

Six Dead And 27 Injured In Mormon Church Bus Wreck

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PASSENGER PLANE LOST IN STORM

THREE TEAMS QUALIFY FOR BIG TOURNEY

La Grande, Union and Cove Win Right to Play for Basketball Title

LOSTINE, WALLOWA, ELGIN ELIMINATED

Four Teams in Battle Today—Beginning at 2 p. m.—For Fourth Qualification

Three Union county basketball teams qualified for play in the annual district tournament in March during the first two rounds of the sub-district playoff here Friday.

Union, which defeated Lostine in the morning 43 to 7, was the first to qualify with a thrilling 20 to 18 victory over a strong Joseph quintet. The Union-Joseph contest was one of the most exciting battles of the day.

Just before the Union-Joseph game, Enterprise eliminated Lostine 31 to 3, to put the Lostine team out of further competition.

Besides Union, La Grande and Cove made the qualifying lists last night. La Grande swamped the Elgin team 55 to 25 and Cove trimmed North Powder 24 to 16 in a last half rally.

3 Games Today
Four teams remain in the tourney today, with only one of them to go to the district playoff. One will be eliminated at 2 p. m., another at 3 p. m. and the last elimination will be at 8 p. m.

The 2 p. m. game pits Joseph and North Powder, and at 3 o'clock Imbler plays Enterprise. Imbler showed its strength again last night by walloping Wallowa 33 to 21, to eliminate the Wallowa team. Wallowa's attempt to score a win on long, wide shots went for naught. La Grande's victory over Elgin also put the Elgin team out of the running.

Scores of the last six games played Friday (the first four appeared in yesterday's Observer):
ELGIN: Fg Pt Pct
Philpott, f 1 0 0 2
Knezevich, f 5 2 1 12
Bumgardner, c 0 1 2 1
Cope, g 0 0 0 6
Haycock, g 1 0 1 2
Barnes, f 0 1 0 1
C. Henry, f 0 0 0 0
K. Henry, g 0 0 2 0
Totals 10 4 6 24

COVE: Fg Pt Pct
B. DeBorde, f 2 2 2 20
Mills, f 2 1 2 5
DeBorde, c 4 1 1 9
Robinson, g 0 1 0 1
Richards, g 0 0 0 0
Totals 15 5 5 35
Score by quarters:
Elgin 11 2 5 8-24
Cove 11 9 0 9-35

LOSTINE: Fg Pt Pct
L. Olsen, f 0 0 1 0
Adams, f 1 0 1 2
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250 Game Birds Freed In Valley During Morning

Two hundred and fifty pheasants were released today over the county by local sportsmen who have been feeding the birds during the last several months at the holding pens at the sewage disposal plant. It was announced by Oscar Porsch. Of the 250 birds released, about 200 were Chinese pheasants and about 50 Mongolians.

They were liberated along the Grande Ronde river, near Hot Lake, in the lower Catherine creek district, near Elgin and at other places over the valley.

It is planned for sportsmen to spend up the pens, probably Sunday, March 4.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—Just flew up from Washington late this evening. Senate or house neither one was operating today. Shows you what giving 'em a raise does, but they was awful busy investigatin'.

I run into my old friends, Pat Harrison and Bob La Follette, and they was investigatin' sugar. We have more arguments over sugar than we do over all the things combined that sugar goes on or in. Pat was kinder protectin' Mississippi. They got a kind of kafir corn that renders out a thing they think is sorter sweet.

Another room they was investigatin' Wall street. That was a real sugar investigation. Corporations loaned 20 billions to Wall street in '29, so Mr. Roosevelt didn't invent the word billion. Yours,

Will Rogers.
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30 MERCHANTS TO DISPLAY LATEST SPRING STYLES

More than 30 La Grande merchants will display the current modes in clothing, furniture, tableware, printing, shoes, automobiles and electrical equipment at the annual Spring Fashion Tea, sponsored for their benefit by the American Association of University Women on March 3.

The fashion show, in which 10 firms will exhibit models, will be held in the large ballroom at the Seacawana Inn, while the mezzanine floor will be arranged for the displays of other merchants.

The co-operation of the merchants in the making of arrangements has been splendid, according to Miss Dorothy Kirby, Amanda Zabel and Imogen Russell, chairmen of the contacting committee.

An added feature of the tea this year and one which will greatly facilitate the exhibiting of models is the use of the loud speaker which will be procured from the P. O. Eagles, and installed in the hall.

The general ticket sale closed today, however, a few tickets are procurable at the public library. Miss

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CAMPBELL QUILTS AS SCHOOL HEAD IN WALLOWA, ORE.

Word was received here today that Oren F. Campbell, superintendent of Wallowa schools for the last eight years and active in both educational and civic affairs in Eastern Oregon.

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BANK OF JOSEPH PAYING DIVIDEND

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles this morning signed an order authorizing the payment of another dividend of 10 per cent to depositors in the Bank of Joseph, now in the process of liquidation.

The amount of money released by the order was not announced.

WRIGHT JOINS HOLE-IN-1 CLUB

Lee Wright, formerly of Fruitdale and now of Claude Wright, of this city, is making quite a record for himself in Salt Lake City in golf. His brother has received a clipping from a Salt Lake City newspaper telling how Lee made a hole in one on No. 7 of the Bonneville municipal course. It was the second hole in one made on that hole during a month.

Wins State Golf Title in Florida



Maureen Orcutt is bringing this gold chalice trophy to her home, N. J., home for keeps. She gained permanent possession of the cup by winning the Florida women's golf championship for the third time. Here you see her at Palm Beach after defeating Margaret Milley of Lexington, Ky., for the title.

SEVEN FOOTBALL GAMES LINED UP FOR E. O. N. TEAM

Seven football games have been scheduled for the Eastern Oregon Normal school next fall, and of that number, four of them will be played in La Grande, Coach Bob Quinn announced today.

In addition, there is a possibility of scheduling still another game, which also might be played in this city.

The Mountaineers will begin the season on Sept. 29 with Boise Junior college coming to La Grande for the opening contest. This will be the first meeting between these two schools on the gridiron.

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DROPPING THE STOWAWAYS

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MID-WINTER INSTITUTE IS HELD HERE

Epworth Leaguers From Several East Oregon Points Attending

The mid-winter institute of the Epworth League of the Methodist church opened here last night at the church with 80 visitors from La Grande, Elgin, Baker and Union present.

A banquet was the opening feature of the institute last night at 6 o'clock. Lem Pierson acted as toastmaster and introduced speakers from each of the leagues represented and also

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Benefit Program Held Friday At I. O. O. F. Temple

More than 300 attended the benefit program presented by Mrs. Garnet Ruckman, district deputy, and Mrs. Adelaide Kitchin, treasurer, of the Reliance lodge last night at the Odd Fellows hall.

Refreshments were served and dancing followed the program. Mrs. Mabel Anson was chairman of the dance committee, assisted by Mrs. Lucy Graham and Mrs. Nora Kohlsaat.

The program included: Two numbers by the Symphony Singers, readings by Miss Florence Day, Marian Boyles; tap dance by Margaret Painter, a musical fantasy by Helen Macaulay, Jennie Nielsen, and Anita Herrmann, and an 18th century minuet.

Dancers in the minuet were Ella Engle, Ruth McClure, Lorraine Robertson, Bernetta Pierson, Bernetta Kochensperger, Daphne Bowers and Natalie Ebert.

CHILLY NIGHTS ARE PREDICTED

Chilly nights are forecast for Eastern Oregon this weekend, with unsettled weather and normal temperatures scheduled for next week. The weather prediction today indicated generally fair weather for the weekend.

Friday's maximum was 56 above and the minimum this morning was 34 above.

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SUCCEEDS FATHER AS BELGIAN KING

There is a striking study of Crown Prince Leopold, who becomes King of the Belgians. A hero in the eyes of his countrymen since enlisting in his father's army at the age of 13, the Prince is well known in the United States, having visited here in 1919.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

FEAR MARCH ON VIENNA
COLD WAVE HITS EAST
PEACE ACTION URGED
THREE KILLED IN WRECK

VIENNA, Feb. 24 (AP)—A mysterious movement of helmeted troops to night lent plausibility to an unverified report that helmeted leaders were planning a "march on Vienna" similar to Mussolini's historic "march on Rome."

BOSTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—New England slid, slipped, skidded and stalled on ice-rutted roads today as a cold wave added to the difficulties left by Tuesday's blizzard. The weather bureau predicted no let-up in the sub-freezing recordings before Monday.

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Foreign Minister Koki Hirota told the house of peers today that both the United States and Japan must take "diplomatic action" to prevent the two nations from becoming war-minded.

BETHLEHEM, Kan., Feb. 24 (AP)—The driver and two passengers were killed this morning when a Union Pacific stage line bus collided with a motor truck near here during a snowstorm.

CREDIT GROUP IS ORGANIZED WITH \$200,000 CAPITAL

DALE, Feb. 24 (AP)—Organization of the Baker Production Credit association with a capital of \$200,000 was completed here late Friday. It will have authority to borrow up to one million dollars through the Intermediate Credit bank at Spokane to make loans to farmers for not exceeding one year.

Officers were elected as follows: P. A. Phillips, Baker, president; J. D. Billingsley, Ontario, vice president; T. O. Montgomery, Baker, secretary-treasurer. Headquarters will be in Baker.

The territory served will be all of Baker county, Grant county south of the middle fork of the John Day river, all of Malheur except irrigated areas near Vale, Ontario and Nyssa, part of Harney county tributary to the Drewsey valley and Union county east and south of La Grande.

WICKENBURG, Ariz., Feb. 24 (AP)—Six dead and 27 injured was the toll today of a highway detour warning light which failed to function in early morning rain, and sent a California-bound Mormon church passenger bus crashing over an embankment near Aguila, 35 miles west of here.

The bus was en route to Home Gardens, Cal., after a four-day pilgrimage to the Mormon temple at Mesa, Ariz.

The dead, as identified by Bishop George E. Price of the Mormon church, who came here from Phoenix to take charge:

Elizabeth McArthur, 50 years old.
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FIFTH AIRMAIL FLIER IS KILLED

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—A delay of 10 minutes in the arrival of rescuers meant death in the icy water of the Atlantic ocean for Lieut. George P. McDermott, 24, of Pittsburgh, fifth airmail flier killed in air mail service. Two companions were saved.

Two companions were rescued by the navy destroyer Barnadot and taken to the Brooklyn naval hospital, Lieut. William S. Pockock of Detroit, and James H. Rothrock of Washington, D. C. They were reported in "fair condition."

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 50 cents. Export bid 55 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Rye took the center of the stage in the grain markets today, and went skyward 2 1/2 cents, imparting considerable strength at times to other grains.

Effects of the jump of rye, though, were lost later in wheat, snowfalls over domestic winter wheat territory acting as a bearish influence. Belief that imports of rye into the United States had been blocked was largely responsible for behavior of the rye market.

Rye closed nervous, 1/4 cent above yesterday's finish, wheat at 1/2 cent net decline, corn unchanged to 1/4 cent higher, oats 1/4 cent off, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents lower.

STORMS OVER UTAH HINDER SEARCH WORK

United Air Line Passenger Plane Missing with Eight Occupants

VISIBILITY ALONG ROUTE VERY POOR

Army Airmail Planes Are Grounded at Cheyenne, Unable to Help Hunt for Lost Ship

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 24 (AP)—The ominous silence that had surrounded a United Air Lines passenger plane since shortly after it left Salt Lake City at 2 p. m. yesterday, continued today as two veteran pilots searched for the missing liner and its eight occupants.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 24 (AP)—Search for seven men and a woman, occupants of a United Air Lines passenger plane, missing since it left Salt Lake City at 2 p. m. yesterday, turned to blizzard-swept country just east of there today, Frank Caldwell, operations manager of the line said here, after it was learned the missing ship had not been seen nor heard since it passed Frawley's canon, about 18 miles east of Salt Lake.

All army air mail planes were grounded here today by the state-wide storm and no planes were sent from Cheyenne to the blizzard-swept Rock Springs area to help search for the missing passenger ship.

Visibility poor

Visibility all along the transcontinental air route was reported poor. The U. S. weather bureau said flying conditions in Wyoming throughout the day probably would be poor.

The bureau's forecast for the state was continued cold and snow today. Airport officials said mail had been transferred to trains.

"The reports from persons in other eastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming towns that they had heard the engines of the missing ship were erroneous, we learned today," Caldwell told the Associated Press.

"There were two other United Air Lines passenger planes in the storm-swept country about the same time. This caused the erroneous reports."

"I learned today one plane was in charge of Pilot Barr, who is believed to have returned to Salt Lake. The other plane was reported to have been heard around Evanston, Wyo., and I was informed it is accounted for but I do not know where."

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DANGER OF FLOOD DIMINISHES TODAY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (AP)—Residents of the La Brea-Crescenta district, devastated by a flood on New Year's day which took more than 50 lives, were frightened momentarily by the spectre of a cloudburst early today as a quarter of an inch of rain fell in 20 minutes.

Warnings were issued to the inhabitants of some sections to evacuate their homes and hurriedly they moved to safer ground but as ugly clouds passed and the rainfall fell off to a drizzle, the danger apparently died and men, women and children slowly trekked back to their houses.

TO HONOR BURRELL BAUCOM

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—All traffic on the Pacific highway will be halted at Mt. Sexton, eight miles north of here, Sunday afternoon when state police and the Oregon national guard dedicate a monument to Southern Oregon granite to the memory of Burrell M. Baucum, a fallen comrade.

Baucum was killed July 1, 1933, by John Alvin Bowles and Harry Barrier when he stopped them for questioning concerning a stolen car they were driving. They were later sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

He had refused demands of committee members to say what the remark was without Farley's consent. Farley came from North Carolina to deny the implication.

G. B. S. BELIEVES F. R. "IS DOING WELL"

PANAMA, Feb. 24 (AP)—From George Bernard Shaw comes a pat on the back for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Roosevelt is doing well," said the Irish dramatist, interviewed yesterday as he passed through the canal aboard the Rangitane. New Zealand-bound on a vacation.

"He has advanced greatly since I was last in the United States. He is struggling to extricate the country from the control of private interests, similar to the politics of Hitler and Doumergue, who both got a terrific majority because they promised the overthrow of parliaments which do nothing but prevent things being done."

Shaw said "It's all in a day's work for a rebel general," in commenting on the assassination of the Nicaraguan rebel chieftain, Augusto Sandino.