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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Saturday. Continued warm in east portion.

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Hunt's
Washington
Letter(By Harry H. Hunt.)
WASHINGTON, (INEX Special)—All semblance of administration control over Congress has gone by the board.

Against the most resolute opposition of administration leaders on the floor, and in the face of a virtual demand by President Coolidge that the Mellon tax bill be carried as written, the Senate threw out the Mellon rates on surtaxes and substituted Democratic rates proposed by Simmons of North Carolina.

On the same afternoon, the House, involving the new rate passed under insistent pressure at the opening of the session, discharged the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee from further consideration of an important amendment to the Transportation Act and ordered it to the floor for consideration.

Just one day later, in the Senate, administration forces which had blocked employment of Francis J. Heney to assist the Commerce committee in an investigation of the Treasury Department, particularly the revenue bureau, which collects taxes and administers prohibition, were routed and the way cleared for what may be the most sensational of all the sensational inquiries of the year.

Party lines were hopelessly scrambled in this fight, which resulted in an authorization for employment of outside counsel.

Since it was the proposal to employ outside counsel that drew a heated protest from Mellon to Coolidge and a scathing letter of criticism from the Senate from the president, this action can be construed only as the Senate's declaration of independence from White.

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STOCKMEN TO
MEET IN JUNE

BANKER, Ore. (Special)—A call has been issued by R. O. Corbett, secretary, for members of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon to convene in Baker June 2-4. The call is sent to conjunction with an invitation from the Baker County Chamber of Commerce to enjoy the hospitality of the Queen City during these two days.

The Union Live Stock show will begin June 4 and continue three days which will also serve as an added attraction to the stockmen.

FOUR STRIVING
FOR QUEENSHIP

The opening and second day of the contest by the American Legion for election of a La Grande queen to participate in the American Legion convention and Home Festival in Portland was marked with much activity. Four girls are in the race.

The standings of the four girls are: Anna McCallough, 2699; Garret Rowers, 2200; Lillian Sims, no report; Elma May Lewis, no report.

Legion Pep Meeting

A general pep meeting was held in Civic Wednesday night which was attended by about 15 members from the local post. Steps were taken toward electing a delegate to represent Oregon in the National convention which is to be held in Portland.

Ray Williams, commander of the local post, announced the election of Fred Kiddle, state commander, on the subject of membership. According to Commander Kiddle the legion membership this year is expected to enjoy a 50-per cent increase over that of last season.

A Third Party Would
Hurt Business, Babson

BANKER PARK, Mass. (Special)—"What will the appearance of a Third Party do to general business?"

As we face two national conventions next month and with certain dissension and unrest, the question is probably uppermost in the minds of both business men and investors. It was put today to Roger W. Babson, the business authority.

"It would hurt business," promptly replied the statistician, "because it would weaken confidence and increase uncertainty and it is through confidence that politics can affect business conditions. If you will study the figures for previous election years you will find that the proverbially poor business of these seasons is not due to the fact that there is an

ELECTION INTEREST KEEN

BIG BRIBE
REVEALED
IN PROBE

George Remus, Millionaire Bootlegger Issues Startling Testimony

PAID \$300,000.00 FOR PROTECTION

Jesse Smith Received Huge Sums from the Hands of Whisky Dealer Now in Prison.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—George Remus, millionaire bootlegger, now in the Atlanta penitentiary, testified today before the senate Daugherty committee that he paid between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to Jesse W. Smith for protection.

Remus also declared that James Linton, described as "special assistant to the attorney general," helped to "defend him and was paid about \$3000."

He added that Linton, however, refused to "ask favors or consideration" from the department of justice.

Remus testified also that he paid Smith from \$1.20 to \$2.50 per case for permits allowing him to take the whisky from a string of distilleries he purchased before prohibition went into effect. Remus said he never inquired as to what Smith did with the money.

EIGHTH GRADE
STUDENTS GET
CERTIFICATES

ISLAND CITY, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—With the hall crowded with parents, relatives and friends of the graduates, about fifteen members of the eighth grade class of the Island City school received diplomas here last evening.

A delightful program marked the occasion.

Kentucky Democrats
Instruct for McAdoo

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Kentucky's delegation of 25 to the democratic national convention was instructed for William Gibbs McAdoo for the presidential nomination after his supporters forced adoption of the unit rule by the state convention which adjourned here early Thursday after a session marked by great commotion and disorder.

The unit rule was adopted, the objection of supporters of Oskar Underwood, United States senator from Alabama who asserted their intention to take an appeal from the decision to the national convention at New York since two delegates from the Ninth Kentucky district had been instructed for Underwood.

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Coolidge in Lead.
Coolidge Coolidge apparently has a sound conservative and he believes that the vast majority of the citizens are also sound conservatives. Should the Democrats nominate a conservative man, business confidence will increase materially. But if a radical group comes into the field with a Third Party, confidence will suffer and business will be hurt.

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Assembly Is
Last One Of
School Year

Student Body Meets This Morning; Athletic Letters Awarded.

The final assembly of the current school year with the exception of a short meeting to be held next Friday at which time the cards will be given to the students was held at the high school this morning.

Lester MacTavish took the floor and presented the track men with their hard-earned letters. The 19 men who won letters were: Phil, captain of the year's team, Stenlock, Coker, Stager, Metcalf, Jackson, Sherwood, Lynch, Glass, Kerr, Funk, Zimmerman, Jensen, Smuts, Zundel, McKennon, Williams, Harnden and Hughes.

In the absence of Miss Mima Marchison, girls' athletic director, Nellie Hawkins, captain of the girls' basketball team, gave let-

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PRINT UNION
GETS CHARTER

International Typographical Local No. 522, comprising La Grande and Baker has been formed and a charter from national headquarters has been received.

Officers elected are as follows: Roy McKee, La Grande, president; E. J. Turley, vice president; Baker; George E. Lockwood, secretary; treasurer; La Grande; W. T. Long, sergeant-at-arms; La Grande; O. L. Evans, Milton Price, Sidney Hopper, all La Grande, and J. A. Smith, Baker, J. R. Smith, Baker, and O. E. Dupuis, all Baker.

Business employing only union labor now include the La Grande Evening Observer, the Nelson Printing company, both La Grande, and the Ryder Brothers Printing company, of Baker. Another Baker firm is expected to sign up shortly, according to a statement given out by the president of the union.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson
Coming to La Grande

"Pussyfoot" Johnson will speak at La Grande Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, May 21, in the Star theatre on "The Cross and the Crescent," according to announcements made today. Mr. Johnson is coming here under the auspices of the World League Against Alcoholism.

Gift Explodes; Hurts
Trio of Servants

PEKIN, (AP)—A box brought by an unidentified messenger as a gift for Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese foreign minister, exploded critically injuring three servants ordered to open it. The minister was in another room and is unhurt.

BASEBALL

HOW THEY STAND

San Francisco	26 12	384
Salt Lake	26 16	358
Vernon	21 17	355
Portland	18 18	350
Oakland	18 20	473
Seattle	17 19	472
Los Angeles	14 23	374
Sacramento	14 25	278

(By the Associated Press)

Vernon 6, Bees 2
At Salt Lake—R. H. E.
Vernon 3 10 2
Salt Lake 3 8 0
Batteries: Pomeroy and Murphy; Kato, Foster and Peters.Seals 2, Senators 1
At Sacramento—R. H. E.
San Francisco 3 9 1
Sacramento 1 3 4
Batteries: Geary and Ritchie; Thompson and Koeber.Oaks 5, Seattle 1
At Oakland—R. H. E.
Seattle 4 3 0
Oakland 5 3 4
Batteries: Rutherford and Tobin; Kuna and Reed.Beavers 8, Angels 7
At Los Angeles—R. H. E.
Portland 3 13 2
Los Angeles 7 10 0
Batteries: Winters and Daily; Davis, Hughes, Hughes and Zanic.CONSIDER 2
FOR CHIEF
OF CAUCUS

Democrats May Select Senator Harrison or Finis J. Garrett

McADOO, ROCKWELL NOW IN NEW YORK

Temporary Chairman to Be Chosen for Democratic Convention Tomorrow.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—William G. McAdoo and David Ladd Rockwell, campaign manager for Mr. McAdoo, are here today.

A committee on a campaign to be held tomorrow for the purpose of selecting a temporary chairman of the democratic convention.

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LEAGUE BACKS
CHIEF'S VETO

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The ex-service men's anti-bonus league announced today that "World War veterans from ten states" representing the league are coming here to personally inform congress of their attitude against the bonus and urge President Coolidge's veto to be sustained.

THOUSANDS OF
MINERS STRIKE

SEACANTON, Pa. (By the Associated Press)—Answering a strike call issued last night by the general grievance committee, 12,000 employees of the Lehigh Valley Coal company in the Pittston-Wilkes district failed to report for work today. The company colliers are all shut down, according to reports received by the miners' union.

A reduction in yardage rates and alleged refusal of the company to confer with the union were given as the reasons for the walkout.

Late News Flashes

ATTACKS McNARY-HAUGEN BILL.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A vigorous attack on the McNary-Haugen bill was made today before the house rules committee by Representative Aswell, Democrat, of Louisiana and member of the agricultural committee, while a special rule to bring the measure to the floor of the house was being requested by other members.

Representative Haugen, Republican, of Iowa, chairman of the agricultural committee and joint author of the bill, urged favorable action on the rule.

Representative Aswell, who followed him, asserted the measure was unconstitutional, would breed a spirit of communism and was unworkable. "The whole structure will collapse of its own weight," he said. "The McNary-Haugen bill proposed to set up the largest corporation in the world. This bill would be proper to propose to the soviet government but would make a bolshevik look like a standpatter."

The Louisiana representative urged the committee to give house members an opportunity to vote on some other measure of farm relief and asked that favorable action be taken on the pending bill to organize cooperative marketing organizations in the country.

PLUNGES SIX STORIES TO DEATH.

LOS ANGELES (AP).—Vincent Novaka, head plumber of Hamburgers' department store here, plunged six stories to his death today in a crowded street below. He struck an automobile and then crashed to the pavement.

Hearing Of
Stage Line
Owners Held

Several Testify Before Public Service Commissioner Campbell.

Public Service Commissioner Campbell yesterday conducted a hearing in the La Grande court house and twelve of the stage line owners and twelve of the stage line drivers testified before him. The hearing, which continued for about one and one-half hours, resulted in no decision as yet but local authorities are expecting to hear from the commission either Monday or Tuesday.

Those testifying yesterday were: A. G. Dunn, local traffic officer; H. W. Howard, county traffic officer; A. G. Hays, chief of police; J. H. Gordon, A. Horck Jr., Mel A. Horck Jr. and R. O. Voorhees.

SPECIAL RATES
GIVEN FOR ODD
FELLOWS MEET

The Grande Encampment of the Odd Fellows of Oregon will be held in Hood River next week, beginning Tuesday. At the same time the Rebekah lodges will also convene. Quite a number of both orders in La Grande have manifested their intention of making the trip.

Railroad fares have been issued with seat dates as May 18-20, inclusive, and with a return ticket set at May 27. The fare is \$12.50 and round trip tickets can be secured for one and one-half price.

Proposed Decrease of
M. E. Bishops Defeated

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—A motion to decrease the number of Methodist bishops was defeated at the Methodist Episcopal Conference today by a vote of 481 to 244.

Library Work Praised
By School Teachers

The La Grande schools and teachers have been thoroughly pleased with the unusually fine work accomplished by the La Grande library this year. They especially praise Miss Doty's splendid cooperation with them and their work assigned to pupils. "Miss Doty has had no many clever attractions for the children in the way of sand table, emblems, illustrated monthly publications, the story hour and picture collections," one teacher stated. She also arranged for giving students the actual experience in intelligent use of the books.

Nationalization Bill
Lost in England Today

LONDON, (AP)—The House of Commons today rejected the Mines nationalization bill by a vote of 264 to 169.

Major Frederick Martin



Here is the latest photograph to be taken of Major Martin, commanding chief of the American round-the-world fliers. It was made in Alaska when the fliers arrived. The planes are shown reaching Alaska (center).

BAND INVITED
TO PENDLETON

More and more Oregon cities are coming to the realization that the La Grande Municipal band is one of the leading organizations of its kind in the northwest. Latest proof of this is an invitation sent to the band to give a concert in Pendleton Park, in Pendleton, Tuesday, May 20. In the evening the band will be guests of a chamber of commerce dinner.

Kathleen Campbell, soprano, will accompany the organization and will be listed as a soloist on the concert program.

The entire personnel of the band will make the trip.

RECLAMATION
WORK OKEHEED
BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Estimates for work on reclamation projects in six western states, heretofore held up by budgetary items, will be sent to congress under an agreement reached Thursday at a White House conference.

Expenditure of the money will be contingent on further investigation as to the practicability of the projects.

The projects are located in Idaho, Oregon, Nebraska, Utah, Nevada and Washington. All have been approved by the interior department and senators Borah, Idaho, and McNary, Oregon, Republicans, who Thursday obtained the approval of President Coolidge to the submission of estimates, expressed confidence that further investigation would show all to be practical.

Charges Against Head
Of Bank to Be Dropped

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The government will drop charges of mismanagement against Stephen J. Bertram, former president of the Shervette National bank, tried twice on the accusation. Each time, however, the jury disagreed and as a result, came the announcement of dropping the case from District Attorney Coke.

HOOVER SAYS
TAX PROVISION
DETRIMENTAL

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, in a formal statement issued here today, declared emphatically that the provision of the new revenue measure for opening tax returns for inspection will serve to protect smaller business interests and will undoubtedly place them at the mercy of larger and more influential competitors.

Hoover recalled that publicity on tax returns during the period of 1865 to 1872 contributed to the "industrial and financial chaos of that time" and stated that the provision of the new tax bill opens a new field for fraudulent concerns.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Quotations on Thursday's market were hard white \$1.01; western red \$1.00.

LA GRANDE
BALLOTING
VERY BRISK

Concern Marked in Primary Election Today All over Oregon

VOTERS NEARLY ALL AT POLLS

One of Heaviest Votes Ever Recorded in This District Is Expected to Result.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Keen interest is manifested in the primary election contests, especially the United States senator and the recall against three county commissioners of Multnomah county caused brisk balloting this morning.

Weather conditions are perfect. A check made in four precincts in La Grande at 12:30 o'clock showed much interest in the primary elections in this section.

Votes cast during the morning at the city hall were 24, Presbyterian church 49, Methodist church 45, court house 48, or a total of 157 votes in four precincts in the morning.

The greater share of the voters will undoubtedly vote during the afternoon, especially the women.

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DIPLOMAS ARE
GIVEN DOZEN

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—A dozen members of the senior class of the Elgin high school received diplomas Wednesday evening. They were: Dorothy Wink, Gertrude Hall, Blanche Pound, Hazel Young, Gladys McCullough, Katie Paxton, Geneva Cross, Audrey Woods Smith, Stephen Biber, Maurine Webb, Eugene Cates and Fred Royce.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill delivered an address to the graduating class in the Elgin theatre in the evening. Chairman Joe Hall, fourth of the local board of education, presented the certificates to the graduates.

Following the evening's exercises the annual senior banquet was held in the lodge hall.

40 Mill Tax Limit Is
Scored by Educator

CENTRALIA, Wash. (AP)—Mrs. Clara Mahake, president of the Washington Education association, at a convention of the Washington branch of the Parents' Teachers' congress, attacked the 40-mill tax limit, declaring it would reduce educational standards in Oregon.

James Foley Declined
Tammany Chieftainship

NEW YORK (AP)—Surrogate James A. Foley late Thursday declined to take the leadership of Tammany Hall after accepting last night.

Exclusion Bill Report
Is Adopted By Big Vote

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Congress, disregarding the desire of President Coolidge that the Japanese immigration problem be adjusted through diplomatic channels, adopted by overwhelming vote in each house Thursday the conference report on the immigration restriction bill which provides for Asian exclusion after next July 1.

The measure will be sent to the president probably before the end of the week. Congressional leaders generally expect him to sign it, but it was stated authoritatively at the White House that he had reached no decision. In the usual course the bill will be sent to the state and labor departments for a report before final legislative action.

On the issue of the balloting

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