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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP).—Oregon—Fair tonight and Sunday, excepting rain near the coast Sunday.

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WATERVLIET, N. Y. (By the Associated Press).—A mother and three small children were asphyxiated and thirteen other persons suffered from the effects of inhaling gas which leaked from the main here today.

Members of four families were rendered unconscious by the fumes. The gas main was broken by frost, the gas following the water lateral under the basement, into the cellars of the two buildings affected.

The dead were Mrs. E. Joseph Prenz, her son, John, aged 8 years, her daughter, Clara, aged three years, and her infant son Daniel, aged eight months.

The father and five other children were resuscitated by the police.

OSTEOPATHS TO
HOLD MEETING
IN LA GRANDE

In holding free children's clinics in connection with their meetings the Eastern Oregon Osteopathic Association which meets here tomorrow is carrying out the policy of the American Osteopathic Association as laid down in the last annual convention of making osteopathic clinics available to all suffering children in the country.

The local association plans to have frequent meetings throughout the coming year.

The free children's clinic will be under the charge of a specialist and be made one of the features of the meetings.

The clinic tomorrow will be held from 11:30 to 12:30 o'clock and a foot clinic from 12:30 to 1:30 in Dr. Ingles' office.

T. T. GEER IS
LAID TO REST

PORTLAND, Ore. —Funeral services for ex-Governor T. T. Geer, who died Thursday of pneumonia, were held today at two o'clock from the residence. Burial was in the Rose View cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers, announced yesterday, are C. D. Moore, J. D. Lee, J. L. Carter, Robert A. Miller, George H. Himes and Judge George Singleton. Active pallbearers were Judge Walter H. Evans, Joseph L. Hammon, John Moxley, Jay Stockman, Fred Starster and Joseph Rodgers.

Union Is Making Ready
For June Stock Show

UNION, Ore. (Special).—At the regular stock show meeting held in Union this week it was decided to accept the invitation of Dr. W. T. Phay, of Hot Lake, to hold next week's meeting at the sanatorium. Dr. Phay is an ardent stock showman and is also anxious to exhibit some pictures that will be of interest to the members.

Several carloads of people are planning to go from Union to La Grande Wednesday evening and others from nearby points may also take advantage of the hospitality of Hot Lake.

Several new features will be embodied in the 1924 Union Live Stock show, to be held June 4, 5, and 6, and among these will be a rest house.

Ample provisions are being made to seat a large number of the stock show. This year seats for over a hundred persons will be arranged near the stock judging space so spectators will be able to watch this work in a more comfortable way.

Dave has recently requested the grounds committee for accommodations in three sections of the cattle sheds at the June show and they plan on arranging a community display similar to the one at the county fair at Elgin last fall. If possible the committee will grant the request but it has been the policy of the stock show to keep all the cattle in one place and the same arrangements for such kind of stock.

The premium book will go to press this week.

No Mystery



How it's done: This Paris frock shows how an evening frock is safely anchored to the wearer. A slender chine about the neck runs through an embroidered eyelet—and keeps the frock "as it should be."

REVENUE BILL
AGAIN AMENDEDNew Amendment to Permit
State Officials to
Inspect Corporation Re-
turns.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The House Democratic-Republican majority coalition wedged another amendment into the revenue bill Friday, making tax returns subject to inspection by certain congressional committees.

This amendment and another adopted by a one vote margin opened corporation tax returns to inspection of state officials regardless of whether the state imposes an income tax, as the law now requires, developed the major controversial issues of the day.

Both amendments drew fire from the Republicans. Representative Mills, New York, charging that "this piece-meal destruction of the revenue bill is not a fair way."

PAYS TRIBUTE
TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON. — President Coolidge, in a radio message delivered Friday night from the White House, combined with a tribute to Washington an appeal to the American people to accept the responsibilities and continue the sacrifices necessary to make enduring the institutions which Washington founded.

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KU KLUX KLAN
PARADES MINUS
FACE COVERING

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. —The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Oklahoma and several surrounding states staged a mammoth parade on the downtown streets here Friday night, the marchers being unmasked. Klan leaders said this was the first public demonstration in this history of the order in which members appeared with their faces revealed. The marchers, however, were hooded in the customary robes and attitudes of the order.

Pendleton 5
Outclassed
By La GrandeTigers Defeat Buckaroos
in Cage Contest; Final
Score 29 to 18.

The Bucks came over the mountain—And La Grande high school's basketball team decisively demonstrated just how basketball is played in the best of circles.

The Blue and White team won from Pendleton last night 29 to 18, trouncing the Pendletonians by a goodly score for the first time in three years of basketball, track and football activities. La Grande won a couple of weeks ago at Pendleton 23 to 22 but that win did not carry with it quite the amount of bliss that resulted from last night's victory.

Pendleton Outclassed—Pendleton was not only beaten by a margin of 11 points, but the Buckaroos were likewise outclassed in every feature of the game, from blocking to basket-shooting.

La Grande spotted the victors a three-point lead in the opening five minutes of the game but that was of short duration. Merely to give the spectators a taste of what was to come shortly, the Tigers then opened up and scored seven points in rapid succession, making the score: La

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EXHIBITION IS
DRAWING MANYOregon Agricultural College,
Corvallis, (Special).—College life seems to agree with the 322 high school students and faculty members who had arrived on the campus from 11 Oregon high schools during the last three days for the opening of the first all-college educational exposition held by Oregon Agricultural College.

Of the 605 official delegates, wearing orange and white badges on their trips of inspection thru the various exhibits, 479 were students. The attendance is more than double that expected and the students are still arriving.

"LOST LEGION"
PLEADING FOR
CLEMENCY NOW

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas (AP).—Members of the "lost legion," who fell into crime while in the service of their country and encountered stern military justice, continued to plead their case before a special clemency board at the federal penitentiary here today in the hope of obtaining mitigation of their sentences.

The proceedings are kept secret. Besides hearing the prisoners' stories the board has access to all records pertaining to the cases.

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MURDERING OF
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TO OFFICERSChicago Double Killing
Attributed to Bootleg,
Revenge of Domestic
Trouble.

CHICAGO, N.Y. (By the Associated Press).—A double murder mystery involving theories of bootleg killing, revenge or domestic trouble, centers the activities of detectives seeking clue to the slayers of John Duffy, found in a roadside snow drift at Argos, Illinois, and a woman, partly identified as Mrs. Duffy, found last night in an apartment which Duffy shared with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Horton.

MURDERING OF
LAWRENCE HARE
TO BE PROBED

MARSHFIELD, (AP).—Circuit Judge Kendall ordered a special session of the Curry county grand jury at Gold Beach Monday to investigate the killing of Lawrence Hare in connection with which state prohibition officers, Munsie and Neill are held.

King Victor Emmanuel
Has Influenza Attack

ROME (AP).—King Victor Emmanuel is confined to his bed with influenza. His projected trip to the Flaminia in connection with the annexation of that city to Italy has been postponed.

AGRICULTURAL
BILL IS GIVEN
TO THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP).—A total of \$66,758,512 of which \$17,709,000 would be available for improvement of highways during the coming fiscal year is carried in the agricultural bill reported Friday by the house agriculture committee. The total is \$15,982,540 less than the appropriation a year ago, when \$22,260,000 was allotted for state aid road construction, and is \$471,212 less than budget estimates.

Finally Keeps Promise.

R. M. Whitlock was brought to La Grande by Dexter McIlroy recently from Los Angeles on a charge of seduction and promise to marry. He and the girl implicated in the case were arrested at the court house and the charges against him will probably be withdrawn as soon as court convenes Monday morning.

Late News Flashes

MILTON A. MILLER NAMED.

SALEM (AP).—Milton A. Miller, former internal revenue collector of Portland, was today appointed by Governor Pierce as a member of the state text book commission to succeed Harrison G. Platt, of Portland, resigned. Pierce also announced the appointment of A. G. Marsters, of Roseburg, to succeed himself on the state fair board.

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BULLETINS

PLAN TO SLAY ANOTHER.
Seattle, (AP).—Carl Ryberg, who according to confessions attributed to him, killed Mrs. Joshua Mummy and made an attack on her husband and fired the Mummy home at Seattle Heights, planned to slay Mrs. Peter Poulsen, formerly Mrs. Ryberg, said Sheriff McCullough of Everett today.

Ryberg had meditated over a hour that Mummy's estranged sister, Mrs. Ryberg, the grand daughter of Mrs. Mummy.

ASSISTANT FIRE
CHIEF KILLED IN
MORNING BLAZE

NEW ORLEANS, (AP).—Jules Puel, assistant fire chief, was suffocated when trapped in a warehouse of the Marks-Bauman company, a Canal street department store, which was destroyed by fire today.

PURPLE GIANTS
DEFEAT LEGION
TEAM 30 TO 21

The La Grande American Legion basketball team, independent champions of Eastern Oregon, suffered their first defeat of the season last evening when the Purple Giants of Elgin won from them 30 to 21.

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ON MONDAYSenator Walsh Requested
Slomp Testifying
by Telephone CallSECRETARY OF
COOLIDGE AGREEDSlomp Not Surprised by
News That He Must
Testify Before Senate
Oil Board.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—C. Bascom Slomp, President Coolidge's secretary, today agreed to appear before the senate oil committee Monday. Senator Walsh called Slomp on the telephone and the secretary readily agreed to appear. While Senator Walsh declined to indicate the subject matter on which Slomp would be questioned it was understood that the committee desires to ask about the extent of any communication he has had with government officials and others concerned regarding the oil inquiry since the beginning of tarring disclosures a month ago.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Mr. Slomp visited Palm Beach last December at the time former secretary Fall and Edward J. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post were there, and he probably will be asked if he talked with them about the oil scandal.

Other members of the committee who concurred in the decision to call the president's secretary, said he might be questioned also as to whether he had talked with government officials or others mentioned in the oil cases since the beginning of the sensational disclosures which followed the testimony of Archie Roosevelt on January 22.

Slomp Not Surprised—Apparently the news that he would be called came as no surprise to Mr. Slomp. It was understood that he had been advised several days ago that some members of the committee were of the opinion that he should be questioned. Decision to call Mr. Slomp was the only development which came out of hurried conferences which Senator Walsh held with committee members and his colleague, Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, immediately upon reaching his office.

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PIONEER OF
ELGIN DEAD

ELGIN, Ore. (Special).—John Graham, a pioneer resident of Elgin, passed away this morning at seven o'clock, his death presumably the result of heart failure. Mr. Graham, whose demise came as a severe shock to his many friends and to his relatives, was about three score and ten years of age. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss a wife and six children, five sons and one daughter.

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