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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Heavy frost.

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Hunt's
Washington
Letter

BY HARRY B. HUNT.
WASHINGTON (NSA, Special)—L. O. S. C. One thing is clear. What has come of it and what does its disappearance mean?

Somewhere in the shuffle of the last few months, the "Farm Bloc" which was such a great worry to the regulars in the preceding congress, has disappeared. One never hears it mentioned (about Washington these days). Yet the men who composed it are still holding down their seats in the senate. What's the answer?

The answer is that the bloc has outgrown its home in rural Oregon and has been fitted to a new suit of clothes. It doesn't stress its farm interests exclusively any more. It has increased its acquaintance, extended its horizon, to things other than purely agricultural. And it has grown in the process.

If you seek the "Farm Bloc" today, you must look for it in a larger, better rounded, more promising "Progressive Bloc." The "Progressive Bloc" is the "Farm Bloc" plus.

The growth of the farm bloc into the progressive bloc is being studied with interest and even alarm by both old party leaders. The farm bloc, when it first appeared in Washington, was a crude, unsophisticated, country humph. As the progressive bloc, it has reached that period where some signs of its ambitions and future strength are discernible. It is exhibiting surprising ability at eluding the pitfalls and traps set to entangle it and also indicates that it knows where it wants to go and how to get there. It isn't asking guidance from the old party leaders and declines to be led astray.

The next step in this evolution, the political biologists foresee, will be maturing of this stripping progress bloc into a full grown party. That will mean that a party has arrived in the affairs of the G. O. P. and the Democrats. For a new party would result in a political realignment which might mean quick death to one of the existing major parties.

The line of cleavage naturally would fall between progressivism

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MELLON PLAN
NOW FAVORED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Mellon income tax rate schedule was voted into the revenue bill Monday night by the senate finance committee in place of the longwinded compromise adopted by the house.

This schedule, the center of controversy in the tax bill, was adopted by a vote of 5 to 7.

HONDURAS IN
REBEL HANDS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Honduran revolutionists are in complete possession of the entire country with the exception of Tegucigalpa, the capital. The American Minister reported today to the state department.

Cleveland To Be Royal
Host At G. O. P. Caucus

(By WILLIAM J. HERRICK)
CLEVELAND (NSA)—Plans for housing about 2500 delegates and alternates and the thousands of more working press representatives who will invade Cleveland prior to the opening of the republican national convention next June have been practically completed, Colonel Carmel Thompson, chairman of the local convention committee, has announced.

With the exceptions of the assignment of quarters to the Maine and Alaska delegations, the requirements of every state have been taken care of, it was stated.

The greatest crowds in the history of Cleveland are expected to invade the city by train, interurban and motor car. It was predicted that a larger number than ever before in the history of a political convention would make the trip in their own cars, and a subcommittee of the committee on arrangements has decided to take the influx of cars from the Holla-Hoyes to the city limits expected to come and see the wheels go round.

Hotels at least the downtown ones—will be pretty well filled with members of the national committee, delegates, alternates and

FIRE RAZES
FURNITURE
FIRM TODAY

Los Angeles, Calif., Scene of \$120,000 Blaze Early Today

FLAMES DESTROY
PLANT AND STOCK

California Cabinet Company, Located in Manufacturing District, Suffers Loss.

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—The entire plant and stock of the California Cabinet company, a prominent furniture manufacturing concern situated in the heart of the manufacturing district in this city, was destroyed by fire that swept the plant early today.

The loss of the building and contents, estimated this morning, is approximately \$120,000.

BULLETINS

MAIL BANDITS ESCAPE.
Chicago (AP)—Four bandits held up a postal messenger in Harvey, a suburb, early today, and escaped with two pouches of mail reported to contain between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in currency assigned to manufacturing companies.

RADIO FINDS CAT.
Washington (AP)—In response to a radio broadcast notice last night from stations in Washington and New York that President Coolidge's pet tomcat had been missing since last week, a navy building guard this morning appeared with the cat.

TWO NATIONS TO RACE.
Seattle (AP)—Major Frederick L. Martin, commander of the army flyers preparing here for the next hop in their world flight, declared his aviators will engage in a race with British flyers who started on the world circling flight. The war department refused to sanction the race as the first object is safety rather than speed.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.
Portland (AP)—Cattle steady, hogs weak to a dime lower—top grade 88 to 88.15. Sheep steady, ewes half a cent lower—21 to 22 1/2 cents. Butter points, two cents lower, extra cutters 16 cents. Butter fat three cents lower—quoted at 17c. San Francisco (AP)—Butter fat here 5 1/2 cents today.

NEW VENUE IN
EMBEZZLEMENT
CASE IS DRAWN

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The second venue of 50 persons were ready for examination today in an effort to get a jury to try Governor Warren T. McCreary, on the charge of embezzlement.

The original venue of 200 was exhausted yesterday.

Yeager Beats Farmer
In 10-Round Battle

PORTLAND (AP)—Nate Yeager won a decision over Frank Farmer last night in a boxing card staged here. Yeager fought Farmer ten rounds.

LANDSLIDE NEAR
LOSTINE, OREGON
BEING REMOVED

The landslide which recently blocked the highway near Lostine is being removed by a force of men who are moving the dirt and gravel at the rate of about a hundred yards a day.

According to the way the work is coming out now it will be about sixteen days before the highway is in use again. However the detour used at present is causing little inconvenience because it is well marked and is quite smooth.

To Care For All.
The casual convention visitor who comes by himself, or with his family, to see a president named—will be taken care of at all right, committee members declare, but the first thing is to see that the men who have to attend the sessions of the convention for one reason or another are adequately looked after and their needs supplied.

As to the entertainment, the committee has under way plans at this time which, members believe, will make Cleveland to be long remembered as a convention host. Recalling the favorable publicity San Francisco received as host of the democratic national convention four years ago, Cleveland has decided to take a leaf from San Francisco's book and write a new one as well—all on the matter of making her thousands of casual visitors remember Cleveland pleasantly when they go

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Roxie



Here is a picture of Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of the late Jesse Smith, friend and confidant of Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty. She has figured substantially in the Daugherty probe to date.

TWO DRAMAS
TO BE GIVEN

Announcement that an excellent program of entertainment, to consist of two dramas and several musical and special numbers, will be staged in the high school auditorium on the evening of Friday, March 28, was made today by the Greenwood Parent-Teacher association.

The two plays to be given—"Mrs. Oakley's Telephone" and "For Distinguished Service," are both classic light. The former is a two-act comedy and the latter a one-act comedy.

The members of the casts have been carefully chosen for their respective parts and according to reports, have already achieved such a measure of perfection that promises faithful execution when the dramas are presented to the public.

In addition to the two plays, several other numbers, including piano solos, readings, musical recitations, song by a quartette and orchestra selections, will complete the program.

Tickets for the Greenwood Parent-Teacher association's "evening of entertainment" are already on sale. Tickets may be exchanged for reserved seats at the L. & L. drug store after 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

BRITISH PLANE
BEGINS FLIGHT

CALSHOT, Eng. (AP)—A stunt MacLaren, flying Officer Penderwith and Sergeant Andrews, started today in their Victoria-Vulture plane for a flight around the world.

They expect to reach Lyons today and home tomorrow.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

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Mrs. Barrett
At Hot Lake
This Week

City Manager of Warren, Ore., Stops on Return Trip From Capital.

HOT LAKE (Special)—Mrs. E. Barrett, headed from coast to coast during the last three months as "cause of a million dollars' worth of Oregon publicity" is registered this week at the Hot Lake sanatorium. Mrs. Barrett, city manager of Warren, has recently returned from Washington, D. C., where she went to secure an item in the rivers and harbors bill for the deepening and dredging of the Skipanon channel in her city. She was successful. After six busy weeks of speaking before congress groups and interviewing committees she has brought back to Oregon the assurance that Warren will be given the \$500,000 appropriation.

Warren's city manager was successful in more than obtaining the enlargement of the Skipanon port. Her trip is the cause of hundreds of easterners becoming acquainted with Oregon. Mrs. Barrett talked her state to President Coolidge and other high Washington officials. She placed Oregon before thousands east of the Mississippi through the press, the radio and a series of daily speeches.

Interested in the West. "Easterners are turning more and more to the Pacific coast," says Mrs. Barrett. "This fact and the way they listen eagerly to any information about the west impresses me most on my trip. The east is over crowded. There simply isn't room for the people. They live packed in row houses where block after block has only small plot of grass.

"I soon found that the quality

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ALLISON ILL,
CURTIS TALKS

Because V. K. Allison, the advertised speaker, was ill, Charles C. Curtis of Vancouver, Wash., addressed a large audience in the Star theatre last evening. His subject being "Pro-Americanism."

Among other things, Rev. Mr. Curtis discussed was the immigration question, the negro question and many other subjects claiming public attention today. He pleaded with the Christian people of America to battle against the common perils and argued the necessity of organization. Law enforcement was one of his main points and his mention of needful work to enforce the Eighteenth amendment met with applause. Further applause was given when the speaker denounced the attitude of congress toward the influx of foreign-born which he said threatens to overrun this country.

Politically the speaker urged every citizen to support George T. Cochran for the congressional nomination. He read Mr. Cochran's platform and briefly commented upon it, receiving applause from the audience when he mentioned Mr. Cochran's name.

HARD LABOR
FOR ANDERSON

NEW YORK (AP)—William H. Anderson, former superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of New York, convicted of third degree forgery in ordering falsification of the league books to conceal his receipt of \$44,000 split on the commission of one of the organization's fund solicitors, will probably be put to work with a pick and shovel, said the warden of Sing Sing prison today.

After a short period of hard manual work Anderson will be assigned clerical work.

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BOND ISSUE
OF \$30,000
ADVOCATED

Mass Meeting Last Evening Discusses Well Water Proposition

WOULD RETAIN
SPRINGS SITE

Motion Passed Urging the Sinking of Test Well and Buying of Summerville Springs.

At the conclusion of a mass meeting held in the city hall building last evening relative to the question of supplying La Grande with a new water works system, a motion presented by A. J. Stange and seconded by P. S. Ivanhoe, was adopted.

The motion was that it be the sense of the meeting that the city commission call an election to vote upon a bond issue of \$30,000, and in cash the election carried, to expend the money to purchase the Summerville springs site and also to drill a test well.

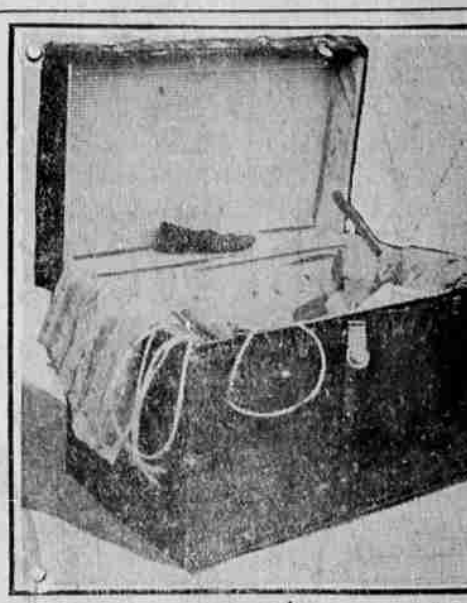
Prior to this motion, made by Dr. R. P. Landis and seconded by Charles Noyes, was defeated. The motion provided that the city commission be requested to proceed with a test well.

Durant Speaks
A. A. Durant, well specialist from Walla Walla, Wash., was present last evening and spoke to the meeting, answering several questions propounded by citizens present.

Mr. Durant offered, through the presiding officer of the meeting, H. E. Dixon, to drill a test well from 12 1/2 to 15 inches in diameter, on ground to be selected by him, to a depth of 1000 or less feet on the basis of \$15 per foot. He also offered to go deeper than that on a basis of \$15 per foot for each additional 100 feet. For instance if a well was drilled 1200 feet, he would charge the city on a basis of \$17 per foot for additional.

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The Death Trunk



This is the trunk (above) which carried the body of Mrs. Bella Janssen (below) from Denver to Ogden, Utah. Mrs. Janssen's body was found in the trunk which had been checked from Denver to California by railroad employees who saw blood on the outside of the trunk.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Curtis D. Wilbur of California, the new secretary of the navy, arrived in Washington Monday, conferred with President Coolidge and then was installed at his desk at the navy department.

Secretary and Mrs. Wilbur were met at the station by two naval aides in one of the White House automobiles. Mr. Wilbur went direct to the White House and spent a quarter of an hour with the president in a general discussion of his new work.

"I have no pre-conceived ideas as to naval policies," the secretary said. "I am taking it for granted that the naval establishment is well organized and will be able to run along while I pick up the threads."

Asked if he could be considered a "big navy man" he said: "Well I am for a pretty good sized navy."

He said he had no definite opinion with respect to the Alameda naval base controversy.

"I am going to study both sides of that question and consult with the men who have been studying naval policies for 40 years while I have been considering legal matters before I make any decision with respect to Alameda," he said.

REPUBLICANS
IN MAJORITY

The political situation in Union county is rapidly coming to a head with the greater number of county offices sought after by one or more candidates. Several more offices are expected to be filled for the remaining open period, which ends April 15—20 days before the May primary election.

The greater number who have filed declaration of candidacy for respective posts to date are republicans. In fact, according to reports, only one democrat is at the present seeking office—Sheriff Lee Warnick, who filed last week announcing that he will seek reelection.

The post held by J. F. Hutchinson, county commissioner from Union, seems to be the most popular "plum." Mr. Hutchinson some time ago announced that he would not again seek office and with the knowledge that one place on the county court personnel would be left vacant, four have announced candidacy—six republicans. They are E. J. Schenck, North Powder, W. W. Stevens, Union, G. F. Butler, Tulelake, and Jacob Kohler, Union.

Sheriff's office comes next in order with three in the race—Lee Warnick, democrat, La Grande, incumbent; W. A. McKenzie, republican, La Grande; and Thomas Driskell, republican, La Grande.

Others who have announced their intention of appearing at the ballot in the May primaries follow:

Proctor Macdon, incumbent, republican, for county treasurer.

J. M. Hills, incumbent, republican, for constable.

Dr. E. L. Huston, republican, for coroner.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, republican, incumbent, for county school superintendent.

To date no one has filed for county assessor and county clerk but it seems sure that the present office holders, C. K. McCormick and David Proctor, respectively, will seek reelection.

Complete Excavation
Work at School Site

The excavation work for the new grammar school building which is to be erected in Block Five of Johnson's addition, about a block north of the flour mill, has been completed and other work about the grounds will be done soon. The bids for construction are to be opened April 5.

DENIAL OF
LOAN MADE
BY BANKER

M. D. Thatcher, Pueblo Bank President, Is Questioned.

OKLAHOMA G. O. P.
LEADER SUMMONED

R. H. Wilson Subpoenaed to Testify Regarding "Oil" Stories of Republican 1920 Meet.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—M. D. Thatcher, president of the First National Bank of Pueblo, Colo., told the senate of committee today that his bank did not make any loans to A. B. Fall in 1921 or 1922, but testified that loans amounting to \$100,000 were made to the Tres Ritas Cattle company (Fall's company) and there was an overdraft of \$22,000.

Thatcher had the stock of the cattle company as security but said he knew nothing about Fall's purchase of the Harris ranch for \$21,500 nor where the money for the purchase came from.

WASHINGTON (AP)—R. W. Wilson, Oklahoma Republican leader, was subpoenaed today by the oil committee for questioning regarding the story of an oil deal in the 1920 Republican convention.

F. W. Sanderson, of Minneapolis, an engineer for the Minnesota public utilities commission, was also summoned.

Would Void Unwritten
Agreement With Japan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Immediate cancellation of the gentlemen's agreement with Japan regarding immigration was suggested by the house immigration bill, modified to meet some of Secretary Hughes' objections.

DECORATIONS
NEARLY READY

The decorations for the automobile show, which is to be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, are nearly completed. Final work will be done this evening under the direction of Harry Richardson who is supervising the decorating. In many cases the legion men are asked to turn out at 7 o'clock this evening to help in hanging the lights and other final work.

The dealers are to place their cars on the floor tomorrow. Much activity is anticipated in this direction as they are making arrangements in many cases for quite elaborate displays.

Final arrangements for the entertainment programs have been made and according to all present indications each evening should give an exceptional entertainment. The local clothing merchants are staging quite an elaborate exhibition themselves on Saturday night when they are to give a style show.

McNary-Haugen Bill
Is Being Simplified

According to a Portland news bureau from Washington, D. C., a simplification of the McNary-Haugen export agricultural bill by a series of amendments which its friends say will bring it increased support and make it more easily workable will result in a new re-export measure from the committee on agriculture of the senate, which Senator McNary hopes to report by the end of the week.

This will not cause delay in consideration of the bill, because the condition of the calendar, which makes it uncertain when the bill can be taken up.

It is expected that an effort will be made to take up the bill next week in the senate. The house committee which has been considering an identical bill in executive session for several days, is expected to report the measure by the end of the week, but the plans of its friends call for first consideration in the senate.

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Change in Definitions
Change of definitions is made so that only such livestock as may be slaughtered will be under provisions of the law, and exemption from equalization fees is provided for transportation up to \$1000 in cases of exchange of commodities such as corn for corn, corn for

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