

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Sunday with local rain in the west portion, temperatures above normal.

IMBLER AND JOSEPH OUT OF TOURNEY

La Grande and Wallowa Undefeated After First Round of Play

UNION VICTOR IN MORNING CONTEST

Tigers and Cove Playing This Afternoon—Championship Game Set For Tonight.

La Grande 37, Cove 20. Completion of the first half of the second round of the Union-Wallowa district basketball tournament here this morning eliminated two teams—Imbler and Joseph. This afternoon La Grande is playing Cove at 2:30 o'clock and Wallowa is meeting Enterprise at 3:30 o'clock. No teams will be eliminated in these two games as all four are undefeated.

Union triumphed through this morning by the barest of margins, eliminating Joseph 22 to 15. A minute before the game ended the score was 20-15 with Joseph fighting for a chance to tie the score. Then a last-minute basket put the contest on ice.

In the first game Elgin won a hair-raiser from Imbler 20 to 18. Both teams were in the lead frequently, with the outcome in doubt throughout.

The last two elimination contests are set for 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock tonight, and at 9:30 o'clock the winner of the La Grande-Cove and Wallowa-Enterprise games will play an exhibition contest as far as tournament entrance is concerned, but which will actually determine the championship of this sub-district. Dope favors La Grande and Wallowa to face each other in this climax to Union and Wallowa counties pre-tournament season.

The crowd was small this morning but this afternoon a fair turnout is expected, and a capacity crowd is anticipated this evening. The sub-district tournament is being conducted under the auspices of the district board and the four winning teams will enter the tournament for championship honors at Union next Wednesday.

Summary of the morning's games: Imbler (eliminated) FG FT TP, Masters, f 0 0 0, Westenskiow, f 0 0 0, Choate, c 1 0 2, Smith, g 0 1 0, Conrad, g 5 0 6, Wagner, f 1 0 2, Lewis, c 1 0 2, Woodell, g 1 0 2.

Summary of the evening's games: Elgin FG FT TP, Scott, f 2 1 5, Hug, f 2 3 7, Seabour, c 0 0 0, E. Adams, g 2 0 4, Davis, g 2 0 4, Wade, c 0 0 0, R. Adams, g 0 0 0.

Personal: Masters 3, Westenskiow 2, Wagner 2, Choate, Lewis 3, Smith, Conrad 4, Scott Hug, E. Adams 3, R. Adams.

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GUN CLUB TO SHOOT SUNDAY IN 2 EVENTS

The La Grande Gun club, which has a percentage of 567 in the Oregonian telegraphic trapshoot, and leads the other 14 teams in the Idaho-Oregon telegraphic shoot with a percentage of 1,000, will enter the second stage of the two tournaments tomorrow at Lone Tree. The first 25 birds count in the standing, the three high scores being added for the club score.

In the Idaho-Oregon shoot La Grande will shoot against Baker, Boise No. 2 and Cascade. In the Oregonian shoot the local straddlers will compete with Pilot Rock, Huntington, North Bend and Collins Park.

A large attendance at the shoot at Lone Tree is expected.

ROSE SHOW DATES SET

PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—The board of directors of the Rose Festival set Friday, June 12, for the 1930 Rose Festival parade yesterday at a meeting. The festival will open June 12. Committees for other features of the event were appointed.

WEATHER TODAY: 7:20 a. m.—24 above, minimum 33 above, condition cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY: Maximum 51, minimum 21 above, condition partly cloudy, rain 0.8 of inch.

WEATHER MAR. 8, 1929: Maximum 55, minimum 27 above, condition clear.

How's This For a Veal Good Story?

If there is a hereafter for little calves, and they have sessions and tell stories of what happened here on earth, one calf that journeyed to the stock yards this morning will have a story that will be good for several months.

It all started when N. K. West became interested in the ramming sale that was held yesterday and today to raise funds for the furnishings of the new country club house, and gave a calf to the cause. The ramming sale was a real success. About yesterday afternoon stocks became low and a frantic search was made for more goods. Today the sale is going at full blast again, with the salesmen guaranteed to be as enthusiastic sellers as any in La Grande. But to continue with the calf—

A local meat dealer, F. A. Eppling, seeing the calf realized its value and offered the committee market price; on second thought he offered them double the market price if they would lead it down the street. From the corner of Carr's Furniture store down every block and intersection to the La Grande hotel the three maddens (Mrs. Chase Holmenkamp, Mrs. Charles Reynolds and Mrs. L. K. Kinney) with great heroism (frank word, according to Webster but very impressive) led the calf to his doom and double the market price, for when they finished the trek of four blocks, Mr. Eppling counted out the shillings.

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E. O. N. Lining Up Grid Games For Next Fall

Four football games have been scheduled by the Eastern Oregon Normal school for next fall, according to Coach Bob Quinn, all of them with Normal schools located in the Northwest. The Mountaineers, winner of the mythical state championship the first season of its existence, will again make a bid for the title, with contests scheduled with both Monmouth and Ashland.

The date with Monmouth is at Monmouth, Nov. 22 and is tentative. The date with Ashland is definite and will find the two teams mixing it in La Grande on Oct. 25.

Games have also been scheduled with the Cheney Normal school at Cheney on Oct. 11 and with the Lewiston Normal school in La Grande on Nov. 1. Quinn is also endeavoring to secure games with several other colleges in the Northwest, and there is a possibility that Yakima Junior college will play here on November day.

Livestock Show To Take Place On June 19 to 21

UNION, Ore., Mar. 8—Announcement is made here that the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union will be held a little later in the hopes of having more settled weather.

The dates agreed on for this year's show are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 19, 20 and 21.

Students Appear At Muddy Creek

An interesting program was given by students of dramatics and music by the Normal school along with a speech by Miss Kate Houx, director of the training school, last night at Muddy Creek. The entertainment was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association of Muddy Creek.

The male quartet from the Normal school sang two numbers, "The Hunt" and "What's the Use." The girls Glee club sang "A Song of the Sea," "Indian Lullaby," "From Opera," and "Captain of Plymouth." Members of Glee and Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Lena Foley, presented a one-act play, entitled "Play Goers." Miss Kate Houx gave a very interesting speech on "Cooperation of the School and Home."

First Buttercup Of Season Found

The first buttercup reported in La Grande was found yesterday by Mrs. L. J. Stewart, in the field back of her home at 1712 Alder street. In addition Mrs. Stewart found several buds.

Although this was not the first buttercup found this year in the Grande Ronde valley, it was the first one near La Grande.

KNEED PETITION DENIED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8 (AP)—The petition of KNEED, 59 watt station in Medford, Oregon, for authorization to increase its power to 500 watts, has been denied by the federal radio commission. The station also sought the 500 kilocycle channel, but this request, too, was denied.

HOTEL MEN GATHER HERE FOR MEETING

Inland Empire Association Holding Convention in La Grande

LUNCHEON IS HELD AT THE LA GRANDE

Several Hotel Men From Territory Are Attending—Local Men Are Hosts.

The Inland Empire Hotel Men's association, holding its quarterly convention, met in La Grande today at the La Grande hotel, selected as headquarters for the session.

The main session of the organization started at about 2 o'clock this afternoon, with a number of out-of-town members of the association in attendance. C. P. Mann, president of the Owyhee hotel in Boise, is in charge.

During the noon hour a delightful luncheon was held. The noon session was of an informal nature, with no program of speeches, being devoted to good fellowship. Forty-five were in attendance at the luncheon and of this number, about 50 per cent were hotel men.

The last meeting was held in Boise, Dec. 14 and the next session will be held in Pocatello, Ida., either the second or third Saturday in June.

ARRANGE DETAILS FOR CLUB DINNER

Tickets for Chamber of Commerce Membership on Sale Until Monday.

Although H. E. Brady, chairman of the chamber of commerce banquet committee, left today for Portland, before he started the trip he completed all arrangements for the dinner Tuesday night in the La Grande hotel. Officers today said that the arrangement for flowers, seating, tables, speakers, menu, etc., had all been attended to.

Tickets for the members will be on sale until Monday night, it was announced today.

The Portland delegation from the O-W. company, headed by J. D. O'Brien, will be the center of attention, with Mr. O'Brien, A. C. Spencer and Samuel Murray all to make talks. Mr. Murray will display and explain the plans for the new U. P. Union station in La Grande.

Sheriff Henry McKinney, ex-Baker, will be the speaker for the Baker delegation. Word has been received from Union that seven will attend from the commercial club.

CHURCH JOINS OPPOSITION

PORT-AT-PRINCE, Hall, Mar. 8 (AP)—Weight of the Roman Catholic church in Haiti today was thrown with the opposition groups seeking independent legislative elections and termination of American occupation in the island republic.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Celebrates 89th Anniversary Today

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The eighty-ninth birthday of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes was celebrated in the senate today which listened to a tribute delivered a short time before the members of the supreme court gathered in the conference chamber of the highest tribunal to extend personal greetings to the veteran jurist.

Hardly had the senate convened before Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, interrupted the tariff discussion to call attention to the birthday anniversary of his distinguished fellow Bay State who once erect military carriage is somewhat bowed with age although his step still is firm.

27 Years of Service. Recalling that the 27 years of service by Justice Holmes set a record for the supreme court, Senator Walsh referred to the justice as "one of the noblest and most patriotic members of the American judiciary."

Few men have been spared to give so many years of service to the nation," he added, explaining Holmes had been on the highest courts of Massachusetts and on the supreme court of the United States for a total of 47 years.

Walsh asserted that Holmes' "uninterrupted legal opinions has made him a national figure, and praised him for his 'vision, culture, courage, sympathy and liberality.'"

Normal School Negative Team Wins In Debate

College of Idaho Breaks Even, However, With Victory Over Affirmative Speakers.

The first intercollegiate debate in Eastern Oregon was held last night when the College of Idaho met the Eastern Oregon Normal school in forensics. The negative team of the Normal school was awarded a victory here but the affirmative team lost at Caldwell.

Judge J. W. Knowles presided at the debate. The question for debate was, "Resolved: That the nation should adopt a plan of complete disarmament except for purposes of police protection."

Mark Harris, head of forensics and debate at Whitman college, (Continued on Page Eight)

Mrs. Sine Victim Of Heart Disease

Grace Evelyn Sine, wife of Curtis W. Sine, manager of the Automobile Electric Co., passed away of heart disease last evening in the Grande Ronde hospital. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with the Rev. J. George Walk as the minister. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery. Ladies of the Mooseheart Legion will conduct the services.

Mrs. Sine was born Aug. 21, 1874 and was 55 years, six months and 14 days of age. She had made her home here for the last eight months. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Margaret E. 12; a father, A. E. Carnegie, of Cour d'Alene, Ida.; three sisters—Mrs. Lethia Campbell, of Portland, and two in Minnesota, and a brother, A. E. Carnegie, in Portland.

CARPENTERS PLAN DINNER MONDAY NITE

The Carpenter's union, local 1235 is holding a large banquet Monday night at 6:30 o'clock in the Christian church. Arrangements are being made for about 75 plates and all carpenters and members of their families are requested to attend.

H. E. Coolidge will be the principal speaker of the evening with A. W. Nelson, president of the chamber of commerce, as toastmaster. A number of impromptu talks will be made during the banquet. Fred Haley is president of the carpenters union.

Union And Lostine Will Debate Here

The high school district debate championship contest for this district, including Union and Wallowa counties, will be held in the Eastern Oregon Normal school next Monday, March 11, at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 3 o'clock p. m. The debates will be between the high schools of Union and Lostine High schools. The question for debate is, resolve: "That The Five-Day A Week Plan be Adopted for Laboring People." The public is cordially invited to attend.

EX-PRES. TAFT DIES



William Howard Taft

William Howard Taft, ex-president and former chief justice of the supreme court, who died late this afternoon at his Washington home.

Drama Given By Second Ward In Chapel Friday

The play "Backseat Drivers," by Larric E. Johnson, given by the Second Ward M. L. A. last night in the church which was entirely filled with the large attendance was a successful event.

The profits will be divided between the general M. L. A. fund and the church building fund.

The play concerned some families in New York, in which the husbands played the stock market. The wives determined to "cure" their husbands and framed on them with a fake company.

Some cooks enter in the plot to get away with most of the money, but the play is a comedy and all ends for the best.

Leona Combs portrays the part of Connie Wilson; Tave Hendrickson, John Wilson, her husband; Elva Burke, Della Moffet; Glenn Holmerek, Cathbert Moffet; Lola Anderson, Clara Simms; Dell Burke, Peter Simms; Irma Burke, Amy Webb Stephens, the polished lady crook; John Price, Austin Spencer; and Leland Carbine, "Goody."

Mrs. Matt Coolwell directed the drama; Matt Coolwell and Max Burke had charge of business arrangements and stage properties.

This production is the activity of the M. L. A. for February. Clayton Coolwell, chairman, and Leo Wright from the men and Elva Turner, chairman, and Ruth Gierick for the women composed this committee. It is under the supervision of Beatrice Wardell and Tave Hendrickson, second counselors of the Second Ward M. L. A.

FIRST WARD TO GIVE PLAY

Final arrangements are being made for the First Ward M. L. A. play "Success" to be presented Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the small hall room of the Recreational hall.

"Success" is a three-act drama which the Henton family from their home in a little western town.

BARGE BLAST FATAL TO TWO IN NEW JERSEY

NEARBY, N. J., March 8 (AP)—Three men were believed to have met death last night when fire preceded by an explosion destroyed a Pure Oil company oil barge moored in the Passaic river.

Another member of the crew escaped when he leaped into the river and swam ashore.

The missing: Thomas Smith, a yard man; Harry Lee, mate; 12-year-old Ned, the cook.

Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Passes At 5:15

72-Year-Old Justice Loses Stubborn Fight—Funeral Plans Are Incomplete.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Here are the milestones in the life of William Howard Taft.

Born at Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1857.

Graduated from Yale, June 27, 1878.

Admitted to Ohio bar, May 5, 1880.

Appointed judge of superior court at Cincinnati, March 7, 1887.

Appointed solicitor general of the United States Feb. 4, 1890.

Appointed federal circuit judge for sixth judicial circuit, March 17, 1892.

Named president United States Philippine commission, March 12, 1900. Appointed first civil governor Philippines, July 4, 1901.

Selected as secretary of war in President Roosevelt's cabinet, February 1, 1904.

Nominated for president by republican national convention in June, 1908.

Elected president, Nov. 3, 1908. Inaugurated March 4, 1909.

Defeated for reelection by Woodrow Wilson, November 4, 1912. Retiring from presidency March 4, 1913.

Appointed chief justice of United States by President Harding, June 30, 1921.

Resigned February 3, 1930.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—William Howard Taft died late today. Mr. Taft died at 5:15 p. m., surrendering at last to a combination of ailments, the former president and chief justice passed away after lingering for hours at the point of death.

He died at his home on Wyoming avenue, surrounded by the members of his family. He was 72 years old last September.

Funeral plans were still incomplete, but contemplate a ceremony attended by the highest officials of the government. It is undecided whether entombment will be at Washington or Cincinnati.

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SANFORD, OF HIGH COURT DIES TODAY

Justice Passes on in Washington After Illness of Only Few Minutes

CONGRATULATIONS TURN TO SADNESS

Other Members Honor Holmes—Former Chief Justice Not So Well Today.

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Justice Edward Terry Sanford, of the supreme court, died at his home here today.

The news of his death came with startling unexpectedness.

The fact that he was ill became generally known only a few minutes before the word of the end was received.

Death Came Quickly. He was taken ill this morning while visiting his dentist and was rushed to his home. He died a few minutes later.

His colleagues on the supreme bench had gathered in the court conference room and were congratulating Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes on his 89th birthday in January, 1923, and took his seat the following February.

The death of Justice Sanford came at a time when his former chief, William Howard Taft, lies critically ill at his home. Word from Mr. Taft's physicians this morning said that the former president was not quite so well.

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ROBBERS KILL DETROIT COP IN GUN FIGHT

DETROIT, March 8 (AP)—Patrolman Dayton A. Winegar was shot to death at 9 a. m. today in a gun battle on St. Aubin avenue with two robbers who were fleeing with \$6,000 obtained in a haberdashery holdup. The robbers escaped.

Patrolman Winegar was pursuing the robbers in a commandeered automobile. The two men had held up the haberdashery, which is in Joseph Campan avenue, 15 minutes earlier, driving away in their automobile.

Winegar was in front of the store when the two men ran out and leaped in a waiting automobile. The officer commandeered a car driven by S. D. Slippe and gave chase. In St. Aubin street he ordered the car stopped and he leaped out and started shooting. The robbers returned his fire and he fell.

Princess is Still Wearing Her Ring

LUXOR, Egypt, March 8 (AP)—The river boat Mayflower with Queen Marie of Rumania and Princess Helena on board leaves Assuan for Wadi Halfa, one mile below the second cataract, today. It was learned Princess Helena was still wearing her engagement ring.

Official announcement was made in Bucharest Thursday that her engagement to Count Alexander von Hochberg, young German noble, had been broken.

Earthquake Rocks Isthmus of Panama

PANAMA CITY, March 8 (AP)—Severe earth shocks which rocked the Isthmus of Panama at 10:44 p. m. last night, did no apparent damage to the canal. One canal official declared he did not expect the waterway to be affected in any fashion by the disturbance.

The shocks were described as the strongest since those of 1913-1914. Residents were thrown into a panic.

GEORGE JOSEPH MAY ENTER RACE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8 (AP)—The Telegram said today that another prospective gubernatorial candidate in the person of George W. Joseph, Portland lawyer and member of the state senate from Multnomah county for six legislative sessions, looms on the political horizon.

The newspaper said in part: "A movement to draft the former Multnomah mayor was precipitated Wednesday following an announcement from Salem on the previous day that the three ref-

France Prepares To Rebuild Area In Flood's Path

Stimulated Rather Than Discouraged by Disaster; Loss of Life Runs Over 500.

TOULOUSE, France, March 8 (AP)—Stimulated rather than discouraged by the magnitude of the task which becomes hourly more apparent to them the population of the stricken French flood regions are setting rapidly and intelligently about the task of repairing damage wrought by the Garonne and its tributaries.

Loss of life in the flood disaster, it now appears, will run well over the previous high estimates of 600, with Moissac, where 150 perished, the hardest hit of the towns. Property damage will aggregate many millions of dollars.

Thousands are homeless where a week ago was one of the happiest, healthiest sections of southern sunny France.

Housing First Problem. At Montauban, where 10,000 out of 28,000 inhabitants are without shelter, housing was the first problem faced by municipal authorities, who made a rapid survey of damaged houses in the town. Those capable of repair

Harper Unit Will Celebrate Mar. 16

HARPER, Ore., March 8 (AP)—The opening celebration of the Harper unit of the Vale Irrigation project will be conducted Sunday, March 16, with Governor A. W. Scarborough turning in the water to canals which will irrigate 4,500 acres of land.

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SALEM, Ore., March 8 (AP)—Chief Justice O. P. Coshow today filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for renomination by the democratic party for justice of the supreme court. "Justice toward all administered without unnecessary delay" will appear after his name on the ballot. He is a candidate for position No. 5.

Babe Ruth And Yankees Reach Wage Agreement

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 8 (AP)—The contract controversy between Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees was settled quickly today when the home king agreed to terms for the next two years at \$85,000 a year at a conference with Colonel Jacob Ruppert, the club owner. Formal contracts at this figure, an increase of \$10,000 over Ruth's previous salary will be signed on Monday.

Ruth was prompted to make a quick settlement of the issue, not only by the advice of friends and that amounted to a "command" from Mrs. Ruth, but also by a desire to avoid the risk of injuring himself in exhibition games while unsigned. The Babe, freed of further restraint, left his conference with Colonel Ruppert to rush out to the park, get his uniform and report for the first exhibition game of the training season with the Braves here this afternoon.

Report Deer In City Last Night

A deer, perhaps a last year's fawn, mysteriously appeared and disappeared Tuesday evening according to the report of several people who happened to be on Sixth street about 6 o'clock between O and Penn avenues. They said they saw it run out from behind a brick house on O and disappear between two houses on the opposite side of the street.

Those who saw the animal are still wondering how it all happened, but when interviewed by an Observer reporter today insisted that it was a deer.

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