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REBELS TAKE YUCATAN CITY

DIVERSIFIED
CROPS HELD
"BEST BET"Federal Farm Loan Di-
rectors Urge Cooper-
ative MarketingCONDITIONS IN
YEAR REVIEWEDAgricultural Situation on
the Whole Is Held En-
couraging Despite Sec-
tional Failures.WASHINGTON (AP)—The
Federal farm loan board urged
farmers today to turn to a di-
versification of crops and the de-
velopment of co-operative marketing
as the "only sound basis for agri-
cultural prosperity."The board reported conditions
showed a "very satisfactory im-
provement" throughout the coun-
try but felt that the full advan-
tage might not be taken by the
farmers unless they diversified
their crops and organized for the
sale of same.Information from twelve federal
land banks showed that the pres-
idents of the banks held every rea-
son to believe that the improve-
ment noted last year would con-
tinue.Collection Good.
Collection work described as
most satisfactory in almost all sec-
tions and this accepted as in-
dicating that the farmers were
getting on their feet financially.
"Agricultural conditions on the
whole," the statement continued,
"continue to improve, although
there are some sections which,
on account of partial crop fail-
ures, low prices of the principle
crop or else a scarcity of labor,
(Continued on page 5)RECOVERS AFTER
48-HOUR ATTACK
OF HICCUPPINGLODI, Cal. (AP)—E. L. French,
a contractor, was able to speak and
take nourishment Tuesday after
one of the strangest attacks of
hiccups on record here. Hiccup-
ping at the rate of five times
a minute, French was esti-
mated to have hiccupped nearly
15,000 times in 48 hours. He could
not talk, eat or sleep without in-
terruption. He was cured by a
drugless healer.LEGAL BATTLE
OVER SCHOOL
LAW STARTEDPORTLAND—The legal battle
over the compulsory public school
attendance law, a fight that prob-
ably will reach the supreme court
of the United States, actually got
under way Monday when Govern-
or Pierce, L. H. Van Winkle, at-
torney-general, and Stanley Mey-
ers, district attorney for Multnomah
county, were served with a
copy of the suit for a restraining
order filed in the federal court
here last July by the Hill Military
academy of Portland.ANNUAL TURKEY
SHOOT PLANNEDAl Andrews, president of the
Wing, Fin and Foot club of
Union county, today announced
that the club was planning on
inaugurating an annual turkey
shoot about the middle of next
February. Time and place have
not been definitely decided upon.Bonus Held Blocking
Tax Reduction PlansWASHINGTON (AP)—The
House ways and means committee
decided today to defer action on
the soldier's bonus measure until
after considering administration
features of the Mellon tax pro-
gram.WASHINGTON (AP)—Tax re-
duction and the soldier bonus be-
came entangled Tuesday in the
House while the senate continued
its efforts to elect a chairman of
the interstate commerce committee
result after nine ballots.Under the program approved by
majority leaders, action by the
house on the administration's taxCleveland
Preparing
For G.O.P.Thousands Expected at
Big Confab; Plan to
Broadcast SpeechesCLEVELAND (AP)—A man-
agement committee of nine mem-
bers was selected Tuesday by Col.
Carmel A. Thompson, chairman of
the local Republican convention to
handle all preliminary arrange-
ments for the national Republican
meeting here in June. Within a
few days, the organization will be
expanded into a general committee
of 160.Frank H. Hitchcock, manager
of Senator Hiram Johnson's cam-
paign, arrived Tuesday to arrange
for convention headquarters for
the Johnson forces.At the Johnson headquarters, it
was learned that the California
senator will inaugurate an aggressive
primary campaign in Ohio, In-
diana and Michigan.By William J. Huske,
(I.N.S. Staff Correspondent)CLEVELAND.—Elaborate pre-
parations for the entertainment of
the Republican national conven-
tion here next June are already
under way, and within a few weeks

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CHURCH FIGHT
END IS SEENFundamentalists in the
Protestant Episcopal
Church Expect Issue to
Be Dropped.NEW YORK (By the Associated
Press)—Those close to the fun-
damentalist faction in the Protestant
Episcopal church were inclined to-
day to view the current issue with
the modernists as being on the
point of passing from the public
view.But others who claim the con-
fidence of the modernists said that
the issue would be continually
pressed until it comes before the
next general convention of the
church at New Orleans, and in
other churches concerned chiefly
Presbyterian and Baptist.The issue is not now being so
forcibly fought and observers an-
ticipated only the continual devel-
opment of opposing sides.Plans for the completion of the
cathedral of St. John the Divine,
under construction for a number
of years, Tuesday appeared to be
endangered by the latest develop-
ments of the controversy between
modernists and fundamentalists
in the Protestant Episcopal
church.The Rev. Dr. Carl Belland, rec-
tor of St. George's church, in
aligning himself squarely with the
modernists asserted Monday night
that a "large cathedral for a liberal
faith" did not inspire liberal
church men and said the drive for
\$15,000,000 for the cathedral vir-
tually was a dead issue as far as
the modernists in the church were
concerned.16 RADIO FANS
ATTEND MEETINGWith about sixteen members
present, the La Grande Radio Club
convened last evening in the city
hall building for a regular meet-
ing. Due to death in his
family, Fred Eberhard was unable
to appear before the club as he
had been scheduled to do.The session was mainly devoted
to discussion of various aspects of
radio, adjourning at an early hour.
The next meeting of the club
will be held the Tuesday following
New Year's Day.

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CONCESSIONS
SAID ANULLEDR. P. McCall IS
FOUND GUILTY;
JUDGMENT SOONR. P. McCall, charged with
failure to support three minor
children, was found guilty as
charged by a circuit court jury
that returned a verdict late
last evening. McCall will be
sentenced in the circuit court
by Judge J. W. Knowles to-
morrow morning at ten o'clock.With the completion of the
McCall case the circuit court
adjourned until the next regu-
lar term. The session just
completed was a continuation
of the last regular term.BLUE LAW FIGHT
IN LOS ANGELES
IS BITTER ONELOS ANGELES (AP)—Settle-
ment of the blue law controversy
here between civic organizations
and the city council seemed even
more remote following a story
reported last Monday by the
Los Angeles Times that a mixed
committee representing both sides
which had been charged with
mediating the dispute, had been
buried in a "stack" of "puritanical"
partisans.The committee met in the city
hall to discuss revision of an or-
dinance prohibiting public dancing
after midnight. Stringent enforce-
ment of this measure at the na-
tional picture directors' "Thank-
sgiving eve ball" precipitated the fight
now being waged.MOCO SHOOT
SUCCESSFULIn the opinion of many sports-
men, it has been a long time since
two such successful turkey shoots
have been conducted as were put
on by the Moco Sporting club this
fall. The first one held at Island
City some three weeks ago, drew
about 400 automobile loads of peo-
ple, and great quantities of fowl
and beef were won. Some spin-
dle shooting was demonstrated,
both with rifle and shotgun.Last Sunday the second of the
series was conducted by the club
at Gro Dell, when nearly as many
people as attended the Island City
shoot were on hand to try their
skill with buerock and the round
targets.Those in charge for the Moco
club included: Don Shanks, chair-
man; Fred J. Smith, secretary;
treasurer, C. C. Condit; Walter
Bennett and W. C. Case. These
executive committee members were
assisted by a considerable number
of fellow sportsmen.

SANTA GETS A HEADACHE

Development in Anatolia
by American Com-
Is Halted.LONDON (AP)—A telegram
from Ankara has been received in
Constantinople that reports that
the commission of the works
has notified the agent of Colonel
Clayton Kennedy of the annul-
ment of the Chester concessions
for the development in Anatolia
by the American company, says a
Reuter dispatch from Constantin-
ople.

BULLETINS

George H. Leaves.

ATHENS (AP)—King George
II and Queen Elizabeth, complying
with the government's request that
they leave Greece, embarked this
afternoon for Rumania.

Russ Troops Mutiny

HARBIN (AP)—Mutiny of So-
viet Russian troops, commencing
last Monday is reported from
Vladivostok, Nikolai and Khabar-
ovsk. The mutinous Reds are be-
ing assisted by partisans of the
white of the anti-Soviet factions in
Siberia. The populations of the
cities named are said to have been
driven to desperation by the ruth-
less collection of food taxes, reli-
gious persecutions and the har-
sh actions of officials of the Soviet
regime.

Appoint McFarland.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Earl C.
McFarland was nominated collect-
or of customs at Portland, Ore-
gon today.

Eggs Unsettled.

PORTLAND (AP)—Livestock
is steady, but firm and eggs un-
settled on today's market.

Klamath Rebels

SALEM (AP)—Klamath is the
county to come forward with
manumissions action against the
county tax supervising and com-
mission because of
items eliminated from the coun-
ty's budget. Complaints will be
heard at the same time as the
complaints from Yamhill and
Union counties, on December
21.Dr. Ira Landrith
Will Speak Here
On January FifthDr. Ira Landrith, journalist, re-
former and clergyman, will be in
La Grande January 5 and will
speak in the new Presbyterian
church under the auspices of the
Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor
union.

SANTA GETS A HEADACHE

Modern Day
Robin Hood
Passes OnDeath Claims Raisuli,
Notorious Moroccan
Brigand Chief.LONDON (By the Associated
Press)—The report of the death of
Mual Ahmed Raisuli, notorious
Moroccan brigand chief, has been
received from the Tangiers corre-
spondent of the Daily Mail. The
suspicion is that Raisuli was po-
isoned, said the dispatch.

Like Robin Hood.

The picturesque career of the
legendary Robin Hood, were it to
be taken from the depths of Sher-
wood Forest to the desert wastes
of Spanish Morocco and there re-
enacted in these modern times,
would scarcely be more replete
with colorful adventure than was
the life of Mual Ahmed Raisuli,
international bandit de luxe, whose
many kidnapping episodes in con-
nection with his more than 40 years
of brigandage have netted him half
a dozen great powers, not excepting
the United States.Raisuli first ran afoul of the Wash-
ington government in 1904, when
he kidnapped and held for ransom
Ian H. Percidaris, an American
subject born in Athens, and Crom-
well Varley, his son-in-law, a Brit-
ish citizen. Mr. Percidaris, re-
ported to be immensely wealthy,
owned a beautiful summer villa in
the Beni Arroz Hills of Morocco,
where it was his custom to enter-
tain many European notables in
lavish style. One night, while a
brilliant dinner-dance was in pro-
gress, a band of outlaws, headed
by Raisuli, quietly surrounded the
house, overpowered the host and
his son-in-law and carried them,
still in their evening clothes, to the
bandit's lair in the mountains back
of a Kabyle village.While a wave of indignation over
the incident was sweeping the United
States, the government sent a
war vessel to Tangier and also or-
dered the Sultan to bring about
the immediate release of Mr. Per-
cidaris, for whom Raisuli was de-
manding a ransom of \$75,000.The Sultan, however, dreading to
dishonor himself by treating with
him, adopted a negative attitude
which further angered the Ameri-
can State Department and resulted
in the sending of several addition-
al war ships to Tangier, and the
pointing of American guns at the
Sultan's capital.It was at this stage that the
famous cablegram, "Percidaris
alive or Raisuli dead," supposed
to have been sent by President
Roosevelt to the Sultan, was read
from the rostrum of the Republi-
can National Convention, then
meeting in Chicago. Two days
later word was received that Per-
cidaris and Varley had been re-
leased, although it was not in re-
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Insanity Is His Plea

Philip E. Fox, former Ku Klux Klan publicity agent,
is shown here with his wife in the courtroom of the
Fulton county court, Atlanta, Ga. He is on trial for
the killing of W. S. Corman. His defense entered a
plea of insanity which was confirmed by three alien-
ists.Yuletide Spirit Was
Present at LuncheonChamber of Commerce
Luncheon Yesterday
Was Enjoyable.A rousing Christmas spirit pre-
vailed at yesterday's Chamber of
Commerce luncheon that took on
both the aspect of a Yuletide af-
fair and also of a social get-to-
gether of business men. The meet-
ing was well attended and in ad-
dition to the members present, sev-
eral guests were introduced and
announcement of two new mem-
bers having been enrolled was
made.Dr. E. P. Mossman, as chairman
of the day, was seated at the head
of the table and presided in an ef-
ficient manner, interspersing his
remarks from an official capacity
with several witty remarks that
drew forth hearty laughter. He ex-
plained the meaning of the Christmas
time, dwelling upon the lesson of
the Star of Bethlehem and then
stated that he would call upon
representatives of the "three ages"
(the young man, the man in the
prime of life, and the older man)
to tell how Christmas affected each
group.Lester Stoddard, speaking for
the younger generation, told of the
social affairs of the holiday season
that were always welcomed by the
young men and stressed the fact
that this group felt keenly the
truth of the saying that "it is more
blessed to give than to receive."
Bruce Dennis, who took the floor
in response to a call from the
chairman to represent the second
group of men, told of the values of

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Elks to Initiate
Members of the La Grande
R. P. O. E. lodge No. 433 plan
to go to Pendleton tomorrow
afternoon where a large class of
men will be initiated into the
mysteries of Elksdom.ROGERS TAKEN
TO PORTLANDColored Man Arrested by
Federal Authorities on
Charge of White Slavery.Deputy United States Marshall
L. M. Roberts, of Portland, has
taken Dee Rogers, colored, of La
Grande, to the Rose City to await
the action of the federal grand
jury on charges of white slavery
planted against Rogers.Rogers, who is reputed to have
been criminally affiliated with a
colored woman of this city who
is held by the authorities in Seat-
tle, Washington, according to re-
ports, has been in the city jail for
some time, serving a sentence im-
posed upon him for violation of
the liquor laws. In the past Rogers
has been arrested several
times for violation of the statutes
on several different counts.Rogers will be held in Portland
until the grand jury meets which
will probably be some time in
January or early in February.Hoop Sked
CompletedTiger Team Has Four-
teen Contests Sched-
uled for Season.

(By Scoop)

The basketball schedule as adopt-
ed by the La Grande high school
preliminary to the District No. 1
tournament to be held at Union
February to determine champion-
ship rating, follows:Union high at Union, January 5;
Elgin high here January 12; Wal-
lowa high at Wallawa, January 17;
Joseph high at Joseph, January 18;
Enterprise high at Enterprise,
January 19; Wallawa high here
January 25; Elgin high at Elgin,
January 26 (game to be played at
2:00 p. m.); Enterprise high here,
February 1; Joseph high here,
February 2; Pendleton high at
Pendleton, February 8; Baker high
here, February 22; the remaining
games with Baker and Union still
pending.By perusing the above schedule
it is seen that La Grande plays
providing the Union and Baker
series call for a game at the home
town of each, seven games at home
and seven away from home. No
open dates remain on the local
schedule and the only team played

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Late News Flashes

Ford Not in Race

DETROIT (AP)—Henry Ford today declared he,
"like a great majority of American people," feels that
the country "is safe with Coolidge" at the helm, and
that he himself would never consider running against
Coolidge on any ticket. "I believe the wise and nat-
ural thing for the people to do is to agree upon the
nomination and election of Mr. Coolidge." He said
that Coolidge, in his three months, has shown many
qualities that should please the American people, and
that he "feels that Coolidge means to do right and
when a man means to do right, so far as I have ob-
served, it is usually quite easy for him to find a way
to do right.""Some people," he continued, "seem disturbed over
which business will face during the presidential elec-
tion year. Of course, there must be an election. But
there is no reason why business should be disturbed by
it, if people by common consent agree they will hold
to a good man while they have him. In addition to
considering the interests of the people, we should con-
sider the interests of the president, as head of the
American government. The president has a position
of high responsibility and he should not feel compelled
to take any part of his time or strength for any sort
of a political campaigning, and for the sake of the
country as well as for his sake he should not have to
do so."BERIDA NOW
IN HANDS OF
INSURGENTSFederal Forces Driven
From San Marcos;
Losses HeavyARMISTICE SAID
TO BE ARRANGEDRebels Suffer Heavily
in Bloody Fighting at
Villa Hermosa.NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The
city of Berida, the cap-
ital of Yucatan, with a pop-
ulation of 100,000, has been
taken by the rebels. The
insurgent forces expect to
take Progreso also.VERA CRUZ (AP)—An armis-
tice has been arranged between
rebels and federals following the
federal defeat at San Marcos, ac-
cording to newspaper correspon-
dent's reports.The federal forces are reported
as having lost 10 and the rebels
25 men.The federals withdrew and es-
tablished new headquarters 10
miles northeast of this city.MEXICO CITY (AP)—The
rebels suffered heavy losses in the
bloody fighting of the present
revolution in attacking Villa Her-
mosa, according to press dis-
patches.

(By the Associated Press)

The situation in Mexico still re-

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TRACES OF OIL
CLAIMED FOUND
NEAR PENDLETONPENDLETON—Excited by a re-
port that gas pressure in the hole
being drilled by the Columbia Dis-
in Oil company near Attalla,
Wash., had increased and that
some crude oil was being found, a
score or more of Pendleton peo-
ple left for the drilling site to see
the progress being made. The
drilling has penetrated into a
heavy oil sand, according to re-
ports received at the office of the
company here.DWELLING PLACE
WILL BE ERECTEDA building permit has been
issued to P. L. Shepherd to erect
a one-story frame dwelling place
on Lot 10, Block division C, in
New Haven addition. The prelimi-
nary estimated costs of \$2500.
The building will front Spruce
street between 2 and Division
streets.