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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Generally fair tonight
and Sunday. Temperatures below
normal; diminishing west and
northwest winds.

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SACAJAWEA
INN OPENED
FOR BUSINESSHundreds of Visitors
Praise New Seven-Story
Hotel StructureFORMAL OPENING
IS NEXT SATURDAYDetails of Feb. 18 Pro-
gram Will Be Given
Later—to include Musi-
cale and Ball.The doors of the Sacajawea Inn,
La Grande's new seven-story hotel
building which was erected and is
owned by Julius Rothen, local cap-
italist, were thrown open to the
public today and by early after-
noon, the register books showed a
considerable influx of business.The opening today is not to be
confused with the formal opening,
which will take place next Satur-
day night, Feb. 18, it is announced.
One of the reasons for the busi-
ness opening today is to acquaint
all employees to their duties so that
by the time of the formal opening
next Saturday, service will be of the
most efficient character.W. D. Vaughn, formerly of the
Sumner hotel, is manager of the
Sacajawea and C. L. "Doc" Robert-
son, for many years in charge of the
Sumner, is at the desk.Hundreds of visitors are going
through the hotel today and on every
side words of praise are being
heard.The coffee shop enjoyed an ex-
cellent business on its opening
which is true of the remainder of
the hotel. The new harbor shop is
operating today although it will be
some time before the beauty shop,
on the mezzanine, will be opened.
The main dining room is not
open yet but will be ready tomor-
row evening for dinner.

Formal Opening Next Saturday

The formal opening of the hotel
will consist of an open house with
refreshments from 2 to 4 o'clock
next Saturday, followed by an in-
formal opening dinner. A special
musical program has been arranged
and dancing will take place in the
ball room from 9 until 12 o'clock.
Further details of the program will
be announced later by The Observer.On Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p. m.,
the day following the formal open-
ing, concert will be given by the
La Grande municipal band.The Observer will issue a special
Sacajawea Inn edition next Thurs-
day describing the hotel in detail.FOUR DOGS ARE
POISONED ON
FRIDAY HEREFour dogs were poisoned by
some unknown person or persons
in La Grande yesterday, three of
them being found dead and reported
to the police and the fifth was
found near death near the
Elks temple. It was shot by the
police.One dog was found near 1805
N. avenue, at Fourth and J streets
and still another under the Second
street viaduct, its body in a sack.Marinello Shop
Here PurchasedMr. and Mrs. J. L. Howard, owners
of the Bob Shop in Pendleton,
have purchased the Marinello shop
here, formerly known as the Gold
Marinello shop, located in the L. C.
Smith building. The name of the
shop here will be changed to the
Bob Shop and Mrs. Howard will
be personally in charge here, al-
though they will continue to have
their business in Pendleton also.Mr. and Mrs. Howard have been
very successful in their work in
Pendleton, and feel that they will
have the same success here. They
have owned the shop in the Em-
tilla county seat for the past five
years, and are well known in East-
ern Oregon.ATTRACTIVE
TO SEE AND
TO READYou enjoy the advertising in
The Observer not only because it
is instructive and beneficial,
but because it is generally at-
tractive to the eye and interest-
ing to the mind.An advertising message that is
illustrated effectively is often
more attractive to the eye than
one which is not. And it is
interestingly written. It is
equally attractive to read. The
increasing excellence is due in
no small way to the illustration
and copy service provided. Ob-
server advertising without addi-
tional cost. It permits business
men to keep contact with you
in an attractive way at the min-
imum cost per reader."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Tigers Smother
Union in Cage
Contest, 34 to 17Senior Girls Win from the
Juniors in Second Over-
time Period—Both Tilts
Full of Action.The La Grande Tigers avenged
a previous defeat by Union early
in the season last night when they
smothered the Hobcats under a fu-
ll of field baskets. The final
score was 34 to 17—one of the
worst defeats of the year the Ma-
jors and White quintet has had to
swallow.As a preliminary to the boys'
game, the junior and senior six-
ties played off the intermural
championship, the seniors winning
15 to 13 in a second overtime pe-
riod. At the end of the game the
score stood 13 all and the first
overtime period failed to produce
any new scoring. At half time the
Juniors were leading 5 to 5.During the first frame of the
main event, the Christie-coached
cagers exhibited an excellent brand
of basketball, showing up espe-
cially strong on the offense al-
though the defense at times was
not so perfect. It is said, however,
that a strong offense is the best
defense and this was demonstrated
by the fact that at half time Uni-
on was trailing 23 to 10.Sharpshooters Busy
Hibberd, Braden, H. Wolfe and
Stoddard all took their turn at cas-
ing field goals, several of which
were dropped in from beyond the
hoop line. In the first half each of
the quartet scored two baskets,
Wolfe adding to his four points af-
ter foul.In the second half Hibberd was
the only man to score from the
floor for La Grande but four shots,
coupled with points by himself,
Braden and Stoddard after fouls,
served to keep the margin of vic-
tory on the Tigers' side—11 to 7.The Tigers were breaking fast
last night, especially early in the
game which, with their superior
shooting, represented the differ-
ence in strength. The Hobcats, get-
ting the ball, were caught flat foot-
ed several times giving the home
team a chance to spread its defense.

Hibberd Best Scorer

Parent, the Union center, was
high point man for the visitors
with a total of 10. Hibberd, with
13, topped Parent for game honors.
The Union team was fast and ag-
gressive, but ran into an exhibition
of even more speed.Several times the crowd expressed
displeasure at decisions of the
referee, L. M. Cook, of Baker, and
at one time the vociferous "ban-
ning" of his work from the bal-
conies resulted in his calling a
technical on the La Grande cap-
tain, the game converted.The tilt was rough throughout,
Braden and Dehn going out in the
last half. In addition to this
Stoddard, Wilkinson and Orton all
had three personals against their
record and no regular on either side
escaped penalties.

Girls' Game Fast

The girls' contest was fast with
it appearing a sure junior victory
in the first half. A final rally by
the seniors, however, tied up the
score and eventually led to vic-
tory.This game represented the final
contest in a series of class games
which were divided into two frames,
A and B.

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Pondosa Sales
Company Elects
Same OfficialsThe annual meeting of the Eastern
Oregon Pondosa Sales company was
held at the office of the M. E. Em-
mily Lumber company here yester-
day, when officers and directors
for the ensuing year were elected.The same directors and officers
who have served since the organi-
zation of the sales company a year
ago were re-elected.Members of the board are George
R. Hicks, president of the Bowman-
Hicks Lumber company, of Kams-
wac City; H. Campbell, president of
the Eastern Oregon Lumber company
at Enterprise, of Klamath City; De-
vid Stoddard, of the Oregon Lum-
ber company of Baker; Joe Stod-
dard, of the Stoddard Lumber com-
pany of Baker, and A. J. Stange,
of the M. E. Emmy Lumber company,
of La Grande.Mr. Hicks is president of the
sales company, David Stoddard is
vice president, Mr. Campbell is
treasurer and L. K. Kinzel is sec-
retary.General conditions of the lumber
market were discussed during the
meeting. Yesterday noon the group
of lumber men who were here for
the meeting had luncheon together
at the La Grande hotel.Pacific Woodmen
Plan EntertainmentThe Pacific Woodmen's Life
association is looking forward to
an especially interesting program
Monday evening. After regular
lodge session at Eagles hall at 7:30
p. m. an entertainment featuring a
wrestling match and two pre-
liminaries will be given in the
hall for members of the lodge and
prospective members.SCOUT COURT
OF HONOR TO
REWARD 100Largest Event of Its Kind
in This City to Take
Place TonightEAGLE SCOUT TO
RECEIVE BADGEWill Mark End of Anni-
versary Week in La
Grande—Large Number
of Merit Awards.The largest boy scout court of
honor held in the Eastern Oregon
circuit will take place in the cir-
cuit court room of the county court
house here this evening, beginning
at 7:30 o'clock, when more than
100 awards will be given to boy
scouts of Union county.There will be 19 tenderfoot
badges given, four second class
and six first class, besides a large
number of merit badges. Two boys
will become star scouts, Sam T.
Ashby and Donald Porech, one
scout, Lee C. Johnson, will receive
his life scout award, and one boy,
Vernell Kochenberger, will receive
his eagle scout badge.The boys who will become ten-
derfoot scouts are: Kenneth Webb,
Eugene Cummings, Edwin Briggs,
(Continued on Page 5)PIONEER DINNER
PROGRAM READYDr. Phy to Be the Main
Speaker at Banquet in
Sacajawea InnWith the program completed, all
other arrangements made and the
ticket sale progressing satisfactorily,
indications point to a highly
successful third annual Pioneer
Dinner of Pioneers banquet at
the Sacajawea Inn next Tuesday
evening, Feb. 14, at 7:30 o'clock.The banquet will be in the joint
honor of Oregon pioneers and in
remembrance of Oregon's admis-
sion to the United States, which oc-
curred 69 years ago St. Valentine's
day.The committee in charge wishes
to stress the fact that all persons
are invited to attend, the only
requirement being the purchase of a
ticket, which may be obtained at
Glass Drugs.

Dr. Phy to Speak

Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, is
to be the main speaker of the eve-
ning.The program will begin with in-
vocation by the Rev. Oliver Riley,
of the Episcopal church, which will
be followed by one verse of "Auld
Lang Syne." During the evening
will represent the cutting of the
Oregon's first presidential vote for
Abraham Lincoln, will be given, a
Valentine girl will present the vote
to J. E. Reynolds, who will repre-
sent the electoral college at Wash-
ington. In turn, Mr. Reynolds will
present the vote to Ed Jasper, who
will represent Abraham Lincoln.
Mr. Jasper will formally accept the
ballot and thank Oregon for its
loyalty vote.

Old and New

Ola Mae Hough is to play a piano
selection on the elegant grand and
Mrs. Harriet McDonald will play
the melodeon, representing the
new and the old.Mrs. T. Richardson will recite
an original poem dedicated to the
pioneers and, after the dinner is
over, M. L. Carter will "fiddle" for
a Virginia reel and a square dance
two, Mr. Miller, of Cove, will
call for the dance.Last year the banquet room was
inadequate to care for all who
wished to attend but this year the
committee believes that it is now
crowded can be taken care of. Some
expect as many as 500 to attend.Dog Licenses Now Obtainable At
City Office—First 10 Are IssuedCity dog licenses for the year
went on sale in the municipal
building today and 10 have already
been issued. Last year a total of
444 licenses were sold, city records
reveal.In the first 10 licenses issued
fox terriers and Boston Bulls tied
for high honors, with three each.
Two pit terriers were licensed and
one rat terrier. A long aired sheltie
just barely "made the grade" get-
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Police Dog First

Living up to his past record, Po-
lice Chief Clint Haynes was first
to take out a license. His fox ter-
rier, "Suehite" has borne No. 1 for
several years.Second on the list was Emma
M. Joyce's Boston bull, "Suehite",
and Horace Knapp's cat terrier,
"Cute" was third. Charles O.
Sorenson was fourth in line and
his Boston bull, "Suehite Jr." will
sport No. 4 during 1928.Dog licenses are compulsory in
the city limits and each year, af-
ter a short time in which dog
owners may secure licenses has
passed, the city puts on a dog cat-
cher whose duty it is to pick up
all canines without a tag. License
fees are \$1 for male dogs and \$1
for females.Oregon Editors
Name Appleby
New PresidentResolution Is Passed to
Fully Inform the Pub-
lic of Proposed \$3 Li-
cense Fee Bill.EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 11, (AP)—
Frank Appleby, of the La Grande
Observer, was named president of
the eleventh annual Oregon news-
paper conference at Saturday morn-
ing session, succeeding Ralph Cro-
well, of the Albany Democrat-Her-
ald who had presided at the tenth
conference. George Turnbull, pro-
fessor of journalism at the Univer-
sity of Oregon, was re-elected sec-
retary.Resolutions passed at the session
included recommendations that the
newspapers of the state give ex-
tended attention to the conse-
quences of the proposed \$3 motor
vehicle license fee bill, so that the
public may be fully informed on the
relation of the license program to
that of the highways.To encourage fraternity with
publishers of other states it was
also voted to have the president of
the conference get in touch with
the president of the conference be-
ing held in Washington this year,
with view to having an exchange
of speakers at the 1929 conven-
tion.In regard to senate bill No. 1752
whereby the federal government
would be prohibited from selling
stamped envelopes with specially
printed corners, the conference ex-
pressed itself as opposed to the
principle of government in busi-
ness and commended the attitude
of the Oregon legislators toward the
bill, recommending that it be re-
ported favorably out of committee.Newspaper men, under a fourth
resolution were asked to acquaint
business men of their communities
with the programs of out of state
merchants of special cut and copy
services and advertising schemes,
and urging that the business men
and newspaper confer on the rela-
tive merits of the various plans.CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO
MEET IN LA GRANDE HOTELTuesday's forum luncheon of the
chamber of commerce will be held
at the La Grande hotel. The Cen-
tral Labor council will have charge
of the program and drinks will be
given on "The History of Organi-
zation Labor," "The Justification
of Unionism" and "The Co-operation
of the Central Labor Council with
Other Civic Organizations of La
Grande." Helms orchestra will
furnish music.Telephone Deal
Rumors Denied
By Foshay FirmSAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11, (AP)—
The office of W. B. Foshay and
company, of San Francisco and
Minneapolis, denied today that they
had secured options on several
telephone systems in Oregon and
Washington. The denial came in
answer to rumors of negotiations
between the company and owners
of a number of northwest lines.Lodge Enjoys A
Valentine SocialThe Moose lodge met last evening
at Eagles hall in regular ses-
sion. After the regular lodge ses-
sion the women of Mooseheart Le-
gion gave a valentine social, to
which the members of the men's
lodge were invited.Spanish-American
War Veterans MeetThe regular meeting of the La
Grande chapter of Spanish
War Veterans was held last eve-
ning at Housa hall with 14 mem-
bers in attendance. Meetings are
held once each month and after
the regular lodge session last night
the women's auxiliary served lunch.Dog Licenses Now Obtainable At
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fees are \$1 for male dogs and \$1
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SPORTSMAN

A crowd would watch
him bow.Bought for
a friend.

That reminds me.

Tomorrow Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States,
will be honored the world over on his birthday anniversary. He
was born just 119 years ago in a cabin in Hardin county, Ky. The
above picture shows him as a congressman and elsewhere on this
page is a story of his activities as a sportsman. We saw a fighter
when it was necessary, and he took a keen interest in wrestling,
bowling, races and cock-fights, the author, Rodney Dutcher,
declares.Willamette Will
Play M.I.A. Five
At 8:30 TonightWhen La Grande basketball fans
gather tonight at the L. D. S. rec-
reational hall to watch the first
college team ever to play in La
Grande will be the first Ward
M. I. A. boys, they aren't going to
see any one-sided shooting con-
test but a real basketball game, de-
clares "Spec" Keene, Willamette's
coach, and former assistant coach
at O. A. C., who arrived here some-
time during the wee sma' hours
this morning from Walla Walla
with his 10 third cagers. It may
be that the college mentor believes
in being cautious, but he has a
definite reason for stating that to-
night's game will be a tussle and
is this: "I know what the M. I. A.
boys have because I've watched
three of them at the Salem base-
ball tournament last year and I
know they are real players. We're
prepared for a close game."12 KILLED WHEN
PLANT EXPLODESHalf a Dozen Are Also
Missing in Everett,
Mass.; Score HurtEVERETT, Mass., Feb. 11, (AP)—
Twelve men are known to be
dead, at least a half a dozen more
were missing and as many again
were in critical condition in various
hospitals today as the result of the
partial destruction late yesterday
afternoon of the distillation plant
of the Beacon Oil company here.Eight of the dead had been
identified. All of the dead, missing
and seriously injured were employees
of the oil company. Two of the bodies
remained unidentified and officials
who said that they were charred
beyond the possibility of recogni-
tion expressed the belief that they
might be those of two of the 12
men now listed as missing.Throughout the night firemen,
police and other workers tirelessly
searched the smoking ruins for
additional bodies while sobbing
groups of relatives besieged the
main gates of the big plant in
quest of information or clustered
about the undertakers rooms where
the dead were being identified.President L. B. Kahle, of the
company, declared that the explo-
sion probably was caused by the
failure of a low pressure still.Mule on Track Is
Train Wreck CauseSACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 11
(AP)—A mule on the Southern
Pacific tracks nine miles north of
here last night resulted in the
derailing of the Eldorado flit with
the fatal injury of Engineer Val-
ter Shields, the injury of Fireman
Elmer Sweeney and the shaking
up of a number of passengers.Engineer Shields was trapped in
his cab which became a steam in-
ferno causing burns that resulted
in his death today.Exemplify First
Degree at MeetingThe first degree was exemplified
for two candidates last evening
when the regular meeting of the
Odd Fellows lodge was held in
the lodge hall. It was the regular
meeting night of the lodge, and
about 50 members were present.
Besides the initiation, only the reg-
ular business of the lodge was tak-
en up.W. O. W. Arrange
Special ProgramA special program has been ar-
ranged for next Tuesday evening,
Feb. 14, when the regular meet-
ing of the Woodmen of the World
lodge will be held at Eagles hall.
All members and their families
are invited to attend. After the
program a social time will be en-
joyed and refreshments will be
served.Lincoln Bowled "With Gusto," Liked
Wrestling, Races and Cock-FightsBy Rodney Dutcher
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—If the
young man of the house spends
some of his evenings at the bow-
ling alley, don't discourage him.
He is merely following in one or
two of the footsteps of Abraham
Lincoln.Those were the days when Lin-
coln was only a congressman. He
served in the House from 1847 to
1849 and apparently wanted to
continue, but there was no over-
whelming demand for him in his
Illinois district.While in Washington for those
two years, however, he took keen
delight in hurling the old cannon
ball down the alley and he was
fairly good at it, judging from the
meager accounts of his prowess.Sentencing Of
Hickman to Wait
Until TuesdayJudge Trabucco Grants a
Postponement to Hear
Arguments on Motion
for New Trial.HALL OF JUSTICE, Los An-
geles, Feb. 11 (AP)—The sen-
tencing of William Edward Hick-
man for the murder of Marian
Parker, today was postponed to
next Tuesday morning by Superior
Judge J. J. Trabucco, at which
time arguments will be heard on
the motion for a new trial filed
by counsel for "The Fox."Nearly a score of allegations of
trial errors and deprivations of
rights of the defendant, were set
forth by Jerome Walsh, chief de-
fense counsel, in his motion for a
new trial.The lawyer alleged there were
"errors of law" in his client's san-
nity trial; that the verdict was con-
trary to the evidence; that the
court erred in granting the plain-
tiff the right to issue jury chal-
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passed the jury; that the defend-
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his right to a jury trial for mur-
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constitution of the United States
he had been compelled to be a
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refer to the use of the murderer's
confessions as trial evidence.Walsh, reading his motion for
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grounds that the verdict was con-
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court erred in instructing the jury;
and that the jury received evi-
dence out of court.Hickman who had entered the
court room with jaunty step and
smiling, was called to his feet by
the court to hear his sentence im-
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ently reached the point in his re-
vision of the crime, trial and con-
viction at which he was to sen-
tence the youthful kidnaper and
killer, he paused for first ask if
there was any reason the sen-
tence should not be imposed.The prisoner stood erect, with
shoulders squared and looking di-
rectly ahead. Once as the judge's
powerful voice informed him of
the sentence which he stood con-
victed under the law, Hickman's
shoulders jerked violently.After Walsh had read the
grounds for his new trial motion,
he informed the court that all
these would be entered in affi-
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