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The Weather
Portland. (AP)—Oregon—Cloudy tonight and Sunday. Rain in the west.

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PRESIDENT IS CRITICIZED

SINCLAIR FLATLY REFUSES TO TESTIFY

Hunt's Washington Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINTON, (NEA Special)—The Atty. Gen. Daugherty, as a result of disclosures made before the special committee of the Senate, already has become a matter of comparative minor importance.

Whatever fate the investigation may bring to Daugherty and other individuals, these will be far outweighed in importance by the effects of the investigation on the viewpoint with which the public will approach political questions and candidates this fall.

The detailed and intimate testimony reciting how agents of the Department of Justice were used to spy upon senators and representatives; the efforts that were made to block the candidacies of "progressives" or others objectionable to those in power; the general under-cover sleuthing, gumshoeing, spying methods used to and maintain a hold on public affairs, will inevitably, it is believed here, result in a political reaction perhaps far more far-reaching than would now sound reasonable if forecast.

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The effect of the disclosures in the Daugherty inquiry, which touch not only affairs in the Department of Justice but lead into the Treasury Department, the War Department, the Interior Department and other high places, will be cumulative.

They come on top of the revelations made in connection with the Fall-Sinclair-Doheny-Teapot Dome scandal. They indicate an interwoven, interlocking skein of things that cannot be uprooted by the discrediting or ousting of any few individuals. More and more it will be emphasized that behind the in-

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Lang to Quit Leading Role in Passion Play

OBERAMMERGAU, Bavaria (AP)—Anton Lang's announcement in America that he will not play Christ again in the Oberammegau Passion play caused no surprise among the village folks, inasmuch they say, as there was not the slightest chance that he would play the leading role again because of his age. In 1922 he was selected for the role by a majority of only two votes.

V. K. ALLISON TO SPEAK HERE ON "AMERICANISM"

Reverand V. K. Allison, nationally known lecturer, will deliver an address on "Pro-Americanism" at the Star theatre Monday evening, according to announcements made today. The address will be free to the public.

"Bearcat" Allison, as he has been nicknamed by his admirers, is pastor of the Christian church of Lebanon, Oregon. He is also expected to occupy the pulpit of the Christian church here tomorrow evening.

LUMBER FIRM CONTRACT LET

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—According to reports made and published through the Weekly Republican, the Blue Mountain Lumber company appears to be making progress toward the culmination of the plans announced some time ago for the construction of a railroad from Union to the timber on the east, the installation of a sawmill at Union and the cutting of the big body of timber near the head-

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OIL MAN TO SAVE STORY FOR COURTS

Senate Committee Unable extract Testimony From Oil Baron

WILL HAYS MAKES ABSOLUTE DENIAL

Sinclair Stock Not Given to Wipe Out $1,600,000 G. O. P. Deficit, He Affirms.

WASHINGTON (AP)—By unanimous vote of the oil committee it was today decided to certify Sinclair to the senate for contempt as the result of his refusal to testify.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Harry F. Sinclair refused to testify before the senate oil investigation committee today on the ground that any evidence he may possess should be reserved for the courts.

Sinclair declared he did not desire to plead that his reply would tend to incriminate him, because there was nothing in the facts relating to the Teapot Dome lease that was incriminating.

"I shall reserve what evidence I may be able to give," said Sinclair, "for those courts to which you and your colleagues have deliberately refferred all questions of which you had any jurisdiction and shall respectfully decline to answer any questions propounded by your committee."

Hays Denial Made.

Will H. Hays flatly denied before the comittee today that Sinclair had given any stock to wipe off a $1,600,000 deficit of the Republican National committee af-

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Law Enforcement Meet To Be Held March 28

A W. C. T. U. law enforcement conference is to be held in the Christian church Friday, March 28, according to announcements today. Mrs. J. J. McAllister, state vice president, will be the speaker for the W. C. T. U., and Dr. Linville, federal prohibition director, will speak for the government.

The officers of Union county have pledged their help to make this conference a success.

Golfers to Play at Club Links Tomorrow

"The country club golf course is in fine shape for playing for this time of year," said Chase Rohnenkamp this morning, "and it is expected that a good many devotees of the game will be loosening up for the season's play on the grounds tomorrow."

Sand has been prepared for the greens and will be put on some time this week.

EGGS HALF CENT LOWER.

PORLAND, Ore. (AP) — Eggs are half a cent lower on today's markets, quoted at 21 to 23 cents. Livestock and butter steady. Butterfat quoted at 50 cents.

Second Water Meeting Held Last Evening

Deep Wells for City Water Was Chief Topic Discussed — Another Meeting Called.

As further proof that La Grande is very much interested in a water supply, a second mass meeting was held last evening in the city hall at which the deep wells for a water supply had their inning.

A. A. Durand, a well driller of Walla Walla, offered by letter to drill in sufficient water supply for a city of 10,000 people for a sum of $80,000. He did not limit the number of wells and objection was raised by some that a flock of wells each having to be pumped would prove too expensive as regular diet, would more than amount interest charges on a gravity system, and would be unsatisfactory from several angles.

As the discussion continues it was plain to be seen that the advocates of the Summmerville springs are perfectly willing to join any other project that seems of greater value and less expense, and the belief was expressed after the meeting last evening that the original Summerville project as has been outlined before will not be placed before the voters until greater study has been given to every other plan offered for a water supply.

Mr. Durand was invited by the meeting to come over from Walla Walla and talk to the people of La Grande on deep wells and he signified his intention of being here either Monday or Tuesday evening at which time all interested can meet in the city hall and hear his proposition. There was talk of $15,000 for a single well to be by Durand with no guarantee of water by him. It was not stated whether this would be a turn-key job.

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CASE INVOLVES RARE PROBLEM

Ralph Wilbur and C. T. Haas, Portland attorneys who have been in this city the last two days on matters connected with the settlement of the Henry F. Perkins estate, left last evening for Portland.

According to reports, the suit of Howell vs. the Perkins estate presents many legal problems among them being one that seems of paramount importance, towit, "can suit against a person deceased be legally held in the state of Oregon?"

Attorneys for the Perkins estate filed demurrers to the complaint made by Howell on the grounds that claimed negligence on the part of the deceased does not exist. They hold that said negligence died with the perpetrator of same.

Howell is suing the Perkins estate for damages for injuries suffered by his wife and child who were hurt in an auto wreck sometime ago that proved fatal to Mr. Perkins, the driver.

Attorneys in the case have been given time to file briefs.

SLASH IN 'PHONE RATES PLANNED BY COMMISSION

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Installation of measured telephone service for business telephones in Portland and reduced rates for five cities — Albany, Heppner, Hermiston, Prineville and Woodburn and for all farm lines except those near Portland, and reduced rates between Oregon and Portland, were provided in an order issued late yesterday by the public service commission, to become effective April 1.

McCoy refused to sign the order.

The commission believes that the measured service for Portland business phones will produce bigger returns and enable reduction on residential phones.

Two Liners Collide In the Hudson River

NEW YORK, (AP)—The White Star liner Olympic, outward bound for England, today collided with the steamer Fort St. George, of the Furness-Bermuda line, in the Hudson river.

The Fort St. George, which had about 45 feet of rail on her sun deck smashed, returned to the dock.

DISPLAY OF FIFTY CARS IS EXPECTED

La Grande Dealers' Interest High in Legion Automobile Show

DECORATIONS TO BE MADE SUNDAY

Final Arrangements for Event, to Be Held on March 27, 28 and 29, are Being Completed.

Final arrangements for the American Legion Automobile show to be given in the Savoy Hotel building, March 27, 28 and 29 are being completed.

Legion men are going to be put to work tomorrow decorating the building. The inferior is to be extensively decorated in a color scheme designed by Harley Richardson. The predominating colors are to be pink and green. American and patriotic emblems and colors will be used as a secondary coloring.

Local dealers are making great preparations for the event and many have obtained special shipments and models of cars for the occasion. It is estimated, accord-

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DUTTON IS TO REMAIN HERE

G. I. "Scoots" Dutton will not leave La Grande as had been feared when the Standard Oil company with whom he was employed contemplated moving him elsewhere and promoting him.

Mr. Dutton has come to a positive decision he will remain a citizen of La Grande permanently and today announced his association with L. S. Weeks in the real estate and investment business. The insurance department will be under direct supervision of Mr. Dutton and he will also have active work in the investment department. His acquaintance throughout the county will be of benefit to him now that he enters work for himself. He was a member of the firm of the Hill Department Store for some time, and for the past year has been connected with the Standard Oil company's branch in

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British Soldiers Are Fired on—One Is Dead

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland (By the Associated Press) — One British soldier was killed and 200 were wounded, eight seriously, when upon landing on leave from Spike Island, they were fired on by a machine gun set up in a motor car operated by four men in Free State uniforms. Spike Island is occupied by Foot Westmoreland and was used as a convict establishment.

A Cartoonist's Idea Of The Deadlier Sex

PAGEANT WILL BE PRESENTED

Under the auspices of the Women's Missionary societies of the church, the First Methodist Episcopal church of La Grande will be the scene of a magnificant pageant Sunday afternoon at the five o'clock Vesper service hour.

Eighty-five women and children, all in costume, with movements and songs in the native tongue will depict the onward march of the work of Christianizing the heathen world.

Led by a white robed angel choir the women and children of the nations will march to the platform. Mrs. Mable C. Coleman will, as prolocutor, describe and announce the various groups in native costume, who will take their places in the mock and speaking of the evening.

One of the most impressive scenes in the pageant will be where

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President Promises Economic Relief Now

WASHINGTON (AP)—Promise was made by President Coolidge Friday in acknowledging the result of the North Dakota presidential primary "to advocate legislation, use all the administrative forces of the government and organize private enterprise to give sound economic relief where it is needed.

BULLETINS

TWO WAYS SEEN.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A decision as to the exact procedure regarding Harry Sinclair's refusal to testify, will be held in abeyance until the return of Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special government counsel in the oil lease cases.

Senators said late today two courses were open—contempt proceedings before the senate itself, or certification of the case to the district attorney of the District of Columbia for a grand jury proceedings.

McNARY-HAUGEN BILL ENDORSED BY REALTY MEN

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Indorsement of the McNary-Haugen bill now before congress, was given by the Portland realty board, following an address on the merits of the proposed act by W. L. Thompson, vice president of the First National bank. The bill provides for the stabilization of the price of wheat through a subsidy on export shipments and is intended to afford relief to the wheatgrowers of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington.

The legislative committee of the board was instructed to prepare resolutions favoring the passage of the bill, which will be forwarded to the Oregon delegation at Washington. Cooperation of real estate organizations in other cities will be asked.

Bob-Haired Girl Holds Up Market—Gets Sum of $15

NEW YORK (AP)—Brooklyn's bob-haired girl bandit called on Manhattan again Friday.

Her visit convinced police that Mrs. Alfred Guimares, alias Betty Santos of Riverside Drive, whom they arrested Thursday night in a tailor shop robbery, was not the girl they have sought for months.

A demure-looking young woman—with reddish hair, bobbed—asked for a round steak in the Triste meat market on Ninth avenue.

"I think you've a nice piece in the ice box," she said. The clerk entered the box to look and the customer promptly locked him in. Then she drew a pistol from beneath her costly fur coat and commanded the remaining clerk to "punch that cash register for all that you've in it."

Instead the clerk dropped unconscious. Miss Bandit got $15.

MANY ATTEND STUNT SHOW

The annual presentations by the boys of the La Grande high school of the "Merrymakers" stunt show occurred last evening in the high school auditorium with a large crowd in attendance. Many expressed as their opinions, that the stunt show was one of the best of its kind they had witnessed.

High lights of the evening were solo numbers by James Coker and Lawrence Kerr, a reading by George Kunkelman, "A Busted Romance," a short play writen by Francis Robinson, and the renditions of an orchestra composed of a trombone, violin, saxaphone and clarinet.

The orchestra furnished the curtain raiser, playing such lively, popular hits as funeral dirges and the like, much to the amusement

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Portland Motorman Is Killed In Collision

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Motorman Samuel Aiken was killed and Conductor Wade was seriously hurt today when an electric train, of the Portland Railway Light and Power company, collided with a gravel car which had run onto the main track from a siding at Bell Station, near here.

WHEELER IS OPPOSED TO RETAINING DAUGHERTY

Senator Accuses Attorney General of "Dirty, Cowardly Trick"

INTIMIDATION OF WITNESS CHARGED

Miss Roxie Stinson Says Daugherty's Charge Against Her Is "Utterly False."

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — Senator Wheeler, prosecutor in the Daugherty investigation, asserted that "we have the whole power of the justice department directed against us in this hearing, with its agencies intimidating our witnesses by threats of prosecution if they appear.

"I criticize the president of the United States for keeping this man in his place of power while this proceeding goes on. The least the president could do would be to suspend him."

Wheeler declared that Daugherty had done a "dirty, cowardly trick" in charging blackmail against Roxie Stinson.

Miss Stinson, again testifying today, declared as "Utterly false Daugherty's charge" that she attempted to "capitalize her silence."

She denied she was a disappointed woman and declared Jess Smith never led her to believe she was to be his sole heir.

Roxie Stinson gave the committee her version of the affair in a Cleveland hotel in which Daugherty charged she was registered with A. L. Fink, of Buffalo, as man and wife. She said she went to Cleveland to meet Fink to talk over a big deal and had him to dinner in her room. There, she said,

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TAX MEASURE SPEED URGED

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Coolidge late Friday urged the senate leaders to speed up consideration of the revenue bill when informed by Chairman Smoot and Senator Curtis, Republican, Kansas, of the finance committee, that passage by June 1 now seemed unlikely.

Although the soldier bonus bill was not discussed at the White House conference Mr. Smoot said it was probable this measure would be given priority over the tax reduction bill by the committee for immediate action, and predicted that little time would be required for its disposal.

In this connection, however, it was again made plain at the White House that President Coolidge opposes a soldier bonus and supports the Mellon tax rates rejected by the house.

Big East Oregon Land Fraud Claimed In Suit For $100,000 Damages

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special) — Return of $180,000, which the government says it lost though a gigantic dummy entry land fraud conspiracy, is asked of eight persons, against whom suit has been filed in federal court by United States Attorney John C. Cole.

Land involved includes some of the choicest timber in Baker and Union counties. The alleged frauds took place in 1902.

Notice was served on one defendant in Florida, on others in Wisconsin and Minnesota. One only was served in Oregon.

Named in the complaint are: T. F. Mackmiller, former saloon man of Iron River, Wis., Mrs. Mackmiller; M. S. Woodard, former saloon man of La Grande; R. A. Steckelsauer and Biron Bigler, bankers of Minnesota; Reiner Hoch, former brewer, of Duluth, Minn; Frank S. Herbert and Lillian H. Callahan.

According to United States Attorney Cole, the damage suit is filed because the statue of limitations has made any criminal action impractical. No attempt to recover the lands themselves can be made, he says, because they are now in possession of innocent persons.

The complaint says that Mackmiller and his wife organized a so-

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Late News Flashes

DE LA HUERTA FLEES MEXICO.

NEW ORLEANS (AP).—The gunboat Zaragosa, with Adolph de la Huerta and other Mexican revolutionists, is headed for Galveston, Texas, said Mexican official representatives here today, basing this belief on an intercepted radio message.

They declared this indicated the complete collapse of the revolution. The Mexican government made no attempt to apprehend de la Huerta, welcoming his departure to foreign soil.

FRENCH GENERAL DEAD.

PARIS (AP).—General Robert George Nivelle, commander of the French troops at Verdun during the world war, is dead today.

Al Jennings Promises To Shock America With 'Nomination' Narrative

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP).—Al Jennings, former train robber and of late politician and evangelist, who departed Thursday night to testify before the senate oil investigation committee, left behind him a statement published Friday, in which he said he planned to "rock the country" with the story of a million-dollar payment that bought the nomination of the late President Harding as the Republican candidate in 1920.

In his statement, made in the office of Captain of Detectives J. B. Worley, Jennings, friend of the late Jake Hamon, leader in Oklahoma Republican politics, declared that the master mind who controlled the 1920 Republican national convention and practically engineered the nomination of Warren G. Harding for president upon payment of one million dollars, is an easterner, an ex-senator, prominent in national Republican circles. I will tell his name and the whole story to the senate committee at Washington."

The subpoena served on Jennings to testify before the Washington investigators, followed his statement earlier in the week to Captain Worley that he was in possession of testimony regarding Jake Hamon's reported efforts to swing influence in the 1920 Re-

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