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PORTLAND (AP)—Occasional rain in the west, rain or snow in the east tonight and Sunday.

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GIRLS WIN;
GAME GIVES
TEAM TITLE

Tigresses Emerge Victorious from Exciting Game 26 to 21

BUCKS RIDE ROUGH
SHOD OVER TIGERS

La Grande Quintet Is Soundly Trounced at Pendleton; Grades Defeat Union.

The La Grande Tigresses, even though Union played her star forward, Chas Spencer, defeated the Bucks last night in a thrilling game and won the undisputed championship of Eastern Oregon this side of the Blue mountains, by virtue of this victory.

While the girls were making the bitter drags of defeat at Pendleton 44 to 15. From reports, the Buckaroos, led by Johnson and Hutton, dropped in count from all angles during the last half of the game.

In a grade school contest here preceding the girls' game, the La Grande youngsters outscored the Union team 14 to 8 in an exciting game. La Grande took an easy lead and at the end of the first led the invading quintet, maintaining the margin through the final quarters. The local team was selected from the Riveria and Central fives.

Spencer Star of Game. The crowd was given a taste of real basketball in the final game of the evening. The work of Spencer, of Union, who played the greater part of the last half, overshadowed all others, forcing Bert Campbell to make second plays, even though she made no effect.

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CLUB TO HAVE
ARMY PROGRAM

The installation banquet and ball with which the Union county chamber of commerce annually celebrates its entrance upon a new year's program, has been set for Tuesday evening, March 2, at Zeller hall. The dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

Admission will be by ticket, only, and reservations must be made at the chamber of commerce office, 101 E. T. Reynolds, secretary, announced this morning. The number of reservations are to be limited to 400. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Polls will be closed tonight, for the election of the directorate. The membership is well represented in the voting. Results will be announced Monday. Mr. Reynolds says: J. G. Shoenberger, R. J. Green and Dr. J. L. Hagle compose the election board.

The chamber has two promising programs for next week: One at the regular Wednesday luncheon forum at Zeller hall Tuesday; the other at Baker Wednesday, a reception.

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Eight Seniors Eligible
For Hi-Dad Honor PinsService
To
Advertisers

The La Grande business men who seek to keep you informed as to the interesting and valuable news of his shop or store tries to present that message in the most attractive way possible.

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Club Favors
Open Season
On Hens, Elk

Resolution Seeks Eight-Day Period in Which to Hunt Elk on Grande Ronde Watershed.

A number of resolutions, seeking changes in the game laws, a decision to join the Oregon Sportsmen's association, and election of a delegate to attend the next meeting of the organization, which will be held late this month in Portland, featured a called meeting of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club last night in the city hall.

C. E. Kinsley, secretary, will represent the club at the meeting, and an application for membership will be forwarded immediately.

Prominent among the resolutions adopted was one requesting an open season for elk, to last seven days during the month of October. Hunting would be confined to the watershed of the Grande Ronde river, which extends into four counties: Union, Wallowa, Emmet and Baker. The resolution recommends that such a law should apply only to the watershed and to no other Eastern Oregon area.

Another resolution seeks an open season on sagehens in Eastern Oregon, to extend from Sunday, to Sunday, inclusive. The club expressed its opinion that closed seasons would not provide for any material increase in the number of birds.

Other resolutions favored opening of the grouse season August 15 instead of September 1, opening of the deer season in October instead of in September, and an open season for the training of hunting dogs, extend over the year with the exception of May, June and July, which months embrace the nesting season.

UNION COUNTY
TEACHERS MEET
AT UNION TODAY

E. A. Sawyer, county superintendent, and E. D. Towler, principal of the La Grande high school, and J. A. Wilkerson, principal of the Greenwood school, all appeared on the program of the local teachers' institute that was held at Union in the high school building today.

Mr. Towler's theme was "Direct Study in the High School," while Mr. Wilkerson addressed a grade school conference on "Unstandardized Tests."

Professor Walter C. Ellis, of Whitman college, gave the main address of the day. He talked this afternoon on "The Use of Intelligence Tests for High School Graduates."

Astoria and Silverton
To Compete with Club

Astoria and Silverton Gun clubs will furnish opposition for the local sportsmen when they meet at the Long Tree grounds at 10 a. m. Sunday for the third event in the Oregonian's Telegraphic shoot.

The Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club has broken even thus far in the contest. Wallace and Pendleton have both been defeated, while Rosenberg and Enterprise have each taken a win.

Twenty-four out of 25 has been the best score here in the previous shoots. The crack shots are out for perfect scores tomorrow. Last week Salem and Lane county clubs wired in three utmost scores apiece.

Eight Seniors Eligible
For Hi-Dad Honor Pins

Eight seniors who for two semesters have distinguished themselves in scholarship and extra-curricular activities in the La Grande high school will be awarded gold honor pins at a 2 o'clock assembly in the auditorium Wednesday morning by A. T. Hill, acting in behalf of the Hi-Dads.

Wayne Brown, Margaret Golden, George Glass, Jr., Muri Gore, Nellie Nelson, Helene Price, Mabel Schaffer and William Wallis compose the group entitled to the distinction. They have made at least 12 points each for two semesters.

Only seniors are eligible to the honor society, but any classroom in good standing with the student body, who meets the regulations, may with the approval of the faculty, be recommended for honors. Each student has to receive seven-eighths majority vote of the faculty before it can be placed on the honor roll. At any time it may be dropped from the roll or barred, for misconduct, poor scholarship, or low scholarship.

The present plan, succeeding an

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Won't Pay



Although Attorney Julius H. Preston had plenty of money in his pocket when he was haled in to court at Milwaukee for failure to pay \$150 back alimony to his wife, he refused to pay it. So he's beginning a six-months' term in the workhouse. He says he'll serve his time.

LEGIONNAIRES
GATHER HERE

With the state commander, Dr. E. B. Stewart, of Roseburg, and other department officers present to direct the session, American Legion men from Enterprise, Wallowa, Elgin, Imbler, Baker and La Grande met at the city hall for their district conference yesterday and discussed matters pertaining to the welfare of the World War veterans and their families.

The case of disabled veterans, the compensation law, war risk insurance, hospitalization, child welfare and public service were expounded at length by the visiting officers, who included, besides the state commander, Carl Moser, of Portland, adjutant, Kenneth Cooper, manager of the United States veterans bureau at Portland, and Jack Clark, business manager of the Pacific Legion magazine, at Portland.

"We want to help each district to get behind the biggest public service work in its own community," the state commander declared. "The national program is well under way. We are emphasizing now the work that is close to home."

Membership Drive Stressed. The membership drive is one of the important subjects with the legionnaires this year. The state membership goal has been set at 12,000. Last year's record of 7,600 was already exceeded in the two months since the campaign began.

Dr. Stewart and the visiting officers were complimented at a banquet in the diningroom of the Summer hotel at the close of the afternoon session. About 50 officers and delegates from the outlying towns were present to enjoy the occasion.

Later in the evening, the La Grande post invited its guests to Homan hall, where the legion and the auxiliary entertained at dancing and cards. The 50 couples on the floor included the cast and choruses of the post's first theatrical production, "The White of the Town," which was presented last month before two packed houses.

Dancing Enjoyed. At 11 o'clock the dancing was interrupted for refreshments, served in the diningroom in the basement by a committee that included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson and Harry Richardson, the commander.

Baskets of flowers, shades for the lights and the table appointments were in patriotic colors. Souvenir flags were used in the ballroom as decorations.

The out-of-town delegates left late last evening, most of them driving.

Dr. Stewart and his staff departed on the morning train for Astoria, where the next conference will be held. Harold Warner, vice commander, was expected to join them at Pendleton.

CASE TO END TUESDAY

Mrs. Mary Walton's case against the Mt. Emily Lumber company probably will not go to the jury before Tuesday. The testimony this afternoon gave every appearance of dragging over into another day, and Monday is a legal holiday.

Dr. A. L. Richardson and Dr. R. P. Landis, on the witness stand this morning, countered the statement of Dr. Stella Bodmer yesterday that water in the basement of Mrs. Walton's home was a likely cause of her recurrent relapses into influenza, as the plaintiff charges.

According to Bodmer's story of the accident the men, logging contractors left Boise Friday morning for Baker and La Grande in search

of work. They were only a short distance out of Unity station when the car, traveling about 40 miles an hour, struck a stretch of loose gravel road. Before Pulliam could bring the machine under control, it had shot over the grade, rolling over several times.

Poston, riding in the front seat, declared he did not lose consciousness and that when he found he could extricate himself from the wreckage, he called a passing car, which contained Sheriff Henry McKinney and Frank Littlefield, deputies, on their way from Baker to Boise with Louis Lane who will stand trial on lesser law violations in federal court today. The injured men were rushed to the Baker hospital where Mock died within a few hours.

Mock, Poston said, had been picked up along the road only a short while before the accident.

ANOTHER IS
VICTIM OF
RIFLEMAN

Omaha's Night-Prowling Phantom Visits Nearby Council Bluffs

RAILROAD SLEUTH
SERIOUSLY HURT

Five .22 Caliber Shells Near Shooting Links Case with Killings in Nebraska City.

OMAHA (By The Associated Press)—Another man has fallen victim to Omaha's "maniac rifleman." Ross W. Johnson, railroad detective, was shot and seriously wounded last night at Council Bluffs, across the Missouri river from here.

Five empty .22 caliber shells supplied what police considered a connecting link between the shooting and slaying of two Omahans earlier in the week. Similar shells were found near the other victims.

The new outbreak added to the apprehension of the residents of Omaha, terrorized for six days by the activities of the night-prowling sniper. Several persons have been fired at in addition to those slain or wounded.

Johnson's Condition Bad. Johnson is in a critical condition today. He was shot five times by a man with a .22 rifle, believed to be equipped with a silencer as he was examining the seals on a freight car.

Other deaths ascribed to the "phantom rifleman" are those of an aged physician, killed in his office Tuesday night, and William McDevitt, killed outright on the street Sunday night.

I. O. O. F. LODGE
CELEBRATES

Four hundred people were served at dinner last evening when the Odd Fellows and Icelandic lodges celebrated moving into their new temple on Main street. Dinner was served at several long tables in the banquet room of the temple at seven o'clock. Banquets of carousals served as entertainment.

Following dinner an interesting program was given. Mrs. Rodbeck and Miss Miriam Smith each played piano selections. Mrs. Clifford Bragg and Mrs. Oscar Humphreys played a piano duet. Mrs. F. C.

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World Tiny Speck in
Center of Milky Way

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (By The Associated Press)—Our sun and its entire solar system are in the center of the milky way, according to Dr. Walter Budy, noted German astronomer, who is in the United States to circulate "more facts about the great mass of stars in the nebula of which we are a part."

"We are only a tiny speck in the center of this great constellation, which has a diameter of 25,000 or 30,000 light years, and with enormous telescopes in the United States we can see through our own milky way into thousands of other milky ways, just as large as our own," he said.

Spceding Auto Turns
Turtle; Two Men Dead

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Ernest Pulliam, of Boise, and Irwin Mock of Sardinia, Idaho, were killed when Pulliam's automobile shot over the grade while speeding along the highway 29 miles southeast of here at 2:50 o'clock Friday afternoon. The other occupants of the car, Charles Smith of Holcomb and Bradley Poston of 442 Thatcher street, Boise, are in a Baker hospital. Both will recover, physicians declared Friday evening.

Pulliam, who was driving the car, a five-passenger touring car, was killed instantly, physicians said, while Mock died shortly after 3 o'clock Friday night from chest injuries. Smith is badly lamed about the head, while Poston suffered minor injuries and cuts.

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TIA JUANA
LAUGHS AT
SHAME CASE

Mistress of Lust Smiles While Officials Talk of "Clean-Up"

PETEET CASE IS
LABELED "TRIVIAL"

Zenaido Llanos, Ex-Police Chief, Expected to Escape Penalty for Despoiling Girls.

Editor's Note—While reports are coming from Tia Juana, scene of the famous Peteet scandal, that the city is being cleaned up, Russell J. Birdsell, special investigator for NEA and The Observer, reports that the matter is being regarded more or less as a joke. His exposure of conditions as they are is straight from the shoulder and he classes the "cleanup stories" as "applesauce."

(By Russell J. Birdsell) TIA JUANA, Mexico (NEA special)—Here in Satan-Town the Devil still bosses his playground. And over in San Diego across the border from where he sits on his unshaken throne is a graveyard—merely a refuge for his victims.

Four fresh wounds of earth are there. Beneath them sleep the ill-fated American Peteet family. Audrey and Clyde, young and pretty sisters—unwilling members of the Devil's latest party—rest there with mother and father. The girls said they were kidnapped, drugged and despoiled by Tia Juana's chief of police, Zenaido Llanos, father of a 16-year-old daughter.

Though he keeps the shame of living, the family laid down to die in the wildest quadruple suicide pact ever known.

But here in the City of Sin there are no wreaths of mourning. The gay Mistress of Lust smiles at the Devil and the play goes on.

Seductive music pours out into the tequila-laden atmosphere from the dens, saloons and cabarets; thousands of dollars exchange hands in the gambling halls; the old, old story continues in the Alley of Nameless Women and scented-tipped American and Mexican girls half the tourist trade—men and men.

Four Day Carnival. The Peteet family was buried one day and on the following began Tia Juana's gayest four-day carnival—a gesture to keep business going on as usual in the most inhospitable cesspool of degeneracy and debauchery in the history of the North American continent.

Tia Juana, the only shameless hole of its kind in the world, defies description. As I write I am strolling down Second Street—saloon and cabaret row. This is the main artery of the town. Without exception every building I can see is either a saloon-cabaret or wooden shack in which white and brown women barter their souls for gold.

Nights descend on Leper Lane like a heavy smoke and electric signs flash on. Here parades the staff of all races and creeds. Murderers and robbers with price-bills on their heads in the states; drug peddlers and rum-runners; singing with relief in their own land of protection once more, joyful traveling salesmen over the border line for a drink of beer, cunning American nightbirds putting their money into varied gambling contraptions, a black buck strutting with a young white girl—

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Figures In Scandal



Exclusive pictures of the "shame family" of San Diego and their attackers. To the left: above, Clyde Peteet; center, Audrey Peteet; lower, Mr. and Mrs. Peteet. Right, upper: Zenaido Llanos, ex-Tia Juana police chief; lower, Luis Amador, owner of the bar where Thomas Peteet and his two daughters were drugged. The two girls and their parents gathered together in the kitchen of their home, turned on the gas, and died because of the disgrace brought upon them.

NEW YORK, By The Associated Press)—Padlock proceedings were started today by United States District Attorney Buckner against the Hotel Nevada, one of New York's best hotels, and the Sallioa Suing Harbor. The owner of the hotel on which the hotel stands is also named as a formal defendant in the proceedings.

The papers, filed in the federal court charged that liquor had been sold in the hotel on numerous occasions, constituting a "public nuisance."

SEATTLE (AP)—After 15 hours of deliberation, the jury which heard evidence of liquor conspiracy against Roy Olmstead and 28 others, including his wife, was still out today.

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WOUNDS CAUSE
NEGRO'S DEATH

SALEM, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Albert Corley, negro convict, who was shot in a recent prison riot here, died at 3:30 o'clock this morning.

District attorney Carson indicated that he may call a coroner's inquest over Corley's body.

England Leads World
In Railroad Safety

LONDON (By The Associated Press)—Great Britain claims world leadership in railroad safety. Last year only one passenger was killed in a train accident.

In the present century there have been two years—1901 and 1902—in which a fatality and in 1903, as in 1925, only one was killed, while in 1916, 1919 and 1923, there were only three. As 1,500,000,000 passenger journeys are made by train every year, chances of death is infinitesimal.

The problem of railroad transportation is entirely different than that in the United States. Long hauls are negligible. Sleeping cars are needed only in two directions from London, toward Scotland, a night's run, and to Plymouth, but in the many thickly populated districts of the country, railway tracks form a network such as exists in America only near New York, Chicago and other large cities.

BERLIN (AP)—The German Federal Railways will make a novel experiment tomorrow, when the first "continental four express" will start from Marburg for Cassel. On this train excursion rates will be charged which will enable the peasants and citizens of small towns not only to see the sights of the big city but also to utilize its cultural facilities.

The railway administration has hired the Cassel state theater for a special performance, for showing the excursion, at which half the usual admission will be charged. Guides will be provided for the museums and historical places.

If this experiment is a success "Kultur express" will be run Sunday to Berlin, Cologne, Dresden and Munich at regular intervals.

LONDON (AP)—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant leader of the "Votes for Women" cause, has returned to England after a long stay in America. She has come back to England to part in the campaign more than those who led her to extend the franchise to British women may vote at least of waiting until they are 30. Mrs. Pankhurst in her seventy-first year.

SHIP RACES FLAMES

SYDNEY, N. S. (AP)—The steamer Kamouraski, which sailed from London for St. John's Wednesday with a cargo of coal, is racing for Halifax with fire raging in the hold.

GIVES PROGRAM

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—W. A. Carter, Portland attorney, today announced the platform on which he will seek the Republican gubernatorial nomination. The platform reads in part: "I believe laws should be strictly enforced. There is not, nor can there be, any excuse for non-enforcement of the liquor laws."

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Suzanne, Ill, Withdraws From Beaulieu Tourney

NICE, France (By The Associated Press)—Suzanne Lenglen collapsed while en route to Beaulieu by automobile to fulfill engagements in the tennis tournament there. She was taken home where she is confined to her bed.

HELEN WILLS WINS

BEAULIEU, France (By The Associated Press)—Helen Wills continued to display superlative tennis today, defeating Miss Harvey, of England, in the Beaulieu tournament in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

Woman Pays Dear for Indulging in Profanity

PEARL HART, who was accused of using profane language, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was fined \$50 by Judge C. M. Humphreys yesterday afternoon. The defendant, who at first elected to serve the fine out, later changed her mind and paid up.

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MILLIONAIRE
BURNED IN
HOTEL FIRE

Frederick Beverly Pearson Victim of Blaze; Cigarette Cause

YOUNG COMPANION
IN NARROW ESCAPE

John H. Hoghead Tells of Night of Revelry Before Fire—Admits Both Drank Intoxicants

CHICAGO (By The Associated Press)—Frederick Beverly Pearson, 30, whose father died two years ago leaving him a \$2,000,000 estate, burned to death today in a fire in his room at the Claridge hotel. The fire was started by a cigarette.

John H. Hoghead, Pearson's young companion in a night of revelry, narrowly escaped a similar fate.

The young men registered at the hotel early this morning after a night at the six-day bicycle races and pleasure resort. Both had been drinking, Hoghead told the police.

Pearson's body, terribly burned, was found in the charred remnants of a chair.

Recently Deceased. Young Pearson inherited most of the \$2,000,000 estate left by his father, the late Walter H. Pearson, who was president of the Standard Screw company.

Pearson was divorced last July by Mrs. Gladys Samu Pearson, who charged habitual drunkenness. The reason was in flames, Hoghead said, before he was awakened from his sleep on the floor where he had thrown himself with his clothes on. His clothing alight and flames clinging to him, he staggered to the door and called for help. Hotel employees prevented the flames spreading.

CONDITION OF
CHIEF BETTER

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—Although his condition is reported to be greatly improved, President Coolidge again cancelled engagements today and remained at his home nursing a cold he has been suffering from.

White House officials reiterated that the president is taking precautions so he will be able to address the department of superintendents of the National Educational association Monday.

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Joe D. Thompson, editor of the Hood River Glacier, was elected president of the 1927 newspaper convention today. The next conference will be held in Princeton, June 18, 19.

LUMBERMEN ELECT

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—C. J. Baldwin, of Bridges, Mont., was elected president of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association today. Tacoma was selected for the next convention.