

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

February 25, 26, 27—District basketball tournament at Union.
March 12, 13—Union county economic agricultural conference in La Grande high school.
April 29—Last day to register for primary election.
May 3, 4, 5, 6—State convention of Women's clubs in La Grande.
May 21—Primary election.
June 9, 10, 11—Union livestock show at Union, Ore.
July 22, 23, 24—Convention of Northwest Real Estate association in La Grande.
Sept. 22, 23, 24, and 25—Union county fair at Elgin, Ore.

Guests in La Grande

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lindholm, of Pendleton, are guests at the Sommer hotel.

Here from North Powder

G. V. Glickson was a visitor to the city today from North Powder. He was transacting business here.

Mr. Phy Improving

J. P. Phy, who has been at Hot Lake for the past five weeks where he underwent an operation, is reported to be improving.

Here from Union

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs were visitors to La Grande yesterday from their home at Union.

At Hot Lake

Mrs. A. T. Hill, who has been ill at Hot Lake sanatorium all this week, is reported to be improving, although she is still confined to the hospital.

Here on Business

Carl Christensen and W. H. Pitzwiler, both of Enterprise, are business visitors in La Grande today.

Library Assistant Is Ill

Miss Ella Niederer, one of the public library assistants, is ill at her home on Washington avenue. She has been absent from her work since Friday evening.

May Locate Here

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Graft and baby arrived in town last night from Los Angeles. They plan to make their future home here.

Visiting in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seiber are visiting friends in Portland for a few days. They made the trip from here by automobile.

Home from Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Allen and three children have returned to their home here after visiting for several days at Ontario, Oregon, with Mrs. Allen's brother who lives there.

Not Seriously Ill

The condition of J. K. Wright, who is in the hospital at Hot Lake Sanatorium, is not as serious as at first announced. He has a slight case of neuritis.

Mr. Lottridge Here

J. P. Lottridge, manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, of Baker, is in La Grande today for a few days on business.

Here for Minor Operation

Miss Shirley Barker, of North Powder, who had a minor operation this morning, seems to be in good condition. Dr. Lee Douvy is her physician. Her father, R. W. Barker, of North Powder, is here with the patient. They are staying at the Foley hotel.

Here on Local Business

J. L. Sturgill, of Union, is in La Grande for a day or two in connection with the case of Security Construction company versus Mt. Emily Lumber company. Mr. Sturgill is the senior partner in the plaintiff firm.

Two Babies Born

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pieper are the proud parents of two babies, a son and a girl, born to them last night at ten minutes until twelve o'clock at their home at 2922 North

Fourth street. The babies weighed eight pounds each. The little girl has been named Emma, Lohbena, and the little boy will be called Frederick Lynn.

Return Home Yesterday

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Segrist returned to La Grande yesterday and will make their home at 1308 Fourth street. Mr. and Mrs. Segrist were married at Bellingham, Washington about two weeks ago and since then they have been spending their honeymoon at Seattle, Washington and Portland. In Portland they visited Mr. Segrist's son, Ken, who is a student at Hill's Military academy.

New Department Installed

The Perkins Motor company has installed a new department in their shop to take care of automobiles other than Fords. The department will be in charge of H. H. Blackman, who recently came here from Portland to service Lincolns for the local Ford garage. Before coming here he was employed for many years with the Francis Motor company of Portland, and is a first-class mechanic.

Will go to California

Miss Chloa Taylor will leave here Friday for Portland, where she will visit a few days with her sister before going to Seattle and from there to Southern California, where she may locate. Miss Taylor has taught her home here at 804 Main avenue to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Longfellow. She resigned her position as manager of the ladies ready to wear department of Hill's department store several weeks ago. Her mother, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, will leave soon for Portland, where she will make her home with her daughter, Miss Lucile.

"Friend Hannah" Well Liked in La Grande

(A Review)
"Friend Hannah," an appealing play built about the meridian of the little Quaker girl supposed to have married King George the Third, while he was still Prince of Wales, to have learned his royal identity after his accession to the throne and then to have quietly withdrawn from his life to save his future and that of his country, was played with skill and dramatic effectiveness by the Moroni Olsen players who visited La Grande for the second time this season at the Arcade theater Tuesday night. The Moroni Olsen players make no feature of personalities and seek to emphasize the play at the expense of individual actors, but they could not sink the triumph of Dorothy Adams into the background. Her portrayal of "Friend Hannah" was a glowing success.

Dr. W. T. Phy Elected by Chamber of Commerce

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The chamber of commerce today announced the election of Dr. W. T. Phy as its president for the year 1926. Dr. Phy, who is in the hospital at Hot Lake Sanatorium, is not as serious as at first announced. He has a slight case of neuritis.

After a selection by the chamber of commerce, the outgoing president will speak on "The Past Year." His successor to the chair will be called upon for an address immediately following the installation of officers.
Lunch at Baker
Fifteen of the Union county members joined the Baker club at luncheon Wednesday noon at the Golden-Grand hotel. About 50 were in attendance. Joseph Stoddard, president, turned the meeting over to Mr. Perkins, who introduced the La Grande delegation. The quartet made a happy impression when it began singing, "Howdy Do, Baker Brothers" just as the company was being seated. The harmonizers were recalled again and again for songs. One of their numbers was "The Oregon State Song," which found a rousing reception.
H. E. Coallidge gave the address, speaking on community co-operation, and the wisdom of working together for the development of Eastern Oregon and the state.

RIVERIA WINS GRADE TITLE

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work on both sides. There were no stellar players, but two squads of dogged determination tussled for the honor of their schools.
Riveria's victory gives the school three victories in a row. Central took the first two games of the tournament, shutting the riverside boys completely out of the scoring the second time. Then Riveria began to get on its feet, and has climbed steadily up the hill ever since.
The victors last night made two field goals in the first canto, and at the end of the half had five points to the Central team's one. Opened the third quarter with Central leading every minute to overtake the score. They made three field goals, Riveria in the same period shutting its tally with two more shots from the field. No counters were called up during the final quarter.
Ray Lynch refereed the play. Riveria, with no substitutions, played Bust, Reese, Pierce, Webb and McMurray. Central's lineup included Bob Evans, Stoddard, Rice, Stuthers, Zundel and Danks.
Although the tournament is ended, the season for the graders will carry over for a week or more. A mixed team will represent the La Grande schools at Union in a game some time next week. Coach D. P. Hummel announces.

MISSIONARY MEET PLANNED

All men and women interested in the propagation of the gospel in both home and foreign fields are invited by the Missionary society of the Church of Christ to attend an open meeting in the church auditorium at 8 p. m. Friday.

The program will open with a hymn, "O Where Are the Reapers." The sixty-seventh psalm will be used for responsive reading, at the close of which prayer will be offered.

Edith Ebell and Helene Price will play a piano duet. Mrs. J. K. Williams will deliver a "Message on Mexico." Mrs. Thomas R. Maxwell will be next on the program with a vocal solo.

Dr. J. L. McPherson will review a recent missionary article by Dr. Grenfell.

"Mountain Work in the United States" will be presented by Mrs. L. S. Weeks. Mrs. L. M. Parker will read "A Missionary Letter from Africa." Selections by the women's sextet will present Mrs. Dallas Green, Mrs. J. T. Harvey, Mrs. L. B. Purdy, Mrs. George L. Anderson, Mrs. Walter Price and Mrs. Stanton C. Lapham. Mrs. Earl Hough will be accompanist.

The final number will be a talk on David Livingstone by J. J. Hawley.

After the program, a social hour will be enjoyed.

Hobbs Expedition Will Feature Arctic Mapping

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record weather conditions.
Freuchen's hut will be in a desert waste of snow and ice, 7000 feet above sea level. He will have as a companion Fred W. Bartlett, a graduate of the Michigan geological department.
Besides the extreme cold, Freuchen and Bartlett must contend with the effect on the nerves of the long, dark winter night. Temperatures of thirty degrees below zero prevail in midsummer and kerosene becomes like lard in the extreme cold.
A small, wind-proof hut of heat insulating material will be built in the snow. Prof. Hobbs said: "It will be provided with self-registering and aneroid instruments mounted at the top but with the clockwork attachments within the hut. The greatest difficulty in operating such instruments in such places is the extremely low temperatures."

In the party of twenty will be Albert Douglas, an instructor at Harvard university and a member of the last Shackleton Antarctic expedition; Prof. Howard T. Barnes of McGill university, Montreal, authority on icebergs, anchor and river ice; W. P. Ferguson of the United States weather bureau, an expert in the use of meteorological instruments; Dr. Walter S. Koelz, zoologist of the United States bureau of fisheries and several specialists in geology and botany from the University of Michigan faculty.
At least six of the party will remain until the summer of 1927 studying conditions. The main party will return in September.

The cost of financing the expedition will be \$100,000, most of which already has been provided. The biggest item of expense will be the two amphibious planes of special construction that can take off and land on water and on snow during the same flight. The planes will be used for mapping and to take supplies to the inland weather stations.

This expedition will cooperate with a Danish government expedition which will leave Copenhagen at the same time, led by Dr. Lange Koch of the University of Copenhagen.
Dr. Koch will make his base on Scoresby Sound on the east coast of Greenland. The base of the Michigan party will be in the Holstenborg district, on the west coast, although the iceberg problem will be tackled farther north, in the waters off Umanak.

HOOP TITLE PLAY OPENS LATE TODAY

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The first game Saturday, scheduled to be played at 9 a. m., providing of course, that Baker wins from Vale or whatever team plays the Bulldogs. Many predict that, in this event, this will be the critical game of the tournament.
However, supposing that Joseph defeats La Grande Friday, the branch line team would then meet Baker at 9 a. m. In either case Baker will face one of the strongest teams at the beginning of the third round.
The dope sheet, working with the schedule, figures that La Grande, Joseph, Baker and possibly Vale, will reach the semi-finals. Baker fans are predicting a clean sweep for Glendeman's boys but Joseph and La Grande backers are both hoping that their team will reach the finals, where Baker is likely to be the opponent.
The Observer will print complete accounts of the opening round in Friday's issue, and complete accounts of the second round Saturday. In addition to this scores of Saturday morning games and possibly the first game of the semi-final will be published. The remainder of the tournament will be given space Monday.
Reports from Union today that all teams are either there or en route. The referee arrived today and is ready for action.
Tonight's games are expected to attract a large crowd of people from La Grande.

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PAROLE GIVEN BILL JOHNSON

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and was released.
Gettings Wins Case
E. C. Gettings won his case against the Sloan Construction company yesterday. The jury finding for him in the amount of \$204.27, with interest at 6 per cent from December 1, 1925. Seventy-five dollars were allowed him for attorney's fees. The fidelity and deposit company of Maryland was made to share liability with the construction company, which they had bonded.

Circuit court will adjourn until the last of March or the first of April at the close of the present hearing of the Security Construction company's case against the Mt. Emily Lumber company.
The state's case against Spain and Zeek, a liquor charge, has gone over to the adjourned session.
J. L. Sturgill, of Union, and his sons, W. C. and E. W. Sturgill, of La Grande, appeared in court today as the Security Construction company. The litigation grows out of an oral contract between the two parties for the laying of ties and steel for the logging railroad up Five Points.

In the spring of 1925, the Security Construction company had a written contract with Mt. Emily for the building of the roadbed and other work, with a clause that provided for cancellation at any time. The work was concluded satisfactory, however, and the contract fulfilled.
In the spring of 1925, the Security Construction company started the laying of ties and steel for the road under an oral contract. After about a month, A. J. Stange canceled the contract, claiming that the oral contract for the lay-

REVIEWS LAND DEFRAUD CASE

The federal land fraud case completed in Portland this week involved one of the most valuable bodies of timber in Eastern Oregon. The land is located on Cathlamet creek and the breaks of Eagle creek in Union and Baker counties, and includes 8000 acres. It is tributary to the lumber industry of Union county and will no doubt soon be logged off and become a part of the timber industry of this county.

This case was probably the most important land fraud case ever tried to a finish on merits from Eastern Oregon. It is said here. The case was a suit brought by the government against T. H. Macmillan and others, charged with obtaining timber lands, acquired under the timber and stone act, in Baker and Union counties in 1902 and 1903 by fraud. The government sued for the value of the land at that time, \$74,555.76 and interest from 1902.

F. S. Ivanhoe of this city was one of the attorneys for the defense. Two of the other attorneys were from Wisconsin. The defendants' home and four were from Portland. Mr. Ivanhoe was one of the attorneys who assisted in the examination of witnesses and made the closing argument for the defense.

Some of the circumstances concerning the litigation were that it was a state claim and that the land department had made three investigations by three special inspectors before patents were issued. The three for revoking the patents had expired. The weakness of the government's claim grew out of the fact that the government inspectors had inspected the land before the patents were issued.

The case was tried without a jury before Federal Judge Robert S. Bean and extended over a period of about three weeks. Fifty-two timber claims were involved. Federal Judge Bean handed down a decision in favor of the defendants.

ing of steel and rails adopted the old written contract that gave the Mt. Emily company that right.
This construction company claims it was employed to do the entire work under the oral contract and that it included no cancellation rights. When discharged the Sturgills brought suit for damages claiming that they lost profits to the amount of \$21,000 by the cancellation.

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Winners in Venus Contest



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Obituary

CHARLES ELBERT RHODES

Funeral services for Charles Elbert Rhodes, of Summerville, who died of blood poisoning at 10 p. m. Tuesday at the Grande Ronde hospital, will be held at the Summerville chapel at 2 p. m. Friday. Snodgrass & Zimmerman attending. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Henry W. Parker, of the La Grande Methodist church.
Mr. Rhodes was born in Missouri 25 years ago. The young widow and their 18-months old son survive him, as does his mother, who lives in Washington.

MILDRED HOWARD

Funeral services for Mildred Howard, the little Greenwood school girl who died at the hospital Tuesday, were conducted at the Holmenkamp chapel at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, with Rev. J. C. Barker, of the Salvation Army, preaching the sermon.
Preceding the casket, Anna Stanley led the way to the altar carrying an offering of flowers. Marybelle Barker, Mrs. A. J. Niharguer,

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