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Hunt's
Washington
Letter

(By Harry D. Hunt)
WASHINGTON. (NEA Special)
—The least perturbed person in
Washington, these days, by far as
outward evidences go at least, is
President Calvin Coolidge.
Through all the heat of the con-
troversies and conflicts arising
from the day-by-day disclosures of
the Senate investigation commit-
tee, Coolidge proceeds calmly and
unemotionally about his job as
president, listening to his saying
little. He has remained cool in a
politically super-heated atmo-
sphere in which all others seem to
have forgotten the good G. O. P.
slogan, "Keep Cool With Cool-
idge."

Up at the White House there are
none of the appearances of frayed
nerves and frayed dispositions that
are so apparent "down on the Hill."
While the senators and repre-
sentatives, the national chairman
of the parties and their national
committees, issue scolding inter-
views, meeting personal and party
charges with hot denials and coun-
ter-charges, "Silent Cal," "Coolidge
Cal," "Cool Cal," goes right along
qualifying better than ever before
for his whole galaxy of nick-names.

That Coolidge is doing a lot of
thinking, however, if little talking,
is evidenced by his course in se-
lecting a successor to replace Den-
by as secretary of the navy.
Pushing to one side the whole
list of "political" recommendations
men whose chief qualifications
were that they had been or are po-
litically influential, had served on
naval committees in Congress at
some time or could deliver Cool-
idge's delegates at the coming na-
tional convention, Coolidge set him-
self the job of finding—what?

An experienced executive? Ex-
ecutive ability and experience, not
political prestige or influence, he
decided, should determine his
choice. A man of large experi-
ence in business or industry, per-
haps even an engineer with ex-
ecutive training. But no political fig-
urehead!

The selection had not yet been
made when this was written. But
when it is announced, measure it
by the above qualifications.

Senator Frank Willis of Ohio,
the gastronomic expert of the Sen-
ate, in a long and lively, main-
ly with a loud voice and a mar-
velous appetite. But Willis' most dis-
tinctive trait is his persistent op-
timism. Democrats say his op-
timism was responsible for his
championing the cause of Al-
G. O. Daugherty, when it was pro-
posed to investigate Daugherty's
official conduct. But that's neither
here nor there. Plain political
pessimism, perhaps!

Anyway, Willis has a rule by
which he can tell, infallibly, he
says, whether a given individual
is an optimist or a pessimist. The
rule requires that the subject in
question, however, be seated at a
dinner table.

"If he looks at the pitcher at the
other end of the table and says

IMPROVEMENTS
WILL BE MADE

The Grande Ronde Lumber com-
pany at Perry will Saturday close
a three week period, which
will be devoted to extensive im-
provements and repairs, according
to authentic announcement today.
Despite the fact that the mill
will be closed, none of the em-
ployees will be laid off.
The company officials are ex-
pecting one of the best years in
their history in 1924.

Congress Steps On Tax
Slash And Farm Relief

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Congress late Monday
returned adverse votes on two
measures.
In the first recent vote of the
session on a farm relief measure
the senate defeated, 54 to 25, the
proposed appropriation of \$20,000,
to be used in financing fur-
tillaz purchases. Opposition to
the fertilizer item was voiced from
both sides of the chamber on the
ground that it was unconstitutional.

Tax Slash Held Up
The movement to obtain im-
mediate action on the proposed 25
per cent reduction in income taxes
payable this year was revived in
the house Monday but was quickly
turned down. Republican leaders
decided that action could not be
obtained on a resolution before
March 15 when first installment
are due.

House Favors Muscle Shoals
WASHINGTON (AP)—Henry

OIL BOARD
HEARS JOHN
MAJOR TODAY

Employee of McLean Re-
called to Stand This
Morning

DENIES KNOWING
OF CONFERENCES

Testimony Today by
John Major and That
Given Saturday Seem
to Conflict.

WASHINGTON (By the Asso-
ciated Press)—After an hour and
a half examining telegrams from
Three Sisters, New Mexico, the oil
committee resumed its public
hearings today by recalling John
P. Major, one of A. B. McLean's
employees.
Major said that McLean had not
told him about conferences which
the Washington publisher had with
Fall at Atlantic City in December
before Fall wrote the committee
he got \$100,000 from McLean.
Major had testified Saturday
that it was at this conference that
McLean and Fall discussed the
testimony Fall was to give before
the oil committee.
Major explained the code word
"eyed" referred to E. S. Rochester,
attached to the office of Attorney
General Daugherty.
He said the mysterious "Willie"
referred to repeatedly in the tele-
grams was Wilton J. Lambert, Mc-
Lean's attorney.

OIL COUNSEL TO GIVE
ADVISE TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON (AP)—Presi-
dent Coolidge will be guided by the
(Continued on page 5)

\$250 FINE GIVEN
TEMPLIN, TOOZE
IN McMinnville

McMinnville, Ore. (Special)—
Walter L. Tooze, Jr., chairman of
the Republican state central com-
mittee, and J. W. Templin, a gen-
eral owner, were fined \$250 each
in the circuit court here today, fol-
lowing their pleas of guilty last
week to a charge of illegal posses-
sion of liquor, on which they had
been indicted. Judge Robert Tucker
of Portland imposed the sen-
tences.
Tooze and Templin were first
indicted on a charge of contribu-
tion to the delinquency of a minor,
the specific allegation being that
they had given liquor to a 16-
year-old girl. This indictment was
quashed as defective, when their
trial was called. A second delin-
quency by the grand jury on the
same resulted in indictments on the
possession charge, to which both
men pleaded guilty.

Urges More Care When
Disposing of Rubbish

Chief C. O. Murchison, of the
fire department, today strongly
urged that all residents of the city
exercise more care in the disposal
of rubbish, stating that careless-
ness in this respect created a fire
hazard which could not be ignored.
He cited a recent fire at the cor-
ner of Ninth and M streets that
was caused by careless disposal of
rubbish, which was heaped near a
piped, which, becoming heated, ig-
nited the rubbish and caused a fire
that might have been disastrous.

Fire Association Meeting

At the morning session of the
annual meeting of the Union
County Fire Association, now be-
ing held in the city hall, the or-
ders of 1923 were unanimously
declared to serve in the same cap-
acity for the year of 1924. They
are George Cochran, President,
Elmer Stoddard, Vice-President,
and L. Russell, Secretary-Treas-
urer. Other business will be at-
tended to this afternoon.

Navy Head



Theodore Roosevelt, former
assistant secretary of the
navy, automatically be-
comes secretary of the navy
and a member of Coolidge's
cabinet until a successor to
Ex-Secretary Denby is found.
Denby's resignation was ef-
fective yesterday.

CARL G. HELM
IS CANDIDATE

Before leaving for Tacoma last
evening where he was called on
legal business Carl G. Helm an-
nounced his candidacy for the Re-
publican nomination to the office
of district attorney of Union coun-
ty.
Mr. Helm has been a resident of
La Grande several years and is now
practicing law in this court. He is
a graduate of Whitman college
and after completing his education
practiced law with George H. Run-
nens of Seattle, one of the stron-
gest law firms of the Sound coun-
try.
In stating to the Evening Ob-
server that he would be a candi-
date for this important office Mr.
Helm said: "I am asking the Re-
publicans of Union county for their
support in the nomination and if I
am nominated and elected to this
office I will serve the people in a
thoroughly impartial manner per-
forming the duties of the office
promptly and will enforce the laws
that are on the statute books fear-
lessly and uniformly."

GRANDMA NEWLIN
IS REMEMBERED
ON ANNIVERSARY

Yesterday was a pleasant day for
Grandma Newlin. It was her 83th
birthday and she is enjoying very
good health. Her children all
gathered at the home of her daugh-
ter, Mrs. F. L. Meyers, and
celebrated their mother's birth-
day. During the afternoon many
friends called and flowers in
profusion were sent to the aged
lady with many loving tributes at-
tached.

COOLIDGE AND
McADOO BACKED
IN TWO STATES

WASHINGTON (AP)—W. G.
McAdoo's leaders are obtaining al-
ready 518 of the 1138 delegates
named by the Missouri county con-
ventions to the state convention
April 15, and expect to have more
than a majority. David Ladd (Rock-
well, chairman of the national Mc-
Adoo for president committee, has
declared.
BRIGHTON, Colo. (AP)—
Delegates to the national Republi-
can convention elected here Mon-
day by the second congressional
district convention were instructed
to vote for Calvin Coolidge for
president so long as he is a candi-
date before the national Republi-
can convention.
DENVER (AP)—Delegates to
the national republican convention
from the first congressional district
of Colorado were instructed to
vote for the nomination of Presi-
dent Coolidge.

Circuit Court Trying
Civil Case at Present

The case of First National Bank
of Baker vs. Brown Neal Security
Construction company of La. is in
session under Judge Knowles in the
Circuit Court at the county court
house today.
The First National Bank of Ba-
ker, plaintiff, alleges that Security
Construction company, defendant,
agreed to pay all moneys advanced
to Neal and Gaskett, sub-contract-
ors. The case has not been de-
cided yet but a decision should be
reached soon.
Crawford and Eakin, P. S. Tran-
hoe and A. A. Smith are the attor-
neys for the plaintiff and Nichols,
Hallock, Donald and Heilman are
the attorneys for the defense.

PAVING BID
AWARDED BY
STATE BODY

J. C. Compton to Pave
Albany-Corvallis
Highway Unit

TO ADVERTISE
ORO DELL WORK

New Work Ordered Ad-
vertised March 27 In-
cludes Union, Umatilla
and Baker County
Units.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—J.
Compton late yesterday received
the contract for paving with ce-
ment concrete the highway be-
tween Albany and Corvallis. His
unit price was \$2.94. On bitumin-
ous concrete, "blacktops," Force &
Kerrigan were low bidders, their
offer being \$1.85 a square yard.
The highway commission accepted
the cement concrete bid, which
totaled \$231,622, although it was
\$21,617 higher than the blacktop
proposal.

The surprise of the highway
meeting was the very low bids of-
fered on cement concrete and
blacktop. The unit prices were the
lowest that have been submitted
in years, and the bid on the ce-
ment type is said to be even lower
than what the state of Washing-
ton received, where much of the
highway paving is of this ma-
terial.

Cutting Laid to Fight
Drastic cutting of prices is due
to the blacktop contractors, who
put up such a fight that in order
to secure this last bid paving job,
the bidders on cement concrete
shaded regardless. The keenness
of the competition was such that
the blacktop men, in their turn,
cut deeply. The 9.5 miles of pave-
ment, 18 feet wide, will cost about
\$24,300 a mile.

At the meeting last month the
commission advertised only for ce-
ment concrete, but an opinion of
the attorney general threw out the
bids and readjusted so there
would be competition. As the com-
mission was known to have de-
cided on cement in advance and
the specifications for blacktop

ALABAMA VOTERS
AT POLLS TODAY;
SEE HEAVY VOTE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Ala-
bama voters participated today in
the state's first preferential presi-
dential primary. A heavy vote
is expected.
Three democratic candidates—
Senator Underwood, L. B. Mus-
grove, and E. A. Dinwiddie—are
listed. The successful candidate
will name the state's delegation to
the national convention.

River Appropriation

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—
According to a Portland newspaper
Washington news bureau, Senator
McNary introduced a bill Monday
appropriating \$100,000 for addi-
tional aids to navigation in the Co-
lumbia river and for construction
or purchase of a suitable power
boat for attending such aids.

Late News Flashes

APPEALS TO CONGRESS.
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge today
sent a special message to congress recommending a
reduction of 25 percent on income taxes for 1923 be
authorized before March 15. The president believes
the importance of reduction would justify laying aside
all other legislative business for its consideration.

BABY MURDERER SANE?
PORTLAND, Me. (AP)—Counsel for Mrs. Nellie
Ral McLean of Tamoca, today expressed the opinion
that she suffered from hallucinations when she made
an alleged confession that she smothered her baby
with a pillow after a quarrel with her husband and
added that at times she appeared not to realize that
the baby was dead.

HEILMAN RENEWS DEMAND
WASHINGTON (AP)—Representative Heilman,
Republican, of Maryland, today renewed his demand
that the house authorize an investigation of reports
that evidence was developed against him and another
house member before a Chicago grand jury.
He protested against judiciary committees recom-
mending that the matter be left to the department of
justice.

Dinner Given
'Youngsters'
By 'Hi Dads'

Domestic Science Build-
ing Scene of Happy
Party Last Evening.

An "On to Victory" banquet was
tendered members of the boys
and girls basketball squads of the
High school last evening by the La
Grande society of Hi Dads and it
was a most enjoyable event.

Miss Barrett, very ably assisted
by about twenty of the Domestic
Science class of the High school,
served a fine banquet and served
it well.

Grandad A. T. Hill sat in the
toastmaster's chair and he did not
let a moment drag. Like the other
Hi Dads present, Grandad Hill
was inspired by the enthusiasm of
the young people, and also like
practically every other citizen of
La Grande, he was anxious to hold
before the basketball team the
word "Victory" preparatory to en-
tering the state basketball tour-
nament at Salem, for he it re-
membered that La Grande's team
won the Eastern Oregon champion-
ship and now goes to the state cap-
ital to fight the fight for state
honors.

Couch MacTavish was the first
speaker after the banquet. Had
been served and he reviewed brief-
ly the work of the La Grande team
at the Union county championship
and then gave some very interesting data

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MERRYMAKERS
DATE NAMED

Announcement was made today
that the annual high school en-
tertainment the "Merrymakers,"
given by the boys students will be
held in the auditorium on Friday
evening, March 21.
The "Merrymakers" has been
presented each spring for a num-
ber of years and is always much
enjoyed by the general public. The
program usually lists many sur-
prises in the way of laughable
skits and antics put on by the boys
of the school.

This year the entertainment will
be different than ordinarily and
more diversified than ever before
according to E. D. Towler, prin-
cipal of the high school.

Two Accused Vagrants
Still Remain in Jail

Due to the non-arrival of Justice
Day, of Boise, Idaho, no further
developments in the case of Sidney
"Thor" and Mrs. "Billy" Huntley of
McLaughlin, whichever her name
may be, occurred today. The girl
in held in the county jail and the
man in the city jail facing vag-
rancy charges. Upon the arrival of
Justice Day the cases will be turned
over to the government for
prosecution.

Bishop Remington to
Be in La Grande Soon

The Right Reverend William F.
Remington, Episcopal Bishop of
Eastern Oregon is expected in the
city soon to be present at Con-
stitution Sunday, March 16. He
is now in the East and will stop
in La Grande on his way to Pen-
dleton.

WANT ALIENS EXCLUDED

Washington, (AP)—Four Cali-
fornia organizations—the California
department of the American
Legion, the California Federation
of Labor, the state grange and the
Native Sons of the Golden West,
joined today in urging senators on
the immigration committee to re-
tain in the immigration bill the sec-
tion which would exclude aliens
not eligible to citizenship. The Jap-
anese embassy has protested
against such a law.

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On "Old Trail"

BOISE, Ida. (Special)—Organ-
ization by Idaho and Oregon au-
tomobile stage owners of the "Old
Trail stage line" providing an
unbroken system of stage transpor-
tation from Yellowstone park to
the Pacific coast, was urged by W.
F. Meacham of Baker, Ore., pres-
ident of the Oregon Trail associa-
tion, at a special meeting of the
Intermountain Truckmen's and
Auto Carriers' association at the
Elks lodge of Idaho last Monday
night.

The speaker traced the evolution
of transportation through the pack
trails, covered wagons, horse
stages, railroads and automobiles.
He told how trails grew into high-
ways. The Oregon Trail highway,
he said, is the best transconti-
nental highway, both in terms of se-
curity, abundance and roads. He said
it should be advertised to attract
many tourists over it. This year,
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divert auto travel from Yellow-
stone park to the Pacific coast
through Idaho and eastern Oregon
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URGES U. S.
ADHESION
TO LEAGUE

Lord Parmoor, of Eng-
land, Speaks of League
Council Today

WOODROW WILSON
HIGHLY HONORED

Senor Guani, of Uruguay
Eulogizes Mr. Wilson
for Activities to Or-
ganize League.

GENEVA (By the Associated
Press)—A plea for American, Ger-
man and Russian adhesion to the
League of Nations was delivered
by Lord Parmoor today at the
opening public session of the
league council.

Parmoor pledged the British
labor government to wholehearted
support of the league.
Senor Guani, of Uruguay, new
president of the council, delivered
a eulogy of Woodrow Wilson, an
"illustrious leader who had
contributed to the abolition of war
by promoting a brotherhood of
man through the foundation of
an international organism for con-
ciliation."

BULLETINS

HUNTING DATE CASE DECIDED

Salem, Ore. (AP)—The supreme
court today held that the state
game commission has no right to
change the dates of the hunt;
season by fixing the dates other
than those prescribed by law. The
ruling in the case was from Mar-
ion county involving the commis-
sion's order fixing the deer hunt-
ing season in Western Oregon last year
from September 10 to October 31,
whereas the law fixed the season
as from August 20 to October 31.
The supreme court also upheld
state labor Commissioner Gram in
his refusal to issue a license to the
Star Employment agency of Port-
land because A. G. Lyons and H.
J. Bennett, operators of the agency,
tendered only a single fee of \$30
and not a fee of that amount for
each of the two members. The
opinion points out that the law is
evidently designed to regulate
agents themselves and not firms.

REFUSES PARDON

Washington, (AP)—President
Coolidge today refused the applica-
tion for pardon for Edward A.
Timothy, former editor of the New
York Mail, convicted of violation
of the espionage act.

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Loser



Mrs. Clyde K. Byfield
(above) and Walter Byfield
of Atlanta, Ga., recently for
\$100,000 damages, alleging
that Candler attacked her in
her stateroom aboard a ves-
sel bound for Paris. But the
jury yesterday upheld Candler
and Mrs. Byfield is out of luck.

HOOP TOURNEY
IS ARRANGED

SALEM, Ore. (By the Asso-
ciated Press)—The first round of
the state interscholastic basketball
tournament opens Thursday at the
Williamette University gymnasium.
Preliminary elimination con-
tests to be Friday. Semi-finals are
set for Saturday afternoon and the
finals for Saturday night.
Competing teams have been de-
clared in all districts excepting
three. Those already chosen are
La Grande, Pilot Rock, Bend, Med-
ford, Eugene and Independence.
The other three districts will be
decided between North Bend and
Coquille, Astoria and St. Helens
and Forest Grove and McMinnville.

HONDURAN HEAD
REPORTED DEAD

WASHINGTON (AP)—The
death of Lopez Gutierrez, de facto
president of Honduras, was re-
ported to the state department today
in a telegram from Tegucigalpa.
A seventy-two hour armistice
has been arranged among factions
in the three-cornered revolution.

Fred Curry Hove

F. B. Curry, formerly of La
Grande, State Deputy of the Modern
Woodmen of America and T. O.
Davis, national lecturer for the
organization, are in the city to-
day on their state-wide tour in
interest of the society.
A meeting will be held with the
local camp, here Thursday, March
13, at the Modern Woodmen's hall.
On the completion of their work
here Mr. Curry and Mr. Davis will
leave for Pendleton, Baker and
other Eastern Oregon cities on the
same mission in interest of the
organization.

Team Off For Salem
Hoop Meet Tonight

(By Scoop)
At 9:30 o'clock this evening
seven basketball players, bearing
La Grande high's blue and white
colors, will be whisked away on
No. 25 for Salem—where the local
quintette will be pitted against
eight of the best teams of Oregon
for state honors.
At 9:50 o'clock this evening the
student body of the La Grande
high school, augmented by all the
townspeople who wish the boys
success and by the Hi Dads organ-
ization will be on the station plat-
form, in the process of giving the
team the best send-off ever hand-
ed to an athletic team sent from
La Grande to other points to arrive
to great honors on the court, track
or grid.
An assembly is being held in the
high school auditorium—a "love
assembly" as it were, as the Even-
ing Observer goes to press today,
giving the boys their official high
school "an revoir" with plentiful
heaps of good luck wishes for the
Salem tourney.
Speeches are to be made by the
team members and by members of
the student body and faculty with
the words "on to victory" predom-
inating. Last night the Hi Dads
banquetted the boys and gave them
added knowledge that the city of
La Grande is solidly behind them
with all the support possible.
Ask Everybody Out
A strong call is being issued by
the high school and others more
closely interested in the team, to
the citizens of La Grande to be
at the platform tonight when the
boys leave. It is hoped that hun-
dreds of citizens will be in attend-
ance and a few surprises in the
way of "good-byes" are anticipated.
First Game Friday Eve
A telegram was received by
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RESCUE MEN
TO RECOVER
ALL BODIES

Workers Expect to
Bring to Surface All
Men Entombed

BURIED MEN ALL
BELIEVED DEAD

Little Hope Held That
Any of 173 in Castle
Gate, Utah, Mine Are
Still Alive.

CASTLE GATE, Utah, (AP)—
Ninety-two bodies have been re-
covered from the mine in which
173 were entombed.

CASTLE GATE, Utah (By the
Associated Press)—Belief has
been expressed here that perhaps
Tuesday all of the inner re-
cesses of Utah Fuel company mine
No. 2 will have been penetrated
and the exact fate of all of the 173
miners entombed in the three ex-
plosions Saturday will have been
determined.

While little or no hope is held
out that any of the men in the
mine are alive—there is a possibil-
ity that a miracle of some sort
may have occurred.

Heretofore the number of men
in the mine when the blasts took
place was given out as 175, but
fuel concern officials reduced that
number by two when they re-
checked their lists.

So far many theories have been
advanced as to the probable cause
of the explosion, but nothing official
has been made public and
there is some question if the truth
in this regard will ever be known.

One Rescue Dies
There has been one casualty
among the rescue crews. George
Wilson of Standardville, Utah, was
overcome by gas Saturday after-
noon when he went in the main
entrance and was dead before he
could be brought out.

Several of the rescue men were
knocked out on Saturday and Sun-
day. They have all been re-
charged from the hospital here to
which they were taken.

Governor Charles H. Mabey of
Utah, who reached here from Salt
Lake, visited the mine late Monday
with company officials and the
chief executive of the state au-
thorities, announced that from the capitol he
would perhaps issue a nation-wide
call for funds for relief work
among the families of the miners
here.

Carbon county educational au-
thorities estimated that on an av-
erage, besides a widow each of the
married miners has five children,
some more, some less. In view of
this circumstance, the governor
has deemed immediate raising of
funds a necessity that there be no
suffering.

Picked rescue crews worked in
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OREGON WORTH
THREE BILLION

WASHINGTON (AP)—The cen-
sus bureau announced the wealth
of six states at the close of 1922
today.
Oregon's wealth is \$2,412,459,000
an increase of 63.3 per cent over