

# District Basketball Tournament Goes To Union

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## TIGERS PLAY NYSSA IN THE FIRST ROUND

Drawings For Places Made at Meeting Held At Baker City.

## RICHLAND DEFEATS VALE IN PLAY-OFF

Casts Deciding Vote, Giving Union Tourney 5 to 3—First Games on March 8.

**THE FIRST ROUND GAMES**  
Thursday  
3 p. m.—Richland vs. Haines or Ontario.  
4 p. m.—Cove vs. Union.  
8 p. m.—La Grande vs. Nyssa.  
9 p. m.—Baker vs. Imbler.  
Second round games will pit afternoon winners and losers together and evening winners and losers together.

To Union goes the 1934 district No. 1 basketball tournament to be played March 8, 9 and 10. Richland defeated Vale at Halfway last night, and immediately voted for Union, assuring the neighboring town of five votes out of eight, the other three going to La Grande.

The district board, consisting of Chairman Hugh Coleman, of Baker; Secretary Leo Hollenberg, of Nyssa and Arnold L. Gralapp, of La Grande, met at Baker last night and received the score of the Richland-Vale game, 22 to 13, as soon as it was played. Then, drawings for places in the first round of the district tournament were made.

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## Children Thrill At "Pied Piper" Presentations

Hundreds of children from La Grande and Union have this week enjoyed the thrill of seeing the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" come to life. In three matinees, the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the Ackerman Training school have given special performances for the benefit of Union county school children. All have seen capacity houses.

Of course, the children were thrilled by the famous Mystic mountain with its airy sprites and boys and girls of their own age in the scene. But equally as appealing were the costumes, dances, and choruses of the citizens of ancient Hamelin village. In short, the whole opera was enjoyed by the children with promise of an outstanding performance on Friday night.

Tickets are still on reserve at the Glass Drugs. The board will be moved up to the Normal school before the performance tomorrow night, when the reserved seat sale will be continued at the door.

## "NEW DEAL" IN FOUR-H CLUBS IN UNION CO.

The "New Deal" found its way into Four-H clubs when two were formed at Cove, the G.C.C. Chicken club and the N.R.A. Dairy club. Troy Becker, Clayton Fox, Vernon and Henry Stoddard and Robert Stoddard form the membership of both clubs.

Troy Becker is leader and Clayton Fox, the president, of the N. R. A. club. Vernon Stoddard is vice president and Henry Stoddard, secretary. Clayton Fox is the leader of the Chicken club; Troy Becker, president; Vernon Stoddard, vice president; Henry Stoddard, secretary.

## COUNTY WHEAT CROP TOTALS 22,500 TONS

An estimate that the Union county wheat crop for last year, exclusive of the North Powder district, was 750,000 bushels, brings to mind the question of whether the figure means anything to the average person.

How many pounds in 750,000 bushels of wheat?

Just how much wheat does three quarters of a million bushels represent?

Well, there are 60 pounds to a bushel. So that would mean 45,000,000 pounds of wheat. Reducing it a bit, it comes out 22,500 tons of wheat.

## Will Rogers Sorry For Cold Lobbyists



NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Landing in New York from Washington today, the pilot put us in the back end of the plane so it would keep her tall down when the wheels hit the deep snow. Give you an idea how many thousand men clearing the streets in New York. They have misplaced 51,000 and can't find 'em.

Seven below zero in Washington this morning and snow a foot deep. Lobbyists standing frozen to death outside of congressmen's homes. A lobbyist has nothing to keep him warm but his brief case.

The hotels of Washington should erect a monument to General Hugh Johnson. They been coming on pilgrimages by the thousands since last July to make a code, change a code or cuss a code, Washington, D. C. (dam code). Yours,

*Will Rogers*  
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## DAME FASHION ON PARADE IN CITY SATURDAY

Annual Fashion Tea to be Held at Sacajawea; 480 Tickets Sold.

Dame Fashion will be on parade Saturday afternoon at the sacajawea Inn from 2 to 5 o'clock at the spring fashion tea, sponsored annually by the American Association of University Women for the merchants of La Grande.

Tickets have been sold to 480 guests who will be seated at small tables and after they are seated, 60 additional places will be available on the benches about the walls and tickets will be sold to the first who arrive. The benches will be just as comfortable as the other places and will afford a good view of the display, it is said.

The grand staidway will be open at 1:15 o'clock to give the guests an opportunity to see the displays on the mezzanine floor before the tea begins at 2 o'clock.

The Fashion Tea is a panoramic

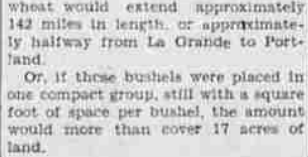
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## E. O. SPEECH ARTS TOURNEY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 28

The annual Eastern Oregon Normal school speech arts tournament will be held at the Eastern Oregon Normal school April 28 under the auspices of the Normal school English department. Last year's speech arts tournament was the first undertaking in this direction in Eastern Oregon, and received enthusiastic approval. High schools throughout the Eastern Oregon area sent representatives to participate in the one-act play and extemporaneous speaking contests. It is expected that this year's tournament will exceed that of last year both in number of schools participating and in general interest.

## SECRET WEDDING ISN'T SECRET LONG

A secret is just something for everybody to know in Hollywood as Pat Paterson, English actress, and Charles Boyer, actor, ruefully will admit. They eloped from Hollywood to Yuma, Ariz., and planned to keep it hushed for a month. But the little bird circled the news and so they've confessed. They are shown here, smiling for the photographer, at the Hollywood home of John McCormack, which they have leased.



Pat Paterson and Charles Boyer, Hollywood stars, are shown here smiling for the photographer at the Hollywood home of John McCormack, which they have leased.

## FEBRUARY IN VALLEY SETS TWO RECORDS



Last Month First February Without Snow, Also the Warmest One on Local Books.

Two more all-time weather records were posted here today for February, which turned out to be the only February since 1886 without snow in La Grande and also the warmest February on record.

There have been four other Februaries without enough snow to measure, but there were traces — which means less than half an inch. And none of the months of February on records here show a higher minimum—25 above.

In 1900, no snow fell in January—the only January without snow—but the 1900 February had 15½ inches of snow. Unless heavy snows and cold weather come during the remaining 20 days of winter, the 1933-34 winter will go down as the warmest and with the least snow in local history. The winter snowfall:

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## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL BE INVITED TO BE GUEST AT JUBILEE HERE

President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be invited to attend the semi-centennial celebration of the Union Pacific railroad's arrival into La Grande here July 19-21, it was announced today.

Committees are now working on an invitation to be sent the chief executive, in the hope that Mr. Roosevelt might stop here en route home to Washington after his proposed visit to the Pacific coast next summer.

The president also is being invited to spend a few days at Wallowa lake, several other organizations also joining in this invitation.

The first passenger train to arrive in La Grande made its appearance here July 4, 1884 and a great celebration was held in this then small town. Next July it is planned to remember the 1884 event with what committees declare will be the biggest celebration of its kind ever staged in Eastern Oregon.

## FARMERS UNION TO SEND GROUP TO MEET HERE

On March 8 a delegation from the Farmers union will come to La Grande to meet with the directors of the Blue Mountain Livestock association and some of the shippers here for the purpose of soliciting the co-operation of Union county shippers who sell their livestock in co-operation with the Livestock Commission company, to be organized at North Portland. The meeting will be held at H. O. Avery's office Thursday evening, March 8, at 8 o'clock.

## ELKS TO HOLD AN INITIATION

The B. P. O. Elks will initiate a large class tonight at 8 o'clock at the temple. The initiation will be followed by a "feed" arranged by Charles Murchison.

## COURT IN HARNEY CO.

SALEM, Mar. 1 (AP)—Circuit Judge C. H. McCulloch of Baker was today assigned by Chief Justice C. L. Hand, to substitute for Judge W. W. Wood in Harney and Malheur counties to preside over two trials in which Judge Wood had been disqualified.

## VIADUCT WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC SOON

Completion of the second street viaduct project, cost of which has been shared partly by the city and partly by the C. W. A., is scheduled for either Saturday or Monday providing the weather continues agreeable. City Manager Angus McAllister reported at the city commission meeting last night.

The rock retaining wall at the viaduct has been finished and in a few days traffic will be allowed to use the overhead crossing, approaches at either end having been built up during the last few months. It is the main artery of travel between the north and south sides of La Grande on the west.

## CANDIDATE



Former secretary of state board of control, who has announced himself as candidate for secretary of state.

## U. P. Button Sale Will Begin Soon; Plans Discussed

The Old Timers auxiliary meeting with Ralph Huron, general manager of the U. P. semi-centennial celebration here next July, and Chairman Fred Read, made plans for the button sale and discussed prices. Full details are expected within a day or two as to the button campaign.

Incidentally, Mr. Read, who has been in the "old meany" class lately

because of refusing to show anyone any of the new buttons, forgot his Scotch traits momentarily last night

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## MONETARY POLICY TO BE UNCHANGED DURING THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The administration's desire to try present monetary plans for at least the remainder of this fiscal year before a fixed policy is determined upon was conveyed to congress today by Secretary Morgenthau.

"What the future monetary policy of our country should be I don't think anybody is sufficiently wise to tell you because we haven't had

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## SAYS ADVERTISING RESPONSIBLE FOR GAINS IN BUSINESS

PORTLAND, Mar. 1 (AP)—Although expansion before next year had not been planned, Henry Wessinger, treasurer and general manager of the Blitts-Weinhard Brewing company here, Wednesday announced the capacity of the plant will be increased to 30,000 barrels, at once.

"Credit for this rapid increase in the demand for our beers must go in large measure to newspaper advertising," Wessinger said. "We have stuck closely to what we consider fundamentals of sound advertising and merchandising. The newspaper offers the first and best means of putting our message before the public in a dignified, effective manner."

## B. F. WILSON DIES LATE WEDNESDAY

B. F. Wilson, 74-year-old Union county pioneer, died at his farm home north of Union Wednesday following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Union Methodist church.

Mr. Wilson, an attorney, came to Union in 1882 and later served as county clerk, county judge and then as land office registrar in La Grande, making his home here during that period of time and then going back to Union.

He leaves his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Earl Davis and Mrs. Ellis Horn; a son, Frank E. Wilson; a brother, Lee Wilson, of Medical Springs; a sister, Mrs. Ray Duncan, of Cove, and five grandchildren.

## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 53½ cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 71 cents. Export bid 76 cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 1 (AP)—Lower prices on wheat formed the rule largely as a result of March 1 bearish estimates on the condition of domestic winter wheat.

Tentative figures put the 1934 probable production of United States winter wheat at 475,000,000 bushels, compared with 351,000,000 harvested last year.

Wheat closed unsettled, ¼ @ ½¢ under yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to ½¢ higher, oats ¼¢ @ ½¢ down, and provisions unchanged.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

PENDELTON STORE TO OPEN

79 FISHERMEN RESCUED

HENRY PU-YI ENTHRONED

SNELL SIZING UP SITUATION

PENDELTON, Mar. 1 (AP)—Pendleton's state-owned liquor store, No. 16, will open for business Saturday, it was said here today by Otto J. Runte, district supervisor. The liquor stock was being unloaded today.

ASTRAKHAN, U. S. S. R., Mar. 1 (AP)—Seventy-nine more fishermen and their horses, members of a group of 500 stranded on ice floes of the Caspian sea for the past week, made their way safely to shore today.

PORTLAND, Mar. 1 (AP)—Earl Snell of Arlington, speaker of the house in the Oregon legislature, came to Portland today and intimated that within a few days he will have reached a decision as to whether he will seek the Republican nomination as secretary of state.

HSINKING, Manchukuo, Mar. 1 (AP)—Henry Pu-Yi, last of the emperors of old China, today became emperor Kang Teh, first of the rulers of this new nation.

The enthronement of Henry Pu-Yi in the view of the Chinese press in Shanghai, is an ill omen for future peace and tranquility in the Far East and the world.

FORT COLLINS, Colo., Mar. 1 (AP)—Murder charges were filed in district court here today against Louis Pacheco and his brother, John, in jail in Denver, where authorities said they confessed to killing Clifford Smith, Wellington, Colo., rancher; Robert Welford, 42, employe, surrounding Smith's wife and then setting fire to their three cottages after indignities against Mrs. Smith.

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"I arrived at this decision after conducting a statewide survey," Abrams stated. "I secured such gratifying assurances of support as seem to well justify my candidacy. I am assured the people desire a candidate of mature judgment, in the prime of life, and a man who will give his entire time and ability to state business."

Abrams has been engaged in newspaper work in Salem for 30 years except during the World war when he served as an army officer, and during such times as he has held state positions. He has been employed with the state on the industrial accident commission, as budget officer and as secretary of the board of control. He was a member of the ways and means committee in the last legislature.

WAR-TIME GRENADE EXPLODES; 5 DEAD

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The railroad man had found the grenade in a pond and it blew up while he was removing it, with the children interested onlookers.

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## DEATHS END CALIFORNIA CELEBRATION

Fungus Dinner at Arroyo Grande Brings Tragedy to Workers.

THIRTEEN OTHERS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Ranchers Failed to Realize the Difference Between Toadstools and Mushrooms.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Mar. 1 (AP)—A fungus dinner at Arroyo Grande, 10 miles south of here, resulted in the death of nine Filipinos and 13 others with two white men, their employers, were dangerously ill here.

It was a gala feast, after the heavy rains, in which myriads of mushrooms shot up during the night from the rich fertile soil for which the Arroyo Grande valley is world famous.

But the Filipino vegetable pickers, and their employers, Jack and Walter Huber, ranchers, did not realize the difference between the deadly toadstool and the succulent mushrooms.

However the effects of the polon fungus soon became evident. The 24 victims were rushed to the general

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## AMY'S GRANDPA IS WASHED ASHORE!

CHEBROURG, France, Mar. 1 (AP)—A strange, hairy sea beast with a horse's neck drew a gaping crowd of excited Norman coastal folk to the Quereville rock near here today.

The mysterious marine animal was washed ashore there and the crowd gathered early this morning to await its identification.

Professor Cocheux, Cherbourg's eminent scholar of natural history—although a botanist and 70 years old—eagerly set out on the four-mile trek to the scene to inspect the weird body.

Everybody who gathered round to view the monster had an idea about its identity. Some wisecracks there were who declared it was a giant sealhorse which probably had been wounded in a collision with a liner

in Cherbourg's busy ocean roadways. Others pointed out its resemblance to published descriptions of the so-called Loch Ness monster in Scotland.

It was described as being 25 feet long and four and one-half feet in diameter, with a thin neck, three feet long and a head like that of a camel.

As if those peculiarities weren't enough, the creature was said to have two lateral swimming fins, in addition to the tail. Moreover, it was covered with white hair.

There was a rush to attempt the task of identification because the decomposed condition of the body aroused fear it might lose its scientific value unless studied soon.

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## THE NEXT FARM LEGISLATION?



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