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The Weather
Portland (AP)—Rain in the west, cooler in east Oregon tonight. Thursday rain in west, rain or snow in east portion, moderate winds.

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INSURGENTS WILL GIVE UP FIGHT

Seattle "Narcotic" Raid Is Made

MUCH DOPE IS SEIZED IN COAST CITY

Rich Haul Made in Chinese Section by Squad of Officers.

SEIZE PIPES WORTH $5,000

Narcotics Taken valued at $15,000; Federal Agents Led Midnight Raid.

SEATTLE, (By the Associated Press)—More than $15,000 worth of narcotics and about $5,000 worth of hand carved Chinese pipes were seized in a raid shortly after midnight in the Chinese section here by federal narcotics agents, the local police and the sheriff's officers.

The pipes are described as being of beauty coincident with their value.

INFORMATION IS GIVEN BY PRODUCERS

Chamber of Commerce Hears Good Talks on Fruit, Live Stock and Grain.

While Floyd McKennon is no longer a farmer in fact, but has taken up the championship insurance agent's roll having kicked the goal of success several times of late, he nevertheless presided at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday in a truly producer's fashion when the program was given over to men of the valley who actually raise things.

Introducing Robert Withcombe, of the state experimental station, the chairman cautioned everyone to believe as much of the speaker's statements as appeared to be wholesome. Mr. Withcombe told the story of feeding cattle, sheep and hogs in a scientific manner and pointed to a better condition for stock raisers which he asserts is not very far away.

Frank McKinnon, representing the grain farmers, said the day of expecting a profit from grain

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COVELL APPEALS TO HIGH COURT

COQUILLE, Ore. (AP)—Claude Giles, attorney for Arthur Covell, now awaiting execution for the murder of Mrs. Fred Covell, has given notice here that he would appeal the case to the supreme court. Giles asked for a stay of execution. The appeal may be presented the latter part of this week, he said.

Veteran of Oregon Wars Is Honored

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (I.N.S.)—Captain O. C. Applegate, veteran of the Modoc Indian wars and oldest resident of this district, is one of the most picturesque pioneer characters of the entire far Northwest.

He was born in Polk county, Oregon, June 11, 1845. His father Lindsay Applegate, and mother (nee Elizabeth Miller) came to Oregon in 1843 from Kentucky. They were members of the first wagon train to leave Missouri for Oregon and California in the spring of 1843. There were approximately 900 people in the wagon train.

The three Applegate brothers—Charles, Lindsay and Jesse—and their families all came West in the same wagon train. Charles and Jesse were captains of divisions of the train.

Through his keen sence of justice and fair dealing, Lindsay Applegate, the captain's father, became very popular with the Indians. He learned their languages and was much beloved by them.

Evidence of his popularity with the Indians is shown by the fact that when the government made a treaty with the Klamath, Modoc and Piute Indians in 1864 the Indians specified that Lindsay Applegate become the first Indian agent. This was done, and Cap-

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BULLETINS

Canadian Financier Dead.

TORONTO, (AP) — Sir William MacKenzie, Canadian financier and railroad builder, died today at the close of a long illness.

Fistic Encounter.

MANILA, (AP) — A fistic encounter in the hallway of the Senate chamber of the insular legislature tonight followed the appearance of Jose Alejandrino, recently appointed by Governor General Wood and his acceptance by the Senate, after a debate, as a duly authorized member.

After the session Alejandrino met Senator Vincente Deveria, a Collectivits, in the hallway, upbraided him for criticizing his appointment, and slapped him in the face. The timely arrival of the police prevented a free for all fight.

Defraud Mails.

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Henry H. Hoffman, former president of the Blue Bird Oil corporation; John H. McCain, of Houston; M. M. Leavitt and H. I. Messe, Chicago, who with 15 others, went on trial in the federal court today charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with oil operations entered pleas of guilty.

University of Idaho Puts on Quarantine For Scarlet Fever

MOSCOW—The University of Idaho campus was quarantined for scarlet fever by college officials late Tuesday evening. Six cases of the fever are in the infirmary and several suspects are being watched for further symptoms, according to Miss June Andrews, in charge of the infirmary.

The quarantine does not suspend the regular class work but bans all social activities, including gatherings where exposure to the contagion would be possible.

Oregon Veteran

Captain Applegate is a veteran of the Modoc Indian wars and the oldest native of Oregon. He is perhaps the best informed authority in the country on early frontier days in Eastern Oregon.

His tales of encounters with the Siwashes in the days when "needle guns" were popular read like fiction to the latter-day "tenderfoot."

East Oregon Mythical Eleven Now Selected

Six Pendleton Players, Three La Granders Make Squad; Second Team Named

Selection of an all-Eastern Oregon interscholastic mythical football "eleven" was made public today by G. I. "Scoots" Dutton Eastern Oregon referee and former football player. Mr. Dutton's selection follows:

Backfield

Quarterback, Dutton, Pendleton (captain).
Halfback: Newton, Pendleton.
Halfback: Sherwood, La Grande
Halfback: Gilmore, Union.

Line

Center: Hommedi, La Grande.
Guard: Coker, La Grande.
Guard: McGinnis, Wallowa.
Tackle: Minnis, Pendleton.
Tackle: Warren, Pendleton.
End: McCulley, Pendleton.
End: Marace, Pendleton.

Mr. Dutton's second team follows: backfield Garity, La Grande, fullback; Glass, La Grande, quarterback; Mitchell, Wallowa halfblacker, Union, half, Line: Manning, Pendleton, center; Hughes, La Grande guard; Temple, Pendleton, guard; Callihan, Union, tackle; McClure, La Grande, tackle; Collingsworth, Enterprise, end; Jensen, Union, end.

Pendleton, by placing six men on the first team, was first with similar players La Grande placed three on the first team, Wallowa one and Union one. Mr. Dutton's selection is believed by sport writers and fans in general to be one of the fairest ever made in East-

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Wheat Quotations Up One - Cent Tuesday

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—A one-cent rise in wheat was noted on the market here late Tuesday. Quotations on wheat were: Hard White B. S. Basis $1.07; Northern Spring $1.06 Oats were: No. 2 White feed, no quotations. No. 2 gray no quotations.

NO DROP SEEN IN BUILDING PRICES SOON

"There will be no drop in building prices soon," remarked James A. O'Neil, vice president of the Pacific Building and Loan association of Tacoma, which company has many loans in La Grande and the officer was here inspecting.

"I tell you we are on a different level to stay," continued the man who loans lots of money on homes ove rthe northwest, "and we can't take a backward step. Don't listen to the gloomy ones for there is nothing to the prediction that things will fall in a heap. We will never live to see the day when building will be cheap if any less, and I look for it to go much higher. The lumber of the northwest will not be sold for a lower price. Why should it be? It is the last obtainable then why should not the lumber business here get a good price? And as for labor falling, listen to me, it wont happen. History's pages show that labor has been steadily advancing since the days the Egyptians struck when they were building a scarfold to hang some old king and labor has never lost for any length of time the advances gained. I am sorry for the fellow who sits and waits for the good old days to return, for he is in the same class with those who think the days prior to the Volstead act will come back, both are mistaken. There will be no return of the old days, for the world is on an onward march and he who cannot keep step is in bad shape."

Mr. O'Neil spent most of his life

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Selon "Sidelights" Are Very Interesting

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Sidelights on the "human" side of government officials and members of the new congress are not lacking in the biographical sketches published Tuesday in the new congressional directory.

The sketch of President Coolidge is conspicuous for its brevity, the nine and a half lines consuming about half the space used for most of the cabinet members. Crammed into the Coolidge sketch is a personal and official summary closing with his accession to the presidency August 3.

For brevity among congressional sketches those of Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas and Representative Mead, Democrat, New York, are close rivals. The former's reads: "T. H. Caraway, Democrat, Jonesboro" and the latter's "James M. Mead, Democrat, Buffalo, N. Y."

Howard Still Married.

Representative Edgar Howard, new Democratic member from Nebraska, relates that he was "married at lawful age" and "is still married." Also it is said of Representative Howard that he was lieutenant governor of Nebraska while "holding contemporaneously the higher office of editor of a country newspaper."

Number and names of children of members are matters of especial pride with the number of sketch writers. Representative Casey, Democrat, Pennsylvania, apparently holding the congressional record with 11 off-spring. A clerical is Representative Knud Wel-

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NOMINATE COOLIDGE IN DAKOTA

President Will Acknowledge Action Giving Him Preference

HIRAM JOHNSON SECOND IN VOTE

House Officials Delighted in Majority Given Pres. Coolidge Over Johnson.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Coolidge will acknowledge the action of the South Dakota Republican proposal convention in granting him preference for the presidential primary, and will send a communication to republican leaders of that state, which may go a long way toward indicating his attitude toward 1924.

House officials made no attempt to conceal their satisfaction in the majority given the president over Hiram Johnson.

PIERRE, S. D. (AP) — State proposals conventions finally adjourned early today. The Republicans endorsed Coolidge, the Democrats endorsed McAdoo, and

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WELCOME IS GIVEN MARX

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—One of the many obstacles to the government's proposed "authorization law," was removed Tuesday evening when the Socialists, from whom chief opposition was expected in the reichstag, resolved, after a long party debate, not to obstruct the bill, which would empower the reich government to carry out such financial, economical and social measures as it deems essential and urgent. The

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4 Traffic Violators Are Fined $5 Each

Four traffic violators were found guilty and sentenced in police court late yesterday before Judge R. J. Kitchen, each being fined $5.

The traffic violators upon whom judgment was passed were Abe Shuey, B. V. Turnbull, J. Dodson and J. P. Warren.

Snow and Rain Will Come to East Oregon

PORTLAND, (By the Associated Press)—The weather bureau today forecasted rain or snow Thursday in the Eastern Oregon section, accompanied with moderate southerly winds.

LEGION POST WILL ELECT

The La Grande American Legion Post No. 43 and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion here will both meet this evening in the K of P. hall in their regular monthly meeting. Both organizations will elect officers for the ensuing year this evening.

Nominations were made the month previous, Ray Williams and Charles Harding were nominated for post commander of the men's organization but due to Mr. Harding leaving La Grande for Portland, he withdrew his nomination.

In addition to the election of officers, the legion will consider and prepare for looking after compensation claims of ex-service men due to the fact that the Red Cross organization here disbanded and turned over this matter to the Legionnaires.

Following the business meeting the two bodies will meet for a social evening.

OCCUPATION TO BE LESS IRRITATING

French Troops in Ruhr to Be Stationed Outside of Cities.

FORCES NOT TO BE DECREASED

Action Taken by French Officials as Reward to German Attitude to Occupation.

PARIS, (AP) — Troops occupying the Ruhr valley are gradually to be concentrated in camps outside of the cities, said French officials today.

The design is to make the occupation less irritating to the Germans in reward for their apparent disposition to abandon hostility towards the occupation forces and to co-operate with the Allied regime.

There exists no intention of evacuating the Ruhr at the present and French troops will be maintained in their existing strength.

FORMOSA IS SHAKEN BY A TEMBLOR

TOKIO, Japan, (By the Associated Press) — The island of Formosa was shaken by an earthquake last evening.

Damage was reported to have occurred at Taihan, a populous seaport city and in adjacent villages.

Tokio also experienced shocks last night.

UMATILLA CO. TAX IS CUT

PENDLETON, (Special)—A reduction of the budget of Umatilla county for taxation purposes in 1924 of $92,591.31 is affected in the report finished by the tax supervising and conservative commission.

The total of the budget as adopted by the commission calls for a levy of $365,242 for county purposes.

Fred Reaston, county agent of Umatilla county since July, 1919, in a written statement issued here following receipt of the commission report, declared that his resignation will go into effect as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. His department was cut $1,000.

The Union county tax supervising and conservation committee is expected to make their report on or prior to December 10th.

COOLIDGE TO GIVE MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press) — President Calvin Coolidge's annual message to Congress will be delivered at a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate tomorrow shortly after noon, according to an announcement today.

The announcement followed communication with leaders at the capitol by the White House.

Christmas Trees Going.

ROSEBURG, Ore.—Three freight cars loaded with Christmas trees were shipped from Roseburg to San Francisco.

The shipment contained approximately 1,000 trees. About 1000 trees are to be shipped from San Francisco to Honolulu.

Chicago in Fruit War; Price Down

Fruit Markets Flooded; Oranges and Apples Are Plentiful.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)— Chicago's fruit market was literally flooded with oranges and apples in rivalry between the independent and established fruit merchants, which effected a general reduction of 25 to 40 per cent on retail fruit prices.

RAILROAD HAS WINTER LULL IN BUSINESS

Number of Men Off Duty No Greater Than Usually Occurs During Winter.

The O.-W. R. & N. company is experiencing the usual winter business relaxation. Probably it is more noticeable this year because the company was doing such a heavy business up until a short time ago. Fruit was moving, along with grain and lumber which caused many trains and all hands possible to obtain were at work.

According to past history every winter sends its business depression to railroads, and from now on for a few weeks it is to be expected that things will not be so lively as they were in the fall season. As a result a number of men have been laid off in the shops and several train crews have been dispensed with.

POWDER WHEAT IS CERTIFIED

Jack Gorham, of North Powder, has been granted a pure seed certification on a crop of Hard Federation wheat, according to H. G. Avery, county agent. The grant was issued by Professor G. R. Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural College.

This is the third crop of Hard Federation wheat since it's introduction into Union county and results have been more than satisfactory.

Of some 500 acres entered for seed tests the field grown by Mr. Gorham proved to be the only one pure enough to pass the required test, which is exceedingly strict.

The secret of Mr. Gorham's success was due to going over the field and roguing out all other varieties which had been mixed with the seed. Mr. Gorham's farm is in the Wolf Creek district.

Austria's City Population.

VIENNA, (AP)— Thirty-eight percent of Austria's population lives in cities of 20,000 or more, according to the new census. One-third of the total population of the present republic resides in Vienna.

HOUSE 3RD DAY PROVES EXCITING

Insurgents at Conference This Morning Decided to "Carry On."

SIGNS OF OLIVE BRANCH APPEAR

Rep. Nelson, Wisconsin, Reads Draft of Agreement Reached Last Night.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The insurgents decided to abandon their fight after being assured by Representative Longworth, Republican leader, that an opportunity would be given later on to offer amendments freely to the house rules.

The insurgents from the start maintained their real fight was for a rules revision.

Final Ballot.

The final ballot taken was Gil-

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KEAGLE IS FINED FOR 'POSSESSION'

La Grande Man Pleads Guilty to Having Liquor in Home; Fined $200.

L. C. Keagle, of La Grande, who pleaded guilty a few days ago in police court before Judge R. J. Kitchen, to possession of liquor in his home, was fined $200 late yesterday in the same court, according to police officers' announcement. Keagle was not present when judgment was passed but was present when he entered his plea of guilty to "possession."

However, according to the police, Keagle did not plead guilty in full to the charge, admitting only that he had the liquor in his home. He also claimed that the liquor was there for medicinal purposes and had been secured for that purpose upon recommendation of a physician of this city, so the police state.

FIRE LOSS NOT GREAT DURING THE PAST MONTH

Less than $1,000 was lost in La Grande during the month of November due to fire, according to monthly report to the city commission, which will be tendered to that body tonight.

The report follows: Number of fire calls—6, volunteers out—68, amount paid to volunteers $77; amount of insurance at risk on buildings imperilled $8,300; amount of insurance at risk on contents of buildings: $2,700; total amount of insurance on buildings and contents $11,000; amount of loss on buildings $640.20; amount of loss on contents of buildings $323.50; total loss during month of November $964.40.

Late News Flashes

Oil Companies Requested to Bid.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A number of prominent oil companies were requested to bid on the lease for the Tea Pot Dome naval oil reserve at the time of the proposal sought from the Sinclair interests, Dr. H. Foster Bain, director of the bureau of mines, testified today before the senate committee. He declined to give the names of the companies invited to bid.

Postoffice Robbed; Loss $40,000

EL DORADO, Kans. (AP)—The postoffice here last night was robbed of $40,000 cash, some registered mail and some stamps.

Dayton Bank Robbed.

Dayton, Ohio (AP)—Two unmasked bandits today held up two clerks of the Xenia Avenue Branch bank of the City Savings and Trust company, escaping with $10,000 from the cash drawer.