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and Saturday.

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Hunt's
Daily
Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON, (NEA Special).—The last issue of the Record, official publication of Congress, was manipulated so as to provide a free medium for the distribution of Republican campaign material.

Prior to the adjournment of Congress on June 7, a resolution from the joint committee on printing was adopted, providing that the last issue of the Record, for the current session of Congress, should be published "not later than Tuesday, June 24, 1924."

Then, quite casually, Senator George H. Moses of New Hampshire asked for and received permission to "extend his remarks in the Record."

This "leave" is permission to have published in the record statements not made on the floor of Congress or speeches or documents by others than members of Congress. It is a favor normally granted by courtesy, without dispute or discussion, and was accorded Moses without objection.

With those two moves made, the cards were all stacked for the little game ahead.

The Republican convention at Cleveland was convened on Tuesday, June 19. Congress was adjourned, and no more "leaves to print" could be granted.

On Wednesday, June 18, following the Republican convention,

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XTRA

CHAVEZ CAMPAIGN LEADER.
NEW YORK, (AP).—Clem Chavez, of West Virginia, was chosen chairman of the democratic national committee today. Davis is formerly notified of the nomination in Clarksburg, W. Va., on August 11.

VAULT LOOTED.
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—Two unmasked men at noon today locked the cashier, bookkeeper and woman customer in the vault of the Bank of Oswego and escaped in an automobile with \$1500.

MANDAMUS ACTION TAKEN.
SALEM, Ore. (AP).—A second mandamus proceedings was filed today in the supreme court against Secretary of State Koser, by supporters of the movement to abolish the public service commission.

EDITOR DEAD.
TACOMA, Wash. (AP).—Frank R. Cole, 73, owner and editor of the Golden West, which later became the West Coast Lumberman, died today. He sold his interest in that paper in 1913 and devoted his time to lumber interests. He never married.

EAGLE BOAT SAVED.
SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP).—Eagle boat 12, which drifted helplessly two days after the condenser tank broke, arrived safely today with 55 officers and men, conveyed by Destroyer McDermitt.

Second Annual Union
County Picnic July 27

Former residents of Union county residing in Portland and vicinity, will hold their Second Annual picnic on Sunday, July 27th, in the beautiful Laurelhurst Park.

W. T. Slater, president, and Jennie G. Rhinehart, secretary of the body, extends a cordial invitation to the citizens of Union county to join them in this friendly gathering.

Postal Employees Have
Anything But Easy Life

(By Scoop)

The life of a postal employee is hard one—in more ways than one. Here, there and in La Grande it's the same. If you don't believe it, ask any man in the postal service—rural carrier, city carrier, clerk or the postmaster himself.

Even so, the man in the service likes his work—or he wouldn't be there. Lots of things enter into the daily routine that furnishes the necessary "kick" and keeps the work from becoming too drab. Many of them are funny and many are not.

The trouble with the latter, from the employee's viewpoint, is that Uncle Sam doesn't like to have his mailmen "talk back" to the patron. Sometimes they do, but even a worm turns.

"I Should Have One!"

Probably the most disagreeable

BUILDING IN
CITY LEADS
BOISE, IDA.

La Grande Spends \$310,155 and Boise \$226,035 in First Six Months

CONSTRUCTION IS
SHOWING GAINS

Seventy - Nine Cities in the West Give Figures; Oregon Increases Are Heavy.

Compared with other sections of the west, the building in La Grande this year, in proportion to population, has been hitting a rapid stride.

During the first six months of the year 212 permits were taken out in La Grande calling for buildings of a value of \$310,155. Of that amount \$96,250 was and is being spent on business buildings and the remainder takes in residential construction and repairing.

This is much in excess of last year's total permits and also exceeds last year's total expenditures for building.

Comparisons.
In order to give an idea of how La Grande stands a few comparisons can be made from the following figures which give the total value of building during the first six months of this year in other western cities:

Boise, Idaho, \$226,035; Twin Falls, Idaho, \$28,450; Logan, Utah, \$91,000; Provo, Utah, \$39,450; Aberdeen, Wash., \$372,449; Houghton, Wash., \$227,337; Vancouver, Wash., \$192,263; Walla Walla, Wash., \$124,724; Yakima, Wash., \$287,310; Astoria, Ore., \$450,400; Reno, Nevada, \$171,135; Phoenix, Ariz., \$911,450; Portland, Cal., \$113,000; Bakerfield, Cal., \$450,504.

La Grande a Leader

By the above figures, it will be easily seen that La Grande is leading a great number of cities far above her in population and is not far behind many others also much larger. La Grande did more building than Boise, Idaho, the largest city in the state and exceeded Walla Walla, Yakima, Van-

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BEND MAY GET
WATER RIGHTS;
PROBE STARTED

SALEM, Ore. (AP).—The state desert land board late yesterday agreed to a plan whereby Bend would exchange water rights in the Deschutes river for rights in Tumalo creek, held by the Tumalo Irrigation project.

State Engineer Rhea Luper was directed to inspect the situation and report to the board, after which final action will be taken. Bend is seeking the Tumalo water for her city supply.

Horn Awarded \$178 in
Condemnation Action

The jury in the circuit court yesterday afternoon awarded Mr. Horn \$178 for his property near Medical Springs which had been condemned for the purpose of building the post road from Telocast to Medical Springs.

The trial of Sam Brooks and Lou Dixon started this morning and jurors were being examined during the forenoon. The case is an appeal from the county court where they were convicted of maintaining a common nuisance in the town of Union.

Postal Employees Have
Anything But Easy Life

person they have to contend with, especially in postoffices in towns and smaller cities, is the fellow who doesn't get a letter when he thinks he should. Nine times out of ten, if he has a suspicious nature, he believes that somebody behind the partition is responsible. And so he voices a howl—and many times it's loud and loud. "I should have had one!" is the disconsolate yell.

Another nuisance is the man who sends a letter and then, just about the time the pouches have been closed, rushes to the window and wants it back. "I must have it," is often the call and if he doesn't get it, black looks abound.

Ordinary Occurrences
It is surprising the number of carelessly addressed and unstamped letters that come in.

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Last Minute News

DIVER DROWNED IN ROGUE RIVER.
GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP).—Jack Dugan, 27, drowned late yesterday in the Rogue river, 20 miles west of here when water entered his diving suit, in which he was diving in the river.

"DEAD MAN" FOUND TO BE ALIVE
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—Oliver Cameron, in the hospital suffering from the effects of an attempted suicide by jumping into the river from a bridge, showed little interest when he was informed today that W. J. Gay, whom he was supposed to have killed in 1902 in Alabama, was still alive.

ASK SUCCOR FOR 6,000 HEAD OF CATTLE
SALEM, Ore. (AP).—The state of Oregon has been asked by California to give succor to 6,000 head of California cattle, whose ranges have been burned by the Siskiyou mountains forest fires. Governor Pierce received the telegram from C. H. Hecke, California director of agriculture, asking permission to move the cattle across the state line into Oregon for pasturage. Since the foot and mouth disease has not appeared north of Stockton it is believed no danger from the disease exists. Oregon officials have not yet acted upon the request.

SMITH MAY TOUR FOR JOHN W. DAVIS.
NEW YORK (AP).—George E. Brennan, Democratic leader of Illinois, said today John W. Davis favorably received the suggestion that Governor Smith, of New York, tour the east and middle west supporting the Davis presidential campaign.

GRAVEL WORK
GOING AHEAD

The work of gravelling and resurfacing the Old Oregon Trail from Telocast to Lane, Ore., which started last spring has been completed as far as one mile west of Union. The road from Telocast to Union has been finished and is now in excellent condition.

There remains the section of the highway from Union to Lone Tree to be gravelled before fall. The workmen are now moving their camps and rock crusher nearer the present work and as soon as the new base of operation has been established the work will be resumed.

MACLAREN AND
AIRMEN SAFE

TOKIO. (By Associated Press).—Stuart MacLaren, British world flier, and his companions are safe at Utsunomiya, having been forced to land in a dense fog shortly after hopping off from Lake Tashiro Wednesday.

REVEAL CONSPIRACY.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP).—Governor Flynn and Assistant Attorney General Herley have obtained affidavits alleged to reveal a conspiracy through which the gas bomb was placed in the senate recently causing the sickness of several members, says the Providence News.

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.			
Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	57	42	.575
Seattle	54	45	.545
Sacramento	52	49	.515
Salt Lake	50	50	.500
Vernon	51	52	.495
Oakland	49	53	.480
Los Angeles	47	55	.461
Portland	46	56	.451

(By the Associated Press)

Indians 11, Bears 12
Salt Lake 11, H. E.
Seattle 11, H. E.
Salt Lake 12, H. E.
Batteries: Dell, Williams, Gregg and E. Baldwin; O'Neill, McCabe, Counce and Peters.

Tigers 7, Seals 8

At San Francisco—H. E. E.
Vernon 7, H. E. E.
San Francisco 8, H. E. E.
Batteries: Bryan, Lindolph, and Haunah; Mitchell, Sjega and Yello.

Braves 3, Senators 4

At Sacramento—H. E. E.
Portland 3, H. E. E.
Sacramento 4, H. E. E.
Batteries: Bedient and Cochran; Hughes and Koehler.

At Los Angeles—H. E. E.

Oakland 6, H. E. E.
Los Angeles 7, H. E. E.
Batteries: Malle, Marchio and Baker; Grandall and Jenkins.

LADY SWIMMERS
SET A RECORD

OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, France (By the Associated Press).—The standings in the Olympic competition at the end of the sixth day were: United States 115, Great Britain 35, Australia 30, Sweden 20, France 14, Belgium 8.

OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, Les Tourelles, France (By the Associated Press).—The United States today won the women's 400-meter swimming relay, breaking a world record. The time was 4 minutes 58.4 seconds.

Johnny Welschmuller, of the Illinois A. C., today won the final 400-meter free style swim. Arren Keeloha, of Hawaii, won the 100-meter back stroke final. Miss Norton, of Great Britain, won the final 100-meter women's breast stroke event. Miss Agnes Geraghty of New York, was second.

SUPPORT LA FOLLETTE.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Senator Ladd, Republican of North Dakota, said today he intended to support the La Follette presidential campaign in his own state "without leaving the Republican party."

BOAT DISCOVERED.

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP).—The Eagle boat No. 12 was sighted yesterday by the steamship John T. Archibald, according to radio advice. The boat had been missing for more than a week.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—Live-stock steady. Eggs firm with current receipts 27 cents. Butter steady.

Butterfat (Portland) 37 cents. Butterfat (San Francisco) 47 cents.

The Democratic Delegate Arrives Home

"IT MUST BE SANTA CLAUS."

"MY OH MY—HOW THE OLD TOWN HAS CHANGED!"

"BUT MARY—I'M YOUR LONG LOST HUSBAND."

"BY GOLLY—THAT'S THE VERY SAME TREE I PLANTED THE DAY BEFORE I LEFT FOR THE NEW-YORK CONVENTION."

"HA HA—KIN YUH BEAT THAT? THIS OLD BIRD SAYS HE WORKS HERE."

PIONEERS'
MEETING
A SUCCESS

Attendance Greatest in Several Years at the Park Yesterday

WALLOWA LADIES
HEADED PROGRAM

Addresses, Songs, Readings Given During the Afternoon; Picnic Luncheon Enjoyed.

Rivaling the Meacham celebration a year ago when women of eastern Oregon wore the old time costumes to welcome President and Mrs. Harding Wallowa county ladies yesterday presented a similar picture with their dresses of old vintage, their hair done in the old fashioned manner, their manners prim and picturesque as of yore.

Victor Eckley drove the big covered wagon that conveyed the Wallowa ladies to the city park pavilion and amid loud cheers from the audience they alighted from the "prairie schooner" and took their places on the platform. Wallowa county's vocal talent had been picked for this happy event and when they began singing "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," the old pioneers realized how well remembered they had been by Wallowa pioneers to bring with them this chorus of excellent voices. "In the Evening" and "Coming Thro' the Flye" were two other numbers sung by the

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RAILMEN FOR
LA FOLLETTE

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press).—La Follette supporters today offered Senator Wheeler the vice-presidential nomination.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa. (AP).—The board of directors of the Order of Railway Conductors formally endorsed the candidacy of La Follette for president last night, President Shepherd announced today.

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MT. EMILY TIMBER PLANT
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Season's Latest Fad



The water bicycle is all the rage at Atlantic City this season and Miss Marie Davis seems to be having a lot of fun at it.

TO ACCOMPANY
FARMERS' TOUR

When the Union county farmers start on their annual field tour tomorrow morning from the postoffice building here, three men of prominence in the agricultural world will accompany them.

The trio consists of E. H. Jackman and W. L. Kaddery, of the Oregon Agricultural College extension service and D. E. Stephens, of the Moro Experiment Station.

The tour will include the Phymere farm at Hot Lake, the S. E. Miller farm at Union and the East Oregon Experiment Station at Union.

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SERIOUS FIRE
NEAR MEDFORD

MEDFORD, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The forest service is greatly worried over a large fire in the Willow creek district, five miles east of Butte Falls, in logged-over land, the property of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company.

The fire is now two miles long and is headed toward the Crater National forest.

INCENDIARISM REPORTED.

MISSEOLA, Mont. (AP).—Continued heavy winds may cause a repetition of the 1910 holocaust in the forests of western Montana and northern Idaho, federal forest service officials declared Thursday.

Hundreds of forest fires are burning in the district, and eight of them are scattered over areas of 1000 to 5000 acres each.

Many new fires broke out Wednesday, including a number of incendiary blazes. The worst fire in the district is in the Kaniksu forest, where flames have jumped the Pend Oreille river at Lost creek and spread into national forest timber, driving back 200 fire fighters.

Fifteen more men were sent from here Thursday to combat the big creek fire in the Lolo forest. The Elise creek blaze in the Clearwater forest, doubled in area Wednesday and covered 20,000 acres.

Incendiary fires in the Pinkham

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MacDonald Government
Defeated in England

LONDON, (AP).—The MacDonald government was defeated in the House of Commons today by a vote of 171 to 148, during consideration of an unemployment insurance bill. The government's reversal is not considered important, and there is no question of the prime minister resigning.

Brazilian Rebels Are
Successful, Is Report

BUENOS AIRES, (AP).—Trustworthy information from Brazil indicates that the rebels are getting the upper hand around Soa Paulo.

Bishop Smith to Speak
at Wallowa Lake Meet

Bishop H. Lester Smith D. D., of Helena, Montana, is the bishop assigned to the Helena area by the Methodist Episcopal general conference held in Springfield, Mass. the past May, taking the place of Bishop Burns, who will be the preacher at the Methodist assembly grounds at Wallowa lake on Saturday and Sunday. The meeting will close with the services on Sunday. The local Methodist church has withdrawn its services of worship for Sunday next, to make it possible for the members and friends of the church to motor to Wallowa lake to hear Bishop Smith.

The various meetings for the past two weeks have drawn a large attendance and splendid interest. Nearly 100 Epworth Leaguers registered for the just-

MILL PLANS
APPROVED BY
OFFICIALS

Large Lumbering Concern Has Its Building Program Completed

CONCRETE WORK
TO START AT ONCE

Engineers Are Working Out Details for 8 Miles of Railroad U Five Points.

With the final plans and specifications as approved by the Merrill, Wisconsin officials in the mail and due to arrive in La Grande either today or tomorrow, construction work by the Mt. Emily Timber company at the mill site, where the former fair grounds were located, will begin shortly.

The engineers are also working on the preliminary plans for six miles of railroad to go up Five Points and it is expected that the grading of the road will be completed this year.

The plans and specifications, which are revised from the original ones, were returned to Merrill after A. H. Stange, president.

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NEW SCHOOL'S
NAME 'WILLOW'

At a meeting of the board of education of school district No. 1, held last evening in the La Grande National Bank building, a decision was reached to name the new East La Grande grammar school the "Willow Public School."

The name was derived from Willow street which runs by the building.

Bids Rejected.
Bids, received for the district's wood supply, were all rejected last evening and the clerk was authorized to advertise for more bids immediately. Five hundred bids, twenty-five cords of wood were desired and bids, which were considered also too high, were received on only 325 cords.

The directors feel that there is no objection to letting the contracts to several thus giving the smaller wood-yard owners a chance to furnish a portion of the supply.

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