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The Weather

Portland, (AP)—Oregon—
Fair tonight and Thursday
excepting rain in the north-
west portion.

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QUAKER CITY
CLEAN-UP IS
SUCCESSFULGamblers and Bootleggers
Silently Leave
PhiladelphiaNOT A DRINK TO
BE HAD IN CITYBrigadier General Butler
Instigates a Drive on
Law Violators; Life Is
Threatened.PHILADELPHIA (AP).—An
exodus of gamblers, bootleggers
and other notorious characters is
reported in full swing today as
the result of Brigadier General
Butler's orders to police to clean
up the city within 48 hours after
he was sworn in by Mayor Ken-
erick as the director of the de-
partment of public safety.Raids by the police revealed
that many disorderly houses had
already been closed and the prop-
rietors had left the city.Places which displayed "never
closed" signs were shrouded in
darkness today. Not a drink is
to be had.Butler revealed in a trip to the
Tenderloin two threats had al-
ready been made against his life.
One of them was received in an
anonymous letter and the other
was reported by a U. S. marine,
who overheard men say they
would "get him."Illinois "Moon" War On
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (By the As-
sociated Press).—Troops were or-
dered to Marion, Ill., by Adjutant
General C. E. Black.A mobster who was near Marion
has become so threatening, Sher-
iff George Galligan telegraphed
the adjutant-general that the civil
officers are unable to cope with it.ONTARIO BLAZE
CAUSES DAMAGEONTARIO, Ore. (I.N.S.).—Fire
of unknown origin damaged the
contents of the Rader Brothers de-
partment store to the extent of
\$5,000 or \$10,000. The entire loss
was covered by insurance.The fire burst out suddenly in
the rear of the store, in the women's
ready-to-wear department.
Most of the damage was done by
smoke and water and little by the
fire itself. The damage to the
building was slight.SENATOR WALSH
SEEKING M'LEANWASHINGTON, (AP).—Senator
Walsh is going to Palm Beach to
interview Edward B. McLean re-
garding his \$100,000 loan to form
secretary of the Interior Fall in
connection with an investigation
conducted by the Senate pub-
lic lands committee on the Teapot
Dome naval oil lease.HI GIRLS TO
PLAY IMBLERThe La Grande high school girls'
first and second teams will jour-
ney to Imbler Friday evening and
play the Imbler girls' first and
second teams, according to an
announcement today. Imbler re-
cently sent the La Grande team a
challenge which was promptly ac-
cepted.The Imbler girls have already
played a game this year and came
out victorious. The local girls have
not yet appeared in action against
another high school team, but Miss
Mina Murchison, coach, feels that
the girls will make a good showing.
The game will commence Fri-
day evening at Imbler at 7:30
o'clock. Several local fans are ex-
pecting to make the trip.Congress Discusses
Farmer Relief PlansWASHINGTON, (AP).—The
farmer received a major share of
attention in congress Tuesday, re-
lief measures being considered both
in committee and on the floor of
the senate and house while the
department of agriculture also
took a hand in the legislative sit-
uation.The senate adopted the Ladd
resolution directing Secretary Wal-
lace to determine through the
grain futures administration the

Qualifies

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace
more than qualified for his job when
he won a milking contest from
Magnus Johnson, senator from Min-
nesota, famed as a farmer. Note
Secretary Wallace's smile of tri-
umph.REDUCTION OF
TAX IS FIRSTBonus Expected by G. O.
P. Leaders to Be Pig-
con-Holed Until Plans
Are Acted Upon.WASHINGTON, (AP).—Confid-
ence was expressed Tuesday by
Republican leaders of the house
that they would be able to press
a tax reduction bill to a vote be-
fore action is had on the soldiers'
bonus.Opposed to giving priority to the
bonus—a question expected to
come to a show down at a con-
ference of house Republicans
Thursday night—Representative
Longworth, the majority leader,
notified the group of former ser-
vice men who are demanding a
vote on adjusted compensation
ahead of tax legislation that no
effort would be made to dodge the
issue.For an hour Mr. Longworth was
in conference with Representatives
Johnson of South Dakota, Fish of
New York and Andrew of Massa-
chusetts, who were active in hav-
ing the conference called. He told
them that "we have you beaten"
and will show you Thursday night.Coolidge Gives Support.
The discussion was had after it
had been announced at the White
House that President Coolidge was
in hearty support of plans to give
tax legislation right of way over
the bonus.The chief executive told visitors
Tuesday that although he had not
made a detailed study or received
the advice of experts on the Gar-
ner program, he believed the high
surplus proposed would tend to
continue the present objectionable
practice on the part of the capi-
tal to invest in such securities as
would escape tax payments.In the president's opinion the
Garner plan would tend also to
place the payment of taxes in the
hands of the few and it is the pre-
sident's view that when a few pay
the taxes they charge a round sum
for it and therefore it is to the
advantage of the many to pay
their own taxes.WEATHER COLD
AT WALLOWA IN
THE PAST WEEKWALLOWA (Special).—The past
week this section of the country
has experienced some very cold
weather, the real cold snap being
New Year's day, and continued
throughout the week. Thursday
morning the Government thermom-
eter registered 15 degrees below
zero, while Saturday morning was
but little warmer, registering 15
below. By the afternoon the sky
began to show some clouds, which
has caused the weather to moder-
ate considerably.NEW SHOALS
OFFER MADE
TO THE U. S.Nine Associated Power
Companies of South
Would Use PowerU. S. TO RETAIN
THE OWNERSHIPProposal Would Give
United States Rental
of \$100,000,000 in 50
Years Is Report.WASHINGTON, (By the As-
sociated Press).—A new offer was
made to the United States govern-
ment for the hydro-electric power
of Muscle Shoals and was
tendered to the government by
nine associated power compa-
nies of the south, according to an
announcement here.The proposal would enable the
government to collect during 50
years a total of \$100,000,000 rental
and still retain ownership of Mus-
cle Shoals.

BULLETINS

Rail Changes Urged

WASHINGTON, (AP).—The for-
mulation of "long view policies in
transportation" is the fundamental
necessity for securing the econo-
mic future of the United States,
Herbert Hoover declared in an
address before a session of the trans-
portation conference called by the
U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Hoover
listed ten points covering such
policies, including statutory revision
on a basis determined by an agree-
ment between labor, organiza-
tions and railroad executives, the
reorganization of rate struc-
ture, consolidation of railroads in-
to a few powerful systems and in-
land waterway development under
a national plan.

Bills Passed.

MANILA, (AP).—The Philippine
Senate passed the general appro-
priation bill in the same form as
submitted in General Wood's bud-
get, except appropriations for ex-
penditures in the Governor Gen-
eral's office were curtailed. The bill
now goes to the house and is ex-
pected to pass. Wood is expected
to veto the measure cutting his of-
ficial outlay. Senators declare that
the bill will pass intact over his
veto when it would go to President
Coolidge for the final decision.

Normand Films Barred.

COLUMBUS, O. (AP).—Motion
picture films showing Mabel Nor-
mand are barred in Ohio by the
action of Vernon M. Hiegel, state
director of education. Instructions
were given to theaters not to show
such films.

Schneider Wins.

MEDFORD, (AP).—Henry Burke
Klamath Falls wrestler, substituted
for Bobby Bylund, of Minneapolis,
in the wrestling match here last
night with Gus Schneider, was un-
able to continue after 45 minutes.
He was thrown heavily by the mat
by Schneider.

Wants Independence.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—A plea
for Philippine independence was
renewed today by a Philippine mis-
sion in a memorial to Congress se-
verely criticizing the administration
of Governor General Leonard Wood.REALTORS NAME
1924 OFFICERSThe La Grande Realty Board
held their annual meeting in the
offices of the La Grande Invest-
ment company recently and install-
ed officers for the coming year.Sherwood Williams was pre-
sident, J. E. Phay, vice presi-
dent, A. V. Lindgren, secretary and
George H. Currey, national com-
mitteeman.The important business brought
up at this meeting were plans for
the Northwest real estate conven-
tion to be held here February 2,
when the president of the associa-
tion and other officers will be
present. Boise, Baker, all branch
lines, Portland, Spokane and Pen-
dleton will be represented at this
meeting.

Man's Birthday Rare Event

SALEM, Ore.—Harry Peary of
Salem, although born in 1892, next
month will celebrate his seventh
birthday anniversary. This is be-
cause he was born on February
22. Because of what he terms a
mistake in the date of his birth,
Mr. Peary said he was looking
forward to February 22, when his
brothers have promised to make
him guest of honor at a real home
celebration.WHEAT MARKETING
TOPIC IS DISCUSSEDF. L. Meyer Chief Speak-
er at Chamber Lunch-
eon Tuesday Noon.With more country sausage,
farm gravy and hot biscuits the
Chamber of Commerce members
along with many of the farmers of
the valley enjoyed the usual Tues-
day luncheon and listened to the
subject of wheat marketing which
brought forth remarks from many
angles.Albert B. Hunter, Union coun-
ty's representative in the state leg-
islature and a real dirt farmer, pre-
sided at the luncheon. Before
starting the program he made a
few complimentary remarks about
La Grande and her Chamber of
Commerce stating that business
people in this city were sympathe-
tic with the farmer's condition and
that many good movements had
been started by the La Grande
Chamber of Commerce. In the
opinion of Mr. Hunter as expressed
yesterday Union county is one of
the very best in the state, and
while we may have our troubles
here and prices of some commodi-
ties may not be what we should
like to have, yet it is still one of
the greatest counties that any state
ever possessed.Introducing F. L. Meyer as the
speaker of the day Toastmaster
Hunter explained to the members
that Mr. Meyer is a member of the
agricultural committee of the
State Bankers' association and re-
cently took part in the bankers'
meeting that discussed the differ-
ent plans before the public for the
aid of wheat farming.

Not Entirely Satisfied.

According to Mr. Meyer the
opinion former from the different
reports over the state is that wheat
farmers who are members of the
co-operative marketing organiza-
tion are not entirely satisfied with
the plan. This may be due to lack
of personal touch of the farmer
with the heads of the movement
and possibly to the fact that when
he deposits his grain he secures a
receipt and from that time on he
is dealing in a security instead of
the grain.The bankers in convention at
Portland suggested that in every
community bankers and business
men be included on an advisory
board to aid the wheat farmer.
This suggestion seemed to meet
with a good reception, Mr. Meyer
said.

Gives Report of Meeting.

Mr. Meyer turned to a report of
the State Bankers' association
meeting in Portland and read from
the printed report as follows:There are several plans which
have been formulated in various
parts of the country to bring about
the desired profitable operation of
the wheat farmer. Several of these
plans will no doubt be crystallized
in the form of bills and introduced
in Congress at this session. I will
mention briefly the plans which
have come to my attention.(1) The purchase of the surplus
wheat by the Government.(2) The refund to the producer
of wheat of the \$55,000,000 claim-
ed to have been made by the
Grain Corporation.(3) An increase in the tariff on
wheat.(4) The modification of the
present immigration laws to pro-
vide for a larger supply of farm
labor.

(5) Government price fixing.

(6) President Coolidge's plan to
enlarge the powers of the War Fi-
nance Corporation to permit it to
extend credit to Europe for the
purchase of our surplus.(7) The American Wheat Grow-
ers' Association plan.Of all these proposed plans, after
careful study and discussion with
some of our ablest bankers and
business men in this city, I have
personally come to the conclusion
that the last mentioned plan is the
most practical and feasible one.The first reaction I received in
presenting this plan to the people
referred to, was similar to the
argument made against the plan
by Mr. Meyer in his report to
President Coolidge. In order that
you may all be familiar with such
arguments, I will read that por-
tion of Mr. Meyer's report which deals
with this plan."There seemed to be considera-
ble sentiment in favor of having
the Government buy the so-called
'surplus' wheat with the view of
exporting it to foreign markets."
The exception of those who ad-
vocate this plan appears to be that
it will mean the general level of
wheat prices in the United States
could be raised. The 'surplus'
bought by the Government would,
according to this plan, be sold at

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Hi Dads, Hear Ye.

Every Hi Dad is warned out
for Saturday night at 8:30
o'clock. Go to the High School
gym where the Hi Dads will be
given a section of seats, decor-
ated with ribbons and be guests
for the evening while the Bas-
ketball teams contest for the
honors.

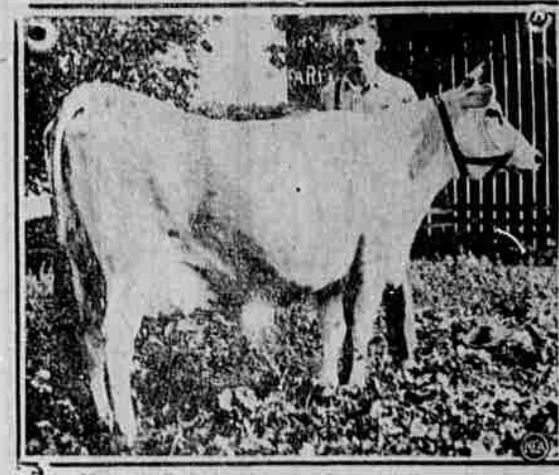
BY ORDER OF GRANDAD.

Four Heirs
For FortuneFour heirs to the estate of the
late Henry P. Perkins have been
found in the east, according to
announcement today by F. L. Mey-
ers, administrator of the estate
which is in the vicinity of half a
million dollars.The two eldest heirs unearthed,
according to a wire from a Bos-
ton, Massachusetts attorney, are
Paul S. Griffith, first cousin, and
Grace G. Pogg, first cousin, both
living in Massachusetts.The other two heirs, also first
cousins to Mr. Perkins who was
killed here some time ago in an
automobile accident near Island
City, are Orin Farrington, of
Maine, and Mrs. Lillie Adams, of
Oakland, Maine.EX-CON TAKEN
INTO CUSTODYRay Bagshaw, wanted in Boise,
Idaho, and in La Grande on
charges of forgery and obtaining
money under false pretences, was
arrested here last evening by offi-
cers of the police department and
is today in the city jail.Bagshaw is facing more serious
charges in Boise than in La Grande
and the Ada county sheriff there
has been notified of his arrest
here. If Boise chooses to prose-
cute he will be taken to Idaho, but
if not, he will be called upon to
face charges preferred against him
in La Grande.

Bagshaw is an ex-convict.

WANT PIERCE
FOR SENATORPORTLAND, Ore.—Walter M.
Pierce's name will be written on
the democratic primary ballot for
the nomination for United States
senator, if the suggestion of the
Kentucky Kluck is followed. The
Kluck at its last meeting came for-
ward with two proposals, the first
being a boom of Governor Pierce
for senator and the second declar-
ing that "no democratic delegate
from Oregon to the next democra-
tic nomination for president un-
less candidate will have received
two-thirds of the total vote cast
at such primary election."Through Oglesby Young, chair-
man of the executive committee,
the following democrats were ap-
pointed by the president to or-
ganize clubs throughout the state
for the purpose of nominating Gov-
ernor Pierce for senator, by hav-
ing his name written on the bal-
lot: T. H. Crawford, A. S. Bennett,
Charles Fisher, Mark Weatherford,
G. W. Oliver, S. E. Garland, C.
W. Tromby, Hugh McLean, Fred
Blake, W. T. Lee, Frank Falk, I.
D. Bowen, William Peterson, Wil-
liam Hanley, E. E. Skelworth, Ed-
gar Marvin, W. T. Miller, Dan J.
Frey, J. W. Sadler, Oscar Hayter,
C. Henderson, Scott Kasser, W. H.
Canon, C. N. Zumwalt, M. Dal-
rymple, J. E. Woods and J. A.
Edes. This list is practically the
same as the McCaddoo committee.MANY INJURED IN
SLED, AUTO CRASH
NEAR THE DALLESTHE DALLES, (AP).—Five high
school students and five others
were injured near here when a
bob sled, towed behind an auto-
mobile, swerved into a passing
car.The sleds, the most seri-
ously hurt are: Leland Pick,
three fractures of the left leg;
Claude Ganger, two fractures of
the left leg.Margaret West, incident in side
to sled, fractured her right arm
and leg.Laura Stiles, possible fracture of
the pelvis and sprains.Merla Holston, possibly crushed
chest.Ruth Kurtz, ligaments of left leg
torn below knee.With the exception of the Kurtz
girl the victims of the accident
are in the Dalles hospital, where
X-rays were taken this morning
to determine the extent of the in-
juries, none of which is thought
to be fatal.All are between the ages of 16
and 19 years.The car towing the bob sled was
driven by James E. Smith of Sea-
co, the Boone Busch, a local youth,
drove the machine that was struck
by the sled. Both machines were
traveling at about 15 miles an
hour.

Babies Cry for It

St. Mawes Ltd's Lady champion Jersey of Henry D. Hoff, In-
dependence, Ore., has just completed a production of 15,223 pounds of milk
and 1022.87 pounds of butterfat during a single year's test.LAND OFFICE
CHANGE SEENConsolidation of Vale, La
Grande and Burns Of-
fices Held Likely Ac-
cording to Advice.WASHINGTON, (AP).—Abol-
ishment of 21 land offices and
consolidation of offices of regis-
trar and receivers in 14 others
was proposed in an interior de-
partment appropriation bill re-
ported today by the house ap-
propriation committee. Among
the offices that may be consol-
idated is Hated Burns, La Grande,
and Vale, Oregon.Consolidation of possible the
Vale, La Grande and Burns land
offices due to present expenses if
held not at all unlikely in advice
received by a Portland newspaper
from its news bureau at Wash-
ington, D. C.The advice states:
"Provision for the consolidation of
at least three of the local land of-
fices in Oregon, with a single of-
ficial in charge instead of two,
as at present, is expected to be
carried in the interior department
appropriation bill which is to be
reported to the senate Wednes-
day. These are the offices at La
Grande, Vale and Burns.""It would not be surprising if
consolidation also is provided for
at the Portland office. The law au-
thorizes the president to disconti-
nuance a land office at any time that
the expenses exceed 33 1-3 per
cent of the receipts. Expenses
at the La Grande office now
amount to 75 per cent of the re-
ceipts; at Vale, 65 per cent, and
at Burns 94 per cent."Churches Top
AMUSEMENTS IN
THE PAST YEARWASHINGTON.—More people
are moving into apartment houses
and two-family dwellings than
ever before, while the percentage
of those making their homes in
detached houses is decreasing, the
Department of Labor learned in
a survey of building operations in
cities of over 25,000 populations
for the year 1922.It was discovered that in 1921
55,037, or 24.3 per cent of the new
family accommodations were multi-
family apartments, while in 1922
the number had increased to 117,
322 families, or 31.1 per cent of
the total number of families pro-
vided for were housed in two-
family dwellings, as compared
with 41,224, or 18.1 per cent in
1921. One reason given for the
increase in two-family homes was
the desire of many persons to build
such homes, live in one half of
the building and rent the other;
thus making the rent pay for the
building.The percentage of the total num-
ber of families housed in one-fam-
ily dwellings decreased from 58.3
in 1921, to 47.7 in 1922, although
the actual number increased 50,
000 during the year. There were
erected altogether 225,991 residen-
tial buildings in 1922, or 51.6 per
cent of the total, and they cost
\$1,677,734,935.Although the investigation de-
veloped that more churches than
amusement places were built in
1922 in communities of 25,000 pop-
ulation or more, more than \$10-
000,000 more was spent for the
construction of amusement build-
ings than for churches.

SUGAR DROPS 35 CENTS

PORTLAND, (AP).—Sugar dropped 35 cents per
100 pounds wholesale here, the decline following a 10-
cents drop Monday. Cane sugar is now \$8.95 per 100
pounds.

DENIAL IS SWEEPING.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—A sweeping denial of all
allegations of George Peddy was made today in an
answer filed with the senate elections committee by
Senator Earle Mayfield, of Texas, in regard to the dis-
pute over the Texas senatorial election. Peddy dis-
putes Mayfield's right to his seat in the senate.DRUNK IS FOUND
GUILTY: GIVEN
A 30-DAY TERMJames Young, who was arrest-
ed recently by the police on the
charge of drunkenness, and who
pleaded not guilty to the charge
yesterday morning when argu-
ed before Judge J. D. Slater of
the municipal court, was tried last
evening and found guilty as
charged.Young was sentenced to thirty
days in jail.COOK TELLS
OF TROUBLE
AT MISSIONRelates Wounding and
Kidnaping of Ameri-
can MissionaryCOOK ESCAPED,
NOW IN PEKINGMissionary and Mrs. Ber-
nard Hoff Wounded:
Mrs. Juliana Kilen Kid-
naped.PEKING. (By the Associated
Press).—Details of the wounding of
Professor and Mrs. Bernard Hoff
missionaries, and the kidnaping of
Mrs. Juliana Kilen were given out
today by the Chinese cools who
had been employed by the Hoffs.
According to the cook's story
several bandits approached the
mission where the Hoffs were
sleeping and shot a boy who de-
nied knowledge of the whereabouts
of the foreigners.At daylight the cook crept to the
mission and found Hoff suffering
and Mrs. Hoff shot in the shoulder.
The cook was seized by the band-
its and said he saw Mrs. Kilen
later but was unable to converse
with her. Later the cook escaped.

Fire Destroys Garage

EUGENE, Ore.—A roaring mass
of flames swept through the Lane
Auto company garage and the Ore-
gon apartments above the garage
causing a damage that is estima-
ted at close to \$100,000. But little
was saved from either the garage
or the apartments. The losses
are partially covered by insurance.MR. EPLING IS
IN CHARGE NOWMr. and Mrs. E. A. Epling and
their family have arrived in La
Grande from Roanoke, Virginia,
where they spent a few months,
and Mr. Epling has taken charge
of the interests formerly owned by
J. A. Russell in the Grande Ronde
Meat company now. Mr. Epling
purchased Mr. Russell's holdings in
the concern several weeks ago
while in La Grande on a short
visit.Mr. and Mrs. Epling made the
trip from Virginia by automobile
and were on the road approximately
a month. The roads were very
difficult, they spent a few places
between Oregon and their starting
point, and at one time, they were
forced to drive on the railroad
track for about a quarter of a
mile. "It rained incessantly dur-
ing most of the journey which
added to the difficulties we expe-
rienced," Mrs. Epling stated to an
Observer reporter.They will make La Grande their
home permanently.

Late News Flashes

KLAN HELPS OFFICERS.

MARION, (AP).—Three companies of the Illinois
national guard are on duty prepared for any emer-
gency occasioned by an alleged bitterness between the
Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of the Flaming Circle,
following a series of prohibition raids. Mass meetings
are said to have been announced secretly by the Knights
of the Flaming Circle. The Ku Klux Klan is said to
have been behind the appeal that resulted in the troops
being put on guard.Within the last three weeks federal agents, aided
by hundreds of deputized citizens, many admitting
membership in the Klan, without the knowledge of
Sheriff Galligan, carried out a series of raids that re-
sulted in the arrest of 212 persons for alleged viola-
tions of the prohibition laws.

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