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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain west portion, unsettled with local snows and rains over east portion tonight and Tuesday. Warmer tonight.

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NORMAL DORM MAY BE BUILT TO AID STATE

Local Men Consider Plan of Financing \$150,000 Structure Here

SIMILAR PROJECTS POPULAR OVER U. S.

Several Educational Institutions Have Been Constructed, Paying Own Indebtedness.

At a preliminary meeting of a number of local business men the subject of independent financing of a normal school dormitory on a basis of \$150,000 was discussed and will be gone into thoroughly.

Because of the necessity of curtailment of capital outlay because of Oregon's financial condition now and probably for several years, the idea is to build a dormitory without expense to the state that will by its own earning power pay for itself and become a unit of the new normal school in La Grande.

Plan Popular One

This plan of providing housing for accommodation of students is increasingly popular throughout the country and has been undertaken with success in the midwest and some places on the coast for a number of years. Just recently a normal school dormitory was built at Ellensburg, Wash., as part of the Washington institution and was financed without any state support and will pay out and become state property within 20 to 25 years.

This plan calls for the honoring of the assets of the building and the site and pledging of certain portions of the annual revenue to retire the indebtedness.

To Be Investigated.

This matter will be gone into more thoroughly in the future as the need becomes more imminent and it is quite possible that such a dormitory project will be successfully undertaken here if suitable arrangements can be made with the board of normal school regents in reference to site and other considerations.

With the operation of a plan of this character, local men contend that the housing problem will not be a source of worry to the state and the only capital outlay that would be required in the future would be for actual school buildings to meet the normal growth of the institution.

BALLOTS OUT FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The ballots for the nomination of directors of the Union county chamber of commerce were sent out from the chamber of commerce offices Saturday. The ballots are to be marked and either mailed or brought to the chamber of commerce office before 5 o'clock Saturday evening, Feb. 5.

Dr. H. S. Brown, Oscar Warner and Earl Russell are members of the committee on election. Four members of the chamber of commerce are in Portland this week, where they are attending the annual meeting of the Oregon chamber of commerce, as representatives from the local organization, being held there today.

They are Elmer Stoddard, Charles Reynolds, George Huntington Curry and Earl C. Reynolds.

2 Places Entered By Robbers Here

Two business places were entered last night and some contents and a small amount of cash stolen, the police report today. The Van Totten Lumber company and a grocery nearby were both broken into. Police Chief Clint Haynes believes the robberies the work of boys.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING

It's not yet time for spring housecleaning—but you are getting ready for it with plans for changing things about, getting new things, getting rid of old things.

Check over the things in the attic or storeroom or woodshed—check over the things you'd like to discard if you could do so to a reasonable advantage. Then write a Want Ad for The Observer and have it inserted several days. Someone wants the things you don't want. You can find them—and their cost is extremely small—10c a line for the first insertion, 7c a line for each insertion thereafter.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Tigers Scratch Bulldog Teams Into Submission

La Grande Takes Double-header in Baker, Keeping String of Victories Unbroken.

Two decisive jolts were administered to Baker high Saturday evening at Baker when the La Grande girls smothered the Baker girls under an avalanche of baskets, winning 37-10, and the local boys' quintet makes the long-time invincibles of the mining town 23-13.

While the first game was too jolpid to keep up the crowd to a state of frenzy, the second one did, for in the boys' game were all the ingredients of joy intoxication.

Winning two games at Baker in one night sent the conquerors and their 125 supporters singing merrily homeward in the late hours of the night. La Grande now anyone else for that matter, often drinks the cup of victory after a game with the Bulldogs. This was the first taste of real bitterness the Baker fans have had to swallow at home in several seasons.

Many La Grande Fans

The Baker management very courteously set aside a rooting section for La Grande to accommodate 100, but this quickly overflowed and standing space was at a premium when the girls took the floor.

Captain Lena Campbell was suffering from the effects of ear sickness encountered en route to Baker and for a time had the fans nervous but gamely took her play after vigorous treatments at the hotel. And thereby hangs a tale. Mildred Courtney in many games past has played the role of "feeder" to Lena but Saturday night she took the firing line—and wrote her name indelibly in the scrolls of La Grande high's great. She tossed them on the run with the zip and flash of a Tubby Zundel. Distances and angles didn't mean anything to Mildred. Just to prove ear sickness is a small matter after all, Lena herself heaved some hard shots before she retired late in the game in favor of Hazel Graeg.

Tigresses Shine

Preeminently superior in all departments, the locals had a chance to parade their stuff. Betty Cochran in her first year of play as jumping center, kept up the fine stride she set in her first game and with that veteran of many battles, Ann Spence, with her side center in her usual aggressively finished style, this couple made a tough barrier to the Baker offenses.

At the guard positions, two other veterans gave the fans of two cities something to talk about. Marjorie Reynolds and Lois Nelson have teamed it off together so many times that their play has become a habit. They allowed three baskets between them—their checking was a feature and their teamwork was. This is the ninth successive victory for the girls. The Baker sextet was a game lot, but were dizzied early and never had a chance. Their coach pronounced the victors the best team she had ever seen.

Boys' Contest a Thriller

Then came the boys' contest. Eldon Hanks hit the bulls' eye five seconds after the start, but Baker soon dropped a long one, and then finished. They allowed three baskets between them—their checking was a feature and their teamwork was. This is the ninth successive victory for the girls. The Baker sextet was a game lot, but were dizzied early and never had a chance. Their coach pronounced the victors the best team she had ever seen.

Allow Baker Two Forwards

The guards improved too, and by a solid half, Hanks and Berry

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National Guard Company Praised

A letter has been received by Captain G. L. Dutton from Brigadier General George A. White complimenting the local national guard company on the consistent drill attendance during 1926. The letter reads: "I am very much pleased with the consistent drill attendance of your command during the year 1926, your percentage for the year being 79.7. A place in class A is most commendable and I want to congratulate you and the members of your command upon this splendid showing in the regular drill attendance. Sincerely yours, George A. White, Brigadier General, commanding."

WILL START HOTEL WORK ON MARCH 1

W. C. Becktell, Portland, to Erect Building at Fourth, Adams

ESTIMATES COST AT ABOUT \$250,000

Hostelry to Contain 100 rooms, Pretentious Diningroom, Cosy Clubroom and Big Lobby.

Construction on La Grande's new \$250,000 hotel, to be located at the corner of Fourth and Adams diagonally across from the federal building, will begin about the first of March. L. S. Weeks announced today. Weeks is local representative of W. C. Becktell, of Portland, who is building the hostelry.

Becktell is a prominent Portland realtor and apartment-house operator. His announcement of the cost of the structure includes furniture. Plans call for the completion of the building by July 1. Blueprints are now being completed by Ernest Kroner, Portland architect. Concrete and Brick

The hotel will have 100 rooms above the first floor, all of which will be modernly equipped. The main part of the structure will be six stories high. The building will be constructed of concrete and will have a facing of brick.

W. O. Klinger, of Roseburg, is leasing the hotel part.

One of the outstanding features is to be the lobby, which will be on the ground floor and will be 40 feet by 60 feet.

The hotel rooms will be heated with steam and access to the rooms will be facilitated through use of elevators.

On the ground floor of the building will be five store rooms.

A pretentious diningroom will be one of the features and another will be a cosy clubroom.

The hotel will replace the old station and the Grandy home, the latter one of the few remaining landmarks dating back to pioneer days.

BISHOP'S CRUSADE LURES HUNDREDS

Attendance at Episcopal Church Yesterday Largest in Many Years

Yesterday was the last day of the Bishop's Crusade at St. Peter's Episcopal church here and the Sunday meetings found a larger attendance than during the other two days. Hundreds heard the crusader. The meetings started Friday morning with the Rev. C. A. Kopp, of Kalispel, Mont., crusader, in charge.

Holy eucharist at eight o'clock was followed by church school at 9:45 and at 11 o'clock Mr. Kopp delivered a sermon on the "Seven Sacraments."

Speaks at Cove

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Kopp went to Cove, where he conducted a meeting at the Ascension Episcopal church last night. Today he is meeting with the congregation of St. John's Episcopal church at Union.

He will be at Ontario Wednesday and will visit other towns in this section before returning here next Sunday, when he will speak at both the morning and evening services at St. Peter's church.

Last night the Rev. Oliver Riley gave a sermon on "The Saints' Upheld Hands". In addition to the sermon there was a special musical program of which Mrs. George S. Hranic had charge. There

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POPULATION OF AMERICA 118 MILLIONS

Increase Since 1920 Federal Census Amounts to 12,917,380

THREE NORTHWEST STATES PROGRESS

Oregon Jumps from 783,389 in 1920 to 890,000, According to Government Figures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP).—Computations by the government's census experts indicate that the population of continental United States on July 1, 1927, will be 118,528,000.

That is an increase of 1,492,000 over the estimates for July 1, 1926 and an increase of 12,917,380 over the figure for Jan. 1, 1920, when the last actual census was taken.

The new estimate, announced today by the census bureau, is based, among other things, on available data regarding births, deaths, immigration and emigration. Estimates for each of the states were made by distributing the total estimated increase in the same proportions as the actual increase between the two censuses of 1910 and 1920 and 1926.

Those states which showed a decrease between 1910 and 1920, or between 1920 and 1926, however, were not credited with having made any increase since. No figures were announced for geographical divisions smaller than states.

The bureau's comparative table of the 1920 census and the 1926 and 1927 estimates applying to the Pacific northwest follows:

Northwest Figures Oregon: 1920 census—783,389; 1926 estimate—877,000; 1927 estimate—890,000.

Idaho: 1920 census—431,862; 1926 estimate—523,000; 1927 estimate—524,000.

Washington: 1920 census—1,356,621; 1926 estimate—1,538,000; 1927 estimate—1,562,000.

The estimated population in 1927 for the three states is 2,356,000 compared with 2,561,376 in 1920, an increase of 414,124. Oregon's increase was 106,611 or approximately 14 per cent.

Rotarians Hear The Rev. C. Kopp, of Kalispel, Mont.

Rotarians listened to three short talks today at the regular weekly luncheon meeting at the Foley grill, before adjourning to the Arcade theater where they viewed a business film shown through the courtesy of Meyers and Bowen, proprietors.

The Rev. C. A. Kopp, of Kalispel, Mont., here conducting the Bishop's Crusade in the Episcopal church; the Rev. W. M. Bradner, of Cove, rector of the Episcopal church there; and Envoy Barker, of the local Salvation Army, spoke briefly. Mr. Barker told of the work of the Red Shield Boys' club.

C. D. Putman was introduced as a new member.

35 Moros Killed By Constabulary

MANILA, Jan. 31 (AP).—Thirty-five Moros were killed and an undetermined number injured at dawn today by Philippine constabulary under Colonel Luther B. Stevens, on the island of Jolo.

Attempts to end the Moro uprising peacefully have failed, the constabulary attacked Datu Tahir fortress with tear gas and rifles. The fighting was continued for several hours, says a dispatch to the Manila Daily Bulletin from Zamboanga.

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2,500 Persons View Giant Locomotive Displayed By Union Pacific System in La Grande Sunday

Approximately 2,500 persons view the Union Pacific's new type locomotive yesterday when it was displayed in front of the passenger depot here between 11 o'clock in the morning and one o'clock in the afternoon, railway officials report.

The locomotive is the largest non-articulated engine in the world and is capable of hauling extra tonnage over mountain grades at high speeds.

The 2-10-2 type of locomotive, have been the principal source of motive power for freight service since 1917, and the mallet engines have been used almost entirely on the mountain maximum grade districts. But, because the mallet locomotive is an inherently low speed engine, it was considered advisable to construct a locomotive having the speed characteristics of the 2-10-2 type, combined with the greater pulling power of the mallet locomotives.

The 4-12-2 engine, number 9669, to be known as the Union Pacific type—being the result, it is said by railway officials.

E. A. Leavitt, master mechanic, explained the working parts of the engine to those who called to see it yesterday in a very capable manner.

The engine is one the road today between here and Huntington and will be in at about five o'clock this evening. It will be here for about a week longer, when it will be sent to the Los Angeles-Salt Lake line for a try out there.

"PEACHES" TELLING HER STORY TO COURT



PEACHES' DIARY NOT ADMITTED

Justice Seeger Refuses to Hear of Actions of Several "Boy Friends"

COURTHOUSE, White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 31 (AP).—The diary kept by Mrs. Frances (Peaches) Heenan Browning, prior to her marriage, was ruled out as evidence today by Supreme Court Justice Seeger.

The diary was said by Browning's attorneys to have contained the names of several "boy friends" of the young wife before the marriage. They were to be used as character witnesses. It was promised, should the diary have been permitted as evidence.

Letters Ruled Out Three letters identified Wednesday by Mrs. Browning as having been written to girl friends, also were ruled out by Justice Seeger.

"I don't think it will help me very much," he said, "to go into the lives of a number of those persons before their marriage. I think I can decide this case on the basis of actions during the marriage."

The letter, counsel for Browning told the court, referred to "a poker party" attended, he said, by the young woman before she became the real estate man's wife.

Justice Compromise The justice later modified his order slightly to allow some of the evidence regarding Mrs. Browning's pre-marital life to be introduced in order that it "might be on the record" and "as there is no jury to be influenced," Justice Seeger said that he would halt the testimony when he thought it had gone far enough.

Browning opened his rebuttal today of his wife's charges. The court ruling, however, kept much of the expected sensation out of today's hearing.

Thousand in Room Thousands who had crowded into the courtroom expecting to hear the trial's most outspoken testimony, stood up in the halls or jammed the courtroom to listen to

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Market Slow For Northwest Apples

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP).—Although American apple supplies in British and other European markets are taken as a whole are tight, they run heavily to Pacific northwest boxed stock. The result is that barreled supplies are firm and active while northwest box varieties are slow with prices barely holding.

The British market for American apples during the past week showed an active demand and higher prices, for barreled fruit and a slow inactive demand for boxed stock, according to cabled quotations to the bureau of agriculture by Edwin Smith, the department's fruit specialist in Europe.

Chance Figures In Discovery of 'Spark of Life'

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 31 (AP).—Chance, which the man in the street regards as more at home in a gambling hall than in the scientist's laboratory, was a factor in the discovery of ocyetin, the strange substance with which University of California biochemists can start the vital processes in the eggs of sea urchins.

Dr. Jacques Loeb, the late biochemist of national reputation, made the original discovery some time before 1909. He was hunting for a specific catalytic agent which starts the development process from the life cell. The university's official announcement says that, casting about for materials which might further exploration in this unknown field, "chance" led to a blood test, and using the eggs of the sea urchin, he met with success.

With the one contribution the fickle goddess of chance failed to disappear from the stage. In her place came patient work to perfect the new and startling process.

Dr. T. B. Robertson, formerly head of the department of biochemistry at California and at present at the University of Adelaide, Australia, took up the work where Dr. Loeb left off. His successors, Doctors Guy W. Clark and Paul W. Sharp, continued the experiments.

Ocyetin is found in the blood of all animals, the scientists reported, but the highest percentage seems to be present in the blood of fowls. When it is reduced to a relatively pure state it is a grayish white powder. It requires 10 gallons of blood to produce .2 to .7 of a gram of ocyetin.

The eggs to be fertilized are removed from the animals and placed in a beaker or bowl, and a small amount of ocyetin dissolved in sea water is added. The ocyetin acts as a "spark or trigger" to start the life process, and the formation of membrane takes place in from 20 minutes to several hours. The scientists explain that the time varies according to the concentration and the amount of ocyetin used.

Modes for Men on View in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP).—Modes for men, some of them ahead of the minute, were on display here today at a style show which is a feature of the annual convention of the Pacific Coast Merchant Tailors' association.

A semi-formal outfit for men, with a gray tuxedo coat, silk knee breeches with buckles at the knees, and gray hose to match the coat, was one of the new things shown.

A full dress coat, made for Sir Walter Scott in 1789, and now the property of a descendant of the famous novelist, resident in Canada, was another curiosity on display.

The board of directors of the coast association held a meeting today. The convention formally opens tomorrow morning. Tailors from seven western states and British Columbia are here for the meeting.

Dr. W. T. Phy Again On Health Board

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP).—Governor Patterson today announced the reappointment of Dr. W. B. Morse, of Salem, Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, and Dr. C. M. Harlow, of Portland, as members of the state board of health. Dr. Morse at a recent meeting of the board was elected president. The other members of the board are: Dr. J. H. Rosenburg, of Prineville; Dr. J. M. Smith, of Portland; Dr. J. E. Pickett, of Medford; and Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, of Portland, the latter being secretary of the board and state health officer. The appointments are for four years.

WAR WITHIN TWO YEARS IS PREDICTION

Thinks a Conflict with Mexico Inevitable as Things Stand

MONTANA SENATOR SCORES COOLIDGE

Says U. S. Is Pursuing the "Meanest Kind of Imperialistic Policy" to the South.

PUERTO CABAZAS, Nicaragua, Jan. 31 (AP).—Dr. Juan Sacasa, head of the liberal government here in a statement to The Associated Press today declared that if the United States makes a demand "suspend hostilities against the liberals" the time would come when the marines would "have to open fire against the liberals and kill hundreds of Nicaraguan citizens to support Diaz, as in 1913."

General Diaz leads the conservative government at Managua, which has been recognized by the United States.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP).—War with Mexico "within two years" is predicted by United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, Montana, unless policies of the present administration are changed. Senator Wheeler believes the situation in Central America is made more difficult by the temperament of Secretary of State Kellogg, who "sees a Bolshevik under every sage brush between Washington and Mexico City."

General criticism of American policy in Central America was voiced by the senator in an address under the auspices of the non-interventionist citizens committee here yesterday.

"We are hell-bent on the meanest kind of imperialistic policy," he asserted.

"I predict, if the policy of this administration is pursued, there will be a war in two years," he declared.

"I predict, unless public sentiment is aroused, that when congress is adjourned, Secretary Kellogg will withdraw recognition from Mexico. The arms embargo will be lifted. There will be revolution. Marines will be sent in to protect oil property. Somebody will get shot—there will be an overt act. Then we will be at war with Mexico, and maybe with all Central and South America."

Senator Wheeler described the Nicaraguan conservative President Adolfo Diaz, as the "hand-picked yes-man" of the state department, and said the Nicaraguan government was "a petty-planned to power by the bayonets of the United States marines."

It is "impossible to stand behind President Coolidge in the crisis unless one had St. Vitus dance," he added.

The excuse of "protection of life and property" for United States action in Nicaragua as explained by President Coolidge is only "the classic mask worn by dollar diplomacy," he charged.

"It seems to me our duty is clear," he concluded. "I think the time has come to assert ourselves, and I, for one, am no longer going to sit silent while the interests and honor of this country are being compromised and the country's material interests jeopardized by ruthless international bankers and their bureaucratic puppets in the state department."

A separation suit brought by the count was continued in court here several weeks ago.

Countess Palm and her mother are now in Europe.

Legal Agreement. Rogers and the count have entered into a legal agreement in settlement of the case. Among the conditions are that none of the parties shall talk to newspapers, that Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will not interfere in the domestic life of the count and his wife, that the count shall become an American citizen, and that he shall prove that he is financially independent.

LAMB CROP TO BE LESS THAN NORMAL, REPORT

PENDELTON, Jan. 31 (AP).—The 1927 Oregon lamb crop will be 20 per cent under normal, according to Hugh Sprunt, executive secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association. This, however, does not affect the northeastern section of the state because due to good ranges this section will have a normal crop. The wool clip for 1927 will also be good in this section, but drought conditions in other sections have hampered a good clip. Prices look good a strong year and there seems a strong market. Many wool buyers are now in the field contracting for the coming crop.

Regarding the increased grazing fee decided on by secretary Jardine, Mr. Sprout declared that he thought it would work out all right in conference with sheep men and forest officials.

Rock Slide On Highway Cleared

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP).—A rock slide which partially tied up traffic on the Columbia River highway near Onenota tunnel, half a mile east of Multnomah falls was cleared this morning. The freeze and storm of last week which caused slides on various highways in this district, is supposed to have been responsible.