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Wherefor, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.—Philippians 2: 12.

TOO MUCH BASKETBALL?

Dr. William Peare, speaking briefly at a commercial luncheon held yesterday at Union between games in the district tournament, sounded a note of warning that should be given a great deal of prominence—not only in this district but elsewhere where similar conditions exist.

He asked the poignant question as to whether we are giving our growing boys too much basketball. Significant is the fact that later in the day, practically every coach at the tournament told Dr. Peare that he voiced their sentiments exactly.

The warning was prompted by Dr. Peare's strong belief that heavy competition in the sport, engaged in by boys of 15, 16 and 17 years of age, is deterrent to their later physical development—in fact, often such a heavy schedule leaves younger boys with hearts not quite so sound as they would be normally.

Dr. Peare, a close student and long supporter of clean athletics, has given something to think about. Lawrence Robertson, nationally known track trainer and with many years of experience in Olympic games, and other athletic meets, has said that no boys should play competitive sports until he is 17 or 18 years of age. Mr. Robertson, with his wealth of experience, should know whereof he speaks!

This thought is in no way directed at any community holding a tournament—it is aimed at the entire athletic system in the Eastern Oregon schools as it concerns basketball. It goes further than that, it is directed also at the system generally used throughout this state and others.

Basketball is a fine sport, and could be of great benefit to youngsters if not over-emphasized, and by over-emphasis we refer to number of games played. From a moral standpoint, present athletics in Eastern Oregon are probably beyond criticism—directed by earnest, well qualified men who scorn subterfuge and teach honesty and good sportsmanship to their proteges. But the boys in these tournaments are playing too much basketball for their own good!

Take a team composed of youngsters 15, 16 and 17 years of age. Put them through an ordinary playing season of 12 to 16 games, and they are little the worse for the period—properly coached, trained and handled physically. A game a week, sometimes two, isn't too much for the youth. But then we send them into a sub-district tourney, with half of the teams playing three or four games in two days—and what do you think of the condition of these latter teams when they have finished? Are they fresh and exuberant, or are they worn and tired?

Then comes a district tournament, with the finalists having to play five

games in three days. Sometimes, keen observers somewhat think that the team that is eliminated in two quick games is the lucky one after all! Even college boys wilt at times under tournament strain. In high school it takes something out of them that they'll never recover. In other words, it often "burns them out," to use sport parlance.

We should change the system—work out some plan to get the championship team before state tournament time without all this grueling play. Why not pick the tournament teams on percentage, and restrict them to four or six teams, then hold a championship play-off with no team to play more than three games in two days? Maybe that isn't the correct solution, but the right idea is there, we believe.

It's something for the people to think about, the fathers and mothers and the school men, as well. Most of the school men know the situation and few of them approve of it—but they're "on the spot" as long as the public demands that much basketball to satisfy its craving for a red-hot, indoor sport.

THE "HIGH SPOT" OF 1933

During the period from June to August, the United States as a whole had the best business spurt in the past two years. What caused it? Prices of wheat and other farm products were advancing sharply. When did the improvement begin to taper off? Almost immediately following the resumption of the downturn in farm prices.

What does the United States need for business recovery? Prices for farm products that mean profits for the farmers.—Journal, Decatur, Iowa.

Business Report, American Federation of Labor: "If deflation had run its course, half our population might be starving today."

People who count nothing but money as a thing worth while will some day wake up and realize that there are other things.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Cage Fans Here—

Among the basketball enthusiasts who are visiting in La Grande while attending the district tournament at Union are Gayle Stockdale, Cheryl Adams and Mrs. Victor H. Ahern, of Enterprise; Helen Brown, R. W. Comstock, Mildred Landreth and Mae Anderson, of Baker, and Grant Rinehart of near Joseph. Mr. Rinehart is a graduate of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and teaches this year in Wallowa county.

Supt. Hollenberg Visits—

Leo D. Hollenberg, superintendent of schools at Nyssa, is spending the weekend in La Grande while attending the district tournament at Union.

Owen Price Here—

Owen Price, a former La Grande resident who now teaches at Nyssa, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Price this weekend and attending the district tournament at Union.

From Wallowa—

Thorsten Shell, of Wallowa, was a recent business visitor in La Grande. Mr. Shell has many friends in La Grande with whom he visited.

Minam Man Here—

Myron Elser, of Minam, transacted business in La Grande earlier this week.

Returns Home—

Mrs. Fred Jones and daughter, Miss Janeth Ann, returned last night from Caldwell, Ida., where they have been

visiting for two weeks with relatives and friends.

Visiting Here—

Mrs. Ed Remelmeier and daughters, Misses Carol and Barbara, spent yesterday in La Grande visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Lentz. They have spent the last week in Baker with Mrs. Remelmeier's mother, Mrs. B. E. Lentz, and sister, Miss Dorothy Lentz, and were en route to Portland, where they make their home.

Mrs. Warner Recovers—

Mrs. Harold Warner, of Pendleton, who has been ill has recovered, and will meet her bridge classes as usual on Monday and Tuesday at the Saccawewa Inn.

In Portland—

Mrs. Clara Johnson and son, George, of La Grande, accompanied by another son, David Johnson, of Pendoosa, are visiting in Portland for a few days. They left early this week.

Visit Here—

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coughanour and the Misses Suebeth and Melva McCarthy were visitors in La Grande recently. Miss Suebeth McCarthy makes her home in Ontario but is a guest at the Coughanour home in North Powder.

Sells Business—

Friends of Lee Slusher, former La Grande, will be interested to learn that he has sold his billiard parlors in North Powder to J. W. McAley, of Pendleton. Mr. Slusher will remain in North Powder for the present.

Ends Visit—

Dr. H. F. Eames returned to his home in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., after two months spent in La Grande at the home of his brother, Fred Eames. Dr. Eames will stop for a visit in Chicago with his daughters en route to his home.

From Troy—

Mrs. Arlo Richman, of Troy, Ore., is a patient at the Bouvy hospital, following an eye operation.

Nasal Operation—

Mrs. E. A. Kemp, of Nyssa, had a nasal operation at the Bouvy hospital and is to be confined there for several days.

Return Home—

Clyde Pratt and sister, Mrs. Grace Strom, returned to their home in Enterprise yesterday after transacting business in La Grande for the past three days.

Shopping Here—

Mrs. Louis Garrecht, of Union, was shopping in La Grande yesterday.

ROOSEVELT'S ACTION DUE TO 10 DEATHS

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In congress, meanwhile, house Democrats for a second consecutive day blocked Republican attempts to start a discussion of the fatalities. Details of the president's order were not immediately given out, but it was understood to include a command for a complete check up of the planes and personnel of the air service and a consolidation of the air mail service into the most necessary routes.

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The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday; local frost or freezing temperature in east portion tonight; cooler Sunday afternoon or night along the coast; moderate east and southeast wind offshore.

For the week: Fair weather and normal temperatures.

LOCAL WEATHER

Friday: Maximum 65, minimum 31 above. Clear.
Today: Minimum 31, 7 a. m.—35 above. Clear.

Clark Wood Says

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Copy for this Column must be in by 9 a. m.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, OREGON
In the Matter of the Estate of J. J. Conley, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That under and by virtue of an order of the above entitled court, made and entered March 9, 1934, I will sell at private sale, for cash, at the law office of E. R. Ringo, West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon, from and after April 10, 1934, the follow-

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TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRES OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TO SAVE ON NEW DAM
PORTLAND, Mar. 10 (AP)—Although neither the powerhouse site nor the navigation locks will be affected by the change, a saving of between two and three million dollars in construction of the Bonneville power navigation dam will be made by two building changes decided upon yesterday by United States army engineers.

second annual state meeting of the Oregon building congress here last night, by authorities in the respective fields.
C. C. Hockley stated that he felt the CWA had served its purpose as a stop-gap for unemployment, putting 27,000 people to work in Oregon last winter with a total expenditure of \$4,700,000.

DALLAS MAN SUICIDES
DALLAS, Mar. 10 (AP)—Elijah William Jolly, 52, ended his life yesterday by placing the muzzle of a .22 single shot rifle against his left temple and pulling the trigger, death occurring almost instantly.

PROTESTS BRIDGE BUILDING
PORTLAND, Mar. 10 (AP)—Insisting that the proposed \$6,000,000 Interstate bridge over the Columbia river at Astoria is unnecessary, that it would necessitate closing and abandoning the Longview bridge, the Columbia River—Longview Bridge company has protested advance of PWA funds for construction of the Clatsop county span.

DISCUSSES C. W. A. WORK
SALEM, Mar. 10 (AP)—The work of the CWA and the PWA and the nature of the Bonneville dam were discussed at the banquet concluding the

INDIANS CHIEFS RETURN HOME
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 10 (AP)—Indian chiefs and delegates returned to their Pacific northwest tribes today to explain to their people the proposed bill of "Indian rights" to which they gave their guarded approval at the two-day conference that closed yesterday at the Chemawa Indian school near here.

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KINDERGARTEN
Mrs. Hodgins announces the beginning of spring term Mon., Mar. 12 3-7-4 t.

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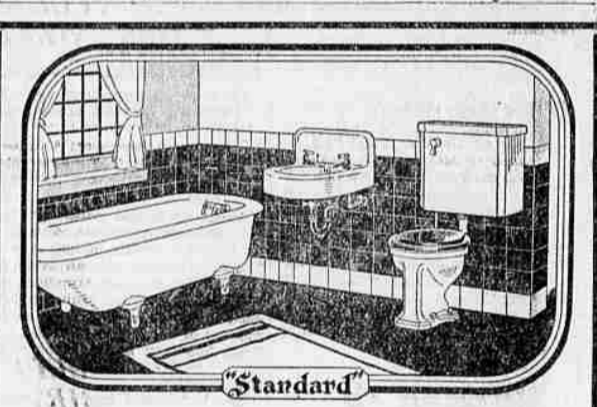
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