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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—
Rain tonight and Wed-
nesday. Cooler in the in-
terior; warmer in the east.

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Hunt's
Daily
Letter(By Harry B. Hunt.)
WASHINGTON, (NEA Special)—
"Bureaucracy" unquestionably
is going to have a fight on its
hands in the next Congress.As Congressman Steagall of Al-
abama put it recently: "It's about
time we found out whether we
have a free government or are
ruled by a lot of departments and
divisions, bureaus, commissions
and boards."Steagall is a member of the
committee engaged in investigat-
ing the charge that big bunches of
wartime government bonds were
printed in duplicate, that one set
of these duplicates was sold to
the government in the regular
way, that the other set was sold
to individuals who put the money
in their pockets, that the treasury
can't tell the sets apart now, and
consequently has to redeem them
both.Certain treasury records were
needed in connection with the in-
quiry and Manager James F.
MacGough of the securities sec-
tion of the treasury's division of
debt and currency said the com-
mittee couldn't have them.His refusal raised such a storm
that finally he yielded, but only
as a matter of fact, not as a matter
of right on the investigators' side.This is only just one illustration
of the kind of cases come up all
the time.It isn't alone that numerous
bureau chiefs think themselves
above the law, the courts, Con-
gress and everybody else, when
they're called on for something.
They not only demand to be let
alone, they claim the right to
interfere with others.What's more, they get away
with it.There are plenty of things in
this country that a citizen can
not do, not as the courts or an
affirmative law decide, but
simply according to what some
single individual in a swift chair
in Washington says about it.This system has been growing
for 10 years or so. Since the war
(Continued on page 5)NIGHT SCHOOL
TO OPEN HEREBeginning October 6th, La
Grande is to have a night school
that will specialize in business
training, including all of the
fundamental courses.Registration is now in progress
during the evening hours, this week,
according to L. E. Bussey, in charge
of the school, whose offices are
located near the entrance of the
New Foley building."I have planned this school for
a number of years as I saw the
demand for it," Mr. Bussey stated
today. "However, until this year
other matters interfered with the
opening of the school. The plans I
have made will insure a real
commercial curriculum and suf-
ficient instruction are available
to handle any number of stu-
dents."Before making definite plans
for the school I took the matter
up with Superintendent A. C.
Hampton and Principal E. D.
Towler who have arranged to
give high school credits for work
done satisfactorily in the night
school for those who are tempo-
rarily out of school or who are
spending a year at home before
going to college.The school will offer book-
keeping, shorthand typing, pen-
manship, commercial arithmetic,
spelling, commercial law and busi-
ness letter writing and will fea-
ture special courses from time to
time such as salesmanship, show-
card writing and window trim-
ming if the demand is great
enough.East Oregon Football
Schedule Now Prepared(By SCOOP.)
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terprise-Alumni, Enterprise-Baker
and Baker-Halfway, already
played, the Eastern Oregon inter-
scholastic race for 1924 football
season will begin in earnest this
week.La Grande will play her first
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Alumni team Saturday and of
course it will have no bearing
upon the pennant scramble but
nevertheless it will be important
to La Grande fans inasmuch as
they will be able to get a line on
just what MacTavish's squad is
going to amount to. Glass' broken
arm cripples the team to some
extent but it is believed another
man can be found to fill the
quarterback position.A tentative Eastern Oregon
football schedule, sent in byFIRE RAZES
BELLINGHAM
BOX FACTORYHalf Million Dollar Loss
Caused by Blaze at
MidnightMORRISON LUMBER
MILL LOSER ALSOFire Departments from
Neighboring Commu-
nities Helped Quell Wind-
Aided Conflagration.BELLINGHAM, Wash. (By the
Associated Press)—Fire, which
started at midnight, burning the
Hoodal-Donovan Company, a box
factory, with millions of feet of
lumber, caused probably \$500,000
loss here. The blaze is be-
lieved under control this morning
although a high wind still pre-
vails.The fire, of unknown origin,
swept through the plant, razing it
within an hour. Fanned by
a strong wind, it then ate its way
into the lumber piles of the Mor-
rison Brothers plant, threatening
other water front industries.Only one watchman was present
when the fire started.
It is estimated that the Hoodal-
Donovan plant lost between one
and two millions feet of lumber
and the Morrison mill loss was
somewhat greater.Fire departments of neighbor-
ing towns aided in fighting the
blaze.COOLIDGE SENDS
ENCOURAGEMENT
TO MINING MEETWASHINGTON (By the Associ-
ated Press)—Unanimous encour-
agement in the development of
water power, reclamation and the
mining industry were pledged
by President Coolidge in a let-
ter to the convention of the Ameri-
can mining congress at Sacrament-
to, Cal.Mr. Coolidge said it was time to
consider the larger of these pro-
jects in the west, which are
more difficult and expensive em-
ploying character, and called at-
tention to proposals now under
consideration by congress and other
government agencies.Mother Is Slayer of
Self, Four ChildrenMANGUM, Okla. (AP)—After
an informal investigation into the
death of five members of the
family of J. A. Mangum, farmer,
county authorities Monday placed
responsibility for the killing upon
Mrs. Mangum, one of the dead.
Mrs. Mangum, returning from
Mangum, where he said he had
found a skeleton for safekeeping,
found the bodies of his four chil-
dren, ranging in age from 11
years to eight months, and that
of his wife, lying in one room
of their home, slashed with a
razor. The razor was clamped in
Mrs. Mangum's hand, officials said.POMERENE AND ROBERTS
OUTLINE CASE TO CHIEFWASHINGTON, (By the Associ-
ated Press)—Progress in the
government's suit for the annul-
ment of leases of naval oil re-
serve lands was outlined to
President Coolidge today by At-
torney Pomerene and Owen J. Ro-
berts, government counsel. The
criminal cases will start within a
short time, they said.East Oregon Football
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LA GRANDE; HIGHWAY
BODY STARTS WORKFull fruition of a dream long
cherished by civic organizations
of La Grande, took place today
when the Highway Commission
began construction of the first
unit of a rest park on the ex-
treme west end of La Grande, at
the point where the panorama of
the Grande Ronde valley swings
in a huge semi circle, embrac-
ing Owsley canyon and the
Grande Ronde river gap to the
Elgin palisades on the north,
and east and south to the Tri-
caset pass and all of La Grande
on the south. Adoption of this
wonderful spot in the Grande
Ronde valley as the location of a
rest park both for tourists and
home folks, has been fostered by
the Chamber of Commerce, the
Sons and Daughters of Pioneers,
and others, for a long time, and
bit by bit the handicaps in the
way have been brushed aside un-
til today construction of the first
unit is under way.These behind the movement
have been looking to the future
particularly, but there will be
early realization of the rest park
plans in part at least. A long
graceful turnout from the new
scenic highway is now being con-
structed, and a monument will
be erected at once to mark the
spot. Next spring a drinking
fountain such as the highway
department is building, will be
put into operation. This will be
immediate results at various
spots. As time goes on and
funds are available, the Sons
and Daughters of Union CountyPioneers will foster the erection
of a pioneer museum on the
ground, and the land will be
beautified, set to landscape,
parking and otherwise be made
a place of rest and recreation.
Construction of sanitary conven-
iences for tourists is another sec-
tion of the project contemplated
for early undertaking.
The park is made possible
through the generosity of Mrs.
J. E. Foley who has donated ap-
proximately three acres of land
on the lower side of the scenic
highway at the point where the
new road swings off toward Oro
Dell, not far from the hospital.
The deed to the tract will be
conveyed in a few days. Boosters
for the rest park have urged that
the park be known as Foley Park
in honor of the donor of the
land. The tract is semicircular
in contour with the center of the
piece intended as the location of
the monument. This monument
will be the replica of the Hard-
ing Memorial at Immigrant
Springs, in fact is the other half
of it. The Harding stone having
been blasted out of a piece of
Haines granite at the time, and
the balance of the original stone
is being brought to La Grande.
The Chamber of Commerce is
attaching a suitable bronze table-
t, and this monument and table-
t will be unveiled with appro-
priate exercises in the near fu-
ture. The culmination of the
road itself and the beginning of

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WILL REBUILD
LUMBER MILL
INVADERS ARE
HELD AT BAYAlthough nothing definite has
been planned, according to the
Stoddard brothers, indications are
that rebuilding the mill at Perry
will begin sometime in the near
future.The insurance adjusters, visited
the site of the recent fire, this
morning and their report will be
forthcoming shortly.At the present time the work of
clearing up the old mill site is
still under way and is nearing
completion.
The boiler and the engine and
some of the other machinery in
the old mill have been salvaged
and can still be put into use.Definite announcements of the
plans will probably be made within
a few days, as soon as David Stod-
dard returns from California and
Elmer Stoddard returns from Salt
Lake City.The Grande Ronde Lumber Com-
pany is working at partial crew
in the planing mill and box
factory and some shipments of
lumber are being made.BUSINESS MEN
HEAR SPEAKERThat the proposed constitu-
tional amendment to the present
Workmen's Compensation Law of
Oregon is a "dose of Communism"
and that "employers would be ab-
solutely at the mercy of three
commissioners—political ap-
pointees"—in such matters was
charged today by A. A. Smith, of
Baker, in an energetic and able
address before the Union County
chamber of commerce, at its first
noon-day luncheon of the fall-
winter-spring period.Mr. Smith, who is numbered
among the prominent attorneys of
the state, did not make his speech
political and did not ask anyone
to vote any certain way upon the
proposed amendment which will
be before the people in Oregon
but he did thoroughly point out
the radical changes desired by
the framers of the bill and also
that the present compensation
law is satisfactory both to em-

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BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
Chico	37	51	.424
San Francisco	37	51	.424
Seattle	34	52	.398
Oakland	34	52	.398
Los Angeles	32	53	.378
Salt Lake	29	59	.329
Vernon	28	52	.348
Portland	24	55	.305
Sacramento	24	55	.305

No games yesterday, teams trav-
eling.Games Today.
Sacramento at Vernon.
Salt Lake at Oakland.
San Francisco at Portland.
Los Angeles at Seattle.CRONKHITE
TRIAL IS ON
IN TACOMASix Years of Litigation
Ended With Begin-
ning of CaseMURDER CHARGED
TO TWO IN ARMYSpecial Verdict of 100
Talesmen Has Been
Summoned from Which
Jury Will Be Selected.TACOMA, Wash. (By the As-
sociated Press)—United States
District Judge Cushman today
called to trial the case of Roland
H. Pothier, of Providence, R. I.,
for the alleged murder of Major
Alexander Cronkhite, at Camp
Lewis, in 1918.TACOMA, Wash. (By the As-
sociated Press)—Preparations were
being completed in the federal dis-
trict court here Monday for the
opening of the trial today of Rol-
and Pothier, accused jointly with
Robert Rosenbluth of the murder
of Maj. Alexander Cronkhite, on
the Camp Lewis military reserva-
tion a few days before the armistice
that ended the World war.Witnesses for the government
and for the defense are here or on
their way for the trial.TACOMA, (By the Associated
Press)—In trials beginning here
September 20 in which Robert
Rosenbluth and Roland Pothier
are charged with a willful murder,
the federal court is endeavoring
to unravel a death mystery that
goes back to the fall of 1915 and
into the great war cantonment at
Camp Lewis, Wash.On October 26 of that year,
while some 50,000 soldiers were
training in the camp, Major Alex-
ander Cronkhite, a graduate of
West Point and a son of a Major
General Adelbert Cronkhite, was
on a practice march. While the
column was resting, he went into
an adjacent copse of timber, fol-
lowed by Captain Rosenbluth and
Sergeant Major Pothier. A few
minutes later several shots were
heard, and it was reported that
Major Cronkhite was wounded.
An examination revealed that he
had been shot in the breast, and
he expired before medical aid
could be summoned. The body of
the officer was taken to the Camp
Lewis hospital, where it was found
that he had been killed by a bullet

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Nearly Won A Pennant

To "Dazzy" Vance, Brooklyn pitcher, goes a goodly share of
the credit for the New York Nationals having as hard a time
as they did to win McGraw's fourth successive pennant. "Dazzy"
pitched his team to victory time and again and was one of the
flashing stars in the big league circles this year. His good old
arm nearly landed him in the world series and did clinch for
Brooklyn second place when he beat Boston Sunday.TWO HURT IN
AUTO WRECKSTwo automobile accidents oc-
curred near La Grande late yester-
day, one of them on the Island
City highway according to re-
ports today.In the latter wreck, Tom Wil-
liams, driver, was cut about the
face but not seriously. Another
occupant of the car, Rexie Mc-
Coy, was severely cut about the
head and is at the Grande Ronde
hospital. It will probably be
some time before she will be suf-
ficiently recovered to be removed
from the institution.According to Mr. Williams,
something happened to the car
that was beyond his knowledge
and, as the machine is badly
wrecked, it has yet been impos-
sible to determine the exact cause
of the accident. "Garage men say
that they can repair the car," Mr.
Williams is quoted as saying,
"but it looks like a total wreck to
me."The other wreck occurred on
the highway near La Grande
when a Mr. Allen, of Elgin, tipped
a Vette car over. Little else is
known concerning the smash with
the exception that Mr. Allen is
not badly injured.BOY AND GIRL
DEPART; POLICE
SEEKING COUPLEA boy named Bates, aged about
15 or 17 years, is reported to
have run away from home at
Wallawa last evening, accom-
panied by a girl.Efforts are being made to lo-
cate the two. The local police
were notified but found no trace
of the boy and girl here.October 6th Last Day
To Make Tax Paymentsowing to the fact that October
5, last day to pay the last half of
Union county taxes, falls upon
Sunday, citizens will have until
October 6 to make payments
without being penalized for de-
linquency, according to announce-
ments today by Sheriff Lee
Warnick.Tax payments are coming in
nicely, according to reports, and
it is expected that very few de-
linquents will be noted this year
in comparison with past years.MRS. JULIA HOLMES BUYS
SCRANTON & SHORT STOCKMrs. Julia Holmes purchased
the stock and furniture and fix-
tures of the Scranton & Short
firm this morning for a consid-
eration of \$11,500. Sealed bids
were opened in the city hall
building at 10 a. m.

XTRA

KOZER IS UPHELD

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Secretary
of State Kozer will not be required
to place on the ballot the initiative
bill providing for the abolition of
the public service commission, ac-
cording to a supreme court deci-
sion, sustaining the demurrer of
the defendant and dismissing a
mandamus writ in the case of Dan
Kellaher against Kozer.

OREGON WRITER DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Addi-
son Bennett, 79, the oldest and
best known news writer in Oregon,
died here today from effects of a
broken hip suffered in a fall at
his home recently.

ASKS FEDERAL AID

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Governor
Pat M. Neff today asked the fed-
eral government to take complete
charge of the work of controlling
the foot and mouth disease near
Houston.

TO IGNORE ULSTER

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister
MacDonald moved the second read-
ing in the House of Commons to-
day of a bill providing for the
creation of an Irish boundary com-
mission without participation of
Ulster.A stormy scene occurred in the
house of commons during the ques-
tioning of Attorney General Pat-
rick Hastings in regard to the mys-
terious abandoning of prosecution
of charges of sedition of the edi-
tor of the Communist paper the
"Workers' Weekly."Sedate City Celebrates
Pennant Winning FeatWASHINGTON, (By the As-
sociated Press)—Delmonah Wash-
ington celebrated Monday night
in Main street fashion, its first
American league pennant.
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ed than dignified governmental
officials.A pouring rain throughout the
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in front of the half dozen score
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ington fans, thousands of them,
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fic cops forgot traffic and the
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of government to send a telegram
of congratulations to the Wash-
ington team.ACCORD IS
REACHED BY
CONFERENCEJapanese Agreeable to
Action Taken by the
League CommitteeCOUNCIL TO HAVE
EXAMINING RIGHTBasis of Solution of the
Threatening Situation
Facing Peace Plan De-
cided Today.GENEVA, (By the Associated
Press)—The revised protocol on
arbitration and security, including
a modification to satisfy the Ja-
panese delegation's demand for an
amendment, was unanimously
adopted tonight by the arbitra-
tion commission of the league. It
will be submitted to the assembly
for adoption tomorrow.GENEVA, (By the Associated
Press)—Complete accord was
reached this morning by states-
men entrusted with the task of
solving the difficulty caused by
the presentation by the Japanese
of an amendment to the arbitra-
tion and security protocol. The
agreement is satisfactory to the
Japanese according to M. Louch-
eur, French commissioner.
The broad basis of the solution
is that the council of the league
of nations shall have the right to
examine all conflicts arising be-
tween various nations with the
view to a pacific settlement of all
conflicts.

LEGAL PHASE IS BASE

TOKIO, (By the Associated
Press)—Japanese insistence on
the amendment to the proposed
arbitration and security protocol
now before the league of nations
is based wholly upon the legal
not immigration, phase of the
question, and inferences to the
contrary are far fetched, accord-
ing to official views here.The apparent indifference of
newspapers and officials to the
subject were features of Japan's
reception of the proposals of
the Japanese league delegates.
Government Reluctant.
The government apparently was
reluctant to revive the popular
feeling on immigration.Spokesmen assert Japan did not
intend to bring the immigration
issue before the league, but neces-
sity for Baron Adachi's action in
mentioning the subject before the
Geneva meeting was thrust upon
the government.However, Baron Adachi is act-
ing under explicit instructions
from Tokyo and there is no reason
to believe these will be changed.

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ALL WATER IS
FROM BEAVERMany La Grande people believe
that water is still being pumped
from the Grande Ronde river for
the city but such is not the case
according to Frank Hayes, city
manager. The water in the city
mains at the present time is from
no source other than Beaver Creek.
No water has been pumped from
the river since the middle of Au-
gust when the pumping plant was
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