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TOT IS BURNED TO DEATH

COOLIDGE MESSAGES TO M'LEAN ARE READ

COMMITTEE
HEARS TWO
TELEGRAMSOne Sent to McLean Jan-
uary 12 and One on
February 12CHIEF DENIES
OIL IMPLICATIONCoolidge Says Telegrams
Referred to Questions
of Local Government
in District of ColumbiaWASHINGTON (By the As-
sociated Press).—Two tele-
grams sent by President Cal-
vin Coolidge to Edward B. Mc-
Lean, in Florida, were read
into the records of the senate
oil committee, today.Error is Corrected.
C. H. Sloan, the president's
secretary, later issued a statement
correcting previous White House
announcements regarding the tele-
gram to McLean February 12, say-
ing it answered a telegram from
McLean congratulating President
Coolidge on his statement respect-
ing the senate resolution calling for
Denby's resignation."Owing to the date of the tele-
gram," said the Sloan statement,
"it was at first thought it related
to President Coolidge's Lincoln Day
address at New York. Examination
of the White House files after
its issuance by the President of
his statement, it was disclosed,
however, that the McLean message
related to the Denby affair.""A number of congratulatory
messages were received in connec-
tion with both the statement of the
Robinson resolution and the New
York speech."DECLINES TO TURN
OVER PRIVATE RETURNSWASHINGTON (AP).—Presi-
dent Coolidge declined today to
(Continued on page 3)POSTOFFICE
IS GROWINGThe La Grande post office per-
sonnel is one-third larger than last
year at this time, according to a
statement issued by Ralph Huron,
local postmaster, today. Many
new, outgoing districts are now be-
ing served and others will be added
as they build sidewalks that will
enable the carriers to reach them.
Another innovation in the ser-
vice that has been added during the
present administration is the es-
tablishment of deposit boxes in
various parts of the city. The mail
is transported to the boxes in
trucks and is then taken by the
carriers and distributed to the resi-
dences. This expedites the service
to the outlying parts of the city
and is a more efficient way of
handling. Other deposit boxes are
to be added from time to time as
needed.Speedy Action Needed
To Get National GuardsSince the announcement was
made some time ago that papers had
been received by a committee
of the chamber of commerce from
the adjutant's office for the forma-
tion of a company of infantry of
the Oregon National Guard, con-
siderable work has been done on
the matter and a material number
has signed the preliminary form
indicating their desire to join.Progress has been too slow, how-
ever, and if the organization is to
be completed it will be necessary
to speed up.A number of other towns want
this company and the new com-
pany, wherever organized, should
be completed immediately in order
to have the benefit of the summer
training camp.Under these circumstances it is
believed that the sportsmanlikePortland Is
Solidly For
Export BillMcNary - Haugen Meas-
ure Favored in Metropol-
olis, Says A. R. HunterHomes from Portland where he
attended a meeting of inland Em-
pire representatives who visited the
metropolis to secure more support
for the McNary-Haugen bill, Al-
bert R. Hunter expressed himself
as thoroughly satisfied with the
lineup that has formed in Oregon
to urge Congress and the president
to look with favor upon this piece
of legislation which is believed to
be the only solution that will save
the great wheat industry."We met with the Portland
chamber of commerce and found
that opposition to the bill had mel-
ded away and now that organization
is firmly behind the measure. A
meeting attended by Nathan
Strauss and probably 30 more of
Portland's leaders in business gave
positive assurance of their united
support," stated Mr. Hunter."They are working on the Na-
tional Chamber of Commerce and
the National Automobile Dealers'
association and many other na-
tion-wide organizations in behalf
of the bill and I am sure that good
results are going to come from
this combined effort. I was pleased
to report that Union county is
100 per cent for the McNary-Hau-
gen bill," concluded Mr. Hunter.

BULLETINS

FORBES ENTERS PLEA.
Washington, (AP).—Charles H.
Forbes, former director of the vi-
cious bureau, pleaded not guilty
today before a United States com-
missioner to charges of fraud, con-
spiracy and bribery, preferred by
a Chicago grand jury. He furnished
a \$10,000 bond. The trial is set for
March 17 in Chicago.SECRET CODE USED.
Washington, (AP).—W. O. Duck-
stein, McLean's employee, told the
senate oil committee today that
he furnished him to use the de-
partment of justice code to decipher
the messages from McLean.HOGS HIGHER TODAY.
Portland, Ore. (AP).—Cattle
weak but hogs higher on today's
market. Hogs, top grade, \$7.50 to
\$7.75. Sheep steady. Eggs unset-
tled, 17½ to 20½ cents. Butter
weak. Butterfat, Portland steady,
San Francisco 52½ cents.Toy Young Completes
Payments to the CityToy Young, who recently secured
the redemption of his property on
East Adams which had reverted to
the city, by the agreement to pay
\$1450 to the city, completed his
payments last evening when he
handed city recorder J. E. Stearns
the balance due the city—\$1150.
Young had paid \$300 at an earlier
date.It is understood that this prop-
erty in question will be used by Dr.
Mayville for a new health resort.Alaska College Has 69 Students.
FAIRBANKS, Alaska. (AP).—
The Alaska Agricultural college and
School of Mines, believed to be
the farthest north college in the
world, has re-elected Charles E.
Bunnell president. Mr. Bunnell,
former federal judge here, found-
ed the institution 16 months
ago. It has an enrollment of 69
students.The committee who have the
matter in charge believe that
Tuesday, March 18, is a fair date
on which to end efforts for this
organization, either with success
or failure, and every opportunity
will be offered those interested to
join by that date.If there are not sufficient signa-
tures on that date, the company
will go elsewhere but if the list is

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KNIGHT NOT
EX-EMPLOYEE
OF OIL BANKInforms Government Of-
ficials That Reports
Out Are Not TrueACCEPTS JOB AS
SPECIAL COUNSELWill Participate in Stan-
dard Oil Company of
California Oil Lease
Cases.WASHINGTON (By the Associ-
ated Press).—Samuel Knight, whose
nomination as a special counsel in
the Standard Oil company of Cal-
ifornia oil lease case, has aroused
opposition on the ground he was
counsel for a bank in which the
Rockefellers were interested, in-
formed government officials be-
fore accepting the position that he
had never represented the oil in-
terests.American Archbishops
May Be Made CardinalsROME, (AP).—Archbishop
Hayes, of New York, and Arch-
bishop Mundelein, of Chicago,
were announced late today nomi-
nated cardinals.ROME, (AP).—Archbishop Hay-
es, of New York, and Archbishop
Mundelein, of Chicago, will prob-
ably be nominated as cardinals ac-
cording to the view taken in well
informed Vatican quarters.
Up to this time however, no of-
ficial decision has been made pub-
lic, so far as can be learned, no
positive determination as to their
appointments has been reached.La Grande Golfers to
Meet This EveningCountry club members interest-
ed in golf are to meet tonight in
the city hall at 7:30 o'clock, ac-
cording to Fred J. Holmes, who in
today making arrangements for
the gathering. The purpose of the
session is to discuss plans for the
repairing and improvement of the
course.

Late News Flashes

TO REPORT BONUS BILL.
WASHINGTON (AP).—An agreement to report a
soldiers' bonus bill was voted 16 to 3 today by the
house ways and means committee.No action was taken on the form of bill to be re-
ported. Representative Bacharach, Republican, of New
Jersey, presented a plan for limiting compensation to
paid up insurance and other plans were also discussed
but the committee decided not to go into all those
submitted until tomorrow.

TRY TO FIND IDENTITY.

WASHINGTON (AP).—A movement gained ground
today in the house to establish the identity of the two
representatives charged in the report of the Chicago
grand jury with bribery.The situation was discussed at conferences attended
by Speaker Gillette, Republican Leader Longworth,
Chairman Snell, of the rules committee and Demo-
cratic Leader Garrett, who has introduced a resolution
of inquiry.

TO SEEK ACTION.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The senate finance com-
mittee decided today to seek immediate enactment of
the joint resolution providing for a 25 percent reduc-
tion in personal income taxes payable this year so that
it may apply on the installment due March 15.GRANGE MEET
IS ENJOYED
FIRM REPORTS
MANY SALESThe 20th birthday anniversary
of the Blue Mountain grange was
observed yesterday in a fitting
manner. Many were present in-
cluding grangers from other coun-
ties, present members of the Blue
Mountain grange and also, past
members, who were especially in-
vited to attend.Roy Gekeler appeared on the
day's program and spoke on sev-
eral state legislative measures, in-
cluding the oil bill, and the new
law on egg grading and weights.
Al. E. Carter, who has lately
(Continued on page 3)SPANISH LOYAL
TROOPS BEATEN
NEAR MOROCCOLONDON, (AP).—A Tangier dis-
patch says that the recent action in
Morocco resulted in severe reverses
for the Spaniards.
The Spanish line was broken at
Tizazza and the ruffians are
pushing through towards Midjar,
a short distance south of Melilla
where Spanish headquarters are
maintained.ST. Paul Lad Is Winner
Over Oakland BattlerPORTLAND, (AP).—Jimmy De-
laney, of St. Paul, won a ten-round
decision over Raecherle Roberts,
of Oakland, in a boxing card here
last night.

THIS NEW KID LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE

BOND ISSUE
ELECTION
VERY NEARCity Commission Expects
to Call Special Water
Election ShortlyORDINANCE TO BE
INTRODUCED SOONDecision Reached Last
Evening to Hold Elec-
tion Before May Pri-
maries.In session a few minutes less
than one hour, the La Grande
city commission last evening es-
tablished a new record for an
executive meet of short duration
for the past two years. Business
that came before the body was
handled in an expeditious man-
ner.The last, but far from least
item that came before the "city
dads" was that of the proposed
bond issue election to secure fi-
nances for the construction of a
water system for La Grande.City Attorney Henry Hess stated
that in his opinion it would
not be wise to hold such an elec-
tion jointly with the primary
election in May but that, if legal
aspects were to be followed to
the letter, it would be better to
hold a special municipal election
for the office of city commis-
sioner.It was agreed that an ordinance
providing for a special election
would be prepared during the
next few days and presented next
Wednesday night at the regular
commission meeting. Following
the passing of such an ordinance
an election can be called after
a ten-day period.Indications point strongly to
the holding of such an election
possibly a month before the May
primaries.

Decision Made

The commission last evening
announced to Ray Harris that
their final decision relating to
the condemnation of his property
on Fir street, damaged by fire,
was to be made next week.GRID METHODS
SECURE SEATSAs per usual, those who desire
to attend secured seats for the
senior "grid" drama, "Beyon
Kings to Buildgate," which will be
given in the high school auditorium
Friday and Saturday nights, play-
ing at 8 o'clock.UNION TOURNEY
"GATE" TOTALS
AMOUNT TO \$1144UNION, Ore. Special to the Ob-
server.—The Union district high
school tournament, staged here in
the community gymnasium, last
week and won for La Grande high
school's team, resulted in a net
sum of \$1144.The net proceeds, after with-
drawal of sum to cover incidental
expenses, was divided among the
teams entering the tournament in
order to cover their traveling ex-
penses.Cove Hi Students to
Give Vaudeville ShowCOVE, (Special).—Students of
the Cove high school will give a
Junior vaudeville troupe, com-
menced at Cove. A very interesting
program has been arranged and
consists of an introduction of Jun-
iors, a saxophone quartet, playlet,
"Beau of Bate," a dance "Moon
Dance," Marching, a Chinese
dance, song, "Rememberin'," play-
let, "Hearts Command," Dream of
India and Mexican Cook Fight.

On Trial

Ex-war lord, General von
Ludendorff, is on trial for in-
stigating the recent short-
lived "beer cellar" revolt. The
trial is now in progress in a
Munich court.NONE SEEKING
OFFICE AS YETCity Recorder J. E. Stearns an-
nounced today that as yet no one
had filed declaration for candidacy
for the office of city commis-
sioner although only a short time yet
remains in which they can file for
the May primaries.The procedure that has to be
used in filing of candidacy with
the city recorder 45 days before the
May primary election. The record-
er then files the declaration with
the county recorder. The candi-
dates chosen by each party are
then finally voted upon in the gen-
eral election.The terms of all three commis-
sioners now in office expire on De-
cember 31, 1924, and as yet none
of them have announced that they
will seek re-election.The primaries fall early in May
which makes it imperative that
candidates announce themselves to
the city recorder during the month
of March.EQUITY CASES
TO BE TRIED IN
CIRCUIT COURTJudge J. W. Knowles, who has
been holding court at Astoria will
return to La Grande Saturday to
preside over the equity cases to
be decided next week.Cases on the docket are: Mon-
day, First National Bank of Ba-
har vs. Rompo Neal et al.; Tues-
day, Marshall vs. Thomas; and
Wednesday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Thursday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Friday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Saturday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Sunday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Monday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Tuesday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Wednesday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Thursday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Friday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Saturday, La Grande vs. La Grande.
Sunday, La Grande vs. La Grande.

IN NEW HOME

F. B. Hayes, city manager, is
making possession of his new resi-
dence on D street today and will
be at home to his friends at his
new address in the near future.Everything Set For
Farm Caucus OpeningApparatus today are that a
large number of La Grande peo-
ple will visit Union tomorrow in
order to be in attendance at the
opening day of the Union county
agricultural economic conference
which will be held Friday at Im-
lin and Saturday at La Grande.High interest in the conference
is manifested on all sides and be-
cause of any doubt, every portion
of the county will be represented at
both the La Grande and Union
meeting.The meeting will open tomorrow
at 2:30 o'clock in the Union high
school building with Dr. W. T. Ph-
or Hot Lake, raiser of pure bred
Hobbs-Friesians, as master of
ceremonies. The meeting will con-
tinue throughout the day.Arrangements have been made
to provide transportation to Union
Friday for those who do not haveEVA RICKS,
AGED TWO, IS
FIRE VICTIMFour-Year-Old Brother Is
Badly Injured But Is
RecoveringBURNING BARN
TRAPPED BABYBoy Able to Escape with
Seared Neck, Arms—
Funeral to Be Here
Friday.

COVE, Ore. (Special).—

Eva Ricks, aged two years
and two months, is dead and
her four and one-half year
old brother, Lewis Martin
Ricks, is badly burned about
the neck and arms as the
result of a fire four miles
from here early last evening
on the L. N. Conley ranch,
that destroyed a barn in
which the children were
playing.According to stories told here to-
day the two little children were
playing in the barn when it caught
fire, possible from matches, which
it is possible the children were
playing with. The fire spread rapidly
and by the time the boy was
able to rush out, he was covered
with flames.Little Lewis was met by his
mother who extinguished the burn-
ing clothing. By that time, how-
ever, the barn was a seething fur-
nace with no possible chance of
saving the baby girl, whose body
was removed after the barn had
burned to the ground.The Ricks family had been liv-
ing on the Conley ranch for some
time.The remains of the little girl are
at the undertaker's parlors
here. Funeral arrangements have
been completed and the baby will
(Continued on page 3)DELEGATES TO
BAKER NAMEDRalph Huron and Hugh Brady
were elected last evening at the
legion meeting to officially rep-
resent the local post at the district
conference at Baker Friday after-
noon.Mr. Huron will present a paper
on "How to Secure and Retain
Members." Mr. Brady's paper will
be on the subject of "Interna-
tionalization." Fred Kiddle, state com-
missioner, will be present in his of-
ficial capacity, as also will be
chiefs Thompson, Jess Anderson
and Ray Williams, local post com-
manders.After the meeting last evening a
dance was held in the K. of P. hall
at which all members enjoyed an
unusually good time. Refresh-
ments were served by the ladies
auxiliary at 11:30 o'clock. A band
was furnished by Lou's orchestra.Everything Set For
Farm Caucus OpeningCars available. Cars will leave
the Chamber of Commerce office,
one door east of the Bonanza Hotel,
at 8:30 a. m. Farmers who have
no way to go will find ample
room in the cars of other farmers
from that point. The day's ses-
sions are expected to close about
4:00 or 4:30 p. m. which will en-
able all to get home in time for
high, chores, etc. A good order
will be maintained.Many topics of interest will be
brought up by the different farm
committees. Public's meeting
will be held at 8 o'clock. The
chief interest in the future, pro-
spects of the industry as outlined
by specialists and in the formation
of a local egg marketing pool,
which is being investigated at the
present time.Dairymen, under Dr. W. A. Rye,
will be in charge of the meeting.

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