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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Unsettled, probably rain in the west, cloudy in east tonight and Tuesday.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON, (NEA Special)—Republican senators are much upset by the thought that William M. Butler will be among them for the next four years.

What the Republican solons fear is that Butler is going to be very hard to get along with.

Whether or not Butler enters the Senate as President Coolidge's personal representative even more than as a representative of the state of Massachusetts, it is a fact that most of the other senators are sure to think he does. Indeed, those who are in the capital already say so, though somewhat discreetly, for it doesn't pay them to antagonize the administration.

Now, the present Republican party management is entirely a different management from the one which existed before the Cleveland convention. The old management was thrown out at that time, none too politely. Naturally it didn't like it.

Most of the Republican senators, outside the progressives, were identified with the old management. Butler not only is identified with the new one, but, as national committee chairman, actually is head of it.

Butler takes his seat, too, under circumstances which his fellow senators regard with disfavor.

Senator Lodge's term had more than four years still to run when he died. Governor Cox of Massachusetts appointed Butler to fill out the whole of it. He was entitled to make the appointment but the Democrats say he has a right to fill the vacancy only temporarily—until a special election could be held. They intend to try to force one.

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The Democrats, however, are not the only ones who are dissatisfied. There are Massachusetts Republicans also who would like a chance against Butler in the pri-

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LIBERAL VOTE IS STRONGEST

BERLIN, (AP) — The outcome of yesterday's general election leaves the parliamentary situation wholly undeclared, as the new party lineup in the Reichstag precludes formation of a three-party coalition composed of the Socialists, Clericals and Democrats, in the opinion of political leaders. These three parties have elected a total of 227 members, too small for a dependable majority.

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—An extraordinary increase in the vote of the Socialist party over that of last May, consistent gains by the Democrats and the political obligation of General Ludendorff's chauvinistic anti-semitic party are the outstanding features of the general election held Sunday for the return of members of the reichstag and the Prussian diet. This is evidenced by the partial returns received at the government headquarters up

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Aircraft Industry Is Inadequate in America

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — Lack of adequate aircraft industry is a matter of grave concern to the government, in the judgment of the national advisory committee on aeronautics as expressed in its annual report transmitted to congress today by President Coolidge.

"The aircraft industry is absolutely essential to national defense. One lesson of the war that will not be forgotten is that it takes a great deal of money to develop hastily the aircraft industry almost from nothing," the report said.

"The American people can ill afford to pay that price again."

In transmitting the report, Coolidge concurred in the general recommendations.

FARMING IN BEST SHAPE SINCE 1920

So Says Secretary of Agriculture Howard M. Gore to Coolidge

HARVEST FINEST IN FIVE YEARS

Depression Wave, However Not Completely at An End, Report Declares.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—American agriculture on the whole, occupies the best position it has held since 1920 but much further recovery is required to bring it back to its pre-war condition, the Agriculture Department informed President Coolidge in its annual report. The report was prepared by the late Henry C. Wallace and embodies his views, but was signed and presented by the present Secretary, Howard M. Gore, who was assistant secretary under Mr. Wallace.

"Prospects are that the gross income from agricultural production for the crop year 1924-25 may reach approximately $12,000,000,000, compared with $11,500,000,000 in 1923-24 and $9,550,000,000 in 1921-22," said the report.

"A favorable readjustment has taken place in price ratios between agriculture and industry. While the purchasing power of ratios between farm products is 18 percent below the pre-war level, it is 16 percent above the index for May, 1921, when the depression was in its worst period. This year's harvest was the finest in five years. Though not the greatest in volume of products, it was the best balanced and represented the best income.

Depression Not Ended.

"Yet it would be a mistake to conclude that the American farmer is done with the troubles of the depression period. If the readjustment is left to blind economic forces it will be many years before that can be said. Although farm commodity price levels are headed toward a better position, they have still a large gain to make before agricultural products will be on a parity with other products. This means that agriculture is still laboring under a heavy disadvantage.

"The improvement that has taken place has not yet lested long enough to produce any marked betterment in the finances of the farmer. As a matter of fact, the suffering of many farmers is perhaps as intense today as it was in the first years of the depression period, because the effects of the depression are cumulative. Present favorable possibilities will have to be turned into realities before it can fairly be said that agriculture again is enjoying normal

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PATIENTS HEAR LAKE SERVICE BY EPISCOPALS

Rev. Mr. Creasey, rector of St. Peter's church, accompanied by his choir of eighteen, journeyed to Hot Lake last evening and held religious services at the sanatorium in happy response to an earnest invitation from Dr. W. T. Phy, head of that institution.

The sermon delivered by the rector was on "Happiness" and he spoke in a manner that made the entire audience, even those physically afflicted, recount their earthly blessings. Mentioning those who were ill in the institution he admonished them to be thankful that they were living in a day and time when comforts for the sick were many and the science of medicine and surgery was able to relieve much of their suffering.

The Episcopal choir, directed by Kathleen Campbell, sang a number of selections, including an anthem.

Elks Honor Members Who Were Called

State Senator Jay Upton Speaker at Memorial Services Held by La Grande Lodge.

Local Elks, adhering to the national practice of observing Memorial Sunday, yesterday filled the lodge room of their building in La Grande, together with others who were interested, and reverently listened to a most impressive memorial service.

State Senator Jay Upton of Bend speaker for the occasion, delivered a most fitting tribute to the dead, told of the virtues of Elkdom and impressed everyone who heard him that the death is not such a thing to dread as many believe.

"The democracy of the dead," said Senator Upton, "brings the man in tatters and rags and the man clothed in the royal purple of power to the same level." His address was beautifully written and eloquently delivered.

The services, held at 3 o'clock p. m. opened with a funeral march played by Mrs. W. W. Berry, following which the lodge sang the Opening Ode. When Exalted Ruler Lester H. Bramwell, who presided, announced the purpose of the gathering, he also presented the Chamber of Commerce quartet, composed of George S. Birnie, Elmer I. Stoddard, G. S. Dutton and Sherwood Williams, who sang "Give Me Thy Hand" (Parks).

Chaplain DeLile Greene offered prayer and Secretary Eckley called the roll of the absent brothers. Col. F. S. Ivanhoe, one of the veteran members of La Grande Lodge No. 433 delivered the eulogy on the departed brothers. He talked in a conversational manner telling of the merits of the men who had passed on during the year. His knowledge of them and their history served him well and his address was a true eulogy.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson sang "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" (Caro Roma). It is a selection especially written for the Elks' Memorial occasion and Mrs. Richardson sang it with all its tenderness and pathos. She was accompanied by Mrs. W. W. Berry.

The Elks' orchestra, comprising Andrew Loney, Kenneth Gekeler, Eugene Birlew, J. G. Snodgrass, Frank Robinson and Mrs. Metzler played "Adieu" (Rudolf Friml) which was followed by the ritualistic closing of the lodge.

Rev. G. A. Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist church, pronounced the benediction on the assembly.

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TWO PIONEERS ANSWER CALL

WALLOWA, Or., (Special) — Word was received here of the death of James P. Gastin, at Portland, recently. He was one of the early settlers of the Wallowa valley, coming here when a young man with his parents and brothers and making his home for many years on a homestead a few miles east of town.

Mr. Gastin had been failing in health for some time and, about a month ago, went to Portland hoping the change of climate might be beneficial to him. For a time he seemed to be improving but a few days ago word was received that he had been confined to his bed for several days, suffering from intestinal "flu."

Roy Gastin went to Portland Wednesday, after receiving word of the seriousness of his father's illness. Mr. Gastin is survived by three other sons, Deg, Eugene and Irvin, one daughter Mrs. H. O. Anderson and his widow.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made at this time.

MRS. SOUDERS DEAD.

The funeral services of Mrs. Lydia Catherine Souders, who died here at her home at 1905 First street, will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Snodgrass-Zimmerman funeral service parlors at two o'clock. The Eastern Star will have

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Gene Stratton Porter Killed in Auto Crash

LOS ANGELES—Gene Stratton Porter, novelist and short story writer, died here Saturday night from injuries received when her automobile collided with a street car earlier in the evening.

The accident in which the authoress was fatally injured happened a short distance from her home while she was on her way to call on her brother, Jerome Q. Stratton.

Taken to the receiving hospital the writer never regained consciousness. Physicians at the time announced that her chances for recovery were slight.

COMMUNIST MOVE STILL UNCHECKED

Paris Police Break Up Two Big Gatherings in Heart of City

REDS UNDISMAYED BY ACTION TAKEN

Radicals Drown Out Patriotic Speech by Singing of the "International."

PARIS, (By the Associated Press) — Communists continue to hold the center of the stage in France, appearing undismayed by the government's repressive measures.

After a meeting at the Labor Federation headquarters last night a group of radicals marched to the eastern railroad terminal, singing the "International." They were scattered by the police.

Another band attended the inauguration of a local soldier's memorial near here and drowned the speaker's attempts with cheers for Lenine and singing of the "International."

They were disposed of by police and reserves.

THIRD PERSON SHOT COUPLE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The death of Vice Consul Henry A. Dayton, shot recently in Belgrade, was reported today to the state department.

BELGRADE, (By the Associated Press)—The shooting of Henry Dayton, American vice consul at Belgrade, and the killing of a young woman, Anna Ousoupaitais, in his home are still a mystery. The police have completed their inquiry and sent their report to the judge, who had opened an investigation.

An autopsy and a careful examination of the scene of the tragedy, according to the police appear to have established the following facts:

First, Anna Ousoupaitais was struck by a bullet above the temple; the bullet came out at the nape of the neck, ricochetting off the wall. The shot apparently was fired at a distance as the girl's hair was not singed.

Second, blood stains found on the door handles and soap in the bathroom came from the hands of Dayton.

Third, the presence of hairs in the barrel of the revolver that the dead woman held in her hand shows that the weapon was handled after the last shot was fired from it. Blood vessels in Anna's forearms were cut but not severed and no blood had spurted on her hands or sleeves.

The police further affirm that while the position of the wounds in the occipital region of Dayton's head confirm that he was shot

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Robbers Make Big Haul At Milwaukee Today

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Five robbers held up the Northwestern National bank here today, escaping with $10,000 cash and bonds estimated worth $300,000.

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Federal Oil Board Held A Necessity

Several Recommendations Made in Interior Report Given Coolidge.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Creation of a permanent federal oil commission with a view to conservation, congressional action on the new reclamation program, improvements in the administration of the country's island possessions, and legislation to increase the internal efficiency of the Interior department were recommended by Secretary Work in his annual report.

The secretary did not discuss the oil situation at length, but he declared formation of a commission of cabinet members to deal with it was "an urgent necessity."

He likewise touched but briefly on the new reclamation program which was worked out by a special commission but which failed of congressional approval at the last session. Enactment of the legislation contemplated in the program, he said, was one of the tasks with which the present session should deal promptly.

New Bureau Needed.

He suggested that within the interior department itself there was need for a new bureau of public works, in which all construction and engineering work performed by the government could be centered. He also advocated the concentration into one department, and under one member of the cabinet, of the territorial affairs of Alaska and Hawaii.

The report contained a hint that a general overhauling of the public land laws may be recommended later to congress. Secretary Work said a special committee was engaged in a study of these statutes, and added:

"It is probable that growth of the country and changed conditions will warrant some radical departures from established custom. * * The question arises whether the government should continue the present method of disposing of its public domain. * * The present law covering the acquisition of timber and stone lands on the public domain, passed in 1878, should be revised to better protect our vanishing timber in the public interest."

Pension Results Praised

The results of the recent reorganization of the pension bureau, which clipped $266,000 from the annual payroll and enabled the bureau to return $56,000 of its appropriation to the treasury, were praised by the secretary as constituting a measure both of economy and efficiency. Better results had been brought about, he said, despite the fact that 338 positions in the bureau were eliminated by the reorganization program.

It was pointed out that a special commission was studying the situation in the patent office, with a view to bringing that bureau's work up to date, and that improved methods of administration in the general land office had effected a saving of about $85,000 during the year in its operating expenses.

Indian Problem Big One

Declaring the problem of directing federal guardianship of 225,000 Indians is one of great concern to him, the secretary urged that centralized authority with decentralized responsibility is essential in the Indian service, because of the distance between the

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SCORE INJURED IN EXPLOSION ON WATER TAXI-BOAT

SAN PEDRO (By the Associated Press)—One navy sailor, 17 sailors and two civilians were seriously burned as the result of the burning and sinking of a private water taxi, the Lamayne, in the harbor here today. Forty-five men were aboard the craft when it caught afire in mid channel.

An explosion or backfire caused the disaster.

Survivors were picked up by other boats after leaping overboard.

George Sands and Melvin Sprague, civilians, operated the taxi.

The injured sailors are to be taken to a naval hospital at San Diego.

No Trace of Robbers; Baker Homes Entered

Although the suspects, who left here Saturday morning on the Baker-La Grande auto stage, were frisked thoroughly at Baker upon their arrival, none of the jewelry taken from the Larson and Clark homes Friday night could be located by officers. With no evidence an arrest could not be made.

Officers here, however, feel that their suspicions were well placed. The three alleged house breakers arrived in Baker Saturday and since that time several places there have been visited, with resulting losses to the owners, in the dark hours of the night.

Crowe Examining Koretz

(By NEA Airmail Service)

Leo Koretz, who skipped out of Chicago a year ago with something like $2,000,000 relatives and friends had given him to invest in his Panama oil scheme, is back to face the music. He is seen here being questioned by State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, immediately following his return from Halifax, N. S. where he was apprehended. And Leo, according to the prosecutor, has confessed his Bayano River plans were nothing but a fraud.

CHANGE GAME LAWS IS PLAN

With the Oregon state legislative session approaching eastern Oregon sportsmen are taking steps to secure better game laws for district number 2.

A meeting has been called for tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall by the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club for the purpose of discussing better protective measures for eastern Oregon game and fish. All persons interested whether members of the organization or not are invited to attend.

State Meeting.

Following the session Tuesday evening a meeting will be held a week from today with members of the state fish and game commission present as well as representatives from Wallowa, Umatilla, Baker and Malheur counties. This meeting will be held in La Grande at the request of the officers and the legislative committee of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club.

On this date, December 15, resolutions will be drawn up to be presented at the 1925 session of the state legislature. It is understood that among other things local sportsmen will recommend shortening of the fishing season, closing of tributaries of the larger streams in order to protect fish during spawning, re-opening of Five Points and Beaver creeks, shortening of the grouse hunting season, a lower bag limit on deer and opening of the trout fishing season at a later date.

At this time it is probable also that steps will be taken toward forming an eastern Oregon sportsmen's association.

AUTHORITIES ON AGRICULTURE TO SPEAK AT LUNCH

With Dr. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake, chairman of the agricultural committee, presiding that division of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, will have charge of the entire program at tomorrow noon's luncheon. An unusually large attendance is expected as Dr. Phy is always a popular chairman and as there has been considerable interest over the extended activities of the agricultural committee.

The speeches, all of which are promised to be short and to the point will cover the various phases of work of the committee and have been assigned as follows: H. G. Avery, "The Economical Conference;" Lee Reynolds, "Dairying;" Frank McKennon, "A Permanent Agricultural Exhibit;" A. C. Mainpton, "Education in Relation to Agriculture;" and Chase Bohnenkamp, "The County Survey." Dr. Phy, in addition to presiding, is expected to speak briefly on what irrigation can do for the Grande Ronde valley.

J. Warren Kerrigan Is Injured in Auto Crash

DIXON, Ill. (By the Associated Press)—J. Warren Kerrigan, moving picture actor, with several Chicago friends, figured in an automobile accident near here today.

Kerrigan was thrown through the glass window of the car receiving a deep cut over his eye and numerous other cuts and bruises.

Kerrigan was the only person injured and was taken to the Dixon hospital. The car in which he was riding collided with another in the fog.

MARKETS TODAY.

PORTLAND, Or. (AP)—Cattle strong to 25c higher; steers good $7.75 @ $8.25, heifers $3.50 @ $5.75; hogs active, 10 to 15 cents higher, lightweight $9.50 @ $9.90 sheep mostly steady.

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ATTACK IS DISMISSED.

WASHINGTON, (AP)— An attack by several coal companies of Pennsylvania on the anthracite tax was dismissed today by the supreme court.

KLAMATH SNOW DEEP.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or. (AP)—Five inches of snow fell here this morning.

APPLE PRICES HIGH.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A box of extra fancy Winesap apples produced in Washington state, sold for $5 at a privately owned grocery in New York City, and returned a gross profit of $1.18 cents to the grower, $1.87 to the retailer, the bureau of agricultural economics of the agriculture department has found in its analysis of retail prices.

WRIGLEY LOSES SUIT.

CHICAGO, (AP) — Federal Judge Wilkerson today awarded the L. T. Larsen, Jr., company judgment of $1,741,000 against William Wrigley, Jr., in a trade-mark suit long pending between the two chewing gum manufacturers.

Jay Upton Will Speak To K. P. Lodge Today

J. Upton, grand chancellor commander of the state of Oregon Knights of Pythias is a guest of the local chapter of the organization today. Mr. Upton will be entertained this evening at a banquet at 6:30. Dr. J. A. Woodell, chancellor commander of the La Grande lodge will be the toastmaster.

Following the banquet a special business meeting will be held in the K. of P. hall.

Walter Gleason, grand keeper of records and seals of the Knights of Pythias is expected in La Grande tomorrow on his way up the branch line on a general business trip connected with the organization.

Shooting Victim Mum.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or.—C. S. Chappell received a gunshot wound in his arm in a mysterious manner. The bone was shattered, it was said at the hospital, where he underwent an operation.

An unidentified Indian was alleged to have fired the shot, but Chappell thus far has declined to reveal the name of his assailant. He staggered into the hospital, saying that he had been shot, but refused to give further information. Police believed the shooting might have some connection with gun play staged shortly before midnight between Olson Charley and Jud Jackson, a pair of Klamath Indians who tried to "shoot it out" in front of Scandinavian hall. The two redskins were so drunk, the police said, they were unable to hit each other. They were held in the city jail.

SHOALS UP FOR ACTION IN SENATE

Underwood and Weeks Near Agreement on Former's Plan

MOST OBJECTIONS FINANCIAL ONES

Alabama Senator Willing to Accept War Secretary's Amendments If Necessary.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—Senator Underwood after a two-hour conference with Secretary Weeks, said today that he and the secretary were not widely divided on the Muscle Shoals question and said that he would be willing to accept Week's amendments in the last analysis.

He said that none of Week's amendments raised serious objections to his measure.

The war department reports, as made public, declared over Weeks' signature that "unless careful, thoughtful amendments as point out in my report are adopted, the Underwood bill is unworkable."

The objections raised dealt chiefly with the financial operations of Muscle Shoals.

PROTECTION BILL UP.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—Protection of interests of desert landowners who have been unable to fulfill their obligations calling for improvement of lands within the specified times mentioned in contracts under which they acquired these lands is the object of a bill prepared by Representative Sinnott, of Oregon, he announced today.

The bill would authorize the secretary of the interior department to postpone improvements at his discretion up to three years from date for final proof of improvement.

BLACK PEEPER SENT TO JAIL

Keyholes and windows were made for the express purpose of the owners. That is an admitted fact but Fred Allen, negro "peeper," was too inquisitive to recognize this salient principle.

And so the colored man, who spied once too often, is doing time in the city jail.

He was found guilty in Judge Slater's court of violation of the city ordinances and was sentenced to ten days imprisonment. His misdemeanor occurred when he followed a white woman home then peeked through the keyhole and finally the window in an attempt to see what he could see. Police were summoned to the lady's home on the north side of town and the black man was promptly put out of circulation.

CHURCHES FIGHTING WAR

ATLANTA, (By the Associated Press)—Methods to outlaw war were outlined to the Federal Council of Churches in session here in addresses prepared for delivery today by William Jennings Bryan and Dr. James T. Shotwell, director of the Carnegie Endowment for international peace.

"To avoid war it is necessary first to cultivate sentiment against war and second, to devise machinery for the settlement of disputes," said Bryan.

Man and Wife Murdered, Axe Blow Split Heads

BILLINGS, Mont., (By the Associated Press)—Found with their heads split open with an axe and the instrument of murder lying nearby, the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Nels M. Anderson, proprietors of a barber shop and beauty parlor here, were taken from their place of business by police Sunday afternoon, who discovered the double slaying after the couple were reported missing. The dual murder is believed to have been the work of a maniac.

The body of Mrs. Anderson was found at the rear of the shop and the axe was by her side. She apparently had been killed in the beauty parlor and her body dragged to the rear.

Anderson's body was found in a barber's chair. One hand, dangling over the arm of the chair was seen by the police as they looked into the window of the shop. This led to the discovery.

The slaying, police believe, evidently was committed as they were about to leave the shop late Saturday night, for both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were attired for the street. Mr. Anderson wore his overcoat and Mrs. Anderson had donned her coat and hat. The finger prints and blood stains on the axe handle are the only clues unearthed so far by the police. The cash register in the shop was found undisturbed.

Protestant Churches In Europe In Need of Help

ATLANTA Ga., (Special)—"Owing to conditions in Europe, the American churches for the next fifteen years must assume the major missionary endeavor throughout the world," said Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer of Philadelphia, secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church of the United States.

In addition he pointed out that the American Churches must also render financial and spiritual aid to the Protestant Churches of a large part of Europe. At the same time he declared that the Churches of the United States must avoid foisting American secretarianism upon European Christians.

"Fourteen countries in Europe are lying prostrate with nearly fifty millions of Protestant souls," he said. "All of Europe, except six countries, is thus involved; consequently relief of a small or spasmodic character will avail very little.

Money Needed.

"The needs can be grouped under two general heads. The first

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