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Hunt's
Washington
Letter

(By HARRY E. HUNT.)
WASHINGTON (SNEA Special).—Two dark horses from the same stable have been trotted out for the inspection of democratic trainers, as possible winners in the presidential derby, within the past week. They are Huston Thompson, chairman of the Federal Trade commission, and Governor William E. Sweet, both of Colorado.

Colonel Edward M. House of New York and Texas, former confidant of President Wilson, is credited with having discovered presidential possibilities in Sweet. Thompson is led forward by friends who have watched his course as head of the Federal Trade commission and who see in him a candidate who has resisted tremendous pressure from big business and thereby especially qualified for the sort of campaign that will be waged this fall.

Thompson, a long, lean, good-looking chap of 48, retains the fighting football spirit of his old Princeton days. Possibly no one mentioned as a candidate would have stood a better chance of endorsement by Woodrow Wilson, had the former president lived. Wilson put him on the trade commission and later urged Governor Sweet to appoint him to the senate vacancy left by Senator Nicholson's death. Sweet, however, named Alva B. Adams.

As chairman of the trade commission Thompson was largely responsible for the filing with the department of justice recommendations for legal actions against large business interests found by the commission to have been operating illegally. It is on the failure of the department of justice to act on these cases that the investigation of Attorney General Daugherty is chiefly based.

Huston Thompson is an optimist and an enthusiast. He exudes personality. He has pep, vigor and vitality and doubtless could make

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SWAGLER OUT
FOR CONGRESS

Ralph W. Swagler, Ontario, Oregon attorney, has declared himself a aspirant for the nomination at the Democratic primaries for a seat in congress from the second congressional district.

Among other things, Mr. Swagler promises, if nominated and elected, to endeavor to improve the present agricultural conditions, both by remedial legislation and by such international co-operation as will tend to stabilize European finances so that a market may be found for farm products; reduced freight rates on farm products and right economy in governmental expenditures so that the tax burden may be lessened, and careful attention to the best interests of Central and Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Swagler is known in La Grande and friends of his here state that he is a very competent attorney.

He received a common school education in the public schools of Minnesota and has practiced law in Ontario for the past 12 years, during which time he has been active in Democratic political party affairs.

Mr. Swagler was elected district attorney in 1916 for Mathews county and took an active part in the Democratic National campaign in 1920. He is also active in civic and fraternal work, being a member of the Elks, Masons and Knights of Pythias.

H. DADS DANCE TONIGHT.
Hi Dads and their wives will dance tonight with the student body members when the two join hands in the high school gym at eight o'clock. High school students are busy today decorating the gym and the dance is expected to be one of the most successful of its kind ever given here.

Sidney Thor Accused
Of Being White Slaver

Justice Day, of Boise, Idaho, has left La Grande following an investigation into the case of Sidney Thor, residence unknown, and his partner, Mrs. "Bitty" Huntley or McLaughlin, who were arrested by the police here and held on charges of vagrancy.

As the result of Day's investigation, a complaint was sworn out against Thor with violations of the white slavery law. The girl, who claims to be but 19 years of age, is held in this city as a material witness.

Notice of the complaint will be given to the United States government officers in Portland, Ore., and within a few days, it is expected by local authorities, that Thor and the girl will be taken to that place for prosecution.

MELLON DRAWN INTO PROBE

HOP SING IS
TAKEN; COPS
FOUND DOPEHop Sing and Wong and
Mary Sing to Be Ar-
raigned Today"DOPE" CLEAN-UP
IS PROGRESSINGArrest Last Evening Is
Second One Among the
Chinese During Past
Week.

Developments are coming thick and fast in a "dope clean-up" started by the police. La Grande has the unenvied reputation of being a narcotic center of the Inland Empire underworld, but during the last few months, due to the active work of the police officers, several joints have been raided.

A few days ago a home owned by Wong Sing was suspected and Wong Sing was apprehended by the police shortly afterwards who alleged that he sold opium to a Mexican.

Top Lee Sing Raided.

Last night police officers, about 10:30 o'clock, descended upon a residence at 1022 Jefferson avenue, owned by Hop Lee Sing, and during the raid that ensued discovered an opium pipe, a small quantity of opium, other apparatus and some

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HOPES ARE HELD
FOR THE McNARY-
HAUGEN MEASURE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—When the senate voted down the Norbeck-Burns bill today it made the prospects for the passage of the McNary-Haugen bill dimmer, better, or at least if any relief is to be given the former it will be through the McNary-Haugen measure. The bill defeated was especially commended by President Coolidge in the hopes that it would enable one crop farmers to get into stock raising diversification.

It was the only one of several bills for the relief of farmers that received the approval of the president. While the passage of the McNary-Haugen bill at this session is even now somewhat doubtful, the failure of the Norbeck bill may bring enough votes from the opponents of this measure to the support of the McNary measure and if it passes the senate there is a fair prospect of it passing in the house.

Window Smasher Taken Following Brisk Chase
PENDLETON, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—J. Murray, alias Sam Stewart, smashed the plate glass window of a local jewelry store and got away with a lot of loot consisting mostly of watches, according to the police. Arrested by a porter in the next building, a posse headed by Night Policeman Stanley gave chase and following the alleged burglar by a trail of blood, from a cut in his hand, said to have been caused by breaking the window with a piece of tin, pursued him through a rooming house and out on the street. The posse captured him after Stanley's third shot had hit him in the right hip and lodged in his groin.

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ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—The Elgin opera house is now soliciting bids for the use of same during the coming year. On March 19 the city council will hold their regular meeting and at that time bids will be opened.

University
Alumni Meet
In La GrandePresident Campbell Ad-
dresses County Chair-
men; Speaks of Oregon
Alumni Gift Fund Cam-
paign.

"The demand for higher education comes from the inside," said President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, at a conference of the Eastern Oregon county chairmen of the University's alumni gift campaign organization in La Grande today. The alumni and former students of the institution are organizing in the effort to raise \$1,000,000 for a library, memorial court and a men's gymnasium at the university.

Fathers and mothers all over the state of Oregon intend to make possible for their sons and daughters the opportunities offered by Oregon's universities and colleges that they themselves, in many cases, were denied through force of adverse circumstances. They propose to realize for them their own youthful dreams and ambitions.

Outlines Situation
President Campbell outlined the general situation of the university and pointed out that revenues from the millage taxes were insufficient to take care of the urgent need for buildings. He showed that the growth of the institution has been so rapid that only a small margin of the millage tax income is available for investment in buildings. He expressed the conviction that the institution, now numbering nearly 2500 students, would be providing an education for 5000 students in five years.

"We must avoid the condition that exists in many of our state institutions where the classes are so large, due to an inadequate teaching force, to give the personal attention and permit the personal contacts that are so essential and which are possible only where the number of students per instructor is not too large."

Buildings Badly Needed
According to President Campbell, the building fund for the university, built to accommodate 600 students, is now forced to take care of 2500 students, and that Villard Hall, built during the '80s cannot now seat one-half of the student body. Robert B. Kaykandak, of Portland, president of the University of Oregon alumni association and chairman of the campaign organization expressed the conviction that the alumni of the institution would rally to the support of their alma mater and would raise the \$1,000,000 quota assigned to them.

Many in Attendance
In attendance at the conference were Frederick Steiner, of Pendleton, chairman for the eastern Oregon division; Robert Kellogg, of Enterprise, chairman for Wal-

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WORK URGES
RECLAMATION
IN THE WESTLegislation to Encourage
Projects Proposed to
Congress by Secretary.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Legislation to encourage reclamation projects in the west was proposed to Congress today by Secretary Work.

A draft of a bill sent to the capitol by the secretary did not name any proposed projects, however, but merely laid down some general principles on which the future detailed legislation should be undertaken.

Its principal provision is that no new construction be undertaken until there has been a more thorough study of all the facts involved.

The bill and the accompanying letter from Work were regarded as his reply to demands of a large group of western senators that specific legislation be considered at once.

The proposed measure, which has the approval of Secretary Work's special advisory committee on reclamation, provides that after no irrigation project, or extension of an existing project, shall be undertaken until detailed information has been secured concerning the feasibility and adaptability for actual settlement and farm homes and the probable return of the cost to the government.

**FATHER SEEKS
CHILD CUSTODY**
The taking of testimony is still continuing in the civil case now being tried in the circuit court in which Grover C. Martins, plaintiff, is suing for the possession of a child now in the custody of Leona Thomas, defendant.

Martins and the defendant were married but secured a divorce and the father is attempting to secure custody of same. The trial started yesterday morning.

James Donald, of Baker, represents the plaintiff and R. J. Kitchen, La Grande, is counsel for the defendant.

**S. W. RICE, AGED
60, KILLED AT
UMATILLA DAM**

PENDLETON, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Two accidents at the McKays dam, under construction by the United States reclamation service, resulted in a broken leg for R. B. Cox of Pendleton and in the death of S. W. Rice, 60, residence as yet unknown.

One gravel car swung off its tracks and fractured Cox's leg. S. W. Rice was killed when he was struck by a construction train running out of the gravel pit south-east of the dam. Members of the train crew said they thought him to be on the train, but he was ahead of the engine and was not seen until he was struck. According to reports the man made no effort to get off the track, either not hearing the approach of the engine or underestimating its speed.

BULLETINS

TO VOTE ON BONDS BILL.
Washington, (AP).—The House of Representatives will vote next Tuesday on the soldier bonus bill under an agreement reached today.

ASK RATE DECREASE.
Washington, (AP).—Livestock producers west of the Mississippi today asked the interstate commerce commission for a decrease in livestock rates of 30 per cent.

BOND ISSUE TO BE VOTED ON
SEASIDE, Ore. — Preparations have been made for the special election at which Seaside citizens will be asked to vote for a \$100,000 bond issue to provide the city with its own water system. The plan outlined by the council contemplates taking water from the Necanicum river, about ten miles from the city limits. The project cost estimate is \$150,000. The city water commission is already authorized to sell \$50,000 worth of bonds. Interest in the election is high and over 700 voters have registered.

**WALLOWA ROAD
WORK OUTLINED**

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special).—Present indications are that new road work in Wallowa county this season will be limited to the construction of about four miles of Joseph-Prairie Creek market road, and to some further finishing of the Lostine-Evans-Loup market road, states a newspaper here.

Lacking county co-operation the state has taken no steps yet for the construction of the remaining gap in the north road, and the for-

SLIDE BLOCKS
HIGHWAY NEAR
LOSTINE, OREDetour to Be Established
Tomorrow; at Present
Traffic Must Take Old
Lostine - Enterprise
Road.

A land slide, occurring about 1 1/2 miles southeast of Lostine last evening, closed the main highway between La Grande and Wallowa lake at this point, according to an announcement here today by highway officers. The slide, while it blocks the highway, will not make traffic impossible but cars will be forced to take the old road from Lostine to Enterprise today.

The highway officers are working today and expected to have a shorter detour around the slide ready for traffic tomorrow.

The slide may not be cleared from the highway for several days as it is understood that the road is blocked in such a manner that it will take some time to clear.

Load Limit Lifted.

W. C. Cross, of the highway headquarters stationed here, also stated this morning that the load limit, imposed on vehicles a few weeks ago on certain roads in eastern Oregon, has been lifted from the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway. The limit still exists on the other roads, however.

**BIG WILL CASE
GIVEN DECISION**
When Nell Allen, an old pioneer of Wallowa county, died, he left an estate valued at least at \$70,000 and he willed his possessions to two boys, Joe and Jeff leaving out five other children. He protected his wife in a way with bequest of some mortgages upon her but the five children were left out of the will, excepting the legal stipend of a few dollars each.

A suit was filed to break the will and for several weeks evidence has been taken in this case at Enterprise. Trial before Judge Mar-ling has resulted in the Allen will being set aside, thus permitting the state laws to disburse property of the deceased. The reason for setting the will aside was alleged to have been exercised over the maker of the will before his death.

Green and Hess of La Grande represented the will's beneficiaries.

Marooned Sailors Eat
Porcupine; Saves Lives

SEWARD, Alaska, (AP).—An unwritten law of the north, never to kill a porcupine except for food, was recalled to old-timers here when four men with two gasoline boats were cast up on a rocky and inhospitable shore of Cook Inlet on the other side of Kenai peninsula from here, and remained a month before they were rescued.

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New Orleans Celebrates



While the rest of the country wonders what will come next in the series of exposures resulting from the oil scandal, New Orleans celebrates. Annual Mardi Gras festivities in that city draw great crowds, as this photo will testify. The entire city quits work on such occasions and turns their thoughts to revelry and joy.

**ORATORS ARE
MAKING READY**
Mrs. Edna Yeaton, who is here representing the National Grange content which is being sponsored by the Portland Telegram, started today to the Evening Observer today that the work is progressing very well throughout the state and that Oregon will doubtless have some excellent talent to take part in the final contest at Washington, D. C.

The different schools in Union county are arranging to hold their elimination contests before the school year ends and work is now being done by students on orations. Mrs. Yeaton is enthusiastic over the undertaking for as she says "the time has come that some attention be given public speaking. It is almost a lost art and with the latent talent which awaits development it is a pleasure to assist."

She called on County Superintendent Vanhook and City Superintendent Hampton today and is preparing to make a tour of the schools of the county.

WALSH IS ILL,
PROBE HALTED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The senate oil committee suspended hearings today owing to the illness of Senator Walsh, prosecutor.

While the oil committee was in recess today the senate got into a squabble over a report from Secretary Hughes in response to the senate's request for information as to the possible oil influences in negotiation of the Colombian treaty. Asserting that the report had bearing on the Fall case, Senator Phil of Washington, contended it should be referred to the oil committee.

Lodge wanted it referred to the foreign relations committee and finally his demand prevailed.

The senate resolution calling for a report was adopted after attention had been called to the fact that the treaty, after having been pigeon-holed for many months, was brought out and ratified after Interior Secretary Fall asked that action be taken to protect American oil interests in Colombia.

Priest Loses Shamrock
To American Officials

NEW YORK, (AP).—The Rev. Father J. M. Robinson of Wicklow, Ireland, arrived on the Rexonia Thursday carrying six little pots of Irish soil in which grew "the green" he planned to wear March 17.

Representatives of the department of agriculture confiscated the shamrock, explaining that there was a stringent law forbidding importation of vegetation with roots. "What a world," exclaimed the priest.

DAUGHERTY
GRILL BODY
TOLD STORYGaston Beans, Ex-Justice
Department Agent,
Testifies TodaySMITH WANTED TO
"CATCH" MELLONMeans Tells Probers That
"We Caught Him" Af-
ter Spending Thou-
sands of Dollars.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—Secretary M. W. Mellon's name was brought into the Daugherty investigation today by Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, who said that for President Harding, he investigated matters connected with "certain permits having to do with the violations of the Volstead act."

"Jesse Smith wanted us to catch Secretary Mellon, and we caught him," said Means. "President Harding wanted the information."

"The first time he slipped through our fingers but I gave Captain Seale thousands of dollars to catch him (Mellon)," Means testified.

Seale was formerly a department of justice investigator active in pressing for the investigation of aircraft scandals, also for Harding.

Means testified he investigated Senator Caraway, Democrat, after the senator had attacked Harding and the attorney general.

He also investigated La Follette after he had been agitating the investigation of Teapot Dome.

"It came to our attention," Means said, that Secretary Mellon had so furnish certain permits for certain purposes."

"Generally speaking, you were investigating the liquor ring in New York, were you not?" he was asked.

"Well, it was into violations of the prohibition law," Means replied.

Jesse Smith and W. T. Underwood, Means said, gave him orders to investigate Senator La Follette to learn what information he had and "anything to stop him." Smith paid his expenses.

Means could not, however, state of his own knowledge that Smith was following the orders of the attorney general.

Underwood, he knew, represented President Harding because he

SMITH GIVEN
TERM IN JAIL

John Smith, who was before Judge J. D. Slater last evening charged with petty larceny, was found guilty in municipal court was fined \$25 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail.

Smith was arrested several days ago by the police following finding evidence that led them to believe that he had stolen three planes from an employee of a local business firm and had later disposed of them to a second-hand store here.

Subsequent disclosures proved the accuracy of their accusations.

Pilot Rock Defeated
In First Tourney Tilt

SALEM (City Associated Press).—Independence high school's basketball team defeated Pilot Rock, 18 to 5, last night in the opening game of the state tournament.

Play will be continued this afternoon.

As the result of Pilot Rock's defeat last night, only La Grande remains in the tournament to represent Eastern Oregon. Pilot Rock represented Umatilla, Wasco, Morrow and Gilliam counties and La Grande is champion of Baker, Union, Wallowa, Harney, Grant and Malheur counties.

The remainder of today's play is as follows:
First game this afternoon: North Bend versus McMinnville.
Second game this afternoon: Eugene versus St. Helens.