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A COMPREHENSIVE PRAYER—"The Lord thy God is with thee."—2 Sam. 24:22.

It's just as well not to spend that income tax rebate until you get it.

If you can vision the rush of the last few days before Christmas—not only in the stores, but in your own home preparing for the holiday—maybe it will help you do that shopping now.

It's getting close to the time for that visit from normal school regents. We don't like to see our neighboring cities suffer disappointments but we still admit that La Grande is about the only reasonable location for the new school.

Speaking of a certain city's mayor and a certain United States senator, a man remarked insinuatingly that they "didn't have those jobs for their health or their salaries." And it's such citizens as that who make undesirable officials likely. That class of voter thinks that every man has his price, that every public official is subject to the temptation of graft or bribery, that every official act has the influence of money behind it. In other words, they put others on their own level and express, indirectly, what they would be inclined to do under similar circumstances. Honesty breeds honesty. It can well be cultivated, not only for ourselves but for its equally important effect on others.

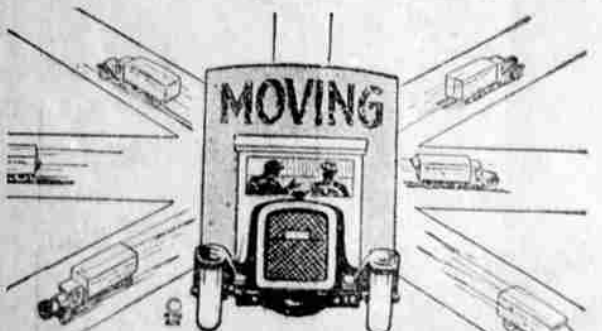
PUBLIC EXPENSES.

Perhaps too much has been made of the fact that while government expenses were being reduced 80 per cent from 1919 to 1925, state expenses in the country generally were increased 150 per cent and local expenses 125 per cent.

It is easy to misconstrue these figures. The national and local situations are not parallel. The government's expenses at the beginning of this six year period were war expenses, and it has made a good showing mainly because it has been emerging from its war obligations. The state and local expenses have not been war expenses at any time, except in so far as they reflected war prices. And during the war period public improvements, etc., were very much at a standstill so that subsequent years have been forced to make up for it.

Besides, since the end of the war, the smaller political units have been providing better public facilities than they used to, especially in the matter of roads, but also in such matters as schools, health, water supply and sewers. All these are important, and the money for them is voted and paid because of their importance. Citizens pay more taxes and get more for them.

Doubtless there is some extravagance running through such expenditure in most communities. And it is possible that the states, counties, cities and other political units which handle public money are less efficient in their expenditures than the federal government. But this is not necessarily true. In most cases it calls for proof. It is probably a fair presumption that the average city nowadays handles its affairs as efficiently and economically as the national government does.



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SPORT NEWS

WEBFOOTS' HOOP SCHEDULE DRAWN

University of Oregon to Make Long Tour to North in January

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., Nov. 27, (Special)—The basketball schedule for the University of Oregon this year, including all revisions in original plans, has been issued here by Jack Benedict, secretary of the Pacific Conference Graduate Managers' association. The Webfoots will open their conference season on Jan. 22 on their home floor against Idaho.

Ten conference games are on the program. Following the Idaho trip, Oregon will take the road, playing Washington State at Pullman on Jan. 24; Idaho at Moscow, Jan. 25; Montana at Missoula, Jan. 27; Washington at Seattle, Jan. 29. After this long tour but one contest will be played off the Eugene floor, that against Oregon Aggies at Corvallis on Feb. 11.

Lincup Doubtful

Billy Reinhardt, varsity coach, has begun to arrange an itinerary for a barnstorming tour of California in the Christmas holidays to put the first string men into shape for the season. This will follow the general lines of the tour of last year which included games with Olympic club, Los Angeles Athletic club, St. Ignace and Redlands university teams. Reinhardt has been working with his men about two weeks, but will not predict the lineup of his team.

The complete schedule follows:
Jan. 22—Idaho at Eugene.
Jan. 24—Washington State at Pullman.
Jan. 25—Idaho at Moscow.
Jan. 27—Montana at Missoula.
Jan. 29—Washington at Seattle.
Feb. 1—Montana at Eugene.
Feb. 4—Washington State at Eugene.
Feb. 11—Oregon Aggies at Corvallis.
Feb. 22—Oregon Aggies at Eugene.
Feb. 26—Washington at Eugene.

Navy Seaplane Finishes Trip to Panama Canal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27, (AP)—Proving that modern naval seaplanes can be moved quickly from Hampton Roads to the Panama Canal, Lieutenant Commander H. T. Bartlett and the three other intrepid members of the crew of the PN-10 No. 2 have accomplished the main objective of their hazardous flight.

They arrived at Colon, late yesterday completing their 2650 mile flight over the vast reaches of water in the face of unexpected motor lubrication difficulties. The plane's failure to make the trip without stopping may have robbed the venture of a little of its glamor, but did not diminish its value from a technical standpoint.

Log interesting
As it is, the log of the flight



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Imbler Boys Seek Place on Squad

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 27 — Kenneth McKennon and Chilton Marshall, of Imbler, are turning out for freshmen basketball. More than 100 "rookies" including many high school stars of Oregon and other states answered the first call for practice. A squad of about 40 men will be picked from this group as soon as the coach has an opportunity to determine the ability of the players.

Amory "Stain" Gill, former varsity basketball forward, and now freshmen coach, is pleased with the material and expects to develop a winning team. Numerals are awarded to men on the squad who take part in the University of Oregon freshmen game and others whom the coach believes earns them.

McKennon is registered in agriculture and is a pledge of Sigma Pi social fraternity. Marshall is registered in vocational education.

LEWIS WINS DECISION
EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 27 (AP)—Frankie Lewis, 140-pounder of Klamath Falls, Ore., won a four-round decision over Ray Clarke, of Bellingham, Wash., here last night.

BERLIN DANCES A JIG
NEW YORK — Would Irving Berlin write a song to express the joy of fatherhood? Better than that, he'd dance a jig. And he did. As for the name Mary because it is such a lovely name and Ella for her mother.

contains plenty of romantic appeal. Taking off at Norfolk shortly before dusk Tuesday with heavy burdens of fuel, commander Bartlett's plane and its companion, the PN-10 No. 1 headed south on a practical test of the new machines which was intended to surpass the world distance record for their class established by the late commander John Rodgers.

Soon it was found that the lubricating system of 1000 motors was not standing the strain, resulting in a greater consumption of oil than had been counted on. This difficulty brought commander Bartlett down on the Isle of Pines, but the No. 1 plane continued for nearly 300 miles farther into the Caribbean until a break in an oil feed pipe so complicated its troubles that a forced landing at sea was necessary. There it was lost for more than 14 hours, until the cruiser Cincinnati picked it up. Meanwhile, commander Bartlett obtained a supply of oil and gasoline at Novo Gersons, proceeded to Cape Francis and took off at 6:55 a. m. yesterday, and landed at Colon, 325 miles away at 5:25 p. m.

UNION DEFEATED BY ELGIN SQUAD

Wildcats End Season with Three Wins, Four Losses and One Tie

UNION, Nov. 27 (Special)—Union high school ended its football season by playing a game on the home grounds against Elgin on Thanksgiving day. With five men out of the first string, Jack Cox, Joe and Vernon Parent, Hutchinson, and Cross, the Union lineup consisted mostly of subs, but even with this handicap, the team played good football, holding the Elginites to 12 points, and themselves scoring a safety off the beginning kickoff. Elgin had defeated Enterprise and Enterprise defeated Union 20 to 0, so this last game upset dope as the local boys outplayed the visitors part of the game and played the last half with no scoring. The Wildcats main chance for a touchdown was defeated when the referee blew his whistle on a lateral pass when Union had a fine chance for a long run to the goal. Afterward the mistake could not be rectified. Elgin made her yardage mostly by end runs and long passes, completing 6 out of 20 attempts at passing, some of them for 20 or more yards. Union tried about a dozen passes and completed only one or two, but the line was better than Elgin's and Union made most



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of its yardage by line backs. Mire, a sub, repeatedly plunged through the line for from 2 to 3 yards at a down and others also made good going through the visitor's line. Union was penalized once for off-side and Elgin, twice, for holding and interfering with a man catching a pass. Grant Conley, of Cove, refereed.

During the season Union played 5 games, winning 3, losing 4 and playing a no score game with Baker. Of the games lost, the ones with La Grande and Bowler were lost by one score in each case. In scores the team broke about even for the entire season.

CALL FOR BIDS

Sidewalk Improvement
Sealed bids will be received by the commission of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of the improvement in sidewalk improvement District No. 163, within the city of La Grande, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications of the said sidewalk improvement district now on

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file in the office of the City Recorder of said city. A deposit of the \$5.00 will be required for set of plans and specifications, which amount will be refunded if bidder is unsuccessful and returns same to this office.
Bids will be received to the hour of seven-thirty p. m., December 1st, 1926, at the commission room in the city building at La Grande, Oregon, and must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of 10 per cent of the order of said city. A deposit of amount bid as a guarantee of the acceptance and completion of a contract if awarded.
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