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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Fair in the south, rain in the northwest and snow in the northeast portion of Oregon tonight and Saturday.

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CHARGE FOX
WITH THREE
DAY DRUNK

Prosecution States That
Fox Was Drunk Be-
fore Shooting

THREATENED THE
LIVES OF POLICE

Congressman Summers,
of Texas, Testifies to
Character of Alleged
Murderer.

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Philip E. Fox, on trial here for murder, was on a three day drunk prior to the shooting and killing of William S. Colburn, the prosecution charged today while Congressman Summers, of the fifth Texas district, testified today to Fox's character.

The solicitor General Boykin asked if Congressman Summers knew that Fox was arrested in a local hotel in this condition and in company with a woman, threat-ening the life of the arresting officer.

Summers said he knew nothing of Fox's life since coming to Atlanta but that during his residence in Texas his character was good.

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The defense in the case of Philip E. Fox, on trial here for murder, entered a plea of insanity.

The plea was entered in an address before the jury by Frank A. Hooper, Jr., attorney for the defense, who reviewed Fox's life and declared "there existed traces of insanity in the defendant's family."

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IMMIGRATION
IS DISCUSSED

Farmers Want Cheap La-
bor; Europe Wants Im-
migration Bans Lifted.

NEW YORK (AP)—Demands for a change in the present immigration quota law, which expires next June, were made by a score of speakers at the national immigration conference Thursday, at which they split into three factions in advocating methods of its execution.

Industrialists and agriculturists stood together in an appeal for selective immigration to obtain laborers for factories and farms. Administration forces, led by Assistant Secretary of Labor E. J. Hines, advocated further restrictions under the existing law, a view which is understood to have the approval of labor. Representatives of European nations, together with welfare organizations

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AL DEMAREE TO
JOIN BEAVERS

CHICAGO (AP)—Al Demaree, former National League pitcher with the Philadelphia club, Thursday night was signed to play with the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league. Demaree at one time managed the Portland club.

Dawes Appeals For
U.S. National Banks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Henry M. Dawes, controller of the currency, made an open appeal today to the country in his annual report today for the preservation and protection of the national banking system.

The National Banking System, he said, deserves more consideration than it recently has received. He insisted that it is now a question for congress to decide whether the several unfavorable factors bearing on the system shall continue or whether "we shall at last by quick and summary decisions."

Johnson and
Adams Take
Unlike View

California Senator De-
nounces Representa-
tion Given South.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Restoration of the delegate strength of southern states by the recent action of the Republican national committee, drew fire Thursday from Senator Hiram Johnson, himself a candidate for the presidential nomination. At the same time the restoration was defended in a statement by Chairman John T. Adams of the Republican national committee.

The situation thus brought about promises a fight in the Cleveland convention. Chairman Adams on the other hand, defended it as an act of "justice to congressional districts in the south where the Democratic party refuses a free ballot and an honest count to Republicans, both black and white."

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SHIP WRECKED,
NO CASUALTIES

Flavel, Carrying 1,000-
000 Feet of Lumber,
Reported Total Loss.

MONTREY, Cal. (AP)—High loss, the lumber schooner Flavel, was pounding to pieces late today. Captain H. Johnson and most of his crew returned to the wreck today in rafts in salvaging operations. The Flavel struck while trying to catch the shore fog signals. Heavy gulls are running but no wind is present. The Flavel is a three-masted schooner, 247 tons, and was built in San Francisco in 1917 to carry lumber.

SAN PEDRO, Cal. (AP)—The steamer Flavel, of the Hammond Lumber company was wrecked off the reefs of Monterey according to reports today.

No lives were reported to have been lost, but the vessel is a total loss.

The steamer was carrying 1,000,000 feet of lumber for this port, sent from Grays Harbor.

The Flavel went high on the rocks in a fog early today. The crew was rescued from small boats by a fishing tug, Normandy, which put out from Port's Beach.

WALLOWA COUNTY
TAX BOARD ADDS
TO ONE BUDGET

ENTERPRISE (Special)—The Wallowa county tax supervising and conservation commission, with their work of adjusting the city school district and county budgets nearly completed, has in some cases added to budgets while in other cases they have made cuts.

To the budget of the city of Enterprise the commissioners added \$10,000 to be raised by taxation for city purposes and for the payment of outstanding warrants and getting the city back on a cash basis.

In the school budgets a tendency to establish a uniform wage for school teachers is noted. The board has set the salary of the superintendent at \$1800 per year and grade teachers at \$100 per month.

The office of the controller of the currency has to be organized for quick and summary decisions," said Mr. Dawes. "A mob of depositors is never complacent enough to wait the deliberations of a town meeting. If the Federal Reserve Board is composed of the men of ability and force of character that has typified this board in the past, each member, in self-respect, will insist on expressing himself and impressing his personality on any proposed method for relief, and the fire wagon."

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JAMES F. GOOD
NAMED TODAY
FOR CAMPAIGN

Will Conduct Coolidge
Presidential 1924 Boom
in the Middle West.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—James F. Good, former member of the House of Representatives, but now a Chicago lawyer, has been selected to manage President Coolidge's campaign in the middle western states.

General campaign headquarters for Coolidge will be established in Chicago on December 27th.

HOUSE ACTION
IS PROMISED

Republicans Make Selections
Over Protests of
Insurgents.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The way was cleared Thursday for house action Friday leading to the organization of all its standing committees. The Republicans in conference over the protest of representatives Nelson, Wisconsin, leader of the insurgents, approved the assignments given Republicans Democratic selections already have been made and the two states will be presented to the house by Representative Longworth, Ohio, the majority leader.

The insurgents' objection is to the personnel of the rules committee. Mr. Nelson said his group would meet Friday forenoon to decide whether they would carry their fight to the floor. In any event, it was not expected that they would be able to bring about a situation similar to that obtaining in the senate, where there still exists a deadlock over the selection of the chairman of the interstate commerce committee.

With their senate voting deferred until Monday, conversations between Republican leaders and the insurgents looking to the election of a Republican as chairman of the committee, were continued, but apparently without success.

While several compromise propositions were put forward, some of the insurgents insisted that Senator Smith of South Carolina, the ranking Democrat on the committee, would be elected next Monday over Senator Cummins, Republican, Iowa.

No concerted efforts were made by the insurgents to fight ratification by the conference of the committee assignments, members of the group apparently being satisfied with the protest voiced by their leader.

Approve Veterans' Committee. In addition to approving the committee chart, the conference endorsed the proposed creation of a veterans' committee, which will handle legislative measures affecting former service men. The proposal previously had been approved by Democratic members of the house.

Mrs. May Nolan, Republican, California, only woman member of the house and widow of former

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MANAGEMENT
CONFECTIONERY
CHANGES FRIDAY

The Palace Confectionery management has been changed and, beginning tomorrow morning, the business will be directed by J. C. McPherson, J. G. Snodgrass, and Ray Price. Mr. Price was formerly associated with Andrews & Kern, Confectioners.

The new management has installed a new kitchen and prepared the services of Bernard Newman, cook, of Corvallis, beginning tomorrow morning at breakfast will be added to the lunch menu.

CONFERENCE OF
UNION STAKE TO
BEGIN SATURDAY

The regular quarterly conference of the Union Stake will convene in the L. D. S. Tabernacle in La Grande Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Two meetings are scheduled for Saturday, the other opening at two o'clock in the afternoon. The sessions Sunday will begin at ten and two o'clock, respectively.

Visitors are expected to be in attendance from Salt Lake City. The general public is cordially invited to attend, according to officials of the stake.

'MESSAGE TO
U. S.' GIVEN

Churches Ask America
to Cooperate in Inter-
national Affairs.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—The "Message of the Churches to America," contained in a declaration of ideals and principles, was submitted today to the annual meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches by its commission on international justice and good will.

The document urged the church to enter the world court, and to accept a full share of responsibility in effecting international order and peace for a just and peaceful settlement of international difficulties and the promotion of international security, confidence and good will.

The message also urged the government to co-operate fully with all humanitarian commissions of the league of nations.

WEST CATTLE
ON FEED LESS

CHICAGO (AP)—Feeder cattle on farms, picking up weight for the stock market, number about 15 per cent less in the western and Pacific slope states than at the same period last year, the weekly summary of the department of agriculture says. In the 11 corn belt states, the total number of cattle on feed is about 2 per cent larger than the 1922 figure.

"In the western states, only Montana shows an increase in cattle feeding over last year," the department bulletin says. "This year, on December 1, the state was feeding 42,000 head compared with 25,000 a year ago. Utah, Nevada and California show decreases from 15,000 to 20,000 head each."

The numbers in Colorado and Idaho are somewhat less than last year.

"Insofar as the number of cattle on feed indicate the supply for slaughter," the report continues, "it appears that the supply during the winter and coming spring will be about the same in the corn belt states as last year, but with cattle somewhat lighter in weight. It seems probable that there will not be sufficient stocks for Pacific coast slaughter in the areas that usually supply the west."

The movement of feeder cattle into the corn states for the first 11 months of 1923 was 2,184,000 against 2,184,000 in 1922, and 2,081,000 in 1921.

Wedding-Funeral Bash. LAMBERT, Ind.—The same bash that supplied her wedding bouquet also furnished the funeral wreath for Lady Lambouras.

Bandits Loot
Chinese Town

Over 100 Citizens, Part
women, Kidnaped;
Vandalism Reported

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—Three thousand Chinese bandits, under the leadership of the notorious chief, Chen Yau Teh, and Wang Han Yen, captured the town of Chiao Wednesday, delayed reports state.

The bandits burned and looted houses in the town and kidnaped the magistrate and other officials together with more than 100 residents including women, according to Changshu dispatches.

The inhabitants of the town who escaped the bandits during the pillaging of their homes fled to a nearby city, that of Kwei-jang. They reported that the magistrate, Chiao, was slain after being taken prisoner.

BULLETINS

Murphy Is Winner. PORTLAND (AP)—Frankie Murphy won on a foul over George Lamond in the sixth round here last night. Joe Dunn and Young Carman fought 10 rounds to a draw.

LaFollette Backs Speech. MADISON, Wis. (AP)—The president's first message to congress was declared to be an "able, concise and frank presentation of standpoint, reactionary theories of government," by Senator LaFollette, said earlier today. "There is nothing in the message that will offend the most sensitive of the big business interest," he added.

TULSA LOOKS FORWARD TO PLENTY OF WATER. TULSA, Okla. (AP)—A construction project designed to carry mountain water to Tulsa from a source 100 miles away in the Spawkill hills is today nearing completion.

A pipe line five feet in diameter will carry the fluid to a community of more than 100,000 people at the rate of 25,000,000 gallons a day. The building program, under way since January, 1923, constitutes one of the largest engineering projects in the United States.

The new system, including a city storage reservoir for emergency supplies, will cost approximately \$7,000,000, and is expected to be completed in the spring of 1924. It will give Tulsa its first hydrant drinking water.

The water will be brought in a pipe and within five miles of the city by gravity, and from there pumped to a second reservoir on the highest of the hills surrounding Tulsa. The system will be one of the longest gravity pipe lines in the world.

Visiting Here. E. H. Miles and Benjamin Stoddard, both of Union, were inmates in the city yesterday. Mr. Miles is a farmer of the Catherine Creek district near the old Water Mill, about seven or eight miles east of Union.

La Grande Talent Pleased Bakerites. Monday evening Mrs. A. L. Riea, organist, soprano, and Mrs. Correll, alto, gave a concert in the La Grande Methodist church under the leadership of the La Grande Musical Union.

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Old Oregon
Trail Is Open;
Snow Soon

Eastern Oregon State
Highways Passable
Despite Snow.

According to reports received from the La Grande division headquarters of the State Highway Commission, all state highways in this section, which includes the Old Oregon Trail from Baker to Pendleton over the Blue Mountains, and the La Grande-Walla Walla highway, are open to traffic. The snowfall and sleet which occurred yesterday did not block the roads.

No damage was reported in the vicinity of La Grande due to yesterday's brisk wind and snow, although in many portions of the Pacific Coast, adverse results were reported. The weather forecast predicts snow in this section of the state tonight and Saturday.

Very little snow exists in the Grande Ronde Valley but in the higher portions, the fall is several inches in depth. On the upper Catherine Creek district about nine inches of snow is reported.

SCHOOLS TO GET
11-DAY VACATION
DURING HOLIDAYS

The La Grande public schools, embracing both the high school and the grammar schools, will enjoy an eleven day holiday vacation, according to announcement by Superintendent A. C. Hampton today. The schools will be dismissed Friday evening, December 21, and will not reconvene until Wednesday morning, January 2, 1924.

PAYMASTER IS
ROBBED TODAY;
\$15,786 TAKEN

PHILADELPHIA (By the Associated Press)—Two bandits today bound and gagged the paymaster of the Michel Melody and Son company, builders, in his office, and fled with \$15,786 which he was placing in the pay envelope.

OFFICERS OF
PORTLAND RAID
WHISKEY RING

PORTLAND—Officers here believe they have broken up one of the largest moonshiners' rings in Portland with the arrest of Earl Wing, alias S. F. Price, who admits leadership of such a band, and the confiscation of a still with a capacity of 150 gallons and capable of turning out 250 gallons of finished product every 16 days.

O. A. C. ANNUAL
DANCE WILL BE
DECEMBER 26TH

The annual O. A. C. dance will be held in La Grande on the evening of Wednesday, December 26th, according to announcement today. All high school students, college and university students and former high school, college and university students are cordially invited to attend.

Waldo Stoddard, William Hough and Foster Sims form the O. A. C. student committee but Mr. Stoddard will not be home during the Christmas vacation.

Statesman Court Turkish Voters. ZAGREB, Croatia. (AP)—In three of the Balkan states, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece, it is the habit of the Turkish residents to cast a solid vote. They are dominated largely by religious intolerance, seek their own advantage and never throw down their political leaders. Hence the premiers of these three countries are showing solicitude for the resident Turks, and endeavoring to get them lined up for governmental candidates in forthcoming elections.

Ancient Wooden Images Stolen. FEISTRIETZ, Austria. (AP)—Five wooden images of saints dating from the 15th century have been stolen from the parish church here. They rank among the finest and most valuable of medieval religious carvings and are well known to collectors.

Toy Kills Aged Man. EGIN, Ill.—A toy thrown by his little grandson killed Thomas McCarthy, age 85.

Mad Llama Wrecks Car. WOLFRN, Eng.—A crashed llama that escaped from the estate of the Duke of Bedford ran into an automobile and wrecked it.

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Motor Ship Founders With Crew of 16. MANILA (AP)—The motorship Santa Maria is thought to have foundered with a crew of about 16 natives in a typhoon nearly a month ago, marine circles here have been brought to believe. The Santa Maria was engaged in inter-island traffic at the time she is thought to have gone under.

TEX BROWN
SENTENCED
AND FINED

Allen Jury Went Out
This Morning About
9:45 O'clock

TRIAL OF T. B.
CLARK STARTED

County Court Is Trying
Leonard Smith, Facing
Liquor Charges.

Early this afternoon the circuit court jury in the case of Ezra Allen, had still failed to return. Many are of the opinion that the jury will disagree.

Tex Brown, who pleaded guilty to sale of intoxicating liquor, was fined \$300 and sentenced to a 30-day term in the county jail by County Judge U. G. Couch.

Early this afternoon the trial of Leonard Smith had advanced to the arguments.

Following instructions to the jury by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, the foreman in the case of the State of Oregon versus Ezra Allen went to the jury room at about 9:45 o'clock this morning and began deliberations.

The case of the State of Oregon versus T. B. Clark, charged with forging checks, was begun immediately. A jury was selected this morning and the taking of testimony was started before the noon hour.

Allen, who is appealing judgment of the justice court, was arrested about a month ago near Riverside Park and officers alleged that some liquor was found in his car. He was tried in the justice court before Judge Hugh E. Brady and was found guilty. Judgment to the extent of \$150 fine and 30 days imprisonment in the county jail was meted out to him.

P. S. Ivanhoe is attorney for Allen and Cochran and Eberhard are prosecutors.

Smith Trial On. Trial of Leonard Smith, charged with sale and possession of liquor was begun in the county court this morning before Judge U. G. Couch.

RAIL DECISION
IS REVERSED

Interstate Commerce
Commission Opens the
Way to Extend Line to
New Coal Mines.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today reversed a previous decision in which it had laid down a broad principle that no further railway construction should be authorized to open new coal mines.

In the original finding last spring, the commission refused the Virginian Railway authority to extend its branch line slightly over one mile to reach the mines of the Pocahontas Fuel company.

Today's decision declared the present and future public convenience and necessity required new construction and involved and authorized the railroad to proceed.

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Late News Flashes