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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and
Wednesday. Normal temperature.
Moderate easterly winds on the
coast.

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BRIGHT YEAR
EXPECTED IN
NORTHWESTBusiness Digest Finds the
Prospects for 1927 of
Optimistic NatureFORECASTS GOOD
CROP IN VALLEYLa Grande Lumbermen
Look Forward to Pro-
ductive Year—Cattle-
men's Progress Slow.General conditions in the Pa-
cific Northwest during 1926 were
fairly good, and the prospects for
1927 baring the lumber industry,
appear to be likewise good, accord-
ing to a business digest prepared by
the United States National bank of
Portland.However, La Grande lumbermen
are of the opinion that the lum-
bering industry will be good during
1927, which indicates a rosy year in
every line."Heavy building was general
throughout the northwest during
the past year, a number of cities
and towns breaking their own rec-
ords with appropriate increase,"
the digest declared."Bank clearings in the principal
northwestern cities likewise in-
dicate a record volume of business."
"Postal receipts, another accept-
ed barometer of conditions, re-
corded very satisfactory increases
over all the northwest."Crops Fair
"Crops were generally fair, al-
though prices were complained of
in several lines, notably for prunes,
pears and apples. Sheep men fared
well but cattle men still have rea-
son to complain. Despite spotty
conditions in these agricultural
lines, it may be said that consid-
erable gains were made in the agri-
cultural districts during the year,
at least insofar as debt liquidation
is concerned.""All business in this section is
very much dependent upon the
lumber industry. During the past
year, an impressive record of pro-
duction was established. This was
reflected in full employment of la-
bor.""Banks have ample funds for all
legitimate purposes."
"There is considerable moisture
in the agricultural districts, and
prospects for the year seem reason-
ably favorable."La Grande in Good Shape.
The digest, in turning to Eastern
Oregon, secured interviews from
local bankers, which are quoted
as follows:La Grande—T. J. Serogin, vice
president, The United States Na-
tional bank:"Business conditions in this sec-
tion at this time of year are just
about as normal. Our merchants
have enjoyed a good Christmas
trade; our lumbering plants are
(Continued on Page Five)COVE GRANGE
TALKS POULTRY;
AVERY SPEAKSA program devoted to poultry
was given Saturday when Mr. Fannie
grange met at the hall near
Cove. Mr. L. Carter gave an origi-
nal poem on the subject and the
grange, under the direction of Mrs.
Lydia M. Lantz, presented an il-
lustrated lecture on the various
kinds of poultry. Several boys
and girls, dressed like the differ-
ent kinds of poultry, served as il-
lustrations.H. G. Avery, county agricultur-
ist, was present and gave a talk
about poultry, telling of the Cuck-
oo County Cooperative Poultry as-
sociation and the work it is doing.
Mr. Fannie grange plans to take
in nine new members in the near
future, some of them probably to
be initiated at the next meeting.WANT
PLACES
TO LIVEThe Observer office is con-
stantly the scene of inquiries for
homes, apartments, and rooms
that can be rented. Old resi-
dents have to move or want to
move; new residents are coming
in.If you have something to rent,
the quickest, easiest and surest
way to find a desirable place is
a Want Ad in The Observer's
classified columns. They reach
over 1700 families in La Grande
each evening and a total of 3000
families in this territory. The
cost is moderate—yet the con-
tract is assured. No matter what
you wish to buy, sell, rent, or
get, a Want Ad will do the job
at small cost. Only 10c a line
for the first insertion, 7c a line
for each additional insertion.
Count five words to the line
and phone Main 37. Get action
today!"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Chamber of Commerce Hears Tribute
To Abraham Lincoln by G. T. CochranA fitting tribute to Abraham
Lincoln, whom he termed as "the
greatest man of the ages" and "the
one great man produced on this
continent," was given by George T.
Cochran, attorney, at the chamber
of commerce forum, luncheon at
the Sommer grill today at noon.Lincoln, the speaker pointed out,
has been chosen as one of the six
greatest men the world has given
birth to, others including Jesus
Christ, at the top of the list, Ari-
stotle, Sir Roger Bacon and others
who have been the instigators of
movements that resulted in ad-
vancement of humanity.Second to Jesus Christ
In point of greatness, it is in-
teresting to note that none of the
six, excepting Jesus, has been
written about as much as Lincoln.
Cochran went into Lincoln's per-
sonality, described his fight for
education and his ultimate success,
told of his power to sway his au-
dience—even unto causing a re-
porter to forget to take notes
of his political success, of his free-
ing the black men from the yoke
of slavery and of his other accom-
plishments.At the conclusion of his speech,
vigorous applause signified the ap-
proval of the chamber.The Rev. Hall Kellogg Wallis
spoke briefly, praising the holding
up of ideals of such men as Lin-
coln, Washington and others.Committee reports took up con-
siderable time during the progress
of the luncheon.Dr. H. S. Brownston told of the
result of the nominating election
to determine candidates for the
directorate and said that ballots
for the final election would prob-
ably be in the mails Saturday.W. C. Perkins, on behalf of the
Old Oregon Trail association, an-
nounced the coming annual meet-
ing and spoke briefly of the asso-
ciation's plans. He said that dele-
gates would be here from Ontario
west.Dr. Ray Murphy urged members
who have not yet sent in sugges-
tions to do so immediately.Larson Reports
G. L. Larson reported on the
good roads committee meeting yester-
day at Union with the executive
committee of the Union commer-
cial club in reference to building
a Medical Springs road and a high-
way over the Blue Mountains from
the area around Summerville and
Elgin.Circuit Judge C. H. McCulloch,
occupying the bench here this
week, was introduced by Circuit
Judge J. W. Knowles, and spoke
briefly.The meeting was opened by Dr.
W. T. Phy chairman, who called
upon the Rev. George Albert Pol-
lard to return thanks.W. W. Nussbaum led in patriotic
singing before adjournment.The annual meeting of the Old
Oregon Trail association has been
set for Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 11
o'clock in the city hall here. No-
tices were sent out yesterday, em-
bracing all of the territory along
the Old Oregon Trail between Poca-
tello, Ida, and Seaside, Ore.At this meeting a board of di-
rectors will be elected and the pol-
icy of work of the association will
be outlined. The meeting was
called after a careful survey of the
different territories as to whether
or not they were ready to go ahead
with the Oregon Trail association,
and a keener desire than ever to
continue was found.May Change Financing
The method of financing the or-
ganization will in all probability be
changed, although no plans have
yet been announced by officials.
The general scheme of work will
probably be changed some also,
and revamped without getting
away from the sentimental side of
(Continued on Page Five)Expect to Serve
200 At Oregon's
Birthday DinnerWhen La Grande people gather
in the M. E. church dining room
the evening of Feb. 14, to observe
Oregon's admission day, a delega-
tion of Wallawalla will also be in
attendance, it was announced to-
day.The group from Wallawalla will
be under the direction of Jim More-
lock, president of the Wallawalla
County Pioneer association and he
will respond on behalf of the pio-
neers of both counties following an
address of welcome by Dr. W. T.
Phy.The Sons and Daughters of Uni-
on County Pioneers, who are
sponsoring the celebration, are pre-
paring to serve approximately 200
at the chicken dinner and the mem-
bers announce that, although pio-
neers will be especially honored at
the gathering, everyone is invited
to attend. A small plate charge
will be made.A feature of the event will be
pioneer costume.Hooverized Grocery
Closes Its DoorsThe Hooverized Grocery, owned
by Sam Harris and located in the
Curry building, has been closed
and work will begin in a few days
remodeling and repairing the
rooms. Instead of the one large
room used by the grocery store a
partition will be put in making two
store rooms. A new entrance will
be made for the grocery farthest east
on Adams avenue, next to the Cool-
idge paint shop.The Grande Ronde Meat com-
pany's market will continue to op-
erate in the building and, according
to present plans, Stone's grocery
store will occupy the room next to
the market, although definite ar-
rangements have not yet been com-
pleted.GRANT REQUISITION
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 8.
(AP)—Governor Young has grant-
ed a requisition for Cecil M. Jen-
nings, sought by Medford, Ore.,
police for assault and robbery. Jen-
nings is under arrest in Long
Beach, Cal.BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT
DRAWS NEARBiggest Sporting Event
of Season to Be at
Union Feb. 24-26EIGHT TEAMS TO
FIGHT FOR TITLELa Grande, Baker, Union,
Joseph and Wallawa
Expected to Participate
—Others Uncertain.With only two week ends of
scheduled games remaining, the
biggest sporting event of the late
winter-spring season is draw-
ing near. On Feb. 24, 25 and 26
eight basketball teams from Uni-
on, Baker, Malheur, Harney, Wal-
lowa and Grant counties, will
gather at Union for the annual
championship tournament, to de-
cide the 1927 district title holder
and what team shall represent this
part of Oregon in the state tour-
nament in Salem early in March.La Grande has four more games
scheduled. Friday night the Buck-
er boys and girls come here and
Saturday La Grande boys go to
Union. The following Friday La
Grande goes to Pendleton and on
Saturday, Feb. 19, winds up the
pre-tournament season with a dou-
ble-header here. Wallawa will play
the Tigers and the Union and La
Grande girls will meet in what
promises to decide the girls' cham-
pionship of Eastern Oregon.Board of Three in Charge
The Union tournament this year
is in charge of the district board,
consisting of Sup't. H. M. Brown,
Baker; Sup't. H. M. Dur-
Boise, of Joseph, and Prin. E. D.
Towler, of La Grande, chairman.The eight teams will be selected
as follows:Three teams will be entered
from subdistrict 1, which consists
of Wallawa county and Union
county, exception from the latter
Union and North Powder. In all
probability, sport fans contend, La
Grande, Joseph and Wallawa will
be entered from this district.Subdistrict 2 consists of Union
and the Union high school team
will be entered.The fifth and sixth teams will
come from subdistrict 3, consist-
ing of Baker county, including
North Powder. Baker seems sure
to enter and North Powder or
Haines will probably be the other
team.Either Vale or Nyssa
One team will be selected from
Grant county, subdistrict 4, and
little has been heard as to what
team is leading in the race there.Subdistrict 5 consists of Harney
and Malheur counties and the
eighth team will come from there.
The choice seems to be between
Vale and Nyssa. Vale recently de-
feated Crane, Harney champions,
and if she can defeat Nyssa, will
be the leading team in the sub-
district.Double Elimination
As in the last two years, the
double elimination plan will be
used. The tournament will be
conducted under rules laid down
by the Oregon High School Ath-
letic association and all winning
teams in subdistricts must be re-
ported to the board not later than
Monday noon, Feb. 21. Each sub-
district is permitted to choose its
winners in its own way. Some are
using percentage systems and oth-
ers are considering the teams more
on the basis of late showings.Playing Begins Thursday
The actual playing will begin
Thursday, Feb. 24, at 3:30 p. m.
At 4:30 the second game will be
played and two games are sched-
uled for the evening, at 7:30 and
8:30 o'clock, respectively.Friday afternoon four more
games will be played, starting at
1, 2, 3 and 4 o'clock. After these
first eight games two teams will
have been eliminated from further
play.

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Christian Rally
To Be ThursdayThere will be an all-day rally
of the Christian church here
Thursday, Feb. 10, when C. E.
Swanson, state secretary of the
Christian church, and another
member of the state board will be
in La Grande.The rally is being held in the
interest of state missions and will
begin in the morning at 10:30
o'clock with devotional services.
At 10:50 there will be a talk on
"The County Fellowship" at 11:30
"Three Reasons for State Mis-
sions" and at 11:50 announce-
ments will be made.The meeting will adjourn at 12
o'clock for lunch and will begin
again at 2 o'clock with a devo-
tional, followed by a survey of
the county and talks on "The Real
of the State," "The Present Year's
Program," "If All Disciples
Tithed," "The State Mission Bul-
letin" and "The Diamond Jubilee."
At 4:10 there will be a call to
prayer and at 4:30 the afternoon
session will adjourn.The evening program will begin
at 7:30 o'clock, when there
will be an address, entitled "The
Consecrated Life." This will be
followed by a call to service, af-
ter which the meeting will close.

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Opening Night of Legion Musical
Comedy Less Than a Week DistantWith the opening night of the
American Legion play, "Oh You
Mary Jane," less than a week
away, the cast of characters, in-
cluding some of the best local
talent to be had, is meeting for re-
hearsal every night and will be
ready for the opening curtain Mon-
day night, Feb. 14, at the Arcade
theater. The play will be repeat-
ed the following night, Feb. 15.The play centers around the
brokerage and real estate firm of
Hop, Skipp and Jump, Leslie Hale
taking the part of Hiram Hoppi;
Leal Russell, Silas Skipp, and El-
wood Williams, Johnny Jump,
Dick Jolykins is the farmer, who
has his farm listed for sale with
the firm; Tom Russell is Arnold
McLean, the banker; Douglas
Klein, is Dash the reporter; Nor-
man Desdell is Hank Tums, the
tramp and Tom Bruce takes the
part of Sniffles, the messenger
boy.Miss Lucille Black is Miss Ange-
lina Lofly, a wealthy woman, who
is anxious to invest some money,
preferably in a farm. Mrs. Bl-
wood Williams takes the part of
Miss Farrington, of English nobility,
and later Mrs. Hopp. Annetta
Johnson is Mrs. Skipp and Mrs.
Holmes Williamson is Mrs. Duffy,
the Irish woman. Miss Ruth
Hiramwell is Miss Beatrice Clay,
stenographer for the firm of Hop,
Skipp and Jump and Miss Edna
Belle Kitchen takes the part of
Nellie James.Assisting the cast in the three-
act musical comedy is a chorus
of 20 girls. They are Lola Ayres,
Glad Ashby, Trillian Ashby, Ella
Annex, Leah Bramwell, Margaret
Baker, Evelyn Cullen, Elvora
Finex, Edna Gekeler, Mrs. Leslie
Hale, Bernita Kochensperger, Mar-
va Lyman, Mildred Mulholland,
Ruth Owsley, Elizabeth Dayton,
Lillian Sims, Mildred Smith, Ver-
da Rae Smith, Louise Salisbury
and Bernice Wilson.Lester Hiatt is charged with pos-
session of liquor, appeared in mu-
nicipal court yesterday and was
found guilty. Judge C. M. Huni-
phreys fined the defendant \$50.104 Boys, Girls
Attend Meeting
at Elgin, OregonState Club Leader and
County Agent Begin a
Series of Sessions with
Young People.The first of a series of boys' and
girls' club meetings to be held in
Union county this week, conducted
by Donald Allen, assistant state
club leader and assisted by H. G.
Avery, county agent, was held last
evening at Elgin with 104 per-
sons in attendance.Most of the audience was young
people from that section who are
interested in club work.Movies Shown
Four reels of motion pictures
were shown, the first being a
scenic reel of Niagara falls and
the other three demonstrating
club work in the state. While the
reels were being changed County
School Superintendent E. A. Sayre,
Avery and Mr. McCormick, super-
intendent of the Elgin school, all
talked.Tonight there will be a meeting
at Cove and tomorrow evening
one at Imbler. An afternoon
meeting has been arranged for
Thursday at the Island City school.Clubworkers in
County Are 10th
In Net ProfitsLane county leads the state for
completion of projects of boys' and
girls' clubwork with 34.6 per cent,
according to H. C. Seymore, state
club leader, in his annual report.
Portland runs a close second with
32.7 per cent.Union, Wasco and Yamhill
counties, with 141 members each,
tied for 17th place in the state in
number of members. In number
of clubs Union and Wasco coun-
ties, with 23 each, tied for 18th
place. In 100 per cent clubs Uni-
on, with five, was in 17th place
along with Crook, and Lincoln
counties.In profit to members, Union
county however, was in 10th place,
which is considered a remarkable
showing inasmuch as this was far
out of proportion to Union coun-
ty's ranking in number of mem-
bers, number of clubs and percent-
age. Union county's profits
amounted to \$1,921.13.The case of C. H. Finn vs. the
La Grande Warehouse company,
which started yesterday afternoon,
the first day of the February term
of circuit court, continued today
and will probably not be completed
until tomorrow.The case is a suit to recover
damages on apples stored at the
warehouse, and is the first of three
similar suits brought by Finn
against the La Grande Warehouse
company.George T. Cochran is assisting
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the warehouse company.Judge C. H. McCulloch, of Baker,
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Civil Case TodayThe case of C. H. Finn vs. the
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is presiding.L. Lantz to Head
Cherry GrowersL. Lantz was reelected president
and T. C. Hefty was reelected sec-
retary-treasurer of the Cove
Cherry Growers' association yester-
day when the annual meeting was
held at Cove, and a board of di-
rectors for the year 1927 were
chosen.The marketing of the 1927
cherry crop was discussed and
plans were outlined for the ship-
ping of the fruit.Club Will Enter
Telegraphic ShootThe Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot
club has sent its application to the
Portland Oregonian to enter the
1927 telegraphic trapshooting tour-
nament, which will begin Feb. 29.La Grande was in the tourna-
ment last year and finished the
year well up in the first division.
It is hoped to come nearer the
top this year and the club is ur-
ging every shooter to attend the
practice shoot to be held at Lone
Tree grounds next Sunday, Feb. 13.
A high will be the last opportunity
for practice.Last Sunday the ninetards were
handicapped by a strong wind.
Scores, out of 25 shots, follow:
Alvin Bennett, 24; J. B. Smith,
Tracy, Hollister, 23; William Rol-
lins, 20; H. K. O'Brien, 19. Sev-
eral 18 scores were also recorded.Lester Hiatt Is
Guilty; Fined \$50Lester Hiatt, charged with pos-
session of liquor, appeared in mu-
nicipal court yesterday and was
found guilty. Judge C. M. Huni-
phreys fined the defendant \$50.START MOVE
FOR HIGHWAY
TO MEDICAL
TO MEDICALLa Grande and Union
Groups Favor Route
Up CatherineBOND ISSUE PLAN
IS HELD SOLUTIONMeeting Also Favors a
Road over Blue Moun-
tains Toward Walla
Walla.Plans for building a road be-
tween Medical Springs and Union
in order to immediately connect
the Union county territory with
the town where the Grande Ronde
Lumber company will locate this
spring, evolved from a meeting of
the Union county chamber of com-
merce good roads committee and
the executive yesterday, presided
over by President Cook, of the lat-
ter organization.After County Judge U. G. Couch
reported that, because allotments
for market roads were totally in-
adequate, it would be impossible
to build a road for several years
unless some emergency funds be
provided.With this in mind, the meeting
went on record as favoring a bond
issue, to not only include the road
to Medical Springs, but also a road
over the Blue Mountains, shorten-
ing the distance to Walla Walla.Large Sum Unspent
It was brought out that more
than \$200,000 remained unspent
of a bond issue authorized some
years ago for the improvement of
Union county roads, and it was
suggested that this be cancelled
and that at a special election ask
the citizens to authorize issuing of
new bonds that would be appli-
cable to the two new roads pro-
posed.In this takes place, it means that
(Continued on Page 5)BASEBALL FANS
ARE OPTIMISTICPlans Made to Enter a
League During Summer
—Outlook Called RosyBaseball enthusiasts who attend-
ed a meeting at the Buick garage
last night declared today that La
Grande is assured of a first class
nine this year which will be en-
tered either in the Blue Mountain
league or in an Oregon-Idaho
league, dependent upon later de-
velopments.Harris French was unanimously
elected manager of the team last
night. Although he is now in Ar-
kansas on a visit he will be ten-
dered the managerhip upon his return.Finances have been discussed
and a definite program worked
out, fans say. Between 30 and
40 were in attendance at the
meeting.

SOCIETY FOLK TO EXPLORE ARCTIC

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of Downfall of
Moro ChieftainLove, Rebellion, Flight
and Capture Written
into Drama of Jolo Is-
land Affair.MANILA, Feb. 8. (AP)—The
American educated Princess Tar-
hata Dhrum was willing enough to
share her husband, Datu Tahil,
Moro rebel chief, with his other
three wives, but to allow a comely
Sulu girl to shower affection on
him—ah! No, No, No!That, in substance is the reason
for the downfall of Datu Tahil. No
say dispatches received here today
from Jolo island, scene of the re-
cent drama of love, rebellion, flight
and capture.It was related that as soon as it
became known to the Sultan of
Sulu that Tahil, one of his chiefs
was in rebellion against the Phil-
ippine government the sultan sent
his favorite niece, the princess, to
the scene of conflict to summon
Tahil to the royal palace for a con-
ference looking toward a peaceful
settlement of the difficulties which
caused the insurrection.That Was Too Much!
Princess Tarhata, arriving at the
fort where Tahil had dug in with
200 of his armed followers, found
him in the process of taking a bath.
That in itself was not so bad, but
the princess discovered that a
comely young woman was scrub-
bing his back.Being the fourth and favorite
wife of Tahil, the princess object-
ed. The royal lady, a graduate of
the University of Illinois, seized a
pail of the chieftain's bath water
and threw it into the face of the
(Continued on Page 5)Cantonese Army
Is Forced Back
From ShanghaiPEKING, Feb. 8. (AP)—Marshal
Chang Tso-lin, Manchurian dic-
tator and generalissimo of the
armies which are fighting the Can-
tonese, made a bid for the favor
of foreign powers today when on be-
half of the northern military forces
he issued a statement pledging pro-
tection of all foreign lives and
property in the realm of Peking
government.Opponent of measure held that
it would work an exceptional
hardship on stock owners in west-
ern counties. Representative Mc-
Phillips, Yamhill county, pointed
out that it would cost as much to
obtain a bill of sale as a calf
hide would bring.The house also killed Representa-
tive Scott's bill which would
have outlawed the game of "in-
dian sticks." Opponents of the
measure declared that the Indian
had been robbed of about every
right he ever possessed in tribal
days, and that Scott's measure
was a further insult.Guard Bill Passed
The house passed house bill 499,
introduced by military affairs com-
mittee, synchronizing the national
guard regulations of Oregon with
federal laws on the subject.A proposed constitutional amend-
ment, embodied in senate joint
resolution number five by Butler
and Dunne, providing for a lieuten-
ant governor, was killed in the
senate today.The senate today passed senate
bill 104, which provided that the
state highway commission take
over as part of the state highway
system the bridge across the Wil-
(Continued on Page Five)PARLIAMENT IS
OPENED; KING
IN BRIEF TALKLONDON, Feb. 8. (AP)—The
third session of the present British
parliament elected in 1924, was
opened in state by King George,
with time honored ceremony to-
day. Huge crowds lined the streets
to see the royal procession. Queen
Mary accompanied the King to
parliament for the ceremony.The king's speech opening the
season, actually a ministerial
statement was unusually brief and
was mainly devoted to the Chinese
problem.He explained that it has been
deemed necessary to send to China
an adequate force to protect Brit-
ish subjects, because of the hap-
penings at Hankow and other
places, but emphasized that it was
the desire of the British people to
"remove all grievances, to renew
our treaties on an equitable basis
and to place our future relations
with the Chinese people on a foot-
ing of friendship and good will."Vote Friday on
Farm Relief Bill