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Hunt's
Daily
Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—The New England literary influence of half a century ago is reflected in the White House breakfasts inaugurated by President Coolidge.

In adopting the breakfast table as the testing round for administration plans and proposals, Coolidge, whether consciously or unconsciously, follows the psychology underlying the "Breakfast Table Series" of Oliver Wendell Holmes in which the author and publisher choose breakfast time as the hour when reason reigned most clearly and when the kernels of truth and fact could be sorted from the chaff of confused thought.

At the head of the White House table, then, over the wheat cakes and sausage, President Coolidge expects not only to get his own plans on straight, but to help straighten the views of leaders in House and Senate through whom he will have to work if legislative harmony is to prevail.

And whether he so intends it or not, he becomes, in effect, a reincarnation of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

Among the views put forward as the "real reason" why the president utilizes the breakfast hour for his contacts with senators and congressmen are:

"No one is conceited in the early morning."

"Guests are at their brightest and best at the beginning of the day; are more receptive and more responsive." (The receptivity referred to has to do with ideas, not food.)

"Breakfasts are more informal and intimate than other luncheons or dinners. One doesn't have to dress for them. Everybody is at his 'peppiest' and there is a minimum of restraint."

One caustic-tongued Democrat further remarks:

"Breakfasts go with presidential economy. They're cheaper than dinners."

Although a common form of political entertainment abroad, breakfasts have not been utilized in Washington as an occasion for charting affairs of state except in the case of Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio, the political god-father of President McKinley.

Hanna's Sunday morning breakfasts, in the old Cameron House on Lafayette Square, a stone's throw from the White House, were famous affairs.

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HONOR UNION
COUNTY CLERK

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—C. K. McCormick, of Union county, was elected president of the County Clerks association of Oregon which closed its annual convention here today.

Ira H. Riddle, of Douglas county, was elected vice-president; H. S. Bryson, Lane county, secretary; S. S. Sackett, Multnomah county, treasurer; and Harry R. Auld, Benton county, was named on the resolutions committee.

C. K. McCormick has been Union county clerk with his home and offices in La Grande, for several terms.

MASONIC LODGE
OFFICERS NAMED
AND INSTALLED

Election and installation of officers of the Masonic lodge was held last evening, J. L. Ingle was elected master, succeeding Fred Kiddle. S. A. Anderson was elected senior warden, E. H. Ringo, junior warden, Cassius Humphrey, treasurer and A. V. Lindgren, secretary.

Installation services were under the direction of George Cochran, past master of the lodge.

Funeral Will Be Held
Tomorrow Afternoon

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Will Church, who were tragically burned to death here yesterday morning, will be held from the Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery with the Masonic order in charge.

Mrs. Church is survived by her mother, Mrs. Cameron, of Denver, who is on her way to La Grande; five sisters: Mrs. Edward Mulcahy, Denver; Mrs. R. W. Phillips, Portland; Mrs. Nancy Dean, Chicago; Mrs. Josephine Mallory and Mrs. Mabel Marshall of Portland; and one brother, William F. Cameron, of Portland.

WARMER IN
LA GRANDE
LAST NIGHT

Mercury Only Seven Degrees Below Zero at Coldest Hour

REGISTERED SIX ABOVE AT 8:30 A. M.

Chilly Wind Gives Impression of More Intense Cold; Relief Not Far Away.

Coldest during night—7 below zero.
8:30 o'clock today—6 above zero.
1:30 o'clock today—8 above.

Although many persons, located in the wind swept sections of La Grande, did not realize it this morning, the warmest weather experienced since Tuesday occurred here at 8:30 o'clock when the temperature stood at six above zero. During the night the mercury fell to seven below, which is five degrees less than Friday and eight less than Thursday.

In protected places today the weather seemed comparatively warm.

It is believed here that relief is not far away for the general warming of the temperature is widespread.

Trains Held Up.

As during the past days, the trains here were reported late this morning. No. 17, west bound, usually here about 7:55 a. m., was marked up until 1:30 p. m. No. 24, east bound, was also late in arriving.

Yesterday afternoon reports were received here that minimum temperatures up the branchline were as follows: Joseph 32 below, Wallowa 24 below, Enterprise 21 below. The Minam river is frozen.

The Associated Press reports state that the weather forecast is "cloudy and warmer tonight and Sunday with rain or snow in the west." Which would seem to indicate that the cold wave is really nearing its end.

Snow in Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Overcast skies with a flurry of snow here this morning here out overnight predictions of some moderation of the cold snap, although the weather bureau promised no greater relief than a minimum of 20 above zero tonight. Last night's minimum was 17 above.

The slight moderation is general throughout the state.

Williamette points reported snow and a rising temperature.

XMAS CAROLS TO BE GIVEN EARLY CHRISTMAS EVE

Every citizen of La Grande who can sing is invited to come to the Neighborhood club rooms Monday evening to practice Community Christmas Carol singing, according to Elmer L. Stoddard, Carol leader, whether they have attended previous practices or not. The carols will be given Christmas eve at six o'clock at the corner of Washington avenue and Depot street, by the Elks' Temple.

The school children are practicing Christmas songs and every child is urged to be present at six o'clock Christmas eve to aid in the singing. Carol singing is being sponsored this year by the Monday Musical of the Neighborhood club.

MARTIN NEW CHAMPION

NEW YORK.—Eddie "Cannonball" Martin of Brooklyn last night became heavyweight champion of the world by outpointing Abe Goldstein of New York in a 15-round bout in Madison Square Garden.

Mr. Church is survived by his brother-in-law, Harold Stewart, Portland, a half brother, M. E. Pomroy, of La Grande; four nieces: Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. Frank Strickland, Mrs. La Nona Davis and Mrs. Robert Jenkins, of Portland; two nephews, Carl Stewart, of Portland, and Wynne Stewart, of Seattle, Wash.

Born in Starkey.

Mr. Church was born in Starkey in the spring of 1872 and was one of the first students in Hill Military Academy at Portland, graduating in the class of 1891. Among his classmates at the academy were W. B. Mackay, Portland.

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Lost Ring!



"You'll never get me for boot-legal. If you do I'll buy you a diamond ring." Dick Buttery, suspected bootlegger and alleged king of Salt Lake City's anti-Volstead clan, said to Sheriff Ben R. Harries. The sheriff agreed to buy him a ring if he didn't get the goods on Buttery. Sheriff Harries won and is proudly displaying Buttery's diamond.

BRITISH HEAR
WALLOWA CALL

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—According to the Wallowa Sun, the London Daily Mail in its issue of November 25th contains the account of a radio at Llandudno, England, receiving a message broadcasted by Elmer Waugh of this city. The article, which is over a column in length, states: "While listening I heard a lonely station on the Pacific coast: Mr. Waugh of Wallowa, calling for anyone wishing to answer."

The article goes on to tell of picking up the telegraph message over 5600 miles, together with reports from Boston, Maine, and Finland. The message is probably a record for a sending station using only five watts of power, and can be explained only as a freakish atmospheric condition. Mr. Waugh's messages have been picked up all over the country, but this is the first record. He utilizes two power tubes, an oscillator and a modulator. The article was illustrated by a map showing the location of the stations heard in reference to England. The clipping was sent from Great Falls, Montana.

Mr. Waugh and Reed Cox have been working on a voice sending apparatus. A letter from a neighboring town was received.

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BERLAND BUYS
CATTLE RANCH

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—For the first time in several years a large cattle ranch and its stock changed hands this week when Ed Berland bought the J. Haas and the Haas & Graves property on the lower Imnaha, states a local newspaper.

This includes 2940 acres of land at Corral Creek, with 500 cattle of all ages. It was owned by Henry Haas and C. F. Graves, until the death of the latter four years ago, since when his estate retained an interest with Mr. Haas in charge.

Mr. Haas still has his individual stock ranch property on the Imnaha, comprising 1600 acres at Horse Creek, with 500 cattle.

The figures involved in Mr. Berland's purchase were not given out, but both Mr. and Mrs. Haas are shrewd managers who know values and the transfer is said to have been made at a conservative price.

Mr. Berland has been on the river much during the past season and knows his new property thoroughly. He will return to the ranch and remain in personal charge of it. His family is staying in town until school is out. It is his intention to have his two boys finish high school and go to college, but they will get a bunch of ranching in summer vacations.

Mr. Berland is a son of J. Berland, pioneer Enterprise merchant, and had a harness store himself in Joseph for years.

"Red Revolt"
Is Feared On
Christmas Eve

France Worried About Communist Activities; Police Preparing for Trouble.

PARIS (By the Associated Press).—Rumors of plans for a "red revolution" on the eve of Christmas has been rife for several days.

Authorities promise a rigorous prosecution with expulsion for those found guilty of spreading the plot reports. Some stories give details concerning the alleged plots, stating the communists had secured admission to their cause of drivers of tanks attached to the Paris garrison.

Warning Sounded.
The opposition press continues to sound warnings of communist activities, and several papers are printing accounts of an elaborate plot for the seizure of Amiens by communists, supposed to have been discovered by the police.

HE SLINGS A
'WICKED PEN'

Over at Imbler, Oregon, there lives a man who can write—there isn't the slightest question as to his ability.

He sent us the following letter and neglected to sign his name but nevertheless it must be printed. It's too good to keep out of print.

The missive, epistle or communication follows:

"Some nefarious, insidious crook of rascally proclivities usurped the peace and tranquility of this immediate vicinity the other night by attempting to solve the mysteries of the combination to the safe of the local railway station. This was a dastardly deed to perpetrate in the dead of night when all the local denizens were wrapped in heavy slumber and quite a few blankets. This latter being due to a strong north wind from just the other side of the north pole and frigid enough to give an Eskimo pneumonia.

"The would be robber, however, did not get much for his efforts, having, it seems, departed in the midst of operations. This sudden leave-taking was probably due to the fact that the thief suddenly looking at his watch seen that it is time for him to retire, therefore dropping everything he repaired to his boudoir."

"Up to date the local Pinkertons and Burnses—having in their possession an envelope dropped on the night of the attempted robbery by the would-be robber, and containing a photograph of the same including his name and address—have deduced the fact that the criminal was a local man, left-handed, and in all probabilities broke—not so bad."

Quiet Christmas Day Planned by President

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Christmas at the White House is to be very quiet because of the death within the last year of the younger son of the President and Mrs. Coolidge. The plans for the holiday are simple.

REBELS REACH MALESSIA BELGRADE. (AP).—Albanian insurgents have reached Malessia and are maneuvering to cut off the retreat of Balkan Turkish forces at Tiran, according to press dispatches.

The fate of Scutari, according to Podgoritz, depends upon the issue of the battle now proceeding at Koplik. (Podgoritz dispatches Wednesday reported the capture of Scutari by rebels.)

It's Time Enough

Three more shopping days may be considered a very short time or a long time—but it's plenty time enough to do the finishing touches to your Christmas shopping—if you get at it early on Monday.

The stocks in La Grande stores have never been so attractive nor so large—and there are wide selections remaining, so that you'll have no trouble finding something suitable. The ads will aid you.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

SHOALS TO
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OUT LATER

Senate Today Busy Considering Amendments to Various Bills

VOTE TO FOLLOW HOLIDAY RECESS

Underwood and Norris Measures Concerning Disposition of Muscle Shoals Probed.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—With all thought of a vote on Muscle Shoals before the Christmas recess abandoned, the senate today settled down to considering amendments to the Underwood and Norris bills.

TO AIR-OBJECT

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—The state department would be called upon to inform the house what objection any foreign government may have to proposed increase of elevation of turret guns on American battleships, under a resolution introduced today by Representative Bennett, of Illinois.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—Members of congress favoring congressional investigation of the relative condition of the American navy are centering their hopes today on the Britten bill to appropriate \$101,400,000 for new construction as the vehicle for hearings before the house naval committee which would satisfy their aim in the investigation.

Britten said the hearings would develop information showing where America stands with regard to the arms treaty provisions.

POULTRY BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—An emergency senate resolution to approximately \$100,000 for a fight against the poultry plague epidemic was rushed thru the house today and sent to President Coolidge for his signature.

ELKS TO HUNT
TREES SUNDAY

Members of the Elks lodge will go a-hunting tomorrow for a suitable Christmas tree to be placed on the corner of Washington and Depot streets, opposite the Elks building.

The distribution of gifts for the needy families in the city will be begun on the morning of December 24 by the Elks. At 11 o'clock Christmas morning all children in the city under 12 years of age are invited to receive gifts at the tree with the Elks as the donors.

Following the presentation of the gifts the children will be entertained as the guests of Myers and Ford at a special show at the Star theater.

The Mercury
This Week

MONDAY, DEC. 15.
La Grande—Warm throughout morning with slight snow and falling temperature in the evening.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16.
La Grande—Mercury in downward path reached 3 at 8:15 a. m. During day drop continued until at 5 p. m. registration was —.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17.
La Grande—Continuous decrease during night, terminating at —10 at 8 a. m. At 1:30 p. m. climbed 10 degrees to zero.

Imbler—Reported—11.
North Powder—Reported—16.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18.
La Grande—Coldest during night—15. At 8 a. m. mercury had climbed two degrees to —13. At 1:30 p. m. stood at 16 degrees higher, at 3.

Enterprise—Reported—32.
Joseph—Reported—34.
Elgin and Union—Reported—18.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19.
La Grande—Coldest during night was —12; 12:30 p. m. climbed 17 degrees to 9.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20.
La Grande—Coldest during night—7. At 8:30 this morning mercury had climbed 13 degrees to 6.

Two "Doggy" Dogs



Here are two of the 14 pups born into the aristocratic household of "Lady Bess" and "Indiana Mohawk," last living son of Champion Mohawk II. The pups, pronounced as the finest litter ever recorded by the American Kennel association, are shown here in the arms of Betty Ives of Malden, Mass.

Snodgrass, Zimmerman
Victors In Chapel Suit

Litigation Comes to An End with Filing of Belt's Decision.

The suit which has been pending in the local courts for a long time wherein a number of residents on Fourth Street in La Grande asked an injunction to prohibit Snodgrass & Zimmerman from carrying on their undertaking establishment at the corner of Fourth street and Pennsylvania avenue, has just been decided, by Judge Harry Belt, in favor of the defendants Snodgrass & Zimmerman. Judge Belt filed his opinion with the clerk Friday.

In that decision he reviewed the principal facts set out in the pleadings and brought out in the testimony in the case, to the effect that the plaintiffs asserted as reasons for relief that the defendants' undertaking establishment prevented them from enjoying their homes, and that it was a constant reminder of death with all its attendant sorrow and grief, and that the mental depression caused thereby was injurious to their health. It was also claimed by them that there was a substantial depreciation in the value of the plaintiffs' property by reason of the location of the undertaking parlor.

There was no contention at any time that Snodgrass & Zimmerman ever conducted their business in an unsanitary or improper manner. The record disclosed, the judge holds, that the undertaking establishment, as now located, is strictly modern, and the building is constructed along the most scientific

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Powwatka Child Badly
Hurt by Boiling Water

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—The two-year old daughter of Erna Wortman was seriously scalded recently when she tipped a pan of boiling water on herself, states a local newspaper.

The child was rushed to the hospital from her home in Powwatka where a determined effort is being made to save its life. The nurse covers the chest and abdomen and are of a very painful nature.

LIQUOR CAUSE DEATHS

NEW YORK (AP).—Poison holiday liquor, directly or indirectly, has caused 31 deaths in New York city since December 1, the city's chief medical examiner reported today.

XTRA

MAN STABBED TO DEATH

KLAMATH FALLS. (AP).—John Nolan, 50, was found dead, stabbed through the heart, in an isolated cabin on the west shore of Tule lake late yesterday. James Howard, 65, arrested last night in connection with Nolan's death, tearfully protested innocence. According to information at the sheriff's office, Nolan, Howard and Con C. Sullivan were at Nolan's cabin Thursday night, drinking, when an argument came up between Nolan and Howard.

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Insurance Debate Held
Last Night Interesting

Rather an unique debate occurred last evening at the city hall when H. T. Brace, former insurance commissioner of the state of Idaho, spoke for the old line legal reserve life insurance companies, and Floyd McKennon of La Grande, represented the Guaranteed Fund association plan of insurance, which is much different from the old line insurance.

Mr. McKennon opened the debate with a half hour spent stating the points his plan of insurance carried which differ from old line.

He said investment and insurance should never be combined by the purchaser unless there was positive assurance of getting the investment and protection features, which necessarily must be set out

C. SIMMONS
KILLS SELF
HERE TODAY

Death Came as Result of Probable "Dive" from Savoy Window

DESPONDENCY IS BELIEVED CAUSE

Simmons Known to Have Been Moody Last Evening; Had Been More or Less Ill for Years.

Cloyd Simmons, 43 years old, met instant death this morning shortly after 7 o'clock by a fall from the second story of the Savoy Hotel. Whether the fall was the result of suicidal motives on the part of the deceased is not definitely known, although circumstances point to the former theory.

The body was discovered lying in a pool of blood just opposite the doors of the C. J. Black company on Elm street by Moses Ellidge who immediately called Clint Haynes, chief of police. Mr. Ellidge first saw the body when opening up his office on Jefferson street. It was lying with the head toward the curb at the edge of an iron door in the sidewalk. Simmons was clothed very neatly at the time and had apparently just arisen from bed at the time of the fatal plunge.

Death instantaneous.

Death was evidently instantaneous due to a fractured skull. The dead man's head was caved in at the back from the force of the impact at the time it struck the pavement. No other marks of violence were discovered.

All the circumstances surrounding the death point to the fact that the cause was a despondency from ill health.

Mr. Simmons had not been entirely well for several years.

CHURCHES TO
OBSERVE XMAS

Tomorrow, the last Sunday before Christmas day, will be observed as such in many of the La Grande churches.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, South, a Christmas sermon, entitled, "Christmas—The Sun in the Air," will be delivered by the pastor, Reverend Bert A. Powell, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Special music at the Christmas service in the new Presbyterian church will be the feature Sunday morning.

At the Baptist church a special evening service will be held at 7:30 o'clock featuring a Christmas sermon, "Life's Answer to the Heart." Christmas will also be the theme of the morning service at eleven o'clock.

The St. Peter's Episcopal church will have carol services and choral communion at 10:30 o'clock Christmas eve.

Christmas will be duly celebrated in the various services of the First Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow, at 10:25 a. m. a Christmas program with tree and treats for the children will be held. At 11 "Before Christmas" will be the sermon theme. At ten o'clock the Men's Forum will be addressed by the pastor, using the "Following the Glean" as his topic.

At 4:45 o'clock a Christmas music prelude will precede the Vesper service.

plainly in the contract. His contention was that in insurance contracts commonly called old line legal reserve the policy owner very often thinks he is getting investment and insurance when in fact he gets but one.

Brace spoke for the two.

Mr. Brace spoke for an hour reviewing life insurance in general. He stated that 35 per cent of the insurance buying public buy old line insurance and he reasoned that 35 per cent of the people could not go wrong. He told of John Wamaker's large investments in insurance and many other capitalists drawing from this his evidence that his plan of in-

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