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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon. — Cloudy tonight and Thursday.

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Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The responsibilities of a president often run counter to the desires of a father.

When John Coolidge, eldest son of President and Mrs. Coolidge, was graduated from Mercedburg academy the other day it was but natural that father Coolidge wanted to be present.

But Congress had just passed up to him a tax bill which required most careful study. A jam of other last-minute legislation was being crowded into the congressional mill in an effort to clear the way for an adjournment prior to the conventions.

His duties as a president ran counter to his desires as a parent. Duty won. Calvin Coolidge stayed to his desk in the executive offices.

But the official restraint did not extend to Mrs. Coolidge. She went to Mercedburg.

Next fall John will follow the footsteps of his father to Annapolis.

The three "Busy B's" of the Cleveland convention will be Burton, Butler and Burton.

Coolidge's choice of aides for both the convention and the campaign has caused punsters to work overtime in an effort to frame some trick phrase about "President's Busy B's." The net result has been the rather weak suggestion that "Coolidge expects his B's to ring home the honey," and the hope that his own bees won't sting him.

In order, Coolidge's "Busy B's" are: Theodore Burton, of Cleveland, temporary chairman and keynote speaker; William M. Butler, of Boston, to head republican national committee; and Marcus S. Burton, of Michigan, to head republican state committee.

The latter Burton's selection—s in fact were all three—was a personal selection by the president.

Burton was president of Smith college at Northampton, Mass., when at Coolidge was mayor of that town.

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GRAND LODGE
SESSIONS ON

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The seventy-ninth annual communication of the grand lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon opened here today, and will continue in session until Friday noon.

Following the opening exercises, including the address by the grand master, George T. Cochran, of La Grande, the delegates went to visit the Union and Eastern Star home at Forest Grove.

This afternoon another session will be given by Otto G. Hagmeier will deliver address of the grand orator.

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RUNNING MATE YET UNDECIDED

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CITY TODAY

Rose Festival and American Legion Meeting Both Underway

MANY LA GRANDE PEOPLE PRESENT

Local Bugle and Drum Corps to Be Escort for Miss Garnet Bowery, Legion Queen.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Portland's Annual Rose Festival opened here today with larger crowds present than usual owing to the fact that several conventions are being held in connection with the festival this year.

The announcements of the three-day program officially begins with the arrival of the Queen of Rose, which will take place in the presence of her royal court at Laurelhurst park. The annual rose show opens this afternoon.

Band concerts, dancing at the festival center, water sports, baseball games and other activities will provide amusement for the crowds.

Floral Parade Tomorrow—The big event of the festival, as usual, will be the floral parade, which will be held Thursday afternoon.

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AMERICAN LEGION OREGON CONVENTION OPENS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The 24th annual convention of the department of Oregon, American Legion, opened here today, with delegates present from all parts of the state.

Participation in activities of the annual Rose Festival of Portland, in progress this week, will provide amusement interspersed with the business session.

The convention formally opened today with an address of welcome by Mayor George L. Baker, and a response by Fred E. Kiddie, of Portland city, department commander.

Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the American fleet in the World War, and Mrs. Franklin Bishop, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, speak today. A river trip and amusement features will occupy the delegates this afternoon and tonight.

There will be business sessions Thursday, Friday and Saturday. National Commander John R.

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Cove Strawberry Fete To Be Monday, June 16

The Civic club of Cove is planning a strawberry cake social for Monday evening, June 16, according to announcements made today.

La Grande, Cove, Union and other chambers of commerce in this county will all be represented and the general public is also invited to attend.

A musical program and a "good time for all" are promised.

The meet will be called to order at 6:45 o'clock.

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COURT CASES
DISPOSED OF

Frank Wache, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor child, was found not guilty yesterday by a circuit court jury after half an hour's deliberation.

Wache was arrested about a week ago and the child mentioned in the preliminary hearing was a 12-year-old girl.

L. H. Hannifield, who appeared a case of traffic violation from the justice court to the circuit court, was fined \$100. In the justice court Hannifield was fined \$45 but the judge fine supercedes the prior amount.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Robert Hand and Marvin Stoop, charged with larceny of an automobile, is before the court today. A jury was impaneled this morning after court convened at 9:30 o'clock with Judge J. W. Knowles presiding and just before noon the jury was hearing the testimony.

Grand Jury Reports—The grand jury, which met last week and again this week turned in its final report. Four secret bills were returned and no untrue bills.

Asks Investigation—Judge Knowles, in speaking to the grand jury, cited Section 2212 of the Oregon laws, relative to depositing injurious substances on the highway and penalty for same, and asked an investigation.

His attention has been called to the fact that this section of the statute is continually being violated, and that our highways leading into and from La Grande are being used as a dumping ground by certain persons," said Judge Knowles. "Notably is this true of the highway leading from Old Town to the Gekeler lane, which on account of the dumping of refuse."

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BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	40	24	.625
Seattle	37	28	.569
Vernon	34	31	.523
Soft Lake	31	32	.492
Sacramento	29	33	.466
Portland	29	35	.446
Los Angeles	29	36	.444
Oakland	27	38	.415

(By the Associated Press)

Senators 1, Dies 3.

At Sacramento—R. H. E. 3 8 2

At Portland—R. H. E. 4 15 9

Batteries: O'Donnell and Peters; Hughes and Kofler. (11 innings).

At Oakland—R. H. E. 4 11 1

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60 PERCENT
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16,539,000 Bushels Expected in Oregon This Year; Spring Wheat in Better Shape.

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Oregon wheat crop will most likely be less than 60 per cent of a normal crop, says F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician.

Weather conditions during the month of May caused a further reduction in the condition of all growing crops from the below normal condition of May 1st. Dry hot winds and practically no precipitation throughout the month brought about a situation on June 1 in which the condition of all crops was the lowest in many years.

Local showers early in June afforded some relief in a few localities but generally speaking, the whole state, as well as the whole Pacific coast is experiencing the driest spring and early summer known to the "earliest inhabitant."

Winter Wheat—From Umatilla county, which normally produces about one-fourth of the Oregon winter wheat crop comes an estimate from County Agent Bennion under date of June 6th, saying in part: "Wheat conditions are looking worse every day with the extreme drought prevailing. Yesterday I discussed the matter pretty thoroughly with grain men and lending farmers; my present estimate for Umatilla county is 50 per cent of last year's crop." Throughout the principal wheat counties conditions are very similar to those prevailing in Umatilla county. In the western part of the state winter wheat still looks pretty good, and while now heading out rather short and uneven, it will probably make close to an average crop.

Conditions of Oregon winter wheat on June 1 was estimated at 65 per cent of normal compared with 97 per cent last year and the 10-year June average of 93 per cent. This condition of 65 per cent indicates a probable total production of 13,725,000 bushels, as compared with a June 1 estimate

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MILLERAND IS OUT OF OFFICE

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Millerand today resigned as president of France.

The president's determination to resign came after reading yesterday of a presidential message signed by premier Frederic Francois-Matral in which Millerand declined to resign and an adverse vote against the ministry by both chamber and senate and finally the adoption of a motion of censure by the radical socialists in which in effect eliminated any government favorable to or by Millerand.

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LEOPOLD, LOEB TRIAL IS SET

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—The state won the first skirmish for an early trial of Leopold and Loeb, when the trial was set for August 4.

Both boys pleaded not guilty when arraigned today.

KING GEORGE IS SAVED OWING TO RIDING ABILITY

ALDERSHOT, Eng. (AP)—The excellent horsemanship of King George got him out of a tight place Tuesday afternoon and saved him from a possible serious mishap.

As the king was leaving the parade grounds on his charger after reviewing troops, the horse became frightened at the cheering crowd. The animal "bucked" and nearly collided with a horse ridden by the aged Duke of Connaught beside the queen's carriage.

The king made a second attempt to force his horse to accompany the procession but the animal, terrified, plunged into his royal ride was forced to turn back and ride home along a quiet route.

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Historic Derby Winner



Sansovine, owned by Lord Derby, founder of the Derby race, which won the Epsom Derby, England's racing classic.

MOOSE CIRCUS
COMING SOON

The Fern Fields circus, coming here June 16-21, inclusive, under the auspices of the La Grande Loyal Order of Moose, will give an opportunity to see an aerial stunt seldom shown anywhere less than the big tops.

Madame Lamine, hailed queen of the air, leaps the loop in mid-air on a trapeze, doing the same act that was featured by the Sells-Mcoto people.

La Rue and Bain, extraordinary trapeze and aerial performers, will also be featured.

"This is not a vaudeville or a musical comedy," states an advance agent, "but is to include many features offering all the thrills of a big circus with added features of free dancing, aerial circus performances." The company carries a portable hardwood 49x50 foot floor and an orchestra of first class musicians.

BULLETINS

PLATFORM COMMITTEE NOT HURRYING; TIME EXTENDED

CLEVELAND, (AP)—Under the decision of party leaders by which the presentation of the Republican platform to the convention will be deferred until tonight, the resolutions committee took its final consideration of a draft prepared by a subcommittee at an all night session. Meeting behind closed doors, the committee took up the platform draft, plank by plank and members said it might be several hours before final approval is given.

Several changes were made at the start and there remained fights over the law and order plank, one dealing with the Ku Klux Klan question as well as the prohibition enforcement provision.

Members of the senate farm bloc committee said the agricultural plank was satisfactory to them and that no question would be raised respecting it.

E. H. Greager, of Texas, announced he had not abandoned a determination to press for a clean cut expression against the Ku Klux Klan.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and hogs steady. Sheep steady to firm. Eggs steady. Butter firm, prime firsts 27 1/2 cents.

Butterfat (Portland) firm. Butterfat (San Francisco) 44 1/2 cents.

CONVICT TURNS DENTIST

SALEM, Ore.—Dave Smith, serving a life term in the Oregon state penitentiary for the Claremont tavern murders in Portland a few years ago, has taken up the study of dentistry under permission granted by members of the