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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Rain in the west, light local rain or snow in the east tonight and Saturday.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Family differences within the Democratic ranks in the senate seem to be little less acute than those within the G. O. P., which caused La Follette, Brookhart, Brewster and Ladd to be read out of the Republican party by their fellow senators a few weeks ago.

For not even the bitterest exchanges between reactionary Republican members and the progressive group within that party have approached in caustic comment the exchange the other day between these two good Democratic senators, Bruce of Maryland and Harrison of Mississippi.

Harrison proceeded to his own satisfaction at least, to read Bruce out of the party. Whereupon Bruce, declaring he had voted the Democratic ticket for Harrison was born, pitched senatorial courtesy into the discard and unlimbered an array of adjectives descriptive of Harrison that made even the hardest-boiled of the word-warriors shiver.

Bruce, it may be remembered, first caught the spotlight during the fight last session to displace Senator Cummins as chairman of the powerful Interstate Commerce Commission.

When his vote would have clinched the result, putting a Democrat instead of a Republican in this place of power, the Maryland senator deserted his Democratic fellows and voted to keep Cummins in the chair.

As a result of that vote Bruce was dubbed "B. & O. Bruce," by irate Democrats who inferred the political power of the B. & O. railroad in his state had influenced the senator in his position. Through the whole of that fight which finally, through a coalition of Democrats and progressive Republicans, resulted in making Smith of South Carolina chairman, Bruce voted consistently with the Cummins Republicans.

The present reaction between Bruce and his fellow Democrats, as represented by Harrison, keynote spokesman for the party last summer, arose over the Underwood-McCoy scandal.

Bruce rushed to the defense of a constituent of his, Gustavus Ober Jr., of Baltimore, who is head of the "fertilizer trust" and been pictured as a moving force behind the opposition to government production of nitrates at the Shoals.

In the course of his defense of Ober, Bruce said some things about the Democratic side.

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CLERK ADMITS COUNT FRAUD

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—George Rosken, a 26-year-old election tally clerk, confessed before a grand jury Thursday that he had "counted out" Dr. William I. Stovitch, Democrat, in favor of his employer, Nathan D. Perlman, Republican, who was re-elected a member of the congress from the Fourteenth district last November. Rosken said Perlman's success was due solely to the fraudulent manipulation of ballots. Rosken's sensational story involving several men prominent in public life caused the grand jury to adjourn before his recital was ended so it might inspect the ballots Rosken said he had tampered with. District Attorney Branton refused to make public the names of men involved with Rosken "as higher-ups" until he has made further investigation.

Revenge Causes Confession According to Mr. Branton, Rosken's voluntary confession had its roots in a deep desire for revenge upon Perlman and others named in his sworn statement because they failed to procure a government job for him after Perlman had been returned to congress. For this reason the district attorney said he would not disclose the names of the accused men unless

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Insurance Outlook Is Bright, Babson Claims

HARBOR PARK, Mass. (Special)—Three years ago Roger W. Babson, the statistician, was severely criticized by many insurance men because he advised certain of his wealthy clients to cash in a portion of their life insurance. He pointed out that good securities were then very low and that it was good business for a man to have as much as possible of his money in bonds. Mr. Babson made it clear that no insurance should be cancelled which in any way jeopardized adequate protection for one's family. He was referring to insurance tak-

DEVICE FOR CONTROL OF AIR DENIED

American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Brands Rumors as False

BIG FIRMS NOT OBSTRUCTIONISTS

Vice President Harkness Declares That Companies Are Doing All They Can to Help Progress.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The American Telephone and Telegraph company, through officers in charge of radio broadcasting, today denied reports that the company had perfected a device making it possible to control reception of its broadcasting program.

It was also denied that the big companies are seeking a method of limiting broadcasting to members who pay.

"The popular opinion that the big companies are trying to discover some way by which they can limit reception of their broadcasting programs to those who pay is all wrong," declared Assistant Vice President Harkness.

"The broadcasters are of two classes, those who use to radio to advertise, and those who broadcast to promote sale of receiving sets and supplies. It is evident, therefore, that no broadcaster's interest leads to doing anything to limit radio reception, but leads instead to extending it in every way possible."

CALIFORNIA IN LINE; RATHBENS CHILD LABOR BILL

SACRAMENTO, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Both the senate and the assembly of the California legislature Thursday adopted a resolution ratifying the child labor amendment to the federal constitution, adding California to the list of states which have taken this action.

In the senate there were only three votes in opposition with 25 in favor of ratification. In the assembly the vote was 69 for 9 against.

1925 Jury List Drawn Up by County Court

The jury list for 1925 was drawn up by the county commissioners this morning and occupied the major portion of the forenoon session.

This afternoon a general informal meeting of all the county officers and heads of departments will be held at the court house.

At yesterday's session the appointment of Claude P. Holbrook to the post of county traffic officer was officially affirmed. Mr. Holbrook will not commence work until later in the spring when traffic conditions justify closer supervision of the county roads.

RAILROAD PROGRAM WILL BE BROADCAST TONIGHT

Word has been received here that the radio broadcasting station at Omaha, W.O.A.W., will broadcast the 1925 O-W program tonight from 9 until 10:30 p. m. central time.

BAKER MAN WINS WITH HEREFORDS

OGDEN, Utah (By the Associated Press)—Herbert Chandler, Baker, Oregon, won first prize on a car load of Hereford range stock at Ogden livestock show Thursday, in addition to winning all the prizes in the Hereford class. Stock judging has been completed.

Utah Hermit Sleeps in Pool of Warm Water

SALT LAKE, (AP)—"Hermit" of the warm springs is the sobriquet police have given K. N. Jensen, 65, found early Wednesday naked and asleep floating around in a four feet deep pool of natural warm sulphur water in a cave just to the north of here. A wooden pillow arrangement was used by Jensen to keep his head afloat. He told police that he had spent his nights for months in the pool because it afforded relief from the cold weather but his friends say his reason for going to the spring was to cure rheumatism.

Police at first thought him penniless but he has since learned that he has a private income. The man has no immediate relatives, according to officers.

Drops Wife



Ten minutes after he met her in Seattle, Harry Hines, vaudeville comedian, proposed to Virginia Cook. An hour later, they were married. And ten days later, they went back to Seattle, while Harry filed annulment proceedings in San Francisco.

ELGIN'S CITY DADS SEATED

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The old city council met Wednesday night and closed up business for its term and turned the reins of government over to the new officials, states a local newspaper. The only business transacted was of a routine nature and allowing of the usual grant of months by bills. The new officials were sworn in by city recorder Patten.

Three of the old council will continue in their usual places, Councilman Harris is a holdover and Councilman Buckley and Hazelwood were re-elected. The new faces will be Councilman Albert Rasmussen, Clarence Bean and H. R. Smith. C. I. Hazen assumes the office of mayor and Charles Bean is the retiring head of the city government. R. L. Shoemaker was re-elected to his old position as city treasurer, while J. M. Cummins succeeds Guy I. Patten as city recorder. Frank Hallmark succeeds Jesse Brethren as marshal.

Following the induction of the new officials brief speeches were the order, after which they new council and mayor turned to the official grind that confronts them for the next two years. Mayor Hazen named as standing committees the following:

Finance—Clarence Bean, chairman; Scott Harris and H. R. Smith. Water—Wm. Hazelwood, chairman; T. H. Buckley and Albert Hazen.

Streets—J. R. Buckley, chairman; H. L. Smith and Scott Harris. Fire, Building and Insurance—Albert Rasmussen, chairman; L. H. Buckley and Wm. Hazelwood.

James—H. R. Smith, chairman; Clarence Bean and Scott Harris. Councilman Harris was named as president of the council, a position

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VISITORS MANY TO ARGENTINA

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The impending visit of the Prince of Wales to Argentina is increasing tourist travel to South America.

Shipping agents say more people are booking passages than ever before, and every ship leaving England is comfortably filled.

Many Kinds Of Advertising

You see a variety of advertising methods employed every day—and probably each method is effective if used properly.

The most successful business man doesn't spend all of his advertising appropriation in one spot—but invariably the successful one spends half or more in carefully placed newspaper space.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Oregon Not Tax Ridden Kay Proves

Chamber of Commerce Annual Session on in Portland; E. I. Stoddard New Director.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The annual convention of Oregon state chambers of commerce opened here Thursday with an address by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, who declared that far from being tax ridden, Oregon pays less than most of the other western states. To prove his contention Mr. Kay submitted an array of facts and figures.

STODDARD NEW DIRECTOR PORTLAND, Ore.—It is nothing short of libel to refer to Oregon as a tax-ridden state, and instead of fostering this idea its citizens should know and advertise the fact that taxation here is lower than in most other western states, Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, yesterday told the state Chamber of Commerce.

Treasurer Kay backed his statements with array of figures and facts. He did not mince words in criticizing agitators, office-seekers, high office holders and certain editorial writers who, he charged, have garbled facts in dealing with tax matters.

The treasurer's address was so replete with data and struck such a popular chord that it was unanimously voted to have it printed and distributed by the state chamber. Irving E. Vining, president of the state chamber, suggested this and when he asked an expression from delegates at the conference they shouted their approval.

The annual conference of the state body was attended by a few more than 150 delegates representing every section. It was characterized by several important addresses and adoption of weighty resolutions. It was held at the

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GRANGES SEEK LEGISLATION

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Francis E. Pope of Spokane, a cousin of former President Harding, appeared in 46th federal court here today prepared to testify in the Veterans' bureau conspiracy trial.

Pope was called today as a defense witness. He denied he had ever been offered a million dollars by ship contractors as a bribe to help influence the sale of the government's wooden fleet. He also denied he had ever talked with Harding about having been offered a bribe in connection with the sale of the fleet.

A. M. McDonald, Seattle ship builder, testified he had invited Pope to participate in a syndicate formed in 1921 to purchase the government's wooden fleet.

The first measure for consideration by them is the rodent law, making it compulsory for owners of lands to assist in poisoning squirrels. Another measure advocated is a change in the weed law. They strongly oppose the turning over of the market road funds to the highway commission and oppose the necessity of a county highway engineer or road master. Another measure backed by the granges is the spending of the road funds in the districts where raised and the use of common sense in road building, with less bonds and extravagance in the work.

KID MCCOY GETS ONE TO 10 YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, husband of eight wives in succession, habitue of the white light section of various cities throughout the country last night added the appellation "convict" to the list, following his sentence here of from one to ten years in the penitentiary on a manslaughter conviction in connection with the murder of Mrs. Theresa W. Moss last August.

Wells received every possible medical attention during his illness, according to consultant at Harbin.

JAPAN ROCKED BY TEMBLORS

TOKYO (By Associated Press)—Tokyo disturbed today by a series of earthquakes of high severity. The first shock rocking the city at 6 o'clock this morning. The last tremor came at 2 o'clock this afternoon and caused many persons to leave their abodes.

Mount Aso, a volcano 600 miles southwest of here, has been erupting since Tuesday, emitting ashes that have been causing damage to nearby farms.

MARKETS TODAY PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle steady. Hogs and sheep nominally steady. Eggs and butterfat steady. Butter 49c.

MAY SOLVE REPARATION PROBLEMS

British, France, American Delegations Confer with Governments

LONG CABLE IS SENT TO CAPITAL

Churchill Telephones London Official Circles; Clementel Sees Herriot.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The principal problems connected with the division of the German reparations payments which the finance ministers of the allies came here to solve today are apparently in the hands of the governments for solution.

Winston Churchill has been in telephonic communication with London, the American delegation sent a long and important cable to Washington and the French minister, Clementel, had a serious consultation with Premier Herriot.

These indications were taken as a meaning that the negotiations had reached a point where decisions of the moment must be made.

Spokane Man Denies Bribe

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CHILDREN LEAVE BURNING SCHOOL IN SAFE ORDER

KONA, Ida. (Special)—Two hundred and fifty children marched to safety Thursday morning when fire was discovered between partitions on the second floor of the brick evener grade school building. Within 16 minutes after the children were out the second floor was a mass of flames. Great headway was made by the fire and despite all efforts at control it was impossible to save the building. Nothing was standing Thursday afternoon but the chimney.

WRANGLER ISLE EXPLORER DEAD IN VLADIVOSTOK

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Charles H. Wells, leader of the American group taken from Wrangell Island by the Soviet transport, is dead at Vladivostok. The state department was informed today. Death resulted from pneumonia.

Wells received every possible medical attention during his illness, according to consultant at Harbin.

Wallowa Lake Company Holds Annual Session

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Wallowa Lake Wondersland company, held here recently, tentative plans for future improvements of the resort were discussed and will be worked out in greater detail on the ground when the time comes for actual work.

The plans for financing will be continued as outlined when the company was formed last spring, and more stock will be sold this year.

The term of office of three directors expired and new directors elected were Earl Stoddard, to succeed himself, and H. R. Gibson and A. J. Tower to succeed R. J. Campbell and Dr. W. T. Day. Old officers were re-elected by the directors, these being, G. L. Larson, president; F. D. McCully, vice-president, and H. E. Dixon, secretary.

Working Girl Queen?



Heretofore, some society girl has been chosen queen of San Francisco Mardi Gras—but this year, it may be different. A group of business men scanned hundreds of pictures, held eliminations, and finally selected Miss Constance White, telephone operator shown here, to compete with the social lights for the queenship.

Stone Appointment Is Considered Secretly

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Action on the nomination of Attorney General Harlan F. Stone to succeed Associate Justice McKenna on the supreme court bench was deferred today by the senate judiciary subcommittee after a secret hearing.

Statements were heard from several persons whose identity were not disclosed. Chairman Sterling refused to discuss the matter.

BAKER HELPS STRAY HORSES

BAKER, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—A roundup of between 1200 and 1500 starving horses in Baker county will be undertaken if plans decided upon last night by the Baker Humane Society are carried out, states a local newspaper.

Funds will be sought from the county for the project, but if not obtainable from that source, will be asked from private individuals.

Most of the animals, it was pointed out, are owned by ranchers and farmers of the county. Horses, it was said, were turned out to rustle and, owing to their low cash value their owners often did not care what became of them. Others were strays.

Many Should Be Killed. The humane society proposes to

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Leo Koretz, Swindler, Succumbs To Diabetes

STATEVILLE, Ill. (By the Associated Press)—Leo Koretz, promoter of the Engano oil bubble, who fleeced scores of friends and relatives out of millions of dollars, died Thursday night in the state penitentiary here.

The promoter, who for years conducted his phantom financial ventures so quietly and effectively that trusting relatives and friends begged him to take their money, declared when he went to prison a few weeks ago that he did not expect to come out alive. His death

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NAVY MOVE IN THE AIR AT PRESENT

Administration Withholding Approval of Modernization Plan

AWAITING RESULT OF EXPERT PROBE

Norris Bill on Muscle Shoals Killed in Senate; River, Harbor Improvement Approved.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Although for the present, the administration is withholding approval of the naval modernization and building program favored by naval experts, reassessment of the whole situation may follow the completion of the report now being drafted by the navy general board.

Extended inquiry has been made by the board into the relative value of battleships, submarines and aircraft. The results probably will be in the president's hands before the end of next week.

APPROPRIATION PASSED WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The house today approved a section of the war department appropriation bill allotting 40 million dollars for work during the coming fiscal year on river and harbor improvements.

NORRIS BILL KILLED WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Government objection of Muscle Shoals was disapproved by the senate 48 to 37 Thursday but the whole question of final disposition of the great power and nitrate plant was left in the air.

The vote came on the question of substituting the Underwood bill for the Norris government operation plan. The effect of the vote was to kill the Norris measure but the Underwood bill will still before the senate and open to amendment. Several substitutes have been proposed.

REALTORS IN CAUCUS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—The annual mid-winter convention of the Northwest Real Estate association opened this afternoon at two o'clock in room 701, Oregon building, and will continue until tomorrow night. Delegates are present from four Northwestern states and British Columbia, representing a membership of more than 1200 realtors.

Installation of officers at a convention held August 30 at Yakima will be the chief business of the opening session. H. A. N. Bonnar of Seattle will succeed Ford S. Barrett of Spokane as president. Vice president-elect was L. B. Weeks of La Grande. Harvey Holmes of Pocatello, Idaho; A. H. Barnhill of Tacoma, Wash.; L. W. Pruitt of Bozeman, Mont., and Fred Landsberg of Victoria, B. C. T. W. Zimmerman of Portland has served as secretary-treasurer since 1922.

A. H. Stange Here Today; Inspects Timber Plant

A. H. Stange, father of A. J. Stange and head of the Mount Emily Timber company, arrived this morning from Merrill, Wis., to inspect the progress of the construction of the new mill and on a general business trip.

Mr. Stange will remain in La Grande until Monday evening. He will return to the east via Portland and over the northern route.

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