

HOOP TITLE
PLAY OPENS
LATE TODAYBaker and Wallowa Meet
in Opening Game of
First RoundLA GRANDE PLAY
AT 8:30 TONIGHTDope Indicates that Tig-
ers Will Face Joseph at
5 O'clock Friday After-
noon.Shortly after The Observer goes
to press this afternoon the Baker
and Wallowa basketball teams will
meet in the opening game of the
district tournament at Union, with
Baker favored to win handily.The first game will be ended by
5 o'clock when Vale and Dayville
take the floor in the second game
of the first round. Although both
Vale and Dayville are in the dark
horse class, many fans are select-
ing Vale to emerge victorious.In the evening North Powder
and Joseph will fight it out at 7:30
o'clock, with the branch line team
expecting to down the Union coun-
ty lads.La Grande Plays Tonight.
At 8:30 La Grande and Union
meet, with La Grande expected to
turn in a victory.Should Baker, Vale, Joseph and
La Grande take the opening games,
the schedule for Friday will be as
follows:4 p. m.—Baker vs. Vale.
5 p. m.—La Grande vs. Joseph.
7:30 p. m.—Wallowa vs. Dayville.
8:30 p. m.—North Powder vs.
Union.The first two days' play will
eliminate two teams, and dopesters
are predicting that the Pacific City
entry and North Powder will fall
by the wayside, which would leave
Baker, Union, Wallowa, Vale, La
Grande and Joseph left for the
third round of play, which will take
place Saturday morning.La Grande May Meet Baker.
Should La Grande defeat Joseph
Friday the schedule would throw
Baker and La Grande together in

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RIVERIA WINS
GRADE TITLEIn a contest of nip and tuck,
with every player putting forth
his best efforts, the Riveria boys
won the grade school basketball
championship from their sport-
ing opponents of the Central
district in the closing game of the
tournament at the high school last
night. The score was 9 to 7.Fans who filled the stands de-
clared that a better game has
never been played on the court.
Every player was on his toes, his
whole soul in the game, from the
opening whistle to the end. They
showed some pretty juvenile team-

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Dr. W. T. Phy Elected By
Chamber Of CommerceSatisfied
With The
ResultsMost La Grande business men
who give time and thought to the
planning of their advertis-
ing messages to you are ex-
tremely well pleased with the
obvious results that the pub-
licity secures.There are always a few adver-
tisers in every community who
pay little or no attention to their
publicity policy and who
therefore are unable to realize to
the utmost on its value. The
Observer's staff, trained and
experienced in advertising prob-
lems, is constantly reducing this
number by helping plan and ex-
ecute advertising that will be
productive."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."Women Make
Plans For
ConventionElks' Temple Will Be the
Headquarters for Ore-
gon Federation of Wo-
men's Clubs in May.The Elks temple will furnish
headquarters for the annual
convention of the Oregon Federation
of Women's Clubs in La Grande
May 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is announced
by Mrs. C. H. Scanton, president
of the Neighborhood club, which is
to be hostess for the occasion.
Plans for entertainment will
take definite form when Mrs. Sadie
Orr-Dunbar, state president, ar-
rives in a short time to confer with
the local officers. Mrs. Dunbar has
just returned from Chicago, where
as the Oregon executive secretary
she attended the national conven-
tion of the American Tuberculosis
association.La Grande at the convention city
is to be featured in the April is-
sue of the Oregon Federation News,
official organ of the federated
clubs of the state. Mrs. George T.
Cochran, state auditor, has been
elected to edit the local portion of
the news.City Dads Take Up 15
Minutes with MeetingThe commission meeting last
night, lasting approximately 15
minutes, set a new brevity record.
Routine business was quickly dis-
posed with and announcements were
made that ordinances for the pro-
posed amendments to the city
charter to permit the installation
of an ornamental lighting system
under the Danforth bonding act,
and extension of boundaries would
be taken up at a later meeting.Masons to Gather at
Elgin on March 12ELGIN, Ore. (Special).—The
Masons of Union county will gather
in Elgin on the evening of
March 12, according to an an-
nouncement made here this week
by U. E. Webb, secretary of the
local Masonic lodge. This is the
first of a series of monthly meet-
ings to be held by the various
lodges of the county during 1926.
There will be a banquet served
by the ladies of the Eastern Star,
and a degree will be conferred
by one of the Union county lodges.SNOW BLANKET WORKS
HARDSHIP ON BIRDSBOSTON (AP).—Thousands of
birds in the snow blanketed north-
east states, fighting a desperate bat-
tle for life, with their food buried
deep under the snow, will have
died of starvation when spring
comes.
Massachusetts is distributing free
grain to responsible persons and
to rural mail carriers to save them.
Whitney Packard, secretary of
the Massachusetts Audubon society,
declares the situation is the worst
in years.CENTURY-OLD PAINTINGS
FOUND IN SAN FRANCISCOSAN FRANCISCO, (AP).—Two
paintings, centuries old, one giving
every evidence of being an original
Raphael and the other an original
Antonio Moro, have been found in
San Francisco after truly picture-
que careers. They have been cer-
tified as originals by art authorities
here who said Wednesday that
they are priceless.Dr. W. T. Phy Elected By
Chamber Of CommerceDr. W. T. Phy will be president
of the Union county chamber of
commerce for 1926. His election
and that of the officers who will
form his cabinet took place at the
commerce headquarters at 7:30 p.
m. Wednesday.J. A. Tedford and Hugh E. Brady
were chosen as vice presidents. H.
E. Dixon was named treasurer.
Earl C. Reynolds was re-elected
executive secretary.The installation will take place
Tuesday, March 2, at the banquet
and ball in Zuber hall. The af-
fair is open to the residents of the
entire county, as all meetings of
the commerce chamber are, and
admission will be by tickets,
which may be purchased now at
the office of the organization.Perkins to Reside
W. C. Perkins, the retiring pre-
sident, will reside at the program
Tuesday evening. Music to open
the entertainment will be furnished
by Mann's Imperial orchestra.
"America" will be sung by the
company, after which the Rev.
Henry W. Parker, pastor of the
First Methodist church, will pro-

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Prettiest

Miss Sally Miller of Des
Moines, Ia., is one of three pret-
tiest girls at Drake university,
according to a vote of the stu-
dents. She is a junior.PROGRAM WILL
INCLUDE SOLOThe program for Sunday after-
noon's band concert will open with
the presentation of a fantasia of
Hungarian Airs. It was announced
today by Andrews Jones, director.
The fantasia is a standard work,
and quite difficult in spots.
The overture to be played is the
peer of all descriptive overtures
and probably the best known. It
is said. The selection is "William
Tell" by Rossini."To say that this overture is
difficult is putting it mildly. Every
section gets plenty of chance to
work, especially the trombones and
bassoon in the famous storm scene.
The solo following the storm, will
be played as a duet between the
solo clarinet and the soprano sax-
ophone," Mr. Jones said.The soloist for the concert will
be Oscar Humphries, who will
render an air with variations
"Down Home on the Farm." This
number is considered by many a
real work-out for the cornet but
it is performed by Humphries on
the sousaphone in such a manner
as to leave no doubt that he
stands near the top in his par-
ticular line in the northwestern
area.The remainder of the program
will consist of many tuneful and
lighter works. In addition to the
program, the concert will include
several novelties.The band has gradually been
built up until at present the per-
sonnel consists of 22 men.The concert, which will be held
in the Arcade, will begin at 4 p. m.Old-Time Band Dance
Attracts 100-CouplesApproximately 100 couples at-
tended the old-time dance given
by the La Grande municipal band
last evening at Zuber hall. Mem-
bers of the band, with Dick Lind-
say as leader, furnished music for
the evening.At 10:30 o'clock the prize writ-
ing was done, with James O'neal and
Mrs. Charles Andrews winning the
first prize of \$10. The second
prize of \$5 was won by George S.
Hirsh and Mrs. Jack Hatt. After
the presentation of the prizes Mr.
Hirsh and his partner donated their
prize to the band's benefit fund.The band will give the benefit of
their series of benefit dances next
month. "We appreciate the sup-
port the public is giving us," one
of the band members said this
morning.Penney Employees Will
Attend Baker BanquetThe employees of the J. C. Pen-
ney company store here will go to
Baker this evening to attend a joint
meeting and banquet with the Baker
store. The Baker employees
will have charge of the program for
the evening. Mr. Maerick is as-
sistant manager there.Thirteen employees of the local
store will attend the meeting. They
are: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tedford,
manager, H. D. Proctor, L. V.
Johnson, M. D. Rudd, Howard Ball,
Mrs. Charles McFarley, Mrs. George
Olson, Mrs. Leona Dray, Mrs. Mar-
garet Rindinger, Miss Nell Mc-
Laughlin, Miss Myrtle Black and
Mrs. W. J. Hoyt.ANNEX WILL
BE BUILT TO
LAKE HOTELThree-Story Addition Is
Agreed Upon by Won-
derland CompanyCONSTRUCTION TO
BEGIN IN MARCHContracts for Clearing of
Ground for Golf Course
at Resort Will Be Let
Shortly.Construction of the proposed
three-story addition to the Wal-
lowa Lake hotel will be commenc-
ed within 15 to 20 days. It was
agreed by the directors when they
met for their monthly session at
the Poley hotel last night.The new unit will be 40 by 60—
the same size as the present struc-
ture—and will have a full base-
ment level. The entire floor
will be used for the lobby, which is
to have hardwood floors and a
mammoth fireplace. Sleeping
rooms, each steam-heated and sup-
plied with a bath, will occupy the
second and third stories. The din-
ing room and kitchen are housed in
the old part.

Preparing Ground For Links

Contracts for the clearing of the
golf course will be let in a short
time. The ground plan has been
mapped out and will be submitted
to an expert before it is finally
passed upon. The links will be
along the west side of the river,
where a number of the tents and
cabins have been located. It is the
plan of the corporation to reserve
the whole section along the west
bank for amusement purposes, re-
serving the dwelling places to the
region about the inn.Big Season Expected
The coming season gives every
indication of surpassing last year's
business. G. L. Larson, the presi-

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PAROLE GIVEN
BILL JOHNSONBecause of the prisoner's youth
and the testimony of officers that
he had been the dupe of "older
heads in crime" who escaped pun-
ishment, William Johnson, 21,
sentenced to serve a year in the
county jail and pay a fine of one
dollar on his plea of guilty to pos-
session of morphine, was simultane-
ously paroled by Judge J. W.
Knowles on the condition of his
good behavior.The court in sentencing you
takes into consideration the fact
that you were influenced by older
heads in crime and that you are
taking the blame of others who
fled from punishment," Judge
Knowles declared in the presence
of jury and lay auditors in the
courtroom.

Parole Granted

The court grants you a parole
provided that you live the life of
an honest and upright young man.
You are to report to the court once
a month for the term of your sen-
tence. Are you willing to agree
to those terms?"

The prisoner assented gratefully.

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Threatening Letters
Received by AttorneysBROCKTON, Mass. (By the As-
sociated Press).—A threatening let-
ter, the second since the trial of
Anthony Binba, Lithuanian editor
charged with blasphemy, opened
last night, was received today
by the prosecuting attorneys.The letter said: "Remember, at-
torney, if Binba is not sentenced,
we can shoot. Don't be a cow-
ard. There is a God. What about
the rain, the sun, and many other
things. He is a fool who hates
others to live."A missive received yesterday
threatened the associate city attor-
ney is Binba is convicted.Witnesses yesterday in their
testimony dealt with addresses de-
livered by Binba in Lithuanian
National hall in Brockton, Jan. 29,
for which he was arrested. Judge
Carroll King, wishing to hear
the testimony of the Lithuanians
in English, called in an interpreter.
This was not, however, until150 ESCAPE
AUSTRALIAN
BRUSH FIRECompany, Grouped in a
Postoffice, Rescued by
Queenstown PartyWOMAN PLAYS BIG
PART IN EPISODEPostmistress, with Fire
Raging Outside, Re-
mains at Post Directing
Work by 'Phone.MELBOURNE, Australia (By the
Associated Press).—One hundred
fifty men, women and children,
who took refuge in a post office
building at King Lake when the
remainder of the town was swept
by a great brush fire, have been
rescued after being surrounded by
flames for six hours.A rescue party from Queenstown
made a wild dash in automobiles
over burning bridges and along
fire-swept roads. Through this in-
ferno the rescuers reached the im-
prisoned company and brought
them to safety.One of the heroic figures in the
episode was the King Lake post-
mistress, whose name is not known
here.Throughout the long hours while
the town was burning about her,
she stuck to her post telephoning
to the outside world telling of the
progress of the flames and giving
directions to fire fighters and res-
cuers.TORNADO KILLS
THREE NEGROES,
INJURES SCOREMEMPHIS (By the Associated
Press).—Three negroes and three
whites killed and a score of per-
sons injured is the known toll to-
day of a tornado which swept
across the Mississippi river from
Southwestern Arkansas late last
night after it had demolished
several buildings near Lake
Village, wrecked 25 buildings in
the residential suburb of Green-
ville, Miss., and played havoc with
houses on several plantations in
Northern Mississippi.

EGG CARGO IN SMASHUP

DENVER, Colo. (AP).—A 24-
egg egg omelet was spread over
east Denver Wednesday when a
truck load of eggs was hit by a
street car.Clarence Wright, the owner,
had piloted his fragile cargo safely
over more than 100 miles of
road from Flagler, Colo., during
the night hours and was within
a few miles of the wholesale house
where he hoped to market his
produce when the accident oc-
curred.

FIVE CHUMS OFFER BLOOD

CHICAGO—Five playmates of
16-year-old Clarence Shelton of-
fered to give their blood when a
transfusion operation was found
necessary.

FANS HI-POWER TALKERS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—W. R.
Morehouse, of Los Angeles, ad-
dressing the regional conference of
the western division of the Sav-
ings bank association today said bank-
ers must protect their savings de-
positors from high-powered sales-
men of crooked securities.

Ernie And His Bride

Ernie Neters, star fullback of Stanford, turned pro, earned
some \$30,000, paid off the mortgage on his parents' ranch, got
\$10,000 for signing with St. Louis Browns, picked up some small
change as a professional basketball player, and—well, the other day
he was married hurriedly to Miss Elizabeth Hagerity, 18-year-
old Oakland school girl. Here are Mr. and Mrs. Neters just be-
fore leaving on their honeymoon, which will end when Ernie
joins the Browns in spring training.AUTO SLAYS
PORTLAND BOYPORTLAND, Ore. (By the As-
sociated Press).—James Clement,
7, son of James C. Clement, man-
ager of the national advertising de-
partment of the Portland Tele-
gram, died today the result of be-
ing hit last night by a heavy sedan,
Gilbert Cheney, 18, high school
student, who was driving the ve-
hicle, was arrested on a charge of
reckless driving. Police said that
he admitted the car was traveling
at a high rate of speed.Cheney told officers he saw a
group of boys playing in the street
and that James Clement ran across.
Cheney applied the brakes so
quickly that the car skidded and
fell over on its side, catching and
dragging the youngster beneath it.Financial Disasters
Past History, ClaimCHICAGO (By the Associated
Press).—The belief that "however
economic winds of the future may
ever and change" the financial dis-
asters of the past will never re-
appear, was expressed by President
Simmons, of the New York Stock
exchange before the Chicago Ad-
vertising council today. Develop-
ment of the "splendidly staunch
and flexible federal reserve banking
system" was held out as a con-
spicuous example of steps which
have been taken to prevent a busi-
ness crisis.Helen Wills Nearing
Coveted Gold TrophyMONTE CARLO (By the Asso-
ciated Press).—Helen Wills advanced
another step nearer to the posses-
sion of the Duke of Connaught gold
cup today when she defeated Miss
Lily Cade, of England, 6-9, 6-1.
After reaching the semi-finals in
the Monte Carlo tournament,
Miss Wills and Mrs. Aeschlimann,
an American team, were eliminated
from the doubles by an English
pair, Phyllis Sotherthwaite, and
Eileen Bennett.Billy Edwards Wins a
Decision over MeeskePORTLAND, Ore. (By the As-
sociated Press).—Billy Edwards,
Kansas City light heavyweight,
won a decision over Billy Meeske,
Australian welterweight, during a
two-hour match in which each
won one fall.NEW LIP FROM HUMAN
LIVERPOOL.—E. R. Adams has
been fitted with a new lower lip
from skin grafted from his hand.

XTRA

PLEADS NOT GUILTY
SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—Cap-
tain Orville Clappet, U. S. army
chaplain, pleaded not guilty before
a court martial to charges of vio-
lating articles of war penalizing
the refusal of information to su-
perior officers. Miss Lucille Swal-
low, of Lawrence, Kansas, is the
complaining witness.

JURY RETIRES

PORTLAND (AP).—The jury
which heard the evidence in the
trial of Robert Pamphlet, captain
of the Canadian schooner Escova-
ba, Jacob Wolfe, and others on a
conspiracy to violate the prohibi-
tion laws, retired at noon today.

GANG ARRESTED

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (AP).—Two
men and two girls, composing a
gang believed to be responsible for
the robbery of a post office, rail-
way express office, and the burning
of a railroad station were arrested
today. Loot valued at \$3,000 and
a case of nitroglycerine were found
in their rooms.

PONZI SURRENDERS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP).—
Charles Ponzi, sought on a federal
warrant charging use of the mails
to defraud, surrendered to a United
States marshal today. He made
a bond of \$3,000, fixed when the
warrant was issued yesterday, and
left the federal building.Hobbs Expedition Will
Feature Arctic MappingANN ARBOR (By the Associated
Press).—Establishment of weather
stations in the refrigerator of
Greenland is the principal purpose
of an expedition which the Uni-
versity of Michigan will send out
in June or July.It is in the Greenland area where
breed the breed blazes that sweep
down upon the northern hemi-
sphere, said William Herbert Hobbs,
professor of geology, who will head
the expedition. From the proposed
weather stations it would be pos-
sible to wireless storm warnings to
Europe. In his opinion,"To travel from the margin of
Greenland to Europe, these storms
require from three to five days."
Prof. Hobbs explained. "Even while
they are crossing the eastern At-
lantic there will be time to send
warning from Greenland by wire-
less."A secondary purpose of the ex-
pedition will be an attempt by gov-
ernment experts who will accom-
pany Prof. Hobbs to shatter with
explosive the huge icebergs, com-
pelling them to melt or sink before
they have drifted far enough south
to menace Atlantic shipping.MELLON O.K.
IS PLACED
ON MEASURESecretary of Treasury Is
Satisfied with Tax Bill
Passed by CongressWARNS AGAINST
APPROPRIATIONSExpenditures Other Than
Those Now Contem-
plated, Would Result in De-
ficit, He Declares.WASHINGTON (By the Asso-
ciated Press).—Although the new
tax bill somewhat amends the re-
duction in revenue which the treas-
ury believed safe, Secretary Mel-
lon said today it was generally sat-
isfactory to the administration as
the bill now stands. He said the
government should have little
serious difficulty in meeting its
financial needs.Mellon explained, however, that
any appropriations for congress,
not now contemplated, would
create a deficit for the treasury.The secretary believes retroac-
tive features of his estate tax will
not cause any embarrassment to
the treasury. The 1927 fiscal year
surplus will be small, if there is
any, he believed.The revenue bill now lacks only
the president's signature to become
a law.WOOL GROWERS
MEETINGS SETPENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—
Hugh Sprout, of Boise, secretary
of the Oregon Wool Growers as-
sociation, announces a schedule of
20 meetings arranged in the sheep
territory of Eastern Oregon. At
which time he will discuss the need
for organization among wool grow-
ers. Stanley G. Jewett, predatory
animal inspector for Oregon, and
Harry Lindgren, animal husband-
ryman from O. A. C. will accom-
pany Mr. Sprout and discuss other
matters of timely import to the
sheep industry.The meetings have been arranged
as follows: Mar. 1, Pendleton;
Mar. 2, Heppner; Mar. 3, Condon;
Mar. 6, Fossil; Mar. 8, Mitchell;
Mar. 9, Prineville; Mar. 10, Bond;
Mar. 11, Madras; Mar. 12, Ant-
elope; Mar. 13, Shaniko; Mar. 14,
Maupin; Mar. 15, The Dalles; Mar.
16, Arlington; Mar. 19, Union; Mar.
22, Baker; Mar. 23, Ontario; Mar.
24, Juntura; Mar. 25, John Day;
Mar. 26, Dayville; and Mar. 27,
Spray.

WINDSTORM KILLS TWO

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP).—Two
people were killed and several
others injured when a heavy wind-
storm struck Jennie, Ark., across
the Mississippi from here late Wed-
nesday night, according to reports
received here. Several houses were
demolished. Doctors and nurses
were sent to the stricken town from
Greenville.Hobbs Expedition Will
Feature Arctic MappingThe adventure also will have sev-
eral scientific by-products. Air-
planes will map the region of the
Umanak fjord, in latitude seventy-
one degrees. Movements of ice-
mountains will be recorded. There
will be observations of gravity,
magnetism and tides. The fish life
of the Greenland waters will be
studied.The expedition also will attempt
to sound the thickness of the ice,
which heretofore has been guessed.
An American oil company has pro-
vided for this purpose one of its
experts skilled in the "iceberg"
in fact, which depends upon the
refraction of waves from the rock
bottom.Prof. Hobbs believes the most
difficult work of the expedition
will fall upon Peter Freuchen, for-
mer Danish governor of the Thule
 Eskimo settlement in northern
Greenland and second in command
on both long expeditions of Knud
Rasmussen. Freuchen has volun-
teered to remain throughout the
year in a tiny snow-buried hut 100
miles eastward from the coast at
the great ice shield, in order to

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