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Tuesday; rain in west portion.
Normal temperature.

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TIGERS AND
JOSEPH PLAY
FINAL GAMEWinner of Tonight's Con-
test to Represent Dis-
trict at SalemFAVOR LA GRANDE
FOR CHAMPIONSHIPBaker Bulldogs and Wal-
lowa Quintet Are Both
Eliminated by Blue and
White Saturday.

TOURNAMENT FACTS
Final game tonight at 8 o'clock
in Union gym between Joseph
and La Grande for district title
and trip to Salem.

Saturday La Grande eliminated
Baker 19 to 15, and Wallowa, 40
to 20. Baker defeated Joseph 16
to 12.

Percentage of teams:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
La Grande	4	1	.800
Joseph	3	2	.750
Wallowa	2	2	.500
Baker	1	3	.333
Prarie City	1	2	.333
Union	1	2	.333
Vale	0	2	.000
North Powder	0	2	.000

By Nolan Skiff
The championship of six Eastern
Oregon counties, making up district
No. 1 on the state basketball map,
will definitely be decided tonight
at Union in the high school gym at
8 o'clock, when Joseph and La
Grande, lone remaining contenders
for the title, will play the finals.
Season tickets will be good for ad-
mission and S. S. Eland, who has
unified the other games, will of-
ficiate. H. C. Gaudin, referee, had
to return to Seattle yesterday.

The best game of the entire
tournament is the general opinion
of the Baker-La Grande contest
Saturday night, which eliminated
Baker and increased the Tigers'
stock immensely. While La Grande
was forced to the limit to remain
in the running, Joseph was idle—
resting for tonight's tilt.

Checking Close
The Bulldogs led at the end of
the first quarter 4 to 2, the result
of converting two fouls. Both
teams scored one field basket.
Checking was exceptionally close,
not only in the initial period, but
throughout the game.

In the second quarter the Tigers
rallied and led at halftime by a
small margin, maintaining this un-
til the final gun was sounded.
Hines, Baker guard who was shifted
to center for the game, scored
most of Baker's 15 points due to
his ability to occasionally dribble
through the local defense and
shoot from within the foul line.

Lyman was easily the outstand-
ing star of the game, booming up
in all departments of play. He
scored 10 points and his defensive

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TRAPSHOOTERS
DOWN TOLEDO,
ENTERPRISE

The Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club
won back some of its lost prestige
of the Sunday before when it turned
in a score of 72 yesterday, win-
ning over Enterprise's 69 and To-
ledo's 59 in the second round of
the Oregonian's telegraphic trap-
shoot.

New grounds at the foot of
Oak and Cedar streets proved very
satisfactory and a large number of
shooters were in. Chase Bohannan
shot a 25 and continued shoot-
ing, increasing his run to 45.
He wound up with 41 out of 55.

Other scores were: J. B. Smith,
23; Adin, 22; Elmer Stoddard
and Claude Mackey 22; H. K.
O'Brien and Charles Smith 21; H.
C. Goodidge, W. H. Bohannan
and Tracy Hollister, 20.

CUSTOMERS
HE MIGHT
HAVE

There are some places of
business that you seldom visit,
some that you never spend
money with. Yet it must be that
those firms have merchandise or
services of merit. Otherwise they
would not long escape their
creditors.

Why haven't you been attracted
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 around with you—
hasn't bothered 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,
his primary objective is lost.
The Observer offers the most
economical means of
reaching you day-in and day-
out through the entire year.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Two La Grande
Boys Picked on
Mythical TeamLyman, Center; Zundel,
Forward, Selected—
Hanks Placed at Guard
on Second Quintet.

DISTRICT ALL-STAR TEAM

FIRST TEAM
Craven, Joseph—Forward.
Zundel, La Grande—Forward.
Lyman, La Grande—Center.
Walker, Joseph—Guard.
Hines, Baker—Guard.
Also captain.

SECOND TEAM
Landreth, Baker—Forward.
Parent, Union—Forward.
Crawford, Wallowa—Center.
Tom Duff, Baker—Guard.
Hanks, La Grande—Guard.

HONORABLE MENTION
Forwards: Loyd, Wallowa;
Hutton, Vale; guards: McKrohn,
Prarie City; Langhlin, North
Powder; Berry, La Grande; Cox,
Union.

By R. C. Gaudin
Tournament Referee

In picking an all-star district
basketball team I find that Lyman,
of La Grande, stood out as the best
floor man and the most accurate
shot of the tournament. He teamed
well, passed accurately and de-
fensively was a good man. He gets
the call for the pivot position.

Crawford, of Wallowa, and Craven,
of Joseph, were both strong men.
Crawford kept his team in the
running with his brilliant
shooting and remarkable floor
work. The Joseph center is an
ideal man for one of the forward
positions. Physically he has height,
weight, speed and ruggedness and
he excelled in all departments of
the game.

Selects Zundel
In the other forward position
several good men stood out—Par-
ent, of Union; Zundel, of La
Grande; Landreth, of Baker. Zundel,
with his all around ability, his
drive, and his grit, will team well
with Craven.

Probably the outstanding guard
is Walker, of Joseph, closely fol-
lowed by Hines, of Baker, although
the latter played at center part of
the tournament. Hines, with his
deceptive dribble and pivot, is a hard
worker and a good scorer. Walker
is a cool, heady guard under fire
and kept his men shooting at long
range. He is exceptionally fast.
Paired with Hines, he would pre-
sent a stonewall defense.

McKrohn, with his remarkable
long range shooting, was one of the
sensations of the tournament. His
falling shot, he does not team well
which he should correct.

Putman's Store
To Be Located
in New Quarters

One of La Grande's pioneer in-
dustries ready to wear and miter
store will move to new quarters
within the coming month. It is an-
nounced today. C. D. Putman has
just signed a lease for the build-
ing now being vacated by the
Stone grocery and expects to be
moved into the new first of April.
Putman announces that the new
store will be modern in every re-
spect.

The store room to be vacated by
Putman will be occupied by the
W. H. Bohannan company. The
room adjoins the company's down-
stairs furniture show room and it
is the plan to remove the part-
ition between the two rooms, mak-
ing one large show room. In ad-
dition the company is planning on
installing an automatic electric
elevator at the front of the
store to give quicker service to
the upstairs furniture room. The
furniture department of the Bohannan
company has grown rapidly
during the past two or three
years, it is said, and it is their in-
tention to keep it up to the high-
est possible standards.

**Local Electricians
Organize Company**
C. V. Talbott and R. A. Helsy,
electricians, have formed a part-
nership and will open operations
in La Grande under the firm name
of the Electric Service company
with temporary headquarters at the
La Grande Electric company.

They plan to cater to straight
wiring, motor installation, etc., and
will do no merchandising.

Both have had several years ex-
perience in the wiring business,
having worked on some of the
largest jobs during recent years in
this city.

RAILROAD MAN DIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 (AP)—
William F. Herrin, 73, for many
years chief counsel of the South
Pacific company, and one of the
most noted corporation attorneys
in the country died at his
home here today.

CONCERT BY
BAND SCORES
HERE SUNDAYFirst Recital in Several
Months Packs Thea-
ter to CapacitySPECIAL NUMBERS
FEATURE PROGRAMSaxophone Quartet and
Vocal Solos by Paul
Knautz Add to Selec-
tions by Ensemble.

Making its first appearance in
public concert in several months,
the La Grande municipal band, di-
rected by Andrew Loney Jr., played
to a capacity house at the Arcade
theater yesterday afternoon. That
the "lay-off," caused by the di-
rector's illness, did not in any way
decrease the ability of the organ-
ization, is the assertion heard by
the several hundred members of
the audience at the conclusion of
the program. This in spite of the
fact that several members have
just recovered after having the
"flu," which handicapped rehear-
sing.

Several new members have been
added to the band. W. W. Nus-
baum is an addition to the bass
section. Frank Robinson, trom-
bonist, strengthened the brass sec-
tion considerably.

"Evolution of Dixie"
The concert began with Lake's
fantasia "The Evolution of Dixie,"
a descriptive number that always
pleases. The evolution of the
southland is depicted through the
creation, dance, abolition, minstrel,
until there emerged the immortal
"Dixie," which in turn becomes a
waltz, then ragtime and finally
grand opera.

Scenes from the musical comedy
"Rose Marie" (Prin and Stothard)
followed and the applause neces-
sitated an encore—Souza's great
march, "The Stars and Stripes Per-
petual."

A feature of the program was a
saxophone quartet, consisting of
Messrs. Gekeler, Nutton, Ostrand
and Huffman. Following an en-
core, Souza's march, "The Glory
of the Yankee Navy," preceded the
intermission.

Selections from Planchet's opera
"The Chimes of Normandy" met
with much applause.

Soloist Scores
Paul Knautz, vocalist and
trumpetist, sang "Kashmir Song"
by Woodford-Finden and respond-

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300 TO ATTEND
ANNUAL DINNERChamber of Commerce
to Install New Officers
Tomorrow Night

The women of the First Metho-
dist Episcopal church are planning
to serve 300 people tomorrow night
when the annual banquet of the
Chamber of Commerce of La
Grande will be held in the church
basement.

Dr. W. T. Phip, president of the
chamber of commerce for the past
year, will preside over the meet-
ing and president of the city com-
mission, A. T. Hill, will be install-
ing officers for the installation of
the 1927-28 officers.

Because of a conflicting engage-
ment, W. W. Nussbaum will not be
present to lead in the group sing-
ing. George S. Birle will take
his place.

Members of the entertainment
committee were out selling tickets
this morning and at noon only a
few remained to be sold. Absolu-
tely no tickets will be sold to-
morrow, members of the com-
mittee declare.

The banquet will begin at 6:15
o'clock, and an excellent menu has
been arranged for.

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LOCAL WOMAN
MISSIONARY
IS IN PEKINGReady to Leave China at
Minute's Notice If It
Is NecessaryMOVE TO PROTECT
SHANGHAI GAININGConfidence Restored to
Shaken Forces of Mar-
shal Sun—More British
Marines Arrive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sayre re-
ceived a cablegram this morning
saying that their daughter, Miss
Genevieve Sayre, who is a missionary
in the Hunan province of China,
had been removed with other mis-
sionaries to Peking, about 50 miles
from the seat port, Tientsien, from
where they will leave China at a
minute's notice if necessary.

The cablegram read: "Consider-
ing the present circumstances all
have gone to Peking."
Mr. and Mrs. Sayre received a
letter Saturday from their daughter
which was written Jan. 28, which
said there was no immediate dan-
ger at that time, but that they were
keeping a close lookout and were
ready to leave if necessary.

CONFIDENCE RESTORED
SHANGHAI, Feb. 28 (AP)—

Confidence having been restored
to the shaken forces of Marshal
Sun Chuan-fang by the arrival of
extensive reinforcements from
Shantung province, defense pre-
parations to prevent Shanghai, rich-
est military prize of the orient,
from falling into national-
ist hands, progressed on a large scale
today. Principal activities centered
at Sungkiang, strategic point 28
miles south of here. Preparations
included the construction of bat-
tery positions, indicating that the
northerners, once reported on the
verge of losing Sungkiang, had the
situation in hand there and were
prepared to make a definite stand
against the nationalist advance.

Sun and General Chang Tsung-
chang, military governor of Shantung,
in command of the north-
ern reinforcements, returned from
the battlefield. While there Sun
addressed four thousand of his
troops telling them that they were
now united with the Shantungese
to fight bolshevism.

Closes River
Supplementing the land prepara-
tions, and as a precaution against
a nationalist attack on Shanghai by
water, Defense Commissioner Li
Pao-chung yesterday ordered the
Woosung entrance of the Whang-
poo river, which is the only ap-
proach to the city from the Yangtze
delta, closed from 6 p. m. to 6
a. m.

The consular body immediately
protested the regulation, pointing
out that the vast amount of ship-
ping enters and leaves the harbor
as the tides dictate, and cannot be
interfered with. Latest indications
were that a compromise would be
effected.

More Marines Arrive
A thousand more British mar-
ines arrived this morning on the
troop ship Minnesota. The general
labor union called a one hour strike
against the landing of the forces
but the walkout failed to material-
ize.

**Guard Inspection
Here on Thursday**
Capt. G. L. Dutton, of the local
national guard company, urges that
all members of the unit be in at-
tendance at Zuber hall this evening
at 7:30 o'clock for the regular drill
inspection. With inspection to be
held Thursday night, he requests
that all guardsmen make it a point
to attend tonight.

MAY CLOSE FOREST
PENDLETON, Feb. 28 (AP)—
Unless greater care is taken of
camp fires by tourists and camp-
ers in the Umatilla national forest
here, it will be closed to the tour-
ist public. This was decided at a
conference here Saturday of forest
officials and rangers.

May Start Later
Baker and La Grande, because
of weather conditions being more
backward than over the mountains,
may, if they wish, start their sea-
son one or two weeks later than
April 17, letting Pendleton and
Walla Walla play the first one or
two games. If this should take

place, the La Grande-Baker sched-
ule would not end until a week or
so later.

The La Grande team will again
be known as the Pirates and
French declares that he will be
able to put as good and probably
a better team on the field than
in 1925. He has several good
players in mind and in all likeli-
hood six or seven men on the
team will be professionals or semi-
professionals.

The schedule will probably be
definitely decided upon within the
next 10 days. Each club is to
submit a schedule and the best
of these will be selected as offi-
cial.

No official ball was decided
upon but the ball must be one
that is acceptable in major league
circles.

MEXICO CAN'T HAVE PLANES



Ten fine airplanes have been com-
pleted at Santa Monica, Cal.,
for the Mexican government, but they are standing limboed. The
U. S. state department will not let Mexico take them across the
border. Above are some of the ships with Mexican officers who
supervised their construction—left to right, in uniform, Capt. A. G.
Castroblon, Lieut.-Col. S. C. Rojas and Lieut. A. Cortes.

KOAC Will Tell
of Miss Daniels,
Cove Club Girl

KOAC radio station at Corvallis
will recognize the banquet being
given in honor of Union county
clubworkers and especially Miss
Carmen Daniels, of Cove, at Cove
this evening, when the story writ-
ten by Miss Daniels about her
year's club work for the Holston
Club Club News will be read over
the radio, beginning at 7:15
o'clock, the same time as the ban-
quet.

Clubworkers all over the coun-
ty, who have completed their
year's work, have been invited to
the banquet.

Several living in this section
will attend as guests of the La
Grande chamber of commerce and
the Rotary club. Anyone who is
not going to the basketball game
at Union tonight and who will
take a carload of the club mem-
bers to Cove for the banquet is
asked to call Earl Reynolds, cham-
ber of commerce secretary.

Beckell Receives
Hotel Bids Mar. 1

Bids for the proposed hotel to
be constructed at the corner of
Adams avenue and Fourth street
will be received tomorrow, 1 p. m.
Weeks, representing W. O. Beck-
ell, of Portland, announced this
morning.

Weeks will leave tonight for
Portland on business connected
with the hotel.

380 Companies
Comply With
Mexican Laws

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—
President Calles of Mexico, in a
communication sent directly to
Chairman Borah of the senate for-
eign relations committee, has in-
formed the senator that 380 com-
panies have complied with the
Mexican petroleum law.

TO AMEND COMPLAINT
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—
Announcement that the Oregon
public service commission will file
an amended complaint with the
U. S. C. seeking an order to permit
construction of the east and west
line from Crane to Ouel Junction
by the Hill lines was made this
morning by H. H. Corey, member
of the commission.

**Legion Caravan
Goes to Klamath**
MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—
An automobile caravan of state
and district officers of the Amer-
ican Legion and auxiliary and dis-
trict legionnaires left here this
morning at 8 o'clock for Klamath
Falls where a district conference
will be held today. Arthur Mur-
phy, state department commander,
Carl R. Moser, adjutant, Ben S.
Fisher, district commissioner, and
Kenneth Cooper, regional manager
of the United States veterans' bu-
reau; Mrs. Harold A. Herscher,
president and Mrs. Mabel A. McIn-
turf, secretary of the auxiliary,
were among those who arrived here
last evening en route to the con-
ference.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert G. Bates, of
Tualatin, and delegations from
Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford
points of the American Legion and
auxiliary, accompanied the state
leaders.

Government Wins
Suit to Cancel
Doheny LeasesSupreme Court Rules that
Evidence Produced in
Lower Courts Shows
Fraud, Corruption.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—
The government won today its fight
to cancel the oil leases and con-
tracts awarded Edward L. Doheny
while Albert B. Fall was secretary
of the interior.

The court declared that evidence
produced in the lower courts was
sufficient to warrant the finding
that fraud and corruption tainted
the leases given Doheny's com-
panies while Fall was secretary.
The decision cancelled both the
lease and contract, confirming the
findings of the lower court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—
The civil suits growing out of the
naval oil leases, made while Albert
B. Fall was secretary of the in-
terior reached the supreme court
through an appeal allowed the Pan
American Petroleum and Transport
company and the Pan American
Petroleum company involving the
lease obtained by Edward L. Doh-
eny on the Ellis Hills, California,
naval reserve and the contracts
signed by Doheny's companies for
constructing storage tanks at the
naval base at Pearl Harbor, Ha-
waii.

The construction work was to
be done at cost, and he paid for
it by the government out of royalty
oil which it received from leases on
the reserves. The contracts also
involved the placing by Doheny of
a quantity of fuel oil in the stor-
age tanks in exchange for crude
oil to be furnished by the navy.

Contracts and leases made with
Doheny and with Harry F. Sinclair
precipitated the senate Teapot
Dome investigation which resulted
in the adoption of a resolution un-
der which special counsel was ap-
pointed by the government to test
the legality of the whole transac-
tion. Suits to cancel the leases and
contracts were entered, that against
Doheny being filed in the federal
district court at Los Angeles, and
that against Sinclair in the fed-
eral court at Cheyenne, Wyo.

The trial court in the Doheny
case cancelled the leases and con-
tracts, but allowed Doheny com-
pensation for the construction work
at Pearl Harbor. Both the gov-
ernment and Doheny appealed, and
the circuit court sustained the can-
cellation of the contracts and leases
but reversed the district court on
the construction work, holding
that Doheny was not entitled to
compensation because of the il-
legality of the contracts under

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Two Fined \$150
By Judge Brady
in Venison Case

Frank Reed pleaded guilty to a
charge of unlawful possession of
venison, and H. V. Houston plead-
ed guilty to a charge of killing deer
out of season, in the justice court
this morning, and both were sen-
tenced to pay a fine of \$150 by
Judge Hugh E. Brady.

Neither were able to furnish the
\$150 so they were taken to the
county jail, where they will serve
it out at the rate of \$2 a day.

Reed and Houston were arrested
Saturday evening by Game Warden
John Walden.

Great Britain's
Response to U. S.
Note Is Received

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—
Great Britain's response to the
American overture for further
naval limitation, received at the
state department today, accepted
President Coolidge's invitation to
discuss the subject and said that
the British delegates would "do
their best to further the success of
the proposed conversation."

Together with the Japanese ac-
ceptance, the reply was regarded
as probably opening the way for
a three-power consideration of
limitation of smaller classes of
warcraft in line with the principles
applied to first line ships at the
Washington conference.

It was thought that some such
project was under study here, al-
though the British and Japanese
acceptances together with the
French and Italian refusals will be
carefully examined before any de-
cision is announced.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Great
Britain's reply to President Cool-
idge's proposal for further naval
limitations, accepting presidents
invitations was read in the house
of commons this afternoon by
Foreign Secretary Chamberlain,
and was greeted with general ap-
proval.

The foreign secretary said that
the terms of the reply had been
enunciated in by all the govern-
ments of the empire except the
Irish free state, which had not yet
replied.

Legion Caravan
Goes to Klamath

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—
Brigadier General Smalley D. But-
ler was ordered to China today to
command the marine force of more
than 2,500 in Asiatic waters. He
will proceed by the first steamer
from San Diego.

General Butler will be accom-
panied by a staff consisting of
Lieutenant Colonel Percy E. Ar-
cher, Lieut. Colonel Ellis L. Miller,
and Lieut. L. C. Whicker aid. He
will unify the command of the
Fourth regiment about 1,300
strong which arrived at Shanghai
Feb. 21 and take charge of the
smaller detachments at Peking,
Manila and other stations. The
navy department to date has given
no indication that the marines on
ships in Chinese waters would be
landed.

NORMAL BILL
EXPECTED TO
BE APPROVEDSenator Fred E. Kiddle
Returns to La Grande
This MorningVETO AX HANGING
OVER THE ARMORYLaw-Maker Doubtful If
Patterson Will Favor
Construction of Mil-
itary Buildings.

Senator Fred E. Kiddle returned
to La Grande this morning from
Salem and declares that just af-
ter the legislature adjourned, he
had a conference with Governor
I. L. Patterson and expressed con-
fidence that the Eastern Oregon
normal school and the tuberculosis
hospital appropriations will not be
vetoed.

However, the senator is doubtful
that the armory appropriation will
be approved and those close to the
governor agree with him in this
respect.

Kiddle says that the view of the
administration on the normal
school and tuberculosis hospital is
in a different classification than
other appropriation bills which
were introduced independent of a
state-wide vote of the people.
There is a distinct feeling that the
governor will sign these two mea-
sures as many believe he will con-
sider the popular vote as manda-
tory.

The entire 47 days of the session
of legislature was devoted to try-
ing to solve the state financial prob-
lem. Kiddle stood squarely back
of the governor's program and re-
ports that complete approval of the
administration plan was blocked
in the senate by a small group.

He expects the income tax, which
will be voted upon at a special
election in June, to receive the ap-
proval of the people. Many mem-
bers who formerly opposed an in-
come tax now consider it the best
solution of the financial tangle.
Kiddle points out that the rates
are low enough so that antagonism
and active opposition of bigger
business corporations is not likely
to be directed against this income
tax plan.

Assessment Bill
One bill of considerable interest
to the agricultural territory which
has been introduced in redistribu-
tion of the state tax burden, is an
assessment bill which was passed
giving the state tax commis-
sioners supervisory assessment
power over county assessors. It is es-
timated that \$200,000,000 addition-
al assessed valuation on properties
is likely to result that this will
produce considerable more revenue
besides more equitably distributing
the tax burden. It is really a
minor form of farm relief, Kiddle
says.