

LOCAL AUTO SALE ABOUT \$1,250,000

FOUR TEAMS
ELIMINATED
IN TOURNEYLa Grande Hits Stride,
Ousts Vale and Prairie
City QuintetsJOSEPH DEFEATS
WALLOWA TOSSERSSemi-Finals to Be Played
This Afternoon—Dope
Points to Tigers and
Joseph in Finals.THIRD ROUND RESULTS
SCORESLa Grande 51, Prairie City
28.
Wallowa 22, Joseph 25.
Baker 12, Union 10.
X—Prairie City eliminated.
SATURDAY GAMES
2 P. M.—Baker vs. Joseph.
2 P. M.—La Grande vs. Wal-
lowa (X).
X—One team to be eliminated.
Evening game begins at 8
o'clock.

TODAY'S RESULTS

At half-time this afternoon La
Grande was leading Wallowa 27
to 14. If La Grande wins she will
play Baker tonight at eight o'clock,
as a result of Baker defeating Jo-
seph by a score of 16 to 12. Jo-
seph will play the winner of the
La Grande-Baker game probably
Monday night at eight o'clock at
Union.

Final Score

La Grande, 40; Wallowa, 24.

By Nolan Skiff

Encouraging a bewildering galaxy
of offensive thrusts, the La Grande
Tigers romped over little Prairie
City's quintet Friday evening to
win a second straight game in the
district tournament at Union and,
incidentally, eliminated a second
team from further play. In the
afternoon the blue and white cas-
sina tossers eliminated North
Noway.Lynman, speedy captain and cen-
ter of the local quintet, ran his
tournament scores to 56 by scor-
ing 25 points last night, and Zim-
merman cracked off a lucky 15. The
outcome of the contest was never
in doubt, La Grande's height and
superior floor generalship giving
her a tremendous edge on the
hard-playing Grant county lads.
McKrohn, sharpshooting guard,
who has earned the title of being
the best long distance shot that
ever appeared in a Union tourney,
made things interesting in the last
half by firing four long-range
broadshots. These brought his
tournament total to 25, giving him
third best standing at the end of
the second day's play.Coach MacKenzie used every
available man in the lineup and
the La Grander's loaded a good
deal of the way, looping runners
almost at any moment the desire
struck them.As a result of last night's vic-
tory, the Tigers will have their
chance for revenge over Willett's
Wallowans this afternoon at 5
o'clock. A La Grande victory there
will eliminate Wallowa from fur-
ther play.The dope points to Baker going
out before Joseph, but this con-
test may be closer than yester-
day's. If Joseph and La Grande
do win, however, they will meet
tonight, a Joseph victory would
(Continued on Page Five)CUSTOMERS
HE MIGHT
HAVEThere are some places of
business that you seldom visit,
some that you never spend
money with. Yet it must be that
these firms have merchandise or
service of merit. Otherwise they
would not long escape their
creditors.Why haven't you been attract-
ed to those places of business?
Why haven't they been able to
get a portion of your trade?
Frequently it is simply because
the business man in question
hasn't got contact with you—he
has failed to advertise con-
sistently to attract your atten-
tion, to sell you on his ability
to serve you to an advantage.There may be other reasons, as
well, but if he fails to seek your
patronage through advertising,
the primary opportunity is lost.The Observer offers him the
most economical means of
reaching you day-in and day-
out through the entire year."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Hoskinson Shot
Self With 30-30
On February 20Trapper Commits Suicide
Because of Ill Health;
Writes Note Before
Taking Life.Mystery surrounding the death
of Ed Hoskinson, middle-aged
trapper and dairy keeper, was
cleared up yesterday when a group
of men from Medical Springs
reached his lonely cabin about
eight miles from Medical Springs
on Catherine creek, where they
found the body and a note, giving
the date of the suicide and saying
"good-bye to all."The note explained that he had
been ill since Jan. 18, and was
dated Feb. 20. At the end of the
short note he asked that his body
be taken to Baker for burial.No inquest is necessary. Coroner
F. L. Ralston said this morning.
According to him Hoskinson shot
himself on Feb. 20 with a 30-30
rifle, the bullet entering the head
at the right lower jaw, blowing
the entire side of the head off.
That ill-health was the reason
for his action is evident. He was
ill when he left Medical Springs
for his cabin, people there say, who
urged him not to go.

Ill Health Cause

The body was brought to La
Grande last night and is at the
Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel,
but in accordance with his wishes
it will be sent from here to Baker
for burial.Hoskinson has no known rela-
tives. He at one time made Baker
his home and owns some property
there. He is said to be about 60
years old.The body was brought from the
cabin to Medical Springs on a sled,
by men who left Medical Springs
yesterday morning at six o'clock
and returned at about six last
night, making the trip on snow
shoes.MUSICAL CHORUS
PROGRAM FRIDAY"The Rose Maiden" to Be
Given at the High
School AuditoriumMusical circles of La Grande and
the county at large are indicating a
keen interest in the coming presen-
tation by the La Grande Neigh-
borhood club of the Monday Mu-
sical chorus next Friday evening at
the high school auditorium.
The chorus has made an initial
appearance since W. W. Nussbaum
took the baton last fall, but on that
occasion the program was purely a
religious cantata. The vehicle by
which the chorus will display its
talent this time is Frederic Cowan's
"Rose Maiden."The chorus members have a big
variety of themes and motives, but
through each one there is a col-
lecting bit that is sure to please.
"Rehearsals have been continued
for two months until the technique
of chorus singing has been well
mastered," said Mrs. Ray F. Mur-
phy, president of the musical
chorus, today in announcing the
program. "Solos, duets and trios,
as well as men's and ladies' chor-
uses will give music lovers an op-
portunity to hear something that
to my mind is going to be the fin-
est production heard in La Grande
in many years," she continued.
Ticket sales are progressing sat-
isfactorily. It is especially noted
that reserved seats will be available
at Glass Drugs beginning next
Tuesday morning and all tickets
now in the hands of chorus mem-
bers can be exchanged for reserved
seats.M. E. Men's Meet
Postponed WeekBecause the Methodist congrega-
tion will join with the Baptist
congregation Sunday night the
men's meeting which had been ar-
ranged by the Men's Forum for
Sunday evening at the Methodist
church has been postponed one
week. "Wanted Laymen in the
Church" is the theme of four talks
that had been scheduled for Sun-
day evening but these will be heard
at later date.LeRoy Purchases
Walling's StoreDr. W. S. LeRoy has purchased
Walling's store on Adams avenue,
taking charge yesterday. He ex-
pects to change the name of the
establishment later. The store deals
in women's ready-to-wear, millin-
ery and jewelry.Mrs. F. G. Walling, former pro-
prietor, expects to go into busi-
ness in Portland. She may leave La
Grande next week.LEGISLATURE
QUITS; VETO
AX EXPECTEDBitter Fight to Reconsid-
er Tithing Bill Three
Votes ShortARMORY, NORMAL
BILLS MENACEDLaw-Makers Adjourn
with Tax Program In-
complete—Four Million
Deficit to Face.STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore.,
Feb. 26 (AP)—The 34th legisla-
ture passed into history at 1 a. m.
today when the session adjourned,
and law-makers who had spent
weeks of work over appropriation
measures were expecting that many
of the bills, including those for
major building projects, would fall
under the executive veto ax.This was because the tax pro-
gram was not completed. The
closing hours were marked by a
bitter fight over the tithing bill,
which had been fostered by Gov-
ernor L. L. Patterson, as one of the
items in his plan for financial re-
habilitation of the state. The bill
finally met defeat, an eleventh
hour effort in the senate to obtain
reconsideration failing by a vote
of 17 for reconsideration to 13
against.

Hunter, Kiddle Vote Alike

Under the senate rules 20 votes
are required to reconsider a mea-
sure.The senators voting for reconsid-
eration were: Bailey, Banks, Bell,
Butler, Garsner, Davis, Dunn, Ed-
dell, Elliott, Hunter, Kiddle, Mann,
Marple, Miller, Norblad, Staples,
and Corbett.Those voting against were:
Beahm, Brown, Butt, Duggan, Hall,
Hare, Jones, Joseph, Klepper,
Moore, Reynolds, Strayer, and Up-
ton.After the smoke of battle cleared
away, left the income tax pro-
posed, subject to vote of the people
June 25; and a proposed constitu-
tional amendment for raising the
base of the six per cent tax limita-
tion also to be voted on.

Deficit Four Million

The legislature appropriated for
the next two years a total of \$9,
520,465. Against this stands an
assured estimated income of \$5,
461,303.The tithing bill had it passed
would have produced about \$1,
500,000 for the general fund. The
income tax, if approved by the
(Continued on Page Five)Trapshooters
Will Shoot At
9:30 TomorrowTrapshooters of the Wing, Fin
and Pinfoot club, in an attempt
to get away from the strong wind
that hindered them last Sunday at
the Lone Tree traps, are prepar-
ing to shoot tomorrow at the foot
of ground at the foot of Oak and
Cedar streets.The first round will find the
snipers shooting against Enter-
prise and the second against Tele-
phone in the Oregonian telegraph
shooting will begin at 9:30
a. m.Program for Chamber of Commerce
Annual Banquet Is Now CompletedThe program has been completed
for the annual banquet of the
Union county chamber of com-
merce to be held Tuesday evening,
March 7, in the basement of the
First Methodist Episcopal church
here.Dr. W. T. Phyl, president of the
chamber for the past year, will
preside as toastmaster.Following is the program as it
is now arranged:
Music—Lindsay's orchestra.
"America."
Invocation—The Rev. Oliver P.
Riley.Group singing—Led by W. W.
Nussbaum.Committee reports—Committee
chairmen. Limit three minutes:
H. M. Larson, official timekeeper.
Selection—La Grande Neigh-
borhood club ladies' sextet: Mes-
sames T. R. Maxwell, James Mc-
Namee, Earl Stoddard, Lester
Stoddard, Vernon Alsworth, A. W.
Nelson, Mrs. E. L. Holmes, ac-
companist.(a) "Mid Day on the River"—
Paul Bliss.Troops Protect
Settlement In
Shanghai TodayGreat Britain, France,
Italy Ready for Action
in China If Necessary.SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (AP)—
Shanghai was an international
armed camp today with troops of
Great Britain, France and Italy
ready for action should the nar-
rowing lines of Chinese factional
warfare be drawn too close to
Shanghai's international settlement.
Off shore, riding at anchor, United
States war craft carrying 2400 blue-
jackets stood, ready to land the
force only in event of danger to
American lives and property in
Shanghai.Into this war-like atmosphere,
the native Chinese poured a stream
of troops from Nanking, carry-
ing soldiers under the command
of General Chang, Tsung-Chang,
war lord of Shantung province, who
is lending aid to the shattered
forces of Marshal Sun Chuan-Fang,
whose army has been giving ground
to the advancing forces of the
Cantonese troops now nearing
Shanghai.The northern troops were mov-
ing up along the railroad right of
way south of Shanghai with a
force of approximately 10,000 men,
two weak in numbers to take a last
stand against the advancing Can-
tonese who have blazed a path of
victory through the provinces of
southern China.The opposing armies faced each
other today at Sunghiang, on the
railway line just 28 miles south of
Shanghai. Reports received here
indicated that both sides were pre-
paring for a fight, the retreating
northerners tearing up the railroad
tracks to prevent further advances
on the part of the Cantonese.In the international settlement at
Shanghai, comprising a large por-
tion of the city, British, French
and Italian soldiers were on duty
along a line separated from the
native Chinese city by a barbed
wire fence.The troops of General Chang
Tsung-Chang, are expected to
back up the war forces at Sun-
ghiang and may move south to join
the defending Chinese army there
at any time. Without this aid the
remnant of General Sun's army
would be viewed as easy prey for
the conquering Cantonese.Reports received here from
Hangchow recently occupied by
Cantonese forces said that labor
demonstrations were taking place
there today and anti-British pos-
ters were being placed about the
city.Stray shells which fell into the
French concession at Shanghai on
Feb. 22, while a Cantonese gun-
boat was attempting to strike the
Wooing arsenal at the outer an-
chorage to Shanghai, formed the
basis of a protest from the French
legation at Peking to the Chinese
foreign office there. The protest
pointed out the French govern-
ment reserved the right to claim
compensation for the damage done.CIRCUIT COURT
CASE DISMISSED
THIS MORNINGBecause the plaintiff failed to
appear the case of Virgil Hamilton
vs. the La Grande Housing com-
mission, scheduled to be tried in
the circuit court this morning, was
dismissed by Judge J. W. Knowles.
The jury was excused until Monday
morning at nine o'clock when the
case of Dora Carr, vs. the O. W. E.
and N. company will be tried.
The jury in the case of the Oc-
cidental Life Insurance company
vs. Herman Moser, for the recovery
of a note for an insurance policy,
returned yesterday afternoon with
verdict for the plaintiff. The
amount of the note was \$193.63.Program for Chamber of Commerce
Annual Banquet Is Now Completed(b) "Out of the Dusk to You"
—Dorothy Lee.
Treasurer's report—H. E. Dixon.
Secretary's report—Earl C.
Reynolds.
The Year in Retrospect—Dr. W.
T. Phyl.Selection—Chamber of com-
merce quartet: Elmer Stoddard,
Sherwood Williams, George Bir-
nie and G. L. Dutton.Installation of officers.
The president's address—H. E.
Coolidge.Benediction—The Rev. C. A.
Dunn.Tickets for the banquet are go-
ing good. The sale will be closed
Monday noon. Those who do not
have tickets yet may get them
from any member of the enter-
tainment committee, or from the
chamber of commerce offices.The members of the committee
are: A. W. Nelson, chairman; Mrs.
Emma Fowler, Miss Margaret An-
son, Holger Larson, F. L. Lilly,
R. J. Kitchen, Ray Williams, Har-
vey Richardson and George S. Bir-
nie.GALE RAGING
OFF ALASKAN
COAST TODAYLives of 1,000 Men in the
Halibut Fishing Fleet
Are MenacedSTORM ABATING
SOME IS REPORTThree Vessels Reach Sew-
ard But 150 Stricken
Vessels Not Expected
to Survive.SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 26 (AP)—
Hope for the safety of the 1000
fishermen aboard 150 vessels of
the north Pacific halibut fleet who
were imperiled when a furious sub-
sistence storm overtook them in the
Gulf of Alaska last night, grew to-
day when the weather began to
moderate.SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 26 (AP)—
With the lives of nearly a thou-
sand men at stake, the world's
largest halibut fishing fleet today
battled doggedly against destruc-
tion as a gale and snow storm of
unusual fury swept fiercely across
the North Pacific and threatened
to wipe out everything within its
path.Reports reaching Seward indicat-
ed that 150 of the 270 storm
stricken boats might never reach
port.Three of the vessels, battered
and torn by the gale arrived here
last night. The storm was hourly
growing in fury and navigators
expressed the opinion that only the
slimmest of the vessels would
escape destruction.

Force of Gale Great

Sweeping even into Seward's well
protected harbor, the gale tore
small vessels from their moorings
and tossed them about the bay.
The passenger liner Admiral Wat-
son in imminent danger of being
battered to pieces against the docks
here sought safety at anchor in
the outer harbor.The 200-foot mail and passenger
steamer Starr, which has weathered
a dozen storms on its monthly
run to points in Western Alaska,
(Continued on Page Five)Trunk Railroad
Is Ordered to
Use S. P. TracksWASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—
The Oregon Trunk railroad was
denied permission by the U. S. C. C.
today to proceed with new con-
struction into Klamath Falls, Ore.,
and was instructed to contract with
the Southern Pacific for joint use
of that system's lines in the
territory.A petition of the Oregon public
service commission for a reopening
of the commission's investigation
into the controversy over the new
construction in the Klamath basin
was denied.The Southern Pacific was directed
to present to the Oregon Trunk
within 25 days a contract giving
the Oregon Trunk joint use of the
line from Pauline to Klamath
Falls with permission for either
road to perform local service or
to construct branches east and
west.When the contract is prepared,
the commission will pass upon it
again. Subject to the contract the
commission will withhold approval
of the Oregon Trunk's application
to construct a new line from Bend
to Klamath Falls.The petition of the Southern
Pacific for permission to control
the Oregon (California and Eastern
and the Nevada-California-Oregon
railroads was granted in a previ-
ous decision of the commission
which dealt with the contest in
the Klamath basin.Baseball Meet
At PendletonBaseball meeting will be held at
Pendleton tomorrow afternoon at
one o'clock. It was announced here
today.Representatives from La Grande,
Baker, Walla Walla and Pendleton
are expected to attend.Formation of a league may re-
sult from Sunday's gathering.PENDLETON, Feb. 26 (AP)—
Members of last year's Blue Moun-
tain Baseball league Walla Walla,
Pasco, Reservation Indians and
Pendleton, with La Grande and
Baker, original members of the
league, will have representatives
here tomorrow at a league meeting
to discuss the status of the league
and get organized for the coming
year.

CROSSES OCEAN

Commander Francesco De Pi-
nedo, Italian aviator, who has set
out from Italy on a "round-
the-world flight, recently arrived
in South America after cross-
ing the Atlantic ocean. His flight
will take him over all the con-
tinents and many American
cities.TWO PATTERSON
MEASURES FAILAll Pass But Tithing Bill
and Proposed Separate
Auto Department.STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore.,
Feb. 26 (AP)—Governor L. L. Pat-
terson's measures went through the
legislature in entirety, except the
tithing measure and his proposal
for creation of a separate auto-
mobile department.Among desires realized by the
governor is the measure providing
for the appointment of a superin-
tendent of the state penitentiary
by the board of control; a bill author-
izing the governor to name a state
budget officer; and one creating a
central purchasing agency.Included in automobile legisla-
tion passed by the legislature are
the Hoover rules of the road which
motor associations are seeking to
have adopted throughout the union.Among the provisions in the code
is one eliminating all the various
signs made by a motorist to desig-
nate the turn or move he con-
templates. Under the new law, the
motorist simply holds out his hand
whereupon it devolves upon an-
other driver to watch the former's
movements and to act accordingly.
It also compels one to come to a
full stop on entering a primary
highway. The speed limit is raised
from 30 to 35 miles an hour by an-
other section.The legislature also repealed the
anti-movable spotlight and 21 can-
dle power law. Under the newly
enacted sections, two movable spot-
lights are permitted and those who
wish may use 32 candle power
headlights. The requirement is
made that a spotlight while a car
is moving shall be focused to fall
on the right hand side of an im-
aginary line projected ahead from
the middle of the machine.The certificate of title law was
amended to remove certain ob-
jections that have been held against
it. The legislature removed the as-
sessment of 50 per cent additional
fee against commercial salesmen's
automobiles and provided for re-
funding such fees charged for li-
censes in 1927. It also provided
for placing the "anywhere for hire"
class in a special group to pay 50
per cent additional license fee.
Such machines were formerly taxed
under the provisions applicable to
stages and trucks operated between
places.

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Clubworkers to
Dine Monday EveMonday evening at 7:30 o'clock
the Cove commercial club will
sponsor a banquet for all of the
boy and girl club workers of Un-
ion county who have completed
their years work in the boys' and
girls' clubs.Boys' and girls' all over the
county have been asked to attend
the banquet. Those living ad-
jacent to La Grande will go as the
guests of the La Grande chamber
of commerce and of the Rotary
club. About 25 boys and girls, who
live near here, have already ac-
cepted the invitation to attend.They are asked to meet at the
chamber of commerce offices here
Monday evening, and will go from
there to Cove.The regular meeting of the Rock
Wall Grange, about 20 miles north
of Elgin, was held last night. This
grange has only been organized
since October, but now has 40
members.The meeting last night was taken
up with a discussion of the agri-
cultural program in Union county
by County Agent H. G. Avery, and
the boys' and girls' club work in
the county was discussed by E. A.
Sayre, county school superinten-
dent.This grange will join with the
Cricket Flat grange in entertain-
ing the Pomona grange at Elgin
next month.Disapproval And
Approval Given
Farm Bill VetoLowden Boom for Presi-
dency Gets Under Way
in Middle West—Com-
ments Are Varied.WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—
The senate vote in an attempt to
override the president's veto of the
McNary-Haugen farm relief bill
went over today, until Monday.WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—
President Coolidge's veto of the
McNary-Haugen farm relief bill
has met with an avalanche of com-
ment of approval and disapproval,
with predictions that the issue,
practically dead as far as this ses-
sion of congress is concerned, will
be presented again next December
and probably carried into the 1928
political campaign.A last resort to make the mea-
sure effective before congress goes
next Friday was to be made today
by Senator McNary, republican,
Oregon, its co-author, in a motion
to override the veto, but failure
of the attempt had been con-
ceded by both advocates and op-
ponents. They had in mind the
slim majorities the bill obtained in
passing both house and senate and
saw no possibility of mustering the
necessary two-thirds to pass the
measure in the face of presidential
rejection.

To Continue Fight

Supporters of the bill returned
unhindered by Coolidge on the
ground that it is economically un-
sound and unconstitutional, pre-
dicted however, that the vote on the
McNary motion would serve
notice on the white house that they
have not given up the fight but are
prepared to resume it when con-
gress convenes next December.Congressional comment on the
president's message, which was
backed up with an adverse opin-
ion by Attorney General Sargent
as to the bill's constitutionality
was divided along the lines de-
veloped during the fight for pas-
sage in both houses.While middle western agricul-
tural leaders expressed keen dis-
appointment and criticized the
appointment of wheat, corn and cot-
ton three of the six basic com-
modities affected by the bill, rallied
strongly on the Chicago board of
trade.Frank O. Lowden, former gov-
ernor of Illinois and a leader in
the farm relief movement came into
the western political spot light al-
most as soon as first word of the
veto reached the farm. Congress
sixty-one Iowa legislators hailed
him as the real representative of
the farmer, and in a petition wired
to the former Illinois executive
requested that he enter the race
for the republican presidential
nomination next year. The Iowa
legislature also adopted a resolu-
tion asking congress to pass the
(Continued on Page Five)Portland Talks
With London at
9:20 in MorningPORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—
Portland, the most westerly
point to talk with London today,
began its conversation at 9:20 a.
m.C. E. Hickman, general manager
of the northwestern area of the
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
company, asked for long distance
to get H. E. Shreve at London.
Mr. Shreve is assistant to the vice
president of the American Tele-
phone and Telegraph company,
stationed at London. He and Mr.
Hickman both are telephone pio-
neers.Hickman spoke of the achieve-
ment of communicating over 4,000
miles on land and 2,000 miles of
water, and said a commercial call
from a Portland house to its Lon-
don representative was waiting to
put in immediately.Representatives of Portland
newspapers and the Associated
Press and telephone officials list-
ened in on the conversation.Rock Wall Grange
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Cricket Flat grange in entertain-
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next month.EXPECT 1927
WILL BETTER
PAST YEARSMotor Industry One of
Most Important in
This Section6,223 VEHICLES IN