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Daily
Letter(By HARRY B. HUNT)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Francis E. Warren of Cheyenne, Wyo., "the greatest shepherd since Abraham," doesn't care for the job of shepherding the G. O. P. flock in the United States senate during this short term of congress.

Whether Warren thinks there are too many "frogs" in the flock, or that the more rambunctious rams in the herd are likely to run amuck and cause a lot of trouble, isn't disclosed.

As senior member of the senate, following the death of Henry Cabot Lodge, Warren was in line for the senate leadership. It was a position of prestige to which his 29 full years of senate service entitled him.

But the prospect of having to ride range over La Follette, Norris, Brookhart, Frazier, Ladd and other G. O. P. "black sheep" in the short session somehow didn't appeal to the old shepherd.

He isn't as young as he used to be, having turned 50 last June and there were chances that it might be a rather rough roundup.

So he stepped aside, passing the honor and the responsibility on to the younger and, more stalwart shoulders, of Charles Curtis of Kansas, who during the last session wielded the G. O. P. whip under Lodge's leadership.

Senatorial dignity has suffered seriously as a result of the suggestion that the senate office building has been a rendezvous for midnight drinking and "petting" parties.

This situation, which has caused a general watch of the senatorial chambers in years past has now resulted in an order by Senator Curtis, chairman of the senate rules committee, that no one but senators and their secretaries—admitted to the building after 2:30 p. m.

Every senator has a sizable staff of clerks and assistants who normally are able to gain access to their quarters without question. Pass keys to senatorial offices, as a result, now rather widely distributed.

Last week when a watchman knocked at the door, a young woman

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GRID TEAM IS
HI DADS' GUEST

The annual Hi-Dad banquet for the football squad was held last evening at the high school and Trustmaster August J. Stange sent the program through with all the energy that marks a good football game.

About seventy plates were laid and the tables were tastefully decorated in a way that proved intense interest in the occasion on the part of the young ladies who managed and served the excellent dinner.

When the last course had been finished Mr. Stange blew the whistle.

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LIQUOR VENDOR
FINED HEAVILY

The second \$1000 fine in the last two days for violations of the Volstead act was levied by Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace, yesterday afternoon.

Clyde James, a resident of Union was apprehended by federal officers and charged with selling liquor at two different times. He pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined \$1000 for each offense.

At the time of going to press his fine had not yet been raised and Mr. James was resting in the county jail. In event the money is not raised the sentence will be served out at the rate of two dollars a day.

Railroad Mergers Are
Likely, Babson Claims

HARISON PARK, Miss. (Special).—Contemplated mergers have played a large part in the popularity of railroad securities in both stock and bond markets. In discussing this current development in the railroad industry, today, Roger W. Babson, statistician, offers some very interesting suggestions.

"The air is full of prospective railroad mergers," says Mr. Babson. "The old, inefficient and disorganized method of operating piece-meal short lines is over. The Interstate Commerce Commission is on record that the railroads of the country shall be grouped in certain combinations to the end that our commerce be handled in a sane and

ENFORCING
PROHIBITION
A BIG TASKAttorney General Stone
Needs More Men in
Justice DepartmentSLIGHT GAINS IN
"DRY" WORK NOTEDFederal Courts "Staggering
Under the Load
Imposed on Them by
Legislation," He Says.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—The Department of Justice daily is finding its task more difficult in keeping pace with the growth of the federal business it must transact and there is urgent need for remedial legislation applicable to various phases of law enforcement.

Attorney General Stone declared in his annual report submitted today to congress.

Federal courts are "staggering under the load imposed on them by prohibition legislation," the report stated, and added that "diverse and complex tax laws" also have increased greatly the burden which the courts must bear. The situation necessarily affects the offices of United States attorneys and there is need, the Attorney General said, not only for a greater personnel in those offices but in the salaries paid to them.

Prohibition Work Gains Slightly.

While there was a small decrease as compared with the previous year in the number of liquor cases taken into court, the decrease was termed inconsequential and its effect had not been felt in the work of those charged with enforcement. The courts disposed of 46,669 liquor and tax law cases in the year ending last June 30, an increase over the previous year of nearly 4,000. It was stated, and the aggregate amount of fines and forfeitures resulting from these cases was \$7,487,000, almost \$2,000,000 greater than in the previous year.

The Attorney General advocated greater use of the jail sentence as a "real deterrent" for violators of the prohibition law, basing his remarks on a discussion of enforcement by Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition and taxation, which was included in the report.

Heavy Fines Big Aid. "While the added fines are encouraging an indication of heavier money punishment, which helps to make the illicit traffic less profitable," Mrs. Willebrandt said, "the real deterrent to this class of violators is the jail sentence. In that respect a great advance has been made, the average jail sentence jumping from 21 to 24 days."

The penalties for violation of the prohibition laws at best are not severe for first offenses, particularly when compared with the penalties of the old internal revenue law.

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BUSINESS LUNCH
WILL FEATURE
FARM PROBLEMS

The weekly luncheon of the chamber of commerce next Tuesday will be entirely under the direction of the agricultural committee of the organization.

Dr. W. T. Phyl of Hot Lake will be chairman of the day. Few details of the lecture program are known but the agricultural committee is at present conducting a survey of the farming possibilities and conditions of Union county, and it is surmised that the talks will deal somewhat with this phase of the work.

In addition Miss Kathleen Campbell will sing several vocal solos, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Parkinson.

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Christians In
U.S. Work To
End LynchingFederal Church Council
Takes Credit for Less-
ening Mob Murders
50 Percent.

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special).—Such progress has been made in the fight against lynching that the churches are working with the "full expectation" of keeping the year 1925 free from lynchings.

This fact was stated in the report of the Commission on the Church and Race Relations to the fifth quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches today. The report shows that up to November 1 of this year there were 13 lynchings, a drop of fifty per cent compared with the same period for 1923. That year there were 28 lynchings showing a decrease of more than fifty per cent compared with 1922, when there were 57 mob murders.

Organized Efforts.

The report of the Commission is the story of Christianity applied to race relations. In 17 states committees or commissions have been formed since the Commission on the Church and Race Relations was organized three years ago. These commissions were chiefly in the Northern States where the influx of the Negro is causing a growing problem, because in the South the commission works hand in hand with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. W. W. Alexander, director of the latter, is one of the secretaries of the Federal Council commission. Dr. George E. Haynes, colored, is another secretary.

Following out the purpose adopted by the Commission "to array the sentiment of the Christian churches against mob violence," a few weeks after beginning active work in 1922 we launched a campaign to marshal the churches against the atrocious lynching evil. A pamphlet, "Mob Murder in America," was prepared. Nearly 35,000 have been placed in the hands of church leaders, North and South, and hundreds of newspapers all

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JOYOUS XMAS
NOT DISTANT

Santa is not far in the offing. Proof of that statement is ascertained merely by sauntering leisurely up and down Adams avenue and other business streets in La Grande and gazing at the shop windows, which are already beginning to blossom forth in the full glory of Yuletide. Business men are anticipating a heavy Christmas business and are making every preparation to take care of it.

From present appearances it looks as if this Christmas time will find more actual good fellowship and generosity prevalent than for many years.

And there is a reason.

A Solid Foundation. First of all, it is generally conceded that La Grande is sitting pretty on a solid financial foundation that is probably stronger this year than at any time since the war. Hard times have passed the Grande Ronde valley by more completely than any other nearby area or district and in this "land of plenty" there is little need for pinching of pennies as much as in the past.

Crops produced fairly well this year and general business was active throughout the year. Building and paving went ahead with leaps and bounds during the spring, summer and fall and that, alone, is proof beyond doubt, that this city is not in the midst of a depressive wave—or even on the edge.

Much Money Spent.

Nearly a quarter of million dollars was spent in improving streets and far more than that amount in building up the residential and business districts. In October \$41,000 was spent for building purposes and at midyear, the total at that time was nearly \$400,000.

The lumbering industry is also

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German Murderer of 27
Would Die Before Xmas

HANOVER (By the Associated Press).—Fritz Hartmann, local butcher, is being tried on charges of murdering 27 young men since 1918.

He reiterated, "I want to be dead before Christmas."

When arrested he gazed over the murders he committed. He now sits violently insane, jumping about and tearing his hair.

Hartmann confessed to murdering 14 men, cutting up their bodies, but denied selling the flesh for meat.

SECRETARY
TO PIERCE
QUITS POSTMiss Celia Bollman Re-
signs, to Become Effective
ImmediatelyW. A. DELZELL IS
HER SUCCESSORNew Complaint Against
Her Alleging Alienation
of Husband's Affections,
Filed by Mrs. Bozell.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Miss Celia Bollman, private secretary to Governor Walter M. Pierce since last spring, and defendant in a \$10,000 alienation of affections suit now pending in the Marion circuit court, has resigned, it was announced at the governor's office today.

W. A. Delzell, secretary of the state board of control, is announced as her successor, the change effective immediately.

Miss Bollman was made defendant in the suit by Mrs. Alice Bozell, of Salem, Ore., two months ago, but the case was non-suited because of a technical error in the complaint.

Suit Filed Again.
An amended complaint embody-

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COUNTY HEADS
ADOPT BUDGET

The county budget, which was printed in the Evening Observer a short time ago, was adopted as printed late this morning by the county court, in session today.

No complaints were made by citizens which indicated that the efforts of County Judge U. G. Couch and Commissioners Wells and Hutchison were satisfactory to the people.

INQUIRIES BY
BRITISH DUE

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—The British government, according to official circles here, is expected soon to address a note to the American and French governments, requesting information concerning steps taken or anticipated in settling the French war debt.

The idea that the United States may agree to fund the French debt on more favorable terms than the British debt continues to agitate the press.

There is also a growing insistence that if France pays the United States she must also pay Great Britain.

WASHINGTON (AP).—London reports that the British government is expected to make inquiries concerning the funding of the French debt were received with surprise by officials close to the situation. It is asserted that much of the London press agitation, expressing fear that the French will be accorded better treatment than the British, is unwarranted.

They All
Do
It

Never before in the history of The Observer has there been such complete and absolute coverage in circulation in La Grande.

Practically every home receives a copy of the paper every night—the few remaining are being signed up now in the Carrier Boys' Christmas Contest. Unusual service and unusual features are responsible for this 100% following.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Rail Creek
Cabin Death
MysteriousDischarge of Shotgun
Kills One, Injures An-
other Near Enterprise;
Shooter Unknown.

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer by Mail).—An unsolved mystery, that caused the death of one and the injury of another, developed here recently. Careful investigation by officials failed to turn much light on the affair.

The victim, Samuel G. Hickman, died early Sunday morning in the Enterprise hospital, from wounds inflicted when a shotgun was discharged in a cabin on Rail creek. Cleve Melson was hit by many of the shot but was not seriously injured.

Although two men and two boys were at the cabin, testimony did not disclose how the gun was discharged, as it was fired in another room and the load tore through a partition and swept across the kitchen table, striking the men.

Jury Reports

A coroner's jury brought in a verdict that Hickman met his death as the result of a gunshot wound, and that this was purely accidental. But absolutely no light was thrown on the manner in which the gun was fired.

The inquest, according to a local newspaper was held Monday morning at Coroner C. L. Booth's undertaking rooms and the jurors were Daniel Ford, Sam Banister, Sam Wade, C. H. Baker, Ernest McGarry and Walter Makin. The first witness called was Cleve Melson. From what he said when testifying and afterward, his account was to this effect:

He had a wood saw and had gone from Joseph with Hickman to the Ira Michael cabin in Rail canyon intending to cut wood to sell. They drove to the cabin in a wagon last Friday morning accompanied by Willie Melson, his 14-year-old son. At the time they arrived at the place, another man, George, came in from the hills where he had been working for a farmer. The boys took the horses to the barn to put them up and the men entered the house.

Preparing Dinner.

Hickman proceeded to prepare dinner. He finished this task and the boys opened the door and stepped inside. Hickman had a platter of food in his hand and turned to place it on the table, as Melson sat down at a bench. The explosion of a gun was heard at the instant and the platter in Hickman's hand fell, shattered by the shot, which hurtled across the table, some piercing Melson's left arm, while the major part of the charge struck Hickman full in the abdomen.

He fell to the floor and Melson, after a moment of collapse, ran to the door shouting, "The boys picked Hickman up. He said somebody had been handling a gun and had fired it. The horses were harnessed at once and hitched again to the wagon and George Melson went into the room from which the gun had been fired to get some bedding on which to lay Hickman in the wagon."

The boy said that as he entered the bedroom he saw the shotgun lying on the floor across the doorway. He said he picked it up and took it to the living room and laid it across the arms of a rocking chair where it was found later by officers. Hickman was taken in the wagon to the Armin market road camp where Carl Papp took the injured men in an auto and brought them to the hospital at Enterprise.

No Hope For Man

Hickman's injuries were recognized as critical by Dr. J. H. Thompson and C. T. Hackett, who realized the man could not survive. His intestines had been perforated in 22 places by the shot. At the hospital he was visited by Thomas Murray of the sheriff's office and Coroner Booth and he said there had been no quarrel of any kind. He did not know how the gun had been discharged but felt

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ROBBERS STEAL
50 CHICKENS AND
DOZENS OF EGGS

Not all of the robberies take place within the city limits.

The day before Thanksgiving day, S. A. Robertson, who lives two miles east of La Grande, discovered that 50 chickens had been stolen. The miscreants had decapitated the chickens there and taken the bodies away. The next day someone tried to sell them in La Grande but his name was not known nor could his identity be established.

Again last night Mr. Robertson's chicken house was visited and this time between seven and eight dozen eggs were taken. At that time he was asleep and had not had a chance to gather the eggs. This happened between 5 and 7 o'clock.

Mr. Robertson was in town today and is after the most vicious building to be found to guard the place.

The Smallest Feet In Paris



Cinderella has a rival in this young Parisienne, Vera O'Neil has won a prize at the French capital for possessing the smallest and most shapely feet in a contest which attracted hundreds of girls. In the picture above, Vera seems to be showing the greater part of her feet.

LAND OFFICES
NOT SCRAPPED

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—A section proposing abolition of 39 land offices was eliminated late Thursday from the interior department appropriation bill by the house.

The vote was 48 to 47 on the amendment offered by Representative Sinnott, Republican, Oregon, to strike out the section.

The Sinnott amendment as well as other proposals adopted Thursday, under house rules are subject to another vote before final passage of the bill and it was indicated that the fight on the former would be reopened at that time.

Representative Cranston, Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee of the appropriation committee in charge of the measure, made an effort to save off a vote on the Sinnott proposal by moving to adjourn. This move was rejected, however, by a vote of 61 to 47.

Mr. Cranston charged that western members from districts where land offices were situated had inflated a movement to kill the section and asserted these members were not observing President Coolidge's recommendations for economy.

Charges Denied.

The charges of Representative Cranston were denied vigorously by Representative Baker, Democrat, California, who declared supporters of the proposal had not conspired to put over the amendment nor were they making any effort to "loot the treasury."

Numerous backers of the amendment followed each other on the floor. Representative Driver, Democrat, Arkansas, opposed the abolition of the offices and Representative Lathrop, Republican, Utah, said he thought main-

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Disappointed Lover
Wounds Vice Consul

BELGRADE, Jugia Slavia. (By the Associated Press).—Henry Dayton, American vice consul here, was shot and seriously wounded yesterday by a young woman who afterwards committed suicide. The affair caused a sensation throughout the city.

The shooting occurred after Dayton told the woman their friendship must cease.

XTRA

ROBINSON TO APPEAL.
LONDON. (AP).—C. E. Robinson will appeal against the judgment in the Midland Bank case and has executed a deed of assignment making over his rights in the 125,000 pounds which he claims from the bank on behalf of Mrs. Robinson, according to a statement to the press, quoting Mrs. Robinson as begging her husband to fight to the last ditch.

The deed of assignment, according to Mrs. Robinson, provides that if the appeal is successful, the money shall go to a public trust to repay Rajah Sir Hari Singh, who parted with it as the result of an alleged blackmailing plot. If the Rajah refuses to accept the money the trustee is empowered to pay any amount to hospital or charity he selects.

MODEL IS DEAD.

LOS ANGELES. (AP).—Antonio Corsi, 56, world famous artist's model, who posed for Sargent's "Hosca" and the noted "Zola of the Trail" statue at the San Francisco Exposition, Aldrey's "Holy Grail" and other masterpieces, died here today at the end of a long illness.

DEATHS TOTAL SEVEN.

OAKLAND (By the Associated Press).—Miss Dorothy Lawry died today from injuries received yesterday in the collision of two electric trains, bringing the total deaths to seven.

FARMER GIVEN PLEDGE

OF AID BY PRESIDENT

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press).—Wheat production, more efficient marketing and more intelligent utilization of land products were laid as a foundation on which the livestock industry might be raised from depression by President Coolidge in a Thursday night address at the International Live-stock exposition.

In advancing these suggestions after he had detailed what the government had done and proposed to do for the livestock men and the farmers of the country, Mr. Coolidge declared he desired from the forum provided by the stock exposition to make a pledge and to leave an appeal to the farmers of the nation.

"My pledge is that your govern-

EGYPTIAN'S
PLOT BARED
IN ENGLANDNationalists Planned to
Assassinate British
High OfficialsLORD ALLENBY
GIVES OUT NEWSScotland Yard Consulted
and Guard Placed; No
Arrests Yet But Some
Expected Soon.

CAIRO (AP press Time Flash).—Three officers were executed today after a court marshal convicted them of complicity in the recent Sudanese mutiny. A death sentence of a fourth was commuted to 15 years imprisonment.

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—An alleged Egyptian plot to assassinate prominent members of the British government, and destroy public buildings in London, is reported by the Daily Mail, which declares government quarters regard the situation seriously.

The newspaper says news of the discovery of the plot was sent to the foreign office by Lord Allenby, Egyptian high commissioner, and that a special cabinet meeting was immediately held.

Scotland Yard Consulted. After the meeting, the paper continues, a conference was held with Scotland Yard officers and a special guard established to protect ministers and government buildings.

In official circles, it was stated, the plot was revealed, it was stated that the rebels are meager and

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GARCIA BOUND
OVER TO JURY

Agent Day, of the department of justice, was in La Grande yesterday and at that time Mai Garcia, accused of shoplifting and violation of the Mann act, was arraigned on the latter charge and bound over to await the action of the federal grand jury.

Garcia was returned to the city jail where he will remain until a deputy marshal comes to take him to Portland.

Garcia is said to have transported a woman, who says she is not his wife, from Idaho to La Grande.

New Entrance to Drug
Company Is Installed

A new entrance to the Newlin Drug Company has been opened on Elm street just out of Elm street. The new department of the store has been stocked with a full supply of toys, specialties and other gifts for Christmas.

The drug store has been arranged so that customers may pass directly into the gift department. All other changes possible for the convenience of customers have been made.

TO HONOR AIRMEN.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The army world flyers would be promoted, each given \$10,000 reward and the congressional medal of honor under legislation introduced today by Representative Rathbone, of Illinois. Lieutenant Wade, Nelson and Smith would become majors and Harding and Ogden first lieutenants.

FARMER GIVEN PLEDGE

OF AID BY PRESIDENT

ment will do everything possible and proper for a government to day, to encourage and direct your striving towards the goal of prosperity, stability and security," he said. "My appeal is that farmers everywhere shall find ways in which to organize and find ways in which to associate themselves together in the determination to employ effectively every means of improvement that has been placed at their disposal."

With such a pledge carried out and such an appeal heeded, the president foresees the dawn of a brighter day in the agricultural world.

"Every prospect seems to indi-

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