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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Forecast in the east, with probable rain in the north portion tonight and Wednesday.

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MEX REBELS
ON WAY TO
MEXICO CITY

Ten Thousand Rebel Soldiers Start Advance From Vera Cruz

JALAPA TAKEN
BY INSURGENTS

Official Confirmation of Capture of Vera Cruz State Capital Is Announced.

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The capture of Jalapa, capital city of the state of Vera Cruz Saturday by rebel forces, was officially confirmed here.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico. (AP)—Military authorities here have ordered patrols established throughout the northern end of the state to investigate the reports that General Nicolas Rodriguez crossed the Rio Grande with a body of men and is threatening Juarez.

Rodriguez, who headed an uprising a year ago, was last heard from in El Paso, Texas, where he was arrested on a charge of violating neutrality laws.

VERA CRUZ (AP)—Insurgent troops have left Vera Cruz under orders for an advance toward Mexico City. At various points along inter-oceanic railways they will be joined by other contingents. It is estimated about 10,000 troops are available for the movement.

VERA CRUZ (By the Associated Press)—Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, fell into the hands of besieging revolutionary forces at 5 p. m. Saturday.

The rebels took 200 prisoners, among them General Belandier.

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SEAL SALE IS
DOING NICELY

One Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars of \$1,000 Quota Already Subscribed.

Although the Christmas seal sale in Union county was conducted only two days, of the total quota of \$1,000 set for this county, a total of \$187 has already been secured. Saturday the Campfire Girls of La Grande and the Girls' Friendly Society, together with a number of seals, Mrs. Tarkington's Sunday school class has pledged \$7 and Mrs. La Grande has pledged \$30 sale of seals.

Mrs. Grandy, chairman of the Neighborhood club committee in charge of the drive, is busy today in Union county completing the organization of the seal sales in other portions of the county outside of La Grande. Mrs. Oxner is in charge of the seal sale at Glassburg, Ind. today and Mrs. Grady is in charge of the seal sale in the postoffice building.

The postoffice here has requested all persons using seals to

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COMMISSION
WILL REPORT

Super Tax Body Will Report Late Monday on Findings on Tax Budgets.

Just what the super-tax commission is going to do with every budget in the county is a question that is perplexing many of the political units of the county to handle the coming year.

The board met today for the final trimming of budgets and a report will follow. Doubtless there would have been a complete report made before the death of C. D. Hoffman, one of the commission members, caused delay. L. L. McKenney was appointed to the vacancy caused by Mr. Hoffman's death and while he has had hardly time to familiarize himself with the entire work he is giving it a great deal of time.

Guesses are being freely made as to where the tax of economy will fall, but no one will know until the super commission speaks.

Popularity
Of "Bob" Is
On Increase

A recent census taken in Pendleton by owners of beauty shops showed that over half of the women under 25 years of age and about nine out of ten of the high school girls of that city, were bobbed hair addicts. A report from the foundry city says that the fashion is increasing in favor and each day some woman's crown of glory falls at the snip of the scissors.

A like condition exists in La Grande, according to authorities here. The barber shops nearly every day find some new "victim" for their shears and the beauty shops are busy each day marcelling, curling and otherwise beautifying the bobbed heads of La Grande. As in Pendleton, the fashion is especially strong here in the high school circles. On one week-end not very long ago, the city was reported to have shorn their locks.

Styles of dressing the coiffures, if you may call them by that appellation, differ. Some prefer the Dutch bob, some the bob marcellled all over the head, some the marcel wave with short curls in the back and so on.

But it is becoming more evident every day of the year, that the bobbed hair has come to stay and is not a passing fad.

COKER LIKELY
TO BE IN RACE

Robert H. Coker, appraiser of securities with the federal farm loan board in Washington, D. C., and a resident of La Grande, will probably announce in a few days his candidacy for delegate to the Republican national convention from the Eastern Oregon district, according to advice to a Portland newspaper Saturday evening.

Mr. Coker, cousin of the late President Harding, was pastor of the Presbyterian church at La Grande for some time and is well known in this city.

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Modernization of U. S.
Fleet Urged By DenbyNine Dead In
Train Wreck

Third Section of 20th Century Limited in Crash; Engineer Is Blamed.

ELIZABETH, Pa. (AP)—Nine persons were killed and seven others injured, two probably fatally, when the third section of the Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central railroad, westbound, telegraphed first section near Port Jervis, N. Y., 25 miles east of here, early Sunday morning.

The second section, which had gone ahead of the first section at Albany, when it encountered engine trouble, struck an abandoned automobile at the Port Jervis crossing. The train was stopped to determine if any casualties had resulted, and after placing danger signals at the crossing, the second section proceeded. The first section stopped to investigate the signals and the third section crashed into the rear cars.

Engineer Held to Blame.

NEW YORK (AP)—The list of dead in the wreck of the Twentieth Century Limited near Port Jervis, announced officially by New York Central headquarters here, follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sweet, 505 Windsor boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Starman.

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Here From New Meadows

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kivette came over from New Meadows, Idaho, last evening to visit La Grande friends a few days. Mr. Kivette has a large lumber plant in the Idaho town and he is delighted with prospects for lumber business. He is the only mill in a large belt of the Idaho sort pine which assures him a long and satisfactory run.

TRIAL OF LEWIS
BEGUN TODAY IN
CIRCUIT COURT

Trial of Raymond Lewis, charged with transporting liquor in his taxi, was begun this morning in the circuit court's adjourned session, presided over by Judge J. W. Knowles.

The jury was selected this morning and the taking of evidence began before the noon hour.

CONDITION REPORT OF
OF FARMERS
IS IMPROVING AGENT MADE

So Believes Secretary of the Agriculture Wallace

FARM INCOME IS
MUCH STRONGER

Annual Report to the President Is Optimistic; Farmers Generally "Better Off."

WASHINGTON (AP)—The general farm income of the country will be considerably greater, for 1923 than for last year, probably by more than one and a quarter billion dollars, and farmers generally are better off actually and relatively, Secretary Wallace of the Agriculture department informed President Coolidge today in his annual report.

There was marked improvement in agriculture during the year higher prices for crops, lower cost of production, and some reduction in the prices of the things farmers buy, Secretary Wallace said, but at the same time he told of many adverse conditions facing the farmers and made recommendations for their betterment. He discussed the wheat situation at some length and outlined his plan for a government agency with broad powers to buy and export surplus wheat not only of wheat but of pork and other farm products.

Situation Pleasant.

"The general agricultural improvement is most gratifying to everybody and gives renewed hope to millions of farmers, who have struggled against most distressing conditions," Mr. Wallace told the president. "This does not warrant the assumption, however, that the situation is entirely satisfactory."

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Pomona Grange Met Saturday at Grange Hall; Splendid Program Was Given.

Pomona Grange of Union county met Saturday at the Blue Mountain Grange hall as guests of the Blue Mountain Grange. Over three-score members of two granges were present at this meeting. A delightful program was presented in addition to a resolution being adopted, expressing sympathy and confidence due to the passing of C. D. Hoffman, a member of the grange.

At the noon hour a delicious dinner, prepared as only the ladies of the grange know how to prepare such a repast, was served. Chicken pie, corn, beans, salads, pies and other foods were on the menu.

The meeting was presided over by J. A. Nies, master of the Pomona grange. Members were present from the Tolleson, Mickle, Plaf, Elgin, Summerville, Cove and La Grande districts.

In addition to the resolution in memory of the late C. D. Hoffman, several other matters were discussed but no definite action was taken.

Mickle Speaks.

J. H. Mickle, who was recently appointed state food and dairy commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Curtis Hawley, was present and delivered an address to those present that was highly appreciated. Mr. Mickle is an interesting talker. He chose as his topic a discussion of the "dole" margins for farmers in various sections. Mr. Mickle urged a co-operative creamery in this district, stating that the average smaller city was

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RADIO OWNERS
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At this time it is likely that a La Grande Radio club will be formed.

TOOLS, WORTH
\$300, STOLEN

Contractors and workers, who have been engaged at the corner of Second and Grand streets erecting a residential building, reported over the week-end to the police department, the theft of tools belonging to them, valued at approximately \$300.

No trace of the missing articles has been found or not a clue as to the identity of the thieves has been discovered, but the police are today investigating the matter.

For Them!

H. G. Avery Submits a Resume of Work During Past Year.

INTRODUCTION
OF WHEAT AID

Past 12 Months Has Been Busy Period of Activity for Agriculturist.

The annual report of H. G. Avery, county agent, is now completed and contains many interesting facts. The supremacy of Hard Federation wheat and of Hybrid 128 wheat are both clearly illustrated in the report.

A summary of the report follows: During the year of 1923 fertilizer pools were formed with the help of the county agent and saved over \$500 in purchase price. The average cost of the fertilizer was 55 cents per acre per year and the average in increased yield of hay was about one ton. Average in-

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No wonder millions of Christmas cards are sold every year. The sale is conducted by the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated organizations. This shows the good use to which the money is put. Two tons are receiving the "sun cure." Now buy!

Oregon Solon Enters
Deportation MeasureBULLETINS
Proposes Strict Alien Bill Today.

FARM Bureau Meeting. CHICAGO (AP)—The American Farm Bureau federation opened its fifth annual convention today confronted with an internal controversy that seriously threatened a split. Two groups are involved in the dispute. One is known as the Peter-Sapiro group headed by Walton Peter, marketing director of the federation and by Aaron Sapiro, co-operative marketing counsel, and is opposed to the faction headed by J. W. Caldwell, secretary of the farm bureau since 1919, whose resignation was accepted by the executive committee's last meeting. Caldwell claims his group represents a "balanced program" policy.

One Death Caused. LOS ANGELES (AP)—A wind storm which yesterday caused one death and injury to several others, continued unabated today. Trees were uprooted, light roofs lifted, signs, awnings and fences blown down and many plate glass windows broken.

Losses Appraised. WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States lost in the supreme court today its appeal to set aside the decision of lower courts in the case against the California Midway and other oil companies, attaching their title to 160 acres of oil land in Kern county, California.

Organization Halted. WASHINGTON (AP)—Organization of Senate committees was blocked today by Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, who objected when Lodge, Republican leader, offered the usual resolution embodying committee selections.

G. O. P. HEADS ARE MEETING. WASHINGTON (AP)—Selection of Cleveland for the 1924 Republican national convention is expected to be followed this week by other important political developments.

Republican leaders are here in force for the national committee's annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday when the place and date of the 1924 convention will be definitely fixed and many conferences of political importance are under way.

The national committee is not scheduled to choose the Republican convention city until the next Wednesday but the Chicago requirement may precipitate action on Tuesday. Los Angeles, San Francisco and Los Angeles also have extended invitations and the committee has made arrangements to hear their arguments at its opening session Tuesday.

Chairman Adams will give a banquet to the committee Tuesday night and President Coolidge will be host at luncheon Wednesday at the White House.

Date Uncertain. The date for the 1924 convention is uncertain. Many leaders favor June 2 or 16, but others are favoring June 24. The latter date is favored to avoid a long lapse before the Democratic national convention, generally held during the first week of July.

Oregon Girl
Leading Lady
University of Oregon
Graduate Takes Stellar
Role in "Ambush."

With the Neighborhood club to present Ambush, played by the Oregon club players, in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, considerable comment concerning the drama is rife.

University of Oregon graduates and friends will be interested in Miss Janet Young of The Dalles, a graduate of the class of 1914, who will appear here December 11. Miss Young is the leading lady of the Oregon club players. White in the university Miss Young took leading parts in many college productions and after her graduation became associated with the Baker-Stoddard company of Portland. She was also on the Elison White chautauqua circuit for several years. The last three years, however, she has been playing in New York City. Her work has been commended by the press as well as by a number of well known artists. Friends of Miss Young and of the university will be pleased at this opportunity of seeing one of the first Oregon graduates who made good on the legitimate stage.

Reserved tickets went on sale today at Glass Drugs, Inc., and many seats were promptly taken. Many good seats still remain, however, and may be secured at the present.

"We are asking the public to support Ambush," stated a member of the Neighborhood Club today, "purely because we believe that the drama is worthy of such support and will prove an entertaining feature that cannot afford to be overlooked."

"PAT" M'ARTHUR
SERIOUSLY ILL

PORTLAND (AP)—Cillian M. M'Arthur, former representative in congress from the third Oregon district, is seriously ill with what is believed to be an attack of meningitis. His life is held to be in danger.

Italian Parliament Closed. By King Victor Emmanuel. ROME (AP)—A decree closing the present session of the Italian parliament was signed today by King Victor Emmanuel.

Baldwin To
"Carry On"
For Awhile

Prime Minister Not to Resign Until Next Month.

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Baldwin arrived in London today from the chequer's court. He had an audience with the King in Buckingham Palace but did not tender his resignation, as London newspapers anticipated. It is understood that he will inform the cabinet tomorrow he is prepared to retain the reins of the government until parliament meets next month.

MRS. MOORE
BOOSTS BAKER
FOR SENATOR

Portland Lady Insists the Political Dope Sheet Favors the Rose City Mayor.

"Of course George L. Baker of Portland will be nominated for the United States senatorship," remarked Mrs. E. Moore, who was a resident of La Grande for many years and then removed to Portland where Dr. Moore installed the Moore sanatorium, an institution that has gained a wide reputation in the northwest.

Continuing her diagnosis of the

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'HI DADS' IS
PERMANENT

Wednesday Night Banquet for Football Men to Be Only a "Starter"

Arm in arm down life's pathway, battling life's battles together, sharing each other's sorrows, sharing each other's joys, confiding in each other no matter what the occasion may be, are among the constitutional rights of those which the Hi Dads and the High school boys are to build their organization.

The first event of the Hi Dads will be a banquet Wednesday evening in the gymnasium for the football boys. This banquet will be prepared and served by the girls of the domestic science department of the schools.

Notification was sent to all Hi Dads to be on hand Wednesday evening with some good stories, a little parental advice and a five dollar bill each to pay the expenses of the dinner and create a Hi Dad fund for some future social venture.

No dad, of the number notified should be to the court of indignation will at once organize and proper punishment will be levied upon him.

Several prominent speakers have been invited to address the sportsmen this evening, and 250 pounds of clams await to be eaten.

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CLAM FEED WILL
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The annual clam feed of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club of Union county will be held this evening, beginning at seven o'clock, in the Methodist church basement at the corner of Sprague and Fourth streets. The sportsmen club has been in existence for 18 years and the feed is an annual event eagerly looked forward to.

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Late News Flashes

Oregon Man Nominated.

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than 2,000 nominations, including Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, for ambassador to Great Britain, were sent to the senate today by President Coolidge. Bert E. Haney, Oregon, Edward P. Farley, Illinois, and Frederick I. Thompson, Illinois, were nominated for the shipping board positions. Registrars for land offices included H. A. Canady, Roseburg, Oregon.

Facing Statutory Charge.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—Miss Florence Witmeyer was arrested today on a statutory charge arising from her relations with E. Ray Tompkins, held on a charge of murdering his wife. Tompkins waived examination when arraigned today and was bound over to the municipal court.

Al Watkins Trial Is Set.

Trial of Al Watkins, La Grande colored man, on a charge of maintaining a common nuisance at his residence at 1426 S avenue, will be continued in police court Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Judge R. J. Kitchen decided late today.

Admits Killing Auto Dealer.

Tacoma (AP)—Samuel J. Gillespie, 42, automobile dealer, died today from a bullet wound inflicted by Mrs. T. L. Keeley, wife of the manager of the Tacoma Water Supply company, who admitted firing the shot when she found her husband and Gillespie drinking in her husband's office early Sunday.

TO SUPPORT
PRESIDENT
IN '24 RACE

Assurances of Coolidge Supporters Arriving Today

CALIFORNIA
FRIENDS ACT

Chief's Name Will Go on California Primary Ticket Against Hiram Johnson.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Assurances of support for President Coolidge in his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination poured in today following the announcement yesterday that the president is to be a candidate for his present position in 1924.

Coolidge's friends in California are preparing to put his name on the primary in that state against Hiram Johnson.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The entrance of President Coolidge into the California primary was indicated as probable today after a call at the White House by William H. Crocker, Republican national committeeman from California and for years the number one anti-Johnson Republican faction of that state.

Crocker declined to confirm or

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'IN MEMORIAM'
DRIVE IS READY

Full Plans and Personnel of Oregon Committee for Harding Memorial Named.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Following the proclamation by Governor Pierce naming the week of December 9th to 15th as Harding Memorial Week, full plans for the Oregon campaign were today announced by State Chairman B. P. Mulkey.

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