

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (Special) — Since "Preparedness" has become an American slogan, folks who have a weather eye out to the future already are examining the difficulties, if any, that may stand in the way of Calvin Coolidge as a candidate to succeed himself in 1928.

This before he has yet received his first inaugural parade! Out in Iowa, Honorable Leslie M. Shaw, a former secretary of treasury, advances the idea that the "third-term" claim could not properly be raised against Coolidge, four years hence, on the theory that he is not to date a real president.

It was elected a vice president, Shaw says, and a vice president he remains, although by the death of President Harding he becomes "acting president."

The precedents, however, seem to be against the claim of Mr. Shaw.

The first president to die in office was William Henry Harrison, who lived just one month after his inauguration on March 4, 1841.

He was succeeded in office by John Tyler, who had been elected vice president.

Daniel Webster, who had been made secretary of state by Harrison, as head of the cabinet, pronounced the theory now held by Shaw, that a vice president succeeds to the executive office through the death of the president should be styled "vice president of the United States, acting president."

Under this theory, he said no oath of office would be required.

Tyler, however, thought differently. He had himself sworn in as president and gave Webster and other dissatisfied cabinet members to understand that he proposed to be president in fact as well as in name.

Following the precedent set by Tyler, four other vice presidents had been formally sworn in as presidents, following the deaths of the chief executives with whom they were elected before Calvin Coolidge received the oath as president from his father in the little lamp-lighted parlor of the old homestead at Plymouth, Vt.

Millard Fillmore succeeded Zachary Taylor. Andrew Johnson succeeded Abraham Lincoln. Chester Arthur succeeded James A. Garfield. And Theodore Roosevelt succeeded William McKinley.

It was under Roosevelt, from February, 1902, to March, 1907, that Shaw served as secretary of the treasury. Did Shaw believe, then, we wonder, that his chief was merely "acting president?"

If he did, his discretion was better than his valor, for one cannot help but conclude what would

MOTHER IS SLAIN, COPS SEEK GIRL

Daughter of Woman Shot at San Francisco Sought in L. A.

HAS FRIEND IN MOVIE COLONY

Girl Cause of Father, Who Describes Her as "Jazz Mad," Leaving Home.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Anna Ellington, 47, homemaker, was dead today with a bullet hole in her head while the police are seeking her daughter, Dorothy, 16, who has fled.

The girl, described by relatives as pleasure loving and impatient of restraint, is supposed to have disappeared about the time her mother met death. She had filled a suitcase with her best clothing, leaving the remainder scattered about.

Was "Jazz Mad." The girl is believed to have fled to Los Angeles where a friend is said to be employed in a movie studio. Her supposed waywardness caused the father to leave the family a month ago, police said.

"Jazz mad" was his description of his daughter's love of life and adventure. The girl's brother said "Dorothy wanted bobbed hair and fancy clothes. She was overflowing her bitterness, but Dorothy was determined to play."

MEXICAN ARREST OF AMERICANS IS PUZZLING CAPITAL

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The capture and arrest of the American sailing vessel (Yacht) "Pensacola," and other "Yachtmen" by the Mexican authorities, has been a puzzle to the American government since the vessel was arrested at Progreso, Mexico, by order of the Mexican government.

The state department announced the arrests today after receiving a report from the consul at Progreso. Representations were immediately made to the Mexican government and the consul was instructed to investigate.

Details Lacking. Aside from the report that the yacht was wrecked, details are lacking.

The consul's dispatch is interpreted here as indicating some doubt existed as to the identity of "Lorone."

MRS. "BILL" HART WOULD RETURN TO THE MOVIES

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Winifred Westover Hart, through her attorneys, opened her court argument in an effort to prove that the "revocation" of the trust fund established for her by her husband, William S. Hart, two years ago, was not sufficient to keep her "Bill" from the screen from which she is barred by the terms of her husband's settlement.

Mrs. Hart receives the income from a fund of \$100,000. A similar provision also was made for her son.

Haines Has New Pastor

HAINES, Ore.—Rev. J. G. Martin of Boise, Idaho, has accepted the pastorate of the Haines Methodist Episcopal church and conducted his first services here. The church has been without a pastor since Rev. Herbert Pollock was forced to resign on account of illness several weeks ago.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Live stock steady. Eggs weak, one cent lower, 47c to 48c. Butter 47c. Butterfat 47c.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat 52 1/2.

Wonderland The Lure Of East Oregon

Wallowa Lake Resort Must Be Developed Rightly to Attract Visitors, Vining Declares.

During Irving Vining's visit in La Grande Tuesday he devoted some time in the afternoon speaking to those most interested relative to possibilities in the Wallowa Wonderland and ways and means of realizing opportunities to the fullest. This meeting was held in the city hall building and an interested attendance resulted.

Shortly after the meeting in the municipal building, Mr. Vining granted an interview to a reporter representing the Evening Observer, his subject matter being generally the same as the topic of his afternoon speech.

The president of the state chamber of commerce does not feel that the time is yet ripe to advertise Wallowa Lake and its surrounding natural playgrounds in the east, south and midwest, but feels that improvements contemplated by the directors should be completed before this step is taken, keeping in mind that the most advantageous impressions would be created in other sections if this policy is followed.

Four Classes Listed

One of the paramount and fundamental items that must be distinguished and built upon by the wonderland directorate, according to Mr. Vining, is the segregation and identification of four classes of people that will visit Wallowa Lake.

Briefly, these classes are: 1. The local visitor who spends from a day to a week at the resort, because of local pride and because of actual knowledge of the enjoyment to be derived therefrom.

2. The visitor who travels with his own tent and equipment and wants, in the main, good water, sanitation and camp site.

3. The visitor who doesn't carry much equipment but depends upon cottages and cabins, outfitted completely, and who either prepares his own meals or dines at the resort hotel.

4. The wealthier class, largely from the east, that wants modern hotel service and facilities, and which is willing to pay for same.

A Gradual Upward Trend. In dealing with the first three classes, much must be considered. To begin with, the first class (local visitors) must not be imposed upon by heading them toward costly hotel accommodations that are usual for the wealthy. All three classes first mentioned should be encouraged to participate to the fullest in the resort's hospitality and service, and these one and three should be furnished with adequate tents, cabins or cottages. There is a sincere need for more accommodation of this nature at the present, Mr. Vining believes, and it is understood that the wonderland directors are planning just this step.

The second class must not be discriminated against, but should be catered to as much as any of the others. Well drained "camp sites" and full accessibility to the hotel, today, etc., should be provided. Furthermore, this type of visitor, the guides and usually wants to see "Bill" there in to see before he leaves.

As Mr. Vining stated, the second and third classes hold many desirable settlers and many of them are in reality seeking a location and environment pleasant to them and their business aims.

Caution Necessary. But communities should not vie too briskly for the prospective settler at that stage, however. Permit him to enjoy the wonderland, react to a hospitality that is vitally necessary, and then, when his interest is truly aroused in Eastern

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WOMEN WILL OPEN MIND BATTLE FOR CHILD BILL OF OREGON

Portland Organizations Seek to Win over Oregon Solons.

JOINT SESSION FEMINE URGE

Brisk Clash May Result When Legislators Turn to Proposed Federal Amendment.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The house resolutions and senate judiciary committee likely will agree January 28th for a joint session on the child labor amendment.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Plans are being laid today for a legislative investigation of the state prohibitive department.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—In the hope of winning over enough lawmakers to pass a joint resolution calling for the adoption of the proposed child labor amendment to the federal constitution, representatives of several Portland women's organizations are endeavoring to obtain a joint session of the two houses next Tuesday night to present arguments favoring the measure.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Hall joint resolution calling for a joint committee to confer with committees from Washington and California with the view of creating uniform motor traffic rules received the favorable report of the roads and highway committees today.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Sweeping (Continued on Page 5.)

So Says Irving Vining in Eloquent Address Last Evening

PETTY STRIFE SHOULD VANISH

United Citizenry Is the Correct Solution to the Problems Facing State, He Claims.

An eloquent appeal for a united Oregon rather than a state held back by petty political, religious and business differences was made by Irving E. Vining of the state chamber of commerce before an assemblage of several hundred La Grande residents in the basement of the Methodist church last evening.

Mr. Vining pleaded for what he termed a "state of open-mindedness" free from the antipathy caused by the artificial creeds set forth by religious and political fanatics.

The speaker painted a vivid word picture of a new highway to stretch from town to town, from community to community through the state of Oregon. "This highway," said Mr. Vining, "will not tax your physical assets but will make demands upon your attitude of open mindedness." Along the highway of open mindedness, Mr. Vining would have the train of understanding link the people of Oregon together so that they may go on toward a greater state and around a type of civilization such "as the world has never known."

Cities Experience. Mr. Vining told interesting details of his recent trip to Pennsylvania made for the purpose of telling the east of the wonders of Oregon. He said that unfortunately westerners had created an adverse attitude of mind in many eastern points due to a very excusable tendency to tell all the facts about the "western wonderland."

Mr. Vining said that he of the west set he realized that a different method of attack would be decided upon in order to be effective. "It so happened at the time of his visit that the Pennsylvania state chamber of commerce was debating whether or not to vote ab

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Clara Schamp Is Champ



Clara Schamp, 12, Hayward, Calif., missed three of her chickens. While she stood at the coop a shadow passed over her. Papa's gun was handy. Guess the eagle will not get any more of her chickens.

PLANS BILL FOR NORMAL SCHOOL AID

Senator Dennis Working on Measure to Be Introduced Soon.

MORE FINANCES WILL BE URGED

Would Divert Some of Funds Given U. of O. and O. A. C. to Institution.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Senator Bruce Dennis, of Union and Wallowa counties, is preparing a bill to increase the financial support of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth and to lay the foundation for an adequate normal school policy for the state. He will propose that a part of the financial support now being given the state university and the Oregon Agricultural college be diverted to the normal school, declaring the latter is being neglected in favor of too great stress in favor of the two former.

The Dennis plan calls for new buildings at Monmouth sufficient to afford plenty of modern class rooms, dormitories, as well as laboratory and other equipment needed.

He has not decided whether he will advocate the immediate establishment of normal schools elsewhere in the state.

"Oregon has been criminally negligent in the matter of normal schools," said Senator Dennis, "and it is high time we were recognizing in a substantial way the need for better and more schools of this kind. There is yet a large percentage of people in the most remote and smaller towns of Oregon who do not have the opportunity of continuing their education through the colleges and universities. Their education is received through the common schools and high schools, and it is our duty to provide suitable institutions for training teachers who carry on this great work."

"To the extent of its resources the normal school at Monmouth is doing wonderful work along this line, but it is handicapped by lack of financial support.

School Neglected. "I am just as anxious as anyone to keep the taxes down," he continued, "and to economize in every way possible and I would not at this time favor any great increase in state expenditures for educational purposes. But I do feel that too much state money is being put upon our state university and state colleges, to the neglect of the normal school, and I will propose that a part of the financial support now

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Conference Endorses United States Claims

Eleventh Hour Victory Assures America of 2 1/4% Annuities on War Debts

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Pecred by an eleventh hour victory for the American delegates, the international conference closed today with the signing of an agreement for distribution among various powers of reparations annuities received from Germany under the Dawes plan.

At almost the last minute Americans obtained elimination from the text of the clause limiting to 250 million the amount of American war damage claims to be paid from the Dawes receipts.

Under the revised text, the United States will receive its two and one-quarter percent of annuities until the entire claims are paid.

SENATE VOTES AGAIN WASHINGTON (AP)—The Underwood Muscle Sinks Private Lending Bill was substituted for the Norris government operation plan in the senate today. The vote was 46 to 33.

ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDED WASHINGTON (AP)—Assistance for the livestock industry through existing financial agencies, through the new loan policy to permit grazing on unappropriated public domain was recommended today to President Coolidge by his agricultural commission in the preliminary report. Later reports will deal with possible additional relief through revision of transportation charges and protective tariff.

TWO DIE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS IN DENVER DENVER (AP)—Two deaths from sleeping sickness have occurred here since Saturday, it was announced at the offices of the city department of health late Tuesday.

Both of the cases were after-effects of influenza. Mrs. Jennie J. Gallister, 52, of 5618 Col. died in a local sanitarium Sunday after having slept for more than a month. Mrs. Amy Matilda Adair, 19, died at her home Sunday after having slept almost continuously for more than 20 days.

Wool Growers Convene At Pendleton Today

PENDLETON, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Sheep men of Oregon and many from Washington and Idaho gathered here today for the annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association.

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—The annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the EDS lodge room, and many sheep men have arrived in Pendleton to enjoy the activities that

STRAY HORSES IN LA GRANDE

Many eastern Oregon towns and cities are grappling with the problem of feeding stray horses, cut loose from their owners because of lack of food and left to shift for themselves. And the nag in all cases have been unable to get anything more to eat from Mother Nature than "at home."

La Grande is added to this list. Chief of Police Clint Haynes states that nearly 20 head of horses are held here, fed by the city. All were drifters and probably had been turned loose because of no feed at the farm. The chief is today trying to find a straw stack and feed where the horses can be cared for temporarily.

have been planned during the two days the shepherds will be Pendleton's guests.

The program for this convention will be a full one, according to Mac Hoke, secretary, and as many angles of the business of producing wool and mutton as could be crowded into the program for the two days will be discussed by speakers of national and state prominence.

The program in full is as follows: (Continued on Page 4.)

MUCH PRAISE GIVEN SINGERS

With the Metropolitan Grand quartet to appear here Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, the Monday Musical, sponsoring the program, makes frank claim that the quartet is one of the finest singing organizations before the public. "Old time" quartet will recall the old Metropolitan Grand quartet, not so many years ago, which was far superior to all competing organizations of its time."

The new quartet has been organized and coached by Tom Lane of Cleveland, who was the organizer of the original group. He declares that with all due respect to our old organization the new Metropolitan quartet will be even better.

Each member of the quartet is a vocalist of attainment. A perfect blend of voices is the result of earnest training and musical circles are looking forward to Friday evening with great interest.

No reserved seat space will be sold for every available seat in the church is considered excellent for this type of entertainment. Doors will be open to the public at 7:45 o'clock. Tickets are on sale at the Eastern Oregon Music company.

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K. CATAPANG IS OUT AGAIN

In again, out again—do not flannigan—Catapang! And that's just about the story! A certain Kuffio Catapang was among the four Filipinos arrested last Friday night alleged to be involved in the robbery of Jimmy Wood's rooming home, Jose Guliana, one of the quartet, was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Two others were released and then Catapang was freed.

But someone thought he had some more "goods" on Catapang so the order went out for his arrest and he was picked up by a policeman as he was on the verge of boarding an outgoing train. He had his ticket in his pocket and was ready to make the La Grande snow from his feet.

Out Again. That made two arrests and one (Continued on Page 5.)

Wed Half A Century



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ricks of La Grande, pictured above, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Causes Of Fires During 1924 Here Were Varied

Causes of fires in La Grande in 1924 were many and varied ranging all the way from drying clothes near stoves to fires burning out and from smudging chicken houses to incendiarism.

As is usually the case, smokers' carelessness contributed to the total of 45 fires here. Three cases of this kind were reported and a total of eight grass fires, some of

those may have been caused by the same type.

Grass fires led the list with blazes because of fires burning out second in number. Hot ashes in wooden boxes and short circuits in cases tied for third place. Three fires were caused by children playing with matches and spontaneous

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