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Letter

(By Harry Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—A "straight shooter," literally, in Senator Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, who heads the special committee investigating alleged derelictions of Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty in the conduct of the department of justice.

If Brookhart can hit the bull's-eye in this investigation with half the certainty he can knock 'em out on the rifle range, he'll establish a record for senatorial marksmanship. Most congressional inquiries aim high, but somehow miss the target.

As a four-time president of the American Rifle Association, former international rifle champion and director of marksmanship for the whole American army in the late war, Brookhart is recognized by those in "the know" as a man of steady nerves, keen vision, calm judgment and an intuitive sense of when to squeeze the trigger. And those very qualities, it is suggested, may be no small assistance to him in gunning for fame, big or little, in the department of justice round-up.

A small, broad-shouldered, powerfully built man, physically, with weathered, smooth-shaven face, tousled brown hair and slightly lopsided but pleasant eyes, Brookhart suggests the deer rather than the hunter. There is a bit of building about his jaw. What he sets his teeth in he holds, tenaciously.

Although a lawyer by profession, Brookhart is a farmer by choice, and so does himself. He loves the soil—likes to dig in it, feel it, smell it.

Brookhart is no orator. But there is a blunt sincerity about his speech that carries conviction where fine phrases would fail. His aim is a "radical." But his radicalism is economic, not social.

It is not unlikely that the files of the department of justice which Brookhart is to investigate, contains reports on his alleged "radical" or "red" sympathies. For the "red" menace has been a subject for inquiry under the last two attorney generals.

Also it is possible material might be found in these files dealing with Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, author of the resolution under which the investigation of Daugherty is being made and himself a member of the investigating committee.

Nothing would surprise these two senators less. One of the things they may undertake to show in fact, may be that the department has lapsed itself to a rather unknown extent in espionage and investigations dealing with the economic and social beliefs.

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HIGH MARK IN
LUMBER SEEN

SPOKANE, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Lumber production and sales in the inland Empire for the year 1924 are generally expected to exceed last year's record-breaking output and delivery, according to statements issued by prominent operators and timber men throughout this locality.

The general trend of opinion points to a heavy production with a corresponding delivery business. Belief that the 1923 figures, which surpassed all known records in this section, will be shattered, has been expressed on all sides. Increases in working forces, both in the mills and in the woods, have been effected by some operators while others contemplate similar changes in the near future.

Some of the mills report a large reserve of logs on hand with prospects for a 10 per cent larger cut than last year.

Grains, Wheat Supply
Near 10-Year Average

PORTLAND, Ore. (United States farm supplies of principal grains, except wheat, on March 1, 1924, were slightly larger than one year ago, slightly less than two years ago, and not materially different from the ten year average, according to reports compiled by the Crop Reporting board, U. S. department of agriculture and released by F. L. Kent, statistician.

Percentage of the Oregon grain crop of 1923 remaining on farms March 1, 1924, is reported as follows: Corn, 7.8 per cent; wheat, 15 per cent; oats, 25 per cent; barley, 15 per cent. On March 1, 1923, supplies of the 1922 crop on hand were: corn 7 per cent; wheat, 18 per cent; oats, 21 per cent; barley, 18 per cent. It is probable that the foregoing figures include

TRUTH TOLD, SAYS M'LEAN

PROBLEM OF
WATER HERE
IS REVIEWED

City Manager Hayes Discusses Summerville Project

BUSINESS MEN
HEAR ADDRESS

Other Matters Attended to Yesterday at Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

After a few minutes spent in reviewing the historical aspect of water systems since aboriginal times, City Manager F. B. Hayes yesterday went into detail regarding the La Grande water problem before the chamber of commerce luncheon.

"One of the first questions to be answered," he said, "when a new or enlarged water supply is under consideration is that relating to the quantity which will be required when the works are completed, and for a certain period in the future. This problem can be solved, only approximately. Since the total quantity consumed is sure to increase in the future, the chief effect of an error in the estimate will be to vary the date at which time an enlargement of the capacity will be required, but even so, to secure the most economical construction it is necessary that as close an estimate be made as possible. From the report of Stevens and Coon I find that from studies made by them as to the population of La Grande that we may reasonably expect that by the year of 1950 we will have reached a population of 15,000. I believe their report is a little bit over conservative and we will grow faster than they anticipated we have therefore planned to construct a line of sufficient capacity to carry 8 second feet of water which is equivalent to about 5,184,000 gallons a day, plus 1,500,000 gallons per day from Beaver creek will give us a supply of 7,684,000 gallons per day or enough water

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MAY INTRODUCE
ORDINANCE FOR
WATER ELECTION

Presentation of an ordinance providing for the calling of a special election to attempt to float a bond issue to build La Grande water system is expected to occur tonight when the city commission meets in the city hall building at 7:30 o'clock at their regular weekly executive session.

Plans are to call the election before the May primaries. If the ordinance is passed tonight to become effective immediately, it will be possible to call the election at any time thereafter, following a ten day notice.

Nine Seek Sheriff Nomination. PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—The ninth candidate for sheriff of Umatilla county, came to light this afternoon when A. G. Hall, at present superintendent of the county farm, filed his declaration. He is a Republican. According to rumors in political circles, there are several other candidates who will announce within the next few days. Aside from the battle that impends for the nomination for sheriff, the political situation in the county is quiet.

La Grande Is
Sure of Unit
of U.S. Guard

Enlistment Rapid for National Guard—Over 60 Already Signed Up.

La Grande will have a national guard unit.

This was assured today when enlistment reached 80 per cent of the numbers required—75 men. Several days yet remain in which to recruit the remaining necessary number of young men for the guard and with the lists now showing over 60 names, no such thing as a "fall down" is anticipated.

The guard unit La Grande will get, which will eventually bring an armory to this city, will be known as the 18th Infantry of the United States National guard of Oregon.

Benefits Many.

Such a unit will bring many benefits to this city—benefits of an immediate nature that would take years to secure by other means. Not only will it serve as a complete physical benefit to those entered, and also give La Grande a well-drilled, strong unit of defense, and when the armory is constructed, which will probably be next year, it will furnish the city with a hall that will fit in in multiple ways.

The armory will be used primarily for drills and maneuvers. It will also be equipped with bath, rooms for the members, etc. It will be used as a meeting place for ex-service men's organizations and may also be used for community meetings, both social and civic.

According to Ralph Haysen, in charge of the enlisting work, the more than three score that have already signified their intentions to join are mostly of the younger element. Many ex-service men are also enlisted which will give the guard veterans who have had work in the army and who will form a nucleus of the unit's training work.

APRIL ANTICS
SHOW PLANNED

"April Antics," the annual entertainment staged by the girl students of the La Grande high school, will be held April 4, according to announcement today from high school authorities.

The entertainment, held each spring during the month of April, is usually a variety of musical and comedy acts and has always been one of the most enjoyable affairs of its kind during the season.

The girls are not prepared yet to announce the nature of this year's "April Antics" but it is whispered about that the entertainment will bring many new and original situations before the public.

HOUSE VOTE TO
DROP BRIBERY
CHARGE PROBE

WASHINGTON (AP).—The house of representatives has decided to leave to the department of justice for the present the investigation of charges that have been made against two representatives before a Chicago grand jury.

In reaching this decision, the house accepted the recommendation of its judicial committee that no house investigation be authorized and no further efforts be made to have the names of officials disclosed.

Vote is 2 to 1. The resolution adopted by a vote of 22 to 18 also instructed the department of justice to proceed without delay in the investigations.

Pendleton Teachers
Reelected by Board

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—Practically the entire force of teachers employed on the facilities of the public schools of Pendleton were elected for further work at a meeting of the board of education. The only exception, according to a statement by Superintendent H. E. Inlow, were in the cases of teachers who have already indicated their intention of following other work or who have decided to change residence.

The principals of the various schools all of whom were retained by the school board, include: Assistant, high school; Miss Della Bush, Lincoln; Mrs. Gertrude Nash, Hawthorne; John M. Miller, Washington; and Miss Clara M. Pratt, Field school.

The 1924-25 term of school will open Tuesday, September 2, the board decided.

HUTCHINSON
IS TAKEN IN
PENDLETON

Accused Wife Slayer Is Turned Over to the Umatilla Officials

KELSO SHERIFF
AFTER PRISONER

Hutchinson Confesses to Killing Wife Near Kelso, Wash., on Feb. 4.

PENDLETON, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Elden Hutchinson, sought by officers and charged with the slaying of his wife at Kelso, Wash., came to the ranch home of his parents near Pilot Rock late last night and this morning they gave him up to the Umatilla county sheriff.

Hutchinson was brought here by Deputy Sheriff Burdington and Federal Officer Reeb, who said he confessed killing his wife on

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MINE GIVING
UP DEAD MEN

CASTLE GATE, Utah. (By the Associated Press).—Rescue work in the Utah Fuel company's mine No. 2 progressed slowly during Tuesday night and at 12:15 o'clock Wednesday morning the total number of bodies recovered were but 115. Only two bodies were removed between the hours of nine and midnight.

CASTLE GATE, Utah. (By the Associated Press).—Rescue work at mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel company, where 172 men were entombed,

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Short to Address La
Grande Men Tonight

Dr. Francis Burgette Short, editor of the publication of the J. C. Penny company, and a man who is in a position to whereof he speaks, will address La Grande business men tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church, on business problems.

A large number made reservations for the address and banquet, which are to be held under the auspices of the chamber of commerce.

Late News Flashes

MUST REVISE TAX BILL.

WASHINGTON (AP).—A revision of the revenue bill passed by the house must be made to prevent a treasury deficiency, Secretary Mellon told finance committee members here today.

The house bill would mean a loss in revenue of about \$450,000,000, Mellon said, against an estimated surplus of \$395,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1925 under existing laws.

"SLUSH FUND" COMPLICITY DENIED

WASHINGTON (AP).—E. B. McLean, Washington Post publisher, today said he never had anything to do with any million dollar "slush fund" rumored to have been sent to Washington for officials.

BRITISH LEGATION BOMBED.

ATHENS (AP).—A bomb exploded early today at the entrance of the British legation, causing material damage but injuring no one. Greek officials expressed the belief that the incident was stage in an effort to discredit the government. The premier and minister of the interior expressed regrets to the British minister.

11 WRECK SURVIVORS FOUND.

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP).—The steamship Santiago sunk 60 miles south of Cape Hatteras. The Norwegian steamship Cissy reports picking up one lifeboat containing 11 survivors.

Timber Men
Meet In Fire
Conference

Union County Fire Association Annual Meeting Is Successful.

Representatives of all the timber owners of Union county met here in the annual session of the Union County Fire Association in the City Hall. Several Baker timbermen were also present. The association is composed of timber owners who are interested in the prevention of forest fires in Union county.

E. H. Russell, secretary and fire warden first gave his report before the assembly. During the past year he stated, there have been but seven forest fires in the county, which is below the average. No arrests were made of violators of the fire laws. His report continued, telling of the campaign of education for the prevention of fire conducted this last year among campers, tourists and others.

Mr. Russell also brought out the point that the timber interests were among the greatest assets in the county and the necessity of preventing forest fires was fully realized. He also dwelt upon the importance of co-operation from the campers and tourists. An assessment of one cent an acre on timber land and one-half of a cent an acre on logged over timber land was levied on the stockholders of

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CIVIL SUIT NOW
SETTLED AT END
OF 3-DAY TRIAL

Settlement of the case of First National Bank of Baker versus Security Construction company of La Grande occurred this morning, after the trial had proceeded for three days, by the Security Construction company accepting the basis of settlement offered by the bank at the beginning of the trial. It was a case fought by prominent legal talent on each side and probably could have consumed two more days had the trial not been brought to a close by the construction company agreeing with the bank on a settlement.

The case of Marshall vs. Thomas, a habeas corpus proceedings for the release of a child, will begin tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Justice Day Arrives
To Probe Case of Two

Justice Day, of the department of justice with headquarters in Boise, Idaho, arrived in La Grande this morning on No. 17 and spent the morning interviewing local officers and Sidney Thor and Mrs. "Rilly" Huntley of McLoughlin.

Thor and the girl are lodged in jail on charges of vagrancy but it is believed that they will take them to Portland where they will face graver charges.

Baby Weighs 19 Pounds



A baby boy weighing 19 pounds was delivered by the stork at the home of Mrs. William Henton, wife of a farmer at Ogdenburg, N. J. Mother and baby are doing nicely but the stork—

INCUMBENT TO
BE CANDIDATE

Mrs. Florence Bacon, present county treasurer, has filed her intention to make the race for the Republican nomination to the office she now holds, and announced that she will give her whole time to the work and continue to discharge the duties of the office in the future as in the past.

Mrs. Bacon is well known to the entire county as she comes from the pioneer McCall family. She has served as deputy county assessor for several years and when a vacancy occurred in the treasurer's office she was appointed to take care of that department of the county's business. She is recognized as very efficient.

TWO OREGON MEN
BURNED TO DEATH
IN PLANE CRASH

SILVERTON, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Albert Larson, 25, and Leslie Goodrich, 19, both of Silverton, were killed instantly when an airplane piloted by Larson crashed 500 feet to the ground after a nose dive shortly before 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The machine caught fire as it struck following an explosion of gasoline. The bodies of the two fliers were burned in the wreckage.

BOISE EDUCATION
BOARD VOTES TO
AUTHORIZE SALE

BOISE, Ida. (Special).—Negotiations for the sale of Belmont park were authorized Tuesday night by the Boise board of education at the regular monthly meeting. After discussion of an offer for the park by the La Grande Investment company, of La Grande, Ore.

O. O. Hagg, president of the board, was authorized to communicate with the Oregon concern, which wants to establish the park as a commercial tourist park, and also to carry on negotiations with anyone interested.

It is understood in La Grande that the offer has been advanced by Sherwood Williams, president of the La Grande Investment company, who plans on building one of a proposed branch of tourist parks in Oregon and Idaho in Boise.

Man Is Lodged in Jail
On Charge of Larceny

John Smith, or such is the name he gives the police, was arrested by the police and is being held in jail today awaiting a hearing on accusations of having stolen three planes from an employee of a local business concern.

Smith, about 45 or 50 years of age, is alleged to have stolen the planes from them and taken them to a second hand store here.

MEN TO TELL
HOW TO COOK

Brothers Fry at the Blue Mountain grange will be observed Saturday, March 15 and at that time the men will have complete charge of the activities—even the cooking. Col. Eckley, Bill Jaeger and Charles Owens are heading the committee on general arrangements and are planning an especially big feed.

While this part of the arrangement is not being made public generally, it is whispered about by those who know that it will be either ham and greens or corn beef and cabbage.

The brothers of the grange plan to make the coming meeting highly educational for the lady members and among other numbers planned will be instructive papers on the best methods of cooking, doing house work, and raising children by the bachelor members of the grange.

B. C. Gekeler will be acting lecturer of the day and will have charge of the entertainment and education of the sisters.

BULLETINS

NEW RECORD MADE. The Pas, Manitoba. (AP).—Establishing a time record for the course, A. "Shorty" Russell won the 200 mile non-stop dog derby here, crossing the finish line at 10:55 a. m., making his time 23 hours and 19 minutes.

MAINTENANCE ADVOCATED. Washington. (AP).—Maintenance for another year of the regular army at its present strength of 12,000 commissioned officers and 125,000 enlisted men, was recommended today in the army appropriation bill.

Drunk Gets Jail Term. One Olson, found guilty of drunkenness in the police court was fined \$10 and sentenced to five days in the city jail by the municipal judge today.

Tiger Tossers Whisked
Away to Salem, Oregon

(By Seep) Smiling, yet weary—apparently wishing that they could take everybody along with them, four members of the La Grande high school basketball championship team, accompanied by Coach L. C. MacFay, were whisked out of town when No. 25 pulled off on the remainder of its west bound trip.

"On to Salem," a cry that has resounded here for several years, only to be thrown into the discard at a later date, came true last night. La Grande's first title-winners since 1915 started the long, long trail to the state championship. Whether they will weather the storm or not cannot be said but, when they left, there wasn't the slightest doubt but that La Grande solidly behind them, praying for their ultimate success.

"Right, La Grande, Fight!"

PUBLISHER
CLAIMS HE
MADE LOAN

Avows Money Mix-Up Only Connection With Oil Scandal

SAYS THAT HIS
CREDIT WAS O. K.

Bank Balance Less Than Enough to Cover \$100,000 Loan to Fall Didn't Worry McLean.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, insisted today on questioning of the senate oil committee today that he told the truth when he testified at Palm Beach that he loaned A. H. Hall, ex-interior secretary, \$100,000 in checks which were afterwards returned un cashed.

Although his bank balances did not show an amount on deposit to cover the checks, he maintained today that his credit was good.

Loan Only Connection.

McLean insisted that the mix-up over the loan was his only connection with the oil leasing question and that he never had any direct interest in either Sinclair or Doherty companies. When he first erroneously informed the committee that the loan had been made in cash, he said, he did so because Paul requested it at a conference they had in Atlantic City last December.

In a prepared statement to the committee McLean made no reference to his previous conflicting testimony regarding the loan and when his attention was directed to that he said he had no further statement to make.

Check Stubs Lost.

McLean said under questioning he had searched everywhere for the stubs of checks he testified he had given Paul but that he had been unable to find them.

"There are not and never were, were they?" asked Senator Borah.

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CONVENTION
TO BE HERE

The Salvation Army Eastern Oregon Young People's convention will be held in La Grande Saturday and Sunday. Colonel G. C. Gekeler and Mrs. Gekeler are coming from San Francisco. Major and Mrs. Winterbottom, Staff Captain West and Captains Todd and Graves from Portland; Captain Girdle and Lieutenant Yates from Pendleton; Lieutenant Stevens and Captain Cummings from Baker and Staff Captain West from Bend, will all be in attendance, according to Adjutant Peterson.

A special and musical program will be held Saturday night. Sunday at 10 o'clock in the morning, 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, sessions are planned for young people between the ages of 12 and 35 and also young people workers and teachers.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock a public service will be held. All services will be held in the Eagles hall.

After the team members had clambered on the train, and a number of high school girls had been given them, including cheering for individuals, the winning ball clanged and No. 25 began to move. Simultaneously, the L. H. S. student body began a loud and determined chant of "Fight, La Grande, Fight!" "After our own past past rooters, speeding faster and faster, until finally the last one came aboard. On the rear platform, with modest determination written plainly on their features, were the team members and when the rooters sighted them—pandemonium.

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