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GOD AND THE POOR—Behold, God is mighty, and despite of him not any; he is mighty in strength and wisdom. He preserveth not the life of the wicked; but giveth right to the poor. Job 34:5, 6.

The pedestrian has the advantage in parking, anyway.

If all of the people of Portland were made homeless and property in that city were destroyed or damaged to the extent of two hundred million dollars, the disaster would not be any greater than that now being suffered in the lower Mississippi valley. Oregon people should be thankful that this state is removed from such tragedy—and should contribute liberally to the relief funds which are providing life and food to thousands of people.

A WATER GRADE TO PORTLAND

Forcing the Union Pacific to build a railroad down the Snake river from Homestead, Oregon, to Lewiston, Idaho, is the goal of Washington and Idaho people interested in certain Northwest development—and of some Oregon people who see an advantage in a water grade from Huntington to Portland. There are numerous points for such a project, numerous points against. Only a railroad expert could intelligently enumerate all of them, but it may be well to note the obvious reasons for much of the recent argument in favor of this rail extension program.

North and south Idaho have always been widely and sadly separated by lack of transportation facilities. Only in the last year or so has the new state highway between Weiser and Lewiston brought these previously remote sections within a neighboring distance of each other. Idaho apparently likes the idea and would, if possible, eliminate the need of traveling a circuitous route by rail through three states to visit a spot within its own borders.

Furthermore, Lewiston, a growing industrial city and center of a large farming area, is feeling her "oats." Shut off by high mountain ranges from all the rest of the world except the Northwest, Lewiston has been forced to be content with branch line railroad service. This service, although it meets the community's freight and passenger demands adequately, does not measure up to what Lewiston thinks should be—a main line being the only facility in proper keeping with the city's expanding ambitions. And a main line is possible only if the Union Pacific builds down the Snake river and there connects with lines leading to Spokane and the coast cities.

Washington, looking upon Lewiston and north Idaho as a tributary area in which she has a proprietary interest and seeking any development that will move a greater quantity of goods within her own borders, is naturally in favor of the project. Many Portland people, partially blinded to the state's primary interests, hoping that transportation costs to their city might be cut by a water grade, and being too quick to boost any and all railroad development in the state, give approval to the idea.

The people most concerned—the Union Pacific System—have thus far been least consulted and their position on the subject, if it has been determined, is not definitely known. There's no question, of course, about the advantage of a water grade—IF the water grade route can be built and maintained economically enough to make the project profitable. What amounts to three mountain ranges obstruct the present line between Huntington and Pendleton and the elimination of those grades would be a distinct transportation benefit. But the elimination must have a sound economic basis—and that is a difficult thing to find in the project under construction.

The Snake River canyon, through which the proposed road must go, is said to be the deepest gorge in this country—the Grand Canyon not excluded—and presents a sheer wall of solid rock for miles that would give railroad engineers a real construction job. Wild guesses as to possible cost vary from ten to twenty-five million and it is doubtful if any reasonable estimate is known. Certainly it would be the most difficult kind of railroad building through one of the roughest, most sparsely settled, most non-productive sections in the entire country.

That, in the last analysis, will be the determining factor with a discreet interstate commerce commission. When it becomes evident to that body that no new territory of any value would be opened up, that the project is being proposed and forwarded merely for the sake of satisfying selfish interests who would capitalize public supervision of railroads, no impartial person can see how it can approve the plan.

La Grande, naturally, is opposed to such a project. It would jeopardize our rail center and our interests are immediately selfish. But there are also sound economic reasons why this rail extension should not be made, and we have faith that they will win a favorable hearing when the case is finally considered.

SPORT NEWS

HOLLYWOOD WINS SECOND STRAIGHT

Stars Score Seven Runs in First Two Innings Against Portland

By the Associated Press Hollywood scored seven runs in the first two innings of Kinney yesterday and Portland's spasmodic rallies thereafter fell two runs short of tying the score, the Stars winning their second straight 8 to 6. Batteries: Kinney, Couch and Wendell; Mulcahy, McCabe and Cook.

Seattle broke her losing streak to edge out a ten inning 4 to 3 decision over the Missions here. Batteries: Mills and Schmidt; Ladd and Waiters.

Los Angeles came out of her batting slump to slam Hasty for six runs in three innings and defeat Oakland 9 to 3, evening up the series. The Angels got 12 hits. Batteries: Hamilton and Hannab; Hasty, Gould, Daglia and Reed.

Sacramento climbed all over Oliver Mitchell in the second and eighth innings yesterday scoring enough runs in these two innings to beat San Francisco 8 to 6. Batteries: Mitchell and Woodson; Shea, Keating and Koehler.

Games today: Seattle vs. Missions at San Francisco; Los Angeles at Oakland; San Francisco at Sacramento; Portland vs. Hollywood at Los Angeles.

Braves Defeat Cincinnati Reds

By the Associated Press The first general inter-sectional engagement of the year has opened auspiciously for the west. The scalp of the Boston Braves was taken by the Cincinnati Reds yesterday. Rain prevented all other games.

Eastern clubs of the National league now will entertain at home while the American league clubs of the east partake of western hospitality. It was good sharp shooting—from pitching slab and batter's box—that brought the Reds their 5 to 3 victory.

Cincinnati came east after losing 14 of 19 games and taking possession of the National league cellar.

Ashland Debaters Win Championship

WARRENTON, Ore., May 7 (AP)—The high school debating championship of Western Oregon was won last night by the Ashland team as the result of its victory over Warrenton high by the unanimous verdict of three judges. The Ashland debaters are Dorothy and Richard Joy, Helen Smith and Dulcie Lyssel debated for Warrenton.

Ashland will meet the champions of the Eastern division of the state for the 1927 Oregon championship.

SIGNS WITH G. P.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Chester Sharrack, formerly with the House of David ball club which is now touring Oregon, has been signed to play with the Grants Pass club in the Southern Oregon league this season. He will play with the locals tomorrow in the game with Medford. Last week Sharrack shut out Ashland with only two hits and no scores.

INJURED IN FIST FIGHT

MILLSBORO, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Carl Lafollett, 13, son of Charles Lafollett, state representative from Washington county, was in a serious condition today as a result of injuries received in a school fist fight last night at Cornelius. Bill Stokes, 18, was arrested charged with assault and battery and will be held pending the outcome of Lafollett's injuries. Lafollett was unconscious until this morning. An X-ray examination showed a fractured jaw.

Tulane's Coach



Introducing Bernis Bierman, new football coach at Tulane University in New Orleans. He is of the "Doc" Williams school at Minnesota and is succeeding Clark Shaughnessy, recently resigned.

La Grande, Baker Teams To Clash In Opening Game

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. La Grande 1 0 1.000, Baker 0 0 .000

La Grande's baseball team will open its season in the Union-Baker county league at Baker Sunday at 2 o'clock on the old fairgrounds. Last Sunday's game, scheduled for here, was called off because of rain. Cove trimmed Haines 10 to 8 at Haines and now leads the league.

The team will leave the Imperial at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Players to make the trip are: Helm, Hargett, Knight, J. Garity, Keown, Price, Thelton, Oliver, McInnis, Carroll, Blackman and H. Garity.

Juror Sick During Night; Recovers

COURT HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 7 (AP)—S. W. Dunham, clerk, 63, Medford, a member of the jury trying Hugh De Autremont for first degree murder for the alleged slaying of Charles O. (Coy) Johnson, during the Siskiyou tunnel holdup in October, 1924, was sick throughout the night, according to the sheriff. Dunham was in his seat at the opening of court this morning. The extent and cause of his illness was not announced. A doctor waited upon him twice during the night.

There was the usual packed courtroom for the half-day session of the trial.



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—H. W. PRIOR.

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FRANCE EXPECTS TENNIS VICTORY

Davis Cup May Be Wrested from America This Year, Is Belief

PARIS, May 7 (AP)—France expects to wrest the Davis cup, emblematic of world tennis supremacy, from America this year. Moreover, she expects to keep it, and is training young players in super-tennis with that idea in mind.

Never has the racket game aroused such popular enthusiasm in France as at present. The loss of Suzanne Lenglen from the ranks of the amateurs served rather to intensify than diminish the interest of all classes. Scores of youngsters, who a few years ago would have played tennis merely as a pastime, have gone into serious training for international events.

The successes of Lacoste, Borotra, Cochet and Brugnon have made it plain to most Frenchmen that 1927 is the French Davis cup year. And they point to boys hardly out of knee pants but who already have tasted blood in the defeat of famous old-timers, as players who will defend the trophy in the future against all challengers.

Chief of the younger players of great promise is Christian Bousuau, 19-year-old schoolboy, who started off the season by defeating J. H. Gilbert, the British International, in a terrific five-set battle on the courts of the Dulwich club in London. His style, much like that of the champion, Cochet, attracted the attention of French and foreign critics alike, and he is regarded as one of the likeliest choices for the international team matches that will precede Wimbledon and the Davis cup preliminary rounds this summer.

Two other youngsters of great promise are Paul Barrelet de Rieou, not yet 18, and Maxime Guillermot, a few months older, both of whom have stepped out of

the ranks of the ordinary into those of the phenomenal. Barrelet de Rieou, despite his youth, is hailed as one of the most finished of modern players, while Guillermot's great strength has served him again and again in long grueling contests with older players. Girls who bid fair to display the winning ability of even a Suzanne Lenglen are by no means rare. The most promising, say the critics, is Mlle. Jacqueline Galley, whose coolly-calculated play has been likened to that of Helen Wills. She is 18.

Roseburg High Is Tournament Winner

EUGENE, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Roseburg high school last night won the Guild Theater silver cup in the first annual high school drama tournament to be held at the University of Oregon. "Frities" was the title of the winning play and was directed by Susan Gusspell. Milwaukee union high school and Jefferson high of Portland won honorable mention.

CHICAGO OPERA TENOR TRAINING AS JOCKEY

MANCHESTER, Eng.—Tom Burke, the British tenor who has sung with the Chicago Opera company, is training to be a jockey. Burke has reduced his weight by 55 pounds in the last year and now weighs in at 165 pounds.

"Diet, exercise and total abstinence have done the work," said Burke. "I intend to keep up my training and hope to ride a winner next year in the Grand National."



My wife got home last night. Her twin sister died a number of years ago and my wife brought home her twin sister's girls, so that makes nine months to feed now, so get busy and buy Red Top Fencing, just as fast as you can because if we have to go on the county, you'd all go broke. We have hundreds of legs of nails now and we don't have them enough to keep them around to look at, so help us turn them into money fast.

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