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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Probable rain in the Northwest.

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(By HARRY B. HUNT)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—With an eye to the future, when they hope to see a woman riding down Pennsylvania avenue at the head of an inaugural parade, members of the National Woman's Party and the National League of Women Voters are hoping "Ma" Ferguson of Texas and "Our Nell" Ross of Wyoming will come to Washington to participate in the Coolidge inauguration on March 4.

Although both are Democrats, as visiting chief executives of sovereign states they would be accorded places in the inaugural parade.

And as the first women ever to be elected to such high office it is felt that their participation in the ceremony would place the whole status of women, as possible future contenders for the presidency, in a new and more favorable light.

The journalistic classic of the campaign came the day after the election.

It disclosed once and for all the real reason behind the Coolidge landslide.

And it revealed as the prize picker of presidents, by his own confession none other than Colonel George Brinton Harvey, ex-Democrat, ex-ambassador to Great Britain.

The Washington newspaper which Harvey now edits took no less than nine columns of type to tell how George, when calamity faced the party of his adoption, and the Democratic-Progressive assault seemed certain to sweep Coolidge from power, plunged his pen into the ink and saved the day with his battery of "Coolidge or Chaos."

"Colonel Harvey," says the account, "with one held and illuminative stroke, disclosed to the distracted people the sole, vital, paramount issue that confronted them."

"When George Harvey"—remember, George is saying it in the paper he edits—"became the editor of the Washington Post," the Post avers, "the Republican party was in a state of demoralization, prepared to take its kicking lying down."

"He made it stand up, fight and win."

That certainly ought to get George the prize plum on the presidential pick counter.

A new wrinkle in court procedure was demonstrated by Manuel Herrick, former "dare-devil" of Congress from Oklahoma, when he appeared in court as his own attorney in his suit asking \$50,000 damages because Miss Ethelyn Crane, his former secretary, refused to marry him.

Technically, it was a breach of promise case, but the judge ruled

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U. S. BUSINESS
ON FIRM BASE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—An advance in agricultural prices, the beginning of sound policies in German reparations and the recovery of American industry were characterized as three outstanding features of the last fiscal year in a business condition review made public today by Secretary Herbert Hoover.

While there was some inactivity in some lines, the report says, there has since been a complete recovery.

"Increasing stability in agriculture is further marked by the fact that wholesale prices, due in a large part to the general world economic readjustment and settlement of European conflicts, has been favored in some degree by local and special causes such as a decrease in the corn crop and a slightly subnormal wheat crop," Secretary Hoover said.

"Transportation facilities for the last year were adequate for the time since before the war, he said.

Union Downed 28 to 6
By La Grande Eleven

A football team that was still fighting, romped through Union high school's eleven Saturday afternoon for four touchdowns and one safety, winning by a final score of 28 to 6. Two attempts at goal after touchdown failed.

MacTavish started most of the second team players at the beginning of the contest and to them belongs the credit for winning. A complete first string lineup only contributed one six-spot, after the game already had been scored away 22 to 6.

The first quarter went by scoreless, although La Grande's warriors contributed four first downs, two from scrimmage and two by forward passing. In the second

UNION MAN MURDERED

A.F. OF L. CONFERENCE IS STARTED

Four Hundred Delegates Attending Opening Session at El Paso

JOINT MEETINGS TO BE FEATURED

Mexican Federation to Join Americans This Afternoon; Americans Reciprocate Tomorrow.

EL PASO (By the Associated Press)—The fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor opened here today. About 400 delegates, spokesmen for approximately 3,000,000 workers, entered the initial session.

Debate in departmental conference last week forecast a general convention keynote on a determined stand against wage reduction.

The labor interests of two nations centered in this district today, as the Mexican confederation of labor met today in Juarez, across the international bridge.

Plan Joint Session.

Mexican delegates late today will come here for a joint session with the Americans and tomorrow the American federation will go to Juarez for another joint session.

The report of the executive council, an address by President Gompers, and an address of welcome by Secretary Slater, of the Texas federation, composed the program for the opening session.

Report Given.

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—Industry must solve its own problems or face the alternative of state intervention, it added, "must inevitably lead to bureaucracy and breakdown."

"Industry must find its own way through the difficulties with which it is beset," said the report. "There is no magic wand with which barriers may be waved aside. There is no outside agency, governmental or otherwise, which may be called in as physician to cut away the

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SUPREME COURT RULINGS WASHINGTON (AP)—Rulings by the supreme court today included:

Judgments can be liquidated out of property in hands of an alien property custodian.

Land purchased by Indians from funds derived from their allotments cannot be alienated without the consent of the interior department.

Compensation ratings made by the United States Veterans Bureau are not reviewable by the courts except when it is shown that they are wholly unsupported by facts.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL CHICAGO (AP)—Charles G. Dawes, vice president-elect, is making a rapid recovery today from a minor operation for hernia yesterday. He passed a comfortable night. The general is said to have expressed a desire to smoke his pipe after physicians had administered a local anesthetic, but the doctor forbade.

Transportation facilities for the last year were adequate for the time since before the war, he said.

quarter Hammett furnished the spectators a thrill when he intercepted a Union pass in midfield and raced 28 yards for the first score. Two of these opponents attempted to halt him but met with no success. McKennon converted.

Another Score.

Shortly afterwards Hammett added more glory to his name by breaking away for a twenty yard gain and then throwing a beautiful pass to Johnson, who scored the second touchdown. The try for goal was blocked by a fighting Union line.

Union took a big brace between halves and came back determined to win.

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Wadsworth, Curtis Are After Post

G. O. P. Majority to Choose Floor Chief to Succeed Late Senator Lodge.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Although opening of the short session of the congress is two weeks away, and one of the positions is not to be filled until the new congress begins its sessions, the races for the Republican senate leadership and for president pro tem of that body already are warming up.

The death of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts left open the post of floor leader for the majority party, while Senator Cummins of Iowa, the president of the senate, has formally announced that he would relinquish that office at the conclusion of the present short session.

It will be necessary for the Republicans to select a leader before congress convenes December 1 and the names of Senators Curtis and Wadsworth of New York, now figure most prominently. These same senators also have been frequently mentioned in connection with the office of president pro tem.

Warren Steps Aside.

Senator Warren of Wyoming would ascend to the leadership if the Republicans adhered to the party custom of naming the senator oldest in point of service.

Senator Warren's friends say he prefers to devote his main attention to his duties as chairman of the appropriations committee.

Senator Moses of New Hampshire has announced his candidacy.

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RAIDERS ARE YET IN POWER

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Twenty-five (twenty-five) valley citizen raiders held the Los Angeles aqueduct canal water gates in the Alabama hills, 200 miles north of here, during the night, spilling the intake supply to the Los Angeles water system into the Owens river. The raiders have retained control of the gates since yesterday.

Acqueduct Is Cut.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Practically the entire flow of the Los Angeles aqueduct, the city's chief source of water for domestic and industrial uses, was diverted into the Owens river near Lone Pine, about 200 miles north of here, by a raiding party of 60 men who stormed the aqueduct guards Sunday and threw open the Alabama waste gates.

Sheriff Charles Collins of Inyo county has telegraphed Governor Richardson asking for troops, declaring immediate action by the military is all that can prevent bloodshed.

Due to Water Feud.

The raiders, alleged to be residents of Owens valley, where for years a water feud has raged between the city and valley ranchers and business men Sunday stood their ground at the spillway and defied Sheriff Collins and representatives of the city of Los Angeles.

The attackers announced that they would continue to waste the water until a committee came from Los Angeles and "settled" the water rights controversy with them. Sheriff Collins, after vainly endeavoring to force them to stop, has been forced to retreat.

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WIDOW OF NOTED U. S. FINANCIER CALLED BEYOND

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y. (By Associated Press)—Mrs. Frances P. Morgan, 52, widow of J. Pierpont Morgan, died at her home here last night. She suffered a stroke 16 days ago, followed by pneumonia. She was unconscious for four days.

Java Earthquake Kills 500; Wrecks 120 Towns

BATAVIA, Java (By the Associated Press)—The number of persons who were killed in last Wednesday's earthquake in Java officially estimated at 500. Ten dozen villages were destroyed. The earth is still trembling.

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Every naturally follow the advertising to get the Thanksgiving suggestions offered. It's a practice that pays big dividends in buying satisfaction.

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JAPAN WILL NOT BACK OPIUM PACT

Conference for Suppression of Drug Smoking Near Collapse

NIPPON REFUSES TO SIGN ACCORD

Alleged Discrimination Against Japanese Importation of Opium Is Bone of Contention.

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—The international conference for the suppression of the opium smoking in the Far East virtually collapsed Sunday when the Japanese delegation announced it could not sign the proposed agreement because of the discrimination against Japan in connection with Japanese importation of opium.

Not since the Corfu dispute between Italy and Greece has the palace of the league of nations been the scene of such tense incidents as marked Sunday's forenoon session of the opium conference, the object of which was to arrange not alone for the suppression of opium smoking in the Far East but for the curbing of excessive opium production in China.

In consequence of charges by the British delegate and the apparent impossibility to obtain satisfaction concerning Japan's freedom to purchase opium abroad, the Japanese delegation virtually bolted the conference.

Admit Collapse.

The morning session adjourned with all the delegates admitting that the conference had virtually collapsed since it had achieved nothing on its program. Nevertheless, on the earnest appeal of the presiding officer, M. Van Witem, of Holland, the delegates agreed to reconvene in the afternoon and take up points in the

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SCHOOLS WILL OBSERVE WEEK

The La Grande public schools are observing what is called "National Education Week" commencing today and for the balance of the week.

This movement is fostered by the American Legion Bureau of Education and the National Educational association and has for its purpose the bringing of a realization of the value of schooling both to the individual and the nation.

The Constitution, Patriotism, Schools and Teachers, Literature, and Physical Education are among the subjects which will receive special study during the week. The studies are being conducted principally along the line of essays, oral recitations and by means of speakers in the various rooms.

The week opened today with a speech by Dr. H. P. Leland at the high school and one by Senator Bruce Dennis at the central school.

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Involved in L. A. Slaying



CZAR'S JEWELS IN L. A. CRIME

(By A. H. FREDERICK)

LOS ANGELES (NEA Special)—"The lips speak only what the mind wills, but music shows the soul."

An old motto but one which has sent the police of this city scurrying back over a music trail to solve the latest and one of its most sensational murders.

Harry J. Katz, wealthy clubman, diamond and real estate broker, a lion vivacious, somewhat of an eccentric, cannot speak now. He is dead, murdered. His violins are silent—22 of them, but it is through them that justice may be done his slayer.

Music Expressed Fears?

"Sometimes as plaintive, sometimes jolly, and sometimes as though the fear he felt was in them," declare neighbors, telling of his playing.

For in music, why ask the police? What visitor caused the music to change from sentiment and joy to fright? Answer that question, they say, and the mystery will be solved.

So the police are following his music trail—and other trails, too. There were diamonds, there were women, there were business intrigues that are said to include the intrigue of international gem smuggling.

Czar's Jewels Mentioned.

Was he killed in a dispute over

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TRADE UNIONS LOSE MEMBERS

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The total membership of trade unions in the United States increased from 447,000 in 1917 to 5,779,000 in 1923, according to advance figures taken from a report by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc., of this city, under the title "The Growth of American Trade Unions, 1880-1923."

The largest membership recorded in one year was in 1920, when 5,119,500 were enrolled in trade unions. The membership in 1921 was 4,813,400; and in 1922, 4,055,400.

Report Approved.

The findings in this report, which required two years for its preparation, have been approved by the board of directors of the bureau.

Summarizing the tables in the formal report, a statement authorized by the bureau reads in part as follows:

"During roughly the last half century the membership in American trade unions has twice reached striking peaks, from which it has later descended. The first peak was achieved in 1887 when membership rose to about 1,000,000 and the second in 1920 when it exceeded 5,000,000. In each case the latter movement failed to hold its maximum numbers.

Losses Great.

"After 1887 the losses were so great that membership in the early nineties was probably only a couple of hundred thousand, and since 1920 the unions have lost more than one and a quarter millions.

"The two situations are not, however, analogous. The labor movement of the eighties was a

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WILLIAM WIGGLESWORTH SHOT TO DEATH AT HOME; NEIGHBOR UNDER ARREST

Newton Gamble Held on Circumstantial Evidence, According to Word from Union Marshal, Dave Van Houten; Fatal Bullet Alleged to Have Been Shot from .30 Caliber Army Rifle.

H. N. Gamble, here in the county jail today under suspicion of murdering William Wigglesworth, declared simply that "I am innocent of his murder." Union citizens, here today, visited the man and are of the belief that his claims of innocence are correct. Many Union people believe that a great injustice has been done in arresting "the old man."

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—A murder that deeply shocked this community occurred last night, before 10 o'clock, when an assailant shot to death William Wigglesworth, a prominent resident, at his home in the southwest part of town. Newton Gamble was arrested on circumstantial evidence.

Mr. Wigglesworth was one of the best liked and most respected citizens of Union and his untimely death found gloom settling over the city today. Several relatives survive him.

Gamble, who is said to be 63 years of age, was a neighbor of the deceased and, although no one saw the shot, suspicion pointed its ugly finger at him and his arrest resulted. The bullet, which struck the victim in the heart, resulted in instant death. An inquest is being held at Union this afternoon.

Revival Has An Excellent Start Here

Off to an excellent start is the religious revival which started last night when all Protestant denominations held union services in the First Methodist church of this city and enjoyed what was no doubt one of the best religious meetings in La Grande's history.

It was the starting of a general and united effort to bring to La Grande more of a sincere religious tone and to strengthen the churches and their membership.

Rev. Mr. Creamy, of the Episcopal church, delivered the sermon and his effort was splendid. He forcefully presented God as a God of Love. "You may say that you cannot understand God," said Mr. Creamy, "but you can, for whoever turns to the new testament, sees and hears Jesus Christ and sees and learns God, for Christ is the image of God." He further stated that man is in this life on probation and his greatest privilege in this probation period, is to learn God and His infinite love.

Rev. Keith, of the Methodist church, acted as chairman for the Ministerial association and during

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UNION NEWSIES "DITCH" PAPERS ON VACANT LOTS

MRS. HARDING IS RESTING QUIETLY TODAY, IS REPORT

MARION, O. (By the Associated Press).—Although Mrs. Warren G. Harding is resting quietly this morning, kidney and liver complications were more marked today, according to a physician's bulletin.

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SCHOOL BOOKS WILL COST MORE, SAYS CHURCHILL

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—An increase of 25 per cent in the cost of text books, in the Oregon grade and high schools, that are adopted by the state text book commission, meeting here today, is said by State School Superintendent J. A. Churchill to be unavoidable. The increase is due to higher production costs.

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Western Ranges Are Improved; Rain Helps

PORTLAND, Ore. — Western ranges showed a slight improvement during October due to rains in the Intermountain and coast sections, and more favorable conditions in the northern part of the range country east of the continental divide, while in Texas and New Mexico the continued drought resulted in a decline. The winter feed outlook is generally good in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and the western sections of Nebraska, Kansas and South Dakota, while unsatisfactory conditions prevail in West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and the southern part of Utah and Nevada. The feed situation in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California is better than anticipated earlier. Shortage of feed has resulted in moving stock in Idaho, Utah and Nevada, with prospects of a continued movement from Arizona in the northern part of the range country east of the continental divide, while in Texas and New Mexico the continued drought resulted in a decline. 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