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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday.

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Hunt's
Daily
Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The golfing contingent in Congress will add a renowned recruit at the next session with the arrival of Dr. Charles Aubrey Eaton of Washington, N. J.

Eaton was famous 20 years ago as "John D. Rockefeller's pastor." He acquired the title by reason of his pastorate at the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, where the oil magnate worshipped during his summer-time sojourns at his magnificent Forest Hill estate.

But it wasn't so much his preaching at John D.'s church that won him prominence, even then, as it was his golfing. John D. had a private golf course on his estate and indulged in a daily game for the sake of his health.

And on these occasions he usually had his physician or his pastor or both, as golfing companions. As a result, Eaton's prowess with a mallet became even better known in the "Sixth City" than his persuasiveness as a pastor.

In 1909 Eaton graduated from the Cleveland church into the pastorate of the Madison Avenue Church, New York. Rockefeller at about this time also abandoned his Cleveland home, preferring to spend his summers at Tarrytown and New York and his winters in Florida.

Sociology always has been a hobby with Eaton, and it was the sociological trend of his discourses that is said to have attracted the attention of Rockefeller, who was seeking a man to lead his channels and methods of thought. He felt his millions might be made to work for the general welfare.

This sociological bent caused Eaton, during the war, to surrender his pulpit to head the National Service Section of the Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation. Introduced into his new job by Charles M. Schwab, then head of the Shipping Board, Eaton told the workers at one of the big shipyards, in an address:

"If you catch a spy in these shipyards, blow him to hell!"

So, whether as a golfer or as a forceful speaker—Eaton may reasonably be expected to make himself heard in Washington.

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ELKS PREPARE
FOR BIG DAY

Distribution of gifts by the Elks to the poor families of the city will commence tomorrow and many homes will be gladdened by members of the lodge, who, acting as a whole squad of Santa Claus will bring Christmas cheer with them wherever they visit.

The huge Christmas tree for the effects will be used in the decorated hall tomorrow. Special lighting effects will be used in the decorations so that the tree may form a fitting scene for the presentation of gifts to the children of La Grande on Christmas morning.

All children under 12 years of age are to be recipients of a large quantity of toys, candy and other similar accessories which make Christmas so dear to the childish heart.

Distribution will commence at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. Immediately afterwards Myers and Ford will entertain the children of La Grande at a free special show at the Star Theater.

14,000 Valley Acres In
Hard Federation Wheat

How Union county farmers came to grow this year the largest acreage of Hard Federation wheat of any county in the United States and how local mills were enabled thereby to produce a hard wheat flour exceeding all others in Pacific coast laboratories, is told in the annual report of H. G. Avery, county agent. Hard Federation wheat, says the report, was first introduced in 1921 from the Moro experiment station being grown as a test plot on the farm of Frank McKennon of Alico, Oregon, in cooperation with the county agent. From the nine acres grown that year by McKennon, the planting of this variety of wheat has increased rapidly. A total of 14,000 acres being planted in Union county in 1924. In addition a considerable acreage is being grown in Baker and Walla Walla counties from seed secured in this county.

Mr. McKennon's Hard Federation

XMAS CHEER
PREVAILED
AT LUNCHEONSpirit of Christmas Time
Infused into Commercial ClubMUSICAL PROGRAM
WAS FEATUREDFellowship and Goodwill
Outstanding at Event
Presided over by Dr.
Mossman.

The annual Christmas luncheon of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, held today in the Odd Fellows hall and presided over by Dr. E. P. Mossman, will go down in the organization's history as one of the most successful held.

It was a joyful occasion, one that radiated good will, good cheer and good fellowship. And the toastmaster was in his finest fettle—his inimitable wit kept the attendance at a joyous pitch throughout. Dr. Mossman's luncheons are always well attended and today was no exception.

Following the returning of thanks by Reverend Elmer Grant Keith, of the First Methodist Episcopal church, the business men, by the ladies societte of the Neighborhood club, sang a Christmas carol.

Welfare Problem Settled. Dr. Ray Murphy announced that the county court had consented to handle all needy cases in La Grande with the co-operation of other organizations and suggested that this plan be approved by the chamber of commerce. His motion to that effect was passed unanimously, thus bringing to a successful ending a worthy project launched largely by Reverend S. W. Crease.

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XMAS CAROLS TO
BE SUNG 5:15 ON
WEDNESDAY EVE

Earl Stoddard, Carol leader, announced today that the singing of Christmas Carols would take place at 5:15 o'clock Christmas Eve, instead of 6:00 o'clock as formerly announced, at the corner of Washington and Depot streets, where the Elks Christmas tree is located. All children of the grade schools are urged to be present and assist in the singing. Approximately seventy-five people have been practicing at the Neighborhood club rooms for the community singing and will be present at this hour.

Dr. E. P. Mossman will show stereoscopic slides in connection with the carols, bringing the Christmas story to those present. Carol singing is being sponsored by the Monday Musket of the Neighborhood club and an excellent program is assured.

Ages of Mexican Centennarian
And Bride Close to 200 Years

AGUASCALIENTES, MEX. (AP)—Nicholas Martinez, who is almost as old as the Mexican republic, has taken unto himself a third wife, Francisco Quintana. Their combined ages total almost 200 years, for he is 105 and his bride confesses to 95.

Except for a slight difficulty in hearing, Martinez appears almost as young as his new consort and attributes his longevity to the fresh air of the country and to the fact that Providence undoubtedly has guided his steps. His father, Crescencio Martinez, died at the age of 125.

West State
Weather Is
Below ZeroEugene, Oregon, Reports
One Degree Below, a
New Record Mark for
This Winter.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The cold wave which has gripped Oregon and Washington for a week seems inclined to cling awhile longer, according to the weather forecast today.

Ice flows are hindering navigation in the Willamette and Columbia rivers and the Willamette is frozen over in some places.

Below Zero at Eugene. Eugene, Oregon reported one degree below zero last night which is the coldest so far that has been recorded west of the Cascades.

Salem is 11 above and Roseburg 20 above. A slight moderation is reported in eastern Oregon.

HOME LIGHTING
CONTEST ENDS

Miss Dorothy Brown-ton, 604 O Avenue, La Grande, is the winner of the medal given for the best essay and primer in the International Home Lighting Contest in this section of the territory of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company. Three others here received honorable mention. They were: Miss Muri Luetla Gore, 1805 Cedar street; Miss Mabel Schaefer, 305 Pennsylvania avenue and Harold William Herr, 302 First street.

The ten best essays and primers are to be sent to New York and entered in the national contest. Miss Brown-ton's work drew a grade of 97 percent which is a very high mark. Her primer was nearly perfect.

Miss Brown-ton's Essay.

In improving the lighting in my home there are many changes which I would make. I will begin with the kitchen as I feel sure it is one of the most essential rooms in a home.

The fixture on the ceiling is new and modern, having a glass reflector over a frosted bulb. A mother working in our kitchen would have no cause to complain as there is ample light diffused, with no glare or shadows on the dishes in the sink. But the bulb, however, is only a 75 watt, while from 150 to 250 watts are needed. To remedy this fault I would place a bracket fixture on either side of the sink or stove, (preferably the former) with proper shades, depending on the line carried in the store. These using 50 watt bulbs would be sufficient.

Our bathroom is not the ordinary square type, but is longer and narrower, having a bracket fixture over the wall midway between the two ends. If it were not for the mirror, which is our greatest problem, this lighting would be satisfactory though only a bulb of 40 watts is used. The fact is an irregular object which often causes shadows to appear on it unless well lighted from both sides. Such is the case in our bathroom. To correct this I would place a bracket fixture on both sides of the mirror at eye level, if possible.

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POPE PIUS NOT
ILL; REPORTS
ARE ERRONEOUS

ROME (By the Associated Press)—In response to queries prompted by the report he is ill with influenza, it was stated today that Pope Pius is perfectly well. The pope said made this morning and received cardinals.

TO WITHDRAW LAND. WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Coolidge today authorized the Interior Department to withdraw from public domain 52,336 acres of land near the Columbia river in Washington for a tourist parking place. It is the tract near "Picture Rocks."

Report on Roads Given HILLSBORO, Ore.—The engineer's report on the two short-cuts to Tillamook was given before a meeting of the representatives of Tillamook, Yamhill and Washington counties. The estimates show that the Trask route, while 22 miles shorter, would be more expensive because of the rough country traversed. Both agencies offer a grade maximum of 5 percent. It will be necessary for the county courts of the three counties to agree on the route and then remain the problem of financing.

RUSSIANS
LAY BLAME
ON TROTSKYBolshevik Leader Is At-
tacked by Nearly All
FactionsHEALTH BROKEN,
CAN'T FIGHT BACKCommunists Leading in
Efforts to Belittle Trot-
sky's Part in Recent
Upheaval.

MOSCOW (By the Associated Press)—Although Trotsky is out of the political arena, far removed from the bitter strife of Moscow, attacks upon him both from within and without the Communist party continue unceasingly.

All the sins, shortcomings and failures of the Bolshevik regime have been visited upon his head.

Would Belittle Him.

Efforts are being made to destroy his popularity with the public and the "red" army by making it appear his part in the Bolshevik upheaval was relatively a minor one as compared with the collective effort of the Communist party as a whole.

Trotsky Broken. Trotsky remains silent, alone and broken in a resort where he has gone in an attempt to restore his health.

XTRA

COMMANDER PASSES ON. SAN DIEGO (AP)—Commander P. G. Perkins, battle front gunner officer, injured in a seaplane accident a week ago, died late yesterday. Perkins' parents live in Portland, Ore., and his brother is city editor of the Klamath Falls Herald.

DEFIES GREAT BRITAIN. GENEVA (AP)—The Irish Free State courtously but unequivocally defied Great Britain today when in a note to the league of nations, it declared it was unable to accept the British contention that the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1921 was not acceptable to registration with the league.

HUSHING TRIAL TO END. MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (AP)—Hearing of evidence in the joint trial of Lawrence M. Hight and Mrs. Sweetin for the poison murder of her husband, was concluded at noon today. Each side was given four hours for arguments and a night session ordered so the case can go to the jury tonight.

TO REARREST ANDERSON. NEW YORK (AP)—William H. Anderson, former state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, will be rearrested when he leaves Sing Sing tomorrow on parole, the district attorney's office announced today. Four indictments are pending against him.

MARKETS TODAY. PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Cattle nominally steady, hogs steady, sheep 41 higher, lambs \$13.50 to \$14.50. Eggs three to five cents up, 45c to 49 1-2c. Butterfat 47c.

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Butterfat 57c.

Have You
Forgotten
Anyone?

Christmas shopping may be a hard job sometimes—but if you get through without forgetting someone important, it's lots of fun at that. Check over your list and take advantage of this last shopping day. Read the last-minute gift suggestions in The Observer and then end up in a hurry for a Merry Christmas!

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50 Years Wed, They Look Alike



Here is proof of the theory that persons living years in intimate companionship eventually grow to look alike. Just notice the striking resemblance between Andrew J. Smith and wife of Port Huron, Mich. They have been married 50 years. Both deny they ever did—or ever will—look alike.

SOL'S SMILE
WARMER TODAY

Clear, sunny skies and a general upward trend in the thermometer made winter somewhat more agreeable in the Grande Ronde Valley today.

Leaving weather continues but not since last week has the mercury dropped below zero. A stiff wind last night made the weather seem colder but the lowest mark was four degrees above. At 9 o'clock this morning the mercury had climbed to 11 above.

The weather forecast today, however, promises no further relief. "Fair and continued cold to night and Wednesday" is the forecast.

SCUTARI HAS FALLEN SAYS
NEWSPAPERS OF BELGRADE

BELGRADE, (AP)—Belgrade newspapers today print advice stating that a column of Albanian insurgents entered Tirana last night and that Scutari has fallen. The capture of Tirana followed a battle at Chafanour, in which the troops of Premier Pash Noli were beaten by rebels commanded by ex-Premier Ahmed Bey Zogou, according to dispatches. If confirmed, the occupation of Tirana, the country's capital, marks an important victory for the insurgents.

Foreign Minister Nincich commenting on the proposed anti-Bolshevik front in the Balkans, is quoted by the newspaper Vreme as saying the "struggle against Bolshevism is now being prepared for throughout Europe it cannot fail to have an effect upon home politics. The government will not hesitate for an instant to apply the severest legal measures against all those whose subversive activity is inspired by the Third International."

NO EXTRA PROH AGENTS
TO BE HIRED FOR HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Prohibition officials will depend upon their present staff agents to cope with any seasonal increase in the liquor trade.

Chief of General Agents Yellowley said today no additional men will be employed during the Christmas and New Year period. However, the number of agents may be transferred from quiet sectors to strategic points to handle any emergency.

Wool Growers In Favor Of
Joint Water, Rail Rates

SALEM, Oregon, (AP)—The Oregon Wool Growers Association emphatically is in favor of a joint rail and water rate on wool to Portland. President Falkner, of Bend, would like to see the wool service commission to appear for all shippers of the state at a hearing to be held January 15th in Illinois before the interstate commerce commission.

Ben Sirro
Is Held For
Blackmailing

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Hern Sirro, 29, today faces charges of attempted blackmail and extortion. He is charged with having written letters to Mrs. W. K. Vandebilt and Philip Rhineclander, threatening to "take action accordingly" if the money is not delivered as he asked.

Sirro is alleged to have demanded \$50,000 from Mrs. Vandebilt and \$20,000 from Rhineclander. He told each "some form of violence" would be used against them unless his demands were met.

'BRIBE' CASE
ONLY A TALE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The department of justice's investigation into charges that a senate employee accepted money for the use of his influence in behalf of legislation has resulted in the finding that no law has been violated.

Attorney General Stone declined to divulge the nature of the legislation or the name of the man involved. Officials of the postal workers organization charged that the case was concocted by opponents of the postal pay increase bill in an attempt to defeat the measure and demanded that the attorney general make the facts public but it was never done.

BREAD SCARCE
IN FRANCE NOW

PARIS (AP)—Making 500,000 grains of wheat grow from one in a year and a half, was cited in the dusty debate of the chamber of deputies on agriculture recently as a laboratory accomplishment rather putting in the shade the old adage of making two leaves grow where one grew before.

This scientific achievement was used by Deputy Comptres-Moril to show how valuable science could be to the farmer. France has a back-to-the-farm movement but the tide to the city continues to increase. Before the war more than half the population was rural, it was shown by various speakers, and now only a third of the people cultivate the soil. And heading the wheat shortage, extraordinary serious this year, is worrying economists and politicians for the reason that bread, the standard of the Frenchman for the cost of living, goes up in price constantly without regard to the campaigns of economic cabinets and long speeches by ministers of different political complexions.

TEAM TO MEET
WALLOWA SOON

Basketball practice so far has come very near following the adage, "all work and no play." That is in the sense that very little actual playing scrimmage has been on the schedule as yet.

Drill has been almost entirely on fundamentals of the game up until this week but it is probable that more practice games will be played from now on.

The squad has been divided into two principal teams, one light and one heavy team for practice work in actual competition. Steward, Gammoe, Hummel, Kerr and Grand have been placed on the heavier quintet and Lyman, Zundel, McKennon, Glass and Meyers on the lighter team.

According to McFavah these divisions are no indication of the way the team will be chosen when La Grande meets Wallowa here in its first game on January 9.

Practice will be kept up during vacation with the exception of three days to allow for painting the floor of the gymnasium. A number of improvements have been made in the gymnasium accommodations this year in order to handle a larger crowd of spectators.

Thousands of Christmas Parcels
Flood Great Britain Post Offices

LONDON (AP)—The post offices of Great Britain are flooded with scores of thousands of Christmas parcels, carrying Yuletide cheer to friends and relatives in all parts of the far-flung British Empire, and officials estimate that the early mailings are 60 per cent above the normal Christmas average.

For some remote parts of the empire, Christmas mails have already closed, but to the others plum puddings, cakes, books, hundreds of thousands of toys of all descriptions and other gifts are still on their way in ever increasing quantities.

By the middle of November, 50,000 parcels had gone to India, New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, Straits Settlements, East Africa, Ceylon, Hongkong, Peru and Central America.

Carriers' Contest To
End Tomorrow at 4 p.m.

With one day left for The Observer's carrier boys to work for the various prizes in gold pieces and skulls, skates, and footballs, they will make good use of the school holiday tomorrow soliciting new subscribers. The winners will be determined tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock and every boy will receive his cash commission for the work done, regardless of whether he is a prize winner.

The contest, which was to have closed Saturday night, was continued until Christmas Eve on account of the severe weather that prevented the boys getting out to do a maximum amount of solicitation. Tomorrow they will scour the entire city for subscribers in an effort to change their standings and climb nearer the first prize of a ten dollar gold piece and pair of hard-wood skis.

TIMBER IN
WALLOWA CO.
SOLD TODAYOne Million Three Hun-
dred Thousand Board
Feet Disposed ofENTERPRISE FIRM
MAKES PURCHASEPine Sells at \$3 per Thou-
sand, Fir and Larch at
50 Cents per Thousand.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The local forest office today sold one million three hundred thousand board feet of pine, fir and larch on Tepee creek, Wallowa national forest, to the East Oregon Lumber company, of Enterprise.

The prices were \$3 per thousand feet for pine and 50 cents per thousand feet for all other grades.

POWER PLANTS
STAND STRAIN

The Rock Creek and the Cove plants of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company are both in the grip of zero weather which has cut the water flow to such a point that both were forced to close down and an extra crew is fighting the ice at the Morgan Lake plant.

In spite of the shutdowns in the hydro plants the Sheddont Hydro-Electric and Baker Steam plants have been able to keep up the voltage up to such a point as to competently care for the demands over the entire system.

The company does not expect the situation to be relieved materially until a week's time has elapsed.

Poilu Squares Account
With German Officer

BREST, (AP)—In the railway station of a small village of Morbihan, Brittany, a number of sports full of sweet Breton apples were being loaded on railway trucks, while a German fruit merchant stood complacently watching the work. Suddenly a Breton peasant, dark eyed and stockily built, left his horses and strode up to the German.

"Are you Ober-Lieutenant X who was in command of camp X during the war?" he asked.

"Yes," was the answer. "And I'm soldier X," shouted the Breton peasant, a strange light in his eyes, "and we'll settle it right here now."

Before the German had time to run the Breton was on him, punching him right and left and knocking the German all over the village square. So sound was the beating he gave the German that onlookers had to drag him away, but none was in sympathy with the French when they realized that the French prisoners of war was paying back months of hardship and ill treatment.