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Hunt's
Daily
Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)
WASHINGTON, (NEA Special)—That ramblous Republican, rejoicing over the party majority in the recent election, may be "feeling their oats" a bit too much in suggested by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, himself a Republican who carried Kansas by the largest majority ever given a candidate west of the Mississippi river.

"The result of the election," says Capper, "was a repudiation of destructive and radical proposals. But it was not a mandate to sweep liberalism out of the Republican party."

"A swelled head is as dangerous in a political party as it is in an individual. It would be deplorable if the Republican party should let its recent victory 'go to its head.'"

Capper's warning came the day after the Republican caucus had voted to throw La Follette, Ladd, Frazier and Brookhart out of the party and to withhold from them any future committee assignments.

And it forecast the probable opposition to such disciplining of other liberals within the party such as Norris, Howell, Borah, Coughlin, Hiram Johnson and perhaps Harbord.

In any showdown on the floor, whether in this Congress or the next, this group, unless conservative Democrats brook no such support of the old guard Republicans, would be sufficient to override the dictates of the G. O. P. doctrinaires.

Capper sees what the old guard in the Senate does not recognize: that the recent election was more of a confidence endorsement than a Republican endorsement.

He holds that this is particularly true of the result in the west, which clinched the election for the G. O. P. The west, Capper maintains, did not turn reactionary even conservative. If it had, he himself would have been defeated.

"It chews," Capper says, "a course between ultra-radicalism and hard-boiled conservatism. It remains still steadfast in support of reasonable, moderate, sane and safe government."

And then, he sounds a warning that at this time, comes as a jarring note on the ears of the cocksure and jubilant old guard group: "The west," he warns, "can get along without the Republican party, but the Republican party cannot get along without the west."

A backdrop for the famous Coolidge furs is an odd necktie worn at late Mrs. Coolidge. Pendant from the necktie are seven skillfully carved ivory elephants.

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PRIZE SHOWN
U. S. FARMERS

CHICAGO, (By the Associated Press)—A billion dollar prize was held up to American farmers here by Gray Silver, former Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau federation, as a prize to be won by competition in marketing organizations to gain for the farmer a larger share of the consumers' dollar. He spoke before the co-operative marketing section of the federation's annual convention.

"Reports of the secretary of agriculture," Mr. Silver said, "shows that the American farmer got 23 cents of the consumers' dollar for his fifteen billion dollar grain crop this year. Co-operative marketing organizations do far better than that, getting 50 or 60 cents of the consumers' money, and European co-operatives as high as 70 cents."

"If the farmer can increase his share of the consumers' dollar, through co-operative marketing, from 23 to 50 cents he will add to a billion dollars to his pocket."

Lesson to Farmer. "This is the greatest lesson that has come from the farmers' experience."

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Slayer of Sheriff Is
Found Guilty By Jury

VALE, Or. (Special)—Arcade for a new trial or will appeal from Cody was found guilty of murder in the first degree Tuesday afternoon by a jury which had been trying him for the killing of Sheriff Austin Goodman of Harney county at Kelly farm August 23.

The verdict was returned at 2 o'clock after 20 hours of deliberation. The case went to the jury at a 10 o'clock Monday night. Time for passing sentence was not set.

Cody was apparently unmoved by the verdict, but his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cody of Medford, Ore., who were with him when the jury reported, seemed deeply moved.

Whether his attorneys will move for a new trial or will appeal from the jury's findings they failed to indicate after the verdict was returned.

It was unknown here how many ballots the juryman had taken. They ceased their deliberations for the night at 11 o'clock Monday night and resumed them after an early breakfast Tuesday.

Sheriff Goodman met his death while arresting Cody on a charge of passing a bad check. Cody claimed he acted in self defense, that the sheriff had tried to arrest him without a warrant and had fired the first shot.

The jury's verdict contained no recommendations for leniency.

SIXTY-TWO AUTOMOBILES TANGLED

LA GRANDE'S
LIBRARY IS
AT THE TOP

Local Institution Enjoys Heavy Circulation in Past Month.

IS REAL BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY

Children, Especially Derive Much That Is Good; Worthy Program Adopted.

During the month of November 6226 volumes were circulated by the La Grande library. This mere statement of figures may not mean much unless one analyzes slightly the activity of what undoubtedly is one of the most active and most efficient libraries in the entire northwest.

Holding its place as the sixth library in circulation in Oregon the La Grande institution goes merrily on in a growth that spells success in its profound meaning.

This is largely due to the librarians, who are backed by a substantial library board. To the ladies who have taken up library work as a profession and to the members of the board there is nothing impossible in the way of work.

For instance, it was not in the routine demands of the library that "The White Rabbit," a hand-made and hand-designed publication, be issued monthly, set "The Rabbit" attractive and brimful of beautiful thoughts and sayings, is now a sought for messenger among school children.

Starting in September it told the children the worth of a good school education. In October it echoed the beauty of the season with poems and stories of the brown autumn. In November it told of the opening of the winter season and for the Christmas number a most elaborate production is being made. The frontispiece of each publication is hand colored and on every page there is marginal decorations, all done by hand. The reading matter is typical.

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22 STUDENTS ARE
RELEASED WHEN
BANDITS ROUTED

CANTON, (By the Associated Press)—Twenty-two of the students captured by bandits Saturday while en route from Canton to the Christian colleges were returned to the college today.

The bandits were routed by government troops after a short fight. Eight students still remain captives.

Mother Kills Daughter
Then Commits Suicide

FRESNO, Cal. (AP)—Choking her daughter, Martha, 5, to death with a rope, Mrs. Freda Touben, 42, went to the barn on her Selma ranch home Tuesday, put a rope over a rafter and around her neck, mounted a barrel and shot herself through the mouth, the woman's husband told the police. Both died almost instantly. It is believed by Seng Touben, the husband, who found the bodies when he returned to the home from work on the ranch.

Demo Chief



Pink J. Garrett, Democratic floor leader of the House of Representatives, was snapped at the Capitol just before the opening of the second session of the sixty-eighth Congress.

FOUR HUNDRED
IS PASSE NOW

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—A campaign of social selection with re-drawing of social lines "so dignity and breeding may be saved," has been inaugurated here with the arrival of Grand Duchess Cyril, whose husband some time ago proclaimed himself czar of Russia, says the New York World.

The movement, instituted by the Monday Opera club, which invited the grand duchess to America, has resulted in the choice of a new "five hundred" to replace the "four hundred" chosen for Mrs. William Astor's party 32 years ago.

The selections were made, the club explained, along "lines of fastidious taste."

BRITISH NOTE
SENT TO U. S.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The state department has received a communication from the British government explaining Great Britain's attitude on the question of collection of war time claims from Germany by the United States under the Dawes plan.

The communication is being studied and will be answered within a few days.

It is considered certain that Secretary Hughes will insist upon recognition of the principle that the American claims against Germany shall be treated as equal to those of other powers.

Coolidge Set Against
"Pork Barrel" Measures

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Coolidge will throw the weight of his influence against any "pork barrel" rivers and harbors legislation that may be reposed in congress.

The president would accept a measure carrying appropriations for the more important projects but would not approve legislation carrying many of the minor items, which have come forward in the house.

A bill now pending in the house carries \$52,000,000 for waterways and the president would not approve that amount.

Christmas Gift to Dry
Agent Proves Improper

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—San Francisco prohibition director for California, included in his list of Christmas gifts a gold-headed cane, commander this morning.

After the regular business has been attended to a feed will be served the company with Fred Reed and his assistants serving as company.

ROSS IS REMOVED
SALEM, Ore.—Governor Pierce last yesterday removed from T. W. Ross from the state fish board. No reason was announced. His successor has been selected and will be announced in a few days.

French Reds
Deal Injury
To Country

Communist Activities Cause Tourists to Cancel Passages; Ship Companies Worried.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—During a lengthy debate on Communism which ended in a vote of confidence for the government, Premier Herriot referred to the harm being done to France abroad by red activities here.

The premier said, according to the Journal Official, "I have here a telegram signed by the highest competent authority advising me that passengers from the United States booked by tourists have been cancelled and steamship companies are becoming uneasy."

HERIOT ILL TODAY
PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Premier Herriot is confined today with a serious attack of the grippe. Physician bulletins said the malady was accompanied by a swelling of the leg.

The premier has been unwell for about a week and insisted on keeping his cabinet in session.

Friends hoped that during this particularly trying period but he was taken ill after last night's trying session of the chamber of deputies.

SPORTSMEN'S
MEETING HELD

About half a hundred La Grande sportsmen met in the city hall last evening at the invitation of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club to discuss and recommend changes in the game laws for Oregon district number two.

Among other things, resolutions were passed advocating shortening the trout season, opening it on May 15 and closing it November 30, closing the sage hen season indefinitely, the deer season to last but the month of October with the first one buck, grouse season from September 1 to October 31 and a bounty of \$50 on cougars.

W. E. Kelley, president of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club, presided at the meeting.

ACQUIT TRIBUNE
OF PUBLICATION
OF TAX CHARGES

NEW YORK—After a federal court jury Tuesday had acquitted the New York Tribune company, incorporated, publishers of the "Tribune," on indictment charging unlawful publication of income tax returns, William Hayward, federal district attorney announced he would ask a grand jury Wednesday for a new indictment so that he could take the case to the United States supreme court.

Judge John C. Knox, directed the jury of verdict of not guilty in order, as he said, that the government indict be in a position to appeal directly to the United States supreme court.

Later it was discovered that the appeals court barred an appeal to the United States supreme court as Hayward had planned, making a indictment of the Tribune corporation necessary.

LAUREL YOUTH LOST

NEWBERG, (AP)—City Marshal Ferguson is investigating the mysterious disappearance of War M. McLaughlin, 23, who started to walk home near Laurel, 8 miles northwest of here, Sunday, and has not been seen since. The youth started home at four o'clock Sunday afternoon after spending some time in a confectionery.

TO INSPECT GUARD

Adjutant General George A. White will arrive here Monday and will inspect the local national guard unit that evening, according to an announcement by Ralph Haron, commander this morning.

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ARREST TWO
WHO ROBBED
HOMES HERE

Local Police Followed a "Hunch" That Resulted in Capture

LARSON'S WATCH AMONG EVIDENCE

Jones, Indian, and Russel, White Man, Will Be Brought to This City for Court Trial.

Two robbers, who have successfully made several hauls in Pendleton, La Grande and Baker during the past two or three weeks, are now safely stored away behind the bars of the Baker jail, thanks to the very efficient work of the La Grande police department.

The fact that the two arrested are the men who have promulgated the several thefts in eastern Oregon lately was proved beyond a shadow of a doubt yesterday afternoon when La Grande police, called to Baker, conducted an investigation that brought concrete results.

Arrested on "Hunch"
J. J. Jones, alias J. J. Murphy, a Canadian Indian, and George Russell, a white man, left here last Saturday morning and the police, following a "hunch," became suspicious that they were responsible for the robberies here, including the Jackson, Larson and Clark home lootings.

Working on that theory, the local police were told by a hotel clerk that the two had left for Baker on the auto stage. Baker was notified and didn't find them on the stage, but later they were taken and frisked, although nothing was found. The men were released. Later it was discovered that they had gone to Baker on No. 24 instead of the auto stage.

Six Robberies.
Then, Saturday and Sunday nights, Baker experienced six home robberies with the loss of between \$1000 and \$1200 in jewelry and other articles.

The La Grande police, more than ever sure that the "hunch" had been correct, asked Baker to hold the men by some means and Russell and Jones were arrested and held on a vagrancy charge.

Investigation.
Yesterday about noon Traffic Officer Dunn and Deputy United States Marshal Davidson were called to Baker from La Grande. Two hours later Chief of Police Haynes, Officer Kincaid and City Manager Hayes left for Baker.

When the local officers arrived there they began questioning the prisoners and immediately became convinced that they were the "right men."

Larson's Watch Found
A search was conducted at the home where Jones and Russell had been staying, and M. Larson's watch, which was stolen here Friday night, was found. Also several 41 caliber cartridges, taken from the Jackson home, and some cash keys and a stickpin were found. The pass key and pin were discovered between the mattress and bedding at the place the men had been residing.

At this point, with evidence pointing conclusively to their guilt, the men were questioned again.

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Progress

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"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

She Captured Bank Robber



A red-haired woman, Mrs. J. W. Buchanan, 27, of Memphis, Tenn., turned detective and captured Bart Austin, 28, bank robber known throughout the southwest and even up in the province of Ontario. Two friends of Austin's had engaged a room at Mrs. Buchanan's home. Then Austin (seen in inset) began coming around to see them. Mrs. Buchanan tapped telephone wires. When Austin came in one day she saw him at the door with a shotgun and held him until police arrived. Austin and his companions had planned to rob another bank that very day, detectives say.

SEAT SALE IS
ON THURSDAY

The reserved seat sale for the high school opera, "Once in a Blue Moon" described as a "musical romance" will commence tomorrow morning at eight o'clock at Glass Drugs. The board containing the coveted seats will be put up promptly on the hour mentioned. The advance seat sale has been unusually brisk and it is advisable to reserve seats as early as possible.

The first dress rehearsal was held last evening at the high school and considerable improvement was shown by the members of the cast. It was announced this morning by Miss Miller, director of the opera that the Chamber of Commerce quartet consisting of Messrs. Dutton, Stoddard, Williams and Birnie will sing several popular selections between the acts.

DEAN'S PRUNES
DISPLAYED HERE
AMONG THE BEST

Prunes, prunes have been the subject for song and jest, referred to in the literature of centuries, but the fact remains that the lovely prune, even as the ugly duckling, has stepped forth from the Oregon ranches and now holds a proud place in the fruit markets of the world.

Those raised by John Dean of Cove, samples of which are now on display in the Chamber of Commerce windows are among the finest anywhere. They are attractively packed especially for the holidays in 5, 10 and 15 pound boxes. He prepared the display especially for use during Prune week, now being nationally observed.

Federal Bank Robbed,
Large Sum Is Taken

SHAWNEE, Okla. (By the Associated Press)—Three men held up the Federal National bank today, looted the cashier and president in the vault, and escaped with between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

NAVY SEAPLANE FALLS INTO
OCEAN; FIVE MEN MISSING

SAN DIEGO—Three men were killed and two more injured, and three others are missing, when the result of a navy seaplane falling into the ocean at the entrance of the harbor here today. The plane was hauled ashore later.

XTRA

WON'T PROBE DEATH

SAN DIEGO, (AP)—There will be no official investigation into the death of Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, as far as San Diego county officials are concerned, according to a statement today by District Attorney Kempley. "I am satisfied Ince's death was caused by heart failure as the result of an attack of acute indigestion," Kempley said. He declared there is no reason for investigation "as there is every reason to believe Ince's death was due to natural causes."

OUST CHAPLIN'S MOTHER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Immigration officials have indicated that the mother of Charles Chaplin, comedian, will not be permitted to remain in the United States as she is ineligible to citizenship. Mrs. Chaplin is now under medical treatment at the direction of her son. No application for an extension of her time to remain within the country has been received. Immigration officials said. They indicated that such application would not be received sympathetically as several extensions have already been granted.

LETTER HELD AUTHENTIC

LONDON (AP)—Premier Baldwin stated in the House of Commons today that the cabinet subcommittee, after examining all evidence, has concluded there was no doubt but that the Zinovieff letter is authentic.

MARKETS TODAY.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and sheep nominally steady, horses steady. Eggs and butterfat steady. Butterfat 43c.

Christmas Rush Begins
At Local Post Office

The Christmas rush in the La Grande postoffice actually started yesterday when an influx of outgoing packages made the clerks realize that the busy period of the year has arrived.

From now on until after Christmas Day, the clerks will be simply swamped under work, which they expect, but officials are urging that people follow certain rules in mailing packages.

Among other things, Christmas seals or any seals of any sort must not be affixed so that they seal the package. Seals should not be placed on some part where they do not interfere with the wrapping, whether string or paper, so that they prevent opening. Packages that are sealed, unless the seals are broken, would otherwise have to go as first class mail—which costs 2 cents per ounce.

Especially important this year is the "Mail Early" drive. The postmaster general has issued orders that all postoffice work cease at eleven o'clock Christmas day, not to continue until December 26th, which gives the employee a chance to enjoy part of the day themselves. City and rural deliveries will not be made during the day but the windows will be open from 11 o'clock Christmas day.

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ICE CAUSES
CARS BLOCK
PYLES ROAD

Sheet of Ice on Canyon Highway Sends Score of Cars in Ditch

SEVERAL PERSONS REPORTED INJURED

State Highway Department Helps Situation by Rushing Load of Sand to Site.

An auto smash-up that occurred three miles south of Union this morning on the Pyles Canyon segment of the Old Oregon Trail resulted in 12 cars being ditched, three or four badly smashed, one totally wrecked, and several people injured, according to word received here about 2 o'clock this afternoon. None of the injured were brought to La Grande or Hot Lake and their identity is unknown at this time. Reports say that a California family, driving a Dodge car, was injured. Two children were said to be among those hurt.

The ice was caused by a condition similar to a silver thaw, with a strong, freezing wind sweeping down the canyon. The curves made it difficult to see the approaching danger and brakes were too late to save many cars from crashing.

Skids Many.
Several automobiles able to stay on the highway by clever manipulation of wheels, skidded for several hundred feet and only stopped in the ditch.

A total of 62 cars were jammed into a small section of the highway in all positions. Many were lucky, going in the ditch on the upper side but several went into the creek.

When the danger of the溜 was seen an organization was formed and men stopped other cars from approaching too near. The way was cleared for one way traffic and cars going uphill were given the right of way, ten men accompanying each car until it wound its way safely through the jam.

Wind Strong.
Emergency brakes were not enough as the wind would sweep cars out of line and send them sliding across the road.

With the coming of a truck from the state highway department at La Grande loaded with sand, the

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AMBASSADOR
TO U. S. NAMED

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—Baron Ago von Maltzan today was officially appointed German ambassador to the United States succeeding Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

Maltzan, 47 years of age, has had wide diplomatic experience.