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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Rain in the west, fair east portion tonight. Wednesday rain.

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OIL ANNULMENT SUITS TO BEGIN

APPEAL FOR MELLON TAX PLAN FAILS

Eleventh Hour Request by White House Fails to Break Deadlock

G. O. P. INSURGENT GROUP STAND PAT

Insurgents Threaten to Vote With Democrats Unless the Compromise Plan Is Accepted.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—An eleventh hour appeal by the White House today to the House republican insurgent leaders, urging an agreement with the organization republicans on the Mellon income tax rate schedules, failed to break the deadlock between the two groups.

As the income tax rates were taken up in the house, republican leaders admitted the vote would be close, with democrats holding out for the Garner democratic plan and the insurgents still holding out against treasury rates and threatening to vote with the democrats if their compromise is not accepted.

President Seeks Cuts.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—C. Bascom Slemp, President Coolidge's secretary, informed some of the insurgent group today that Coolidge was desirous that the party should stand as a unit in the tax fight.

This move followed the failure of two meetings yesterday between the Republican organization and insurgent members to reach an agreement upon a compromise.

ALASKANS CROSS MARTEN WITH CAT FOR FINE PELT

WHITNEY, Alaska (AP)— An animal the U. S. cross between a marten and a cat is being produced for its luxuriant pelt by "Shorty" Hunter and "Shorty" Wenkler, well-known "sourdoughs" of this region.

The two trappers say the new animal has the delicate pile of the marten and the long silky fur of the cat. They hope to offer a fur resembling the Russian sable in various colors, including tortoise-shell.

Full-blooded Persian cats are being used in the experiment. The hybrid is double the size of a marten. The correspondent saw one in the possession of Wenkler. The creature has the domestic qualities of the house cat, but hops about like a marten.

OTTO MAISHAK IS GUILTLESS

Otto Maishak, charged of larceny by bailee, was found not guilty of the crime of which he was accused by a circuit court jury yesterday afternoon.

The jury was out approximately half an hour and returned with the verdict of "not guilty."

No case is being tried in circuit court today but tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock the civil case of Charles Walsh vs. U. S. National bank et al, will be taken up. L. Denham represents the plaintiff and Cochran & Eberhard, Crawford & Eakin are attorneys for the defendant.

Candidate

WILLIAM J. WALLACE.

(By Alexander Hermann)

NEWARK, N. J.—(NEA)— The first presidential nominee for the 1924 race has stolen a lap on the field.

He is William J. Wallace, named as the standard bearer of the Commonwealth Land Party, formerly the Single Tax Party. His running mate is J. C. Lincoln of Cleveland, selected for the vice presidency without any opposition.

At the party's national convention in the Engineering Societies building in New York, delegates from 14 states, among them Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma and Rhode Island—named their candidates, drew up their platform, and

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SOVIET PROBES ALLEGED CHINESE DISCRIMINATION

MOSCOW (INS) — The Soviet is investigating reports from China that the Chinese Government has established a death penalty for certain crimes applying "to Russians only." The order expressly exempts other nationals from the death penalty.

UNION GAME IS POSTPONED

The basketball game between Union Legionnaires and the La Grande Legionnaires, which was to have been held this evening at Union, has been postponed until a later date according to announcements today. Conflicting activities at Union are believed responsible for the postponement.

The local tossers, winners over Union, Helix and North Powder, will go to Umatilla county Thursday night where they will play the Helix team a return game. Helix lost here 32 to 29 but a closer game is expected at Helix, although fans concede La Grande as favorites to win.

The game with Union will probably be arranged to take place next week.

Ex-Governor Geer Is Held Improved Today

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special) — A slight improvement in the condition of Theodore T. Geer, ex-governor, was noted Monday by his family.

Mr. Geer has been critically ill for the last two weeks at his home.

BONUS FIGHT PROBE ASKED BY SENATOR

Treasury Department Denies Charge of "Jugling Figures."

BONUS BATTLE PROVES HEATED

Andrew Mellon Denies Statements of Thomas Miller, Who Says His Claims Verified.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, and Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, both heading departments of the Republican administration, clashed Monday in a battle over the bonus that was overshadowed Monday only by the fast-flying reports of charges in President Coolidge's cabinet.

At loggerheads with Mr. Mellon over the question of compensation, Mr. Miller started the argument Sunday night and when a truce was called Monday night, the air had been filled with statements; President Coolidge had received from both parties to the controversy outlines of their cases, Representative Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, had brought it up in the house and Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, had formally demanded a congressional investigation.

Colonel Miller was quoted as having said in New York that he had been informed by a high

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"NOT GUILTY" PLEA ENTERED BY TOOZE, JR.

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (AP).—Walter L. Tooze, Jr., and J. W. Templin, late Monday pleaded not guilty to indictments charging them with delinquency of a minor.

Charges against Tooze involving the alleged giving of liquor to a young girl are understood to be based upon investigations conducted by Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, of Portland, acting as a special agent of the executive department.

Trial was set by Circuit Judge Harry H. Belt for March 3, two weeks from Monday. The men are at liberty without bond.

Union High Debate Team Wins Title

County Championship Is Taken by Virtue of Victory Over Imbler.

UNION (Special)—Union and Imbler locked horns in a dual meet last evening, one section of the debate being held here and the other at Imbler. Vera Shaw and Willie Haggerty, taking the affirmative side of the question of the open shop in American industries, met Velma Conklin and Pearl Wells, the latter representing Imbler, in the section of the debate held here, while Audrey DeLap and Max Jensen went to the apple town and took the negative against Edna Bell Myers and Claire Spears. The subject was well handled by all the contestants. Judges for the Union section of the dual meet were Miss Francis Ingells and Messrs. Towler and McEachran of the La Grande high school faculty. Their decision was unanimously in favor of Union. After the debate was over lunch was served to the visiting debaters and judges.

At Imbler the decision was two to one in favor of Union, thus giving this school the county championship by a five to one vote. Three La Grande teachers

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HIS HAT IS IN THE RING

E. J. Spencerbox Is Out for County Commissioner From North Powder.

Following his decision to enter the race for county commissioner of Union county on the Republican ticket E. J. Senecerbox came in from North Powder yesterday accompanied by Editor Graffe of the North Powder News and the two men called upon many of La Grande's leading citizens calling attention to the fact that it has been almost two decades since the North Powder country has been represented on the county board.

They contend that, while North Powder is well to the south end of the county, this does not take away the fact that their community is prosperous and helps pay the taxes of the county. Mr. Senecerbox is one of the outstanding men of that section and has a splendid reputa-

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BISHOP OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH DIES

Funeral Services Will Be Held Friday at Dallas, Tex.

END CAME LATE LAST EVENING

Right Reverend Alexander C. Garrett, Totally Blind, Joked About Infirmity Before Death.

DALLAS, Tex. (By the Associated Press)—Funeral services for the Right Reverand Alexander C. Garrett, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, who died last night, will be held Friday.

Biographical Sketch.

After building 54 churches and serving as minister, priest and bishop of the church for 67 years, Rt. Rev. Alexander C. Garrett became the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal church in America in April, 1923, upon the death of the then presiding bishop, Daniel Sylvester Tuttle.

Bishop Garrett was at that time almost 91 years of age and totally blind. He joked bout his infirmity by saying: "Being totally blind, I cannot see my friends. I have to refuse to see them." He admitted then that he was the oldest living bishop in America but questioned the assertion that he was the senior bishop in the world.

Bishop Garrett was born November 4, 1832, in Lucan County Sligo, Ireland, where his great-grandfather, his grandfather and his father, over a period of 150 years, had successively presided over Ballymore parish there.

A brother, the Rev. John Gar-

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IMBLER MAN IS CONGRATULATED ON APPLE SALE

IMBLER, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—L. R. Billings, of this city, was receiving the congratulations of his townspeople due to his disposal of 2,500 cases of Ponathan apples.

The writer visited the packing house and interestedly watched the packers pack and sort the delicious fruit which he also had the pleasure of sampling.

Late News Flashes

13 DIE IN TENEMENT FIRE.

NEW YORK (AP).—Thirteen deaths in a tenement fire here are believed to have been caused by incendiarism. Four suspects have been arrested but proved guiltless.

REHEARING DENIED.

SALEM, Ore. (AP).—Supreme court decisions today included that of J. K. Bell vs. Fred Spain, et al, appellants, an appeal from Union county. The case involves a motion to retax costs and a petition for a rehearing. The rehearing was denied and costs retaxed in the opinion of Justice Bean.

DYNAMITE CAP BLAST FATAL.

THE DALLES (AP).—Elinora Munn, aged 7 years, died last night from injuries suffered when a dynamite cap with which she was playing exploded. Her brother, Orville, aged 9 years, is near death in a hospital at Wasco, with both eyes blown out.

Wild-Eyed One Scoops Truth With Wilder Tale

Near - Tragic Depredations of "Lion" Narrated by Exhilirated Publicist.

Wild-eyed and nervous a young man rushed into the Evening Observer office this morning and spied the following tale to the city editor:

"Residents of La Grande last night escaped but little harmed in a distressing incident that might easily have been a catastrophe of the worst sort. An untamed lion in cage for shipment from the Orient to a New York zoo broke out of his moorings while an eastbound train was changing engines in the La Grande yards. A strange beast broke away from his cage and keepers—he catapulted from the express door nearest the round house and thus the usual crowds at the platform during the exchange of passengers were not even aware of the affair.

"The sheriff and police chief were immediately notified," continued the wild-eyed one, "and with commendable haste organized joint forces, procured what supply of sawed-off shotguns there were on hand in both the city and county headquarters, and took up the hunt, feeling that a trail of human wreckage would guide them in the lion hunt. Beginning in the railroad yards, the search

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K. P. CONVENTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT WALLOWA, ORE.

The Knights of Pythias lodges of Union and Wallowa counties will hold their annual district convention at Wallowa tomorrow evening. The two counties will stage a contest in the rank of Knight, which will be one of the high-lights of the caucus.

Following a banquet to be held at 6:30 o'clock the contest and evening program will take place. About 20 visitors are expected to be present in Wallowa from La Grande, 12 to 15 from Union, 20 from Imbler and about half a hundred from Elgin.

OSTEOPATHS TO MEET HERE

The Eastern Oregon Osteopathic association will meet in La Grande on February 24th, with doctors from Ontario, Baker, Pendleton, Hermiston and Walla Walla in attendance.

On the program will appear Dr. Mayo, of Walla Walla, who will speak on "Osteopathic Treatment of Children."

Dr. Ingle, of La Grande, will speak on the "Post System of Treatment for Fallen Arches," Dr. Samuels of Baker, will speak on "Osteopathic Technique" and Dr. Schoon of La Grande on "Gastric Dilitation."

A free clinic for the examination of children will be held in the office of Drs. Ingle and Ingle from 11 until 12 o'clock on the 24th.

La Grande, with its central location, seems destined to become known as the convention city of Eastern Oregon. During the past two weeks both the Old Oregon Trail association and the Northwest Real Estate association have held annual conventions in this city.

BULLETINS

BUSINESS HELD OKEH.

Washington. (AP) — President Coolidge regards business generally as in a healthy condition and believes that the American people can feel safely that the great bulk of the country's business is carried on without any suggestion of wrongdoing.

CARTER SEEKS APOLOGY.

Cairo, Egypt. (AP)—Replying to a telegram from the Egyptian minister of public works giving him 48 hours in which to resume work in the tomb of Tutankhamen, Howard Carter wired the minister today he was ready to take up the work again provided he received an apology from the director of antiquities and an understanding from the minister of public work that no vexatious interference would occur and no difficulties be placed in the further progress of the task.

MARKET VARIABLE.

Portland. (AP)—Cattle slow to steady on today's market. Hogs steady at 15c drop late yesterday top hogs $7.65 to $7.85. Sheep steady. Eggs two to three cents lower, 19½ to 21 cents. Butter prints two cents higher, cubes one cent higher, prints 50 cents and cubes 49 cents.

GERMAN POSTAGE CUTS DOWN LETTER WRITING

BERLIN. (I.N.S.) — Poverty in Germany has reached a point of reducing letter writing because the population cannot afford to buy postage stamps. Recent statistics show that while Germany before the war had 8 per cent more foreign mail than America, and 30 per cent more than England, today her figures are slightly more than half of America's. Postal department records show Germany sent 795,000,000 letters abroad in 1913 and 435,000,000 in 1921. Private letter writing has practically ceased in Germany.

Women Forming Coolidge Clubs.

HOOD RIVER, Or.—Women of Skamania county Washington are taking a leading part in mid-Columbia Oregon and Washington political activities. The Coolidge for President club composed exclusively of women, met at Stevenson, Wash., arranging for a session in March, when a permanent organization will be effected. Miss Nacy Wallace of Cooks was appointed to organize the women of that section.

GOVERNMENT READY FOR LEGAL WORK

Pomerene and Roberts Confer at White House With Coolidge

COMPLAINTS TO BE "JUST RIGHT"

Government Intends to Have the Annulment Papers Drawn Up So That No Loop-Holes Can Exist.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special government oil counsel, conferred with President Coolidge today preparatory to beginning work.

One of the first steps, it was indicated, will be suits to annul leases to the Teapot Dome reserve, obtained by Harry F. Sinclair and to annul leases to Elkhill reserves granted to E. L. Doheny.

Roberts said the utmost haste was a necessity but the government plans have the case well grounded, so as not to have to file amended complaints or in any way retrace their steps.

Daugherty Silent, Defiant

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Attorney General Daugherty remained silently defiant today in the face of a new attack upon him and the Tuesday cabinet meeting is passing with no announcement of his resignation.

Department of Justice officials insisted he had no intention of surrendering to his critics but members who have taken the latter's advising the president to ask him to retire remained confident their advice would be followed.

When Daugherty emerged from the cabinet meeting he showed plainly signs of annoyance and agitation, but insisted the question of his resignation had not been discussed and declared he had no statement to make for the present.

Probe Speculations.

WASHINGTON, (AP) The senate oil committee undertook today to run down the story of heavy speculations by high government officials in the Sinclair Oil company stock before and after Sinclair interests leased Teapot Dome.

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MORTGAGE IS EXPERTS PLAN

PARIS. (By Associated Press)—Expert committeemen examining into Germany's resources have reached a general agreement on their report.

They have decided, it is stated, that instead of a formidable loan to be placed on international markets as was previously suggested, a mortgage of approximately billion gold marks be placed on the German railway system and other sources of revenue of the German government shall form a basis of a plan by which Allied countries, especially France, will derive regular payments of interest.

HELD FOR INVESTIGATION

Mimir Staff Preparing Copy For The Printer

An innovation, in that the annual high school publication, called the Mimir, will be issued in both Ranger (cardboard) and leather covered styles this year, was announced today by members of the Mimir staff.

The plan, as it has been adopted, is to place as many leather-covered annuals this year as possible, and, if the demand warrants, gradually in years to come, do away with the flimsier, cardboard covered Mimir's. This step has been taken to do away with complaints that have been voiced in the past that the lighter covers wear away in a short space of time and leave the book damaged.

The leather bound books will cost $1.50 this year which is a half-dollar more than the Ranger covered type. Orders for the books accompanied by cash, are being taken daily and the leather covered annuals seem to be more in demand. The advance order list will be closed on February 26 and anyone wishing to order the annual in advance are urged to do so immediately by communicating with the high school.

Fine Mimir Planned.

A Mimir that will outclass all past annuals is what the staff this year confidently expects to have published. The annual, approximately will have 140 pages, including the autograph pages in the back. High school activities will be featured in preference to others and special stress will be

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McAdoo Held Available As Democratic Leader

CHICAGO. — (AP) — William Gibbs McAdoo will remain a democratic presidential candidate if he abides by the decision of his supporters from 44 states made here late Monday.

The unanimous approval of all those attending the conference was voiced from the floor before the meeting recessed.

CHICAGO (AP)—A platform "to satisfy the demand of progress" was enunciated Monday night by former Secretary of the Treasury William Gibbs McAdoo in addressing a conference of friends and supporters from all sections of the country which called upon him by formal resolution to accept "the leadership of the progressive democracy of the nation."

The platform pledged to drive out corruption from official Washington; a new international conference in the American capital to "promote peace, reduce the burdens of armament, restore international justice and stability, revive prosperity" and consider economic problems; submission of the question of American participation in the program of such to a popular referendum; "to take the grip of Wall street off the treasury department and the federal reserve system"; repeal of the Fordney-Lenroot tariff bill; to bring about prompt railroad reforms; to put agriculture on its feet again; to "enforce the 18th amendment of the constitution and all laws in pursuance thereof"; reduce taxes; obtain legislation setting up a labor code; passage of a child labor amendment

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