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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and Sunday with probably rains over the southwest portion, freezing temperature in east portion.

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BAKER LOSES
TO WALLOWA
BY 2 POINTSBranch Line Team Will
Have Chance to Win the
Championship TonightONTARIO, UNION
IN SEMI-FINALSDope Bucket Upset Yesterday When La Grande
and Joseph Were Eliminated from Play.SEMI-FINAL GAMES TODAY
2 p. m.: Ontario, 22, Wallowa, 21.
3 p. m.: Baker, 21, Union, 24.FINALS TOMORROW
2 p. m.: Baker vs. Ontario.
3 p. m.: Baker vs. Ontario.

The "dope" was badly upset this afternoon when the Ontario quarter won over Wallowa 21 to 22 which means that the tournament will not be completed until Monday night.

Wallowa and Baker still stand out as the favorites in the district basketball tournament at Union, but the branch line champions, by virtue of a 19 to 17 win over the Bulldogs last night, have an edge. Donors figure that these two will eliminate Ontario and Union this afternoon and, if Wallowa can repeat her Friday victory, the way to Salem is clear. If the Bulldogs should win, then an extra game will be necessary.

The dope bucket was kicked higher than a kite yesterday, twice doing a sky-rocketing act. The first session was in the opening game of the afternoon, when Union ousted La Grande 20 to 22, eliminating the Tigers from further play.

The second was in the evening, when the scrappy Ontario team defeated an early lead to defeat Joseph 21 to 27. Ontario is one of the favorites of the tournament.

Otherwise the games went about as figured.

1300 See Games
During the afternoon and evening the approximate crowd was 1300 and the spirit of sportsmanship continued in the same high plane shown Thursday.

The teams are more evenly matched this year than ever before, and a number of men are playing stellar ball.

All-Star Team Soon
Monday's issue of The Observer will carry an all-star mythical first and second tournament team, to be selected by Ralph Coleman, referee, and Amory Gill, umpire.Huffman Best Scorer
At the end of the first three rounds, the following men were high scorers: Huffman, Ontario, 37; Coles, Haines, 34; Craven, Joseph, 32; Cox, Ontario, 32; Delap, Union, 30; Hines, Baker, 27; Crawford, Wallowa, 26; Hibberd, La Grande, 25; Lloyd, Wallowa, 23. High point guards were: Sarrett, Wallowa, 15; Duff, Baker, 14; Edwards, Ontario, 9; Walker, Joseph, 9.LA GRANDE ELIMINATED
La Grande was eliminated in the opening game of the afternoon, Union winning 20 to 22. Union led at the end of the first quarter, 7 to 6, at half time, 15 to 12, at the end of the third quarter, 25 to 16. A desperate rally by La Grande in the last period scored nine points while Union gathered five. The summary was printed in yesterday's Observer.PRAIIE CITY OUT
Haines played steady ball to defeat.

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RYAN FRUIT CO.
IS PURCHASED
BY PACIFIC CO.

The Pacific Fruit and Produce company has purchased the interests of the Ryan Fruit company here, and G. H. Fogle has returned to La Grande and will be the manager of the company here. The company, which has been operating for the past year and a half at 249 First street, has moved to the building formerly occupied by Ryan Fruit on Jefferson avenue and will operate from there.

Mr. Fogle was formerly manager of the Ryan Fruit here, but for the past several months he has been making his home at Astoria. Karl Stranahan, who has been manager of the Ryan company since the time plans to leave La Grande today.

C. L. Gallagher, vice president of the Pacific Fruit company, stopped in La Grande yesterday on his way back to Seattle, where he makes his headquarters, after a trip to Idaho points in the interest of the company.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—Frank Morrison, Salem pioneer, died at Albany yesterday from injuries received when struck on the head while riding on a truck under a low bridge.

Institute To Be
Held At Imbler
Next SaturdayTeachers of Union County
To Attend Spring Meeting—E. J. Klemme, Main
Speaker.

The spring institute for teachers of Union county will be held at Imbler next Saturday, Mar. 10. County Superintendent E. A. Sayre announced today.

Instructors at the institute will include E. J. Klemme, president of the Intermountain Union college, of Helena, in addition to superintendents of schools from the county, all of which have prepared addresses on interesting subjects. Music will be furnished by Miss Emma Baxter in the morning and E. E. Hurley in the afternoon.

The institute is to open at 10 a. m. with announcements and music. At 10:30 o'clock E. J. Klemme will give an address, "The Abundant Life," which will be followed at 11:15 a. m. by a paper on the "County Unit," by E. E. Arant, superintendent of Elgin public schools, with Ralph L. Morgan assisting in leading the discussion.

At noon lunch will be served by the Imbler Parent-Teacher association.

Music will open the afternoon program at 1:45 when Mr. Hurley will sing. At 1:50 E. J. Klemme will speak again, this time on "The Peptimist." A round table discussion is scheduled for 2:15, with dismissal at 2:30 o'clock.

Teachers are not required by law to attend this institute but their professional growth depends on it," declared Mr. Sayre this morning. This is the only institute to be held this spring, he explained.

NEW LOAD LIMIT
EFFECTIVE TODAYRaised from 6500 to 8500
Pounds on Trail Between
Here and Pendleton

The load limit on the Old Oregon Trail highway over the Blue Mountains between La Grande and Pendleton has been raised from 6500 pounds to 8500 pounds. It was announced this morning by Oscar Culler, resident maintenance engineer here.

The load limit was raised by the order of the state highway commission and became effective today. The first limit which was placed on this section of the highway became effective on February 15 and allowed no traffic over the highway weighing more than 6500 pounds, however the road is in good condition and it is possible to raise the limit 2000 pounds.

The load limit on the Baker-Haines section of the Old Oregon Trail, which also became effective Feb. 15, remains 10,000 pounds.

Bids on Building
Will Be Let Soon

Bids for the state highway shown to be constructed here will be let at the next meeting of the Oregon state highway commission to be held in Portland the last of this month, according to L. P. Campbell, state equipment engineer from Salem, who returned to his home there yesterday after a short business trip to La Grande.

While in the city Mr. Campbell visited the proposed site where the shops will be constructed. It is expected that the plans for the shops building will be completed in a short time, a copy of which will probably be received at the highway office here sometime next week.

Basement Fire
Damage Is Small

The fire department truck was called to 304 Fourth street at 9:40 o'clock this morning to extinguish a fire in the basement of the home occupied by Charles E. Stitt, known as the old Snodgrass place.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Small damage was done. About 45 gallons of chemicals were used to extinguish the blaze.

New Location For
Enterprise Office

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 3.—The Enterprise post office will be located in A. C. Miller's brick building opposite the court house, for the ten year term beginning July 1. Mr. Miller received notice Monday from Washington telling that his offer had been accepted, thus settling the matter of the future of the office.

All the fixtures used in the present office will be moved to the new location and will be used there.

SHIP'S COLLIDE
VALETTA, Malta, Mar. 3 (AP)—The collier Corinthia leaving the harbor here today collided with the stern of the British battleship Queen Elizabeth. Both ships were damaged.AMERICANS
ARE KILLED
IN MEXICOAlleged Jail-Breakers Are
Shot by Mexican
OfficialsFIGHT RESULTS
IN FOUR DEATHSThree of Men Believed to
Be Deserters from U. S.
Navy; Were Headed for
U. S. Boundary.

CALEXICO, Cal., Mar. 2 (AP)—Four Americans alleged jail breakers were shot and killed by a posse of Mexican officials in a fight early today on the Ensenada-Tijuana highway, said Alphonso Pellegri, secretary to Gov. Rodriguez at Mexicali across the international boundary line from here.

The names of the four Americans as reported by Secretary Pellegri were: Elton Marshburn, Russell M. Farmer, E. Kirby and Lawrence Thompson. Three of the men are alleged deserters from the U. S. Navy but which three could not be ascertained.

The men were arrested a few days ago on charges of highway robbery said to have been committed on the Ensenada-Tijuana road and lodged in the Ensenada jail.

Early this morning they escaped from the jail and, with smuggled arms, headed toward the United States boundary.

A posse of Mexican officials followed and surrounded them, whereupon a fight occurred and all four of the Americans were killed.

Several members of the posse are reported to have been shot.

Jess Andrews Is
Elected Exalted
Ruler of Elks

The annual election of the Elks lodge of the La Grande Elks lodge for 1928 when that organization held its annual election of officers Thursday evening. Other officers followed: H. E. Brady, declared to grand lodge; L. H. Brannan, alternate to grand lodge; C. L. Berry, esteemed leading knight; E. L. Knight, esteemed loyal knight; C. L. Thompson, esteemed lecturing knight; W. H. Winters, secretary; J. E. Woodell, treasurer; F. H. Lee, Uler; I. C. Kennedy, trustee.

Hugh E. Brady, retiring exalted ruler, presided at the meeting. It was announced that installation of the 1928 officers will take place at the first meeting night in April.

The attendance was large at the meeting which included a social hour following the business meeting. An oyster feed was enjoyed.

American Legion
Meeting Wednesday

The March meeting of the American Legion will be held next Wednesday, Mar. 7, at Hounan hall, which was recently secured as the regular meeting place of the organization. It was announced today by C. L. Thompson, commander. An interesting meeting is expected, during which reports on the Feb. 23 mass ex-service men meeting and also the district conference of the legion, held on the same date, will be heard. A social hour with the auxiliary will be enjoyed following the meeting.

APPROVES CARAWAY BILL
WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (AP)—The Caraway bill to prevent the sale of cotton and grain future markets was approved by the senate agriculture committee today.100 Masons Gather for Meeting Here;
Robert S. Eakin Reports on Trip East

Nearly 100 Masons, including 25 from the Pendleton Masonic lodge, gathered at the Masonic hall here last night when the officers and members of the Pendleton lodge met for the local order.

The meeting opened with dinner at 6:30 o'clock, which was served in the Masonic lodge rooms, F. A. Epling, master of the local lodge, presiding as toastmaster. The Rev. Weston F. Shields, district deputy grand master of Wallowa, was in attendance and was called upon for a short talk during the dinner hour.

During the meeting which followed both Mr. Shields and Robert S. Eakin, grand master of Oregon, were called upon for short talks.

Mr. Eakin gave an interesting report of his trip to Washington, D. C., where he attended the grand masters' conference, an annual meeting of Masonic grand masters from all over the United States. Forty-one states of the union were represented at the meeting, which was one of the largest ever held.

On Washington's birthday the

Annual Meeting
Program Nearly
Completed TodayReservations Going Rapidly; Banquet Is at 6:30
O'clock at La Grande
Hotel.

The satisfactory number of reservations that have already been made for the annual banquet and meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce at the La Grande hotel next Tuesday at 6:30 o'clock forecasts a large representative attendance. W. R. Dodson, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, is to be the speaker. Mr. Dodson is a renowned speaker of the west and his presence on the program is being hailed with delight by local men who have heard him.

C. S. Birnie is to talk on "Pop" and the outgoing president, H. E. Coolidge and the incoming president, Hugh E. Brady, will be speakers. Music is to be furnished during the evening by A. L. Helmer orchestra. F. L. Lilly, chairman of the entertainment committee, is arranging for music.

The large number of tickets already sold is taken by chamber of commerce officials as indicative of the general interest in the chamber's development program for this year, which is to be announced at the annual banquet. Development of La Grande and Union county and increasing the county population will be discussed when the chamber launches its extensive development program at the meeting. The development program is characterized by a "large undertaking which will require the united efforts of the community to put over, but which will be a worthwhile goal for every citizen."

Many Expected To
Hear Band Concert

Indications are that the band concert to be given in the Arcade theater tomorrow night will tax the capacity of the house. The La Grande band recitals have become so popular this year that hardly ever are all those in attendance able to be seated and often several are turned away because of the large crowd.

The concert begins at 8 o'clock sharp and the audience is urged to come earlier, so that all will be seated by the time the curtain is raised. The program for the Sunday concert was published in yesterday's issue of The Observer and Director Andrew Loney promises that this presentation will be one of the best indoor concerts ever given here.

Sell Barley, Feed
Wheat in Wallowa

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 3.—More than 20 cars of barley have been shipped out of the upper valley by the Woolgrowers Warehouse company as part of an unusual change in the use of grain this season. Formerly the farmers raised barley to feed and sold their wheat. This year they are selling their barley and feeding their wheat.

This reversal was brought about by the heavy yield of barley and the unexpected upturn in prices, and by the large quantity of damaged wheat which was not marketable but still made good stock feed.

Woman Loses In
Race With Death

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—A race with death was lost here last night by Mrs. Clinton Howley, Seattle, who had hurried south to be with her dying son.

While she was still on the train, the 16-year-old boy, Vernon, died in a hospital of typhoid fever. The boy's father is said to be employed on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

SHE DRIVES TOWARD SENATE

Texas, which elected America's second woman governor, may present the nation with its first elected lady senator. Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, long active in state democratic circles, plans to tour the state in a flower in a campaign for the democratic nomination, which would be equivalent to election if she wins.

Local Knights
And Wives Go
To Enterprise

Approximately 100 Knights of Pythias and their wives attended what was termed one of the most successful district conventions of that lodge ever to be held which took place last night at Enterprise with the K. of P. lodge of that city as hosts. Representatives from lodges of Union and Wallowa county including a group of 20 from La Grande were present and two visitors from Pendleton, Judge James Pice Jr. and James H. Gwin, extended greetings from the Pendleton lodge. The convention will be held next year at Wallowa. It was decided. A feature of the evening's program was the presentation of five 25-year veteran's jewels, all to lodge members at Enterprise. Mr. Gwin made the presentation to the five, to whom congratulations were extended throughout the evening. They were: E. A. Clarke, W. C. Knabe, C. H. Zuercher, J. H. Maxwell, Byron Mayfield. Following Mr. Gwin's talk, Mr. Clarke responded for the 25-year members of the lodge.

Banquet Served
The evening began when an excellent banquet was served to approximately 250 at the Oddfellows hall. The attendance was swelled by some 50, following the banquet when the lodge met at the community hall, with G. A. Miller, noble grand of the Enterprise lodge, presiding. The evening's program began with an address of welcome from George Cheney, with responses from Robert C. Ayers, representing the La Grande lodge, James Webb, from the Union lodge, Jesse Crum from the Elgin lodge, Leck Willett, from the Wallowa lodge, A. M. Andrews, from the Imbler lodge.

An interesting address was given by H. C. Lee, of Union, who has for many years been prominent in the work of the lodge.

Following the speaking program, the Enterprise lodge presented a minstrel show, which the La Grande lodge members this morning described as "one of the finest amateur minstrels we've ever seen." A. C. Miller was interlocutor, Mrs. Helen M. Parker was director and Mrs. Nina M. Gibson was pianist.

The convention last year was held at La Grande. The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was the only regular business of the evening.

Paintings Worth
\$200,000 Destroyed

NEW YORK, Mar. 3 (AP)—Fire in the Riverside Drive home of Dr. R. J. Forhan, toast master of the city today destroyed paintings and furnishings valued at \$200,000. Mrs. Forhan and two servants who were in the house were led to safety by firemen.

KLAMATH MAN PASSES
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—George Wirtz, aged 52, prominent Klamath Falls business man and identified with public projects for the past 20 years died last night, following a brief illness of pneumonia.

BATEM, Russia, Mar. 3 (AP)—Four persons were killed here when the snow laden roof of a public bakery crashed during a terrific snow storm which has been sweeping trans-Caucasia.



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WALSH TO FILE
IN CALIFORNIAMcAdoo Will Head Fight
for Montana Senator—
Predicts a Victory

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (AP)—William G. McAdoo today confirmed the announcement of his friends that he would head a fight in California for Senator Walsh of Montana for president, and predicted that Walsh would have the California delegation.

Senator Walsh of Montana, has assented to the entry of his name in the democratic presidential primaries in California, but intends to make no active campaign for the nomination in that or any other state.

In making this announcement today, Walsh said the movement in his behalf had been initiated by some of his friends, and that while he had agreed to stand as a candidate he had not sought support.

The Montana senator, who is a Roman Catholic and a dry, said he had not given thought to the question of endorsing a primary other than those in California. Reports from Wisconsin, are that his name will be filed there as a presidential candidate.

LAWYER GETS
5-YEAR STAY
OF EXECUTION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Mar. 3 (AP)—J. B. Webb, general counsel for the Edwards estate corporation, was granted a five-year stay of execution of sentence in federal court here late yesterday after he had been fined \$1,000 and sentenced to three years in federal penitentiary for using the mails to defraud. He will not be required to serve the sentence at all. It is understood on condition of his good behavior during the five-year period.

Webb was charged with employing correspondence and periodicals to further his plans to have himself appointed general counsel of the Edwards heirs, numbering several thousand, who lay claim to a large block of valuable real estate in New York City.

Webb, it was said, planned to be appointed prosecutor of these claims.

The property involved is that owned by Trinity church and is valued at more than \$12,000,000. The Edwards heirs represent themselves as descendants of Robert Edwards, a captain, who is alleged to have been granted 77 acres by George III. Trinity's title has been held conclusively in every court in litigation by various claimants.

Salem Y Director
Denounces Pastor

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—In a letter to George B. Love, of Eugene, state commander of the American Legion, R. L. Boardman, physical director of the Salem Y. M. C. A. protests against the annual membership renewal of the Rev. R. L. Payne of Salem, superintendent of the First Baptist church. Mr. Payne is chaplain of the Salem legion post.

Mr. Payne has been a storm petrel since his arrival here several months ago. Boardman challenges his war record, his reputation as a minister, and accuses him of misrepresentation in joining the legion, declaring he never was in the army.

Remains of Navy
Airplane Found
In Bay WatersDirigible Los Angeles, After
Severe Buffeting by
Storm, Safe in Its Lake-
hurst Hangar.

NORFOLK, Va., Mar. 3 (AP)—The horizontal stabilizer and horizontal rudder of an airplane found in lower Chesapeake bay four miles south of Cape Charles City, was definitely identified today by officers of the naval station as parts of the plane that disappeared Monday with Commander Ellyson and two other naval pilots.

The parts were found by L. E. Willis and brought to the air station where Commander A. C. Read announced that they were from the plane which carried Commander Ellyson, Lieut. Commander Hugo Schmidt, and Lieut. Rogers Hainsworth into the air Monday.

Ellyson was on his way to visit his daughter, Mildred, 12, who was ill at the naval hospital at Annapolis.

Except for fragmentary and contradictory reports from various sections of the Chesapeake bay country, the plane and the three men had not been heard of and no trace could be found of them, although the navy, assisted by the army, made one of the widest searches in the history of aviation.

DIRIGIBLE SAFE
LAKEHURST, N. J., Mar. 3 (AP)—After battling strong winds and a blinding snow storm over her home field all night, the dirigible Los Angeles, was walked safely into her hangar at 7 a. m. today, completing a 4,000-mile round trip flight to Panama.

Four sailors who were carried into the air clinging to the handrails of the giant ship when the snowstorm swept across the field forcing a sudden ascent after an attempted landing, were pulled to safety inside the cabin. Another member of the ground crew who hung on until the dirigible was 20 feet off the ground was only slightly injured in the fall.

The big airship quickly disappeared in the storm and fell that she might meet the same fate.

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Bares Charges
Of Death Plot
In Murder Trial

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP)—Charges of a plot to slay an investigating officer, of attempted bribery, and of a stool pigeon in jail trying to entrap the defendant in bribery were made in opening statements of attorneys in the trial of Robert Green Jr. circuit court at Coquille. Green is accused of the murder of his neighbor, Caleb Green, at Cathlamet Inlet, last November 21.

District Attorney J. B. Beddingfield told the jury that Green and others had plotted to slay Chief Deputy Frank Osmond, who was in charge of the investigation of the murder of Caleb Green.

Beddingfield told the jury that Green had signed a confession of the murder of Caleb Green, which would be produced in evidence. He said Green offered \$2,000 bribe for freedom on Feb. 2 when Beddingfield saw him in jail.

A. E. Beck, chief defense counsel, retorted with a charge that a detective hired by the state to pose as a train robber had tried to induce Green to offer Beddingfield a \$2,000 bribe. He said the detective drugged Green in his cell.

The jury was taken to the scene of the murder at Cathlamet Inlet yesterday afternoon. The two Greens were neighbors, but not relatives. The state charges that Caleb was slain by a blow of a baseball bat.

Predict Week of
Normal Weather

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 3 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning March 4 was announced here today by the U. S. weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for normal temperature, considerable cloudiness with rains during the forepart of the week in California and Nevada and probably in other far western states.

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Injuries Delay
Trip to Detroit

SHARON, Pa., Mar. 3 (AP)—Diendonne Coste, French four-continent flier who was forced down here yesterday with his companion, Joseph Lebrun, was slightly injured today in preparing for a takeoff, and the flier's trip from New York to Detroit was delayed further.

Anthrax Claims 2
In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 3 (AP)—A man and a woman are dead and two other persons are in a serious condition in the municipal hospital from anthrax. All were employed in a hat-curling factory and are believed to have contracted the disease from a shipment of animal hair from Russia and China. The dead are Fred Hettick, 38, and Mrs. Kate Panek, 40.