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MR. DENNISRemoval to Portland of
State Senator Stirs
Politics HereGREEN, EBERHARD
MAY ENTER RACEFred E. Kiddle's Name Is
Heard in Discussing
Union, Umatilla, Mor-
row District.

The political pot in Union and Wallowa counties began boiling in earnest late yesterday and from its activities several possible candidates came to the top. The stirring of its dormant contents was started when the Associated Press announced that Bruce Dennis, state senator from Union and Wallowa counties, had definitely moved his residence to Portland, thus creating a vacancy in this position. Mr. Dennis, a news dispatch stated, announced that he had disposed of all his property interests in Union county and contemplated buying a home in Portland.

Following this important item, the stirring was increased in volume and not on the heels of the announcement came word that Republicans of this city had decided to have H. J. Green, attorney, go into the primaries for the nomination for the position.

Green Undecided.

Upon being asked this morning whether he would run, Mr. Green declared: "I don't know. I have not definitely made up my mind. Although I have been requested to decide I don't know yet whether I will or not."

Two other developments came when it became known that Colonel H. Eberhard, local attorney, and Fred E. Kiddle, last both mentioned as state senator prospects, but not from the same district. Kiddle's name has been linked with the Union, Umatilla,

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PUPILS WEAVE
ESSAY FABRIC

Lively interest in the historical essay contest that is under way in the schools of Union county is evidenced in the frequent inquiries that E. A. Sayre, county superintendent, is answering from his office. All grades, from third to the high school seniors, appear to be preparing to enter, and the pioneers of the county are rallying to their requests for tales of the settler days.

"May we take the stories from the descendants of the settlers if the authors themselves are dead?" has been one of the questions. And the superintendent has answered, "Yes, if their descendants can give the stories, you are perfectly free to gather from them."

Ten girls in the high school here in La Grande have formed a team.

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Railroad Builder Takes
Witness Stand In CaseSatisfied
With The
Results

Most La Grande business men who give time and thought to the planning of their advertising messages to 300 new readers were pleased with the obvious results that the publicity secured.

There are always a few advertisers 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 problems, is constantly reducing this number by helping plan and execute advertising that will be productive.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Seniors To
Stage Show
Next Friday"The Irresistible Marmaduke" to Open Two-
Night Run at High
School on March 5.

Proof that the senior play, "The Irresistible Marmaduke," which will be presented in the high school auditorium Friday and Saturday nights of next week, is going to be a production worth supporting was furnished in a letter presented by the players at a special assembly of their colleagues at 10:20 o'clock this morning.

The play has movement, clever lines and genuine plot interest, and the cast is making the most of the character possibilities. Jack Coolidge, in the role of the Marmaduke, gave a promising performance this morning.

Just before the curtain was raised, Miss Mabel A. Bennett, and her assistant director, Miss Ruby Dillon and Miss Florence Thompson, gave brief suggestions of the plot, the characters and settings. New scenery is in prospect, Miss Bennett announced.

Proceeds from the senior play always go to help finance the Minors. Frank Killpack, production manager, explained. Claude McKennon, business manager of the student body, expressed a belief that ticket sales ought to progress rapidly. Other students spoke calling on the different classes for support of the senior play.

The complete cast, including minor characters not announced before, follows: The Marmaduke, Jack Coolidge; Patricia, Helen Price; Lady Athena, mother of Marmaduke, Gwendolyn Buchanan; Lady Susan, sister of Athena, Margaret Baker; Mortimer, husband of

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HIGHWAY SHOP
PETITION READ

Citizens of La Grande yesterday filed a petition with the state highway commission, in session here in Portland, asking that the highway shops, now located here, be not transferred to Baker, as has been proposed.

Baker has offered a free site for the shops and is making an effort to secure such a transfer.

The shops here employ a number of persons and it would transfer some 15 families to Baker, to say nothing of the loss of the payroll. A decision may be made by the commissioners today.

Pilling and Busch to
Wrestle in La Grande

The American Legion announced at 2 o'clock this afternoon that Frank Pilling, of Pendleton, will wrestle August Busch, of La Grande, here next Wednesday night. Both men are light heavyweights.

A special event featuring Al Gustav, of Enterprise, and Jim Norwood, of Wallowa, has also been lined up.

DURY MAY MAKE RACE

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Judge William Dury, of the state highway commission, has been requested to make the race for the position of mayor here, it is announced today.

LA GRANDE
AND JOSEPH
MEET TODAYContest This Afternoon
Expected to Be One of
Tourney's BestDOPE WORKS OUT
IN FIRST ROUNDBaker Five Loses Presti-
ge While Both Joseph
and La Grande Climb
Higher in Favor.

THURSDAY RESULTS
Baker 22, Wallowa 11.
Vale 23, Dayville 12.
Joseph 38, North Powder 10.
La Grande 31, Union 11.

TODAY'S GAMES
1 P. M.—Baker vs. Vale.
3 P. M.—La Grande vs. Joseph.
7:30 P. M.—Wallowa vs. Dayville.
8:30 P. M.—Union vs. North Powder.

(By Nolan Skiff)

With every winning team playing under wraps, at least a part of the time, with the exception of Vale, the Union basketball tournament opened without any major kidding around of the dope bucket.

La Grande, Baker, Vale and Joseph all won their opening games with little difficulty. Baker and Vale had the hardest struggles of the day and at one time it looked as if the Bulldogs were liable to lose out.

Joseph Gains Prestige.

As a result of yesterday's play, Baker slipped as favorite, giving way to Joseph, which is going to be the hardest team to defeat in the tournament.

This morning Coach Campbell, of Joseph, stated that he is "more afraid of La Grande than of Baker." The two teams meet this afternoon in what is likely to be the first really critical game of the tournament. The winner will clash with Baker in the third round Saturday morning.

Now, instead of Baker leading the heap, Joseph and La Grande have an even chance to cop the title. It is expected that Wallowa will be the fourth team to reach the semi-finals.

La Grande, Joseph Shine.

The best playing yesterday was exhibited by the La Grande and Joseph teams. Baker is not at its peak but few could place a finger on the trouble. The team was best and actually blew up during the Wallowa game yesterday and turned in a far poorer exhibition of basketball than anyone had expected. Joseph's showing in the evening threw a decided scare into Glendene and his proteges.

All four games were worth while watching and developed some real basketball at times. Today's games should be even more interesting, especially the afternoon contests which will find the four winners pitted against each other. This evening two teams, probably Dayville and either Union or North Powder, will be eliminated from further play.

Notable Vale nor the winner of the Union-Powder game are expected to survive the third round.

Lyman Tops List.

In scoring, Lyman of La Grande, playing a forward and center position alternately, tops the first day's list with 19 counters. Others, in order, follow: Craven, Joseph, 14; Hulton, Vale, 12; Condit, Baker, 10; Foster, Vale, 8; Cox and Pugh, of Union, were the only two taken from any game because of too many personal fouls.

Yesterday R. C. Ciccia, referee, promised The Observer's representative to select an all-star first and second team at the close of the tournament. This will probably be published Monday.

The dope today runs as follows: Baker and Wallowa will win. Other editors are a toss-up.

BAKER WISS OPPER

UNION, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Baker defeated Wal-

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Joseph Grade Five May
Play La Grande Quint

Coach Campbell of Joseph, is seeking to arrange an eighth-grade basketball game with La Grande. It was announced today. Negotiations are now under way for a home-and-home series to be played in the near future.

The Joseph team defeated all teams in Wallowa county and such a series would settle the juvenile title for Union and Wallowa counties and give the winner a chance to claim Eastern Oregon honors.

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PRESIDENT
SIGNS TAX
BILL TODAYBattery of Cameramen
Report Scene as Cool-
idge Wilds PenCONGRESSIONAL
LEADERS PRESENTDignitaries Watch Chief
Executive Bring \$387-
000,000 Reduction Law
into Being.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The new tax reduction bill became a law when President Coolidge gave it his formal approval at 10:22 o'clock this morning.

The measure, providing for the reduction of \$387,000,000 to be paid by taxpayers this year, was signed by the chief executive as a battery of cameramen reported the scene. Several prominent in drafting the measure, including Secretary A. W. Mellon, Director Lord, of the budget, and house and senate leaders, were invited to witness the ceremony.

TIME LIMIT EXTENDED.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The treasury today granted a number of extensions of time as to when final tax returns must be made for this year's payments to the government.

The extensions were decided upon because of the nearness of March 15, when returns ordinarily

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OFFICERS START
LIGHT CHECK IN
LOCAL DISTRICT

C. H. Graze thought he had driven his car into a nest of yellow jackets last night when four khaki-uniformed officers stationed at Adams avenue and Greenwood street to check automobiles for violations of the light adjustment law—placed him under arrest for speeding. He is to appear before the city judge this evening.

Sgt. C. Leavelle, of Pendleton, Robert Lansing, of Baker, and A. G. Dunn, of La Grande, state traffic officers, and Harold Howard, of the city force, checked 35 cars. Most of the offenders needed only some slight readjustment, their lights through jarring or a change of bulbs having been thrown out of focus.

Employees of Penney
Store Entertained

Thirty-two persons, 12 of them employees of the local J. C. Penney company's store, gathered at Baker last evening for a conference and banquet. Dinner was served at eight o'clock. P. C. Massarek, assistant manager of the Baker store, presided as toastmaster. He called upon V. H. Ahrens, manager of the Baker store; Fred Solt, retired manager of that store who was an especially invited guest for the evening; and J. A. Tedford, manager of the store here.

An excellent program was given, followed by a round-table discussion of business methods and various lines of activities in the J. C. Penney company stores. The meeting closed with a visit by the local people to the Baker store.

The crowd here yesterday was one of the best ever gathered on the opening day of the tournament, both in the afternoon and evening. Today and Saturday are expected to find the gym crammed full of fans, especially for the semi-finals and finals tomorrow.

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La Grande Mine Owners
Lease Phelan Property

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—A bond and lease of the Phelan mine in Mormon Basin district, west of the Rainbow mine, was executed yesterday by the owners, William Phelan, of Mormon Basin, and W. H. Holmenkamp, John Daniels and Frank Harris, of La Grande, to Richard Gladney, Phil and John Harrington, of Seattle.

The bond and lease calls for a consideration of \$250,000. The Phelan mine has been highly estimated as a gold producer.

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Cheer Up--First Robins Are Here

DAYVILLE FIVE
ENJOYING LIFE

UNION, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Dayville's basketball team, representing Grant county, in the Union basketball tournament, is having the time of its life, win or lose.

One member of the quintet is learning a lot about life. Coming to Union he rode on his first railroad train. Yesterday he played his first basketball game in a regular gymnasium. And Union is the biggest town he has ever been in.

The Dayville coach, it is reported, stated that he intended to show the boys a real time here. And it is a certainty that they are enjoying the trip.

Dayville high school has 35 students—29 girls and nine boys. Eight of the boys are on the basketball team and the ninth is holding the fort back home.

North Powder's showing against Joseph was one of the surprises of the first round. But, Dad King, coach, is liable to cause some surprise on the maple court almost any time.

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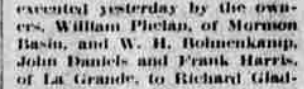
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North Bend
Mill Burned
Early Today

Fire, Believed of Incend-
iary Nature, Causes
250 Men to Be Idle.
Loss About \$500,000.

NORTH BEND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The main mill of the Stout Lumber company here was destroyed by fire today, with a loss of between \$450,000 and \$500,000. Two hundred fifty men were thrown out of work.

The blaze was discovered by a night sweeper, but it spread so rapidly that he barely escaped.

The fire's origin is undetermined.

Fire departments from North Bend and Marshfield prevented the blaze from spreading from the main mill.

A discovery that attempts had been made to blow the Southern Pacific company's safe here at the time the mill was burning led officers to believe the fire incendiary.

Company officials reported that two months ago the Stout Lumber company's plant at Thornton, Ark., was destroyed by fire at the same time the railroad company's safe there was robbed.

Salvation Army Heads
To Come Here Tomorrow

Adjutant Robert Rooney, commander of the Salvation Army in Oregon, and Captain O. P. Strickland, who is state young people's secretary, will arrive in La Grande with their wives Saturday morning for their first official visit and inspection of the local chapter and boys and Mrs. J. C. Barker took charge last spring.

Tomorrow afternoon, they will conduct a children's meeting. Mrs. Strickland, who is state organizer in this branch of the army's work, will lead the service, which is announced for 2:30 o'clock.

The enrollment of the Girls' Guards, originated here by Miss Maybelle Barker, will feature the general meeting at 3 o'clock tomorrow evening. Music will be furnished by Andrew Loney, cornetist, and the chamber of commerce quartet.

TWIN CANARIES HATCHED

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Two canary birds from one egg is the unusual trick of nature reported by Miss Addie L. Clark of Dallas. The mother bird started with three eggs, Miss Clark said. The bird broke one, and Miss Clark another, leaving the third egg, which produced two hatchlings. The twins are normal, and are among the best she has seen, Miss Clark said.

Twin birds are said by bird fanciers to be very rare.

10 CABBAGES WEIGH 670 LBS.

PLYMOUTH, Eng.—Ten cabbages exhibited on his farm by David Ford weighed 670 pounds.

XTRA

WASHINGTON (AP)—An appropriation bill carrying \$79,647,000 for the departments of state, justice, commerce, and labor was reported to the House today by the appropriations committee. The amount is \$2,353,000 above last year's bill but is \$59,480 below budget estimates.

ORDER NEW RATES.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Rates on lumber and related products in carload lots from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and California to destinations in Iowa have been found unreasonable. The interstate commerce commission today ordered new rates prescribed on or before May 17.

STATE LAW URGED

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—State laws to regulate building and loan associations are needed, said W. T. Wright, Oregon City banker, today before the western division of the American Bankers' association. He declared that under present laws a promoter without any investment may form an association authorized to receive the public's money and invest it.

UNLOVED, ENDS LIFE.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—"Nobody loves me," was the scribbled note left by Miss Lillian Povey, aged 32, when she committed suicide.

ECONOMICAL WIFE WINS

CHESTER, Eng. (AP)—Councilor Phyllis Brown forced a reduction in city salaries against the opposition of a faction led by her husband, also a councillor.

DR. CHASE TO DECIDE SOON

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A request for an extension of time in which to make a decision on the offer of presidency of the University of Oregon was made today by Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina.

The Chase request was received by Karl Onthank, executive secretary of the university. Chase, who has just returned to North Carolina following his recent visit to Oregon, stated that the regents of the University of North Carolina had asked him to defer his decision until Monday.

KICK BREAKS OOP'S LEG

CHICAGO—Gustav Frisch, a drunken teamster, walked up to policeman Henry Gorman and kicked him in the leg, breaking the bone.

Duchess Upholds Styles
Created By Englishmen

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The Duchess of Portland has donated her fighting clothes to stimulate interest in all British fashions for women.

Paris styles were good, she admitted, but London modes too are up-to-date. The Duchess has visited her favorite shops here personally and informed the owners that unless they handed Nottingham lace and other dress material from British manufacturers she would strike them off her list.

For the first time in the history of the trade the advances fashions of spring were shown here instead of exclusively in Paris. Apples, green grass and turquoise are among the spring colors.

LONDON (AP)—A Plantagenet mode for day and evening gowns has been adopted by London's most exclusive set, but only so far as sleeves are concerned. Skirts remain on the short side for day and evening costumes, but sleeves have become more voluminous and trail the ground in many instances.

LONDON (AP)—Women have abandoned the plain black moire band as a watch winder, and substituted the multi-colored band. Moire wristlets embroidered with tiny flowers in many colors, others in colored silks arranged in patchwork design, and even "jazz band" wristlets are now the vogue.

LONDON (AP)—Women are adopting the "rubby" hat, modeled much on the lines of those worn by footballers. They are made of different colored velvet moulded on "rubby" lines with the downward flap on each side covering the ears. Some are decorated with lighter colored material while others have a bow of ribbon hanging from the right side over the ear flap.

PARIS (AP)—The "ethetic value" of a young woman in France is 100,000 francs, according to a decision rendered by the correctional court here.

A girl, aged seventeen, run down by a motor car, received injuries that left scars on her neck and face. She first tried for damages and then her parents sued on their own account for damages to the "ethetic value" of their daughter.

11 DEATHS
CAUSED BY
HIGH WINDSMiddle Western Part of
Country Swept by a
Devastating StormSCORES INJURED;
PROPERTY DAMAGEDPortion of Chicago Flood-
ed Enough to Use Row-
boats; Greatest Loss of
Life in Arkansas.

CHICAGO (By The Associated Press)—Eleven are dead—220 scores injured, the result of winds in the midwest sweeping out of the northwestern country and Texas yesterday.

The storm struck the central part of the country, accompanied by heavy rains and snow hitting up a velocity of 50 miles an hour and causing incalculable property loss.

Buildings were destroyed, streets flooded, wire lines damaged, and traffic delayed.

The greatest loss of life was in Chicago county, Arkansas, where four whites and a Negro were killed.

A thaw preceded the storm in Ohio, jamming rivers with ice and causing an overflow.

Chicago Flooded.

Twenty-four square blocks on the northwest side of Chicago is flooded deep enough for boating. The children used rowboats to land from school.

Though virtually the entire town of Tyndale, Miss., was demolished, the only death reported was a woman killed by a door blown from its hinges.

The storm last night blew through automobiles that had been through the ice between Port Clinton, Ohio, and South Bass Island. The machines were seen starting for the island before word was received that the ice had given way.

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