board of approved basketball officials and many declare that a better referee could not have been secured.

Drawings for placings in the tournament schedule will take place before the first round of play and a system is being used this year that is expected to do away with difficulties experienced last year.

On the first day, four games will be played, beginning at 4 and 5 and 7:30 and 8:30 p. m., and on the second day the same plan will be followed. Saturday will find six games scheduled, three in the morning.

Finals Saturday Night.
Winners will play winners and losers will follow a similar plan. Thus the second round will result in two teams being eliminated and the third in two more. The semifinals, if all works well, will be played Saturday afternoon and will narrow the competition to two who will go into the finals Saturday night.

Each team will be allowed eight players. Rules for state tournament play will be adhered to throughout.

Before the 1925-26 season started, the entire district, which comprises six counties, was divided into four sub-districts from which teams are to be selected as follows: Union, Walla Walla counties, 3 teams; Baker, 2 teams; Baker county and North Powder, Ore., two teams; Grant county, one team; Vale and Malheur counties, one team.

Winner to Go to Salem.
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From Irishman To Jew

For Love of Ruth Friedman, with whom he is shown washing dishes, Walter J. O'Neill of New York changed his name to Walter Berg and intends to turn Jew. They'll be married soon.

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WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—President Coolidge, after a brief stay in his office returned to his living quarters in the White House to seek relief from a heavy cold.

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PRISON IS
CALM AFTER
GANG RIOT

Albert Corley, Negro
Convict, Fighting for
Life Today

EIGHT OTHERS ON
WAY TO RECOVERY

Guards, Unable to Quell
Disturbance, Resorted
to Gunfire, Wounding
Nine Men.

SALEM, Ore. (By The Associated Press).—Albert Corley, negro convict, is in a critical condition from gunshot wounds, and eight other convicts are suffering from less serious wounds received last night when guards at the state penitentiary resorted to gunfire to quell a riot among convicts in the dining room. Four convicts are in the hospital.

Physicians found five bullets in Corley's abdomen. They gave him an even chance for recovery. An order was issued today prohibiting convicts from smoking while at work, the result of a fire in the flux plant which officers declare was connected with the riot.

Dining Room Under Guard.
For the first time in many years a gun guard was stationed in a cage commanding the prison dining room when the convicts went to breakfast today.

This custom was discontinued several years ago but a cage, built high above the main floor of the dining room, has never been removed.

Because of destruction of dining room furniture and crockery, only half the usual number of prisoners were given breakfast at the same time.

The men were sent to work in the yards and flax plant as usual this morning.

How Riot Started.
The riot started when the prisoners, coming into the hall for supper, began turning over tables, throwing dishes, and attacking the four unarmed guards who were in attendance. An alarm was sent for the outside guards who rushed in and began firing at the ring-leaders. Approximately 15 shots were fired.

Convicts shot in the riot were: Alfred Corley, a negro sent up from Multnomah county for 20 years on a charge of manslaughter, shot through the stomach; Danacio Cadena of Klamath Falls, a lifer, in for murder; Frank Davis, in for three years, from Linn county, for larceny.

Murderers Wounded.
C. W. Arnold, a life term, in from Umatilla county for murder; William Short, serving a three-year sentence for setting up a still and holding up an officer.

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TUG, STEAMER
IN COLLISION

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press).—Four men are missing today after a collision between the New York Marine company's tug and a Fall River line steamer, the New Hampshire, in East river near Brooklyn.

Six others, three of them in a serious condition, were taken to the hospital suffering from exposure and submersion.

All of the tug's crew members were thrown into the icy water by the force of the collision. The tug sank immediately following the crash.

Cancer Survey Planned
By State Health Board

HOT LAKE, (Special).—When the schedule of the state board of health brought its members to Hot Lake yesterday afternoon for its regular business meeting and for dinner with Dr. W. T. Phyl, president of the board, probably the most important decision reached was to immediately launch a cancer survey of Oregon. The purpose of this will be to determine whether the state has enough hospitals to care for incurable cases of the disease. Oregon will be the second state in the Union to make such a survey.

Other business passed by the board members at the meeting here included the adoption of a regulation requiring all shell fish