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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Cloudy with rain in the west portion tonight and Tuesday.

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Hunt's
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Letter

By Harry B. Hunt,
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WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—The uncertainty of Democratic presidential prospects could not be better emphasized than by election bets that have been placed by one of Washington's shrewdest political gamblers.

At one sitting the other night, around the big dining table at his club, this man placed 11 bets, giving substantial odds in each case against Democratic "possibilities." The card of his wagers for the evening was as follows:

5 to 1 against McAdoo, Cox, Glass, Underwood, Smith, Cummings and Baileston.

10 to 1 against Cleveland, Hull, Baker and Davis.

In contrast to his willingness to take the short end against any proposed Democratic aspirant, this same bettor is ready to place 5 to 1 on "Coolidge for nomination, but finds no takers."

Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, the lank, melancholy chairman of the Senate finance committee, wheelhorse of the G. O. P., organizer of the Mormon church, has been deeply grieved by criticisms of himself growing out of the Senate oil investigation.

Democrats pounced on the disclosure that Smoot, former chairman of the investigating committee, and Senator Lenroot, the present chairman, had visited former Secretary of Interior Fall at his home here last December, just before Fall departed for Florida for his health. And the insinuations and intimations they evolved from that visit were so direct and pointed that even so calloused a partisan as Smoot could not sit silent under them.

Gaining the floor after one of the most caustic speeches on this subject, Smoot made what was probably the most emotional appeal of his career.

Throwing open his coat, as if to bare his breast to his critics, he declared:

"I want to say, Mr. President, (Continued on page 5)

"BALDPAPE INN" PLAY CLASSES AS ONE OF THE BEST

With a large crowd in attendance the Senior class of the La Grande high school presented "Seven Keys to Baldpate" for the second time Saturday evening in the high school auditorium. As on the opening night the mystery drama made a decided hit, with those present who were more than pleased with the presentation.

Many who witnessed the play classed it as the most interesting one ever staged in local high school circles.

LOVERS' QUARREL
ENDS IN MURDER,
SUICIDE TODAY

LOS ANGELES (AP).—A lovers' quarrel, ending in murder and suicide, was the explanation police offered today for deaths here last night of Detective Lieutenant E. L. Pratt, of the Los Angeles police, and Mrs. Mildred Pearl Lloyd, divorced wife of L. P. Schultz.

Pratt was found slumped in an automobile with two bullet wounds and Mrs. Lloyd was found dead from poison in her home, three blocks distant. Police said witnesses saw Mrs. Lloyd run from the scene of the shooting.

Meeting Tomorrow.—The Union County Fire Association will meet tomorrow in the city hall for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Other regular routine business will be attended to at the afternoon session among which will be the report of the secretary-treasurer, L. H. Russell. The morning session will open at ten o'clock and will be followed by one in the afternoon.

Man and Girl Held By
La Grande Authorities

Charged with vagrancy but with indications are that the possibility that some serious charges will develop, Sidney Thier, home unknown, and a girl, aged about 19, whose true name is doubtful, are held by officers here pending the arrival of Justice Day, of Boise, Idaho.

Upon the federal official's arrival, it is believed that the case will be turned over to United States government to prosecute.

Thier is held in the city jail and the girl is in the county jail. Both were arrested over the week-end.

May Face Mann Act Charges.—It is believed that Thier may eventually be charged with violation of the Mann act by transporting a girl from one state to another. Whether this charge will be placed or not is yet merely conjecture.

SINCLAIR TO FIGHT CASE

SECRETARY
DENBY OUT
OF OFFICE

Resigned Member Coolidge's Cabinet Quits Official Capacity

ROOSEVELT GOES INTO THE CHAIR

Assistant Secretary Will Be Acting Naval Head Until Successor to Denby Named.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Secretary Edwin Denby's resignation became effective today amid tributes of his associates in the United States navy department.

"I am trying," he told them, "to die with my face toward the enemy."

Officers of the navy and marine corps were present in Denby's office when he was sworn in as a major in the marine service corps. He will return to Detroit shortly and is expected to announce his plans for the future particularly concerning reports that he intends to seek the Republican nomination as United States Senator.

Thodore Roosevelt, the assistant secretary, becomes acting secretary to serve until a new department head is installed.

The president, however, has been giving much thought to filling the vacancy, the first in his cabinet, and indications were given Sunday that he had narrowed down considerably the field of those under consideration and that a decision may be announced at any time.

LA GRANDE IN
BALL LEAGUE

PENDLETON (AP).—The Blue Mountain baseball league was formed here Sunday, including Pendleton, Walla Walla, La Grande, Dayton, Paces and Milton-Freewater. Officers elected: W. H. Schroeder, Pasco, president; Omar Stephens, Athena, vice president; Carl Helm, La Grande, secretary-treasurer.

The directors will meet March 15 to draft a schedule which is expected to include Sunday games only.

La Grande will have a team in the Blue Mountain baseball league, "positive assurance of this occurred yesterday at a meeting in Pendleton when the league was formed, for this season and officers were elected."

W. H. Schroeder, of Pasco, was (Continued on page 5)

Honduran Rebels Will
Not Accept Any Help

WASHINGTON (AP).—Honduran revolutionaries have rejected overtures made by several Central American republics to restore peace and government in that country, torn with internal strife.

Award Given
to Writers of
Best Essay

Assembly at High School This Morning Honors Four Students.

Four La Grande high school students were honored this morning at a general assembly held for the purpose of awarding prizes to the winners of the statewide essay contest recently held by the American Legion on the subject of "Immigration."

Miss Maudie Moore received first prize for her essay and Jack Hatt and Bertha Howard were given second and third, respectively. A prize won in an essay contest conducted by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, was also awarded Miss Ruth Scott.

Miss Moore was a winner in an essay contest conducted last year and is receiving special congratulations for her success in a literary manner.

The first and second prize winners received a silver and bronze medal, respectively, and the others received cash awards.

After a brief presentation speech in which he explained the purpose and aims of the American Legion, Ray Williams, commander of the local post, presented the prizes to the winners as they came forward. An official American Legion (Continued on page 4)

OIL BOARD TO
AUGMENT QUIZ

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—As the oil committee opened up new fields of inquiry this week, special government counsel will institute the first of the court proceedings looking to the recovery of the naval fuel reserves from the Sinclair and Doherty interests.

These proceedings will take the form of application for temporary injunctions for stoppage of the extraction of oil in Teapot Dome in Wyoming and naval reserve No. 1 in California.

The first application will be filed in the federal district court in Wyoming and will involve the Mammoth Oil company, a Sinclair concern. The application in the federal district court in southern California involving the Pan-American Petroleum company, will follow.

Government counsel has not yet announced even a probable time for filing injunction suits and the institution of criminal proceedings against some of the leaders of the oil trust.

By Albert Hall, as secretary of the (Continued on page 5)

NIGHT SHOW TO
BE FEATURE OF
'24 STOCK SHOW

UNION, Ore. (Special).—The Union Live Stock association has decided to put on a night show at the stock show grounds, making the admission low, during the coming year.

There has been a desire for something more than a carnival to fill in the evenings during the show, and although a small street carnival will be here this year, committees will soon be busy with details of the new feature planned.

Roseburg Location of
Auto Register Office

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP).—Secretary of State Sam Kozar and T. A. Rafferty, chief of the motor vehicle, have installed an auto registration bureau here. A new station is to be located also at Marshfield and another in Eastern Oregon in the near future.

These stations are to be used for the registration of cars from other states. All peace officers are to be instructed to enforce the law requiring tourists to register.

PIONEER WOMAN IS DEAD.

SILVERTOWN, Ore. (AP).—Mrs. Mary Starnes, Oregon pioneer, died here Sunday. She was an aunt of Homer Davidson and cousin of T. C. Geer. She was born in 1841 in Waldo hills and lived all her life on part of the T. C. Geer donation land claim. She was married to W. J. Starnes in 1872.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Samantha Davis, of Waldo hills, and one brother, Calvin Geer, of Yuma, Ariz. She recently donated several Homer Davidson relics to the Silverton public library. Funeral services will be held Sunday, with interment in the Warren cemetery at Waldo hills.

BODIES OF
MINERS ARE
DISCOVERED

Little Hope Held for Entombed Men Near Castle Gate, Utah

TEN BODIES ARE FOUND SUNDAY

Fresh Air Stations Being Established in Mine—Smouldering Fire Extinguished.

CASTLE GATE, Utah, (AP).—Rescue teams entering mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel company here, where 175 men were entombed by three explosions early Saturday night, discovered Sunday night a smouldering fire in the mine and reported there were no other signs of fire anywhere in the workings. This announcement was made while Governor Charles E. Mahey, in company with officials of the fuel company, was making an inspection of the mine property.

Immediately after this announcement from rescue crews, additional rescue crews and fresh air men entered the mine and at 10 o'clock it was announced 75 men, the largest number so far to enter the mine, were rapidly exploring the interior.

Establish Aid Stations.—In view of the danger to rescue crews from the gas in the mine, fresh air stations are being established at short distances in (Continued on page 5)

BULLETINS

TRACE OF WOMAN FOUND
LOS ANGELES (AP).—Margaret Boyd, young Canadian woman missing from Redondo Beach, Calif., for several months, and for whom a continent-wide search has been in progress, was working in a cafe in North Bend, Ore., until two weeks ago, according to a telegram today at the sheriff's office from F. H. Jackson, sheriff of the Oregon town. The woman identified as Miss Boyd by Jackson left North Bend for Portland, Idaho, he said. Miss Boyd's former home was in Ontario, Ontario.

STEERS HIGHER TODAY

PORTLAND (AP).—Steers a shade higher today. Best steers, \$7.75 to \$8.75. Cows show, \$6.25 to \$6.50 higher, best grade, \$8.00 to \$8.25. Sheep 25c higher, top lambs, \$12.25 to \$14.65. Eggs steady. Butter—Portland: 51c to 52c; San Francisco, 50 1/2c to 51c.

CANDLER WINNER IN \$100,000 SUIT

DECATUR, Ga. (AP).—A jury today rendered a verdict in favor of Walter T. Candler, Atlanta capitalist, in a \$100,000 damage suit against him carried on by Mrs. Clyde K. Byfield.

She charged Mr. Candler with having her on the steamer Thermopylae in the summer of 1922.

Late News Flashes

DOHENY ADMITS HUGE LOAN.
NEW YORK (AP).—Edward L. Doheny, denying the charge of Senator Wheeler that he, with Sinclair and other interests, had financed a revolution against the Mexican government, said today he had loaned \$5,000,000 to the Obregon government, which enabled it to put down the rebellion.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Senator Wheeler, in announcing the calling as a witness in the Daugherty investigation Harry S. Obbon, former mayor of Calexico, California, explained that the committee's first inquiry would relate to the 1921 revolution against Obregon in Lower California, headed by Cantu, former governor. Wheeler said he expected Obbon to give information to show that Fall was the "go between" in the use of a million dollar fund raised largely by American oil companies to finance the Cantu revolution.

FINED \$5,000

HOUSTON, Texas (AP).—Edward Young Clarke, of Atlanta, former acting imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, pleaded guilty today in the federal court on a charge of violation of the Mann act. He was fined \$5,000.

LEGION TO
HOLD AUTO
SHOW SOON

La Grande Post to Sponsor Exhibition Latter Part of Month

INTEREST HIGH IN COMING EVENT

Auto Men Expected to "Show Off" Spring and Summer Models in Attractive Manner.

The "biggest and best" are much used and much abused words but the committee in charge of the American Legion Automobile Show, which is to be held in the building formerly occupied by the Oregon Hardware Company across the street from Bohlenkamps, the 25, 28 and 29 of this month, say that the exhibition will live up to the adjective in which they describe it, according to announcements made to day.

Most of the local dealers have already signified their intention of exhibiting at the show and many have purchased floor space. In order to be impartial as to the distribution of the space a meeting is to be held to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock at the La Grande Electric Company for distribution of space.

Articles will be given to visitors each evening. The first night a spotlight will be given, the second evening an auto race, and the third and last night a radio will be given away.

Fencers will have a chance to amuse themselves all three nights and arrangements have been made to have an amateur vaudeville show the first night, the model-judged band the second evening and a style show for the final day. Other amusements and diversions (Continued on page 5)

HARRISON FIRM BID HELD BEST BY SCHOOL BOARD

Harrison Brothers of La Grande, contractors were successful in bidding for the work of excavating dirt for the basement of the East La Grande grammar school to be built this summer, according to announcements today.

The consideration amounted to \$219. Work will begin very shortly.

NEW FEATURE IS
BEGUN TODAY BY
THE OBSERVER

Beginning with today's issue a new feature has been added to the columns of the Evening Observer, Harry Hunt's "Washington News Letter," which will hereafter occupy a regular space in the new feature which will undoubtedly be well received by the reading public.

The news letter, which daily covers many items of interest that occur in Washington and elsewhere, is furnished through the NEA service, one of the three services that the Evening Observer has available.

HAYES TO TALK ON LOCAL WATER TUESDAY NOON

The regular weekly Tuesday luncheon of the Union County Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow at 12:05 o'clock in the L. O. P. hall with the chief speaker of the day, "The Mayor," F. B. Hayes, who will discuss the water question.

Mr. Hayes was scheduled to speak relative to this matter two weeks ago but postponed his appearance until tomorrow. A large turnout is expected.

"Yellow Dog" to Open For Business Tuesday

T. O. Mead and R. C. Carr announce today the opening of a new sandwich house, lunch center and doughnut stand at 218 N. Fir street. It is to be known as "The Yellow Dog" and the managers say their specialty will be doughnuts, made hot right in the window. The equipment has been installed and the new stand will be ready to serve customers tomorrow.

They Even Become Colonels!



The weaker (?) sex is coming into its own! This is Maxine Brown, honorary colonel of the Sixth Infantry, referred to by the late President Harding as the prettiest girl to visit the White House, regarded by many as one of the most graceful dancers in the country, and now sought by the Prince of Wales to dance in a London revue. She is now in New York City.

DOPE CHARGE AGAINST SING TEAM WINNERS

Wong Sing, Chinese, was arrested by the police department Saturday evening on the charge of maintaining a common nuisance where liquor and narcotics are kept and sold.

Wong Sing appeared in police court this morning for a hearing which was postponed until this afternoon or evening, when he will be arraigned before Judge J. D. Slater.

According to the officers a Mexican courier from Sing's place at 1005 South Adams street, with opium in his possession which officers allege he purchased from Wong Sing or agents of him.

CRACK LEGION TEAM WINNERS

With MacTavish hitting the baskets from all portions of the court, the La Grande Legion basketball team, independent champions of eastern Oregon, added one more to their long string of victories when they defeated the Baker Collegians at Baker Saturday evening 32 to 25.

MacTavish was high point man for the local team with Garly second. The two teams were about evenly matched but La Grande players converted every attempt from the foul line, which gave their total score added points.

A return game to be played in the La Grande high school gymnasium tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock will close the games for the local boys.

Payne, Moody, Stoddard, Schmidt and Durbin started for Baker with Hagg going in later at guard. Reynolds, Theison, McDonald, Garly, MacTavish, Ash and Taylor played for La Grande. Homer Jamieson refereed in a very satisfactory manner.

Reservations Limited For Dr. Short Address

A limited number of reservations remain in the hands of Earl C. Reynolds for the address to be given by Dr. Barge Short, J. C. Penney publication editor, Wednesday evening in the First Presbyterian church at 8:15 o'clock.

Those who wish to secure reservations for the address, given under the auspices of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, should arrange for them with Mr. Reynolds immediately.

Congress Week Will Be Busy---To Press Bonus

WASHINGTON (AP).—The new soldiers bonus bill is in the hands of the subcommittee of the house ways and means committee which is now putting the finishing touches on the measure, with paid up life insurance as its basis.

The committee is expected to report the measure to the House of Representatives Wednesday when a special order will be asked for immediate consideration.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Congress faces a week which, in the opinion of leaders, may hold more action than any of the present session. Investigations will continue to divert attention from legislation (Continued on page 8)

OIL MAN IS ON WAY TO CHEYENNE

Six Attorneys Accompany Harry Sinclair to Wyoming Court

IS CONFIDENT OF FINAL VICTORY

Oil Board Today Digging Into New Pile of Telegrams—Results of Examinations to Be Released Soon.

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press).—Harry P. Sinclair and six attorneys departed today for Cheyenne, Wyoming, to contest the United States governmental action to cancel the Teapot Dome oil leases.

Sinclair expressed confidence of his ultimate victory and vindication.

DIGGING INTO MORE TELEGRAMS AT PRESENT

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The senate oil committee today is digging into a pile of telegrams it has subpoenaed.

The board plans soon to divulge the result of the examination of the broker's books by auditors to discover the extent of dealings by officials in oil stocks before and leasing the naval reserves.

FARM CAUCUS HELD SUCCESS

General resolutions adopted by the Union county economic agriculture conference held in Union Friday and La Grande Saturday, as announced by the committee today, are as follows:

"Whereas, this, the first Union County Agricultural Economic Conference, has adopted a program based upon a comprehensive study of production and marketing possibilities in general harmony with the state agricultural program, and

"Whereas, this program provides the best guide for the further development of the agriculture of the county, and

"Whereas, the ultimate benefit growing out of the adoption of the program will depend upon the extent to which it is understood (Continued on page 5)

UNION DEBATERS CHAMPIONS—WILL MEET PENDLETON

UNION, Ore. (Special).—Word has been received here from Walla Walla county that the Lostine and Walla Walla high schools have forfeited their debating rights to Union county—I am giving Union high school the championship for the two counties.

Union won from Imbler and the Walla Walla schools tied, the judges giving each team three votes.

Union will again face Pendleton to decide the championship of Eastern Oregon and which one will get the right to represent this part of the state at Eugene in the state title contest.