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CLEVELAND
CHOICE FOR
CONVENTIONRepublicans Select Ohio
City for 1924 Caucus;
Set Date1100 DELEGATES
ARE ANTICIPATEDSouthern States Virtual-
ly Restored to Former
Representation by Res-
olution.WASHINGTON (AP)—The 1924
convention call adopted today gives
Oregon 13 delegates compared with
16 at last convention. Washington
has 17 compared with 14. The
states which have been carried re-
ceived three additional delegates
at large.WASHINGTON (By the Asso-
ciated Press)—Cleveland was se-
lected today as the 1924 Republi-
can city. The date for the con-
vention was fixed as June 10th.
The vote by the Republican na-
tional committee for a convention
site was Cleveland 29, San Fran-
(Continued on page 4)MALHEUR CO.
WANTS ROADRailroad Company Filed
With L. C. C. Today for
50-Mile Line—Burns to
Seneca.WASHINGTON (AP)—The
Malheur railroad company today
filed proposals with the Interstate
Commerce Commission for build-
ing a 50-mile line from Burns to
Seneca, Oregon, for removing fur-
ber from the Malheur national for-
est. Previous application from the
Oregon Washington Railroad and
Navigation company has been
before the commission for some
time.The O-W proposes to extend
the branch as far as Burns.
When the connection is made at
Burns with the Malheur line, the
national forests land will have con-
tact with trunk line railroads.DEATH CALLS
PIONEER LADYMrs. G. W. Nelson Passes
on Last Evening at
Age of 77 Years.Mrs. S. W. Nelson, a pioneer of
this district, who makes her home
in La Grande, died last evening at
eight o'clock at the conclusion
of a brief illness caused by an at-
tack of pneumonia. She had
filled Friday evening with influenza,
which developed into pneumonia
early Sunday morning and died
(Continued on page 5)Buying Toys for Holiday Trade
Frank Sullivan, of Portland, pur-
chasing an additional stock of Christ-
mas toys for his institution. He
will have the stock shipped by ex-
press in order to meet the heavy
trade in this line of goods.Williams Upheld As
Coast League HeadCHICAGO (By the Associated
Press)—The board of arbitration
of the National Association of
Professional Baseball players Tues-
day night decided that Harry A.
Williams was the duly elected pres-
ident of the Pacific Coast league
and that J. Cal Ewing is entitled
to vote as the representative of
the Pacific Coast league in the na-
tional association.Secretary John J. Farrell issued
the following statement in support
of the board's action:
"The parties to this matter have
been attentively heard. Eminent
counsel have presented arguments.
The mass of evidence submitted
has been carefully examined and
considered. The board unani-
mously finds that in the original
transaction in which William
Williams, Jr., induced the note of
his employee, Charles L. Lockhart,
to furnish the \$125,000 to pur-
chase the controlling interest in
the Seattle franchise and in theC.R. of O. to
Be Extended,
Says ReportA. W. Middleton, in Port-
land, Says Union Tim-
ber Deal Shaping.According to the Portland press
quoting A. W. Middleton, presi-
dent of the Central Railroad of
Oregon, with its terminals at Cove
and Union Junction, "extension of
the Central Railroad of Oregon is
to be undertaken next year." Mr.
Middleton, who is also of the af-
filiated Blue Mountain Lumber
company, made the announcement
which practically asserted that
the timber deal, that has been ex-
isting Union, Catherine Creek and
vicinity for the past several
months, has come to a successful
culmination.Quoting the Portland newspaper
to whom Middleton granted an in-
terview "the easterly extension of
the railroad will carry the road
twelve miles into a stand of pine
timber and ultimately to a point
24 miles from Cove."
"Middleton, who is at the Ste-
ward Hotel from Union with George
E. Dunklee, general manager, and
L. Z. Torral, attorney for the rail-
way company said the Blue Moun-
(Continued on page 5)SUPER BOARD
INTERVIEWEDUnion County Tax Sup-
ervising Commission
Compliments Drawers
of Budgets.In commenting upon their action
in the first passing of the tax bud-
get in Union county, the county
board of supervision and conserva-
tion, consisting of J. E. Reynolds,
Henry McGoldrick and L. L. Mc-
Kennon, feel that they took as
much action as was possible to re-
adjust the county tax budget and
also feel that, if further cuts had
been made, such action would
have crippled the functioning of
the county officials and their of-
fices materially."We wish to compliment the
county officials upon their careful
and economical preparation of the
1924 budget," stated Mr. Reynolds
today, speaking for the commission
members. "The budget showed
throughout that the officials had
taken almost every possible step to
halt any expenditures that were not
needed and also showed that the
officials had carefully considered
each item from every standpoint
before entering it. The officials of

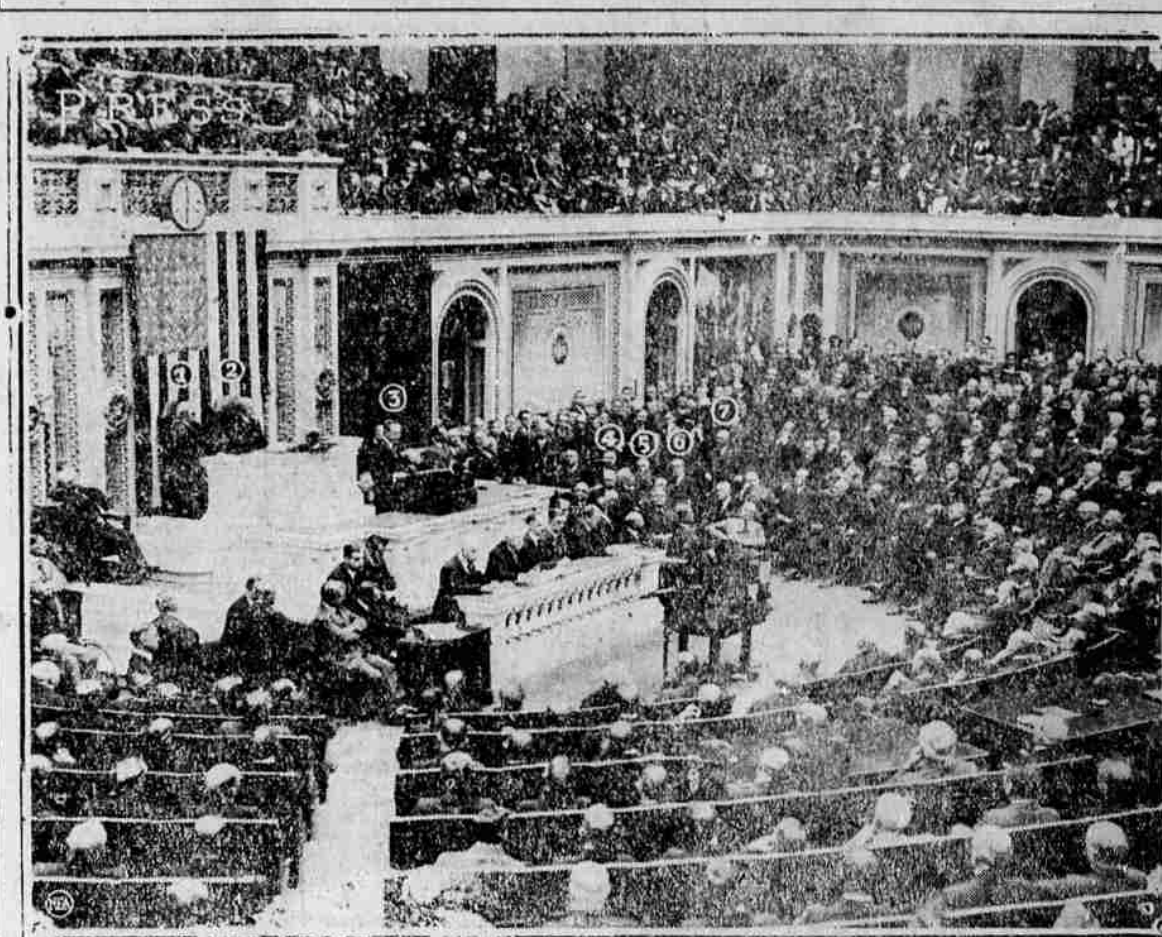
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3 INDICTED AT
CONDON, HELD
AS KIDNAPERSCONDON, Ore.—Rev. G. A.
Cheney of Condon, Howard H.
Stiles, a former Burns detective,
and E. W. Sinclair of Pendleton
were indicted here Monday after-
noon by the grand jury on a
charge of kidnaping. The charges
arose out of the abduction of
Frank Smith from a ranch at
Clem after he had been accused of
shooting up a meeting of the Ku
Klux Klan in the local hall of that
organization last summer.FOUR CHILDREN
BURNED IN FIRE
AT LOOCOTEELOOCOTEE, Ind. (AP)—Four
children of William Fuhrman,
farmer, were burned to death last
night when the Fuhrman home, 19
miles south of here, was destroyed
by fire.BEGIN WORK
OF CUTTING
U. S. TAXESRepresentative Hawley,
Oregon, Is Named on
House CommitteeBODY CONFERS
WITH MELLONProblem of Indian Popu-
lation Taken Up by
Secretary of Interior
and Board.WASHINGTON (By the Asso-
ciated Press)—A preliminary
conference today with Secretary
Mellon by ranking Republican of
the house ways and means com-
mittee marked the actual begin-
ning of work on the tax revision
legislation.Representative Hawley, Oregon,
Green, Iowa (chairman) and
Treadway, Massachusetts, were
designated at the conference for
the Republican members of the
committee to confer with Mellon
on tax reduction as outlined by
the treasury.Solve Indian Problem
WASHINGTON (AP)—An ad-
visory committee on Indian affairs
recently appointed by the Sec-
retary of the Interior to assist the
government in the solution of
problems affecting 240,000 Indian
population of the country, met
here today.Secretary Work declared the
"passing of the frontier, insistent
encroachments of white settlers
and businessmen and the building
of railroads have materially af-
fected conditions. Policies ap-
plied to the Indians and made it ne-
cessary today."

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LOCAL RADIO
CLUB FORMEDAbout 20 Fans Gather
at City Hall Meeting
Last Evening.About twenty radio fans re-
sponded to the call to meet at the
city hall last evening in behalf of
better radio. Informally prevail-
ed but co-operation and help soon
developed until radio as clear as
crystal in the vicinity of La Grande,
provided everyone interested with com-
munication. Ben Berry was
chosen president and W. A. Ben-
ham was selected secretary of the
La Grande radio club. This is as
far as the organization progressed
but a meeting is looked for Tues-
day night next, at the city hall at
7:30 o'clock, at which time it is
hoped that all interested in radio
will be present and become mem-
bers of the proposed club. In the
meantime any one wishing to be-
come a member can do so by sign-
ing up with W. A. Benham at his
place of business.No fee is charged for member-
ship at this time but as no organ-
ization can exist without some ex-
pense the matter of fee will be
adjusted to meet the requirements
when they develop.Radio with all its extensions has
become almost a public utility and
with the spirit exhibited at the
meeting last night a radio club in
this city will soon develop into a
bureau of information at which
not only amateurs but experts can
go for help in the many little per-
plexing questions which are always
present in any set.MISS BYRD A
FINE ARTISTWhen Miss Byrd appears at the
Arts and Crafts evening at La
Grande, Thursday, evening, La
Grande music lovers will expe-
rience the delight not only of hear-
ing one of the great pianists of the
country, but this number is the first
of a series of high class musical
events which will be presented in
that theatre provided support is
given to a point where the manage-
ment will know that La Grande
wants the better things in music.
Miss Byrd is a wonderful artist.
Not only in the way she appre-
ciated but she is recognized there-
for the nation as one of the best
of this generation.

The President's First Address to Congress



President Calvin Coolidge at 31 minutes after noon on Dec. 6 delivered his first address before a joint session of congress. The chamber was packed. The figures in the above photograph indicate the following: (1) Senator Albert B. Cummins, president of the senate; (2) Representative Frederick H. Gillett, speaker of the house; (3) President Coolidge (note radio microphones on desk before him, through which his voice was broadcast throughout the nation); Secretary of War Weeks; (5) Secretary of Treasury Mellon; (6) Secretary of State Hughes; (7) Secretary of Navy Denby.

M'KENNON IS
HOST TO MANY
BUSINESS MENFifty-Five Business Men
Gather at the Country
Club Last Evening.With fifty-five business men of
Union county surrounding the din-
ing table at the Country club last
evening Floyd McKennon, host, ex-
plained the workings of the insur-
ance in a way that was a revela-
tion to almost everyone present.
Mr. McKennon opened his "in-
surance school" by frankly telling
his guests "that no commodity in
the world is purchased so freely as
life insurance and yet there is no
commodity so little understood by
the purchaser."He then turned to his blackboard
and charts which showed the com-
parative costs of life insurance.
The most important point he
brought out was that investment
and life insurance should not go
together and he who buys insur-
ance must invest with his life insur-
ance in getting a poor investment from
the standpoint of earnings.Mr. McKennon represents the
Guaranteed Fund Life Insurance as-
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OF AL WATKINS
TRIAL TONIGHTContinuation of the trial of Al
Watkins, colored, charged with
maintaining a common nuisance
at his residence at 1128 S. avenue,
which was begun about ten days
ago in police court and postponed,
will be this evening at 7:30 o'clock
in the city building, according to
announcement by Judge R. J.
Kitchin, of the municipal court,
today.Ex-Observer Girl's
Beauty Saves LifeBecause she is good looking
Mrs. Stella Carpenter, for a num-
ber of years cashier and book-
keeper for the Evening Observer,
suddenly turned the heart of a
robber who was in the act of shoot-
ing her because she would not
turn over the box receipts of a
portland theatre where she was
acting as ticket seller.
The Portland Journal of last
evening gave the following de-
tailed account of the extraordinary
incident, along with a front
page picture of Mrs. Carpenter.
"Mrs. Stella Carpenter, cashierJury Finds
No VerdictDeadlock in Case of C. R.
Lewis; Ezra Allen
Trial Begun.After a session of deliberation
lasting approximately 12 hours,
the jury in the case of the State
of Oregon versus Charles Ray-
mond Lewis, charged with trans-
porting liquor in his taxi, return-
ed with no verdict. The jury re-
turned to the chamber yesterday
about noon and returned about
midnight.This morning was spent in the
court selecting a jury to try
Ezra Allen's appeal from the ju-
stice court. Allen was convicted of
transporting liquor in his taxi,
about a month ago and appealed
the judgment of the court to the
circuit court.BROWN ADMITS
GUILT TUESDAYConfesses to Sale of Li-
quor; Leonard Smith
Pleads Not Guilty.Arrangement of Tex Brown and
Leonard Smith was held last yester-
day with the result that Brown
pleaded guilty to sale of intoxicat-
ing liquor and Smith pleaded not
guilty to either sale or possession.
Brown will be before the tri-
bunal tomorrow for sentence and
Smith will appear again.
The two men were arrested Mon-
day evening by the sheriff's of-
ficers and five phials of liquor was
said to be in the possession of the
men. Charges of both sale and pos-
session are against the two men.Page One Cuts Down
PORTLAND (AP)—Earnings were
one cent lower today, going at 24
to 49 cents. Butter and Hovestock
are steady.BAPTIST DAY
AT CHAMBER
WAS SUCCESSMany Fine Thoughts Ad-
vanced by Dr. Milliken
in His Address Regard-
ing Boys.Yesterday was Baptist day at
the Chamber of Commerce build-
ing. Dr. Stilton, pastor of the
First Baptist church of La Grande
presided as toastmaster, and Dr.
Milliken spoke regarding "the
church's duty to the boy."
Dr. Meadors, who holds from
Haven south where Baptists are
mighty thick, stated, after the
meeting that the occasion re-
minded him of his former home
where the Baptists are in major-
ity.Presiding authorities to show
that crime of today is very largely
committed by the young men, Dr.
Milliken went from one topic to
another eliciting his proof that
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BULLETINS

Oregon City may be Without
Legal Government.OREGON CITY (AP)—Oregon
City may be without a legal form
of government in nearly a year if
the petition by City Attorney Stone
is valid. Last month citizens
voted a change from the atter-
nate to the commission form of
government effective January 1.
The election of three commissioners
was called for December 15.
City Attorney Stone today an-
nounced the opinion that Oregon
law provided that municipal offi-
cials were only to be elected at a reg-
ular state election, and therefore
December 15th election will be in-
valid and no commissioners may
be elected until next November.

Man Hunt On

REAGERS (AP)—With prac-
tically all able-bodied men of this
county in a man hunt, Carl B. Re-
ag, vice president of the state
county state and savings bank,
which was called off about \$5,000
yesterday, expected the bandits to
be located today. Police traced
the highway last night as far as
Merger head district where they
lost the trail in a thick growth of
foliage.

Sentence Friday

ROBERTS (AP)—Shastone
will be hanged Friday on Jack
Cannery, convicted into yesterday
of murdering a bribe for protecting
the Henderson liquor ring, and al-
so upon Fred Schilling and E. C.
Harris, both guilty of similar
charges.DAWES MAY
BE U.S. MAN
WITH BOARDFormer Director of Bud-
get May Set With
Republican ExpertsAMERICAN AID
NOW ASSUREDCoolidge Believes Step
Taken Is of Utmost Im-
portance; Formalities
to Be Settled.WASHINGTON (AP)—Only a
few formalities remain before
American unofficial aid becomes
available to the European allies in
their efforts toward settlement of
reparation with Germany.Charles G. Dawes, former direc-
tor on the budget, was mentioned
as a possible choice for one of the
committee.FRED GIFFORD
IS HERE TODAYHead of Oregon Ku Klux
Klan Pays Visit and
Boosts Cochran for
Congress."I am here to call upon mem-
bers of the Ku Klux Klan, to get
better acquainted with La Grande
and Eastern Oregon and to urge
the nomination of George T. Coch-
ran, a La Grande man, for con-
gress," said Fred L. Gifford Grand
Dragon of the Invisible Empire,
today.He arrived in La Grande and
will spend the day here. In speak-
ing of the Klan program for the
future Mr. Gifford said one of the
(Continued on page 5)REDUCTION OF
STATE TAXESTotal of \$9,907,041 Is
Needed to Run Oregon
in 1924, Report.SALFEM—A total of \$9,907,041—
it will be needed to cover the cost
of maintaining the various state
institutions, departments, commis-
sions and bureaus during 1924, ac-
cording to estimates made public
by the state tax commission. Of
this amount it is estimated that
\$1,123,000 will be covered by tax-
es, interest, sales and other
sources of revenue open to the var-
ious departments.The state income tax law, is ex-
pected to bring in an additional
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Late News Flashes

McAdoo Scores President's Message.
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Coolidge's message to con-
gress was labeled a "counsel of dormancy" and his
opposition to the bonus characterized as a summary,
dismissal of "just claims for consideration," in an ad-
dress by William Gibbs McAdoo before the Democratic
Luncheon club and Woman's Democratic league today.Senate Deadlock Still Exists.
WASHINGTON.—Although there was a break in
the ranks of the LaFollette supporters, the senate re-
mained in a deadlock today over the election of the
chairman of the interstate commerce committee. Cum-
mins, Republican, and Smith, Democrat, South Carolina,
tied on the first ballot at 40 votes each. La Follette
received 3. Third ballot was Smith 41, Cummins 40,
La Follette 2. After the third ballot the senate ad-
journed until noon Saturday but balloting will not be
resumed until next Monday.ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Ku Klux Klan leaders from
all portions of the United States are here today for
the opening of the trial of Philip E. Fox, alleged for-
mer Klan publicity agent who is charged with murder
in connection with the death of William S. Coburn, at-
torney for the Simmons faction.