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FEBRUARY 22  
IS OBSERVED  
IN LA GRANDESchools Close for Half a  
Day—Courts, Banks  
Are Shut DownEAGLES' PROGRAM  
WILL BE TONIGHTWashington Club to Hon-  
or Anniversary of First  
President's Birthday at  
Meeting.

All La Grande is observing the birthday anniversary of George Washington today in one way or another. In the business district of the city American flags explain that there is some occasion for celebrating. Public buildings and offices are closed, including the city offices with the exception of the fire and police stations, the court house, the library, the post office and the banks, and this afternoon the school children are enjoying a half-holiday.

Programs in observance of Washington's birthday were given in the various schools this morning, each room of the Central school having a separate program of talks, dramatization, and recitations all about this great American hero. At Greenwood school a patriotic program along the same lines was given in the various school rooms.

Riley Speaks  
At Rivera school the upper class had a joint assembly, when the Rev. Oliver Riley spoke of George Washington, as a boy and a man. The program also consisted of patriotic recitations and songs. The lower grades of the school each had separate programs.

An assembly was held at Wil-low school and C. L. Eberhart spoke on the life of George Washington. Songs and recitations also made up a part of the program. At the Sacred Heart academy patriotic programs were given in each of the school rooms this morning and at noon the students were dismissed for the remainder of the day.

W. R. Davis, of Whitman college, spoke on George Washington at an assembly of the high school students held before noon.

Other programs in observance of the day are scheduled for this afternoon and evening, including a patriotic tea to be given by the Daughters of the American Revolution this afternoon, a Washington's birthday program to be presented by the La Grande Lodge of Eagles this evening and a special meeting of the Washington club of the Episcopal church.

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WARN DRIVERS  
SLOWING DOWN  
IS NOT ENOUGH

The police today are broadcasting a warning to motorists to come to a complete stop before entering Adams avenue, now designated as a through street. A number of drivers, they report, have been merely slowing down instead of stopping.

Stop signs are now in place on Spring and O avenues where they enter Fourth street from the west and signs will be placed on N and Pennsylvania avenues later.

A BLANK  
DISPLAY  
WINDOW

The merchant who has an empty, blank and uninteresting store window doesn't succeed in getting you to "window shop" in front of his place of business. If he puts in a neat, attractive, and interesting window display, you may notice the change and risk a glance. If he continues to have attractive windows, you get in the habit of looking in as you pass his store—others who notice the change and gradually a following is built up that is profitable to both merchant and passing customer.

The merchant's "window" display in the Observer is advertising message—is subject to the same reactions. If it is unattractive, uninteresting, "empty" of information or business news, you give it little more than a glance. But when it is interesting, inviting and very evidently written with your benefit in mind—then you watch for it. "Look in," regularly. Hundreds of others do likewise and a following for that merchant's ad is regularly created—profitable to him and his reading customers. His "window" display in The Observer is seen every day by many times as many people as can be reached any other way inexpensively.

"Observer Advertising—  
A Merchandising Service"La Grande Will  
Meet Wallowans  
In Opening GameTigers' Slip First Drawn  
by Tournament Com-  
mittee—Other Games  
Are Arranged.

La Grande high school, the only undefeated basketball team in six counties, is scheduled to play in the first game of the annual district championship, which begins at Union Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Wallowa high, the team that La Grande defeated last Saturday night 25 to 18, will oppose the Tigers in the first contest.

As a result, the Tigers will not play again until the following day, when, if they win, they will meet either Union or North Powder at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Union and North Powder play in the second game Thursday, which begins at 4:30 o'clock, and Joseph and Vale clash at 7:30 p. m.

The last game of the first round will begin at 8:30 with Baker playing Prairie City.

La Grande First Drawn  
La Grande's slip was the first drawn for play in last night's meeting at 8 o'clock.

It was also decided last night to have Glass Drugs as a publicity center in La Grande during the tournament.

The district athletic board has adopted a policy which will prevent any member attempting to settle or answer questions individually. No complimentary tickets are given and all such details are left in the hands of Roy Conklin, manager of the tournament. The La Grande high school will not have tickets for sale and the manager will also have charge of this. Admission will be by ticket only to all, even players. No reserved seats will be listed and business men's student body tickets will not be good.

UNION MAKES PLANS  
UNION, Ore., Feb. 22 (Special)

—Supt. Roy Conklin has about all the arrangements made here for the basketball tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Posters are out announcing the schedule which includes 14 games: Thursday afternoon at 3 and 4 in the evening at 7:30 and 8:30; Friday afternoon seven games at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and three in the evening at 7, 8, and 9. This will leave two games for Saturday afternoon at 2 and 3 and the final game at 8:30 Saturday evening. He is putting so many contests on Friday it will do away with the necessity of so much playing at the last of the tournament which is an undesirable arrangement.

Season tickets will be sold to adults for \$3.00 and to students for half price. Single admissions will be 50 cents for adults and 25 for children to all except the Saturday evening championship game when the prices will be 75 and 50 cents. Grade children will be admitted to the afternoon games at 15c. The local schools will close on Thursday in time for the games and will be closed all Friday, afternoon, in order that the children may all have an opportunity to attend the tournament. Changes in the seating of the gym will accommodate more people than there was seating room for last year. Supt. Conklin has a committee of teachers and students at work done to make for a successful meet this year.

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La Grande Booth  
Wins First Place  
at College Show

The La Grande booth entered in the O. A. C. chamber of commerce exhibit contest was given first place after long deliberation by judges, according to word received here. Freda Klopferstein was in charge of the booth and was assisted by Dallas Jacobson, Floyd Smith and Irene Lyman. Independence and Coos Bay were second and third place winners, respectively.

The third floor of the commerce building is devoted to the chamber of commerce display which includes booths representing Oregon cities. The exhibits were prepared by O. A. C. students representatives of each city. Expense of preparation was divided between the college chamber of commerce and the chamber of commerce of the cities represented. The Corvallis chamber paid for the booth frame while the cost of the actual display was taken care of by the city chamber.

Plaintiff Given  
\$700 By Jurors

The case of Crowland vs. Sloan, for recovery of money involved in a sheep deal, was ended yesterday when a circuit court jury returned a verdict of \$700 for the plaintiff. This is the exact sum for which he sued.

The court then took up the case of Foley vs. Mrs. Friewold, compelling testimony yesterday afternoon. As today is a non-judicial day, arguments will not begin until tomorrow morning.

A. MIDDLETON  
FILES SUIT  
AGAINST TWOCentral Railway of Ore-  
gon Again Involved  
in LitigationUNION, WOODBURY,  
CO. DEFENDANTSTemporary Injunction to  
Maintain Property In-  
tact Granted Pending  
Further Action.

Just when everyone was beginning to believe that the controversy over the Central Railway of Oregon had died down, with the purchase of a two and a half mile section of the road between Union Junction by the city of Union, and the remainder of the road by Union county at a sheriff's sale, after which the county's section was resold to the Ray Woodbury company, A. W. Middleton, who signs himself as vice-president of the company, returns from New England and has started suit.

The suit is against C. L. Cadwell, who bought the two and a half mile section for Union, and against the Ray Woodbury company. The proceedings are in the nature of a suit to quiet the title and compel the defendants to show that they have a good title through the purchase of the property at the sheriff's sale for taxes.

Secures Injunction  
Middleton has also applied for and has secured a temporary injunction on the property and has put up a \$1,000 surety bond.

Until this temporary injunction is set aside the purchasers cannot remove the rails or take possession of the railroad property.

Woodbury, who was here all last week returned to his home Saturday, expecting to return to La Grande the middle of this week.

HOUSE REJECTS  
EDUCATION BILLSenator Eddy's Measure  
to Change System in  
State Voted Down

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—The house this morning voted down a senate bill No. 2, introduced by Senator Eddy, calling for a reorganization of the state board of education and the changing of regulations governing courses of study in the schools of the state. Opponents of the measure pointed out that they had a great number of communications objecting to the law and none in its favor.

Representative Walter Fisher, Douglas county, was the principal speaker in favor of Senator Eddy's bill. Charging that Oregon's educational system, particularly as it applied to the institutions of higher learning, is honeycombed with political intrigue and rivalry and supported with inefficiency. Representative Hector MacPherson, of Linn county, this morning vainly sought to obtain passage of his bill, number 412, which would consolidate all educational affairs under state department of education.

Highway to Idaho  
Line Again Open

The state highway between here and the Idaho line is again reported open to travel after two or three days suspension of through traffic because of a wash out between Huntington and Ontario, which occurred before Saturday night.

Learning Trade  
In the Stockyards

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Out in the stockyards today the son of Thomas Wilson, in an old slouch hat, a sheep-lined jacket, greasy corduroy trousers and high lace boots, is learning the intricacies of the packers' trade.

Recently graduated from Princeton, Edward Foss, who has started at the bottom, much farther down than did his father, who now heads Wilson and company and has found it no easy task to guess how many porthouse steaks and chuck are to be found underneath the hides of the cows and calves he is punching around.

NORTH ALBANY INCUBATED

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—North Albany was inundated today by high water from the Willamette river. The river stage was 27 feet at 8 a. m., and it was expected to rise at least five feet more.

H. E. COOLIDGE  
NEW HEAD OF  
LOCAL CLUBChamber of Commerce  
Directors Elect Di-  
rectors for YearINSTALLATION TO  
BE AT BANQUETProfessor W. R. Davis, of  
Whitman College, Main  
Speaker at Today's  
Forum Luncheon.

H. E. Coolidge was last night elected as 1927 president of the Union county chamber of commerce, at a meeting of the newly named directors. Results of the vote were announced today at the regular Tuesday forum luncheon in the Sommer grill.

Coolidge will succeed Dr. W. T. Phy, installation to take place at the annual banquet Mar. 1, which will begin at 4:15 o'clock in the M. E. church basement with the Methodist women serving.

H. E. Brady was elected first vice president and Dr. Ray Murphy second vice president. J. T. Longfellow was elected treasurer and the directors unanimously elected Earl C. Reynolds as secretary for the coming year.

Professor Davis Speaks  
After the business session at today's luncheon, Professor W. R. Davis, head of the English department at Whitman college, spoke, using as his subject "The Spirit of Washington in a Building Age."

In an interesting manner, he told of Washington's efforts to secure a higher institution, centrally located, which would serve the youth of his generation, and then reviewed the progress of education since Washington's time.

Education's Growth  
When Washington lived there were three institutions of higher learning in existence in the United States compared with nearly 1,000 today and at present about one billion dollars is invested. Annual cost of elementary education in America runs about two billions and nearly 27,000,000 young people are secured.

Davis deplored the works of Rupert Hughes who sought to reveal Washington as a rum-drinker, etc., and recommended the reading of Washington's diaries to any who desire to become acquainted intimately with the life of the "Father of Our Country."

Hotel Contract  
To Be Let Later

According to announcement by L. S. Weeks today, W. C. Beckwith, Portland capitalist who plans to build \$250,000 six-story hotel here, has allowed contractors until about the first of March to enter bids on the work. The bids were to have opened today but the time extension was given because of the desire of contractors to have more time in which to prepare their bids.

Harney Citizens  
Back Up Herrick

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Harney county, Oregon, citizens feel Fred Herrick should be permitted to complete his contract with the forest service for development of timber lands there. Julian Byrd, newspaper publisher of Burns, today told the senate public lands committee which is hearing pleas for cancellation of the contract, Byrd said he did not know of the proposal before the Oregon legislature to memorialize congress to invest in the contract and after it had been approved. He said Ex W. Barnes who is appearing before the committee to urge cancellation of the contract "does not have the entire confidence of the municipality." Grover Jameson, mayor of Burns, also testified for Herrick and declared that Barnes had pursued obstructive tactics against Herrick.

High School Enrollment Now at 538;  
Sixty-Two Neither Tardy nor Absent

La Grande high school is now well above the half thousand mark, the latest figures of enrollment being 538. The local schools have been growing consistently during the last several years, both in reference to size and quality. This is the second year that the student body has passed the 500 mark.

Incidentally, 62 students in the high school were neither tardy nor absent during the first semester from September until mid-year. This is considered an excellent record by school men.

The first semester perfect attendance list follows:

Trillian Ashby, Lela Boston, Fred Bond, Gold Burnett, Melvin Carver, May Clay, David Coughenour, Norman Daniels, Lema Duckett, Ruth Durland, Alice Elder, Anita Erickson, Mona Gasset, Layton Graham.

## WASHINGTON'S ANNIVERSARY



Today, George Washington's birthday anniversary is being observed throughout America—throughout the world, in fact, where ever a person who owes allegiance to the United States resides. Above is a pen sketch of the first president.

National Guard  
Hoop Tournery Is  
Statewide Plan

Plans have been completed for a basketball tournament among the national guard companies of the state, which will begin as soon as teams can be organized. Captain G. L. Dutton, of the local guard company, announced today.

Several teams will be formed in each district and the winners from each district will meet—probably in Portland—where the finals will be played.

The Eastern Oregon battalion—the second battalion, 186th Infantry—has already started the work of organizing teams. Players for Company E, of La Grande, have not yet been picked, but probably will be this week.

The date for the first time has not yet been set.

Union Co. High  
Headquarters company, second battalion, 186th Infantry, of Union, ranked second among the smaller guard units in the state in drill attendance during the month of January, the attendance percentage being 99. The Springfield company was first among this group with 99 per cent.

The Eastern Oregon battalion, the 186th Infantry, was second in regimental standings for the month with 73.7 per cent. The 249th coast artillery was first with 83.1.

## INTRODUCES RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Washington's birthday anniversary was made the occasion today for the introduction by Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, of a resolution approving the first president's policy of retirement after two terms.

Bundee Gray, Donald Gray, Miriam Hanna, Sherman Harer, Thomas Hardesty, Dorothea Harrison, Ruth Harrison, Owen Hutchinson, Leona Jackson, Mildred Jayne, Lee Johnson, Blue Leslie, Edwin Kirby, Beretta Koehlsperger, Francis Lewis, Lorin Ledbetter, Durward Linton, Max McMillan, Kathryn Metcalf, Margaret Michelson, Stanley Miller, Jennie Nelson, Vernon Patten, Clair Perkins, Glen Perry, Beulah Prouty, Ella Prouty, Robert Ramsey, Blanche Rasmussen, Leonard Roe, Ethel Sayre, Howard Sargent, Beulah Schroeder, Vernal Shoemaker, Irene Spencer, Julia Smith, Mildred Standley, Norman Stine, Cecil Stuart, Robert Stoddard, Bethel Trill, Elsie Vedette, Vera White, Bernice Weeks, Jean Williams, Virginia Wurl, Harmon Wolfe, Lella Winburn.

Coolidge Tells  
Of Celebration  
Plans for 1932200th Anniversary of  
George Washington to  
Be Observed by U. S.  
President Says.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—From the historic chamber of the house of representatives the voice of Calvin Coolidge today reached out over the nation and into foreign lands to sound the commanding note in tribute to America's first president.

Speaking at a joint session of the congress Coolidge declared before the hushed audience of the highest in American official life the Washington had come to personally the republic, and that he was "a builder—a creator—a man with a national mind."

Big Radio Hookup  
The president began speaking at 12:30 p. m. The largest radio hookup ever attempted, 42 stations, broadcast his words and stations at KDKA at Pittsburgh and WGY at Schenectady endeavored to carry the speech across both seas.

The president was given close attention as he read but there was no applause until near the end, when he referred to Washington as the "directing spirit" without which there would have been no independence, no union, no constitution and no republic.

There was prolonged applause at the conclusion. The address occupied a little more than forty minutes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Setting in motion today the movement for a great celebration of George Washington's 200th anniversary in 1932, President Coolidge in an address to congress described the first of the nation's leaders as a man who had a very high standard of public and private honor and as one whose record as a practical business man had never received the attention to which it was entitled.

The president's message to a joint session of the senate and house was arranged to put into practical operation the plans for the 1932 celebration, and through a nationwide hookup of radio broadcasting stations millions of persons throughout the nation heard the extolling of Washington as a "self-made man" and as a "man of affairs."

Praises Washington  
"He was an idealist in the sense that he had a very high standard of private and public honor," Coolidge said. "He was a prophet to the extent of being able to forecast with remarkable vision the growth of the nation he founded and the changing conditions which it would meet. But essentially he was a very practical man. He analyzed the problems before him with a clear intellect. Having a thorough understanding he attacked them with courage and energy, with patience and persistence."

Declaring the facts of Washington's life, though a matter of record, were not easily accessible, he said.

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Italian Airman  
Completes Trip  
of South Ocean

PERNAMBUCO, Brazil, Feb. 22 (AP)—Commander Francesco De Pinedo, Italian aviator, arrived at Port Natal, Brazil at 1:20 o'clock this afternoon from Porto Praya, Cape Verde Islands.

Commander Francesco De Pinedo's flight from Porto Praya, Cape Verde Islands to Port Natal, Brazil, represents one of the most notable air passages of the South Atlantic in history.

Commander De Pinedo is on a four-month aerial expedition "for the glory of fascist Italy." He started from Cagliari, Sardinia, Feb. 14, and the same day reached Rabat, French Morocco, in a 1000-mile trip. Next day he flew 1000 miles to Villa Cisneros, West Africa, and then to Bolnisi, Persia, where he landed. From there he flew to Dakar, French Senegal, and thence 300 miles to the Cape Verde Islands, arriving there last Saturday morning.

After reaching the Brazilian coast the itinerary of the Santa Maria calls for stops at Jamaica, Cuba, New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago and New York.

Robbers Escape  
With Valued Gems

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Protected by huge signs covering the windows of a vacant store, robbers last night bored through the wall into the jewelry store of Carl Greve, next door, and after drilling the safe escaped with diamonds, watches and rings estimated worth of \$150,000 and \$132,000.

The robbery, which was discovered this morning was accomplished without the use of explosives and the thieves had carefully sorted their loot in the vacant store before departing.

TITHING BILL  
IS DEFEATED  
BY SENATORSPatterson's Measure Is  
Postponed After Much  
Debate and ArgumentKIDDLE VOTES FOR;  
HUNTER AGAINSTAssessment and Taxation  
Committees Plan to In-  
troduce Two New Re-  
lief Bills.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Following the defeat in the senate last yesterday of Governor J. L. Patterson's tithing bill, which he proposed to tide the state over a deficit in the present biennium, the joint assessment and taxation committee of both houses today decided to introduce two new measures for relief.

One of these is a plan advanced by State Treasurer Kay for diversion of the market road fund amounting to \$1,000,000 a year and the other is a license tax on tobacco and tobacco products, to which the emergency clause can be attached for the reason that it is to be called a license tax instead of a tax for revenue. This, Chairman Miller of the senate committee admitted, was "beating the devil under the bush." The emergency clause would forestall the referendum.

State Treasurer Kay pointed out at the committee meeting that his plan was first suggested but not advocated by Governor Patterson in his special message.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—The senate last yesterday by a vote of 18 to 12, defeated Governor J. L. Patterson's so-called tithing bill. The vote came after a lengthy debate on a motion by Senator G. W. Joseph, of Portland, for indefinite postponement. The vote was:

For indefinite postponement—Bailey, Banks, Beale, Brown, Butt, Carver, Dunn, Hall, Hare, Hunter, Jones, Joseph, Klepper, Moser, Reynolds, Strayer, Utter, Corbett.

Against—Bell, Butler, Davis, Dunn, Eddy, Elliott, Kiddie, Mann, Marks, Miller, Norblad, Staples. Senator Eddy was the only member defending the measure from the floor.

Senator Staples' senate bill 177, which would give until Jan. 1, 1928, for the fish wheel operators of the upper Columbia river to clean up their business before ceasing to operate, was passed by the senate yesterday after reconsideration. The measure was defeated Saturday by a close vote and yesterday Senator Moser moved reconsideration.

With only the negative vote of Senator Carver, house bill 58, introduced by the Marbo county delegation and providing for a new

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FARMER KILLS  
2, SERIOUSLY  
INJURES TRIO

PREMONT, Neb., Feb. 22 (AP)—John Marsh, a farmer living south of here, today shot and killed Ole Anderson, 50; Agnes Nelson, 17, and seriously wounded three others.

—Fred and Adolph Marsh, his brothers, and Bern Johnson, his son-in-law. He then fled.

The five men were shelling corn beside a crib, near the farm house on the Ole Anderson farm, when John Marsh appeared with a shotgun and without warning opened fire.

Ole Anderson ran towards his truck to get a weapon and was shot through the back of the head, dying instantly.

The other men struggled with Marsh and took the gun from him after he had killed Nelson and wounded the others.

When his weapon was taken Marsh ran through the fields to the south. Formation of a posse was delayed pending arrival of the sheriff and deputies.

The three Marsh brothers all bachelors, lived with their mother on the farm adjoining the Anderson farm. When Fred and Adolph went to their neighbors to help with corn shelling, they thought all the weapons on the place had been concealed from John, who has been considered insane for several years.