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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Rain in west, cloudy in the east tonight and Wednesday.

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Hunt's
Daily
Letter

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The Democratic party may be down, but evidently it isn't out.

For at least one wing of the party even now is planning for the 1928 campaign and already has picked and is grooming a candidate for that contest.

Eastern Democrats of the liberal sort, who backed Al Smith for the Democratic nomination this year, feel that his failure to land the plum and thereby put New York's electoral vote in the Democratic column—and perhaps some others—was due to the fact that up to that time he had been a state, not a national figure.

With him in mind as their hero for 1928, they purpose to remedy that condition, and having done so are hopeful of "better luck next time."

Briefly, the program is to enter Al in the 1928 senatorial race in New York, against Jimmy Wadsworth.

It was Wadsworth who put young Teddy Roosevelt across as the Republican nominee for governor this year.

By defeating Teddy, Jr. even in the face of the heavy Coolidge majority on the national ticket, it is considered Smith also demonstrated his ability to lick Wadsworth.

In a purely state fight, such as that of 1926 would be, it is held the job would be even easier than this year.

As a senator, Smith then would be expected to catch the national eye in a more effective way than is possible in a mere state office.

Two years of experience in the broader field of national affairs might enable him to overcome some of the local prejudices which played so great a part in blocking his nomination last July.

If he measured, nationally, up to his home state reputation, the problem of putting him across as the Democratic standard bearer in 1928 would be greatly simplified.

Such is the program—as sketched out while the smoke of the late battle still hangs heavy over the political trenches and the field has not yet been cleared of casualties.

But 1928 is four long years away. And there's many a slip—particularly in politics.

No La Follette propaganda is in—

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JOHNSON BUYS
OAKLAND CLUB

OAKLAND, CAL. (By the Associated Press)—The Oakland club in the Pacific Coast Baseball league will change hands Tuesday, passing into the ownership of Walter Johnson, pitching ace of the Washington Americans and George Weipert, owner of the New Haven club in the Eastern league, it was announced here Monday by J. Cal. Ewing, retiring Oakland owner.

The consideration was not announced but it was indicated by Ewing that it was in the neighborhood of three hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

Negotiations were concluded and the check was signed at a conference in the Hotel Oakland Monday. Ewing announced. The actual transfer papers will be signed Tuesday.

The deal was put over after having nearly fallen through last Friday, when the conference came to a stalemate on the question of price. Johnson desired for his home in Idaho to await developments.

The matter was re-opened at another conference yesterday and after two hours' discussion, was given an option on the club. This was to exercise and summoned Johnson back from Reno.

With the club will go a fine plant, which it is proposed to name "Walter Johnson field." Ewing will definitely retire from baseball along with Del Howard, his fellow.

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Airmen Plan Flight To
Belt The Pacific Ocean

HONOLULU (By the Associated Press)—The visit of the United States fleet to Hawaiian and Australian waters will be made this occasion for the first round-the-Pacific flight, under plans which are being backed by the Pan-Pacific Union here.

The idea was conceived by David Stodd, Australian delegate to the recent Pan-Pacific Food Conference, who has made a study of aviation, and has been given the unofficial approval of the ranking army and navy officials here.

A flight in four sections is contemplated; San Francisco to Honolulu, Honolulu to Manila, Manila to Australia, and Australia to Honolulu. All will follow commercial steamship routes.

Commander John Rodgers, U. S. N., commander of the naval air force here, said that while he considered the hop from San Francisco to Honolulu as a "stunt," he hoped it could be made. He received the route from Honolulu to Australia as practicable and estimated that it could be covered with one of the navy's new type planes in six days, as compared with the present steamer time of 10 days.

WILL STUDY
WATER FROM
ALL ANGLES

Commissioners - Elect
Plan Further Investigation of Problem

BOND ELECTION
IS POSTPONED

Action Taken at Informal
Meeting of City Dads
and Successors Last
Evening.

A special election for the purpose of solving the La Grande water problem will not be called in the near future, at least, not until after the commission-elect begins functioning after the first of the coming year.

The present city commission, composed of President H. S. Brown, Sheriff William Williams and C. J. Black, met last evening in consultation with the newly-elected commission, Dr. H. P. Landis, A. T. Hill and Charles Flayle, to discuss the advisability of calling the proposed election for the extension and repair of the Beaver Creek pipe line as quickly as possible, in order that the preliminaries could be completed during the winter months, and the work commenced early enough in the spring that additional water would be provided when needed in late summer.

After hearing the report of the present commissioners, which indicated the extension and repair of the present system would only be sufficient for the present needs and a slight increase in population, the new commissioners expressed themselves to the effect that they believed it would be a mistake to call an election for voter measures at the present time.

To Study Problem.

They indicated their preference to be that no action be called now, thereby giving them an opportunity of making further investigations of the situation from which they could make a decision as to what would be the best permanent supply both as to quantity and quality of the water.

Grade Schools
Have Education
Week Program

The public schools of the city entered on the second day's work on the American Education week program this morning. Special stress was laid on the importance of Patriotism day, in the high school and also in the grade schools.

Doctor J. L. Hodge addressed the students of the Central school this morning while Reverend George A. Powell spoke at Greenwood, Colonel R. E. Elmer at Riverside and George Elmer at Willow.

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BRYON IS HAPPY

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MARKETS STEADY TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Live stock nominally steady today. Eggs and butterfat steady. Butter 49c.

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1925 Oregon
Tax Levy To
Boost Fund

Income Tax Abolition Is
Not to Cut Revenues;
Governor's Pets To Be
Fought.

SALEM, Ore.—Although Governor Pierce contended in his special election address that the repeal of the state income tax law would so diminish the state's revenue that it would be necessary to abolish a number of state institutions and departments, figures computed here indicated that there can be raised by taxation for 1925, based on the valuations for 1924, approximately \$187,000 in excess of that available for this year without exceeding the 6 per cent limitation amendment.

These figures were computed by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, after L. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, had held in a legal opinion that in computing the tax for 1924, payable in 1925, the levying officials could take into consideration both the property tax and the state income tax for this year.

\$3,127,000 Is Available.

The property tax levied for 1924, according to the state tax commissioner, was \$187,000.14, within the 6 per cent limitation. To this amount was added the state income tax which was estimated at \$2,250,000, making a total of \$3,127,000.14.

Under the existing laws this amount can now be increased 1 per cent, or \$187,000.14, making a total of \$3,314,715.54 available for the year 1925, in event that amount of money is necessary. To this total there may be also added \$300,000 already paid in excess of the estimated \$1,250,000 income tax, and \$700,000 not yet collected under the income tax act. It was also expected, it was said, that the receipts of the various state departments for 1925 would show a substantial increase when compared with those for this year. This additional revenue also will be available for governmental expenses, the officials said.

Governor Is Persistent.

When informed of the attorney general's opinion Governor Pierce said that while the figures indicated that the state could raise the necessary money, he was not prepared to call an election for voter measures at the present time.

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TEDDY'S GIRL
IS POLITICIAN

(By Charles P. Stewart)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth is considered the most influential individual, politically, in Washington today.

Not being a public character, though, like her father, she has not the sort of influence with the mass of voters he had, but doubtless she could obtain it if she chose. But that is not her method.

Mrs. Longworth pulls the strings and when she pulls them she gets results in Congress and the executive offices. She gets most anything she wants.

Whether Mrs. Longworth deliberately set out to acquire all this political power or whether she attained it through more or less natural developments that she never particularly wished, perhaps she doesn't know herself.

Schooling in Politics

Obviously she had certain advantages to begin with. She was a president's daughter and that president was regarded generally as one of the two or three greatest the country ever had.

Of all his children Mrs. Longworth is the late Colonel Roosevelt. Everybody who knew him and who knows her agrees on this. From the time she began to talk, was part of her life. She never had to study public affairs. They were all about her. She absorbed them as naturally as she breathed.

Then she married Congressman Nicholas Longworth. Just as every young wife tries to help her husband to succeed, she set out to help Nicholas Longworth along the road to success in politics. And she pre-eminently knew how.

The Longworths never have been ostentatious Washington entertainers, but they have entertained a great deal. They have the means to do so in the best of style and taste and the personal qualities and background to attract to them the country's ablest and most powerful men. Nobody is "big" enough not to know them.

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Mrs. Warren Harding's Condition Unchanged

MARION, O. (By the Associated Press)—The condition of Mrs. Warren G. Harding is unchanged this morning, according to a physician's bulletin.

COLD SNAP
CONTINUES
IN THE EAST

Several Deaths Reported
Owing to Wintery
Wave and Storms

"FROLIC" MAY
HAVE PERISHED

Marine Division of New
York Police Searching
for Sloop, Carrying a
Crew of Seven.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Latest reports brought the storm dead to ten. Many are missing.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Tragic tales of the storm are being received. A large ship perished at the end of a rope while being hauled from water to safety aboard a revenue cutter. A man dozed in an automobile in a garage and died there. A poor man froze in the Elizabeth tenement while his son was looking for work. Scores of fishermen, rum runners and others, caught in the gale, abandoned sinking small craft and were rescued by coast guards.

COLUMBUS (By the Associated Press)—One death from the cold weather which swept the Ohio valley yesterday was reported here today. The body of an unidentified man was found buried in the snow, apparently frozen to death, on the banks of the Cuyahoga river.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The marine division of the police today are searching the sea for "The Frolic," a sloop which left Brooklyn Sunday with seven men aboard. It is feared they perished in heavy gales sweeping the Atlantic coast. Thirty-six hours search has been unavailing. Cold and wind yesterday wrought havoc with shipping and caused death and suffering among the poor. Three persons died from exposure.

NEW YORK (AP)—Cold weather and storms for the last few days are continuing to be a source of worry in New York and New England Sunday night and early Monday, the mercury in some places dropping to zero or below. In northern New York there was a considerable snowfall.

In New York city the mercury hovered about 20 degrees during the early hours, marking the day as the coldest this season. There was a slight snow flurry during the night but all traces of it had disappeared at daylight. An un-

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Former Premier Voted
Amnesty by Frenchmen

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Joseph Caillaux, former premier, who was convicted in 1919 of having "incited" the army to the war, was voted amnesty today by the senate.

Louis Malvy, former minister of the interior, convicted of communication with the enemy during the war, and banished from France for three years, was also voted amnesty.

The vote on the Caillaux case, after but two hours' discussion, was a surprise.

The amnesty measure restores to Caillaux full civil rights. He may run for parliament and hold office. Upon well informed authority, it is said the government intends to make him "financial adviser" to the ministry of finance.

For
Holiday
Shoppers

This is the time of year when shopping becomes a pleasure—and a duty. Holiday buying is something that must be done. But it's no effort when every store and shop is prepared especially to help you.

Now, more than ever before, it'll pay to read the ads constantly—they'll give endless suggestions that you'll readily appreciate.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

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TURKEY SHOOT
TO BE SUNDAY

Next Sunday the Wing, Fin and Foot club will hold a shoot at the club grounds near Lane Tree with an abundance of prizes for the best marksmen and everyone will have a chance to win, according to Albert Curry, secretary of the organization.

Turkeys, geese, ducks and beef will be given on the grounds. The shooting will be both at the customary blue rock pigeons and with rifles at regulation targets.

Every provision is being made to insure the comfort of the participants and the spectators. Ladies are cordially invited to attend. A hot lunch will be served on the grounds by Surber Kline at noon. A building in which to serve the lunch and which will offer shelter and heat is now being built and will be ready by Sunday. The traps are being covered thus making it more difficult to judge the birds and in fact no effort or expense is being spared to make the affair a big success.

Cars will leave Herman's Restaurant at 9, 9:30, 10, and 10:30 o'clock to convey those who do not have transportation to the grounds. Members who have extra room in their cars are asked by the club to stop at Herman's on the way out and help with transportation.

GOVERNORS MEET
IN FINAL
DAY OF CONFERENCE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (By the Associated Press)—A conference of governors, meeting here in sixteenth annual session, entered the concluding day today with Governor Branch of Indiana, and Governor Cox of Massachusetts, leading with papers on prevention of grade crossing automobile accidents and safeguarding highways, respectively.

EDUCATION
IS BIGGEST
PROBLEM

Lapham Delivered Forceful
Address at Commercial Luncheon

NOTHING WRONG
WITH SCHOOLS

So Claims Speaker Who
Pointed Out Future
Needs and Present
Dangers to Institutions

"There is nothing wrong with the public schools of the United States."

That was the keynote of one of the most inspiring forceful addresses delivered before a local chamber of commerce for many a week, today at noon when that civic body met in the Odd Fellows hall. Stanton C. Lapham was the speaker.

Mr. Lapham's address came as the principal event of the chamber's observance of National Education week, now under way over all the nation.

The Big Problem.

"Talking strictly in the terms of the present and future and ignoring the past, he stressed the fact that the 'public school problem' facing America today is the big problem."

"The man who believes that tax problems and the like are paramount is a fossil."

"If we take care of the child, morally, physically, mentally and spiritually, and make him safe to become an American citizen of tomorrow, we have solved the greatest problem of the day," he declared.

Haps Alien Influence.

Mr. Lapham severely scored alien influence, which he being brought to bear upon the school systems in many states. Happily, he asserted, Oregon is nearly free from this menace but such is not the case with many other states.

He cited Massachusetts of the luckless state controlled by an element that is clearly alien to the best interests of the democratic educational institutions.

He pleaded for modern equipment and maintenance of the schools on a bigger scale. "We don't want cheap men at the head of our schools," he stated emphatically. "We want the best teachers that money can buy." Citing as an instance of influence that causes hesitation in paying teachers what they are really worth, he remembered a man in western

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PARTIAL TABU
ON TAX LISTS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The internal revenue collectors were instructed today by Commissioner Blair to restrict public inspection of income tax lists to not more than three days per week, and not more than three hours each day.

Declaring it had been demonstrated that "there are many who desire to see the lists for no obvious reason," Blair said measures had to be adopted to permit the functioning of the collector's offices without delays incident to inspection of lists by everyone so desiring.

Ramek Succeeds Seipel
As Austrian Minister

VIENNA (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Eusebius Ramek of Salzburg, former Austrian minister of interior today accepted the post of chancellor of the Austrian government, replacing Dr. Ignaz Seipel, who resigned yesterday.

CORONER'S JURY

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The men who served yesterday on the coroner's jury that investigated the shooting of William Wigglesworth and failed to fix the blame on any one person, were as follows: J. H. Jones, P. H. Conner, W. E. Miller, C. E. Cooper, J. M. Johnson, M. R. Levy and G. L. Home.

A post mortem over the body was held.

Jersey City's Huge Fire
Photographed From The Air

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PREACHER SUSPECTED

COLUMBUS (AP)—Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, nine years pastor of the Christ Lutheran church at Bexley, a suburb, was being questioned today in connection with the finding of the charred bones of his wife's body in the furnace of their home late yesterday.

The coroner's verdict was suicide, contending that the woman crawled into the furnace, closed the door after her, but because of a fire in the furnace, County Prosecutor King declared it would have been impossible for the woman to close the door after her.

A dozen witnesses were questioned today.

Sheatsley is not under arrest but is being held for questioning.

DEATH CAR SPEEDS

TACOMA (AP)—Speeding at 75 miles per hour, attempting to outdistance police officers, an automobile listed to the Evergreen Cemetery Co. of Seattle, containing seven negroes, crashed into a railroad trestle bulkhead today, killing one and injuring six. Earl Moss, 19, the driver, was killed. Police reported liquor was in the wreckage.

FRAT EXONERATED

BERKELEY (AP)—The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, near the University of California campus, has been exonerated by university officials of charges by police that members of the organization and a number of women guests engaged in a "wild drinking party" last Friday night. Investigation of occurrences was made by the student affairs committee of the university at the request of the fraternity. The committee found that except for the charge that the party was somewhat noisy, the remaining charges of the police were unfounded.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES MORE
DATA ON SUGAR TARIFF

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge has received additional data from the tariff commission in connection with its report on the sugar tariff. He hopes to make a decision very soon on the question of tariff reduction.

Fatherhood of God Was
Second Revival Subject

The second revival service, held last night by La Grande Protestant church, was declared successful by the ministers as they commended on the services of the evening.

Lively singing marked the opening of the program and O. W. Jones, pastor of the Christian church, sang a special number, "Under His Wings."

Reverend Bert Powell, pastor of the Methodist church, South, was the speaker for the evening and his pleasing personality and address won a warm place in the hearts of his hearers.

His text was from the familiar words of the Lord's prayer, "Our Father." The sermon was of the development of the thought of the Fatherhood of God. "It is the passion of our life to reproduce its kind," said the speaker, "and so God, as upon the last day of His creative activity, brought man into existence, making him after His own likeness and image, was following this law."

Man, he further continued, was made capable of communion and fellowship with God and like the Father who delights to have communion with his son, God delights to "commune with his children."

"Our greatest honor is in the fact that God has so graciously come near unto our being and given unto us of His love and care," Reverend Powell declared.

The meetings will continue each night of the week, excepting Saturday, at the Baptist church.

GAMBLE TO
FACE TRIAL
FOR MURDER

Warrant Sworn Out To-
day Charging Aged
Man with Crime

BLAME NOT FIXED
AT INQUEST END

Witnesses Claim Gam-
ble's Daughter Ac-
cused Father; Girl De-
nies Alleged Statements

H. Newton Gamble, aged Union resident, who was arrested Sunday evening suspected of killing William Wigglesworth, was today charged with first degree murder. The warrant was sworn out following a decision by the district attorneys to hold Gamble for trial despite the failure of a coroner's jury late yesterday to fix the blame.

Gamble was held and charged with the crime in the face of the jury's verdict because one of his daughters, according to two witnesses at the inquest, is said to have told Dave Van Houten, Union marshal, and F. Brown, Union resident and neighbor of the victim, that her father shot Mr. Wigglesworth. The girl denied that she had made any such statement when questioned before the coroner's jury, composed mostly of Union business men. A large crowd was present at the inquest.

The coroner's jury found simply that "William Wigglesworth met his death" from a gunshot wound. "Mystery" Bullet.

The bullet that pierced Mr. Wigglesworth's heart, resulting in his immediate death, was dug from the wall where it had lodged after striking the body, and was found to be fatal.

Gamble owns a .30 caliber Springfield rifle and only four cartridges were in the clip when officers examined it. The barrel was dirty and showed evidences of having been fired recently, but Gamble insisted that he had shot a cat with the fifth cartridge and had neglected to clean the rifle. A Springfield carries five shells to the clip.

One of the features of the prosecution's plans will be to prove that the bullet came from Gamble's rifle and was the "fifth" bullet.

However, it appears that this may be difficult to prove because the other four were steel jacketed bullets and the one that killed Wigglesworth was not. Local authorities fail to see how a leaden bullet could be fired with such force as to penetrate both the door, the man's body and then lodge in the wall. It is almost an impossibility for a jacket to leave the bullet.

Lived in Fear.

Another peculiar phase of the testimony brought out at the inquest was that the girls and Mrs. Gamble lived in fear.

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