

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—They blame this on Tom Marshall, the Hoosier who presided over the senate during the two terms of Woodrow Wilson as president.

"Mr. Coolidge," Marshall is reported to have observed, "has certainly made a model president. Stating it more exactly, I should say that he has been a president without a vice. But—even he won't be able to keep that up forever. He'll have one after March 4. It'll be Charley Dawes."

Figure it out for yourself! Speaking of the Dawses, capital society is wondering whether the wife of the vice president-to-be is overly enthusiastic at the prospect of four or more "seasons" in Washington.

To put it plainly, Mrs. Dawes isn't fond of the fuss and feathers of Washington official society. She has lived much in Washington; first when Dawes was controller of currency some 20-odd years ago, later when he was director of the budget.

On both of these occasions she was able to follow her preference of taking little or no part in the capital's social life, preferring to confine her interests and activities within a little circle of close friends.

As wife of a vice president, however, she inherits a sizable burden of social obligations that cannot easily be shirked. In fact it is suggested the social duties devolving upon Mrs. Dawes may be as irksome to her as the "figure-head" job of v. p. may be to her naturally valuable and aggressive husband.

Representative William C. Hammer, a militant Democrat from Asheville, N. C., threatened to live up to his name last summer, while in an altercation with the irascible Thomas Lindsay Blanton of Abilene, Tex.

As stated at that time in the wire dispatches out of Washington Hammer seized a chair and vowed to splinter it over Blanton's head.

In fact, he had the chair waving in the air and was advancing on the defiant Blanton when fellow committee members interposed restraining hands and prevented the wreck of either a congressional cranium or of some committee room furniture.

Now comes the sequel. Among the Christmas gifts received by Hammer last week was a sturdy

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QUARTET WILL APPEAR HERE

The Monday Musical club announces that on January 14th, at eight o'clock in the evening, it will present to La Grande the Metropolitan Grand Quartet in the Presbyterian church. Tickets are on sale at the Eastern Oregon Music company.

"The Metropolitan Grand Quartet," they state, as organized and coached by Tom Lane of Cleveland, is one of the best men's singing organizations before the public. Mr. Lane, now leader and one of the prominent teachers in the musical life of Cleveland, will be remembered as the original organizer of the old Metropolitan Quartet which for years was generally conceded to be "America's finest."

"It is a great group of songsters that Mr. Lane has chosen for the personnel of the "Metropolitan Grand." Each is a soloist of distinction, and Mr. Lane has chosen the four voices, not only with this in mind, but also with the idea of perfecting an ensemble which is second to none. They are four remarkably fine voices with groups of notes that rival the tones of a pipe organ. In their solo numbers they will be enjoyed as recitatives of marked attainment—in fact, a strictly high-class recital program is really what their entertainment amounts to.

"Heretofore their appearances have been limited to the more circuitous cities."

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Wool Growers' Session Plans Are Heading Up

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—One of the best programs ever secured for an annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' convention will be given this year when the association meets in Pendleton January 14 and 15, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, according to Mae Yokes, secretary.

Many angles of the industry will be treated by the 15 or more speakers who will deliver addresses during the two days of the session. Prominent among the speakers will be Frank Hag-

HENRY FORD FACES HUGE LIBEL SUIT

Aaron Sapiro to Sue Automobile Manufacturer for \$1,000,000

STORY IN FORD'S PAPER IS BASIS

Articles Charged Sapiro with Participation in An Alleged Fraudulent Conspiracy.

CHICAGO (By Associated Press).—Aaron Sapiro, counsel for several farmers' co-operative organizations, Wednesday mailed to Henry Ford a document preliminary to a projected libel suit for \$1,000,000 against Mr. Ford.

The document in which Mr. Sapiro's allegations appear is a formal demand for retraction required by Michigan laws as a preliminary to a libel action.

The suit, Mr. Sapiro said, on his return from meetings of co-operative farmers in Washington, will be filed in Detroit, if after 30 days Mr. Ford does not retract certain statements alleged to have been in his journal, the Dearborn Independent. In a series of articles, Mr. Sapiro alleges, his name was linked with those of Julius Rosenwald, Otto Kahn, Bernard Baruch, Albert D. Lusk and W. E. Meyer, Jr. in charge of the Dearborn Independent, in an alleged Jewish conspiracy to control American agriculture "or to organize the farmers of America in the interests of communism."

Mr. Sapiro accuses Mr. Ford of approving "an attempt to destroy any participation in the co-operative marketing movement."

"We will prove," he said, commenting on his action, "that Mr. Ford does not understand the co-operative movement, its purposes, or its effects."

Others to be named. In his notice of intention to bring suit, Mr. Sapiro also names E. G. Lieblich, vice president and treasurer of the Dearborn Publishing company; W. L. Cameron, editor of the Dearborn Independent, and the Ford Motor company.

The demand quotes extensively from the articles referred to, citing the following from the issue for August 30, 1924:

"This whole Kahn-Baruch-Lusk-Rosenwald-Sapiro program is carefully planned to turn over to an organized international interest the entire agricultural industry of the republic."

Between the story of the Jewish communist movement in America, which seeks to make of the United States what it has already made of Russia."

From the same issue is quoted: "This is the story of the effort by Aaron Sapiro to seize control

LEGIONNAIRES, LADIES IN FIRST SESSION OF 1925

Installation of officers of both the American Legion and the Women's auxiliary was held last evening in the K. of P. hall. For the legion Otis Palmer was formally installed as commander. Other legion officers who took the oath of office last night were: Chester Thompson, vice commander; Lynn Bohnenkamp, finance officer; O. V. Talbot, captain; Alonzo Lovell, sergeant at arms and Robert Scott, adjutant.

Mrs. Harley Richardson is the new president of auxiliary. She will be assisted during the current year by Mrs. Julius Rosch, vice president; Mrs. Ray O. Williams, secretary; Mrs. Harding, chaplain and Mrs. Ford, sergeant at arms.

Following the meeting a general social hour with dancing and refreshments was enjoyed by members of both organizations.

Idaho's Penitentiary Head Gets Appointment

WASHINGTON (AP).—John Snook, warden of the Idaho state penitentiary, has been appointed by Attorney General Stone as warden of the Atlanta federal prison. The attorney general was advised late Wednesday of Mr. Snook's acceptance and the formal announcement of the appointment is expected today.

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Elevation Of Guns Legal Says Hughes

Secretary Believes Such a Step Would Not Violate Provisions of Arms Treaty.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Secretary Hughes in a letter today to the house naval committee, took the position that elevation of guns on American capital ships would not violate the arms treaty, although it might have an unfortunate effect in tending to promote naval competition.

The letter said that while Great Britain took the view that the elevation would be a treaty violation Japan took the opposite view. Britain protested.

Hughes wrote the letter in reply to a resolution asking whether protests against proposed elevations had been made by foreign powers. The British ambassador, he said brought up the subject March 15, 1923, earnestly appealing to the state department against alteration of the present gun elevations and giving positive assurance no such alteration had been made on British ships.

WILBUR NOT IN LINE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Although he declared the navy department wanted a navy that would be completely in accord with the 5-5-3 ratio, Secretary Wilbur told the house naval committee today, that because of the administration's economy policy, he could not recommend gun elevation nor endorse the pending seventy million dollar bill for new construction.

The proposal to proceed with the gun elevation program, Wilbur said, had been presented to the president by the budget director, who then informed the navy department that the president viewed the expenditures as conflicting with his financial policies. The proposed expenditure of \$70,000,000 for four scout cruisers, one aircraft carrier, one floating drydock, the secretary added, and had been disapproved by the budget bureau for the same reasons.

BRITISH, U. S. IN AGREEMENT

PARIS (By the Associated Press).—The Anglo-American differences over the payment to the United States of war damages and claims were virtually settled on the first day of the conference of the allied finance ministers who met here Wednesday in an inaugural session lasting 40 minutes. Both countries made concessions from the viewpoints they had expressed in an exchange of diplomatic notes of war damages and claims were virtually settled on the first day of the conference of the allied finance ministers who met here Wednesday in an inaugural session lasting 40 minutes.

XTRA

RUSSIAN FOUND DEAD. BEND, Ore. (AP)—Lying in a pool of blood with his head cut and crushed, Alexander Roujeck, 55, a Russian, was found this morning in his cabin here by firemen answering a call. Roujeck, employed by the Sheelin-Hixon mill, in addition to his crushed head, had cuts about the face, and his right ear was cut off, which led police to believe a murder theory. Firemen believe the house was fired after the man was murdered. Robbery is believed the motive. Roujeck left a wife and three children in Russia.

ENFORCING OF LAW TAKEN UP

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Law enforcement was discussed around the White House breakfast table today. The president's guests were Judge Albert T. Gary, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other members of a special committee representing the National Citizens' Committee on Law Enforcement, which yesterday adopted resolutions for presentation to the president and to governors of various states. The resolutions urged strict enforcement of the laws.

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The Results He Expects

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MOON CASES LEADS LIST OF ARRESTS

Annual Report of Chief of Police Given to the City Commission

314 OFFENDERS "PINCHED" IN 1924

Ninety-four Were Drunk, 27 Bootlegging and 27 Had Liquor in Their Possession.

According to the annual report of Chief of Police Clint Haynes, tendered to and approved by the city commissioners last evening, conditions are improving in La Grande. Compared with the year before, fewer arrests were made and the fines were much less in 1924 than in 1923. One hundred twenty-three more arrests were made in 1923 than last year.

As is usually the case liquor arrests led the list. A total of 314 offenders were taken into custody and of this number, 27 were charged with selling liquor, 94 with drunkenness and 27 with having liquor in possession, making a grand total of 148.

Traffic arrests ran second to liquor arrests, totalling 84. The greater number of these were for speeding and minor violations.

Disorderly conduct cases amounted to two scores. The disorderly conduct charges cover almost a motley array of sins and includes flat fights, disorderly conduct while intoxicated, violations of city ordinances not listed otherwise, etc. Assault and battery cases totalled eight.

Many Juvenile Cases. A surprising thing about the past year's work of the police department is the fact that so many juvenile delinquents were arrested. This total was 41, which is a high figure when compared with other years. In 1923 no juvenile delinquents were arrested. Eight offenders from the total arrests, 269 convictions, were secured and 14 cases were appealed.

SENATE DISPOSES OF 2 ROUTINE SUPPLY BILLS

WASHINGTON (AP).—Driving forward at high speed, the senate Wednesday disposed of two more of the routine supply bills, bringing its calendar in that respect practically up to date.

The combined treasury-postoffice bill, providing \$173,000,000 for the two departments, was disposed of in 15 minutes, being taken up as soon as the measure appropriate \$125,000,000 for the agricultural department had been passed after one hour and 25 minutes of discussion.

Governor Bingham Will Resign Position Today

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP).—Governor Hiram Bingham resigned today less than 24 hours after his inauguration yesterday and took oath as United States senator.

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP).—Col. Hiram Bingham, former Yale professor, lieutenant-governor, governor and United States senator-elect, was inaugurated governor Wednesday. He expects to resign the governorship today and proceed to Washington to qualify as a member of the senate, succeeding the late Frank B. Brandegee. John H. Grunhill became lieutenant-governor Wednesday and will become governor today.

ROAD IS PARTLY CLEARED

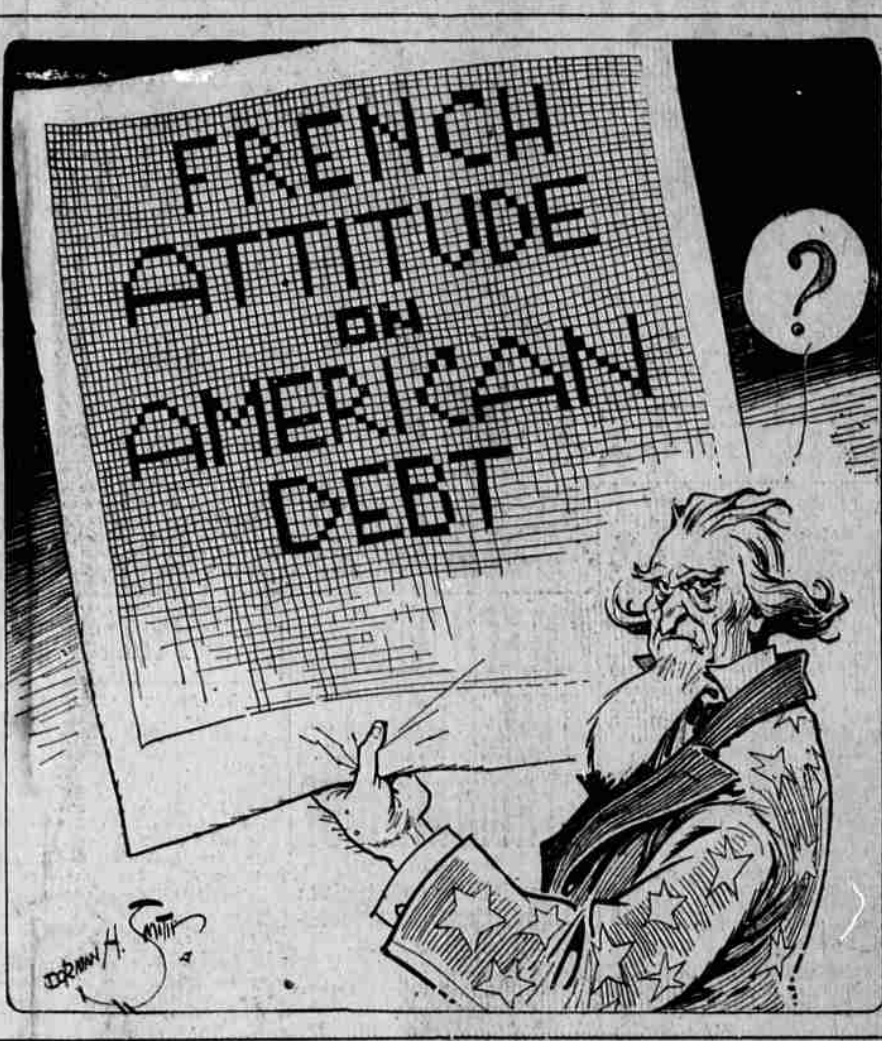
MARSHFIELD, Ore.—The state highway between Coos county and Roseburg was passable a portion of the day after the large slide of Sunday had been partly cleared. Forty men worked under Division Engineer Shandler. At last accounts it had not been learned whether the road had been damaged.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle steady to 50c lower; steers, good, \$7.50-8.50; heifers, \$4.90-6.00; hogs steady; sheep nominally steady. Eggs two to three cents higher, 46c-48c. Butter 45c. Butterfat steady.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat 52 1/2c.

A Hard One To Solve!



WORKER RICH; STAYS ON JOB

WILMINGTON, Dela. (By the Associated Press).—An inheritance of a \$184,999 fortune makes no difference in the life of William Tracy, young deckhand on a pleasure plying between here and Philadelphia.

Yesterday he received a check for \$327,000 with information that the remainder would be sent later. Tracy deposited the money in the bank and then reported for duty as usual. He declared he would continue as a deckhand as long as he could hold his job.

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ANNUAL CLUB MEET MONDAY

The annual meeting of the members of the La Grande County Club will be held in the form of a banquet at the Hommer hotel, Monday evening, January 12th, at 6:30 o'clock.

Business usual in the annual meeting will be transacted, which includes the election of directors. There are 15 regular directors of the club, seven elected one year and eight the other, each serving terms of two years. This year there are seven to be elected, the terms of C. M. Bohnenkamp, S. D. Crowe, Fred Kiddle, Dr. A. L. Richardson, Wm. Sigrist, C. H. Steynolds, and Sam Clinton (re-elected), retiring.

The other eight directors who were elected last year, and whose terms expire in 1925, are W. C. Perkins, G. L. Larson, E. L. Meyer, N. W. Pross, C. W. Hinger, Earl Stoddard, Dr. R. F. Murphy, and E. L. Holmes.

It is desired to have as large a membership in attendance as possible. Matters of interest no doubt, will be discussed.

Sudden Death Probed

DALLAS, Ore.—On their first day in office, T. H. Hoker, sheriff, and A. L. Kenney, coroner, were called upon to investigate the sudden death of Abraham Decon, about 70, whose body was found on the old Hoist place, three miles west of Dallas. Decon had been cutting brush, and his body was found by searchers after he had failed to return home in the evening. Death was due to natural causes, the officers decided. Little is known of Decon here. He came to this county last October and had been employed at odd jobs. He held a receipt from an Odd Fellows' lodge at Hood River.

Liquor Violator Fined

DALLAS, Ore.—M. H. Beaver and Earl Hazleton, his son-in-law, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor here and were fined \$200 and costs each. Recently state prohibition agents and deputy sheriffs found a quantity of liquor on the Beaver ranch on Goose-neck creek.

Commissioners Attend First Business Meeting

Despite its newness and bare acquaintance with the procedure, the city commission last evening waded through quite a bit of routine business in a session that lasted only one and a half hours.

Following the call to order, issued by President A. T. Hill, the roll was called and the minutes read and approved. Then, before further matters were taken up, George T. Cochran was duly sworn in as city attorney.

Reading of the manager's report, the monthly and yearly reports of city officials, came next.

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WALSH HITS AMENDMENT OPPONENTS

Declares Organization Is Functioning to Defeat Child Labor Move

MASSACHUSETTS TEST VOTE USED

Democratic Senator Insists That the Civilized World Is Ready for the Proposed Restriction.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The existence of a "well organized, liberally financed" movement to defeat the ratification of the child labor amendment to the United States constitution was charged today in the senate by Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana.

Strengthened by the result of a test vote in Massachusetts, he said opponents of the amendment have been widely disseminating press matters "along the line of what passed for an argument in that state."

"The real answer is that the whole civilized world has arrived at the conviction that child labor laws constitute no invasion of the sanctity of the home," Walsh added.

STECK FILES CONTEST PAPERS IN SENATE TODAY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Contest of the election of Senator Brookhart, Republican, of Iowa, was filed in the senate today on behalf of Dan F. Steck, Democratic opponent.

The petition was filed by Senator Robinson, Democratic leader. It will go to the privileges and elections committee.

COUNTY COURT ON SECOND DAY

The January meeting of the county court, now in session has been devoted almost exclusively yesterday to routine business. Auditing bills and other regular business matters are occupying the attention of the court for the most part.

Official action on the matter of county speed officer and other appointive officers is scheduled for this afternoon.

NEW FLIGHTS PROPOSED

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP).—According to information brought here by Capt. Lowell H. Smith, who commanded the American globe circling squadron of army planes two important flights may be undertaken by United States military air men in the present year.

One flight, now being considered is a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Hawaii. Lieut. Charles H. Doolittle has applied for permission to make that flight.

The other voyage is by air around Cape Horn, starting at Baltimore, western entrance of the Panama canal, and ending at Cristofal, the eastern terminal.

Timber Cruise Provided

EUGENE, Ore.—The Lane county court will add one-half mill to the 1925 tax levy to provide a fund for a timber cruiser, according to County Judge Barnard. Thereby complying with the request of the taxpayers at their annual meeting December 30. The item of a timber cruiser had not been included in the budget as made out by the committee and submitted to the taxpayers. It is estimated that one-half mill will yield \$19,000 and the 100,000 acres of timber can be cruised for that amount.

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