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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday, continued mild with low humidity in the interior.

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W. K. GILBERT ELECTED TO COMMISSION

Will Succeed H. B. Coburn, Resigned, Whose Term Expires Jan. 1

TO ASSUME POST DURING THE WEEK

City Manager Reports on Sewer and Sidewalk Situation on J and K Wednesday Night.

Warren K. Gilbert, well known La Grande business man and active in civic and club affairs in this city for several years, was last night elected by the city commission to fill the vacancy that resulted from the resignation of H. B. Coburn, who resigned here to accept a promotion to assistant superintendency of the Union Pacific system at Walla Walla. Mr. Coburn's term expires Jan. 1.

Mr. Gilbert was placed in nomination by Commissioner Charles Phayle, who said that several of the older men of the city qualified for the position had been approached and had refused, so that the commission naturally turned to the younger men.

When the vote was taken both Mr. Phayle and President A. T. Hill voted in favor of Mr. Gilbert, who will be sworn into office very shortly. He will attend the next meeting of the commission, it is said, as a full-fledged member.

Report on Sewer

A report was presented at the meeting last night by City Manager W. C. Crews in reference to the feasibility of construction of sewers and sidewalks on J and K avenues under the Bancroft bonding act. The report showed an estimated cost for sanitary sewers against vacant lots in the proposed district as $3,061.40. Valuation of the property in question was given at $1,580, leaving a total of $2,081.40 that the city would have to assume. The commission decided that this was a territory. Generally the same condition exists in reference to sidewalks, it is said.

An estimate, No. 5, was allowed Hartenbower Brothers for work on the Second street 18-inch pipeline in the amount of $2,764.17. This pays for practically all work excepting the repairing of the street.

Other minor matters were attended to before adjournment.

ATTORNEYS OF UNION COUNTY ENDORSE RAND

A resolution expressing complete confidence in the character, integrity, ability and personal honor of Chief Justice John L. Rand and charging that the charges made against him are false and without basis, was passed by the Union county bar association yesterday at the city hall just before noon. "Many of us have known and honored Judge Rand for years, and I cannot remember when I have not known him," said Robert Eakin, president of the association today. "I know no finer man than Judge Rand, and these accusations are a deep injustice," he continued. Mr. Eakin explained that bar associations in many parts of the state have passed similar resolutions and are generally distressed over the accusations against the chief justice.

Announce Dates For P.-T. Clinics

The summer round-up clinics to be held, by the P.-T. A. of La Grande will begin next Wednesday, May 23 when clinics will be held at Greenwood and Riveria. The Central and Willow clinics will be held on Friday, May 25. These dates were definitely announced today.

POLLING PLACES OF LA GRANDE PRECINCTS

for

Election to be held May 18, 1928

1. Frank Cleavinger residence, 502 3rd street.
2. City Hall, City Office Bldg.
3. W. A. Moss residence, 2105 Cedar St.
4. Lane Chapel, Cor. 1st and Crook streets.
5. Frank Wood residence, Fruitdale, north of City Park.
6. Tom Strand residence, corner Cove and Portland streets.
7. Washington Apartments, 1806 Washington street.
8. Court House.
9. Presbyterian church, corner 6th and Washington.
10. Methodist church, corner Spring and 4th.
11. C. H. Gassett residence, 1904 3rd street.
12. Harris Hall, corner Fir and Monroe streets.
13. Church of God, corner Spruce and X avenue.

School Days In La Grande Over Until The Fall

Assemblies to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon to Give Awards and Report Cards.

High school classes were dismissed yesterday afternoon and the elementary schools at noon today until Friday at 1:30 o'clock when children in schools throughout the city will receive their final report cards of the year and be dismissed until fall. Meanwhile, teachers and school officials are in the building completing the year's work and making out the final records.

An assembly tomorrow at 1 o'clock at the high school will be the final event of the high school year. Certificates to those who have perfect attendance records for the year will be presented and report cards will be given out.

Special assemblies took place at two of the elementary schools this morning.

At Central an important assembly of the year took place at about 11 o'clock this morning when a cup, given by W. K. Gilbert, of the W. K. Gilbert company, was presented to the Central school for victory in the annual track and field day May 4. Mr. Gilbert also gave the cup last year. Superintendent J. T. Longfellow introduced Oscar Warnock, Ho-Dad of the Hi-Dads, who presented the cup to the students. A third speaker was Dr. William Peare, stepdad of the Hi-Dads. Letters were presented to every boy and girl who made points in the winning meet and the football team and the girls' and boys' basketball team. A generally successful year in athletics was reviewed. Central won the track and field meet, tied for second in boys' basketball and their girls' basketball team won every game played. This morning's assembly was a peppy one. Mrs. E. A. McEachran is Central principal.

At Willow school an interesting assembly that included a cleverly worked out program took place this morning. Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, principal, presided. Mrs. Bernice Young's class presented "The Puppet Show", which was followed by pianologues by three girls of the fifth and six grades, Dorothy Campbell, Francis Alexander and Lauretta Miltecing. Then Miss Irene Morelock's room dramatized a work composed by the

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Power Company Employes Meet At Union Club

About 60 employes of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company attended the monthly meeting of the employe's organization held at the Union Sportsman's club just out of Union last night. The first part of the meeting was devoted to business and the latter part of the evening spent in dancing. Refreshments were served.

Clarence Rosewall, president of the organization, presided at the business meeting, at which O. D. Lanning, engineer of the company from Baker, read his essay on "The Employes as a Factor in Public Utilities," which won first prize in a contest staged by the Northwest Power and Light association. Mr. Lanning's excellent paper will now be entered in a national contest. Joe Boyer, salesman at Baker, was also on the program, discussing and sketching the development of electric ranges, from 1891 to the present.

The organization will meet in Baker next month. Representatives from Baker, La Grande, and the Elgin, Rock Creek and Freemont plants, in addition to Union, attended.

City Library To Close For 2 Days

The city library will be closed Monday and Tuesday for final moving and readjustment in the new children's room in the basement, Miss Mabel E. Doty, librarian, announced today. Then, on Tuesday evening a reception for the new room will be held, with an interesting program that will include numbers by the municipal band, arranged. There will be a number of patrons and patronesses, and members of the committee which worked on the library benefit will be special guests. Every book in the library will be moved during Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The former children's side will now be the fiction department.

Drum Corps Will Go To Medford

The American Legion drum corps is holding regular and enthusiastic rehearsals in preparation of a trip to the state convention at Medford this summer. Andrew Loney Jr. is directing the corps and 18 will make the trip. "They are getting along fine and improving at every practice," was one legionnaire's opinion today. The drum corps held a banquet at the Sacajawea Inn Monday night.

90 DIPLOMAS GIVEN L. H. S. GRADUATES

Largest Class in Eastern Oregon History Ends High School Term

ADDRESS MADE BY O. S. C. PROFESSOR

Edwin T. Reed Talks on "Voice of Authority" Before Packed House at L. D. S. Tabernacle.

Expressing confidence in the world as a "mighty good place in which to live," Edwin T. Reed, college editor of O. S. C., in a talk that was informal in nature, broad and practical in viewpoint and optimistic in practical spirit, addressed 90 seniors and some 1500 persons at commencement exercises held at the L. D. S. tabernacle last night.

Seniors marched to the middle section of the tabernacle, packed with spectators upstairs and with relatives of graduates on the main floor, and, following invocation by the Rev. H. W. Parker, were seated. Miss Ruth Bramwell played the march. A vocal solo by Tom Bruce, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Brownton, and a violin solo "Serenade Italienne" by Poymanski, played by Miss Bertha Bantz and accompanied by Miss Dorothy Brownton, all three outstanding musicians of the senior class, preceded the address. Principal E. D. Towler introduced the speaker.

"The world is essentially sound and essentially idealistic, seniors. I'm not going to tell you that you're going out into a hard cold world, because you are not.'

"The Voice of Authority," was Professor Reed's subject. Grim authority of the past ages has been replaced by an authority based on respect and esteem and intellectual or moral superiority today, he told the audience.

"You have a wonderful element just nearing full bloom now, . . . your youth," he told the seniors urging them to make the most of it.

The voice of authority in reference to watching health of the body was stressed by Professor Reed as an important part of living.

The American business man and the banker is the ruling force in the world today, succeeding in turn

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NAMES FARRELL AS I. C. C. MEMBER

Action by Coolidge Ends Fight to Retain Esch on Commission

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Patrick J. Farrell of the District of Columbia was nominated by President Coolidge today to be a member of the interstate commerce commission, succeeding John J. Esch, of Wisconsin.

The appointment brings to an end the president's efforts to retain Esch on the commission. The senate refused to confirm Esch's nomination last December, whereupon Mr. Coolidge gave him a recess appointment under which he has served until this time.

Farrell is now chief counsel for the commission. He was formerly a member of the democratic state committee of Vermont and a delegate to the democratic national convention 1896. He was born in Quebec.

ENTERPRISE MURDER CASE UP TO JURY

Defense Has Its Inning During Yesterday Afternoon

STATE DECLARES HOPKINS INTRUDED

Efforts Made to Prove That Defendant's Horse Was Also Shot During Flora Affray.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., May 17 (Special)—The Bert Hopkins murder trial went to the jury this morning shortly before 11 o'clock after Circuit Judge Fee, of Pendleton, had read his instructions, which took nearly an hour.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., May 17 (Special)—With the defense taking its turn at presenting testimony the Hopkins murder trial is expected to go to the jury by this evening or tomorrow morning at the latest.

The state rested its case yesterday morning an dthe defense took up its effort to show that the shooting of Ferdinand Sanday at Flora Dec. 28 was done in self-defense. Hopkins, who has been in gun fights, carries the scars of seven bullets that have found their mark in his body, and another scar left by a shotgun in the fleshy part of his arm.

Prosecution Stand

The prosecution contends that Hopkins was an intruder in the Sanday premises, that Goldie Sanday, sister of the man who was killed by Hopkins, was a minor and that Hopkins came for the illegal purpose of turning her from her home against the family's wishes, that he came armed and expected to meet resistance. The claim that Sanday had a right to protect his home against the intrusion of others and that he was justified in shooting into the granary in which Hopkins was concealed with the young girl when Hopkins refused Sanday's order to come out.

Young Underwood, husband of

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DOKIES PLAN TO MAKE TRIP TO PENDLETON

About 20 Dokies from La Grande will attend and participate in the ceremonial of D. O. K. K. temple No. 170 in Pendleton one week from tonight, it was announced when the monthly meeting of the temple was here last night at the K. of P. hall. The ceremonial will include intiation of a class. On the preceding night, Pendleton members of the temple will hold a dance.

The meeting in Pendleton will be the most important session of the temple in some time. Harley Stoneking, grand emir, presided at last night's meeting in the absence of James Webb, of Union, royal vizier, who has been ill at Hot Lake. Mr. Webb is better now and is at his home again but is not able to attend meetings yet.

Pyle Marathon To End Within 10 Days

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—The Pyle cross country bunion derby now within ten days and about 500 miles of its goal will finish in Madison Square garden the night of Saturday, May 26. It started at Los Angeles, March 3, and the survivors of the pack today tramped into Bradford, Pa.

Home of Juror Bombed in Chicago; Family In Social Affair, Shaken

CHICAGO, May 17. (AP)—The home of Fred W. Eiche, one of the jurors who convicted Eugene (Red) McLaughlin of highway robbery two days ago, was bombed last night.

Eiche himself was not at home. His wife, three children, a sister and six guests at an informal party being held in the two story frame structure were severely shaken.

The bomb, which was number 36 since January 1, was tossed on the Eich front porch just below a bed room window. No one was in the room, a wall of which was torn away by the explosion.

Shortly after the bombing, Eiche was at the detective bureau identifying Gus Steinwick, secretary-treasurer of the teamsters' local No. 742, as one of two men who last Monday attempted to bribe him.

Tells of Request

Steinwick and another man, according to Eiche, came to him with a request that he "give Red a good break." Steinwick's companion was introduced to Eiche as Robert McLaughlin, brother of Red and president of the Checker Cab company. When confronted by Robert McLaughlin in court yesterday, however, Eiche said he could not be sure he was the man.

Eiche was positive in his identification of Steinwick. Although the bombing of the Eiche home occurred shortly before Steinwick was brought in, the news was kept from Eiche for fear it might influence him against identifying the prisoner.

The bombing was the second evidence of intimidation in the McLaughlin case. A few hours earlier police had learned that Walter Jim Newman, the New York diamond salesman who was the chief witness against McLaughlin, had disappeared. Newman in court yesterday had told Judge McGoorty that the defendant's brother, Robert, had urged him to testify falsely.

Police Don't Like Him

Red McLaughlin has been a thorn in the side of Chicago police for several years. He was arrested in Hayward, Wis., several weeks ago after being shot down by the mayor who commented that "he may be tough in Chicago, but he can't get tough in Hayward."

DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY

The Junkers works in Berlin cancelled negotiations with Lilli Dillenz, German actress, for a scheduled transoceanic flight, her representative stated Tuesday. The reason was that the Junkers' option to Mlle. Dillenz expired at 5 o'clock that day without the actress having furnished stipulated financial backing. Mlle. Dillenz is pictured above with her pilot, Johann Risticz, inset.

Development Of Airplanes Seen By Master Minds

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 17 (AP) — Airplanes, swifter, safer and bigger, with living and sleeping apartments for passengers in wings seven feet thick are proposed by Charles E. Lawrence, inventor of Wright whirlwind motor.

A new fuel lighter than gasoline will be developed, thus increasing the load-carrying capacity of airplanes in the future, in the opinion of Henry Ford.

There is little doubt that airplanes will become the principal medium of long distance expensive transportation, but the future of aviation and its possibilities cannote be predicted, Orville Wright, father of aviation, believes.

These views on air travel of the future were expressed in addresses and comment here yesterday on the occasion of their visit to the Franklin Institute where Mr. Ford was awarded a gold medal for his achievements in automobile production and his contributions to the welfare of mankind. A medal was presented to Mr. Lawrence for his invention of the Wright air-cooled motor.

Federal Court Jury Finds For Condon Farmer

PENDLETON, Ore., May 17 (AP)—A jury in federal court here today returned a verdict for Sid Seale, Condon wool grower, in a case brought by the Farnsworth-Stevenson company of Boston, wool workers. The plaintiffs sought to collect $4,000 alleged due them on a difference in price on wool sold them by Seale in 1926. Seale was advanced 20c a pound the wool, and the brokers sold for 15c, claiming shrinkage and sand caused the lowering of the price.

Another suit being heard today is that of the Morgan Grain company, Inc., against Henry Collins, local grain man, to collect $20,000 alleged due on stock subscribed to by the defendant.

Changes In Tax System Advocated

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., May 17 (AP)—Changes in the state tax system to relieve property was proposed by the state farmers union, which closed its annual meeting here late yesterday. A graduated income tax, tax on intangibles, perpetuation of the six per cent limitation, and appropriation by the federal government to cover what government lands would pay in taxes were features suggested.

The next meeting will be held in Wasco county, at The Dalles, or Dufur.

BABE GETS NO. 12

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Babe Ruth hit his 12th home run of the season in the sixth inning here today against the St. Louis Browns, giving the Yankees a lead of 2 to 2.

Harold Wiltze was pitching and no one was on base.

PEKING TENSE AS CHINESE ADVANCE

American and Other Foreign Troops Prepared for An Emergency

PEKING, May 17 (AP)—Threatened by advances of nationalist troops, Peking was tense today. Larger patrols than usual moved through the streets of the native city and about the foreign concessions.

Preparations for the defense of the legation quarter had been made by the guards, whose senior officer is Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Holcomb, United States marine corps.

Japanese soldiers worked actively providing quarters for several hundred of their troops near the former Austrian legation and strengthening their defenses.

British Warned

British nationals were warned by their legation to be prepared to move into the legation quarter at short notice. Valuables were being sent for safe keeping by both Chinese and foreigners to the various legations.

A new heavy wall of masonry rose along the western boundary of the legation quarter, which is already protected by the great Tartar wall on the south. Heavy gates encased in iron sheeting barred the entrances to the Chinese city on the north. Along many points in the enclosure wall new loopholes were cut to permit freer use of machine guns.

U. S. Troops Assigned

American troops were assigned to defend the southern boundary, marked by the Tartar wall and they shared the western "front" with the British. The French took the east boundary and the Japanese, Italians, and British, the north.

In the case of an emergency, Lieutenant Colonel Holcomb as senior officer would assume command of the international force of 1650 defending the quarter. This

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CHANEY TAKES STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

MEDFORD, Ore., May 17 (AP)—Newton C. Chaney, district attorney of Jackson county, on trial in circuit court charged with misapplication of public money, in the administration of the prohibition enforcement fund, took the stand this morning in his own behalf and emphatically denied any and all allegations of wrong doing. He was preceded by E. O. Heinrich of Berkeley, Cal., criminologist and consultant of government officials in matters involving disputed handwriting, who testified that W. M. Wilkie, crippled under-cover agent, wrote the endorsing signature upon the back of the questioned $310 check. The state contends that Chaney wrote the endorsement, and two of the prosecution handwriting experts have testified to this effect.

Italia Believed Over Lenin Land, Never Explored

General Nobile Expected to Return to Kings Bay Headquarters Tomorrow.

OSLO, Norway, May 17 (AP)—Reuters News agency announced tonight that the dirigible Italia piloted by General Nobile reached Lenin Land, ((Nicholas II Land) at 2 o'clock this morning and had turned back towards Kings Bay, where it was expected at 10 o'clock tonight.

KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, May 17 (AP)—The dirigible Italia had progressed so steadily in its flight over the ice covered arctic that members of the base crew of General Umberto Nobile's expedition today believed that he had reached his objective—Lenin Land, about 1,000 miles from Kings Bay.

They eagerly awaited his return to this base to learn what the explorers had discovered on their trip over unchartered wastes and at Lenin Land, which is situated north of the Taimyr peninsula, and has never been explored. General Nobile had planned to lower a party to the ice on Lenin Land. While they conducted their explorations the dirigible was to remain moored to the ice, since General Nobile intended to take no chance of the party being marooned.

Return Tomorrow

General Nobile is expected to return tomorrow and then start almost immediately on another flight of exploration to the so-called Crocker Land, which Peary and other explorers expected to see.

Messages received by the base ship Citta di Milano from the Italia indicated that Generally the airship had favorable flying weather. It made a speed of from 30 to 50 kilometers an hour depending upon the wind. In passing over Franz Josef land and heading toward Len in Land, the dirigible found a little fog but visibility was good for 100 kilometers.

The message received from the airship at 7 p. m. (Greenwich time) last night said the explorers were within sight of Cape Nicholas. The weather was fine with a little wind. It was hoped that the Italia would be over Lenin Land at 10 p. m.

Bishop Bast Is Held Guilty By Methodist Court

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 17 (AP) — Bishop Anton Bast of Copenhagen, Denmark, was found guilty on two charges of imprudent and unministerial conduct by an ecclesiastical court of the Methodist Episcopal church which reported its findings to the quadrennial general conference of the church here today.

The court, composed of 17 ministers, sustained the suspension of the bishop following his conviction in Denmark in 1925 on charges involving the alleged misuse of charity funds.

While suspending him permanently from exercising the functions of bishop, the ecclesiastical court continued him in the membership and ministry and recommended provision for his support until the next meeting of his conference, which will be held next spring.

English, French Women In Finals

HUNSTANTON, Eng., May 17 (AP) — The French girl, Mlle. Manette Le Blan reached the finals of the British women's golf championship this afternoon by defeating Miss Enid Wilson, English star, one up in the first semi-final match.

Miss Judith Fowler, who this morning eliminated the last American representative, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, was herself defeated in the other semi-final by Miss S. Marshall, one up.

As a result the championship match tomorrow will be an Anglo-French affair for the second successive year.

Five Drown When Barge Goes Down

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 17 (AP)—Everett Insley, 36, Baltimore barge captain, his wife and three children were drowned when the barge Calvert, in tow bound for Urbana, Va., with crushed stone, sank suddenly in the middle of Chesapeak bay about 12 miles south of here early today. Insley and his family were asleep in the cabin. A watchman on the barge was rescued.

Horace E. Dodge Weds In London

LONDON, May 17 (AP)—Horace E. Dodge, son of the late American automobile magnate, and Miss Muriel Sisman of Detroit, were married today at the Presbyterian church at Westbourne Grove Terrace.

The bride was given away by her father, George Sisman of Detroit.

HOT FIGHTS TO END WITH OREGON VOTE

Presidential Choice Overshadowed by State and District Campaigns

POLLS WILL OPEN FRIDAY MORNING

Observer to Receive State and County Election Returns—Extra Edition Will Be Issued.

POLLS OPEN AT 8 A. M.

Polling places in La Grande and Union county will be open Friday for the primary election from 8 in the morning to 8 o'clock at night. Only registered voters will be allowed to vote this year. In addition to the democratic and republican ticket, county voters will decide on the $440,000 road bond issue.

The Observer will have its Associated Press leased wire open during the night and will receive not only state, but county and city election returns, and will issue an election extra. Returns will also be given by telephone by The Observer.

The campaign is closing here this afternoon with interest centered on two local fights, one district and two state contests. Throughout Union county the greatest interest will be shown in the contest between Carl Helm and Bob Ayres for the republican nomination for district nomination for district attorney and in the proposal to issue $440,000 worth of road bonds to complete the county road system. In the district the congressional scrap for the republican nomination to fill Sinnott's place is throught to be between Roy Ritner, of Pendleton; H. R. Butler, of The Dalles; Dan Boyd, of Enterprise, and S. L. Notson, of Heppner. Numerous republicans throughout the district have expressed their intent to write in the name of Walter M. Pierce on the republican ballot and he is already assured the democratic nomination by being practically unopposed in his own party. The state campaign will attract chief interest tomorrow in the three-cornered contest for secretary of state with Hal Hoss, of Oregon City, and Tom Handley, of Portland, considered the chief contenders. H. H. Casey will probably get a very good vote in Eastern Oregon, observers believe. The remaining state contest attracting attention here is the selection of republican nominees for the supreme court bench. Chief Justice Rand, Justice Rossman and Judge McMahan are seeking the two nominations.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17 (AP)—Hot fights over nominations for state officers, including justices of the supreme court and secretary of state, and selection of a republican candidate for congress in the second district overshadowed the

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DANCER, MOVIE STAR SHOT TO DEATH TODAY

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Horatio Columbress, 37-year-old medical student and son of wealthy Argentine planter, was dead today with a bullet in his brain, after he had shot and killed Maria Montero, Spanish dancer. The shooting followed the breaking off of a romance between the two when the dancer learned Columbress had a wife and four children living in Paris. Miss Montero was a native of Zeville, Spain, and a resident of this country since 1922. She has appeared in shows here and Chicago, and was in Douglas Fairbanks' recent film "The Gaucho" as a Spanish dancer. She conducted a dancing school here.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	0	4	1
Chicago	2	9	1

Batteries: Genewich, Wirtz and Taylor; Malone and Gonzales.

New York-St. Louis and Philadelphia-Pittsburg, postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	6	12	2
Philadelphia	5	11	2

Batteries: Thomas, Lyons and Berg; Crouse; Orwell, Powers, Ehmke and Cochrane.

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	2	9	2
Boston	5	8	1

Batteries: Billings, Smith and Woodall; Russell and Hofmann.

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	6	1
New York	4	9	2

Batteries: Wiltze, Crowder and Manion, Coveleskie and Collins.