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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, excepting probable local showers in the west.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—The real game of tag between Coolidge and his supporters, who want congress to adjourn March 4 for a long vacation, and those who believe the new congress should be assembled immediately, or at least soon after the end of the present session, begins with the reconvening of the legislators after the Christmas recess.

Tactically, the battleground of the extra-session brigade has been chosen as the senate.

With one-third of the short session already gone, the upper house has not taken up for passage any of the necessary "supply bills," which provide the cash to keep the wheels of government turning in the departments and bureaus.

Under the senate rules the opportunity for a group of determined opponents to force the president's hand in the matter of an extra session is recognized.

With a dozen appropriation bills proposing expenditure of billions of dollars, to be acted upon within eight weeks, it is not necessary to stage an old-time filibuster on any one measure.

The slowing down of the machinery that would result from even a reasonably close scrutiny and discussion of these measures, might easily cause them to consume an average of one week each.

Which would mean that some three or four departments would be left without any provision for funds after July 1, and before they could continue to function congress would have to be recalled to provide appropriations.

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The efficiency with which President Coolidge can handle the "big stick" doubtless will be displayed in this developing situation.

The president frankly doesn't want an extra session. He doesn't want congress "on his hands" over summer. He is much more confident of his ability to steer a satisfactory course if left alone at the helm than he is with a contentious congress continually jogging his elbow. So unless congress forces his hand its members can play golf or tiddle-de-winks or hop-scotch during the summer for all he cares.

But there is a sizable element in congress that is not willing that the legislative shall play second fiddle to the executive.

There are problems to be tackled, they hold that require the consideration of congress.

For these to be postponed another year they contend, would

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ENVOY BLACK COMING HERE

Adjutant and Mrs. Peterson and family left yesterday by motor for Los Angeles, California where they will attend the Salvation Army Western States Convention led by Commander Booth.

They will stop for a few days in Portland to visit Mrs. Peterson's mother before leaving for the south.

They will also receive their official appointment for some other locality in California when they arrive in Los Angeles.

Envoy Black from Portland will fill in temporarily until the commanding officers arrive. The welcoming meeting will be held Thursday night for the coming of the envoy.

The serious condition of Mrs. Peterson's throat has made it necessary for them to be transferred to a warmer climate.

CLEVER CRACKER CAUGHT

CLEVELAND (By the Associated Press) — Jakie Hoehm, described by the police as one of the cleverest safe crackers in the country, was arrested here today as a suspected member of a gang which recently had blown a dozen safes here.

CHURCHILL SUGGESTS DEBT MEET

Interallied Conference Is Planned Next March in Brussels.

WOULD INVITE U. S. DELEGATE

State Department at Washington Sits Tight —Awaiting French Developments.

PARIS (By the Associated Press) — **Winston Churchill will present his proposal to the allies for a conference during private conversations which he will hold with other delegation heads, it was said.**

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Plans for an inter-allied debt conference at Brussels next March, to which the United States will probably be invited to send a delegate, are declared to have been formulated by Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — The French debt situation appeared today to have again developed into a waiting attitude on the part of the Washington government for possible further light on the suggestions concerning the refunding agreement presented in the Clementhal memorandum.

It was said definitely at the state department that the French suggestions did not warrant calling a special meeting of the American funding commission to consider them.

PARIS (By Associated Press)—The inter-allied finance ministers conference began today, in fact, if not in form.

Premiers Thunis, of Belgium, and Herriot, of France, are having conversations today.

Notwithstanding the American attitude, it is believed in official circles that the conferees, notably the British, are determined to push the debt problem in unofficial conferences in hope of at least abridging future work toward a definite solution.

HOUSE FAVORS HUGE ADDITION TO U.S. FORESTS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—About 697,000 acres of private land would be added to Umatilla, Wallowa and Whitman national forests in Oregon, the timberlands less valuable for forestry purposes being given in exchange, under a bill passed yesterday by the house and sent to the senate.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and sheep nominally steady. Hogs steady to weak. Eggs one to two cents higher, 41½c@44c. Butter 49c. Butterfat steady.

PUZZLE ANSWER

Vets' Bonus Certificates Distributed

Postal Authorities Delivering Papers to Ex-Service Men in La Grande.

The adjusted service certificates for veterans of the world war are being delivered by the postal authorities in La Grande to a large number of ex-service men who filed their applications during the past few months.

The certificates are a 20-year endowment policy, based on the length of service in the army of the United States. The maximum seems to be about $1550, as several of this figure have been received by young men here.

Not Too Late Yet.

The officers of the American Legion say that it is not too late yet to apply for adjusted compensation and offer to gladly help any who have not applied yet.

The first meeting of the new year by the La Grande American Legion post No. 43, will be held in the K. of P. hall tomorrow evening.

Install Officers.

Installation of officers of both the legion and auxiliary will be the main feature, with dancing and refreshments afterwards, to which all visiting members and their ladies are invited. A large attendance is expected.

FIRST CHECK GIVEN

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The first check for

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KILLERS HAVE WEAK PURSUIT

KLAMMATH FALLS, Ore. — To all outward appearances no concerted effort is being made by local authorities to apprehend the three masked outlaws who early Sunday murdered Oscar Erickson, laborer, in the robbery of a poker game in the basement of the Scandinavian hall.

Sheriff Hawkins and his deputies, who took office yesterday, were kept busy throughout the day getting acquainted with their duties, while Police Chief Humphrey was devoting much of his time to cleaning up his desk to make way for Z. J. Powell, who was appointed chief of police at the council meeting last night.

Private investigators have learned that an ex-convict, who had been hanging around Klamath Falls for some time, answers in general the description of the leader of the outlaws, and he is being sought unofficially, though officers place little credence in this theory.

A stolen automobile, which had been parked within three blocks of the robbery, may have been used in the get-away, officers believe. The machine has not yet been located.

IRRIGATION FUND WORK A SUCCESS

Big Share of Five Thousand Raised in Hour's Solicitation

ENTIRE AMOUNT EXPECTED SOON

Chamber of Commerce Committee, Headed by A. R. Hunter, Producing Results.

A. R. Hunter, chairman of the Union County Chamber of Commerce irrigation committee, today reported at the luncheon of the organization in Odd Fellows hall, that a total of $1,750 had already been pledged for the $5,000 fund to match a like federal amount to pay for a survey in connection with the launching of a move to secure two irrigation projects feeding the Grande Ronde valley from Catherine creek and Meadowbrook.

According to Mr. Hunter, the committee spent about one hour this morning securing the given amount and it expects to procure the entire five thousand dollars within a short space of time. Not a person approached refused to subscribe to the fund.

Mr. Hunter also explained that all money put into this survey will be refunded at a later date.

His report was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Rates Discussed.

Near the close of the luncheon, following an announcement by Elmer Stoddard that a meeting of the Oregon industrial congress under the auspices of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce would be held in Portland Thursday and Friday, and urging all La Grande men who could attend to do so, Mr. Stoddard made a report on the intermediate rate fight situation, giving the railroads'

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CRIMINAL TRIES SUICIDE, FAILS; MUST FACE TRIAL

VANCOUVER, B. C. (By the Associated Press)—Henry Miller, of San Bernadino, Cal., is recovering here from effects of poison taken last night, and will be tried in Longview, Wash., on a worthless check charge, according to the police.

Miller is also wanted in connection with an alleged $10,000 fraud in San Bernardino, the officers said.

Governor Of Wyoming

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Above—MRS. NELLIE TAYLOR ROSS

CHEYENNE (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Ross became the first duly elected woman governor in the United States when she took oath of governor of Wyoming.

New County Officers In Office Now

Departments Affected by November Election Are Functioning at Courthouse Today.

The new county officers took up their positions yesterday at the court house and were hard at work this morning at an early hour when the "inquiring reporter" from the "Evening Observer" paid them a non-official visit.

On shaking hands with Jess Breshears, new county sheriff, one feels instinctively that the office is literally in "good hands." The new sheriff radiates that quiet power of the sort which is always attributed to the "he men" who grew up in the "great open spaces."

Forty years old and says he "don't care who knows it," the new sheriff has spent most of his life in Elgin where he served for a long time as town marshal and later as special deputy.

Two Assisting.

Breshears' two main assistants are Amos "Spud" Heim, office deputy, to whom you will pay your taxes, and from whom you will get your temporary license plates and so on and Hugo Klinghamer, outside deputy, who helps the sheriff round them up. "Spud" is well known to local baseball fans as the diminutive shortstop on last year's team. Klinghamer has been a resident of La Grande for some years and has many friends here.

Sayre at Salem.

E. A. Sayre, school superintendent, who is serving his first term, has not yet officially appeared in his office just below the stairs at the court house. He is attending a school superintendent's convention at Salem but will be in La Grande some time this week.

W. W. Stevens, county commissioner who succeeded J. F. Hutchison will meet in the county court for the first time tomorrow.

CUTLER GIVEN HIGHWAY POST

Official announcement was made this morning by R. H. Baldock that Oscar Cutler had been appointed to fill the place left vacant by W. C. Crews, who recently resigned to accept the position of city manager.

Mr. Cutler has been in the employ of the state since 1916 except for a period during which he was serving Uncle Sam in the U. S. army.

In addition to the regular job of office engineer Mr. Cutler will have charge of a portion of the road maintenance work, according to Mr. Baldock.

UNION SCRIBE IS SHOT DOWN

SCRANTON, Penn. (By the Associated Press)—His body riddled with bullets, Samuel Spachia, 31, secretary of the Ewen Colliery local union of the Pennsylvania Coal company, was found dead in the streets of Pittston early today.

Spachia, one of 11,000 miners on strike in the Pittston district for the past five weeks, was on his way home after attending a union meeting.

5 Arrests Made

Five men were arrested in connection with the shooting of Spachia.

BEGINS FIFTH TERM

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—George W. P. Hunt, Democrat, Monday morning began his fifth term as governor of Arizona. The inauguration ceremonies were simple and brief.

If Something Is Wrong

Some advertising gets better results than others—some business men seem to make it pay extremely well, and others only fairly well—or not at all.

What's the trouble? Usually it's the method and the man. And it can be easily corrected. Our advertising knowledge, based on sound experience, is at his service.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Figures in Divorce Case

The above picture is of Mrs. Frank B. Scott, of Michigan, a figure in the Scott divorce case which has taken a sensational turn lately with alleged exposures of her misconduct. Below—Congressman Scott, who his wife accused of gambling.

HAHNE FACING SANITY BOARD

OMAHA, Neb. (By the Associated Press) — While relatives for Mrs. Mae Hahne, whose body was found, battered and bruised in the basement of her home last Friday, made arrangements to transport the body to her former home in Colorado Springs, Colo., County Attorney Henry Beale was making arrangements for the insanity charges again J. Warren Hahne, her husband, who is accused of her death.

If, however, he should be unable to prove Hahne insane, he said, he would immediately try Hahne on a first degree murder charge, as recommended by a coroner's jury, and recommend the death penalty. The insanity hearing, however, will probably not be held for a week,

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Idaho Man Killed by California Policeman

CALEXICO, Cal. (AP) — J. R. Feathers, alleged to have been wanted in connection with five murders, two in Pocatello, Idaho, and three in Ohio, and for robberies in San Bernardino, Cal., last week, was shot and killed here Monday by Chief of Police Hardwick.

POCATELLO, Idaho, (AP)—J. A. Feathers, or Fetters, reported killed in a pistol duel at Calexico, Cal., Monday, is well known in police circles in this city, but officers have no information connecting him with murders either here or in Ohio.

According to available information, Feathers was in Pocatello a month or six weeks during last July and August but was not connected with any trouble with local police. While here he signed a bill of sale for an automobile as J. R. Fetters, which is believed to be his real name.

XTRA

CAL'S VETO SUSTAINED IN SENATE; VOTE 55 TO 29

WASHINGTON. (AP Press Time Flash) — President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay bill was sustained today by the senate, 55 to 29. One less than two thirds necessary to pass the measure over the veto. With the veto sustained, salary increases are dependent upon enactment of pending administration measure to advance the pay and postal rates simultaneously.

CONGRESSMEN HIT

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Flagrant violation of the Volstead act" by "dry" congressmen is declared to have added to the "already overwhelming contempt for the act by otherwise law abiding citizens," in a statement today by President Stayton of the Association Against Prohibition Amendment. He referred especially to testimony in the divorce action brought by Representative Scott, of Michigan, in which he said a witness testified Scott brought liquor into this country from Panama.

MEANS FEIGNS ILLNESS

NEW YORK (AP)—Gaston B. Means, former justice department agent, is feigning illness to avoid trial of charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice, Federal Judge Lindley was told today by Special Assistant United States Attorney Todd. Todd told the court government operatives had called upon Means at Concord, N. C., last night and reported Means was apparently in good health despite a telegraphic statement by a Concord physician yesterday that Means was seriously ill and needed an immediate operation.

BILL BEFORE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON (AP)—War department recommendations for reductions of about $14,200,000, covering four items in $53,565,000 rivers and harbors bill reported last year, were placed before the house rivers and harbors committee today. This should reduce the total of the bill to approximately $38,000,000 upon which house leaders agree action should be sought this month.

HOLDUP MEN PAID

PITTSBURG Pa. (AP)—Holdup men today shot and wounded John W. Sands, son of Lawrence A. Sands, president of the First National bank, when he ran for help after their demand for $25,000 had been made on his father as he was leaving his home in the fashionable Squirrel Hill district. His condition is considered serious. The men failed to get the money.

2 CHANGES ARE MADE IN CITY HEADS

Dr. A. L. Richardson Succeeds Dr. Kirby as Health Officer

GEO. T. COCHRAN CITY ATTORNEY

Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Recorder, Treasurer and Water, Street Chief Retained.

With the exception of two departmental changes, the personnel of the city's staff of officials is unchanged, according to City Manager W. C. Crews, who announced his appointments to this newspaper today.

Those two exceptions are the city attorney and the health officer.

Dr. A. L. Richardson, one of the most competent physicians and surgeons in this city, has been appointed health officer, replacing Dr. E. G. Kirby, who has been head of the city health department for several years.

George T. Cochran, of the firm of Cochran and Eberhard, has been appointed city attorney. He suceeds the firm of Green & Hess, city attorneys under the 1924 regime.

Both Mr. Cochran and Dr. Richardson have accepted.

The other departments of the city administration remain unchanged.

Five Reappointed

Fire Chief C. O. Murchison will continue to control the local fire department.

Clint Haynes, who has been sought by the federal government and other law enforcement agencies will continue as chief of police, in full control of his department.

J. E. Stearns, city recorder for the past several years, and Mrs. Emma Fowler, city treasurer for a protracted period, are reappointed to office, as is Horace Knapp, head of the street and water department.

No changes have yet been made in departmental employes.

One Position Undecided.

Only one position now remains undecided and this is not in the

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ARCHBISHOP PASSES AWAY

CINCINATI (By the Associated Press)—Archbishop Henry Moeller, the fourth Bishop of Cincinnati, third to attain a metropolitan rank since the creation of the diocese approximately 100 years ago, died last night.

Henry Moeller was one of the first students to the American college at Rome, where he completed his course with great success, winning the highest distinction in a competitive examination with the students of the Propaganda, the Irish and the Greek colleges. He won the first three prizes in theology, was awarded the gold medal, and given the degree of doctor of divinity.

Archbishop Moeller was born in Cincinnati, December 11, 1849, and after finishing his preliminary education in parochial schools, he matriculated at St. Xavier's college, where he was graduated with high honors in 1866. He went to Rome almost immediately and entered the American college.

The young student was raised to priesthood in 1876 by Monsignor Lenti in the Cathedral of St. John Lateran at Rome, and upon return-

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Judge Disregards Ties, Sentences His Cousin

A story of how an aged federal judge sentenced the wife of his cousin to one year and a day in the penitentiary and levied a fine of $500 upon her comes from Portland.

The jurist was Federal Judge Wolverton, who has a reputation as a firm upholder of the law "as is" and the woman was Mrs. Leona Case, his cousin by marriage and the mother of a 10 year old daughter who is Wolverton's second cousin.

It occured yesterday. The crowded court room that was noisy with an undertone of whispering and the moving of feet suddenly became silent as a tomb when Judge Wolverton announced:

"Mrs. Case, I have your letter written to me after the trial in which you say you are the widow of Ernest Case. I have also before me the report of Mr. Tom Word, whom I sent to you to investigate your statements. By these, I learned for the first time that you are the widow of my own cousin."

The prisoner looked steadily at the judge without a change of expression or without her cheeks coloring in the slightest degree.

Every eye in the court room was

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Mrs. Scott Lets Court See Lounging Garment

ALPENA (By the Associated Press) — Gay parties on which Congressman Scott charges his wife, Edna, went without her husband, were the subjects on which Mrs. Scott was cross examined today when the Scott divorce hearing was resumed. Much testimony was devoted to questioning Mrs. Scott in connection with her alleged friendship with officers of the air service and their wives at social activities to which Scott objected.

ALPENA, Mich. (By the Associated Press) — Mrs. Edna James Scott, wife of Congressman Frank D. Scott, Eleventh Michigan district, who is contesting the latter's suit for divorce in the courts here, in cross examination late Monday afternoon declared that she had never called or seen the army officer who figures in the case and is known as "Jazzbo" since her trouble with her husband. In the cross examination she denied ever being alone in her apartment with a washington automobile salesman mentioned in the case.

Mrs. Scott, in testimony Monday

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