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The Weather

Portland, (AP)—Oregon—
Fair tonight and Tuesday,
excepting rain near the coast
Tuesday.

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DENBY QUILTS OFFICE TODAY

Restraining of More Than 3-Ton Highway Traffic Ordered

LOAD LIMIT
NOW FACED
BY DRIVERSThree Sections of Eastern
Oregon State High-
ways SpecifiedORDER AIMED AT
TRUCKS, STAGESBlue Mountain and Baker-
Haines Sections of
Old Oregon Trail and
Wallowa Hill - Joseph
Section Affected.Notices have been given by R.
H. Baldock, division engineer for
the highway department of Oregon,
with offices in La Grande, that
certain sections of the state high-
ways in Eastern Oregon have been
closed to heavy traffic until further
advice.The order was announced today
that the state highway commission
in Portland on February 15, found
it advisable to limit the trucks on
the Old Oregon Trail and the Baker-
Haines sections of the state high-
ways in Eastern Oregon to a maxi-
mum load of three tons, or 6000
pounds.

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ACTORS READY
FOR SHOWINGDramatic script, which for 10
days has been the nightmare of
more than a dozen men and women
of La Grande, was thrown
away last night. The farce "The
Lion and the Mouse" was re-
written in a few hours and the fol-
lowing evening.Between now and the first cur-
tain at the Arcade, the ladies in
the cast are especially concerned
about costumes and not lines. Per-
sonal differences will be worn
in the play program, many char-
acters changing between each act
and some in the acts.The curtain is set for 8:15 sharp.
One hundred general admission
seats will be opened at 7:30 o'clock.JURY RETIRES TO
DETERMINE GUILT
OF OTTO MAICHAKCompletion of the trial of Otto
Maichak, charged with larceny by
bailee, occurred just before the
noon hour today in the circuit
court. Judge J. W. Knowles in-
structed the jury who then retired
to the jury room for deliberation.The case of the First National
Bank of Baker vs. Neal, Gastlin,
Security Construction Co. et al., a
civil case, is the first case to be
tried.Local Tossers Drop
Contest By One PointInability to hit the basket proved
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one of the largest crowds that
ever attended a basketball game in
Baker. Packed like sardines, both
La Grande and Baker fans were
kept in continuous state of ex-
citement as the game progressed.Thomas A. Edison celebrated
his seventy-seventh birthday an-
niversary the other day by work-
ing in his Orange, N. J., office as
usual.

BULLETINS

Sought no embarrassment.
Washington, (AP)—Denby to-
day informed President Coolidge
that in view of his connection with
the oil leases he did not desire to
further embarrass the administra-
tion by remaining a member of it.The president, in his letter ac-
cepting Denby's resignation, praised
Denby's official record and said he
accepted his request with regret.MAY SAVE RAGGAGE.
Marshall, (AP)—After 15 men
had been reported removed today
by breeches hongs from the wrecked
Columbia, at North Jetty, the
announcement was made that Cap-
tain Skow, of the steam schooner
Columbia, from whose deck the rescue
work has been carried on, hoped
to remove a part of the baggage on
the Columbia. The Columbia is about
800 feet from the Columbia and the
ride in the breeches hongs is de-
scribed as a real thriller with an
occasional breaker drenching the
occupant of a basket.CATTLE HIGHER.
Portland, (AP)—Cows and heif-
ers are 25 to 50 cents higher today
with other cattle steady. Hogs are
steady, lambs are quoted 50 to 75
cents higher, placing top lambs at
\$11.50 to \$13.50. Eggs weak and
butter firm.Hiram Johnson Files
Candidacy in OregonSALEM, Ore., (AP)—Hiram W.
Johnson filed his candidacy for
president of the Oregon primaries
the Republican nomination for
next May. The declaration was
filed by Sanford Macdonald,
Johnson's organizer in Oregon.
No platform and no slogan ap-
peared with the filing.EXPECT CHURCH NURSERY
TO SHATTER OLD ALIBIMOHAWTOWN, Pa. (L.N.S.)—
Small children at home no longer
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APPROVES
POWDER GYMNorth Powder Election
Results in Gymnasium
Construction AssuredAFFIRMATIVES
WIN BY 3 VOTESNew \$5,000 Building Will
Be Erected in Near Fu-
ture; Second Time a
Gym Has Been Voted.NORTH POWDER, Ore., (Special)
—The special election held
Saturday, February 16, to vote
whether or not North Powder is to
have a \$5,000 high school
gymnasium, was won by the af-
firmative side by a small margin.
Those desiring the construction of
such a gymnasium won by a mar-
gin of three votes.Last summer a similar election
was held for the same purpose,
the affirmatives winning 42 to 24
but recently a petition appeared
in opposition to the gymnasium
and in order to settle the matter
for ever and all, it was decided
to permit the citizens to once more
cast their ballots on this ques-
tion.The interest was intense and it
was clearly demonstrated that
the gym had strong opposition and
also plenty of affirmation. Un-
til the last few votes were counted
the results appeared to be in
doubt.It is understood that the con-
tract will be let and the work be-
gun in the near future. Five hun-
dred dollars, the sum voted for
the actual construction and equip-
ment is believed to be adequate.In commenting upon the election
one citizen, a staunch sup-
porter of the proposed gymnasium,
stated, "The most valuable prop-
erty we have is our boys and girls and this gym
is for them and it cannot but help
be of a great benefit to their
development, both physically and
mentally. Those who have been
so strong in their opposition will
soon be listed among the biggest
boosters, I venture to say."G. O. P. TO LIFT
SURTAX RATESWASHINGTON, (AP)—The Asso-
ciated Press.—House republican
leaders determined Sunday to boost
the proposed maximum surtax rate
in the revenue bill to 27.12 per
cent in an effort to break the dead-
lock in negotiations with the in-
surgents who hold the balance of
power in the vote on the income
rate schedule which will be taken
up "tomorrow."The republicans previously had
receded from the Mellon rate of
25 per cent, carried in the bill and
had centered on 20 per cent in an
effort to unite the party against
the democratic stand for a 44 per
cent maximum. The 25 per cent
rate, leaders said, would win 298
republican votes, 19 less than a
majority. Two conferences Sat-
urday with the insurgent group,
however, failed to bring an agree-
ment, the organization led by Rep-
resentatives Fear and Nelson.

Takes Prisoner to Wallowa

For the purpose of taking Hen-
ry Holland, arrested here Satur-
day, to Wallowa where Holland is
wanted on a worthless check
charge, Sheriff Rinehart, of Wal-
lowa county arrived in La Grande
this morning.

Coker La Grande Star

Coker, guard, showed up well for
La Grande throughout and also
took high point honors for the
Blue and White squad. Stoddard,
Baker center, was high pointer for
the Queen City team.Hummel, ordinarily one of the
high scorers, failed to make a field
basket and in fact, most of the
local team members were unable
to drop the ball through the hoop
with any degree of consistency.Baker used their five-man dis-
advantage to their advantage.Oil Counsel
Now Facing
Great TaskConfirmation of Roberts
by Senate Is Expected
Today; Battle to Then
Begin.WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Asso-
ciated Press.—The task of oil coun-
sel not necessary to the insti-
tution of legal proceedings in the
oil scandal is expected Monday
by the senate of the confirmation
of the nomination of Owen J. Rob-
erts of Philadelphia to be a special
government counsel in the oil
case.Although Senator La Follette of
Wisconsin, leader insurgents, has
prepared to lead a fight on Mr.
Roberts' administration, senators
predicted his appointment would
be approved by substantially the
same majority that the senate
gave Saturday night to the nomi-
nation of Atlee Pomerene of Centon,
O., to be one of the two chief
counsel.While Senator Walsh, Montana,
Democrat, chief proponent in the
oil investigation, and other hon-
orable have voiced disapproval of
Mr. Roberts' appointment, many
members on both sides of the
chamber hold that he is amply
qualified for the task ahead. More-
over they argue that there should
be no further delay in choosing
getting down to the stupendous
task they must undertake.The first move in what has
come to be regarded as one of
the most important legal battles
in the nation's history, to which
the federal government
ever has been a party, will be
applications in Wyoming and Cal-
ifornia for temporary injunctions
to stop further extraction of oil
from the naval reserves in those
states operated by the Shellah
and Pomerene interests, respective-
ly.Prompt action toward this pre-
liminary step in what must be
a long and bitter battle.AMERICAN DEBT
IS NOT ALTERED
AT CONFERENCEWASHINGTON, (AP)—The Asso-
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itan National bank by armed bandits in front of the
federal reserve bank branch in the board of the busi-
ness section in this city today.

HONEYMOON ADVENTURE

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from the Columbia are Mr. and Mrs. A. Kennedy who
revealed today that they were in reality Mr. and Mrs.
A. Udell. They were on their honeymoon trip from
San Francisco and hoped to surprise Mrs. Udell's moth-
er in Portland, so they used a different name. But
the mother won't be surprised.JUDGE SHOT
TO DEATH IN
COURT ROOMDefendant in Near-Di-
vorce Action Murders
Judge MorningTAKES OWN LIFE
AFTER SLAYINGBefore Committing Sui-
cide, Murderer Makes
Attempt to Kill Wife
and Attorney But FailsLINCOLN, Neb., (By the Asso-
ciated Press)—William M. Morn-
ing, aged 36 years, a veteran dis-
trict judge, was shot and killed
today in the courtroom here by
Wallace G. Wallick, who in turn
shot and killed himself.Judge Morning was shot through
the heart.
Wallick also shot at C. F. Rein,
attorney for his wife who was sug-
gesting for a separate maintenance,
and at his wife, but neither of the
latter shots took effect.BONUS FIGURES
DECEIVE, CLAIMNEW YORK, (By the Asso-
ciated Press)—Charged by Thomas
W. Miller, alien property custod-
ian, that a "high treasury official"
admitted that government
calculations on the bonus were
"juggled" to deceive, and by Rep-
resentative Benjamin L. Fairchild,
Republican of New York, that
Secretary Mellon "misled" the late
President Harding and "now is
misleading President Coolidge,"
were made at bonus meetings un-
der the American Legion auspices
Sunday.Mr. Miller did not name any
official of the treasury but Rep-
resentative Fairchild specified
that the head of the treasury had
been misled by the bonus
"figures" as to the deficit
of over \$600,000,000 which pre-
vented President Harding, perhaps
more than any other factor, from
passing the bonus bill."As it turned out," he added,
the bonus was "a complete failure."
"Less Monthly Bonuses Paid"
He told the audience, gathered
under auspices of the American
Legion, the government was now
paying "less monthly bonuses."That had proposed for exacer-
bated his own bureau, he
pointed out, that service connec-
tives a monthly bonus of \$20
which was far less than the govern-
ment \$200,000,000.Mr. Miller said congress was
"misleading" the people.

Late News Flashes

LEGAL MACHINERY READY.
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The organization of legal
machinery to handle the oil lease cases was completed
today by the senate confirmation of Owen J. Roberts,
of Philadelphia, as special government counsel. Rob-
erts will serve with Atlee Pomerene, whose nomination
was confirmed Saturday.BANK MESSENGERS ROBBED.
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McAdoo Not Worrying

William Gibbs McAdoo appeared voluntarily before the sen-
ate lands committee to explain his connection with E. L. Doheny,
oil magnate. He is shown above after coming from the com-
mittee room in the senate.McAdoo Likely To Be
Endorsed By CaucusCHICAGO, (By the Associated
Press)—More than 200 advocates
of McAdoo's candidacy are
gathered here today for a conference
to decide whether he shall con-
tinue as a presidential candidate.
A goodly sprinkling of women are
present, and a large number of
labor representatives are here.Homer Cummings, in the key-
note address, said "special at-
tempts have been made to dis-
credit McAdoo but it is known
and admitted everywhere that Mc-
Adoo had no connection, directly
or indirectly with the oil scandal."
This mere statement of the
situation reveals the absurdity of
a suggestion that there had been
any impairment of his strength as
a Democratic candidate.CHICAGO, (AP)—Democratic
leaders from 25 states were here
Sunday night debating the "Avail-
ability Conference" in
Chicago, Illinois.The La Grande in Society does
not (Homer) of 8 Chevaux will
meet tomorrow evening at the
of 12 hall at 7:30 o'clock for in-
formation and regular business ses-
sion.Frederick Selver, grand chef de
salle, of Oregon, who will speak
before the Chamber of Commerce
at noon, will be in attendance.
Mr. Selver hails from Pendleton.BLUE MOUNTAIN
GRANGE SPURNS
MELLON PLANA resolution not endorsing the
Mellon plan for reducing taxes was
passed by the Blue Mountain
Grange members by a unanimous
vote Saturday. The grange held
that the bill resulted in relieving
the larger business interests but
did not enough provisions for
the relief of the poorer interests.Plan Anniversary Next
Arrangements were also made
to hold an anniversary meeting of
the grange March 5, which is the
20th natal day of the Blue Moun-
tain grange.Sheep, Cattle, Ranges
Near Normal In OregonPORTLAND, (Special).—The
condition of ranges is very sim-
ilar to that of a month ago with
but a seasonal decline noted in
some of the northern states.
The condition on February 1 averages
55 percent of normal compared
with 59 last month and 86 a
year ago. Snow covers the range
in some of the northern states
but as feed has generally been
plentiful, little loss has occurred.Further deterioration in range
conditions is reported in Califor-
nia but if the recent rains are
succeeded by warm weather a
rapid improvement may be ex-
pected. Extremely cold south-
er and alternate freezing andRESIGNATION
IS ACCEPTED
BY COOLIDGENavy Secretary Reverses
Stand and Quits
the CabinetACTION FOLLOWED
TELEPHONE TALKDenby's Resignation Re-
ceived Rumors That At-
torney General Daugherty
Will Quit Soon.WASHINGTON, (By the Asso-
ciated Press)—Edwin
B. Denby today tendered his
resignation as secretary of the
United States navy. His
resignation was accepted.Denby will retire from the cabi-
net March 1, Theodore Roosevelt,
who was assistant secretary of the
navy, had a part in the drafting
order transferring the naval re-
serves from the navy to the in-
terior department, conferred with the
president and announced later he
did not expect to resign.After repeatedly declaring he
never would quit the cabinet under
fire of those who criticized his
part in the oil leasing program,
Secretary Denby notified President
Coolidge today he was ready to
step out.His decision followed a tele-
phone consultation between the
president and Denby in which
all the latest aspects of the sit-
uation were discussed in the light
of information passed to the
White House by Republican lead-
ers in the senate.Daugherty May Follow Denby
Denby's retirement revived rum-
ors that the resignation of At-
torney General Daugherty would
follow within a few days.Recently a number of Denby's
friends have also been consulted
by President Coolidge and they are
understood to have advised the
president they understood fully
the embarrassment that might re-
sult in retaining Denby in the
cabinet while the oil annulment
case is in progress.Not only is Denby a party to
the oil leases, having affixed his
signature along with that of Al-
bert B. Fall but he repeatedly has
been accused of being a party to
the oil scandal.McMINNVILLE, Ore. (Special).
—Walter L. Toole, Jr., Saturday
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jury with W. J. Templin, a garage
man of this city, on a charge of
contributing to the delinquency of
a 14-year-old girl. The two men
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to the girl, who, at the time of the
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their condition of a month ago,
averaging 92 compared with 92
last month and 90 a year ago.
Sheep show the same decline of
condition.

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