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The Weather Portland, (AP)—Oregon—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Warmer in the east.

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Hunt's Washington Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (Special) A new line of argument has been produced to show why Fredrick Dugler Gardner, of St. Louis, former governor of Missouri, should receive the democratic nomination for president.

A national Mormon church is to be erected in Washington, due to the efforts of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, one of the leaders of the cult established and made famous by Brigham Young.

A site has been purchased on exclusive Sixteenth street, near the center of the embassy and fashionable church section, an assurance that polygamy has not been practiced in the church for more than 40 years.

The Mormon church will be directly opposite the new All Saints Unitarian church where Chief Justice, formerly president, Taft will

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MILLION WILL DEFEND BOYS

(CHICAGO, AP)—The state is to ask for a trial of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb to start July 15th, the earliest date consistent with Illinois procedure.

Charles Darrow, chief counsel of the defense, is reported to have been given a million dollars as an initial defense fund to retain the former legal experts.

The state plans to have all witnesses watched, and it will prosecute for perjury any who change testimony.

Back to Nature Two Cannot Live on Weeds

NEW YORK, (AP)—Miss Helen Cole and Charles Carter are back amid the comforts of civilization after having spent three days and nights in the Waxsaw mountains of New Jersey, in an unsuccessful attempt to prove that modern people can live the primitive life.

The hunt of Miss Cole Saturday night that she could catch rabbits, led to the adventure. When the couple were found they were carrying a mess of mountain weeds which they ate for their evening meal. Miss Cole admitted that she had been unable to catch a single rabbit.

The yellow evening gown which Miss Cole wore when she left the party, was torn to shreds.

FARM RELIEF ABANDONED AT PRESENT

No Chance for Satisfactory Measure, Belief of Leaders

CUTTING PROGRAM FOR ADJOURNMENT

Reclamation and Naval Modernization Hold the Right of Way; Oratory Heard.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A legislative program stripped to bare essentials for the final days of the present session was agreed upon late Wednesday by leaders of both parties in congress.

Reclamation and naval modernization held the right of way with the farm relief plan a prominent place until house leaders Wednesday night announced that they had abandoned hope of enacting such legislation at this time.

The only routine business in sight is the hundred fifty million dollar deficiency bill and some private pension legislation which are to be acted upon by the senate.

Farm Relief Held Over. WASHINGTON, (AP)—After a consultation with President Coolidge, Representative Longworth, Republican leader, conceded Wednesday night there was no possibility of enacting a satisfactory substitute for the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill at this session of congress.

During the day Mr. Longworth and Representative Tinch of

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WALDO STODDARD AGAIN HONORED; HEADS CAUCUS

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore. (Special)—Waldo Stoddard of La Grande, president of the Associated Students of O. A. C., has been elected president of the Pacific Student Presidents' association.

A convention of the presidents has been held in Corvallis and Eugene over the last week end.

These conventions are held annually so that the newly elected presidents may learn of the problems similar to their own in other institutions. Next year's convention will be held at Leland Stanford university in the spring.

Delegates from eight colleges and universities attended the convention. Stoddard is a junior in commerce and a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Club Women To Discuss Education Platform

LOS ANGELES, (By the Associated Press)—A platform on behalf of American school children will be submitted to the General Federation of Women's clubs at the session of its biennial convention here June 6, Education Day, by Mrs. John B. Sherman of Hester Park, Calif., chairman of the educational committee and a candidate for president of the federation.

These are the salient points of the policy which the federation will be asked to adopt.

Drys Making Ready For Convention

Fourteen States Represented at Prohibition Committee Meeting in Ohio.

CLEVELAND (By the Associated Press)—C. H. Carey, of Oregon, is to be among those making addresses after seconding the nomination of President Coolidge at the Republican national convention.

COLUMBUS, O. (By the Associated Press)—Retirement of Virgil G. Hinshaw, for 12 years chairman of the prohibition national committee, was announced Wednesday night when that body met preparatory to the national convention of the party Thursday.

Fourteen states were represented at the committee meeting. Other members had been delayed en route. Members present from Connecticut, California, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

Aside from expressing regret on the decision of Mr. Hinshaw, the committee session was occupied with a discussion of party finances. This was interrupted by a recess, during which the committee took part in a pro-convention mass meeting.

Finley C. Hendrickson of Cumberland, Md., chief speaker, denounced "political lawlessness." He declared the constitution of the nation erected "a simplified government, working from the com-

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BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE. Table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

AGED LOCAL MAN TAKES LIFE TODAY

John Underwood, Aged 62, Victim of Bullet Fired by Self

ILLNESS CAUSE OF ACT, BELIEF

Funeral Arrangements Pending; No Inquest Will Be Held, According to Coroner.

Despondency verging on temporary insanity caused John Underwood, 62, of the corner of G and Sixth streets, to commit suicide at his home at 6:30 o'clock this morning. He used a .45 caliber Colt revolver.

Mr. Underwood had been confined to his bed for several days with a slight illness and had been feeling very dejected. He was usually active for many of his years and the enforced confinement bothered him. At 6:30 he became restless and rising from his bed carried the revolver with him to the woodshed at the rear of the house where he fired a bullet through his right temple above the

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Late News Flashes

FIRE SITUATION STILL BAD. PORTLAND, (AP)—The forest fire situation is still serious in Tillamook county where District Warden Batterson and an exhausted crew are unable to check the spreading conflagration. Flames are near Enright and jumped a mile during the night. A new fire is reported at Holdings. Two Mexicans, who were reported missing late yesterday, were found during the night, though badly exhausted. A heavy fog has slowed down the fires in Lincoln county. Near Wendling, Lane county, the fire is still threatening. Near the Booth-Kelley mill in Coos, the fires are reported controlled.

WALKER'S TRIAL STARTS. PORTLAND, (AP)—The prosecution and defense in the trial of Daw V. Walker, former county commissioner, on a charge of taking a bribe to vote for Robert E. Kramers in the famous bridge deal, outline their plans of attack and counter-attack today.

West Adams Paving Is Considered

Commission Received Petition Last Night; Final Action to Be Taken Next Wednesday.

The West Adams improvement by paving petition, presented to the city commission last evening, was laid over until next Wednesday night for final action. This delay was taken due to several demonstrators present who wished the paving arranged in a manner satisfactory to all and if such could be done, demonstrators claimed they would give the work their whole-hearted support.

The petition had over 50 per cent property owners supporting it.

Planning Commission O. K. The commissioners also authorized that an ordinance be drawn up and presented next week for the purpose of creating a city planning commission. The planning commission was fostered and is supported by the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

After District. The commission allowed remonstrances on district No. 146 and as a result, the district will be reduced one block and one intersection from the original specifications. A petition asking that a \$50,000 bond issue be included in any future election for improving the water situation, was tabled. The petition, however, invoked considerable discussion.

A resolution was passed creating improvement district No. 145. The commission accepted \$787.22 as a full payment of the balance due the Joseph Jones estate on city bonds.

Estimates were put in on Jefferson avenue sidewalk construction of \$3149.57 which were allowed

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FLYERS TO GO TO AMOY SOON

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—The three American globe flyers expect to take off Saturday for Amoy.

Lieutenant Lowell Smith joined Wade and Nelson here yesterday, making the 500 mile flight from Krasnodar in an hour and quarter less time than the two others.

Deschutes Project Probe Is Authorized

WASHINGTON, (AP)—An investigation of the Deschutes project in Oregon, by the secretary of the Interior, was authorized by a senate resolution passed by the house last night. The state of Oregon will be required to pay one-half of the investigation cost.

German Again Affirms Adherence to Report

BERLIN, (AP)—Frankly designating the Dawes report as the pivotal point in Germany's foreign relations and reiterating the ministry's adherence to its previous acceptance of the expert report as a basis for the approaching negotiations, Chancellor Brüning today on the occasion of his reappearance at the head of the second cabinet hearing his name, was occupied entirely with reference to the nation's foreign relations as affected by the enforcement of the Dawes report.

Los Angeles Chosen For 1925 Convention

KANSAS CITY (By the Associated Press)—With the election of officers Wednesday and disposition of other business, including the selection of its 1925 convention Mecca, by the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America, the 26,000 members of the order assembled here turned their attention to Wednesday night's picturesque "stunt" parade.

Stock Show Is Here

High spirited horses, master riders, beautiful exhibition stock of all domestic breeds, types and kinds are all at Union today—the opening day of the 16th Annual Live Stock Show. And, in addition, "Friends of Mankind," the evening pageant, will run nightly.



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OIL PROBERS MAKE REPORT

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Flagrant disregard of the law in negotiating of the Sinclair and DeWey oil leases was charged in a report to the senate today prepared by the oil committee. The prosecutor, Senator Walsh of Montana, an executive order which President Harding transferred the oil reserves from the interior department were held in the report to have been illegal.

The manner in which the leases were negotiated secretly by former Secretary Fall were also described as illegal.

Fall's acceptance of \$100,000 from DeWey was characterized in the last degree reprehensible. No opinion was expressed as to whether the payment was in fact a bribe.

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GIVE SUPPORT TO GUARDSMEN

Following a parade, in which the La Grande Municipal band and Troopmen participated, dancers gathered last evening at 9 o'clock at Zuber hall and made merry to the strains of music at a dance given by the local unit of the national guard, to leave for encampment at Camp Lewis, Wash., Monday evening.

The chamber of commerce, eager to show the guardsmen that they were appreciative of their efforts and patriotism, during the evening presented a purse of \$100 to the guard unit. H. E. Colledge presented the token after a short speech in which he pledged the whole-hearted support of the business men to the guard unit. Captain Ralph Hixon, of the local company, expressed appreciation of the token and assured the chamber of commerce that their support is highly encouraging to the unit.

About 20 Troopmen, in their official uniform—white trousers, straw hats and dark coats, participated in the parade.

Abe Evans Not to Die; Pierce Halts Penalty

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Governor Pierce last night commuted the life imprisonment of Abe Evans death sentence for the murder of James Doran, of Wasco county. The action averts the hanging Friday.

Horse and Cattlemen Close Baker Meeting

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—The closing day of the Horse and Cattle Raisers association was brought to a successful close following adoption of a 1925 convention site and the election of officers for the coming year.

William Polman, of Baker, was elected president emeritus and Fred A. Phillips, of Baker, was elected president. Other officers elected were: W. A. Stewart, Baker, first vice-president; Governor Walter M. Pierce, second vice-president; William Duly, Baker, treasurer; and S. O. Correll, Baker, secretary.