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The Weather PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Rain in the west, cloudy in the east tonight and Saturday.

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MELLON TAX PLAN TOPIC OF LETTER

Secretary of Treasury Defends Measure in Letter

REPUBLICANS MAY CHANGE MEASURE

House G. O. P. Members May Draft New Tax Reduction Bill with the Mellon Plan as Basis.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—While the Republican house members were considering a bill today to draft a tax bill of their own, using Secretary Mellon's plan as a basis, Secretary Mellon renewed the defense of his proposals in another open letter to Senator Coughlin.

In his last letter to the Secretary the Michigan Senator challenged Mellon to tell what effect the Mellon plan would have on his own personal taxes.

The secretary's reply did not mention that subject, but instead again inquired whether the present high surtax rates had not impelled Coughlin to invest a large portion of his wealth in tax exempt securities.

Mellon also disregarded Coughlin's challenge to a joint debate on

COOLIDGE WILL SPEAK IN N. Y. LINCOLN DAY

WASHINGTON (AP).—President Coolidge will leave Washington for the first time since he entered the White House last August when he goes to New York on Lincoln's birthday to speak at the anniversary dinner of the National Republican club. This address is expected to be the first of a political nature he has made since he became president.

WARSHIPS START HOME FROM PORT OF TAMPICO, MEX.

WASHINGTON (AP).—American warships in Mexico waters were ordered home Thursday because the rebels had abandoned their plan to blockade Tampico.

PACT OPPOSES TWO DYNASTIES

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—A treaty between France and Czechoslovakia was signed at the foreign office today by Premier Poincare and Dr. Edouard Benes, Czechoslovakian foreign minister.

Although the treaty had been termed in some quarters a defensive pact, spokesmen for the Prague government have said it imposes no military obligations on either of the nations concerned, and that it provides only for an understanding between the general staffs of the two.

Baker Wins Thrilling Hoop Game 35 to 30

(By Scoop) In one of the snappiest, most thrilling high school basketball games La Grande has witnessed for several seasons, Baker high last evening defeated the Blue and White tossers on the local floor 35 to 30. Baker led at the end of the first half 17 to 14.

The United States Treasury Building



Where Mr. Mellon presides. All eyes have been on the treasury department during the past two months. And Mr. Mellon has been a chief topic of interest throughout the country for the past month. In addition to his plan the Democrats and the insurgent Republicans also have submitted tax reduction measures.

HIGH GRAZING FEES OPPOSED

Woolgrowers' Convention in Salt Lake City Takes Stand Against Fee Increase.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP).—With the reelection of Frank J. Haugen as president, the fifty-ninth convention of the National Woolgrowers association closed Thursday afternoon. Mr. Haugen has been president since 1912. Resolutions declaring that the proposed forest service plan to increase the grazing fee should be fought and that congressional action make such a raise forever impossible were passed by the convention. A request to congress, to the tariff commission and to President Coolidge that the tariff on raw materials be left as it now is was passed in the form of a resolution. The convention also went on record favoring the McNary-Haugen bill which is designed to create an export corporation to systematically export the excess of agricultural products.

Organization of co-operative wool marketing associations by states was urged. The formation of districts for the systematic marketing of mutton, with the suggestion that better transportation agreements with the railroads could be made by districts was recommended.

Convention City Not Chosen. The convention city for next year will be chosen until next August. The choice is left with the executive committee. San Francisco made a strong bid for the convention in the closing session Thursday afternoon. California delegates produced numerous telegrams, including those from the mayor of San Francisco and

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DEE ROGERS IS BACK IN CITY; ESCAPES JAIL

Chief of Police Clint Hines early this afternoon notified the Evening Observer that attorneys had agreed that Dee Rogers could not be made to serve his unexpired term in the city jail here.

Dee Rogers, colored, who was taken to Portland to face a charge of white slavery in the federal court, has returned to La Grande. Rogers was acquitted of the charge recently in Portland.

Rogers, who was serving a sentence in the city jail here at the time he was taken to Portland, may have to complete a sentence in the city jail here of about three weeks duration. Some doubt exists in the minds of the officers as to whether his incarceration in Portland would release him from further servitude here or not but the affair is being investigated from a legal aspect today.

WHEAT MEN TO MEET TOMORROW IN CITY HALL

Union county residents interested in wheat will gather in the city hall building in La Grande tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to discuss the McNary-Haugen export bill now before congress. W. J. Thompson, vice-president of the First National Bank of Portland, chief speaker at a recent meeting at Pendleton, has been invited to attend as has G. M. Rice, president of the First National Bank of Pendleton.

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BULLETINS FINE PROGRAM IS PREPARED

Neighborhood Club Scholarship Loan Fund Program Is Arranged for Next Tuesday.

Bridge and mah jongg, lamade supper and dancing form the principal features of the Neighborhood Club Scholarship Loan fund program to be given next Tuesday afternoon and evening. Cards and mah jongg begin at 8 o'clock, and at 9:30 the supper will be served to be followed, in turn, by dancing. Honor roll will be the scene of the festivities.

Several important phases connect themselves with the event. In the first place, the invitation to attend is extended to the whole community. It is not intended to be for members of the Neighborhood Club alone but for everyone interested in promoting the cause of the scholarship loan fund which is used to educate needy students.

A second announcement of interest is that there will be instructors in mah jongg on hand, and this will afford anyone who has never played the game, to learn something about the Chinese pastime.

The supper to be served carries with it the assertion by the committee that the females to be served will have all the fixings such as salads, sandwiches, pie, cake and tea.

EXPERTS' BOARD INVESTIGATING RAIL SITUATION

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The first committee of investigation experts began today an investigation of the condition of Germany's railway system.

W. M. Acworth, British railway authority, went over the whole question of how German railways might be put on a paying basis and serve and guarantee for foreign financing with the knives at those nearest him.

One of his knives sunk to the hilt in the body of James as the Chief Officer ran forward to quell the disturbance.

GRAND JURY IS PROBING DEATH OF AGED LADY

PORTLAND (AP).—The county grand jury spent Thursday investigating the killing at Fairview Wednesday of Alma Hall, aged 67.

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IDA HUGHES SENTENCED TO GALLOWS

Atlanta, Ga., Jury Finds Woman Guilty of Murder

MARCH 14 IS DATE SET FOR HANGING

Mrs. Hughes to Be Third Woman Hanged There If Sentence Is Carried Out.

ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Ida L. Hughes was today sentenced to be hanged on March 14th, following conviction of her on a charge of the murder of her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. G. Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes is the fifth woman in the history of Georgia to be condemned to die by hanging.

Should the sentence be carried out she would be the third woman hanged in this state.

Two other women are serving life terms.

Farmer Loan Concern Fails. KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP).—The state banking department late Thursday took control of the Guaranty Trust company of Kansas City, a farm loan concern with a capital of \$750,000.

LENINE FUNERAL POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY LAST EVE

MOSCOW (By the Associated Press)—Mourning over Lenin, postponed a day by the postponement of his funeral from Saturday to Sunday, has become a vast, solemn spectacle here. Long lines pass through the chamber where his body lies.

MOSCOW (AP).—Late Thursday night announcement was made that the funeral of Nikolai Lenin had been postponed from Saturday until Sunday.

It was announced that Petrograd had been renamed Leningrad.

CLYDE BLOOM IS FACING LIQUOR CHARGE TRIAL

Clyde Bloom, of La Grande, was arrested yesterday afternoon by the sheriff's officers who state they found two gallons of intoxicating liquor in his room.

Bloom was arraigned this morning in the justice court before Judge Hugh Brady and was released pending trial under bonds amounting to \$500.

NORA ELLIS IS COMMITTED TO INSANE ASYLUM

PENDELTON, Or. (Special)—Miss Nora Ellis, found not guilty of a charge of murder in the first degree Wednesday evening by reason of insanity, has been committed to the Eastern Oregon hospital for the insane by Judge Phelps.

RETAIL MERCHANT CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS HERE

The local chapter of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association met at a luncheon at the Sumner grill recently and elected officers.

Princess



Princess Zeinob, wife of the new minister from Egypt. His Excellency Youssry Pasha, is the newest member of Washington's fashionable set.

DEATH TAKES JUDD GEER

Prominent Pioneer Resident of Cove, Passes at Hot Lake Yesterday; Funeral Sunday.

Judd Geer, a prominent resident of Cove for the greater portion of his life, passed on at four o'clock yesterday at Hot Lake at the termination of a long illness. His remains were forwarded to La Grande and funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman funeral service parlors at one o'clock interment will take place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Geer, who was 55 years 11 months and six days of age, is one of the pioneer residents of Union county and his death is mourned by a host of friends all over Union county.

He was born February 18, 1868. He was married in 1888 and to this union was born four children, two of whom survive him—Mrs. Claude Packott and Mrs. Phillip Lockwood, of La Grande. He also leaves his widow, two brothers—T. T. Geer, of Portland and Blaine Geer, of Walla Walla, who, and one sister, Mrs. Joseph James of San Francisco, California.

LEGION MEET SUCCESSFUL

One of the most interesting Legion meetings ever held in this city was conducted by the local post last evening in the K. of P. hall.

The opening feature of the meeting was a banquet prepared by the "Red" team, leaders in a recent membership drive, and the Ladies Auxiliary served the dinner. Louisa's orchestra gave several selections and Miss La Nina Gaskill sang two vocal solos accompanied by her sister, Miss Lolo Gaskill at the piano.

Following the banquet the post held a short business meeting at which it was decided to organize a post basketball team.

JUDGE KNOWLES GIVES HABERMAN ONE YEAR IN PEN

OREGON CITY, Or. (AP)—Judge J. W. Knowles, of La Grande sitting here Thursday, sentenced Henry Haberman to one year in the state penitentiary on a moonshine charge.

DAUGHTER OF COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL DEAD

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—Eleanor Campbell, aged 28, the daughter of Public Service Commissioner Thomas R. Campbell, died in a hospital here last night at the conclusion of a week's illness.

ALASKAN COLD WAVE DESCENDS UPON CHICAGO

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—The Alaskan cold wave reached Illinois today in its southward progress. With temperatures reported far below zero last night in Minnesota and Canada, sub-zero weather for this section is predicted for tonight.

No Increase In Railroad Rates Seen

Roger Babson Predicts Rail Bonds Will Be Good 1924 Purchase.

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass. (Special)—A Supreme Court decision, a rapid increase in idle cars, and rapid price advances in some railroad bonds during the last two weeks have tended to create much confusion regarding the railroad situation and the probable fortune of the individual bonds during 1924.

Since we are all affected by some phase of the railroad's activity—rates, purchasing policy, dividends or profits—Roger W. Babson's analysis of the situation is of more than passing interest. In a summary of his investigation, issued today, the statistician sees lighter traffic, lower rates but better net results for many of the rail roads in 1924.

HANEY'S NAME IS AGAIN SENT TO THE SENATE

WASHINGTON (AP)—William S. Hill, of Mitchell, S. Dakota, a banker-formerly, was nominated late Thursday by President Coolidge for the interior states vacancy on the shipping board.

Nominations of Thompson, of Alabama, and Bert Haney, of Oregon, were returned to the senate. They were withdrawn some time ago.

ARCHBISHOP IS SAID IMPROVED

OAKLAND, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Arch Bishop Christie, in a hospital here suffering from the effects of ptomaine poisoning, is reported improved today.

Couple to Face Federal Court.

ASTORIA, Or.—W. F. Warner, who was arrested here on a white slavery charge, and Ruth Haysland, who is the principal witness against him, were taken by Deputy United States Marshal Wells to Portland to appear before the federal court grand jury.

URGE McNARY-HAUGEN BILL.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Enactment of the McNary-Haugen bill to create an export corporation, was endorsed by several witnesses from the northwest before the house agriculture committee. Herbert Egbert, president of the Oregon Farmers union, G. L. Mix, of Moscow, Idaho, representing the northwestern wheat growers and bankers, and W. L. Stockton, president of the Montana State Farm bureau, were among those testifying.

FALL IN BED TODAY.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Ex-Secretary Fall, in bed today on physician's orders, expected to appear before the Teapot Dome committee Monday to testify regarding Doheny's statement that he loaned Fall \$100,000 a few months before Doheny interests leased the oil reserve in California in 1922.

WANT NEW TRIAL.

CHEHALIS, Wash. (AP).—Arguments for a new trial of Senator Sinclair, Ilwaco banker, will be heard here Monday afternoon.

ROBBER IS CAPTURED.

PORTLAND (AP).—The number of a watch, stolen from the Canadian Pacific conductor in a train robbery at Sentinel, Alberta, three years ago, led to the arrest at Butte, Mont., of Alex Holoff, formerly of Portland, charged with the train robbery which resulted in the death of four men. Three were killed in a pistol duel and another hanged. The detective here noticed the watch number in a pawn shop list and traced it to Butte.

OLD STOVE IS BELIEVED FIRE CAUSE

Theory Is That Stove in Fulp Poolhall Caused Disastrous Blaze

INJURED MEN DOING NICELY

Mayor of Cove Was Also Slightly Burned When He Attempted to Enter City Hall.

COVE, Or. (Special)—Cove is looking sadly at the ruins of her main business block today. Repeating a performance that occurred the day after a similar fire that caused a serious loss in Cove just two years and four months ago.

The fire broke out in the poolhall in the Dr. Little building Thursday morning a little before two o'clock, supposed to have started from a poor, delapidated stove, although this is more or less supposition and the origin might have been from some other cause.

The proprietors of the poolhall the Fulp brothers, closed their store and left for home about 1:30 A. M., supposing all was safe for the night and about half an hour later the alarm was sounded and by the time the residents arrived at the scene the entire building was a mass of flames.

The fire was first discovered by J. R. Breshars, who lives nearby. The streets were soon filled with people in all stages of dress and under but the entire building, including the pool hall, vacant store and drugstore were engulfed in flames that could not be extinguished, even with the most modern fire fighting appliances then available.

Gilgas Alexander and Dwight Marten, who were injured by a chemical explosion in the drug store while attempting to save

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FIRE CAUSES DEATH OF MAN

RYHACUSE, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Fire which swept the Manhattan Hotel, in the center of the city today, caused one death and injured a score.

Property damage amounted to approximately \$100,000.

Late News Flashes

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