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Hunt's
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Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Pouring oil on a fire to extinguish the flames, as most folks know would be the height of stupidity.

Yet, figuratively, that is just what the Washington police department did the other day when called to put out a verbal conflagration at the annual meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Daughters, it seems, came to town with the fighting spirit of their forefathers still undimmed. The fall of the gavel in the hands of Mrs. Walter Hutton, the chairman, instead of being a signal for order, was the starting gun in a battle between two hostile factions.

Both sides were all primed for the attack. In a jiffy, a barrage of charges, countercharges, accusations and recriminations was exploding on all sides.

Screams of agony and protest from the wounded, shouts of defiance and challenge from the leaders. Pandemonium and hysteria reigned supreme. In the uproar the pounding gavel of the chairman and her calls for "order" and "remember we are ladies" were entirely lost.

When it seemed that perhaps the bloodiest battle of the day was yet to be fought—was, in fact, just starting—somebody called to the police.

No laughter will admit she did it; that would be an admission of defeat for her side. Perhaps some nearby remnant of some passerby who thought nothing less than wholesale murder was going on within was responsible.

Anyway, the police were summoned.

And the first blunder to reach the scene—remember, this was a battle of honor between two factions of the proud and blue-blooded Daughters of the Confederacy, sons of the Old South—was that a negro officer to subdue Daughters of the Confederacy, par-

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SAXON, PILLING
AWAITING BELL

With the seat sale progressing sufficiently to insure a large crowd at the boxing, wrestling card to-night at the Star theater, all participants are ready for action—merely awaiting the clang of the starting bell at 8:30 o'clock.

The card will open with a four round match between Ford and Clark, two youngsters who know how to sling a wicked mitt.

Rever and Sarp, 132 pounders, will then open the gloves for a six round match and following that, Saxon and Pilling will take the mat for the headliner.

Both wrestlers are confident of victory. Saxon relies mostly upon his strength and thorough knowledge of the game while Pilling, who is a flashy performer, will trust upon speed and a varied attack.

Neither men are new at the game as both have wrestled some of the best men in the country to-day. Pilling has met Yokel, Thye, McCarroll and many others and Saxon's record is just as imposing.

Ed Ford, matchmaker, announced that ladies will be admitted free provided they are accompanied by gentlemen escorts.

Truck Driver Arrested

SALEM, Ore.—Ernest J. Smith, driver of a local creamery truck, was arrested by the police here charged with having liquor in his possession. The officers confiscated a gallon of liquor.

"Los Angeles" May Fly
To Pacific Coast Soon

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Decision as to a projected coast-to-coast flight of the navy liner Los Angeles, it was disclosed Monday by Secretary Wilbur, depends on a study now in progress as to the necessity of releasing helium to get the ship over the mountains.

The transcontinental flight is proposed as a preliminary to use of the big airship on over water runs to Panama or possibly to England. Naval air service officials feel the best opportunity to test commercial possibilities of lighter-than-air navigation with passenger, mail and high-class express business lies along the route that will carry the ship over.

It is on this point that the experts are considering the question of dispatching the Los Angeles to the west coast. The ship would lose a considerable amount of valuable helium if it should be necessary to reduce pressure in her gas cells before crossing the mountains in order to compensate for the decreased air pressure at the higher altitude. Whether it will be possible to avoid this contingency has not been determined and pending a decision, Secretary Wilbur said he did not care to comment on the proposed western trip.

100 GUESTS
AT STOCK
SHOW MEETState Legislators Pledge
Support to Union
County EventAPPRECIATION IS
SHOWN AT DINNERFame of Union Livestock
Show Has Grown Un-
til It Now Ranks High
in the West.

Expressing in unmistakable manner the pronounced Union hospitality, which is a distinct feature of that community, the dinner given last evening by the city of Union for the friends and supporters of the live stock show, again typified the undying loyalty of the people of that community to their friends.

It was an event staged for the purpose of showing appreciation of what has been done and unlike many ventures, there was no demands for the future. The stock show has made good, abundantly good, and its merit has been heralded to all corners of the north-west, not through paid advertising, but through the excellent features, the healthy competition in the showing, and the underlying principle of "carrying on" even though the live stock industry may not seem at present to be attractive.

With this feeling the Union people invited a hundred guests to enjoy a dinner given at the magnificent Union hotel last evening. Following the dinner, which was splendidly served by Patsy Clarke and his hotel staff, two hours were spent in the parlors of the hotel discussing many state topics, including the probable actions of the coming legislature. J. Z. Terrell, attorney of Union, acted as toastmaster, and in his easy manner he introduced the different speakers, presenting his introductions with appropriate stories.

Solons Pledge Support.

Of course, one of the main topics was the appropriation for the stock show for the next two years and the members of the legislature present each pledged support.

Senator Lloyd Littner, of Pendleton, while stating positively that to the best of his knowledge and belief he was not seeking votes in Union county, nevertheless endorsed the stock show and the good it has done for the western country assuring his audience that now is the time to keep alive the live stock industry and not taking that continuance of the show at Union. Senator H. J. Taylor, of Pendleton, said that to cut off the basic industry of the northwest would be the height of folly and no matter how economical the state might act the stock show would have his support.

This sentiment was also voiced by Representative Albert H. Hunter from Union county and Representative Charles Shelton of Baker county.

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Three Above
At 8:15 a.m.
Here TodayWintery Blast Strikes
Grande Ronde Valley
After Visiting Western
Oregon Yesterday

The first real blast of winter descended upon the Grande Ronde valley during the early morning today, reaching a maximum point at 8:15 o'clock when the mercury stood at its lowest point achieved this winter—three degrees above zero.

Hanging there for a short time, it gradually began to climb with the sun.

Swirling, drifting snow, swept fiercely by a strong wind that struck the east section and old town the hardest, accompanied the cold wave.

Came From West

The storm, hitting here in all its fury during the morning hours, developed in western Oregon yesterday when Albany, Portland, Eugene and Salem, according to Associated Press dispatches, reported snow.

Late in the afternoon the storm first reached eastern Oregon, striking Pendleton and La Grande with a slight gust of snow. The storm grew in intensity during the night.

Reports from nearby cities indicate that even colder weather existed in other valley points.

Wires Damaged.

This morning, owing to high winds, a 100-pair cable was damaged near the library and crews are busy today repairing the trouble, which causes considerable inconvenience to homes the cable supplied. By tomorrow morning it is expected that the service will be working again.

MONTANA SHIVERS

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (By the Associated Press)—A drop of 34 degrees was registered from 12 noon at Fairchild, on the United States reclamation service records.

According to George Sanford, director of the Sun River project at Fairchild, Monday, at noon Sunday the government thermometer stood at 63 above zero; at 12 o'clock Sunday night it was 21 below. This, said Director Sanford, was the greatest drop in 12 hours ever recorded by the service during its history in this part of the state.

COLD IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Clearing skies following yesterday's snow storm brought a pronounced drop in the temperature in this vicinity today changing slush into ice. Snow continued to fall until midnight when freezing set in. The thermometer read 25 above at eight o'clock today. A drop to sixteen was predicted tonight.

Central and Eastern Oregon reported snow and colder weather today.

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WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Thousands of his neighbors and co-workers in organized labor are expected to pass by the body of Samuel Gompers during the six hours it will lie in state tonight in the Federation building here.

A brief period after the arrival of the funeral train this afternoon is set aside for gathering of members of his immediate family for the few last minutes beside the bier.

From Washington the funeral train will go to New York for final funeral services.

ENTIRE NATION MOURNS

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The entire nation, officially and through representatives of finance, business, industry and professions, will share with labor in honoring its dead chieftain, Samuel Gompers. At the funeral here Thursday morning, it was indicated in arrangements announced today.

Several thousand union representatives from more than 45 labor groups will attend the services. There will also be men representing the national, state and city governments, the army, navy, national guard and other circles.

Local readers who attended were George Curry, president of the association, Sherwood Williams, William Miller, L. S. Weeks, C. J. Black, Henry Hill and E. N. Ford.

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MILITARY, Ore.—Another industry of the section which is rapidly gaining prestige throughout the United States is the making of hand-made fish poles by Harry Hobson, in his factory located near Fox Valley. Mr. Hobson was in the shipping one of his best poles to a fisherman in Chicago, who having sent a sample of Mr. Hobson's work, declared it the best he had ever seen.

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SALEM, Ore.—Mrs. Marie Hayes of Nampa, Idaho, jumped, apparently with suicidal intent, into Mill creek and was in a local hospital suffering from exposure consequent to the plunge.

The screams of Mrs. Hayes, who was encircled, were heard by several persons who called the police.

Her husband and son had been expected to arrive. Mrs. Hayes for the last two months had been visiting her mother here.

Gasoline Price Reduced

NORTH BEND, Ore.—Good bay automobile owners are profiting by a cut in the price of gasoline.

Signs are posted at all service stations announcing gasoline at 20 cents a gallon, instead of 22 cents which has been the ruling price for some weeks. The price was begun when eight stations in and near Marshfield and North Bend cut prices to 21 cents some time ago.

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To Two; Bride Slain

VANCOUVER, Wash. (Special)—In a family quarrel over money, J. M. McGinnis last night shot and killed his bride of five days; then turned and killed Lucile, her four-year-old daughter, using both a revolver and ax on the girl, who was and injured Jack, 12, his wife's son, and Minnie, 5, a daughter, and as officers approached shot himself, dying instantly. The double murder and suicide took place in a shack on the Magley race track near Vancouver.

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WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Administration leaders in the senate today blocked an effort to override President Coolidge's veto on the postal pay bill.

Senator Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona, succeeded in bringing the question to the floor, but through parliamentary maneuvering, the expected veto was forestalled.

The failure of those advocating overriding brought about a declaration that Chairman Sterling, of the post office committee, should have unlimited time to debate his motion that the whole question be sent back to the committee.

LOCAL PEOPLE
ATTEND MEET

Members of the La Grande Realty board met with representative farmers of the Cove district at Cove last evening as another step in their campaign to improve agricultural conditions in the Grande Ronde valley.

Growers representing various phases of ranching and farming gave reports on their crops covering a period of years and in most cases were able to show a substantial profit.

The really hard keeping records of all the statistics and reports and hopes before the end of the winter to have an agricultural survey of the entire valley which will prove of much value to the community.

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Victims Of "Tut's Curse?"



(By NEA Airmail Service)

Tutankhamen's "curse" has fallen again—this time here in the United States. And now it has claimed three victims instead of one. At first the superstitious ones blame it for the deaths of Mrs. Rosemary Carnarvon Sparkman, a cousin of Lord Carnarvon, discoverer of Tut's tomb, and her children, Wilford, 8, and Lorna Doone, 7. Mrs. Sparkman, wife of Prof. Colley F. Sparkman of the University, during a fit of depression, then ended her own life.

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