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THE WEATHER OREGON: Occasional rains to-night and Thursday, continued iniid. Fresh to strong southerly winds on the coast.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1930

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KNIGHTS OF 2 COUNTIES **GATHER HERE**

H. E. Dixon and Walter G. Gleeson Give Interesting Addresses.

DINNER FIRST ON EVENING PROGRAM

One Hundred Fifty Lodge Men From Union and Wallowa Districts Are in Attendance.

At the annual district convention of the Kuights of Pythias of Union and Wallowa countles held last night in the K. P. hall about 150 persons were in attendance.

If, E. Dixon, grand chancellor of the state of Oregon of K. P., spoke on the present day need of fraternalism, remarking that modern entertainment canot take the place of fraternal orders, because fraternalism is not an entertainfraternalism is not an entertain-

ent. Walter G. Gleeson, grand keeper water G. Gresson, grand keeper of recavits and seel gave an in-teresting address on the Pythian home at Vancouver, where both the old people and the children, who are unable to have homes or apport, are given care and com-

W. B. Goodnough, of Baker, superintendent of the Insurance de-partment for Oregon and Idaho, told of the Knights of Pythias Intota of the English of Pylinas in-survance department for members only which, according to the speaker, is the strongest fraternaf-insurance in the United States. By a unanimous vote, Eigin was chosen as a convention site for 1821 following the invitation by H. F. Reed.

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The convention started with a banquet at 7 o'clock served by the Pythian sisters. Don L. Gaily, deputy grand chancellor for La Grande, presided as tonstmister.

C. L. Berry, gave an address of well-come with the following responding: Sid Burleigh, from Enterprise; Brure Cox, from Wallowa; L. P. Derby, Union, and Arthur-Hallgarth, from Eigin.

A. E. Chrisman, district deputy for Union and Wallowa counties, was in charge of arrangements.

F. S. Ivanhoe, Judge J. W. Knowles, Dr. E. G. Kirby, Wesdey, McDonald, all of La Grande; Archie Miller, Enterprise; and L. W. Willett, of Wallowa, also gave short talks.

PROGRAM IS ARRANGED FOR ELKS DINNER

The program for the annual ban-quet and ball to be given by the Elks lodge on Pcb. 25 has been completed, opening with the din-ner at 7:15 o'clock in the Saca-jawea Inn with Fred E. Kiddle as toustbuster.

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The program follows: soprano solo, Mrs. H. N. Ashby accompanied by Mes. George Birnie, flue ob-ligate by Adolph Siegrist. Toost "Our Order," by Walter

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M. Pierce,
Dance, by Orveline McWilliams,
Dance, by Genevieve Spach,
Baritone solo, by Faul Knautz,
accompanied by Helen Williams,
Toast "Our Mothers, Wives and
Sweethearts," Hugh E. Brady,
The Star Novelty orchestra will
amounts, the music.

The Star Novely practical and the furnish the music.

At the Elks ball room there will be dancing, cards and also a specialty dance number by Erma Rock and Allen Carden.

The temple has been decorated in the Elks colors purple and white.

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BANCHER KILLS NEIGHBOR OF

LAKEPORT, Cal., Feb. 19 (AU)

Manuel Sensahaugh, 76, rancher. a rifle fight.

WEATHER TODAY

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Condition: partly cloudy,

Eight-Ton Load Limit Placed On Baker Highway

Thawing Conditions Cause Action of State Commission — Weather Warmer Than Usual.

The state highway commission, through the division headquarters in La Grande has established a lead limit of 16,000 pounds on the stretch of Old Oregon Trail highway connecting North Powder and Baker. It was announced today, The normal limit is 22,000 pounds. Establishment of load limits is a regular occurrence in Eastern Oregon during the early spring months, with thawing weather, and

Trims Tigers By Last Half Rally

A scoring spure in the late few minutes of the game, after Torrence left the contest because of too many personal fouls, gave North Powder high school its second basketball victory over the Tigers. 37 to 23 here hast night. Until then the score was close, with La Grande leading most of the time by the nursin of a field goal or so.

Wives From Union, Wallage Counties

Shepherd. Torrence.

Referee: Jimmy Rosentaum.

Braun said be wanted to stay home nights, but that his wife persisted in going over to neighbors homes and goesping and "god-ding." Ille finally became so incensed, he said, that he stabled, A sear on his neck revealed to the jury where his subsequent erfort to take his own life had falled, and the final colleges and universities, and the jury where his subsequent erfort to take his own life had falled. The purpose of the reward by

this fraternity an outstanding achievement to the limited number of students who attain this honor. Lyman besides being prominent ag a student and athlete is also a member of timega Upsilon, na-tional social featernity on this cam-

Powers Adjourn PROBLEMS OF RUSSIA ARE MADE CLEAR

Maurice Hindus, Noted Lecturer, Speaks at the Normal School

PEASANT QUESTION ONE OF GREATEST cess and complete the work on which it is engaged.

way connecting North Powder and Raker. It was announced today. The normal limit is 22,000 pounds. Establishment of load limits is a regular occurrence in Eastern Oregon during the early spring months, with thawing weather, and is pade necessary by the probability of damaging the highways it heavier loads are allowed to travel over them.

A 10,000-pound load limit also has been established on the John Day highway between Prairie City and Unity.

WEATHER WARM
The weather, during the last week, has been warmer than usual for this time of the year, with a maximum of 59 above in La Grande and 58 above yesterday. Although the skies have been cloudy, practically no rain has fallen and the ground is dryn.

Other Joealities also report definite signs of spring. Bluebirds and robins are in evidence at Wallow or and it Kamela springlike weather conditions prevail with the sond was almost erawed from the hilbsides facing south.

The Las Grande-Kamela nighway (Continued on Page Five)

Visiting Quintet

Trims Tigers By

An accurate picture of the cial and political situations

(Continued on Page Five)

Enterprise, the Joseph, Wallows, Union and Elgin Commercial clubs, and to the mayor of Cove, Karl J. under control of international commission, they asserted.

The police force should consist of men from all countries, and be men from the control of international commission, they asserted.

The negative advanced the ar-

Naval Meetings Until Feb. 26 Move Taken to Give France Time to Adjust Situation - Italians Is-

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP) — The five power naval conference today adjourned until next Wednesday. The committee of experts will continue in session during the re-

sue Statement.

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AFFIRMATIVE DEBATE TEAM HELD WINNER

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dollar a plate and those intending to come are urged to notify the full results for the first preparations for serving may be conomic rivalry is so strong be-

Wife's "Gadding" Cause of Murder CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Max Braun's defense that he slew his wife "because she was always gadding," falled to save him from conscietion, yesterday, but it resulted in the comparatively light sentence of from one to 14 years imprison for the disciplination of outstanding scholarship accomplished during his tree-hunan year, Richard Lymin, La Grande, sophomore in phasmacy at Oregon State college, was said of the disciplination of outstanding scholarship accomplished during his tree-hunan year, Richard Lymin, La Grande, sophomore in phasmacy at Oregon State college, was said of the sentence of the disciplination of outstanding scholarship accomplished during his tree-hunan year, Richard Lymin and Carlos Currey Describes Shipwreck; Enjoyed Big Dinner Before His Rescurity where the limit convocation of the Almiral Bonson on Peabook and Sunday morning. On the last

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Enjoyed Big Dinner Before His Rescue

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ROYAL WEDDING "POSTPONED"



Rumania, will not wed Count Alexander Frederick von Hoch berg (insert) on April 27. Announcement was made yesterday that the royal wedding has been "postponed."

Vessel Reaches Byrd's Camp At **Bay Of Whales**

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) The New York Times, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and newspapers affiliated with them in publishing reports from Rear Admiral Richard E. from Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd's Antarctic expedition, announced today that the expedition's ship, the City of New York, reached the Byrd camp in the Bay of Whales today and that loading immediately was started.

The loading is expected to the completed in a few hours and the voyage home begun today.

Seek to Abandon 20-Mile Railroad To Prairie City

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP) — The Sumpter Valley railway today sought permission to abandon 29 miles of line between Bates and Prairie City, in Grant county, Oregon, in an application to the inter-state commerce commission. The road contended it operated

SAYS FINANCIERS **BREAK DRY LAWS**

Witness, However, Admits That he Does Not Know Henry Ford.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)— The eighteenth amendment; what was termed the "Protestant church lobby," and Chairman Wicker-sham of the Hoover law enforce-ment commission, drew fire today from persons advocating repeal of

subject.
"I shudder at the thought," he said, "of the consequences in case the recommendations of Mr. Wick-

oranial law."

Mr. Joy said he favored control of alcoholic beverages by the individual states.

Didn't Know Pord

Loy took the stand, Gray-

Prairie City, in Grant county, Oregon, in an application to the interstate commerce commission.

The road contended it operated at a loss of \$25,999 annually.

The application of the Oregon-Washington italitonal and Navigation company to abandon its line from Megler to Nahcotta, in Pacific county, Washington, will be heard by an interstate commerce commission representative April 1 at Astoria, Oregon.

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regular noon session that day.

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Naphtha Blast Is Fatal To 11; Scores Injured

Many of Those Hurt Doomed to Blindness-Nearly 20 are in a Critical Condition.

FLIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 19 (AP)—The ranks of 50 injured workmen, who were seared with exploding naphtha at a Standord

exploding naphtha at a Standord Oil retinery late yesterday, were depleted by death today until the list of fatalities had reached 11. Among the 50 bandage swathed laborers in three hospitals here were 20 whose chances of recovery were doubtful. It was feared that several of these would be perseveral of these would be per-manently blinded if they survived the scorching blast, which spurt-ed through part of the Bay Way The dead:
Dominick Bioni, Elizabeth.
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William S. Durry, Bayonne.
William F. Casey, Elizabeth.
Joseph Lukasicwicz, Elizabeth.
Arthur Croft, Union.
Howard A. Holliday, Bayonne.
George Robertson, Roselle.
John Lubas, Elizabeth.
Clarence Croft, Bayonne.
John Sullivan, Elizabeth.
The explosion occurred at 3:55
p, m, yesterday in the alcohol plant of the refinery. J. Raymond Carringer, general manager of the plant said the blast was caused by the breaking of a gas line.
Sulft of 1100 Men Working
Survivors said the pipe which iroke was a high pressure naphtha lired by portable forges used by workmen constructing a new building near the one-story building housing the alcohol plant.
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explosion followed immediately by two leaser blasts.

Long tongues of blue flame from alcollel fumes shot from the windows and doors of the building and from gaping holes torn in the roof and walls.

and recreation or coarses were awarded for in that building.

Danger of Due to "the

Washington, Feb. 19 (A). The eighteenth amendment; what was termed the "Protestant church lobby," and Chairman Wickershain of the Hoover law enforcement commission, drew fire today from persons advocating repeal of the dry laws in the current discussion of the subject at the capital.

Although at moon he had not gotten all of his testimony into the record of the house judiciary committee hearing on prohibition, Henry B. Jöy, of Detroit, former head of the Packard Motor company, charged Mr. Wickershain with "precencieved blass" on the subject.

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(Continued on Page Eight) World Wheat In

At Murphysboro, III, members of the American Leglon had gathered for the funeral of Their one time compade. William E. Wagner, 40, farm board for the equivalent who had died in a Chicago hose grade of cash.

DEPRESSION DANGER OVER, **BARNES SAYS**

Chairman of Business Survey Conference Opti-mistic This Month.

CONTRACTS OF 37 STATES HEAVIER

Employment Situation not so Good, Although Portion of the East Shows Increase.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP) — The contracts of 37 states for public works and public utility con-struction more than doubled in January, said a commerce department announcement issued for to-day, while simultaneously, Julius H. Barnes, chairman of the national business survey conference urged "planning and cooperation" as a

means of increased buying power. A January record for the last six years was established by the construction figures, which totaled \$112,065,200, as compared with \$66,552,000 for January of last year, \$51,820,000 in December, 1929 and \$72,261,000 in November.

Contracts for all classes of col struction awarded during month totaled \$323,975,200. building near the one-story building housing the alcohol plant.

The night shift of 1100 men employed on the 100-acre reservation occupied by the plant in Linden, a suburb, had started work at 3 cal building, over December, and p. m. They had been on duty 55 minutes when there was a terrific explosion followed immediately by two lesser blasis.

Long tangues of blue flame awarded for industrial and residen-

> Danger of Slump Over Due to "the collective commo sense, the courage and enterpris-of all kinds of Americans, in busi-ness and out," Barnes said, "th

danger of a long depression ap-pears fairly over."

There is need, however, he continued, for the application of these qualities, especially in the next few weeks.

He said that industries, railroad work- and public utilities had expanded Their their building programs in confor-ing the mity with President Hoover's suggestions and asserted that home-owners can help by "doing needed work now, so that men temporarily work now, so that men temporarily idle can be carried over until larger programs can be started."

A decrease of 2.5 per cent in employment and 5.4 per cent in payrols in eight major industrial groups for the month of January as compared with December, was reported today by the department of labor.

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In eight of the nine geographic divisions lessened employment was reported during the month, the cast, north central division, where the automobile industry is concentrated, showing the only gain. The similest decrease was in the castern division,

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ern division.

The level of employment in manufacturing industries alone was 5.3 per cent lower than in January of last year, with twelve of 5.4 separate industries reporting gains. Shipbuilding registered the greatest increase with a gain of 28.7 per cent.

Per capita earnings in manufacturing industries in the rest mortal.