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Portland, (AP)—Oregon—
Fair tonight and Sunday ex-
cepting cloudy or foggy near
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Hunt's
Washington
Letter

By HARRY B. HUNT.
WASHINGTON, (NEA Special).—The one hope for Democrats this year is to be Progressive. And the one hope for Progressives is to be Democrats.

This Carl Vrooman, Progressive Democrat, economist, dirt farmer and former assistant secretary of agriculture, sums up the political prospects for this year of all elements outside the Republican party.

Vrooman, who has just completed a tour of middle-west agricultural states, is now on a swing through the south preaching his doctrine of Democratic-Progressive coalition, which he declares is the only method by which either Democrats or Progressives can hope for success this year.

"There are between six and eight million farmers and their wives who will follow any reasonable hope for an administration that will pull agriculture out of its present difficulties," Vrooman says.

"Neither the performance, policies nor promises of the Republican party satisfy them. They listened to Republican promises and voted for Republican policies four years ago, and their troubles have grown worse, not better.

"Unless the Democratic party adopts a platform definitely presenting a program designed to assist agriculture to its feet again and nominates an aggressive Progressive in whom the farmer and his wife have faith, then these millions of votes will follow La Follette into any independent or third party movement he may organize.

"This result, certain to follow the selection of any reactionary or conservative Democrat, would of course mean defeat this year."

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PENSIONS ARE
INADEQUATE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (By the Associated Press).—The 69th annual report of the Presbyterian board of relief and sustentation was presented today to the Presbyterian general assembly in session here. Dr. Henry H. Master, general secretary, stated that the past year had been the best financially the board had ever known, with a total of \$681,000 distributed in pensions during the year.

Dr. Master held, however, that the pension system was pathetically inadequate, and that the honor of the church was at stake to secure more funds for the situation. He urged that some radically different plan must be devised and that the church must enable the board to plan for the future.

Dr. Master emphasized the idea that pensions for aged and disabled ministers and other servants of the church were not a matter of charity but of simple justice. He reported that there was a

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Henry Ford Is Sued
For Eleven Millions

WASHINGTON, (AP).—A claim against Henry Ford for \$11,000,000 was filed Friday in the superior court. It was presented by Edward S. Huff, who asserted that he was the inventor of the magnum now used by Ford on his automobiles.

In asking for a review of the decision of the lower federal courts which were adverse to him, Huff declared Ford agreed to give him \$2.50 for each magnum used. He received from Ford \$10,000, he said, but the magnum was used in 4,000,000 automobiles for which he has received no payment.

Wallowa Lake Park Is
Open For The Season

J. Ross Leslie, who was in La Grande this morning, announced to a reporter of the Evening Observer staff that the Wallowa Wonderland is officially open today for the summer season. The park at the head of the lake is said to be in better shape than ever before and tourists and people of nearby counties have already been frequenting the beauty spot of Oregon.

Many terms of amusement are offered to those visiting the American Switzerland and in addition to these artificial attractions, nature herself presents the visitor some majestic scenery that is incomparable in its beauty.

One writer, in describing Wallowa lake as it appears in the

SLAYERS THREATEN PARENTS

1924 CLASS
GRADUATED
LAST NIGHT

Sixty-Five Seniors Presented with Diplomas Before Large Crowd

STRAUE'S TALK WAS IMPRESSIVE

Necessity of Higher Education Is Stressed in the Commencement Address by College Dean.

Sixty-five students of La Grande high school last evening received their "sheepskins," certifying that they had completed four years of high school with grades in all studies that warranted diplomas. Thirty-three boys and thirty-two girls received their graduation tokens from the hands of A. T. Hill, chairman of the board of education, and with the presentation the largest graduating class in the history of the La Grande high school automatically ceased fun-slinging high school students and almost as quickly began thinking of future conquests, either in the business world or in higher education.

The graduates, seated alternately according to sex, presented a very pretty sight, the girls dressed in white dresses and the boys in dark suits.

In addition to the fact that the boys last night outnumbered the girls, it is noteworthy to say that seven families had two graduates each in the class.

Honor students, those who graduated with an average grade of 90 per cent, were: Vera Beatty.

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WORLD COURT IS
SQUARELY BACKED
BY CAL COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Adherence by the United States to a permanent court of international justice was endorsed in a resolution reported today by the senate foreign relations committee.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—President Coolidge stands squarely upon his recommendation for American adherence to the permanent court of international justice as proposed by the senate, and advocated by President Harding.

The executive is not optimistic over the possibility of action at this session because of the divergence of view among Republican senators. He intends to devote in his message to congress and subsequently his support of the Harding-Hughes plan, he feels he should abide by that declaration, because on it he went before the country and delegates to the Republican national convention were pledged to him on that undertaking.

Immigration Measure
Decision Not Distant

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Heads Take
Firm Stand
On Tax Bill

Mellon Continues to Oppose Measure as Drawn Up by Conference.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Congress continued firm Friday in its support of the pending tax measure on the eve of final action on the bill.

The senate will take up the conference report Saturday with prospects of favorable action before adjournment, in which event the house is prepared to take it up Monday. Republican leaders in congress freely predicted Friday that the measure would be signed by the president.

At the same time, President Coolidge let it be known that the general question of whether the bill is an improvement on existing law will form the basis of his action. Specific considerations to be weighed by the president in determining his action are whether the new measure will provide sufficient revenue, whether it will provide an efficient system of administration and whether what he views as its undesirable features are outweighed by its good points.

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HORSES READY
FOR THE RACE

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—Over 50 head of race horses are now at the stock show grounds already for the coming events to be featured in the afternoon program on the track during the three days of the Union livestock show, to be held June 4, 5, and 6, inclusive.

The La Grande band has been employed for the stock show days and nights at the pagant which will form an added incentive to those who plan to attend.

Incidentally, the La Grande merchants will close their business establishments during the afternoon of La Grande day and

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Electric Storms Take
8 Lives in Missouri

ST. LOUIS, (AP).—Eight persons are dead as the result of a severe wind and electrical storm in southeastern Missouri last night. Seven deaths occurred at Gray Ridge and one at Caruthersville.

One block was also destroyed at Caruthersville.

Jury Fails to Convict
W. W. Abers, Spiritualist

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—The jury trying W. W. Abers, an appeal from conviction for fraud in spiritualistic seances, disagreed and was discharged late Friday.

BASEBALL

Pacific Coast League

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	21	16	.562
Salt Lake	25	19	.565
Seattle	24	20	.545
Vernon	23	23	.500
Portland	20	25	.442
Oakland	20	26	.435
Los Angeles	20	26	.435
Sacramento	19	26	.422

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

(By the Associated Press)

Sends 14, Bets 12

At Salt Lake	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	14	20	2
Salt Lake	12	8	0
Batteries: Burger, Geary and Agnew; McCabe, Mutchy, Thomas and Peters.			

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M'NARY BILL
IS NEARING
HOUSE VOTE

Measure Up for Amendments in House Today with Debate Limited

FIVE-MINUTE
RULE IN ORDER

Action Is Expected on the Measure Within Short Space of Time; Much Attention Given Bill.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press).—Amendments to the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill were in order in the house today with discussion limited to the five-minute rule.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Fifteen hours' general debate in the house on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was concluded late Friday and the matter will be taken up today under the five-minute rule with amendments in order.

There were indications that a move to kill the bill by striking out the enabling clause might be made, but leaders generally expressed the opinion that such a motion would not prevail. Many opponents, they pointed out, desired that opportunity be offered to offer amendments and would vote against such a proposal, although on the final thing they would cast their votes against the bill.

It was generally agreed that a final vote could not be reached Saturday and it appeared probable that the showdown would not come before the end of next week. Present plans are to devote the first three or four days of the coming week to other legislation remaining consideration of

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Religious Lectures to
Be Given in La Grande

Four lectures on Christian Fundamentals by Reverend William H. Reeves, pastor of the New Christian church (Swedenborgian) of Portland, will be given at the Neighborhood club rooms next week. The subjects are "An Inspired Bible, How and Why," "The Rationale of the Virgin Birth and Apparent," "The How of Miracles and the Why of the Second Coming," and "Is the World Getting Better or Worse?"

These lectures were given this last winter at the public library in Portland to large and appreciative audiences. They are non-controversial and affirmational and are presented as a contribution toward clearer thinking on the Fundamentals of Christian religion. Admission to these lectures is free and the public is invited.

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LENINGRAD, Russia (AP).—The supreme court today, after 27 hours of deliberation, condemned to death 17 former judges, court officials and persons connected with the operation of a new economic policy who had been tried on charges of corruption and bribery.

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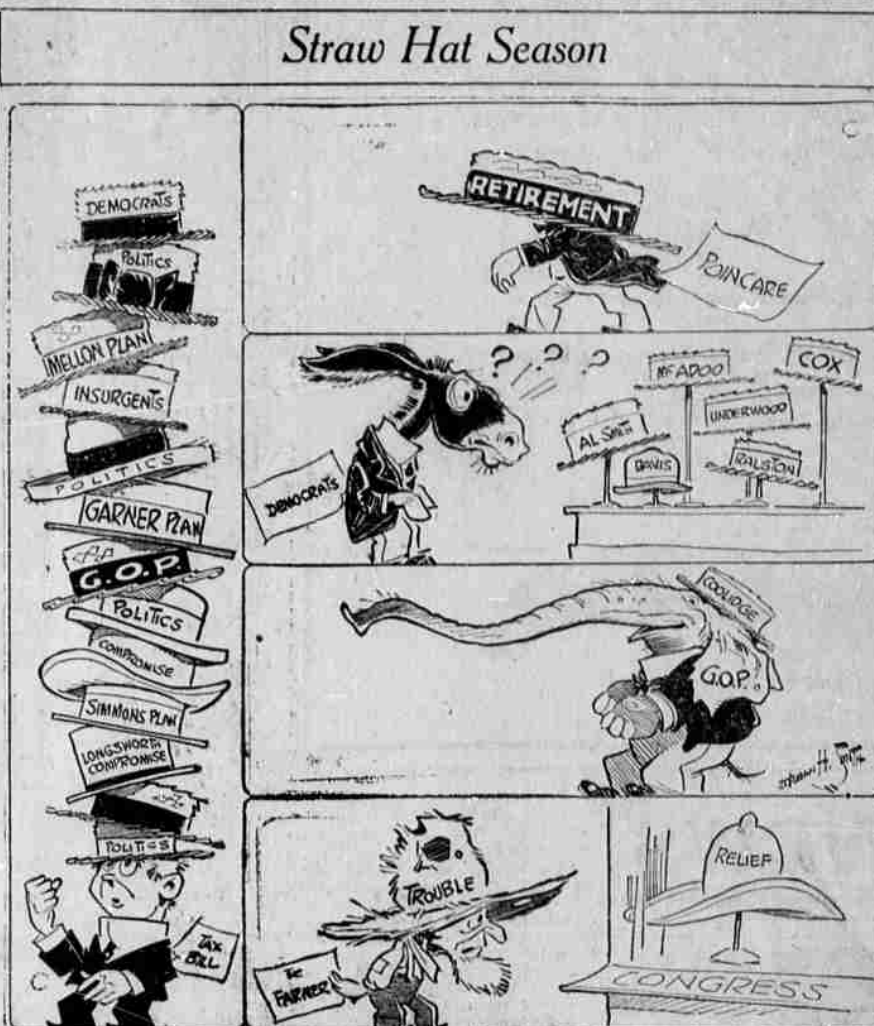
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PEACE RULING
NOW APPROVED

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (By the Associated Press).—A peace resolution of the special committee published yesterday, was unanimously adopted by the Methodist Episcopal general conference today.

An amendment was adopted which designated the conscription of wealth and labor "the counter part of any future conscription of human life."

The Rev. Wallace F. Brown, of Syracuse, was elected a bishop on the 14th ballot yesterday, receiving 561 of the 754 votes cast. This completed the filling of five vacancies on the board of bishops.

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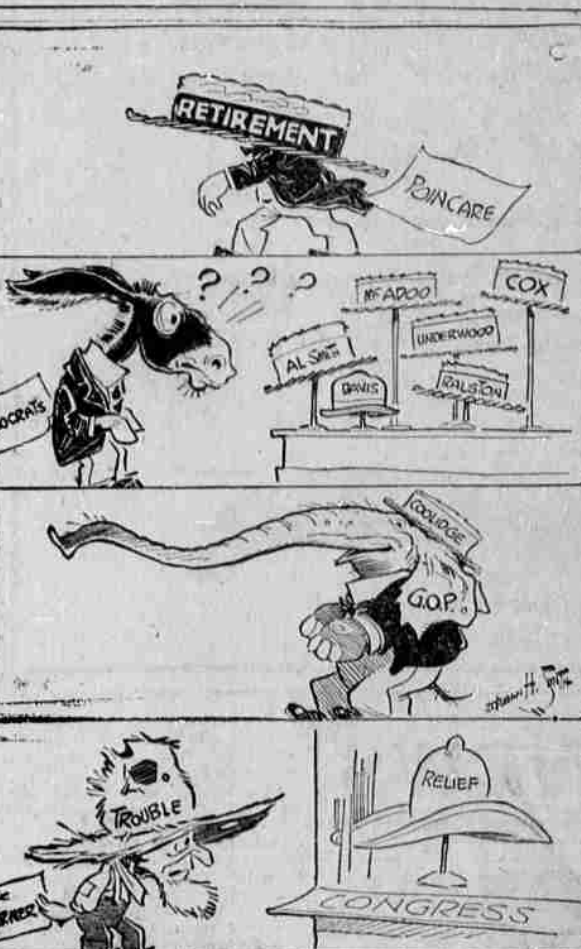
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Straw Hat Season

SALEM DEBATE
TEAM VICTOR

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Salem high school won a unanimous decision for the championship of the high school debating league of the state last night in a debate with Union, Oregon high school team.

FRACTURES SHOULDER. WASHINGTON, (AP).—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is suffering from a slight fracture of a small shoulder bone, caused by a fall.

MARKET QUOTATIONS. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—Livestock, butter and buttermilk steady today. Eggs firm.

Auto Injures Gaston Boy. GASTON, Ore. (AP).—Kenneth Kramer, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kramer of Gaston, was struck by an automobile on the Tualatin highway just north of the city limits. He escaped with only a few lacerations and bruises.

BOISE FLYER IS KILLED BY FALL FROM AIRPLANE

BOISE, Idaho, (Special).—Before the eyes of dozens of persons who were watching him test out an 85-horsepower home-made monoplane, Bob, sketched, 24, hurtled to earth into a frame cow shed from 800 feet in the air and was killed almost instantly. Friday, three miles west of Boise.

The accident was due to the right wing of the monoplane crumpling but a few minutes after he had started from a large field in front of the Cole schoolhouse.

Jokisch's fall was his second in an airplane. On October 5, while flying at Branson, he crashed before hundreds of spectators and Mrs. Hazel Jacobs, who was riding with him, was killed.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Caroline Jokisch, lives at Centralia, Wash.

Satterfield Hanged
For Slaying Relative

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP).—J. R. Satterfield was hanged here Friday for the murder, more than two years ago, of his brother-in-law, H. H. Hart. The trap was sprung at 2:29 P. M.

Satterfield was composed until the last. He cried somewhat just before the cap was adjusted. During reading of the death warrant, he held a handkerchief over his eyes. Then stepping forward onto the trap he said:

"Gentlemen, I am ready to die."

BULLETINS

AVIATORS GUESTS.

TOKIO, (AP).—American aviators, flying round the world, were guests today at a reception by the American Association of Tokio, which the entire American community attended.

NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY SENATOR

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Jrs. W. B. Edmundson, who lives on an Alabama farm, temporarily upset the decorum of the senate agricultural committee, Muskie should have today by jokingly accusing Chairman Norris of breaking a promise he made months ago to an Alabama school girl. She told the committee that the chairman, attending a picnic in Alabama while on an inspection trip, promised to support the Ford bid in return for a kiss but that he did not make good on his part of the bargain.

Religious Trio Will
Appear Sunday Night

The M. M. Trio of Anaheim, Calif., composed of Dr. Montgomery, and wife and Arthur C. Mints are in town with their Gospel car and will give one of their special programs Sunday night at the Christian church.

They use guitar, autoharp, common carpenter saws and other novelties. Their songs are both humorous and heart touching; they will be readings and a short talk by the doctor.

There will be an offering taken in the proceeds of which will go for Bibles for the Bible school. The trio have driven their car about 15,000 miles and held services in over 200 cities and towns along the Pacific Coast. The car is their home, modernly fitted for their work. They have a complete line of Bibles and their motto is "A Bible in every home," and where misfortune or poverty prevails they provide one gratis.

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WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press).—Senator Horton H. Wheeler of Montana, indicted by a federal grand jury in his home state, was given an overwhelming vote of confidence late Friday by his colleagues in the senate.

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SLAIN BOY
SUFFOCATED
IS THEORY

Science Finds No Trace of Poison in Millionaire's Son

SOLVE CRIME IS
FATHER'S PLEA

Jacob Franks, Father of Murdered Lad, Will Spend Million Dollars if Necessary.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Police guards were hurriedly thrown about the home of Jacob Franks, father of the slain 13-year-old boy—the victim of kidnaping, had been reported by the family. Anonymous telephone calls warned of further outrages if the hunt for the slayers continued. The police issued a statement predicting pointed developments.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Science today determined that Robert Franks, aged 13 years, the son of a millionaire, was killed by suffocation. No poison was found in the body.

Spectacles, found near the swamp where the body was found in a culvert, were such as are ordinarily worn by a woman. Jacob Franks, father of the slain boy, announced he would spend a million dollars, if necessary,

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FUNDAMENTAL
GROUP LOSES

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (By the Associated Press).—The first defeat for the fundamentalists at the Presbyterian general assembly here came late last night when a committee on judicial business accepted a report that had been presented by the minority action of the Philadelphia presbytery, and which the fundamentalists majority had urged to be thrown out.

The Presbyterian general assembly today adopted a pension plan for ministers, missionaries and other accredited workers of the church to become effective April 1, 1925, or sooner. It was introduced by a special committee of which Will H. Hays, motion picture chief, is chairman.

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Trailmen Will Attend
Union Livestock Show

A meeting of the Trailmen, formerly the Highlanders, was held yesterday at the Sommer grill with Chief Scout H. E. Watkins presiding. A large attendance of the Trailmen was noted and following luncheon, the members went into a business session and among other things decided upon to attend the Union Live Stock show and participate in the parade representing the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting adjourned shortly afterward to meet again at the call of the chief scout.

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