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BELIEVE LA GRANDE WILL GET ARMOR

BLIZZARD IN NIGHT GIVES CITY A CHILL

Drifting Snows Accompanied by Drop in Temperature

WHITE MANTLE IS GENERAL IN STATE

Portland Reports Four and a Half Inches with Snappy Weather—Pendleton Mercury Low.

La Grande, whipped by an old-fashioned blizzard throughout the night, emerged from the strong winds about eight o'clock this morning.

Drifting snows piled barricades along sidewalks and streets over the city. The city crew was out at 5 o'clock this morning, starting its task of clearing the way for both pedestrian and motor traffic.

This morning no report had been received as to the condition of the La Grande-Pendleton and La Grande-Baker sections of the Old Oregon Trail highway or the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway, but it is believed that travel is difficult. Highway crews are working throughout this division, combatting the snow and opening the way for cars.

Stage Starts Trip The branchline auto stage left for Joseph this morning at the usual time. No stage was scheduled for Pendleton until 11 a. m., and the Pendleton stage was to start for La Grande this afternoon. Trains were running nearly on time today.

The snow, four and half inches deep in Portland, practically covered the state. Two more inches fell in La Grande yesterday, bringing the total for the last three days to 11 inches.

7 Above 14 Minimum The mercury dropped to 7 above last night, the coldest weather recorded for 1927. At 7:30 this morning the official reading was 12 above. The sun came out in a clear sky, warming the air many degrees, but giving no prospect of immediate relief, according to the weatherman, who predicts more cold for tonight and tomorrow.

Fewer frozen water pipes were reported this morning than city officials had expected. In most cases, the pipes were merely "stuck" and the water was soon flowing.

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EAST OREGON CHAMBERS TO MEET AT UNION

Eastern Oregon chambers of commerce will meet at Union tomorrow for the purpose of deciding what course shall be taken in reference to the Old Oregon Trail highway association.

W. C. Perkins, Earl Reynolds, A. W. Neilson, George Huntington Currey and others from La Grande are expected to attend.

PENDELTON TO QUIT

Members of the highway association of the Pendleton central club have decided to vote for the disbandment of the Old Oregon Trail Highway association at a meeting of Eastern Oregon chambers of commerce to be held at Union Friday to determine whether these organizations should continue to support the association. The local group feels that since the highway is completed there is no need of the association as the publicity is being handled in a satisfactory manner by the Portland chamber of commerce.

NEWS OF THE VALLEY

Through the large circle of correspondents located in every community in Union and Wallowa counties, the Observer is able to give such a wealth and variety of rural community news that it has become a part of the daily life of most substantial citizens.

There is no substitute for a paper giving this service—with the result that The Observer boasts an ever increasing rural following of unusual proportions.

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Thrift Week Is Observed Here; Bankers Speak

Savings Accounts Increase During 1926—Educational Drive on.

The value of thrift is being brought to the attention of people over all the United States this week—Monday, Jan. 17 to Sunday, Jan. 23—being known as Thrift Week.

The idea is sponsored by bankers' association, the Y. M. C. A. and other kindred organizations and all during this week a special effort is being made to stimulate thrift.

Here as in other cities an effort is being made to educate the people to become more thrifty and to show them the real value of thrift.

Savings a Foundation "Consistent saving has been the foundation of more fortunes than any other one item," is the opinion of Sherman Adams, president of the Equitable Savings bank here. He with other bankers all over the country endorses the thrift movement.

"There is a general tendency to save among the people of this section," according to L. H. Bramwell, cashier of the United States National bank, who furnishes figures to prove his statement. Savings accounts at that bank increased \$50,000, or 20 per cent, during 1926. No extra large deposits came in during the year, the increase representing the accumulation of many small savings accounts, according to the bank cashier.

"Thrift, of course, does not include the saving of money alone, but the principle of thrift is noticed more in the bank than any other place," Bramwell stated. "The idea of thrift is gaining a stronger foothold in America, in La Grande the same is in other cities." H. E. Coolidge, who is a member of the thrift committee, said this morning, "We look upon its growth as representing one of the worthiest national movements and sure to react to the benefit of all. Thrift should be encouraged on every side."

Pastors of the various churches in the city have been asked to talk about thrift in their services Sunday, Coolidge related. It is also being brought before both the grade and high school students this week.

Representatives of local unions met last night and completed organization of a La Grande Central Labor union. A constitution and by-laws, which had been drafted some time ago, were passed and officers were elected.

Central Labor Union Formed; Name Officers

Ben Halliday was elected president, Clyde Keen, secretary-treasurer, and Lou Evans, recording secretary.

Webb Released by County Officers

Larry Webb, who pleaded not guilty to a statutory charge Tuesday before Judge Hugh Brady in the justice court, was released from the county jail this morning upon furnishing \$100 in bail money. He has been in jail since Monday unable to furnish the bonds.

Beauty Shop to Open Tomorrow

The Ruth-Elizabeth Beauty shop in the Summer hotel building will be opened to the public tomorrow morning. The shop is practically finished today and will be ready to begin business at the opening hour.

Mrs. Bertha Schwebke is owner and Betty Stewart and Ruth McLeod will be the operators. Miss Wilma Smith will be a student. All kinds of beauty work, with the exception of permanent waving, will be obtainable at the shop.

Elks Entertain District Deputy

About 75 members of the Elks Lodge were present for the special meeting last night when Frank Workman, district deputy grand exalted ruler, made his official visit to the lodge.

Two new members were initiated and at about 11:29 o'clock a feed was enjoyed.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20. (AP)—The University of Washington basketball team took its opening conference game of the season here last night by defeating the University of Idaho 33 to 23.

CADMAN



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In the event that the armory is given La Grande, A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, favors a site for the building, the block of ground north of the court house, with the armory facing Sixth street and built so that trucks could enter the basement for loading or unloading purposes. This plan, however, is merely tentative, and no definite action has yet been taken, it is said.

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SENATOR KIDDLE IMPROVING

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Commissioners Revoke Rooming House License Held by Garrett

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200 at Wallowa County Meeting At Enterprise

Granges and Chambers of Commerce Unite in Forming Greater Wallowa Association.

Enterprise, Ore., Jan. 20 (Special)—The Greater Wallowa County association was organized Tuesday evening when the granges and chambers of commerce of Wallowa county met at the L. O. U. P. hall here at a 6:30 o'clock dinner. Approximately 200 men were in attendance.

The following officers were elected: Mr. Calvert, of Joseph, president; H. M. Duffels, of Joseph, secretary; W. H. Dargert, of Enterprise, acted as toastmaster.

The resolution naming the organization was read and unanimously accepted.

Several Speakers Talks were made by the following: Morris Eben, Calvert, Fred Mastrude, of Joseph; J. Jackson, G. L. Tilden, Fred Raines, and Bert Engelson, of Lostine. Their remarks were confined principally to the elimination of squirrels.

Other speakers were: Dr. Flack, Aaron Amstead, A. C. Miller, of Enterprise; The Rev. G. H. Fees, Bruce Cox, of Wallowa; Fred Himehlwright, master of Hurricane Creek grange; Mr. Thompson, master of Wallowa grange; Mr. Gignoux, agricultural agent of the Union Pacific system, who gave some information concerning Wallowa county and its resources; and D. B. Reavis, secretary of the chamber of commerce, who read a resolution in which the representatives were asked to consider in the appropriations to state and county affairs, Wallowa county in proportion to other counties.

The sportsmen's club submitted a resolution asking that a Wallowa county man be appointed on the state game commission in view of the fact that Wallowa has as much, if not more, hunting and trapping as any county in the state; also suggested the name of Charles H. Zureher, one of the prominent sportsmen in this section.

W. H. Davidheiser brought up the subject of seed potatoes, which

Girls At Union Tonight; Tigers Face Two Tilts

The first basketball game of this week end's schedule will be played at Union tonight when the local girls' team, 1926 champions will meet the first serious opposition of the season. Union is said to have a strong team and a close contest is expected by many.

Indications are that the same lineup that started against Wallowa last week will begin the game—Courtney and Campbell, forwards; Stange and Cochran, centers; Reynolds and Nelson, guards. Several substitutes will accompany the first team and Miss Ruth Johnson, coach.

Several cardinals of fans from La Grande expect to attend the game, which will be in the Union gymnasium.

Wallowa Grange Installs Officers

WALLOWA, Ore., Jan. 20. (Special)—A regular meeting of the Wallowa grange was held in the basement of the M. E. church recently with a good-sized group of members present. An enjoyable feature of the meeting was a water skat and wafel feed at 1 o'clock, after which a business meeting was held.

Officers, elected at a previous meeting, were installed by the retiring master, J. H. Leonard. T. L. Johnson, who has served three terms as master of the organization was elected to fill this position.

Plans were discussed and committees appointed to attend to the various details of entertaining and feeding the crowd which is expected to attend the county Pomona meeting to be held here Feb. 5.

The Rev. G. H. Fees, who recently returned from a conference of grange lectures held at Corvallis, gave an interesting discussion of what was accomplished at the meeting, emphasizing the fact that the lecture's part of the organization should feature such meeting with some kind of a program.

HOTEL WILL GO UP HERE, WEEKS SAYS

Portland Interests Purchase Site for Building at Fourth and Adams

\$250,000 IS SET AS TENTATIVE COST

103 Rooms Present Plan Architects Busy Preparing Blue Prints, Due to Arrive Soon.

La Grande will have a new hotel, L. S. Weeks announced this morning on his return trip from Portland where he has been consulting with Portland interests concerning the new building.

The site—118 by 125 feet—at the corner of Adams avenue and Fourth street, where the Standard Oil service station is now located, has already been purchased and financing arrangements have all been completed, according to Weeks.

103 Rooms Planned Plans, which call for a 103-room hotel of the most modern type, are being drawn in Portland and are expected to arrive here within the next few days, when more details will be announced.

The cost of the structure, including the site, will be \$250,000, it is said.

Wool Growers In National Session

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 20. (AP)—The sixty-second annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association opened here today with nearly 500 delegates and men directly interested in the wool industry in attendance. All of the 11 states composing the organization were represented.

Mayor W. D. Horgan delivered the address of welcome and the response for the sheepmen was made by P. A. Ellinwood, vice president of the association, of Red Bluff, Cal. The remainder of the morning session was taken up with routine business and the appointment of committees. Frank J. Hagenbarth, president of the association, will deliver his annual address this afternoon.

COLLEGIATE



La Grande Girl Will Lead Class UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 20 (Special)—Eleanor Glass, of La Grande, junior in the school of physical education, has been appointed manager of her class in girls' basketball for the coming season.

The class managers assist in picking the teams, checking attendance and assisting the coach. Practices are being held every day and selection of class teams will take place in a short time.

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Lita Expects A Pay Day; Finds Chaplin's Gold

Comedian Has Almost a Million in Cold Cash That California Courts Can Attach.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20. (AP)—Lita Grey Chaplin who is suing Charles Spencer Chaplin for divorce and division of the Chaplin property, failed today to secure any of the \$14,000 temporary alimony and attorneys' expenses awarded her by the court early this week. Assistance by government solicitors at a court conference that "the government wants its money" first, prevented the release from government tax liens of cash in California banks under the film comedian's name, which Mrs. Chaplin sought.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20. (AP)—Lita Grey Chaplin looked forward to a pay day today as her attorney prepared to go into court to collect from Charlie Chaplin temporary alimony awarded in divorce suit against the wealthy comedian who, it was disclosed, has almost \$1,000,000 in cold cash.

The bill which Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys have made out for the receivers appointed to take control of the comedian's fortune pending the outcome of the divorce action, calls for the payment of 1926 monthly alimony installments of \$100 each, an additional \$4000 for lawyers' fees, \$2150 for bond premium and an item of \$250 for miscellaneous legal expenses. Lyndol K. Young, representing the comedian's wife, has declared that in the event the alimony payments were not made he would seek the arrest of Chaplin for contempt of court.

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SMITH'S FRIENDS CONTINUE FIGHT

Illinois Senator-Designate Despite Illness, Listens to Debate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (Special)—Frank L. Smith was denied the oath of office today as senator from Illinois, resolution providing that he be seated without prejudice to any future inquiry into his fitness, was voted down 48 to 35.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (AP)—Rallying in unexpected force, friends of Frank L. Smith made a desperate fight today to overturn the odds that have forecast his exclusion from the senate.

As the second day of debate dragged on, with a possibility of action before adjournment, partisans of the Illinois senate-designate privately sought by means of personal suasion to wipe out the sterner majority that had been claimed against him.

When yesterday's session adjourned the opposition had the advantage by a handful of votes, and the opposition leaders still were claiming today that this advantage would be held until the showdown. On the other side, however, predications began to grow rosy.

The states' rights issue again was the dominating note in the whole discussion on the floor and its earnest consultations. The Smith people were seeking support for the resolution introduced by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, providing that the Illinois appointee be seated without prejudice to any future inquiry into the financing of his primary campaign last year. The argument advanced by the opposition was that the states' rights issue again was the dominating note in the whole discussion on the floor and its earnest consultations. The Smith people were seeking support for the resolution introduced by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, providing that the Illinois appointee be seated without prejudice to any future inquiry into the financing of his primary campaign last year. The argument advanced by the opposition was that the states' rights issue again was the dominating note in the whole discussion on the floor and its earnest consultations. 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