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Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.—Proverbs 3:17.

A BASKETBALL SPECTACLE

Those who thrill at the fast action of a good basketball game are looking forward to the coming weekend which offers them the climactic spectacle of the basketball season.

At Union on Thursday, Friday and Saturday eight teams from Union, Wallowa, Baker, and Malheur counties will engage in a tournament, and the reward offered the winning quintet will be the district championship plus a trip to Salem to represent this section in the state championship play-off.

The Union business and school men who are sponsoring the tournament are confident that this will be one of the most successful ever staged in this end of the state, especially in view of the fact that the eight teams will go into play much more evenly matched than in ordinary seasons.

It is certain that scores of La Granders will attend the tournament, primarily to cheer the Tigers, of course, but also to witness the high class of basketball which is sure to be displayed there, whether the local team figures prominently or not.

We're rather proud of this tournament — almost as proud, in fact, as is Union, our neighboring town which has so successfully conducted the basketball play-offs in this district ever since the present scheme of deciding the championship was inaugurated.

For that reason, and because Coach Ira Woodie has organized and perfected a team that is deserving of our finest support, we urge every La Grande citizen to attend one or more games during the three days of the tourney.

VANISHING EMPIRES

While making an excavation for a new office building in the heart of London, British workmen the other day came upon some relics of the very distant past—relics of the day when London was an outpost of the Roman Empire, a provincial garrison on a distant island.

These workmen found a number of interesting things, including old Roman lamps, tools, bits of broken pottery, and even old pilings that marked the site of London's first river wharves. Their finds, archeologists say, date back to the first century of the Christian era.

Of course the London subsoil is full of such things, and there is nothing startling about this newest discovery, but it is something to stir the imagination at least. It makes ancient history seem more real, and perhaps gives us an eerie glance into the future.

When those relics were first deposited there, Rome was what London is today — the capital of a far-flung empire, filled with busy traders, sailors, shippers, administrators, and "empire builders." We can easily visualize those young Romans sailing out to assume administrative posts in the British Isles, just as young Englishmen, not so long ago, sailed away to similar jobs in India.

Those men must have felt that they were going to the very ends of the earth, and the placid river Thames — as Conrad points out in his "Heart of Darkness" — must have seemed as mysterious and as vaguely hostile as the coasts of Africa seemed to the roving young Englishmen of the past century.

It is easier to make Roman civilization seem real by drawing the parallel. The imperialism of the Caesars was, after all, very much like that of Queen Victoria's day. There were far-off colonies to be developed, and what is now England was then a wild and barbaric land that needed to be cultivated and civilized.

And all of this makes us look ahead. Rome's empire has vanished, centuries ago, and her colonies have grown to ripe maturity. Will the empires of today sometime follow suit? Will English relics dug up in Delhi—or American relics unearthed in Manila—rouse corresponding images in the minds of men a thousand years hence?

We wonder if the fellow who, along about last July, was wishing for a little cold weather is satisfied by now—or is he wishing for July to come?

Most of our criminals have "foreign names" but, alas, so have most our record breaking athletes.

Other Papers Say:

BUYING GERMAN GOODS

A trade boycott is a powerful weapon when rigidly observed. The difficulty in enforcing it. For so long as men are moved by considerations of gain, they are going to buy goods in the lowest market and sell them in the highest, if they can. Sentiment cuts a sorry figure in business, when it runs at cross purposes with profits.

During the world war, we were assuring ourselves in the fervor of our patriotism that never again would we buy German-made goods. But as soon as the war was over, American capitalists subscribed big loans for the Germans. This money was expended in rehabilitating Germany's industrial system and in preparing it to dump cheap goods on the markets of the world. These capitalists are learning that the Germans borrowed the money for the express purpose of making the United States finance their industrial comeback, first by using American capital and second, by displacing American goods in the world markets.

Today German-made goods are coming into the United States in a tremendous volume. Germany, today, has attained rank as being second to this country only in the volume of its world trade. And Americans, forgetful of their war-time vows, are tumbling over themselves to buy the German-made goods, because they can buy them at a lower cost than American-made goods and they think they are saving money. To illustrate: German-made barbed wire is being sold in Albany. Dealers cannot sell the American wire, because they can sell the German product for about a dollar a spool less and still make an extra 10 cents profit over the American brand. The farmer thinks he saves his dollar and the dealer makes his profit.

But does the farmer save his dollar after all? Here is a question that is deserving of study. For the farmer is interested in selling his produce, in fact he must sell it, if he is going to be able to buy wire. And while he is buying the German wire, he is doing nothing to relieve the unemployment situation in the United States. The American wire mills are getting the business and consequently cannot get labor; and workmen who are out of jobs are not eating bread or meat. Thus the prices of farmers' produce remain at a low figure.

It is not always good business to buy the cheapest products, although this doctrine would stand as much chance of acceptance if preached to the human beings. This is true when the buyer is a seller, too, and he needs to sell his produce. In cases where the buyer sells more goods than he buys, as the farmer does, his first care should be to protect the buying power of his consumers. He can afford to pay a premium on his purchases, if he can get a premium for the goods he sells, the balance of trade is in his favor. The farmer who does not act in greater volume than he buys will not be a farmer for long.

American business men and farmers, too, could do a lot toward restoring American prosperity, if they would give precedence to American-made goods. There is no better way for bringing back good prices and brisk demand. But they will not do it, because they cannot resist the temptation to buy at the lowest figure possible.

Meanwhile we will go on patronizing the German manufacturers, keep on wondering why business does not pick up faster and blaming the administration and congress for not helping us. But we can help ourselves if we will. But we won't.—Democrat-Herald.

A GOOD BOARD

The 1932 Eastern Oregon Livestock Show will have the advantage, at the very outset, of a prudent, conservative, businesslike board of directors. Never before in the history of the show has there been such an imperative demand for these qualities in the management. Excessive liberality in the treatment accorded exhibitors has characterized the show in years past—most of them years in which such policy was possible without crippling the organization's finances. This year the show faces an entirely different set of conditions. It may be found necessary to revise the classification list, eliminating or cutting down awards for some non-competitive exhibits, abolishing free feed, charging entry fees, and otherwise reducing the heavy overhead. The new directors are men who may be safely entrusted with the problem of making the 1932 show's ends meet, as well as clearing up last year's deficit. They may be expected to meet the situation with due regard for the interests of the exhibitors and the pulling power of the show, and with the same regard for the financial responsibilities of those who are backing the show. The board will miss three of its last year's members—Robert Wittycombe and Homer Bidwell (deceased) and Frank Conner, who is no longer a resident of Union. The zeal of these three men contributed heavily to the success of the past shows. In their places we have County Agent H. O. Avery, S. E. Miller and Mr. Richards, the new superintendent of the experiment farm. No better selections could have been made. The 1932 show is in good hands.—Union Republican.

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OUT OUR WAY



THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

La Grande, Ore., Feb. 27, 1932.

Dear Editor: The question before the farmer and producer today is a market. Now we farmers, the producers, have been talking to Mr. Avery and have found that we are going to be able to incorporate in a way which we are most sure is going to bring results.

But we must depend upon the consumers to give us their very best support. And it will be up to us producers to establish our prices according to a policy of live and let live, and thus save much of the money which is going into the pockets of the middleman and being sent out of the county.

There are a good many sides of the proposition to be considered, and we will be several meetings which we ask the consumers to attend with the willingness to offer helpful criticism and suggestions. To emphasize the importance of this matter I mention one instance. Turkeys were sold in the stores at 4 pounds for 15 cents. The markets offered me 1 cent a pound. The consumer can easily see where all his money goes. The situation will never be remedied until the consumer and producer come together in a business way.

In Mr. Chandler's letter of Jan. 26 he said there is \$55,000 spent for outside products such as fruit and garden stuff. But in looking up the records I find that in the year 1930 there was close to \$150,000 sent out of this county for fruit and produce. The date of our first meeting will be published later. Hoping to hear from other sons, I remain, Your friend, Mr. B. Kail.

In Washington

WASHINGTON — The appearance of William Gibbs McAdoo on the scene enthusiastically endorsing Jack Garner for president is proof enough that what has been billed as the great political show of 1932 now is definitely under way. McAdoo perhaps couldn't have stayed out of the picture very much longer. A man who has led in the balloting of two conventions as he has, naturally is expected to speak out at a time like this, what with all the "Stop Roosevelt" movements, the speculation as to what Al Smith really means and so on. His flat endorsement of Garner would seem to indicate that he has no hopes along that line himself. Someone once complimented him on his feat of flying from Los Angeles to Washington in a little more than 16 hours. "Yes," replied McAdoo, "one can get to Washington much faster by flying than by way of the electoral college." Probably by this time he has been convinced of how true that assertion is.

TEXAS BACKED HIM

His coming out for Garner might possibly be traced to that political position. McAdoo at 68 may have national convention at Madison Square garden. Texas was with him for a long time in the balloting. There are still memories of that powerful and big-voiced Texan who arose so often to shout that Texas vote was for McAdoo.

It may be that McAdoo has cast his eyes around and concluded that a Democratic president might possibly find it in order to make use of his services, say, for example, in the cabinet. "Uncle Andy" Mellon at 75 is still holding down an important public position. McAdoo at 68 may have aspirations along the same line. He still is remarkably active for a man of his age. He owns an airplane capable of a speed of 200 miles an hour, and flies all over the country. He is an enthusiastic swimmer, golfer, dancer and horseman.

BUSY DURING WAR

At one time in his career—during the World War—he held down more positions of responsibility than any other war personality. He was secretary of the treasury, chairman of the federal reserve board, chairman of the federal loan board, chairman of the war finance corporation, chairman of the international high commission and director-general of the railroads. It would be natural for him to

RELIEF BILL APPROVED BY HOUSE GROUP

(Continued From Page One) to aid drought and grasshopper stricken areas, chiefly in Montana, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Washington. Payne said that in 95 counties of this area the Red Cross is distributing feed for livestock. "It is not a usual activity of the Red Cross," Payne testified. "We are only doing it because we felt unless we did very serious results would follow and a very large number of livestock would die. We do it reluctantly and have hoped we would be relieved."

MARKETING MEET TO BE HELD HERE

(Continued From Page One) large volume of business done by these organizations is given here: Union County Wool Growers' Association \$15,000 to \$25,000 annual sales; Grande Ronde Co-operative Creamery \$50,000 to \$100,000; Farmers Co-operative Creamery \$80,000 to \$100,000; Blue Mountain Livestock Association \$40,000 to \$60,000; Grande Ronde Grain Growers \$100,000 to \$135,000; Cherry Co-operative associations (Cove, Union and La Grande) \$20,000 to \$80,000. In addition to this the Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers, a regional wool marketing association, handles sales for Union county wool growers amounting to over \$15,000 to \$25,000. These figures are conservative, and in times of higher prices the total amount of sales may be expected to reach double this estimate, Mr. Avery said.

Leaders in the co-operative movement who have been secured to address the sessions include R. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers' association; R. D. Monahan, sales agent for most of the cherry pools in Eastern Oregon and the Lewiston, Idaho section; W. A. Holt, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association; and Geo. C. Gating, marketing specialist of the O. S. C. extension service. Each of these men is a specialist in his line and will present a discussion interesting to any group.

The establishment of a public market to aid growers to dispose of truck crops and farm products to retail and wholesale trade is expected to hold the attention of the last half day, on Friday afternoon. Sessions will be held in the Sacajawea Inn ballroom.

COX HOLDS MEASURE BLOW TO NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The view that the fixing by manufacturers of the prices for which branded articles may be sold at retail would deal a serious blow to newspaper advertising was expressed today by a senate committee by Representative Cox (D. Ga.).

Voicing his opposition before the interstate commerce committee to a bill pending which would legalize this, Cox asked: "With the enactment of this legislation and with all prices fixed what's to become of the services the newspapers are now rendering the retailer in advertising his goods?" "There would be no incentive for the retailer to go to the newspaper and advertise his wares because the public would know the price was fixed and would be bought at the same price no matter where it was purchased."

BIRD WITH WOODEN LEG DIES AT ZOO

DETROIT, Mar. 1 (AP)—Death has claimed another zoological oddity—King Joseph the First, said to have been the only African secretary bird with an artificial leg. It looked like the end for King Joe when he broke his leg two years ago while at his favorite diversity of tormenting the antelopes in the Detroit zoo. But Theodore Schroder, keeper of the zoo, fashioned a wooden leg which Joe soon learned to manipulate.

For greater strength and less weight, Schroder traded in the wooden leg for an aluminum limb last year and that served him until his death. Schroder explained the secretary bird gets its name from a crest of feathers resembling pens.

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Earl R. Cooley, Ag. Supervisor, Visits Imbler

(Observer Correspondent) IMBLER (Special)—Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor of agriculture, who visited the department at Imbler Feb. 25, checked up on the year's work and among the activities he reviewed were evening school activities, project reports and records, shop program, Future Farmers of America and the year's program of the department. Mr. Cooley commented favorably on the system of point grading used in shop and on the Future Farmers activities carried on by the Imbler chapter. A meeting of the F. F. A. was called while Mr. Cooley was here. He is rating the F. F. A. chapters in the state and judges them partly by the way they conduct their meetings and the business conducted by them. Friday morning the instructors' conference began at Halfway which the local instructor, Ben Raakopf, attended. Mr. Cooley also attended the meeting. An extemporaneous speaking contest was held during this conference. Six schools participated. The first day—Friday—they visited the Halfway department and visited the school and a party was given in the evening for the F. F. A. boys. Six schools were represented in the speaking contest and the subjects assigned were: "Future Farmers' activities and their value, value of keeping farm records," the place of vocational agriculture in our schools, co-operative marketing as one solution of the farmers' problems. Each boy was allowed one hour's preparation and seven minutes for delivery of the speech. The schools represented in this contest were Ontario, Halfway, Imbler, Union, Wallowa and Enterprise. Chas. Buchanan, of Enterprise, won first place. T. Willet, of Wallowa, second and Jack Cole, of Imbler, third. Jack's subject was "The Value of Keeping Farm Records."

The Women's club met at the home of Lucy Westenskow for their regular bi-monthly meeting. The subject was "woman's responsibility to herself" and the leader was Lucy Westenskow. A play "Martha and George Return" was given. Ruth Westenskow was "George" and Lucy Westenskow was "Martha." Mrs. Chas. Cleaver and Mrs. Jessie Berry took the parts of "Mr. and Mrs. 1932." It was decided to hold their next meeting one week later in order to give their members a chance to attend the kitchen chauteau in La Grande on that date.

At their last meeting the Pythian Sisters voted to give a St. Patrick's day dance on Thursday, March 17th at Wade hall. A quilt is to be given away to the one holding the lucky number. The meetings of Imblerette Temple have been changed to every fourth Tuesday of each month.

Mesdames Mattie and Ruth Westenskow and Jessie Perry attended a dinner in La Grande Saturday given for the officers of the Relief society of the Union stake of the L. D. S. church.

A large number of Imbler people attended the basketball tournament in La Grande Friday and Saturday. Larry, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, sustained a very painful injury when his arm was caught in an electric wringer this morning.

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Pioneer Woman Celebrates Her 79th Birthday

(Observer Correspondent) GRANGE HALL (Special)—Mrs. Josephine Spencer, formerly of this locality, celebrated her 79th birthday anniversary Feb. 26 at her home on Cove avenue, her children, relatives and many friends calling during the day and evening. Her health is very frail, as she has been a semi-invalid for several years. Three years ago, she suffered a partial stroke and since that time her condition has gradually declined until now she is a complete invalid. Mrs. Spencer is one of Grande Ronde valley's early pioneers and has lived in this district from the time of her arrival when a lass of 12 years, until she and her husband retired from farming and moved to La Grande 25 years ago. She crossed the plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon Buchanan in 1865 and the family of which she was the eldest daughter, settled in the Grange Hall district near Island City on a farm which was known as the Buchanan homestead for many years (many old residents of the valley call it that still) but now known as the A O S ranch, owned by August Stange. The subject of this sketch lived there and attended school in Island City until her marriage to Joseph Spencer in 1871. They started housekeeping in a little cabin on the farm now owned by their son, Charles Spencer, later buying an 80-acre farm, which is now the home of Mrs. Edith Geeker. For many years and until their retirement from farming, they and their seven sons operated the McConnell ranch, a piece of diversified farm land then composed of 4000 acres. Mr. Spencer died several years ago and Mrs. Spencer lives with her sons, Marion and Fred. Other children are Charles and Roy, of Grange Hall; Lawrence, of Samuville; Jesse, of Vale; and Albert, of La Grande.

County Red Cross To Elect Officers

The board of directors of the Union County Red Cross is to hold an important meeting in the office of the chamber of commerce at 7:30 Wednesday evening for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The new board was elected at a meeting last week, though additional members are expected to be added tomorrow evening in order to make it representative of the entire county.

EXPEDITION WILL HUNT DRAGONS

(Continued From Page One) The second South American expedition came aboard the liner Santa Ana. Its two members were two paleontologists, Dr. Ralph Chaney, University of California, and Dr. Erling Dorf, Princeton university. They spent three months trekking afoot and flying over British Guiana, Venezuela and Costa Rica for the Carnegie institution of Washington.

The two paleontologists declared their studies gave support to the theory that plant and animal life began in the north and retreated south as the climate changed. The third scientific expedition to make port yesterday was aboard the Valero III, the million dollar yacht of G. Allan Hancock, Los Angeles oil man. It brought back numerous specimens tending to establish the theory of an ancient South American mainland connection as the origin of the Galapagos islands which lie off the coast of Ecuador. Among the specimens was a heretofore unknown species of fresh water fish found in a mountain stream on the islands. The species with other specimens will be turned over to the San Diego zoo and the Steinhart aquarium in San Francisco.

Ninth Annual Championship Basketball Tournament

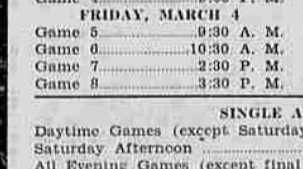
of Eastern Oregon District, Oregon High School Athletic Association UNION, OREGON Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 3, 4 and 5, 1932

Eight Best Teams from Four Counties—Wallowa, Union, Baker and Malheur.

Table with 2 columns: Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4. Lists games and times.

Table with 2 columns: Saturday, March 5. Lists games and times.

Table with 2 columns: Single Admissions and Season Tickets. Lists prices for different categories.



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