

# Winning Teams To Decide Site Of Basketball Tourney

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## NEW SYSTEM ADOPTED TO NAME CHAMP

### Six Basketball Teams to Fight for Place in Tournament

## LA GRANDE, BAKER ALREADY QUALIFY

### Emil Piluso, Coast Conference Official, to Re-ere the Championship Playoff in March

The question of where the 1934 district No. 1 basketball tournament will be held remained unsettled today, but the district board—meeting at Baker last evening—opened an avenue for its selection late in February.

Originally, La Grande was awarded this year's tourney but Union, which had held the tournament for the last decade, asked for a reconsideration and this was granted.

The plan adopted by the board, composed of Hugh Coleman, chairman, of Baker, Supt. Hollenberg, of Nysa, and Principal L. Gralapp, of La Grande, was for the eight teams which qualify for the championship tourney, to decide the site for the play-off by vote.

Also, both La Grande and Baker were placed in separate sub-districts, making each automatically eligible for entrance into the district championship.

Six Others to Qualify Therefore, three teams must qualify out of the remaining nine playing basketball in Union and Wallowa counties, and three from Baker and Malheur counties, where nine teams outside of Baker play the winter indoor sport. Union will enter the elimination process this year, by decision of the board, and this decision was supported by Union High school, it

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## Spring Visits City on Friday; Mercury At 60

Spring, although not scheduled to arrive here until late in March, made a visit to the Grande Ronde valley yesterday and was still here today.

Her debut sent the mercury racing up to 60 above under a warm sun, and she gave the city the warmest day since last Nov. 26, when the maximum was 65 above.

The temperature dropped to 31 above last night but was forging up again today, with prospects that the high would be about the same as yesterday. The weather man predicts fair skies and moderate temperature for the eastern section of the state tonight and Sunday, and forecast for next week is for generally fair weather with normal temperatures.

## Allow \$4,300.00 For C. W. A. Work In This County

Word was received this morning by the C. W. A. board here that of a sum allowed Oregon for purchase of equipment and materials, Union county's share was \$4,300. It is estimated here that this will allow for at least two weeks' work on the improvements at the Union fish hatchery, and also take care of administrative expense and work on other C. W. A. projects over the county.

## WILL ROGERS says:

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 26—As I got to the field in Tulsa this morning "Jumpy" Smith, the great English evangelist, come out to the airport and we had a fine chat. He talks to ten thousand people a night there, a very earnest, fine man, who advertises no particular route to salvation. I asked him in saving Oklahoma for the Lord to save Alafala Bill Murray, him and Jim Furguson of Texas, for there ain't any more like those two and I just kinder like 'em.

Missouri, Indiana and Ohio all passed under us in order. Three great old states, whose statesmen have made history. Will make Washington by lighted airways by 11 o'clock tonight. Then tomorrow to the big show and see the actors, maby see 'em vote on the most momentous question outside of war. Yours,

Will Rogers

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## CHOIR WILL GIVE CONCERT DURING MONTH OF MARCH

The first of a series of concerts to be presented by the A Cappella choir, now rehearsing under the direction of Andrew J. Loney Jr., will be given about the middle of March. The concert will be composed of numbers that have been featured by St. Olaf's choir, together with other numbers.

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## LIONS SPONSOR OPEN FORUM TO BE HELD MONDAY

An open forum with the public invited, at which questions of current interest to local people will be explained and then discussed in round-table form, will be held at the Sacajawea Inn small ballroom at 7:30 o'clock Monday night, sponsored by the Lions club.

Following each speech, a period of time will be devoted to discussion. State Senator Hess is to speak on the sales tax proposal to aid the schools, a state police officer will give a talk on "The Game Situation in Eastern Oregon," and Joseph H. Gaiser, of the Normal school, will discuss "Present Gold and Money Situation."

## NEW SAFETY BOXES INSTALLED IN BANK

With two new nests of the latest type, two-key safety deposit boxes purchased, the First National bank of La Grande is preparing to transfer safety box patrons from the old "tin boxes" to the new type.

A. K. Parker, cashier of the bank, urges that all who have the present "tin box" type safety deposit box in the bank, come in as soon as possible and make arrangements for transfer. There will be no extra charge associated with this move, it being made by the bank solely to increase the safety and efficiency of the institution's safety deposit box system.

"The new two-key boxes are the best type made," Mr. Parker said, "and we are anxious to begin using them as soon as possible to better protect the interests of our patrons as well as our own."

## HERE'S FIRST 'GARDEN CHAT' FOR THIS YEAR

Each year the Observer from time to time prints information as to gardening—both flower and vegetable, lawns, home improvements, etc. Usually this service begins either late in February or early in March.

But this year because of the moderate winter weather already experienced, the fact that some early gardens will be put into the ground very soon, and because the feel of "spring in the air" has started many citizens to scanning seed catalogs, sharpening up hoes and shovels, and in other words, getting the spring fever, the Observer will begin printing these articles earlier than usual.

## HOG CONTROL PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL

### County Agent Avery Reports Better Response Than for Wheat Acreage Reduction

The national hog control program in Union county is meeting with an even more ready response than the wheat allotment act and hog producers are signing the reduction contracts readily, H. G. Avery, county agricultural agent, said today following the last of a series of meetings held in five districts of Union county this week.

Each district elected a permanent chairman and two assistant committeemen who form the general committee. The general committee will meet Monday at 1:30 o'clock at Mt. Avery's office in the federal building to elect officers and an allotment committee of three. Meetings also have been set in each of the districts for the coming week when contracts will be completed before submitting them for approval. The hog control program will bring between \$30,000 and \$50,000 into Union county, Mr. Avery estimates.

John Shaw was elected permanent chairman of the North Powder-Telocast district yesterday at a meeting attended by 42 farmers at North Powder. B. F. Sorensen, of North Powder, and G. V. Wilkinson, of Telocast, were elected assistant chairmen.

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## 67 Boy Scouts Receive Badges At Honor Court

Sixty-seven rank awards and merit badges were presented to Boy Scouts at a court of honor held in the High school auditorium last night. N. W. Frees acted as chairman and was assisted in the presentations by Harvey Carter, Lee Reynolds and Stanley Jenkins.

C. M. Wight, manager of the Liberty theatre, described the process of creating comic cartoons such as "Mickey Mouse."

## P. T. A. SERVING HOT LUNCHES

The Greenwood Parent Teacher association started serving hot lunches at the school this week. Miss Myrtle Hoyt is general chairman of the project, and is assisted by a committee of about 20 women. The luncheons are being served at cost to about 80 children daily.

## BIRTHDAY BALL FOR PRESIDENT TO BE JAN. 30



It's a happy day for patients at Warm Springs, Ga., when President Roosevelt visits the infantile paralysis foundation there. Especially festive was the occasion for little Mary Frances Jasper, shown here in her wheel chair, as the president shakes hands with her. The Warm Springs foundation will receive the proceeds from 5000 birthday balls for the president to be given the evening of Jan. 30. La Grande's ball will be at the Sacajawea at 8:30 p. m. It was at Warm Springs that the president won his battle against infantile paralysis.

## LA GRANDE BASKETBALL TEAM WINS FROM BAKER 18-15 ON BAKER FLOOR

### First Tiger Victory on Bulldogs' Court in Many Years

Chalking up a basketball victory at Baker for the first time in many years, the La Grande Tigers took the Baker Bulldogs into camp last night 18 to 15. Not only did the first team win, but the second team, composed of sophomores, walloped the Baker Bees 14 to 8, making the invasion of the Copper City a decided success from the La Grande standpoint.

A large group of La Grande fans who accompanied the Tigers to Baker saw the two teams score wins and came home just about hoarse, from protracted cheering.

Baker had been doped to win from the Tigers at Baker by both the two cities, and the outcome was in a way, a major upset.

La Grande trailed 8 to 7 at half-time but, led by Vic Bean in the second half, scored 11 points while the best the Bulldogs could do was seven. Checking was fairly close throughout, but La Grande had the ball the greater share of the time. When the Tigers didn't get the tip-off, they usually took the ball anyway.

Tonight the La Grande first team will play North Powder here at 8:15, after a second team clash at 7:15 between the two schools.

Lineups:

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|----------------|------------|
| La Grande (18) | (15) Baker |
| Shitt (2)      | Ballantyne |
| Reynolds (6)   | Martin     |
| Zivkovich (6)  | Marshall   |
| Irwin (2)      | Southard   |
| Webb (2)       | Hanlan     |

Substitutions: La Grande—V. Bean (6) for Zivkovich; DeBole (2) for Irwin; Baker—Vainin for Martin.

Referee: George Duff.

La Grande B's (14)

Substitutions: La Grande—Keeler, Gehring (2), Inseth; Baker—Bradd (2), Williams.

Referee: Grant.

## KERR NAMES H. A. BORK AS CONTROLLER

### New Official Will Have Charge of the Business Management of Schools

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27 (AP)—Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of Oregon's system of higher education, announced today that Herbert A. Bork, controller of the University of Wisconsin since 1927, will assume a similar position with the Oregon institutions March 1.

Bork will have charge of all the business management of the state's higher educational system. Bork will receive \$3850 a year.

The question of appointment of a controller for Oregon's system of higher education has been discussed frequently by the board, and was resumed recently following a controversy over the manner in which certain offices under the board's direction had been conducted.

## BYRD AND CAMP FEAR ICE SHELF

BAY OF WHALES, Antarctica, Jan. 27 (Via Mackay Radio) (AP)—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd expressed apprehension today for the safety of Pressure camp and 43 men of the second Antarctic expedition marooned there by disintegration of the vast ice shelf covering the bay.

In addition to the 43 men at the camp, temporary supply base four and a half miles south of the edge of the ice, four others were at Little America, cut off from their comrades.

With the temperature at a little below freezing the ice was disintegrating everywhere and the whole (Continued on Page Four)

## RECOVERING FROM SURGERY

Three patients at the Grande Ronde hospital are recovering from major operations performed this week. Louis Peterson, Mrs. John Morris and Mrs. John E. Skagge.

## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 53 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 51½ cents. Export bid 76 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 (AP)—Grains were generally influenced by unfavorable weather news today and prices averaged slightly higher. Continued dry weather in the southwestern winter wheat belt with reports that lower temperatures were expected served as bullish influences. Trade was light and price changes rapid. Other grains and provisions firmed with wheat.

Wheat closed firm at the day's highest levels, and ¾ to 1¼ cent higher than Friday's finish. Corn also closed firm, and ¼ cent advanced. Oats were strong and ¼ to ¾ up, with provisions 10 to 25 cents higher.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME TO EXTRADITE DILLINGER

### GUNMEN LOOT POLICE EXHIBIT 10,000 CHINESE MISSING

### U. S. REGULATION FAVORED

PHOENIX, Jan. 27 (AP)—The governor's office here, after a telephone conversation with Gov. B. B. McEuer at Tucson, announced today extradition of the Dillinger gang to Indiana would be granted.

BOSTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Three gunmen looted the Massachusetts state police exhibit at the Boston auto show early today and escaped with a machine gun, four sub guns and several bombs. The robbery apparently had been carefully planned.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 27 (AP)—Sensational Chinese reports claiming 10,000 men, women and children have been drowned, frozen to death or are missing in Hopel and Honan provinces along the rising Yellow river, appeared in vernacular newspapers today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Strict federal regulation of the nation's stock exchanges through a license system and a federal administrator was recommended to congress by President Roosevelt's interdepartmental committee in a report made public today by the senate banking committee.

SALEM, Jan. 27 (AP)—The state liquor commission may purchase supplies and equipment for the state liquor stores without a purchase order from the Oregon state board of control, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled today.

## ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT GIVEN HIRAM JOHNSON

By Francis M. Stephenson WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Administration support for the veteran Republican independent of California, Senator Hiram W. Johnson, has brought toward an issue the cause of President Roosevelt's Democracy and a new party alignment.

Johnson gave his support, along with other Republican Independents, to Mr. Roosevelt in 1932. But it was made plain then that the administration was backing the California independent as a personal proposition.

The president, described by friends as holding aloof from politics, and his national chairman, Postmaster General Farley, are saying nothing just now about other Republican Independents of the west and north-west who are up for reelection this year.

Asked directly today if the Roosevelt administration backed two other Republican Independents who campaigned for the president in 1932 and (Continued on Page Two)

## New York Takes Kicking, Biting Out of Wrestling

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP)—Wrestling will operate under a new code in New York state henceforth, under a brand new set of regulations designed to eliminate some of the admitted evils of the grunt-and-groan industry.

Chief items in the new code: All wrestlers must wear shoes. Scratching, striking, gouging, butting, struggle holds, Joe Savoldi's special, "drop kick," and the deliberate tossing of an opponent out of the ring, all are fouls and wrestlers who commit them may have their licenses revoked.

MT. HOLLY, N. J., Jan. 27 (AP)—Millard F. Edouard, 45, Los Angeles, Cal., on his honeymoon trip to New York, was found shot to death in his automobile about a mile from Florence early today. His bride told police he had shot himself in a fit of despondency.

The bride, Mrs. Edna Mae Edouard, 38, was brought to the Burlington county jail for questioning.

State police officers said they learned from Mrs. Edouard that the trip, in addition to being a honeymoon, was to confer on her the power of attorney for \$110,000 which

## MOVIE STAR QUILTS BOSTON MYSTERIOUSLY

### Complains to Police of Being Followed—Nothing More Revealed

## KIDNAPING THREAT IS BEING RUMORED

### In the Meantime, Nothing Further Is Heard From Edward Bremer, Abducted Jan. 17.

BOSTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Martin King, superintendent of the Boston police department, said today Mary Pickford had told him last night that she had received a threatening letter. King declined to discuss the case further and other department heads refused to say what opinion the police held in the case.

FALMOUTH, Mass., Jan. 27 (AP)—The home of Fulton Oursler, playwright and magazine editor, overlooking Buzzard's bay, today sheltered Mary Pickford from whatever caused her to flee Boston last night under conditions reminiscent of Hollywood thrillers.

The famous actress had been appearing on a Boston stage when she suddenly complained to the police that a man and a woman had been trailing her. This was all the police would say and it was considerably more than Miss Pickford would say. However, the last night Miss Pickford left Boston in her own automobile with a police car trailing her.

The police car followed the Pickford car as far as Buzzard's bay, where a state trooper took over the escort duties and accompanied Miss Pickford to the Oursler home. She (Continued on Page Four)

## French Premier And His Cabinet Resign in Paris

PARIS, Jan. 27 (AP)—Premier Camille Chautemps and his cabinet resigned today.

The resignation followed a series of demonstrations against the government as a result of the recent collapse of the Bayonne municipal pawnshop and a resultant "mud bath" for government officials in the chamber of deputies.

Two cabinet ministers, Daladier, minister of colonies, and Eugene Raynaldy, minister of justice, previously resigned under the fire of the deputies.

The Chautemps government lasted exactly two months. Its collapse was the fourth within a year.

## Lumber Orders In Week Record Gain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—The National Lumber Manufacturers association said today that lumber orders booked by 1185 mills for the week ending January 20 were 26 per cent greater than those of the preceding week.

With the exception of a three week spurt in November, the statement said, the orders were greater than at any time in the past three months.

## PRICES VISIT IN LA GRANDE

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Price, of Portland, arrived in La Grande last evening and will be guests over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill, 1008 First street. Mr. Price, who is a brother of Mrs. Hill, is manager of the Portland Oregonian.

## THE WALL STREET BOYS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS



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1934 MODES IN ANNUAL FLOWERS

Grandmother's garden was largely made of old-fashioned annuals, with delightful names. Do you remember some of them? Kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate, snow-on-the-mountain, love-in-the-mist, names which were poems in themselves.

We still have these flowers, but grandmother might not recognize some of them, because of the vast improvements which have been made by the art of plant breeding. It sometimes seems as though there were a race among the plants to see which class shall produce the most beautiful flowers.

Perennial flowers have long had the advantage for a very apparent reason. They live for years, while annuals must complete their growth in a single season. Of course, a peony, which does not begin to blossom