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Hunt's
Washington
Letter(By Harry B. Hunt)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Upcoming Mr. Ralph Beaver Strassburger, you'll hear more about Mr. Strassburger between now and June 10, when the Republican National convention assembles in Cleveland.

Strassburger needs no introduction in Pennsylvania, his home state, where he owns a newspaper at Norristown, has a fancy farm in Gwynedd valley, manages a fortune of many millions and dabbles a bit in politics. But outside the Keystone state, he needs some identification for the role in which he may appear.

In order that Washington correspondents who may have cause to refer to him in coming months shall have full information, Strassburger has just presented each of them with a massive 500-page volume, profusely illustrated, setting forth his genealogy and career. From it we glean:

That Strassburger is descended from Johann Andreas Strassburger who sailed from Rotterdam for Philadelphia in 1742. That he is 41 years of age, a graduate of the Annapolis Naval academy, served a brief time in the diplomatic corps as a secretary in the Balkan states and in Japan, but resigned from the service when William Jennings Bryan became secretary of state.

From which it may be correctly inferred Strassburger is a republican. And in that fact lies his possible future news interest.

Strassburger was the financial "angel" back of Hiram Johnson's campaign for the presidency in 1920. Shortly after Coolidge succeeded to the White House, Strassburger announced Johnson would be a candidate again this year. Johnson's declaration followed within two weeks. Then, however, Strassburger paid a visit to Washington. He had luncheon at the White House, and back again in Norristown he issued a statement saying he would support Coolidge this year for reelection. Which, because of his position in the Pennsylvania G. O. P. machine, was a statement of political importance.

Now that word is being passed around that Strassburger expects to be much more than a mere "angel" this year.

How much more? Well, it is pointed out, the selection of a running mate for Calvin is yet to be decided. And Strassburger is a good runner. He was a leader in athletics at Exeter Academy and at Annapolis. He issued the only goals made by the navy in the famous Army-Navy football game of 1917. He has been an enthusiastic and moneyed. He inherited a substantial fortune from his thirty Pennsylvania Dutch ancestors and he married Miss May Bourne, daughter of F. G. Bourne, president of the Singer Manufacturing company.

But Strassburger will not walk away with the VP nomination contested if that is really the goal at which he is now aiming. The field of "possibilities" for second place on the G. O. P. ticket is all-

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SCHOOL BONDS
ARE AWARDED

Bonds, amounting to \$25,000, and providing for an East La Grande schoolhouse, were awarded to the United States National Premium, South and Camp of Portland, recently by the local board of education. Bids were received during the past week and opened with the board finding that the above mentioned firm had the best offer. They took the bonds at par accrued interest and named \$15.75 as the premium. Interest on the bonds is to be five per cent.

Estimated Wealth of
U. S. Is At High Mark

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—The Department of Commerce announced today that the United States preliminary estimate of the value, December 31, 1922, of the principal forms of wealth, the total amounting to \$229,892,822,000, as compared with \$186,299,664,000 in 1912, an increase of 22.2 per cent. Per capita value increased from \$1,560 to \$2,212, or 41.9 per cent. The total amount of the estimate for 1912 is shown below less than the amount shown in the report for that year by \$1,429,497,000, due to a revision now made for that year in the value of taxed real property in the state of Oklahoma.

All classes of property increased in value from 1912 to 1922, except live stock, which decreased from \$24,324,291,000 to \$15,982,687,000, or 34.5 per cent. No comparison is possible for the value of motor vehicles, which was estimated in 1922 at \$1,429,497,000, or 42.1 per cent, and stocks of goods, vehicles other than motor, furniture, and clothing from \$24,324,291,000 to \$15,982,687,000, or 34.5 per cent. The estimated value of taxed real property and improvements increased from \$36,222,496,000 to \$155,908,625,000, or 42.1 per cent.

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AT STAYTONClive M. Keekly Back in
Prison at Stayton,
Ore., TodayFOUR CONVICTS
STILL AT LARGECapture of Weekly Up-
sets Theories of Posse-
men — Man-Hunt Is
Continuing.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Clive M. Keekly, one of six escaped convicts from the Oregon state penitentiary, was captured yesterday evening near Stayton and is back in prison today. Weekly makes the second of the half dozen convicts to be recaptured by the officers.

Weekly said today that he was completely lost when he stumbled upon Stayton. He said the first day after his escape that he climbed a tree and remained there all day and that possemen called beneath him several times.

He stated that all he had to eat was eggs stolen from nests, and declared that he had not seen his companions since Friday morning.

SEARCHING FOR KELLEY
ROSENBERG, Ore. (AP)—Armed officers are seeking trace of a man suspected of being Ella French Kelley, seen here yesterday.

SALEM, Ore. (Special)—Clive M. Keekly, one of the six convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary here Friday morning, was captured as he attempted to cross the Stayton wagon bridge over the Santiam river late Sunday. Weekly refused to discuss the whereabouts of the other four men or his movements since his escape from the prison.

The capture of the fugitive upsets all of the theories advanced by prison officials, peace officers, posse men and others since the man hunt started. That all of the convicts were out of the Annapolis, Stayton and West Stayton sections was taken as truth here this morning, following the receipt of information that others of the convict group had attempted to steal an automobile at Jefferson, shortly before midnight Saturday.

Fugitive Is Unarmed.
Weekly was captured through the efforts of VP possemen Harry Fox, who noticed a ragged stranger loitering for the bridge. They immediately notified local officers, who hurried to the bridge and arrested the convict.Interesting Program
Prepared for Lunch

W. C. Perkins, chairman of the weekly chamber of commerce, followed by a luncheon, followed by a lecture to be held Tuesday, announced that an unusually interesting program for the day has been arranged by the auto tourist committee which is in charge. All members are again urged to be in attendance at 12 o'clock sharp as it is hoped to close on time.

Claret Ban
Mourned By
Church Men

DENVER (INS)—Sorrow reigned amongst the parishioners of Bishop Frank H. Rice's liberal church here, following refusal of the secretary of state's office of Colorado to sanction the purchase by Bishop Rice of two gallons of claret wine for sacramental purposes.

Scores of worshippers, many carrying their own individual tin cups, milled frantically in the church on Sunday, offering disappointment as Bishop Rice announced that the first holy communion, scheduled for the morning service, could not be given.

"Put away your cups," announced the bishop, "for the state says we can't have the wine." A noisy demonstration ensued.

The regular members of the flock who had heard Bishop Rice announce previously that communion would be given in the form of sparkling claret wine groaned in despair, but managed to maintain a semblance of dignity.

U. S. Approves
"The federal government approved our application for two gallons of inspirational claret for Sunday," said Bishop Rice, "and mailed a permit to a local drug company authorizing them to deliver the fluid. The secretary of state, however, refused to sanction the transaction, doubting the character of the claret wine."

There was a stir in the audience. The attendance had broken all records, and the bishop and his board of directors wondered where all the quivering sinners had come from so suddenly, clamoring for salvation.

The comparative calm manner in which the announcement was accepted by the regular parishioners is believed to have had a restraining effect upon the newcomers.

"I was indeed a keen disappointment to us all, though," Bishop Rice said later.

Must Have Wine
"We shall not submit to fanatic persecution," he declared announcing that he was preparing to take the case into the courts. "My flock shall have their wine."Attorney General Wayne Williams was just as firm.
"I find after investigation that this is not a church or a religious organization," the Attorney General announced, "and they shall have no wine."

The liberal church was organized about a year ago by Rice, a former publicity agent, who was elected bishop of the congregation.

Bishop Rice announced that the organization was incorporated and Bishop Rice announced that flying machines, radios and all modern lawful means would be used by the liberal church in spreading the true gospel of religion.

Pending settlement of the controversy over the sacramental wine, Bishop Rice has decided to use near beer. Eight gallons of this liquid were used in filling the tin cups that were brought to the communion rail the first Sunday.

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AUTO SHOW
ENDS WITH
STYLE SHOWLocal Firms Furnish the
Styles and Models
for DisplayATTENDANCE AT
SHOW WAS 1978Banquet of Auto Dealers
Saturday Evening Held
—to Form Auto Deal-
ers' Association.

With a very large crowd in attendance the last night of the American Legion Automobile Show was a decided success, the style show being the big feature of the evening.

The first store represented in the show was Newton's and McNamee's Art and Ray Shop, who displayed in a very clever manner their line of babyware on living models. The first to make their appearance were Bobby Doe and Jimmie McNamee, who represented the American Legion drama and bugle corps.

Following that a group of little girls appeared and gave a charming dance, with clothe lines full of baby clothes, showing many beautiful and dainty articles. Many other children appeared also, wearing the daintiest of children's clothes. Those taking part besides those already mentioned were William May, Jacqueline O'Brien, Peggy Bohlenkamp, Barbara Coolidge, Maxine Vade, Ann Stoddard, Jack Murphy, Barbara and Geraldine O'Brien, John McNamee, Solie Sel, Ernest Evelyn May, Jane Williams, Patay Jessie and Betty Ruth Bohlenkamp.

Hill's Department store was the next to be featured and their excellent display was well received by the audience. Mrs. W. H. Park, who presided at the piano and those appearing, first as models were Miss Myrtle Black, Miss Irma Lyman, Mrs. T. R. Maxwell, Miss Kathleen Campbell, Miss Campbell sang two beautiful vocal numbers, which received much applause from those present.

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ARMEN READY
FOR NEXT LAP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army world flyers are to start from Seattle, Wash., at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Major Martin has telegraphed air services.

BRITISH PLANE FALLS
ATHENS (AP)—Stuart McClaren's plane was forced down on Lake Muthos, the island of Corfu. No one was injured and the flight is to be resumed to Athens. McClaren is representing the British government in an attempt to encircle the globe by air.POINCARÉ'S
STRENGTH
HELD LOST
PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Indications that Premier Poincaré has lost the sympathies of many of the majority party which supported his previous government were seen in the chamber of deputies when he announced the policy for the re-constituted cabinet.

He reaffirmed all the policies of the late government and said that the French soldiers would remain in the Ruhr valley until France is paid.

There was a lack of warmth with approval only rare exceptions. Repeatedly the premier was interrupted with manifestations of scorn, surprise or disappointment, as the deputies compared his declarations with the personnel of the cabinet which includes several opponents of the late Poincaré ministry.

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BULLETINS
IS CHARGEDBRIDGES BLOWN UP.
RELEASE, Ireland (AP)—A number of bridges on the main road between Londonderry and Athlone, in central Ireland, were blown up last night and roads were blocked with felled trees. Republicans disclaimed responsibility for the destruction.MARKET QUOTATIONS.
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle steady to a shade higher, top steers \$7.75 to \$8. Hogs 15 cents higher, top grade \$7.75 to \$8.15. Sheep steady. Eggs firm. Butter weak with a lower trend. Butterfat (Portland) 47 cents. Butterfat (San Francisco) 45 1/2 cents.WORK ON TRACK
TO BE PUSHED—
HASTE ESSENTIAL
Surveying of the athletic field, preparatory to actual work in getting the ground into shape, will take place early this week, according to announcement today.

With Whitman college scheduled to play the La Grande Pirates here Friday afternoon and the inter-class track meet scheduled for Saturday afternoon, it is necessary that the high school field be worked over as early as possible.

The present plan, relative to the quarter-mile track, are to minor cinders on the course in quantities enough to do away with all possibilities of mud.

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SCHOOL LAW
DECLARED
TO BE VOID

Oregon Compulsory Public School Law Held Unconstitutional

JUDGE GILBERT
GIVES OPINIONConstitutional Rights of
Parents Has Been Con-
travened by the Law,
Holds Court.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Oregon's compulsory school law was declared unconstitutional today in the opinion of the federal court today by Circuit Judge W. B. Gilbert and by District Judges C. E. Wolverton and R. B. Bean. A crowded courtroom heard the reading of the decision by Wolverton.

The decision made it plain that the court acted on the proposition that the constitutional rights of parents had been contravened by the law just as much as the rights of the complainants—Hill Military Academy and the Society of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

The court held it had the right to enjoin the state law which deprives a citizen of constitutional rights or corporation of property without due process of law.

The defendants were Governor Walter M. Pierce, Attorney General Van Winkle and Stanley Myers, district attorney of Multnomah county. The law required children between eight and sixteen years to attend public school and was adopted by an initiative at the general election in 1922, after a heated campaign in which the Ku Klux Klan supported the bill.

"Parents and guardians," said the decision of the court, "have interests in the constitutional rights of complainants to see that their schools may be maintained for the mutual benefit and use of all parties concerned."

To Appeal Judgment.
SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Governor Pierce today said the compulsory public school law case would be appealed to the United States supreme court.Oratorical Contest
To Be Held Thursday
The trials to decide La Grande's representative to the county oratorical contest on "The Constitution" will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, March 3.

The winning contestant is to receive a medal and the right to represent La Grande in the county contest to be held here April 12. All other participants preparing acceptable orations will be given certificates of achievement. The winner of the county contest which will comprise the high school representatives from La Grande, Union, North Powder, Cove and Imbler, will win \$25 and will contest in Baker with the winners from Union, Wallawa, Grant, Baker, Mathew and Harney counties, later.

CHAMPION GRANDPA
POMEROY, O. (INS)—Gideon Pearls, an aged resident near Kyr, claims the "granddaddy" record in this vicinity. He has 55 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.Leaders Are Moving to
Clear Congress Decks
WASHINGTON (AP)—Hopeful that congress will find its way clear before the session to a close before the time political campaigns begin, senate leaders expect to make substantial progress this week towards disposing of pressing legislation.

The senate probably will receive the tax and bonus bills from its finance committee. The present plan of Republican leaders is to give the bonus bill right of way with action on the revenue measure next in order.

These two proposals, together with the annual supply bills, must be disposed of, in the opinion of both Republican and Democratic leaders, before the window of the session. In line with this program, the house is continuing to give appropriation bills priority. The army supply bill was sent to the senate Saturday and immediately consideration began in the post-office bill, which will be disposed of before the week.

One Bill to President.
Thus far one appropriation bill—a deficiency measure—has been whipped into shape for transmission to the White House. Practically all senate differences over the measure carrying funds for the interior, treasury and postoffice departments have been ironed out and within a few days they will be ready for the president's desk. After disposing of the independent office bill, the house will take up the Johnson immigration measure, planning to get on it before the senate has an opportunity to consider the measure reported by its immigration committee. A dozen investigations continue to divert attention in both the senate and house. Monday Senator (Continued on page 5)

Late News Flashes

HOT TRAIL PICKED UP.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—A hot trail was picked up late this morning in the search for four escaped convicts yesterday of Clive Weekly at Stayton. Information was received that men wearing shoes like those stolen from the Annsville store tried to enter a house on the outskirts of Stayton last night. A trail from the woods to the house and back was found. A search was started also near Jefferson where three men attempted to steal an automobile.

TAX TO YIELD \$1,500,000.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The state income tax will yield at least \$1,500,000 instead of the estimated \$1,250,000, Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, estimated today which is the last day for filing returns without a penalty or extension. A tremendous mail reached the department during the last three days. By tonight it is estimated that 80,000 returns will have been received.

MELLON PROBE
GAINS FORCE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A new offensive in the United States senate against "Coolidge's cabinet directed against Secretary Andrew Mellon, gained momentum today while the committee investigating the internal revenue bureau resumed an examination of "Mellon companies," especially the Gulf Oil corporation, which gained \$3,775,000 credits for "not excessive payments" in the years 1917, 1918 and 1919.

The attack on Secretary Mellon, however, met today some resistance from the senate organization Republicans. Senator Reed, republican of Pennsylvania, informed the senate that legal questions raised by Senator McKellar's resolution had been considered before Mellon accepted the cabinet post.

California Horse Is
Winner at Tijuana

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP)—Thoustar, California chestnut horse, owned by A. R. Speckels of San Francisco, Sunday won the fourth handicap of the Tijuana track of the Tijuana Jockey club. Owned by the Speckels stable, owned by John B. Mills of Long Beach, Cal., was second. Cherry Tree, owned by Baron Long of San Diego, was third, and Exterminator, sent here by Willis Sharpe Kilmer, was fourth.

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