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Hunt's
Washington
Letter

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Despite the daily scandals emanating from Washington, involving graft and low in a maze of alleged graft, corruption and general crookedness, the news of the political wise is that the criminal conviction of any of the higher-ups named in the disclosures is not merely remote but altogether unlikely.

They may be discredited, as in fact they already are, but they will not be convicted.

The situation reminds Pat Harrison, senator from Mississippi, of the old colored woman who was found carrying away from her place of employment not only sufficient food for her own family but also for her sister's family.

As is the case in southern households, the colored cook is expected to help herself to enough food-stuffs from her employer's larder to supply her own household. But feeding rank outsiders, in those days of high prices and high wages to the plantation help, is quite another matter.

So when this particular housewife had kept a check on Mandy for several days and found her carrying away each evening a two-wheeled basket, she decided it was time to call a halt.

"Mandy," she said, "you expect to go to Heaven when you die?"

"Indeed, ah, does. Ah's gwine hab one of dem golden harps an' wear a golden crown. Ah anttily does dese on gwine 't Heaven."

"Well, Mandy," continued her mistress, "I'm afraid you're going to be disappointed. You have been stealing food. You've been supplying your neighbors from my pantry. And you certainly don't expect to go to Heaven when you die if you keep on stealing, do you?"

Mandy threw back her head in a guffaw of merriment.

"Lawsy, missy," she said, "you's anttily got all mixed up. Why—steadin' and religion they haint got athin' to do with each other. They's two entirely different things."

And that's the way, Harrison suggests, former Secretary Fall, for instance, will answer charges, say, in connection with the lease of California naval oil reserve to Edward Bohney.

"Yes, I leased the reserve to Bohney," Fall may say.

"Yes, I borrowed \$100,000 from Bohney."

"But those are two entirely different transactions. They had nothing what ever to do with each other."

President Coolidge's selection of Judge Curtis D. Wilbur of California.

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DRUM CORPS
TO 'BALLYHO'

With the opening of the American Legion Automobile show, a first annual affair, the legion fire and drum corps will make their first public appearance this year when they will "ballyho" each evening preliminary to the entertainment features.

Tonight they are scheduled to promenade the main streets of La Grande before the vaudeville show opens and tomorrow and Saturday nights they will usher in the band concert and style show in a like manner.

The fire and drum corps is planning on participating in the American Legion convention and the annual Rose Festival at Portland this year. The members have been practicing diligently and it is expected they will make a very imposing appearance.

Modern Garage To Be
Erected By July 1, On
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For many years the lot west of the federal building, which houses the postoffice, on the corner of Adams and Fourth streets, had remained bare of all but vegetation but by July 1, a thoroughly modern garage building, to house the Perkins Motor company, will be erected there, according to announcements made today by Sturgill brothers, who have bought the lot.

The building of a garage at that section marks the first increase in dimensions of the west end of the business section of La Grande this year. Several new businesses have been installed in the east end but with the erection of the garage, the business district proper will be extended to a further point.

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MANY HELP
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Testimony Being Taken
at Portland in Public
Service Hearing

CENTRAL OREGON
RAILWAYS URGED

Hearing, Now in Progress,
Finds Many
Groups in Evidence—
Several Testify.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Arguing that if the Union Pacific's central Oregon lines were extended to connect with the Southern Pacific's Eugene-Klamath Falls cutoff, Idaho agricultural centers would be brought into direct contact with the markets of the Pacific coast, the Idaho Public Service commission, testified at the railway hearing here today.

He admitted under cross-examination he had not taken into consideration the extension of the Oregon Short line to connect with the Southern Pacific at Wells, which railway attorneys insisted would bring exactly the same result.

The Redmond commercial club and several farm organizations of the Deschutes valley, submitted exhibits showing the traffic possibilities of that region, in the event that irrigation and railroad facilities were procured.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—E. A. Gillett, state forester, and Fred E. Ames, assistant district forester of the United States today estimated that timber resources east of the Canadian to be nearly thirty billion feet, which they said would furnish tonnage for revenue for railway lines to Eastern and Northern markets.

William L. Toubach, editor of the Lake County Examiner, testified last yesterday that Lake county has 5,025,000 feet of pine timber in private ownership and nearly seven billion feet in national forest.

He estimated the annual tonnage from the county with railway transportation could be 100,000 tons of livestock and farm products and 250,000 tons of lumber and 50,000 tons of mineral salts.

HUGHES TO BE CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary Hughes notified Senator Wadsworth Wednesday of his acceptance of the invitation to act as temporary chairman of the republican state convention at New York City April 15.

DARREL LARSON
ON HONOR ROLL
AT UNIVERSITY

EUGENE, Ore. (Special)—Having made a grade of 2 or better in all his subjects, Darrel Larson of Eugene, a senior in the department of dramatics at the University of Oregon, has the distinction of being a member of the university scholastic honor roll.

Larson has a remarkably high scholastic record, making 1 in all of his courses except one. His grades are undoubtedly the highest made by any student in the department of dramatics during the term, and compare favorably with the best made at the university during the winter period.

At the end of the winter term 87 students, or 17 more than during the fall period, were eligible for places on the honor roll. Of the 87, 46 were women and 41 men.

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buildings that now stand on the west end of the lot. This will be achieved as expeditiously as possible and it is believed that a total removal of the two houses will be completed within 30 days time.

To Complete Work by July

As the plans stand now, Sturgill brothers are expecting to have the garage building erected by July 1. The building will be of modern construction with a frontage of 125 feet on Adams avenue and 35 feet on Fourth street.

W. C. Perkins, of the Perkins Motor company, immediately secured a lease on the garage and as soon as completed will move his company from his present location in the Rosey building on the corner of Adams and First streets, to the new location there, according to Mr. Perkins, "dealers who handle the Ford and Lincoln cars will make their permanent home."

Crawford
Passes On

Judge T. H. Crawford, La Grande pioneer and attorney, who died at Hot Lake this morning at the termination of a long battle against the threats of cancer of the throat. Mr. Crawford was campaign manager for Governor Walter M. Pierce, past president of the Union County Pioneer association and a regent of the O. A. C.

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The men have not yet returned to Enterprise with the prisoner and are expected to reach here this evening. Reports received last night state that Higgs fired several shots but whether anyone was injured or not is still conjecture.

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Madden was arrested some time ago in a room on a Spruce street residence here and officers at that time found 35 capsules of cocaine which they alleged belonged to Madden.

Madden will probably be taken to Portland some time this week.

DEATH CALLS
T. H. CRAWFORD
THIS MORNING

Oregon Pioneer, Politician, Attorney, Passed on As Result of Dread Disease.

Friends of Judge T. H. Crawford, and they are legion, throughout the northwest today are bowed in sorrow with the receiving of news that he answered the call of the Death Angel this morning at Hot Lake at the conclusion of a long illness caused by cancer of the throat. Death came about 10 o'clock and Judge Crawford passed away at peace with the world, wrapped in the folds of serenity that will nevermore be broken.

With his demise Oregon, Union county and La Grande lose a citizen and a leader in public life who will long be mourned.

Mr. Crawford was a regent of the Oregon Agricultural college, of Corvallis, a past president of the Union County Pioneer association, president of the Union County Pioneer association and served as campaign manager for Governor Walter M. Pierce prior to his election to the gubernatorial chair.

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SPRING SHOWERS

OFFICERS TO
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Captain R. H. Huron and Lieutenant Dutton and Campbell, of the local national guard unit, will attend an officers' school to be held in Portland, Ore. April 2 to 5, inclusive, according to announcements today. The school is for all commissioned national guard officers of Oregon.

According to Captain Huron, the company had a very satisfactory night in training work Monday night.

"Plans have been completed," he stated, "for preparing an office, supply room and locker room at the Eagle hall for the use of the company as equipment and supplies are expected at an early date."

"The next important step locally," he continued, "is the construction of a rifle range. The government will lease ground for the range and furnish all equipment, also make an allowance in cash for its construction and upkeep."

In this matter it is believed by the company commander that some of the members of the National Rifleman's association, numbering about 75 persons, may know of some suitable location. Suggestions by them are desired. The range will probably be at least of 1000 yards length.

Canada to Recognize
Soviet Government

OTTAWA, Ont. (AP)—Canada is prepared to recognize the soviet government of Russia "in the best interests of both countries." Premier King Wednesday wrote A. Yasukoff, agent in Montreal of the Russian government, who had asked whether de jure recognition of Russia by Great Britain should constitute recognition by Canada.

CANNOT REFUND
STATE INCOME
TAX PAYMENTS

SALEM, Ore. (Special)—Even though the courts should declare unconstitutional the state income tax law enacted by the last legislature, those who have paid the tax may lose their money, as there is no way in which they can recover it from the state. This, it was said, was the intimation given out at the attorney-general's office here.

It was pointed out, however, that a person affected by the law pays his tax under protest and obtains a formal receipt from the state tax commission he probably would be in a position to recover the amount of money paid.

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POLITICAL
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Al Jennings Testifies
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EX-BANDIT TELLS
STARTLING STORY

Declares That \$25,000
Was Given Both Harry
Daugherty and Will
H. Hays by Hamon.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The story by Al Jennings, told today to the oil committee, was branded "false and preposterous" by Leighton C. Taylor, former secretary to the late Senator Penrose.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Al Jennings, former train robber, now evangelist and politician, told the senate oil committee today Jake Hamon told him at Chicago in 1920 that Warren Harding was to be nominated as president and that it cost Hamon \$1,000,000.

Of this sum \$250,000 went to the late Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, Jennings said he was told by Hamon who was then republican national committeeman for Oklahoma.

Hamon said he gave \$25,000 to Harry M. Daugherty and \$25,000 to Will H. Hays. Hamon expected to be secretary of the interior and later president," said Jennings.

Jennings said that Hamon told him Daugherty was at first for Albert B. Fall for interior secretary but Hamon finally won out and would have been appointed had he not been killed soon after the election.

Jennings quoted Hamon as having said that with money he would eventually become president of the United States.

Hamon carried Oklahoma for Harding, the witness said, adding

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CARS COLLIDE;
NO ONE HURT

A Mitchell touring car driven by Mrs. Lee Becker, going north on Fourth street, collided with a Chevrolet touring car going west on N avenue, this morning. No one was injured in either car. The Becker car was little damaged but the Chevrolet, driven by Floyd Berry, sustained a bent front axle and fender, a broken wheel and a smashed headlight.

The Chevrolet had the right of way, according to traffic officers, and Mrs. Becker has agreed to take up the damages.

Caldwell Buys
Business From
Leighton, Oxner

J. P. Caldwell has purchased from Clyde Leighton and Frank Oxner the Battery and Gates Tire business and will install his new business in the building formerly occupied by Thorn's Grocery company on First street.

Mr. Caldwell has been employed by the Perkins Motor company for some time and prior to that has had much experience in the business.

Ancient City Found
In Euphrates Region

PARIS (AP)—French archaeologists working in Syria have discovered at Saliyah, in the Euphrates region a Greek city, founded just after the death of Alexander the Great, 224 years ago, and abandoned in 231 A. D., when the desert sands covered it.

Among the objects found are parchments, one of which, written in 189 B. C., is said to be the oldest Greek manuscript extant.

Roxie Stinson Is Cross
Examined By Howland,
Counsel For Daugherty

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Roxie Stinson submitted to a cross examination today by counsel for Daugherty, against whom she had made a long series of charges.

Paul Howland, long time friend of Daugherty, conducted the cross examination which was decided upon after the committee held that further inquiry into the story of the \$25,000,000 profit to