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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP)—Overcast—Probably rain in the west portion tonight, Thursday cooler in the east.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Politicians used to put their ears to the ground to hear what the people were saying. Now the people put their ears to the radio and get a darned good idea of what the politicians are whispering to one another.

At any rate that's what the politicians are afraid they're doing. Under the old system the politicians had the advantage; they knew things in advance of the people.

Under the new system isn't it possible the people will have the advantage?

This thought worries the politicians. They don't know exactly what the answer is. They can't judge from past experience, for this is the first campaign the radio has figured in, at least enough to amount to anything.

It's true the public always has had a chance to get plenty of politics through the newspapers. The public also could go to political meetings.

But the natural inference from the fact that less than half the country's eligible voters bothered to cast their ballots at the last election, is that they weren't a bit interested.

Not being interested, the politicians' guess is that they didn't read what the newspaper printed about politics or attend any political meetings.

Now it's one thing to stay away from a political meeting—

It's one thing to turn from the political page of a newspaper, to the pink sheet—

And it's something else again to get past a loud speaker without having something screamed into your ear that will stick there, in spite of you.

Will the radio bring out the stay-at-home vote, or any considerable part of it?

If it does, considering that the stay-at-home vote last time was a little more than 50 per cent of the total eligible vote, and if it shows a decided partiality for any particular candidate—why, then the stay-at-home vote can do pretty much anything it wants to.

And the stay-at-home vote, like the radio, practically is an unknown quantity.

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CIRCUIT COURT OPENS MONDAY

With the opening of the October term of circuit court set for next Monday, October 6th, motion day is being held before Judge J. W. Knowles today. The motion day calendar calls for an all day session of court.

Several cases of interest are expected to be before the court this term.

Register Now

Registration books close next Saturday evening, October 4. If your name does not appear on the roll of voters, you practically disfranchise yourself.

Regardless of your party politics, register! Do your duty as a citizen!

Early Days Reviewed In Railroad Magazine

The Union Pacific magazine this month contains a very interesting article relative to several local men and was supplemented with a photograph of Fred G. Schilke.

The article stated: "Fred G. Schilke, senior engineer, Second Division of the O. W. R. & N. Co. was born in Germany, March 12, 1865. He came to the United States in 1887 and resided in Illinois until 20 years of age. He came to Oregon in 1887 via the Northern Pacific and located at The Dalles where headquarters of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company were at that time.

"C. C. Holbert, master mechanic, employed Mr. Schilke as engine watchman in June, 1884, and sent him to La Grande which at that time was the east end of the railroad. There was no track between La Grande and Huntington although construction work was in progress at that time.

"The old town of La Grande was then situated about a mile from the track where the main city of La Grande is now located. There

LEAGUE TO FIGHT FOR INCOME TAX

Three Organizations with Common Purposes Join Forces

FOR COMPULSORY COMPENSATION

Board, to be a Permanent Fixture, Also to Campaign for Anti-Oleomargarine Bill.

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The state Farmers-Labor legislative league was formed here last night at a meeting of representatives of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, the state grange and the Farmers' union. The league will immediately begin a campaign favoring the compulsory workmen's compensation, an anti-oleomargarine bill and opposing the repeal of the state income tax.

George Palmer, master of the state grange, was selected chairman of the new league and R. M. Ryerson, editor of the Oregon Labor Press, was named secretary.

Governor Walter M. Pierce was a leader in the organization of the league, which is to be permanent, according to present plans.

EGYPTIAN TOMB SEED RAISES A BUMPER CROP

TACOMA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—F. S. Johnston, a farmer near Morton, Wash., has just harvested a bumper crop of wheat that he says came from seed taken from an Egyptian tomb. Mr. Johnston says he got the seed four years ago and this year the increase was enough to plant 15 acres. He has just threshed 729 bushels for an average of 48.6 bushels to the acre. The grain is white and very hard, the straw short and the heads prolific and Mr. Johnston says it is one of the best varieties of spring wheat he has ever grown. It was not learned from what tomb he obtained the wheat.

FOUR PERMITS START MONTH

Legionnaires of This City to Visit Baker

The American Legion of this city, in line with plans to make La Grande's Armistice Day celebration this year a truly Eastern Oregon event, will go to Baker October 16 to ask the co-operation of the Queen City post in the coming event.

Other Legion posts nearby are to be represented here and an excellent program for the day has been arranged, although a few details are yet incomplete.

The local post and the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight.

GOVERNOR VERY ILL

CHIEFENNE, (By the Associated Press)—The condition of Governor William B. Ross, who underwent an abdominal operation last Wednesday, is described as "very bad" in a bulletin issued from the hospital today.

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE table with columns for City, W., L., and Pct. Rows include San Francisco, Seattle, Oakland, Los Angeles, Salt Lake, Vernon, Portland, and Sacramento.

(By the Associated Press) Games Postponed: San Francisco-Portland and Los Angeles-Seattle; teams traveling.

Vernon 9, Sacramento 1; Sacramento 4, Vernon 2; Batteries: Hall, Hughes, Peters and Shea; Penner and D. Murphy.

Salt Lake 5, Oakland 2; Salt Lake 5, 19; 2; Oakland 2, 5; 1; Batteries: McCabe and Peters; Mails and Baker.

GAMES TODAY: Pacific Coast League: Sacramento at Vernon; Salt Lake at Oakland; San Francisco at Portland; Los Angeles at Seattle.

Deaths and Damage Due To Floods

Pennsylvania Hit by Severe Storm; Virginia and North Carolina Fear Floods.

PHILADELPHIA (By the Associated Press)—Eight deaths and heavy property damage, with serious interruptions to agricultural and industrial activities were reported from towns and cities in eastern Pennsylvania as a result of flood conditions after 48 hours of heavy rains. Roads blocked with debris, bridges washed away, landslides, the drowning of much livestock, closing down of mines and other plants and the flooding of cellars were mentioned in most of the reports. The water is receding some at the majority of places but in some cases it is still rising.

The anthracite coal region apparently suffered the greatest damage. In Hazleton mines were flooded and it was believed several before some of the colliers can resume operations.

Deaths Reported: Two men were killed and another was seriously injured at Girard, near Bloomsburg, when a landslide carried a locomotive over a 200 foot embankment.

Wilkes-Barre also reported two deaths. A man was killed at Wyoming by a live wire blown down and a woman was drowned in a swollen creek.

Two deaths were reported in the Scranton section and two in Mauch Chunk. At the latter city Henry Herman, a contractor, and Louis Kieffer, his assistant, were swept into the Lehigh river while repairing the archway of a sewer. At Jermy, near Scranton, a concrete bridge over Rush Brook creek gave way, the swollen waters sweeping Samuel Langman and Emory Avery, prominent merchants, to their deaths. Many industrial plants in Scranton were seriously affected and mines were flooded.

Broad rivers were washed out in many places.

TWO STATES FLOODED

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Furthest rises in the level of the Virginia and North Carolina streams expected to take place today as a result of the unprecedented rainfall of the last 48 hours.

CHANG'S ARMY WINS PROVINCE

TOKYO (By the Associated Press)—Mukden forces of General Tso Tsi, Manchurian leader, fighting for the possession of the central Peking province, are today reported to have captured Kienchang, a Chihli province, 55 miles from the Chihli-Manchurian border, according to a dispatch to the Kikoku News Agency here.

HWANGTU CAPTURED

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—The capture by central government troops of Hwangtu, on the Shanghai front, and the shooting down of a Mukden airplane over Chihwangtu Harbor by the cruiser Hanchi, were reported today at the headquarters of Wu Pei Fu, commander of all central government armies.

Building in La Grande took a sudden boom this morning with the issuance of four building permits at the city office.

First thing this morning E. G. Schilke arrived with a request for a permit to build a garage for his home. The building will be erected on Ninth street between M and N avenues and will cost about \$200.

Later in the day H. B. Ball received a permit for a dwelling to be built on Depot street between Y and Division avenues at a cost of \$500.

C. Hildbrand also decided that October first signs the very day to start erection on a new building to be built at other end of town and also at a cost of \$200. This will be located on B avenue near the city limits.

J. A. Aiken concluded the sudden rush for permits by obtaining one for repairing a house on Washington avenue between Third and Fourth streets at a cost of \$75.

PEACE PLAN NOW BEFORE THE LEAGUE

Protocol Would Prohibit Wars of Every Description

POLITIS, BENES REPORT IS GIVEN

"Plan, as Drawn Up, Leaves No Loopholes," General Report States.

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—An amended draft of the protocol on arbitration and security of the league of nations for approval today, accompanied by a general report by M. Politis, of Greece, Dr. Benes, Czechoslovakia, official reporters.

Special chapters were devoted to the condemnation of aggressive war, compulsory jurisdiction of states and sanctions and reductions of armaments.

"The purpose was to make war impossible. The plan, as drawn up, leaves no loopholes, prohibits wars of every description and lays down a rule that all disputes be settled by pacific means," says the report.

KAY REFUTES PIERCE CLAIM

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (Special)—Allegations that the state has recently lost huge sums through unwise loans of school funds were branded untrue by Tom Kay, Republican nominee for state treasurer, addressing the Klamath county Republican committee at its banquet here.

"The so-called survey used by Governor Pierce and Jefferson Myers is inaccurate," Kay declared.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN BOARD'S REPORT

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Recommendations that the attorney general, the state superintendent of public instruction and the corporation commissioner inquire into and advise the governor as to the legality and propriety of the investment of school district sinking funds in installment bonds of certain investment companies, is contained in a report to Governor Pierce by Oswald West, George Black, the committee appointed to investigate stock and bonds sales in the state.

GREEK CABINET STEPS OUT; MOVE SURPRISED MANY

ATHENS (By the Associated Press)—The Greek cabinet, headed by M. Sophoulis, has resigned. The reason for the resignation is not known and it is unofficially said that the move was due to the withdrawal of the party leaders' confidence.

Meeker Off In Airplane For Dayton

Pioneer to Cross the Plains from West to East with Lieutenant Kelly.

VANCOUVER, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Ezra Meeker, 23, pioneer who crossed the plains with an oxteam, left here today in an airplane for Dayton, Ohio, with Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly. They hopped off at 9:52 o'clock.

The first stop was intended for Boise, Idaho, and they are to spend the night at Pocatello, Idaho. Meeker and Kelly expect to reach North Platte, Nebraska, Thursday and Dayton Saturday where they will attend the international air races.

Meeker is retracing the trip he made in a covered wagon in 1842. He wore flying top and showed little concern over the long flight. If possible, Meeker will visit President Coolidge.

COMPETITION AT LOW EBB

With only one day left in which to file petitions of candidacy for the office of city commissioner, to be voted upon in the coming November 4th election, only two men are in the race—Commissioner C. J. Black and A. B. Cherry. And there are three vacancies to be filled.

Neither Commissioner Williams or Brownson are to seek re-election and with only the two men left.

Smedley and Kendrick Are Near Agreement

PHILADELPHIA (By the Associated Press)—Reconciliation is being effected between Mayor Kendrick and General Smedley D. Butler, director of public safety, according to a statement issued today by the mayor.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Officials of the law-enforcement league of Philadelphia failed to present evidence of political corruption among federal office holders in Pennsylvania in a conference today with Attorney General Stone. It was announced at the department of justice. The attorney general said there was not even a suggestion of such evidence.

WALLOWA COMMUNITY FAIR ATTRACTION TO CROWDS

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special by Mail)—A large crowd of people were in attendance Saturday, the last day of the community fair here. The rodeo program at the bill park started at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the first event on the program being the well known ring contest. Several men entered this contest, Oscar Maxwell winning the first prize of \$5. Martin Peterson, second, \$3. Dewey Boston, third, of \$2. Plenty of bucking steers were on hand, many of the men and boys making good rides on them. The special prize of \$5 offered by Charles Fisher, for his best steer rider under 18 years of age, was awarded to Dale Parsons of Lostine. The quick change race was won by Gilbert Baker, first, \$5; Wayne White, second, \$3, and Archie Pugh, third, \$2. A purse of \$2 each was paid to the following men who rode bare-back bucking horses, Dick Bird, Doc Tippets, John Kling and Fred Bird. A large number of contestants who

"Goodby and Good Luck"



(By NEA Airmail Service) President Coolidge regrets losing his assistant secretary of navy. But at the same time he wishes Colonel Theodore Roosevelt the best of luck as he bids him goodbye. If Teddy should defeat Al Smith in the New York gubernatorial elections, the Empire State is safe for "Cal," the politicians figure. And the president seems to feel the same way about it, judging from his smile.

TRAIN KILLS MAN

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Jack Hyatt, 60, of Baker, was instantly killed and William Gereean, an Indian who plays in the Baker Concert band, was seriously injured about six o'clock last night when the Overland car driven by the latter was struck by an O. W. freight train about seven miles east of Baker when the driver killed the engine and was unable to get out of the way in time. The car is a total wreck.

36 HORSES BURNED

CHICO, Cal. (AP)—Thirty-six trained dancing horses of the Al G. Barnes circus, valued at \$100,000, were burned in a fire which destroyed a freight car of the circus train four miles north of here.

CUTTING GAS PRICE NEW YORK (AP)—Gasoline price cutting wars throughout the east were intensified today when the Standard Oil company of New Jersey authorized local dealers in the territory to meet the competitive cuts of all other companies.

SENATORS WELCOMED WASHINGTON (AP)—Welcoming Washington's pennant winning baseball team, President Coolidge assured the players at a demonstration here today, of the affection of the home town, the constituency and regard of baseball players throughout the country.

ARGUE LEGAL POINT PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Whether testimony as to the happenings after January 28th last, the date when former County Commissioner Charles S. Rudeen is charged with having accepted a bribe, be admitted as evidence continued to be the point on which counsel clashed in today's session of Rudeen's trial.

COUNTY COURT SESSION Began This Morning

The county court convened in regular monthly session this morning with U. G. Couch, county judge, and John Wells, county commissioner presiding. The commissioner J. F. Hutchinson, of Union, was expected to arrive later in the day.

Regular routine business consisting of the checking up of bills and other regular county business occupied this morning's session. No bids are to be opened or let at this meeting.

MARKETS TODAY

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rode in the tryouts Friday afternoon qualified to ride in the bucking contest Saturday, a large number of horses were on hand. Some good rides were made by a number of the local riders. Five men were selected by the judges to ride in the finals, as follows: Leo Horner, John Kling, Doc Tippets, Truman Paulson and Bill Cramer. Leo Horner was awarded first prize of \$50 to apply on a saddle of his own choice; John Kling, second, \$25; Doc Tippets, third, a pair of spurs.

The milking contest, also had a large number of entries. Walls and Bell made the best time, and were awarded first prize of \$5. The next two contestants tied and the money for the next two places was divided as follows: Glenn Sherod, Dewey Boston, Archie Pugh and Oscar Maxwell, each \$1.25.

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BROOKHART ASKS DAWES TO RESIGN

Senator from Iowa Sends Letter Aimed at Republican Campaign

REQUEST IGNORED BY G. O. P. BOARD

Brookhart Charges That Dawes' "Sulphuretted Hydrogen" Bank Record Eliminates Him.

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press)—The demand of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, that General Charles G. Dawes resign as the Republican vice-presidential candidate, or that the Republican national committee secure the resignation, was unanswered today by either Dawes or the committee. Dawes only recognition of the demand was a smile.

"Dawes wrecked the Republican campaign in the northwest," Brookhart declared, "urging that a farm bloc member should be a candidate. "Dawes started like a bold faced plutocrat, but discourtesy and ungentlemanly language was quickly reduced in his own vocabulary to a peanut plutocrat."

Brookhart made the charges in a letter to William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican national committee.

"His sulphuretted hydrogen" bank record, as established by the Illinois supreme court, on the day of his nomination, rendered him unfit for office, said the letter.

The senator charged that the general had "under false pretenses of loyalty organized disloyal groups to conduct an illegal defense of the United States constitution with the secret purpose of destroying the constitutional rights of organized labor."

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TO ORGANIZE UNION GRANGE

HOT LAKE (Special)—At the request of W. H. Gekeler, deputy state grange master of La Grande, Dr. W. T. Phly is making a concentrated effort this week to interest farmers of this section of the Grande Ronde valley in the meeting at the Union Experiment station this evening. The formation of a Union grange is expected to be completed at this time and many Hot Lake as well as Union farmers will be included in its membership.

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A Thing of Beauty Should Be A Joy Forever

Comic strip with four panels. Panel 1: A woman looks at a man and says 'OH! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?'. Panel 2: The man says 'HUH! I HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO IT AS ANYONE - AND I'M GOING TO HAVE IT'. Panel 3: The man says 'SURE - I ALWAYS MEANT THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE IT SOME DAY'. Panel 4: The woman says 'OH THANKS!' and the man says 'SAUX! HATS ARE PRETTY MUCH OF A NUISANCE AFTER ALL'.