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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Fair tonight with heavy frost. Friday fair and warmer.

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Hunt's  
Washington  
Letter

BY HARRY R. HUNT.  
WASHINGTON (SNA Special).  
Out of the "great national game" of baseball comes the "cold."

That was evident to all present on the occasion of the opening of the American league season at the Washington ball park.  
Coldness combined with the tradition that the first ball of the first game in Washington must be tossed out by the president. But he did it with an expression and a gesture that indicated that the job was the most distasteful he had yet been called upon to perform as chief executive. If hurling a baseball sphere out into a ball park, while a crazy mob of screaming lunatics looks on, was a daily part of the presidential routine, well, well, but Calvin Coolidge wouldn't run for reelection.

He went at it as an unpleasant, rather undignified proceeding that had to be gone through with, but which he didn't enjoy or even approve.

Instead of tossing the ball out away from him with an overhand gesture, much as Coolidge might have spurned the crown.

And then, with the home team winning, cut up and left in the middle of the third inning!

Though Coolidge may not want to be called, he seems to be on the verge of that other great national pastime, politics. Already his campaign managers claim to have about 200 of the necessary 556 delegates to the Republican convention roped and tied.

So Coolidge is his booster of a well-known for him at Cleveland that they are suggesting having the president drop in on the con-

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MILCH COWS  
WILL BE SOLD

Believing that salvation of the farms of eastern Oregon is in the milch cow and quinine Governor Moore of Idaho who says the "time has come to trade the chairs for milk buckets," Fred Hamilton, grain buyer, rancher and all-around trader, has inaugurated a business of selling cows in ranches on contract basis.

Mr. Hamilton stated to the Evening Observer yesterday that he is confident things are going to come back with the rancher and the time way to hasten that eventual day is to get more cows on the ranches. He has been the William Valley, having only one cow and only fair success in the supply of good cows seems to be limited. But he arranged for a few carloads and in a short time he will have them delivered first in Union and Walla Walla counties.

"We had just as well get down to cases," said Fred, "for the thing to do is to get to work and we will make it and make it fast. There is nothing wrong with the country, except that the flurries has left the rancher harder hit than anyone else, but he is coming back and will be back before we realize it when the cows are."

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## "But a Drop in the Bucket," Says Wheeler

WASHINGTON (AP)—Replying to recent criticism by former Attorney General Daugherty of the senate investigation, Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, president of the Daugherty committee, declared in a statement Wednesday night that the evidence thus far advanced by the committee "is but a drop in the bucket."

Slaughters 350 Herds  
In Foot, Mouth War

In suppressing the outbreak of foot and mouth disease among livestock in California, state and federal authorities working cooperatively had slaughtered 350 herds and one exposed herd still to be destroyed. The aggressive measures of killing and disposing diseased herds and slaughtering premises are going forward with remarkable rapidity. This policy resulted in reducing known cases from April 15 to only three cases. One of the 16 which are quarantined, latest case occurred this far as a safeguard to the millions of domestic animals in the country. The 350 herds, valued at \$12,000,000, are now being slaughtered. The animals, including nearly 50,000 are now being slaughtered and buried in quicklime and covered with a

## GOVERNMENT TAKES HOLD

BROTHER OF  
CONVICT IS  
SURROUNDED

Milam Jones, Escaped  
from Medford Jail, Be-  
lieved Near Capture

POSSE OF MEN  
HOT ON TRAIL

"Oregon" Jones' Brother  
Kayed County Jailer  
and Broke Away Last  
Evening.

MEDFORD, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Milam Jones, held for highway robbery, and the brother of "Oregon" Jones, fugitive convict who escaped from the state penitentiary some time ago, escaped last evening from the county jail here after attacking the jailer and is now pursued in the hills south of Jacksonville. The sheriff's office reported this morning that Jones was surrounded. He was arrested in Los Angeles with Ruth Brown in March, 1924.

Jones made the break about 7:30 o'clock last evening and within five minutes the posse was in pursuit.

When Jailer Robinson went to look him in the cell Jones struck him twice with his fists, flooring the jailer. He then took the jailer's pistol from the hipster and knocked him unconscious. Jones then unlocked the door and fled.

Jones was the alleged leader of the Jones brothers' gang of highway robbers, who operated three years ago in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Believing that the national democratic convention this year will hold some changes, and that a very interesting campaign may arise over the nomination of that party for the presidency and vice-presidency, and also adoption of a national platform upon which a democratic can stand four square.

Mr. Peterson is one of the real rock ribbed followers of Jefferson in Eastern Oregon. He has been a staunch member of his party in good weather and in bad weather. When republicans ascend the platform while Mr. Peterson always came up smiling and said, "well until the next campaign and we'll beat you." And it must be admitted that occasionally there has been a democratic year and when that occurred the glow of Peterson surrounded all over this district. He has the respect of all men for he is a fine man, a sturdy fighter, and in much the same kind of a democrat that the late Thomas H. Crawford was.

Already democrats in La Grande have Mr. Peterson's name pegged for their support and his friends firmly believe that he will put an honest unanimous vote for the honorable position he seeks.

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BASEBALL  
HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press)

## 457 Pounds



Whenever David Katz stands alongside his taxicab the street is all but blocked. Katz is the champion heavyweight taxi driver of America, tipping the scales at 457 pounds. He was fined in a Brooklyn court the other day for obstructing traffic. Katz says his taxi charges are much lighter than he is.

OPERATION OF  
HALL HELD UP

The city commission last evening suspended the license to operate a pool hall and soft drink business on Jefferson avenue, belonging to S. S. Schultz, who was some time ago convicted in the city court on a liquor charge. The suspension will be in force until an appeal by Schultz is acted upon in the circuit court and until definite action is taken. Schultz will not be allowed to operate his place of business.

A petition was presented three weeks ago asking the commission to not revoke the license. The matter was discussed briefly at that time and also last week.

Three improvement districts were advanced to a point of advertising for bids last night. Districts 141, 142 and 143, calling for improving of alleys in blocks.

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LA GRANDE HI  
RANKS FIRST

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BASEBALL

HOW THEY STAND

| Club          | W  | L  | PTS. |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| San Francisco | 12 | 4  | 750  |
| San Diego     | 9  | 6  | 562  |
| Los Angeles   | 9  | 7  | 564  |
| Vernon        | 8  | 7  | 564  |
| Oakland       | 7  | 9  | 482  |
| San Francisco | 6  | 9  | 486  |
| Portland      | 6  | 10 | 375  |
| Seattle       | 4  | 15 | 215  |

(By the Associated Press)

At Portland 15 H. 2.

San Diego 1 5

Portland 2 2

Batteries: Singleton and Petersen; Baker and Daly.

At Vernon 12 H. 4.

San Francisco 3 18 3

Vernon 3 18 3

Batteries: Griffin and Ames; Petersen and Murphy.

At Oakland 7 H. 5.

Los Angeles 3 18 3

Oakland 6 11 3

Batteries: Meyers and Holmes; Krause, Kutz and Taylor.

At Seattle 12 H. 2.

San Francisco 2 17 3

Seattle 9 11 3

Batteries: Thompson, Hagdon, Hall, Garfield and Kessler; Anderson, Gregg and Baldwin.

Missing Men  
Are Found In  
Lake Waters

Bodies of Trappers Dis-  
covered by Searchers;  
Foul Play Cause of  
Death.

RENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The bodies of three trappers missing since January 15th, Dewey Morris, Edward Nichols and Roy Wilson, were found late yesterday in Big Lava Lake. Each had been shot in the back of the head. The officers intend to bring the bodies here today.

The officers believe that the trappers were lured from their cabin and shot, apparently one man attracting their attention while another from ambush shot them with a high powered rifle. The bodies were discovered floating on the lake about 100 feet from where a hole had been cut in the ice. Nichols and Wilson were face downward and Morris was on his back. Two of the bodies were cutless and two had holes on. Nichols' glasses were still in place.

The trappers had a camp near Little Lava Lake which is a short distance from Big Lava Lake.

RENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The bodies of Dewey Morris, Edward Nichols and Roy Wilson, three trappers who have been missing since about January 15, were found Wednesday night in Little Lava Lake near here by deputy sheriffs who dragged the lake, according to a telephone message received here.

All three of the men had been shot in the head, thus confirming theories by officers that they had been the victims of foul play.

STARKOVITCH  
GOES TO JAIL

Tony Starkovitch, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer in the act of making an arrest, was this morning found guilty of the charges in the municipal court, presided over by Judge J. D. Slater.

Starkovitch was fined \$20 for disorderly conduct and \$50 and sentenced to 10 days in jail on the latter charge.

Officers stated that Starkovitch was drunk and disorderly last evening and that when arrest was attempted, he resisted.

Thomas Slater, charged with drunkenness, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25.

Dr. Karl Helfferich

Killed in Train Wreck

BERNE, Switzerland (AP).—Dr. Karl Helfferich, eminent German financial authority, and his aunt, were among those killed in a collision of two express trains near Bollingen yesterday.

FROST DOES DAMAGE.

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP).—Reports from fruit ranchers in the east end of Umatilla county said that a heavy frost last night turned blossoms brown. Practically all fruit blossoms from Walla Walla to Milton suffered.

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP).—A frost last night heavily thinned fruit blossoms. As pear and apple blossoms are heaviest this year the frost will make thinning by hand unnecessary. Smudging was general throughout the valley.

DOCUMENTS DISAPPEAR.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Gaston B. Means, former investigator of the department of justice and star witness before the senate Daugherty investigation, informed the committee today that his extensive collection of documents put in evidence had disappeared.

SEA VESSEL  
IN DISTRESS  
OFF EUREKA

231 Passengers Are Be-  
ing Transferred To-  
day to Relief Ship

LEAK CAUSE OF  
SHIP STOPPING

"Ruth Alexander" Com-  
pelled to Drop Anchors  
to Avoid Going on the  
Rocks Off Trinidad  
Head.

EUREKA, Cal. (By the Associated Press).—The steamer "Ruth Alexander," anchored in Trinidad Cove, and leaking badly, suddenly listed to starboard today after having maintained a heavy port list since anchored Wednesday. A rise in the water level in the leaking hold caused the shift, which did not interfere with the removal of passengers to the S. E. Alexander, standing by.

EUREKA, Cal. (By the Associated Press).—Transfer of passengers from the Admiral line's Ruth Alexander, in distress off Trinidad Head, north of here, to the H. E. Alexander, of the same line, began at sunrise.

The H. E. Alexander arrived at Eureka, the Ruth Alexander during the night. The Ruth Alexander left San Francisco for Seattle and Victoria Tuesday with 231 passengers and south of Eureka a leak developed and she was forced to seek shelter off Trinidad Head yesterday.

A brisk northwest wind was blowing and she dropped both anchors to hold her away from nearby rocks.

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## Travelled In Suitcase



When you're taking the "price of walls" on a long continental voyage there, nothing like convenience. Hence the "suitcase city," utilized by Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lewis, who thus brought their four-month-old baby boy from Vienna, Customs officials at New York were amazed upon opening the suitcase and finding its contents. Dr. Lewis is an obstetrician of Los Angeles.

CASE THROWN  
OUT OF COURT

Before going to trial, Judge H. E. Brady this morning dismissed the county case against Robert Hand, who was charged with selling or giving liquor to minors, owing to lack of sufficient evidence. Hand was immediately freed of charges placed against him by county officers.

Shortly afterwards, the city officers, who also had a similar accusation against Hand, refused to prosecute upon recommendation of City Attorney Hess.

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