

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt.)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Tragedy, which has stalked Republican old guard ranks for the last four years, reached its culmination in the suicide by gas of Senator Frank Brandegee of Connecticut.
In no similar period has the hand of death played so important a part in the destinies of the party. To some of the near-superstitious it has seemed that Fate itself had intervened to play a guiding hand in the party's affairs.
The death of W. Murray Crane in October, 1923, less than four months after he had brought about the nomination of Calvin Coolidge as candidate for vice president, was followed in December, 1923, by the passing of Boies Penrose, who played an equally deciding role in the selection of Harding as the party's choice for president.
Crane and Penrose were to a greater extent than any other two men in the party's history the "Men Behind the Machine." "Boies" Crane and "Boss" Penrose, they were called. In matters of Old Guard policy, which was dominant Republican policy, their word was law.
Having made Harding and Coolidge the Republican ticket for 1924, these men passed on. With them passed the firm control which had ruled the G. O. P. for a full decade. Though their reign had been hard, it had been effective. Discipline had been maintained.
Not even the power, personality and popularity of Roosevelt could defy their demands and get away with it. They lost him in 1912. In doing so they lost the election to Wilson, but retained intact the organization machine, which to them was more important than winning the election.
In early August, 1923, President Harding died and Calvin Coolidge succeeded to office.
Fate had given the wheel another twist and placed in the White House a man who—at that time, at least—was far from a favorite with the powers then in control of the party machinery.
Contrary to the hopes and expectations of the half-superstitious "Republicans" who looked longingly toward the White House, believing

DAVIS GAIN IS NOTED IN DIGEST POLL

La Follette Losing Second Place to Democratic Nominee

COOLIDGE STILL HAS HUGE LEAD

Twelve States Give as Their Choice Standard Bearer of Jeffersonian Party.

Davis has almost overtaken La Follette in this week's returns of The Literary Digest's nation-wide presidential poll, which are released today. Besides increasing his popular vote the Democratic candidate has gained ascendancy in Kentucky by the week's tabulations which give him leadership in twelve states.
Coolidge has 1,293,578 votes; Davis, 877,782; and La Follette, 456,007 of the 2,590,484 ballots now recorded.
Davis has brought down La Follette's lead over him from 48,455 last week, to 8,224 this week, a gain of over 40,000. President Coolidge has also increased his percentage of the popular vote a fraction. Senator La Follette's share has declined over one per cent.

Two Doubtful.
California and West Virginia continue in the doubtful column. In Illinois, Coolidge is leading La Follette by 2½ to 1 and Davis by 5 to 1. The president outnumbers Davis nearly 5 to 1 and La Follette over 2 to 1. In Iowa, Davis over 2 to 1 and La Follette more than 5 to 1. In Indiana, Davis nearly 5 to 1 and La Follette almost 2 to 1. In Minnesota, Davis by 5 to 1 and La Follette by 3 to 1 in New York.

"If this poll is any indication," the Digest states, "President Coolidge is likely to receive considerably more than a sufficient number of votes in the Electoral College to insure his election to succeed himself as the next president of the United States. Kentucky, since last week, has switched from the Republican to the Democratic column, and West Virginia continues to show such an even balance between Davis and Coolidge that it may be put in the doubtful column. California, with its present vote of 76,949 for Coolidge, to 65,050 for La Follette, may also, to avoid

WALLACE DENIES FLOATING RUMOR OF RESIGNATION

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary Wallace has suffered further complications from the operation last week and his condition is regarded as serious today. Toxemia, resulting from infection of his intestines, has set in.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The department of agriculture issued a statement Thursday night saying Secretary Wallace, who is in a hospital here recovering from a recent operation, had authorized the most positive denial of rumors that he intended to resign his cabinet post.

WALLACE HAS SETBACK
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary Wallace has suffered some slight complications from operations he underwent last week for the removal of his appendix and gall bladder but physicians say his condition is not serious.
Commander Joel T. Boone, one of the White House physicians who had been attending the secretary, said Mr. Wallace probably would not be able to leave the hospital for about two weeks.

STEAM ROLLER RUNS 'AMUCK'

Many have heard of the polliwog "steam roller" and how it smashes across everything it touches; how the community is imperiled wherever it is turned loose, and when that thought of a big steam roller trundling along without control comes over one, he should think of an Arkansas boy on his child's day.

A demonstration of what a steam roller running amuck will do was given yesterday when the big roller owned by the Warren Construction company came rolling down Pennsylvania avenue with Fred Hughes at the throttle, his eyes bulging like a chariot driver in a race for life.

A "coll" piloted the "old lady" carefully to that very little pile on Pennsylvania and thinking that a steam roller would remain perfectly decent on any grade, started down the hill. The big roller twisted a few times, skidded sideways, crossed first 16th, then 17th, and then to the south, apparently not being careful of which route it would take. Finally, she turned herself loose, and down she came striking "city" Peterson's new compact car with awful grind. She showed the top of the car, and climbed the top of the car, and the old steam roller was still going with the old steam roller, getting her toiled in the parking lot. She rammed Mr. Goble's touring car, which the roller had picked

Babson Discusses The German Loan, Business

BABSON PARK, Mass. (Special)—An analysis is being made at Babson Park of the subscriptions to the new German loan which they are from what sections of the country are providing the money, and the interest which is being shown by investors everywhere. It is of course, common knowledge, but it has not yet been fully realized what this successful flotation means. In an extensive interview today Roger W. Babson made the following statement:
"So many comments have been made regarding the security and yield of the new German bonds that I need not discuss this phase of the question. Personally, I am

hopeful regarding European bonds only on the assumption that there is to be general disarmament in Europe. Europe has money enough to make good its indebtedness or to maintain large armies. Whether or not it has sufficient funds to do both, only the future can tell. I sincerely trust that the League of Nations will develop some plan which will enable Europe to safely disarm. Then there will be no question regarding European bonds and the present German bonds should sell at a handsome premium. The fact that Europe has not disarmed is why Germany and these other countries are

Tax Returns Publication Against Law

So Holds Collector of Internal Revenue Bowers; Treasury Silent on Ruling.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The justice department served notice today that pending examination of the status and final rulings, newspapers publishing income tax returns do so at their own risk. The treasury is withholding a definite opinion. Revenue Commissioner Blair, however, indicated he regarded the publication of returns as a violation of the law.
Some papers printed details of tax returns made available at revenue collectors offices in their localities, under a department order to open to inspection the income tax records.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The collector of internal revenue, Mr. Bowers, today announced that publication of the income tax returns was a law violation and that the violators were subject to \$1000 penalty, a year imprisonment, or both.
Tax amounts paid by prominent persons were printed generally in newspapers.

SURVIVORS OF TRIP LANDED

PETROPOLYOVSK, Siberia (By the Associated Press)—After a tempestuous voyage, the Soviet Russian transport "Red October" arrived here today from Wrangell Island with Charles Wells, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a survivor of Stefansson's expedition to the island a year ago.
Twelve Eskimo members of the expedition were also aboard.
Professor David, chief of the Russian expedition, explained that Wells and the Eskimos were taken off the island because they had no desire to remain, and because they had no permit from the Soviet government to live or hunt there. David reported the discovery of the grave of Harold Noyce, who perished there.

Report Eerie.
(By the Associated Press)—David's reported discovery of Noyce's grave is manifestly erroneous since Noyce returned to New York in October, 1923, after visiting Wrangell and taking off the bodies of Stefansson's second expedition. Wells was a member of the Noyce party.

FUND RAISING METHOD SHOWN

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Testimony indicating the national committee has set up organizations within the various industries, businesses and professions to raise campaign funds from men within those fields of endeavor, was given Thursday to the senate campaign fund investigation committee.
At the same time the committee received from Republican national headquarters supplemental statements regarding contributions showing that the total received as of October was only \$350,000 in low the maximum of \$2,000,000 which Chairman Butler has stated he expects and hopes to raise for the conduct of the present campaign. These statements covered the period from October 10 to 15 and showed receipts of approximately \$350,000 within those five days.
These also came to the attention of the senate investigators regarding rumors that \$100,000 is being sent into Montana independent of the Republican national committee and the Republican state chairman for use against Senator Thomas J. Walsh, Democrat, proponent of the oil industry, who is a candidate for re-election.

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NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Today marks the end of the visit of the Prince of Wales to the United States. He is expected to board the steamer "Olympic" late this afternoon.
His wish to dine with the passengers has been met and he has selected a table in the corner of the main dining room, adjacent to the ship's orchestra and near the dancing space.
A Western Union operator will be installed in the lobby.
Budapest Ploeks to Football.
HUNGARY (AP)—A crowd of 25,000 gathered in this city recently to witness a soccer football game between German and Hungarian players. The German team was beaten 4 to 1.

OWNERSHIP BY PUBLIC IS SCORED

Coolidge Gives Attitude on Public Affairs in Address

LAST BIG SPEECH BEFORE ELECTION

President Lays Down Administrative Policies to Promote Welfare of People.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge set forth Thursday night policies of administration under which he will "maintain peace, promote economy, provide a protective tariff, assist the farmers, leave the people in possession of their property and maintain the integrity of the courts."
In the last extended address he expects to make before election and the most comprehensive he has delivered since his speech of acceptance of the Republican nomination on practically every phase of government affairs. He discussed campaign issues, in some instances for the first time.
Mr. Coolidge spoke before the Eastern Division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, meeting here in the chamber's new building and the address was carried by radio to almost every section of the country.
Summarizing the administration's program which he said had brought an era of more than average prosperity, the president called attention to the fact that the "natural supposition that every well-wisher of the country would be anxious to maintain the would be established order of things" there are now proposed "at least two of the most revolutionary changes—government ownership of transportation and limitation of the powers of the supreme court."

HELI LADIES COME TO LA GRANDE TO PURCHASE

That La Grande is more and more an Eastern Oregon shopping center as well as the natural trading center for the territory is shown conclusively by the growing number of out-of-town people who motor or come otherwise to this city to make purchases from the wide variety offered by local merchants.
Not a day passes during the week but that many spend a few hours here, buying necessities or luxuries, as the case may be, before returning to their home.
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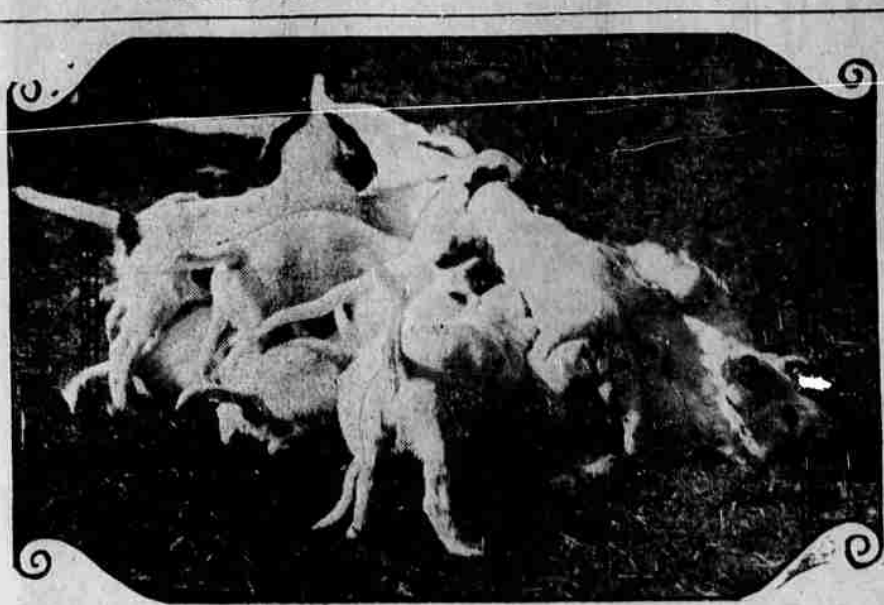
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He Is Broadcasting Every Day

The Observer advertiser is in the radio broadcasting business—but probably you don't realize it.
Every day through these columns he talks to an unseen audience of 15,000 people. When you "listen in" and act on his advertising message—then is the time to tell him—"I tuned in on you last night!" He likes to know that you're a part of that vast audience.
"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Lunch Time in the Setter Family



"Lady Bess," aged four years, a purebred blooded setter, recently gave birth to the largest litter of pups in the records of the American Kennel association. Fourteen of 'em. They're a hungry crew, their mother complains.

CIRCUIT COURT CASE STILL ON

The circuit court civil case, Oxman and Harrington vs. Baker County which was begun at the court house yesterday was continued today. Most of yesterday's session was devoted to examining the jurors and arguing technical points. Testimony will begin this afternoon.
W. S. Levens, William P. Smith and William P. Smith, Jr., are the attorneys for the defense and the firm of Nichols, Hallock and Donald are handling the prosecution. All are of Baker.

ONTARIO MAY BECOME 'DRY'

TORONTO (By the Associated Press)—Revised figures in the Ontario plebiscite at 9:30 o'clock today gave a majority of 30,167 for the temperance act.
The "dry" votes are coming in from the rural sections.

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SHUN FARMERS FOR CONTROL

(By HARRY N. CRAIN)
SALEM, Ore. (Special)—Governor Walter M. Pierce, well-known friend of the tax-ridden producer, and the Oregon Journal, champion of innumerable reforms in the interests of agriculture in times past, are now willing to offer up their former friends in the state as a sacrifice to secure the election of Jefferson Myers as state treasurer and retain for themselves the majority on the state board of control they now enjoy.
Pointing to the report on the condition of the school funds administered by the state land board for them by a Portland accountant, the governor and the Oregon Journal are loudly proclaiming that 550 of the 4241 loans on farm lands made out of the state's school funds "are in bad shape." On 181 of these loans foreclosure proceedings are now in progress, they allege, and further charges of borrower delinquency, all of which is set out in the accountant's report. In all the governor, the Oregon Journal and the accountant found that on June 31st of this year there were 602 farmers delinquent on payment of interest and principal on their loans.
If these 602 farmers are technically delinquent they have, in most cases been made so by Governor Pierce and State Treasurer Myers who, for months now have constituted the majority on the land board.

ON INJUNCTION GRANTED

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Chief Justice McBride today granted a temporary injunction preventing the city of Astoria from closing the soft drink establishments operated by A. T. Fuller and Martin Costello pending the outcome of their appeal to the circuit court.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and sheep nominally steady; hogs steady to 50 cents lower. Light weight \$10.00-\$10.45. Eggs one cent lower, 47¢-51¢. Butter 42 cents, butterfat steady.

DEATH TAKES HEAVY TOLL OF PILGRIMS TO MECCA

ATATAVA, Dutch East India (AP)—Of 50,000 Dutch Indian Mohammedans who made the pilgrimage to Mecca this year, about 5,000 have died on the way back from disease and exhaustion consequent upon the hardships of travel in visiting the holy places of Islam. Moslems believe that by these visits they will gain sanctity here and paradise hereafter.

BERLIN TURNS TO ELECTRIC SIGNS

BERLIN (AP)—Advertising by electric signs, which has been largely restricted in Berlin since the outbreak of the war, will be practically unrestricted hereafter. Only objections from the artistic point of view may be made, and it is hoped within a short time to restore the pre-war night activities of Berlin.

Lowden to Speak at Pendleton Saturday

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Frank O. Lowden, ex-governor of Illinois, will be here Saturday night to make an address on the issues of the present political campaign.
The meeting will be held in the circuit court room at 7:30 o'clock.

XTRA

MEXICANS KILL TEXAN
WASHINGTON (AP)—Eugene Marcus Barnes, of Wasco, Texas, was killed by Mexican bandits near La Palma, Vera Cruz, according to dispatches received by the state department. The American embassy has been instructed to take the matter up with the Mexican foreign office and to ask suitable reparations.

GARY ON BUSINESS

NEW YORK (AP)—The business conditions during the next four years depend largely upon the election result, Chairman Gary of the U. S. Steel corporation declared in an address before the American Iron and Steel Institute today. "Every well informed man and woman knows that if the best known and are elected there will probably be continued and increasing prosperity. If the less capable are elected, we may expect depression, business disturbances, more distress and a decided interruption to legitimate progress that will not be easily overcome," he said.

WAR ENDS IN CHINA TODAY

MUKDEN (AP Press Time Flash)—The ending of the war with the Chinese central government was officially announced in a communique at the headquarters of Chiang Tso Lin here at 3 o'clock today.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED

PEKING (AP)—President Tiao Kin issued a proclamation today, ordering the immediate cessation of the police and dismissing Wu Pei Fu, commander of the Peking military forces, from his present post. The president ordered both Chihli and Mukden forces to remain at their present positions. The post held by Wu was abolished. Wang Ching Tung, civil governor of Chihli, and General Feng, now in control of the central authority, were instructed to assume command of the troops at Shanghai.

Six Speakers Scheduled For Tuesday Luncheon

A program that gives promise of being one of the most interesting staged at a chamber of commerce luncheon for some time has been announced for Tuesday, October 29, according to the secretary.
Six five-minute talks on the subject of "The Biggest Thing the chamber of commerce can do for the community and how" will be given by members of two public speaking classes held in this city during the past summer. These classes, captained by Hugh Brady and Floyd McKennon, will choose their own speakers. They will contest for a prize.
Who will preside over the meeting and the names of the speakers and judges will be announced later. If, however, it appears that there is any effort on the part of the contestants to bribe the judges their names will be withheld. In speaking of the contest this morning Judge Brady stated that "there are no two ways about it, we can beat them anytime without any difficulty. The question is to give them a fair shake and for that reason we may not use our best men."
All that Mr. McKennon had to say on the matter was "Fiddle go with before a fall."
At any rate several persons are known to be practicing oratory to a marked degree and a lively contest is assured.
The meeting will be held in the L. O. P. hall, beginning at 12:05 o'clock sharp.

SHENANDOAH IS ON LAST LEG OF TRIP

Dirigible Left Ft. Worth This Morning at 10:30 O'clock

GIANT CRUISER AFTER RECORD

Return to Be Made Via Little Rock and Dayton, Missing Most of Larger Cities.

GREENVILLE, Tex. (AP Press Time Flash)—The Shenandoah passed here at 12:55 o'clock central time.

PORT WORTH, Texas (By the Associated Press)—The Shenandoah left here at 10:30 o'clock this morning, bound for Lakehurst, New Jersey on the last lap of the return of a round trip from Lakehurst to Camp Lewis and back. The Shenandoah will follow the northern route, via Little Rock and Dayton, missing all the big cities possible, according to Commander Lash Down.
A record trip will be attempted. The giant dirigible, a part of the United States navy, the only ship competing with the ZR-3 in size and flying ability, was in Camp Lewis about a week ago after a tempestuous voyage up the coast from California.
A few days ago she left for the south on the first lap of the return trip and moored at North Island naval station, near San Diego. From there the point ship sailed through the air to Port Worth, Texas.