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The Weather
Portland, (AP)—Oregon—Rain tonight. Friday generally fair.

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POLICE RAID COFFEE HOME

WILL HAYS SUBPOENAED BY OIL PROBERS

Hunt's Washington Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON. (NEA Special)—The great golden piano in the East Room of the White House never poured forth more golden tones than it did the other day when Mrs. Coolidge was hostess at the first of a series of Lenten musicales she is giving for official and social Washington.

The artist of the afternoon was none other than Sergei Rachmaninoff, Russian pianist who has the musical world by the heels just now. Members of the cabinet, the supreme court and the diplomatic set, with their wives and others to the number of 400, tried to forget for the moment the strident discords that have been shredding the atmosphere of the capital since the Senate investigators got going good. So beautiful, indeed, was the music that some of them were almost able to believe again that the world does contain beauty and truth and care-free happiness. Which, in the present state of affairs, is the highest praise that could be accorded any artist.

Additional cause for congratulation, was the fact that the recital, with tea and cakes thrown in, was absolutely without cost. The lion pollio who heard Rachmaninoff's

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STUNT SHOW SEATS TAKEN

Although several good seats still remain for the annual "Merrymakers" production to be presented in the high school auditorium tomorrow evening by the boys of the La Grande high school, a goodly share of them were taken this morning immediately after the reserved seat sale opened at Glass Drugs, Inc.

A fair sized crowd was present before 8 o'clock and for several minutes reservations were exchanged for tickets with rapidity.

The "Merrymakers" show, which takes the form of a conglomeration of skits, monologues, dialogues, instrumental and vocal selections, blackface comedy and other short sketches designed wholly for purposes of entertainment, is expected to outrival past presentations this year.

A dress rehearsal was held last evening and little remains now in the way of preparations until the zero hour occurs Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Properties have been placed in their respective places on the stage and during the past week assemblies have been held advertising the show. From brief skits presented during the assemblies, it is apparent that the show will be one of clean, wholesome and excellent entertainment.

Bandits Get $10,000

Seattle (AP)—Two masked men entered the MacDougall - Southwick's store, one of the leading department stores here, before opening today, locked two employes in a vault and escaped with a payroll of $10,000.

DINES HELD BY OFFICERS; GRAVE CRIME CHARGED

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Horace A. Greer, former chauffeur for Mabel Normand, is held on a charge of an attempt to murder, following a preliminary hearing yesterday on charges growing out of the shooting New Year's night of Courtland S. Dines.

The hearing developed that Dines received three wounds instead of one. Dines on the stand told of Mabel Normand and Edna Purivance being at his apartment when Greer arrived, but that he could not remember who shot him.

TEMPORARY SETBACK IS FELT TODAY

Senate Investigators Fail to Locate Facts on One Inquiry

RYAN DENIES OIL CONNECTION

Louis Bond Follows Denial With Statement of Process of Identification.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — The oil committee suffered a temporary setback today when it undertook an inquiry into the story that Sinclair turned over a large batch of securities to Daugherty and Will Hayes, former chairman of the National Republican committee, to help wipe out a heavy deficit incurred by that party in the 1920 campaign.

The process servers were unable to locate G. D. Wahlberg, former private secretary to Sinclair. Hays has been subpoenaed to testify later.

Ryan Issues Denial.

Former Representative Thomas J. Ryan, New York, voluntarily testified today before the oil committ-

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LARGE CROWD SEES "CIVIL SERVICE" SHOW

An unusally large crowd was in attendance at the presentation of the M. L. A. play, "Civil Service" which was given at the High School last evening. Besides the regular play several entertaining features were staged between acts. Miss Myrtle Black sang several vocal selections which were well received. Another popular number was a whistling solo rendered by Nephi Coombs, accompanied by Dorothy Caldwell on the Violin and Ruth Bramwell on the piano. Elsie Watson gave a dramatic reading between the acts which was well delivered.

The comedy characters in the play, "Goldie Wex, the country boy and the "Country Girl," played by Clayton Coalwell and Merle Andrews, respectively were exceptionally good and furnished the audience with many hearty laughs. Lila Bean's work as "Kate Konyon, the plucky girl" is also worthy of mention.

The story concerned an aged R. F. D. Carrier who had served a term in jail but had lived down his past and his trails.

Winston Churchill Loser in Election

LONDON, (AP) — Winston Churchill, standing as an Independent and Anti-Socialist candidate, lost his tight in the parliamentary election for the Abbey division of Westminister to Otho Nicholson, a Conservative, by 53 votes.

Bond Issue Election Is Postponed

Commissioners of Belief That Public Is Not Yet Sold to Springs System

Postponement of calling the bond election to pay for building a city water system in La Grande until at least another week, was one of the outstanding features of last evening's regular City Commission meeting.

The reason for taking this action is due to the lack of information on the part of the general public who will vote on the measure, it was made plain.

The Commission members believe thoroughly in the Summerville springs for a water supply, as does City Manager Hayes, but following the recent mass meeting it was apparent that sufficient information had not been imparted relative to the project to justify calling an election at once. It will probably be the desire of the commission to have further discussion of the merits of the Summerville springs before the people are asked to register their votes on the proposition.

Petition Needs Revision.

A petition signed by 121 voters asking that an amendment to the city charter be placed on the ballot at a special election changing the number of city commissioners from three to five, with four to be elected from wards and one to be elected at large, was read by Recorder Stearns and laid over for one week in order to give the commission a chance to study and possibly to give the originators of the petition an opportunity to revise it so that it will conform to state laws pertaining to wards and precincts. It was also stated by City Attorney Hess that the machinery for amending the charter is delicate and that sixty days is required as a notice of intent to make any revision.

C. E. Davis, a supporter of the petition was present and defended it, stating that the question of wards was merely the old form of charter which was adopted into the present charter and the name ward changed to precinct.

A remonstrance for street improvement on East Adams was allowed by the commission and the original improvement petition was rejected. This was done to straighten out a little misunderstanding among property owners of that section.

City Manager Hayes' report was read and approved.

A petition was allowed to pave the alley back of J. J. Carr and N. K. West residences.

Street carnival license was granted to a carnival company to operate at Chestnut and Jefferson streets and the Saturday night closing hour was advanced to 11:30 o'clock instead of 10:30.

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TEX RICKARD TAKES STAND

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Tex Rickard, internationally known fight promoter, was called before the Daugherty investigation committee to testify regarding his interest in the Dempsey-Carpentier films.

He told of knowing Jap Mama, New York representative of Edward B. McLean, and Fred C. Quimby, film producer.

Rickard said he could not remember meeting Jess Smith, Daugherty's dead friend, but that he had known Mama for a period of ten years.

Rickard Buncoed.

Rickard, in his testimony, declared he was buncoed in the fight film deal.

Alleged White Slaver Taken to Portland

United States Deputy Marshall Lee Morelock and Mrs. Morelock, who acted in the capacity of matron, last evening left La Grande for Portland with Sidney Thor, charged with white slavery, and Mrs. Ione "Billy" Huntley in custody.

Mrs. Huntley, about 19 years of age, is held as a material witness. Thor is charged with transporting her across the Oregon-Washington boundary.

MAY PLACE BONUS TO THE FRONT

Compensation Bill May Have Priority Over Tax Reduction

SENATE FIGHT TO START SOON

Democrats Apparently Ready to Battle for Full Cash Payment Option in Senate.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A prediction that the bonus bill will be given the priority in the senate finance committee over the tax measure was made today by Senator Watson, of Indiana, a Republican member of the committee.

Watson said it was likely such proposition would be made to the committee within a day or two and work started on the bonus measure next week.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—As lines formed in the senate for the fight on the soldier bonus bill, sentiment indicated that the measure would displace the tax reduction bill for immediate consideration in the finance committee.

The paid-up insurance bill passed by the house met with general favor among Republicans but Democrats were apparently ready to carry on the fight for a full cash payment option.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the finance committee, declared in favor of such a proposal.

Although agreed generally on a straight out insurance bill with an

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PASTOR IS HELD UNDER BONDS IN PORTLAND, ORE.

PORTLAND (AP)—Father Niebauer, pastor of the St. Joseph's Catholic church, is held under $250 bail here. The action was taken following his reporting an accident in which Mrs. Jeanette Goodman, aged 83, was slightly injured when Niebauer's car ran upon a curb on a down town street.

Niebauer explained his actions in driving away after the accident by saying he became frightened by the crowd that gathered.

SERVICES HELD OVER THE LATE O. P. HOFF TODAY

SALEM, Ore. (Special) — All state departments closed today from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1 in the afternoon—during the funeral of O. P. Hoff, former state treasurer. The flag on the capitol building is being flown at half mast until after the funeral.

Magellan Is Beginning To Look Pikerish

COVE PLANTS FRUIT TREES

COVE—(Special)—Cove is the scene of great activity this spring, many cherry trees are arriving daily and when planted Cove will not only blossom like the rose, but will be ones of the largest cherry orchard sites in eastern Oregon. The largest single orchard is being planted by the Blackland brothers, who are planting the greater part of their recently acquired ranch to fruit and nuts. This land is what has been known since early pioneer days as the Payne ranch. It is a tract of two hundred acres, lying a mile north of Cove, of fine soil, well watered and lying on a westward slope—ideal fruit land. It

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Forbes and Thompson Pleaded Not Guilty

CHICAGO (INS)—Pleas of not guilty to the charges against them were entered in federal court here by Colonel Charles R. Forbes, ex-director of the veterans' bureau, and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, indicted by a grand jury which investigated alleged irregularities in the veterans' bureau.

Late News Flashes

AIRMEN LEAVE VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER (AP).—Major Martin and Lieutenants Smith and Wade, hopped off this morning for Seattle on their third lap of the world flight after spending the night here. They returned late yesterday after encountering a heavy rain.

WISH FACTS ABOUT ARMS SALE.

WASHINGTON (AP).—A resolution calling on Secretary Weeks for full information regarding the sale of arms to Mexico was adopted today by the senate.

UMATILLA COUNTY PIONEER DEAD.

PENDLETON (AP).—Dr. William Rutherford Campbell, 75, Umatilla county pioneer, died today.

TO SPEED LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON (AP).—President Coolidge's announced drive to speed up legislation will begin tomorrow night when Republican leaders will be his guests at a White House dinner conference.

BULLETINS

MANDAMUS GRANTED.

Roseburg, Ore. (AP) — Judge Hamilton today granted a writ of mandamus in the suit of Stanley Taylor and others against Roseburg to force a special election on a proposed bond issue for the construction of an Umpqua Park bridge. The city recorder had rejected a petition for the election on the grounds that the proposed bridge was outside the city limits. Taylor appealed to the court on the ground that the city recorder had no authority to pass on the petition other than in regard to the names signed to it.

INSTANT DEATH.

Portland, Ore. (AP) — A fall down a flight of steps at her home, resulted in a broken neck, caused almost instant death to Mrs. Mary A. Yonker today. Her two children witnessed the accident.

Portland, Ore. (AP) — Cattle market. Hogs active, fully steady. Sheep steady. Eggs half cent higher—19½ to 22 cents. Butter scarce and firm. Butterfat 50 cents.

CARPENTIER TO MEET GIBBONS JULY FOURTH

MICHIGAN CITY, (By Associated Press)—Georges Carpentier, of France, and Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight, have been matched to box here July 4th, it was announced today.

Jack Dempsey is one of the financial backers.

UNION SCHOOLS NAME TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR

UNION, Ore. (Special) — At a meeting of the school board of District No. 5 held recently, several teachers were re-elected for another year and several other names were held over for future consideration, which will probably be held shortly.

One gratifying fact brought out at this meeting was the big dent made in the bonded indebtedness of the district. Although it makes the levy one of the largest in the county, the district is rapidly paying off the bonds issued for the high school building and in a few more years this debt will be liquidated.

Pope Pius Visited by American Archbishop

ROME (By the Associated Press) —Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago, who, with Archbishop Hayes of New York, is to be elevated to the cardinalate of the forthcoming consistory, was received in private audience Wednesday evening by Pope Pius.

M'ADOO GETS GEORGIA VOTE

ATLANTA, Ga., (By the Associated Press)— McAdoo's victory, of an overwhelming nature, over Underwood was indicated today when returns from yesterday's primary election gave McAdoo 322 votes of the 412 at the state convention to be held April 23. Underwood has 72 convention votes.

ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated Press)—William G. McAdoo Wednesday overwhelmed Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama in the Georgia Democratic presidential preference primary. He took the lead in the first returns and increased his advantage as county after county swung into his column.

He carried his home county of Cobb by a big vote, captured the home county of the late Senator Thomas W. Watson by a small majority, according to incomplete newspaper returns, and took Chatham, the home of Senator Underwood's state campaign manager.

Senator Underwood carried Baldwin county, where McAdoo spent his boyhood at Milledgeville.

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Vernal Equinox Today, Day and Night Equal

BOISE, Ida. (Special)—Old Sol crossed the equator at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon, according to calculations of the government weather bureau here. While for the last weeks the days have been "growing longer," today officially should mark the beginning of the lengthening summer period of daylight. Today being the time of the vernal equinox the hours should be equal, that is 12 hours of light and 12 hours of dark.

DRUGS AND MOONSHINE DISCOVERED

Peggy Coffee and Three Men Placed Under Arrest by Officers

HEARING TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Charges, Ranging From Resisting An Officer to Possession of Liquor to Be Lodged.

Peggy Coffee, aged about 25 years; Arthur Prazine, about 22, James Madden, about 28 and A. Ames, about 28, are all securely lodged in jail today as the result of a raid conducted by police officers last evening on the Coffee residence at 301 Spruce street that resulted in the arrest of the four and the finding of 39 capsules of cocaine and a quantity of moonshine and empty bottles and jugs.

Mrs. Coffee, whose husband is not in La Grande at the present, will be charged with maintaining a common nuisance. Prazine, who escaped the officers last night but was retaken shortly afterwards, will be charged with resisting an officer while in the act of making an arrest. Ames will be accused of possessing liquor.

Madden, who is alleged to be the owner of both the cocaine and the liquor, will be charged with possession of liquor. Later he will undoubtedly be turned over to the federal officers for prosecution on a narcotic violation charge.

Hearing To Be Tonight.

The hearings of the woman and the three men will be held in the municipal court this evening at 7:30 o'clock. In the meantime the

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Portland Pioneer Is Dead—Burned in Fire

PORTLAND (AP)—Charles P. Church, a pioneer aged 79 years, was burned to death at his home at Multnomah station Wednesday through attempting to warn Gus Purin, aged 60, who lived with him.

Purin, who had escaped from the burning building before Church entered his room to warn him, vainly attempted to rescue Church. Church is a contractor and was a builder in earlier years.

CLUB PLANS ARE ADOPTED

At a meeting of directors of the chamber of commerce in the Sommer Grill, last evening at six o'clock, the outlines of the program to be followed by the organization for the coming year were evolved.

The 24 heads of the various chamber of commerce committees were present as was also secretary Earl Reynolds. The head of each committee gave the program which will be followed by his particular group during the coming year after which suggestions were heard from the body at large.

The program as outlined indicates a very successful year, ahead for the organization, according to Mr. Reynolds.

Combining business with pleasure, the directorate also partook of an excellent dinner served in the Sommer grill last evening.

Oregon's 1924 Highway Program Is Outlined

(By William Duby, of Baker)
Chairman of the State Highway Commission.

It is a source of considerable pleasure to the writer to briefly review the work contemplated by the state highway commission for 1924, including some projects which are already under construction and others which it is planned to place under contract in the near future.

On the Pacific highway, the paving of its 245 miles of length north and south is practically completed and the outstanding feature of the year will be the construction of new bridges across the Willamette river at Portland replacing the present Sellwood ferry, and the new bridge at Albany replacing the present obsolete structure.

The paving of the Monmouth-Benton county line section in Polk county, new to 16 miles, will be completed in the current year, thus opening up the West Side highway through to Junction City and dividing traffic which heretofore has congested the East Side route. Of interest also is the contemplated paving between Albany and Corvallis, thus linking the East and West Side highways together.

On the Lower Columbia River highway, the new bridge at Lewis and Clark river between Astoria and Seaside will be completed in 1924 as will the roadbed widening between Astoria and Scenseno.

On the Old Oregon Trail, there will be many miles of new crushed rock surfacing between The Dalles and Pendleton, and at Perry and Oro Dell in Union county. Two railroad overhead structures. Also, mention should be made of the new interstate bridge across the Snake river at Ontario.

The year 1924 will see a vast

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Hunter And Dennis Declare Candidacy

"Square deal to every individual and every industry," is the campaign pledge made by Bruce Dennis, present state senator from Union and Wallowa counties, who last evening filed his candidacy for nomination on the Republican ticket with Secretary of State Kozer at Salem.

At the same time Albert R. Hunter, who for several years has ably represented Union county in the house of representatives, filed for renomination on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Hunter is recognized as one of the strong men of the house and his filing will be hailed with satisfaction not only in Union county but throughout the state.

Charles R. Hunter of Wallowa who is a republican and who represented the joint district of Union and Wallowa counties in the house during the last session, has not fin-

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