

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By HARRY H. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The war isn't over, in Washington. In fact, it hasn't even begun.

If you don't believe it, go into the public schools of the capital and study the text books that are being used in the "education" of the city's youth.

Study particularly their histories and their geographies—for it was history and geography the late war was supposed to have changed.

There you will find that "The German Empire consists of 22 separate states" of which Prussia is the largest. That "The king of Prussia is also the emperor or kaiser of Germany." That "The laws are made by an imperial parliament," and so on.

Or, if your interests take you outside the status of Germany since the war, you may read that "Austria Hungary is a monarchy," that "the emperor or czar is absolute monarch of Russia."

In the geographies of the capital schools, vintage of 1914, St. Petersburg is still the capital of Russia, there is no Poland or Czechoslovakia and the national boundaries shown on the school wall maps are the same as before the educational H. P. Van Winkle controlling the Washington schools went to sleep.

Probably there is no other city or state where such a condition exists, or would long be permitted to exist, except in Washington, District of Columbia.

It wouldn't exist long here if either Washington, or the District, had the say-so.

Washington, as a city, is merely a geographical fiction itself, its boundaries being co-extensive with those of the District.

And the District is merely a stepchild of the federal government, with a paternal congress doing out nickels and dimes for its education, while lavishing hundreds of millions on "development" projects elsewhere where the people have votes.

The residents of Washington not only have no vote for president, they have no voice in saying what shall be spent on the schools.

That lies in the decisions of the budget bureau of the national government and the congress.

The District can't even tax itself to buy the books that will teach its children that instead of antiquated history, Congress says how much taxes the capital shall raise, too.

And meantime congress ignores the lack of high property tax and direct income tax and fundamental national legislation.

One simple solution would seem to be to give Washington, or (Continued on Page 5.)

GIRL ADMITS SHE KILLED HER MOTHER

Sixteen-Year-old Daughter Tells of Her Revolting Crime

AT "WILD" PARTY AFTER SHOOTING

"I Shot Her in a Sudden Fit of Temper," Dried-Eyed Miss Tells Interviewers.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Dried eyed, and with perfectly controlled nerves, Dorothy Ellingson, 16, told interviewers today that she had shot and killed her mother, Mrs. Ann Ellingson, Tuesday morning because her mother objected to her "jazzing around during all hours of the night." The girl is charged with murder.

Detectives found her in a lodging house a few miles from her home.

"My mother was kind to me. She did not object to my having a good time but she objected to the late hours I kept. Musicians I went with did not get away until midnight so I started on the parties late. That was what mother objected to. I shot her in a sudden fit of temper after we had quarreled about my late hours and my jazz companions," she said.

Companion Helped Cops. The girl was traced through Dave Stein, companion of the evening before, at whose home she attended a party while her mother's body was in the morgue.

Describing this party, the girl said: "I had several drinks. Everything little while an image of my dead mother would flash into my brain and I would have to drink to drive it away. But I did not get drunk."

REXBURG'S BANK FAILS TO OPEN; RECEIVER NAMED

BOISE, Idaho (Special)—Failure of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Rexburg to open its doors Wednesday morning was reported to E. W. Porter, commissioner of finance. The institution had a state charter and was under the control of the state department.

Mr. Porter immediately wired E. E. Eichelberger, state liquidation agent at Idaho Falls, to take charge of the institution and appointed W. Lloyd Adams of Rexburg as receiver of the bank. Mr. Adams was in Boise Wednesday.

According to the bank's financial statement rendered the department as of December 31, 1923 individual deposits amounted to \$49,000 and there was about \$19,000 public money on deposit. The state of Idaho had no funds in the institution. It was announced at the treasurer's office Wednesday. Capital stock amounts to \$50,000, the bank had \$108,000 worth of borrowed money and \$202,000 worth of loans.

GIRL SHOT; MAN SUICIDE

ARLINGTON, Ore.—Manuel Moreno, 22, railroad section hand, shot and seriously wounded Miss Mary Magee, 18, then shot himself through the head, dying instantly. The tragedy took place after Moreno had accosted Miss Magee, demanded that she marry him and she had refused.

Moreno called at the railroad station and received his pay check. He then went to the section house occupied by Alex. Tony Campanella, wife of the section foreman, and sister of Mary Magee. When told that Miss Magee had gone to town, Moreno went to the railroad station and upon seeing her, stopped her and asked that she consent to marriage. When she refused he fired at her three times. Miss Magee was removed to a hospital at The Dalles, where it was reported she probably would recover.

Sanders Will Take Slep's Job March 4

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—C. Bascom Slep will retire March 4th as secretary to President Coolidge and will be succeeded by Representative Everett Sanders, of Indiana, it was announced today.

Sanders retires from Congress March 4th.

In Sanders, the president will have a secretary well versed in congressional matters, as he is just finishing eight years in the House of Representatives.

He was a member of the Republican steering committee and was director of the Republican national committee's speakers bureau during the campaign.

Slep's retirement is due to several factors, including a desire to return to direction of his extensive business interests.

Slep announced he would practice law in Washington.

FIRE LOSS IN OREGON CITY \$8,000

McMinnville Blaze Damages Arcade Block This Morning

BELONGINGS OF 10 FAMILIES LOST

Buildings Burned Were Adequately Covered by Insurance, According to Reports.

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A fire, of unknown origin, early today caused an estimated damage of eight thousand dollars to the Arcade block in this city, which was owned by Messrs. Kimmel and Eggleston.

The loss is said to be protected by ten thousand dollars worth of insurance.

Families Routed. Ten families, who lived on the second floor of the building, were routed by the flames and were unable to save all of their personal belongings.

XTRA

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to make prison sentences mandatory upon conviction for violation of the prohibition laws was reported today by the house judiciary committee.

OSTER STEP NEAR SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Governor Pierce has indicated that he will bring quo warranto proceedings, if necessary, to oust Dr. Tom Ross from the state fish commission.

WANTS NO TROLLING SALEM, Ore. (AP)—A drive to have salmon trolling off the mouth of the Columbia river stopped is scheduled for the present legislative session, according to opponents of such legislation. James W. Mott, chairman of the house fisheries committee, will champion the trollers' cause.

DEBT PROPOSAL PARIS (AP)—An official renewal of a proposal for settling inter-allied debts contained in a Baltimore note of 1923 is made by the British cabinet in reply to Finance Minister Clementel's recent letter on the subject. The cabinet thus proposes to demand from the allies only an amount by which Great Britain's payments to the United States exceeds the amount she receives from Germany.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Deposition from office was determined as a suitable sentence for William Montgomery Brown, retired bishop of Arkansas, by the Protestant Episcopal church board of review today. The penalty affirms Brown's conviction last May for heresy. The sentence must be approved by the house of bishops.

BABY FOUND ON STEPS NEWPORT, Ore.—Dr. Miller, who lives on Seventh street, found a 16-day baby wrapped in a bedding and left on the porch of his home. The child, apparently, was well nourished, but had no clothing except the bedding.

Mr. Miller called the city marshal and the baby was turned over to Dr. Thurbell, who placed him in charge of a trained nurse. Although the night had been cold and stormy, the baby did not seem to have suffered from exposure. No clue to the mother's identity was found.

Finland's Crick Racer Runs Tonight at N. Y.

NEW YORK (AP)—Paavo Nurmi, Finland's peerless athlete, will make his attack on the world's indoor track records at Madison Square Garden Thursday night when he races against a picked field of distance runners in the 2000-meter special, the outstanding feature of a program of 22 events at the municipal amateur athletic games and National Amateur Athletic union indoor championships.

66,647 Japanese in Hawaii Have American Citizenship

HONOLULU (AP)—A total of 1245 American citizens of Japanese ancestry registered as voters in the territorial election in the last fiscal year, according to the report of Governor Wallace. R. Farrington to Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work. The number of American citizens of Chinese ancestry who registered was 1349.

Keeping Up With The Times



WOOL GROWERS' OUTLOOK ROSY

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Optimism over prospects that exist in the ranks of producers of wool and mutton for profitable returns during 1924 had to share the stage at the 24th annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, which problems that threaten the industry when the first district sessions were held here.

Oregon, with its 15,000,000 pounds of wool production annually, offering advantages to a woolen wool manufacturing industry that rapid growth may be expected, occupied favorable place among western states, speakers declared, but organization of growers for their own protection was a necessity, Frank J. Hagenbarth, president of the National Wool Growers' association, told the delegates, if they expected to continue to make a profit.

Big Growth Possible. Irving E. Vining, president of the Oregon State chamber of commerce, expressed the interest that business had in the welfare of the wool producers, and declared the time was coming when Portland would be the big wool market of the United States.

The manufacturing of woolen goods was in its infancy in the state and if new capital was interested in the industry a big growth might be expected, he said.

"The water of Oregon cities is of that degree of softness that invites its use in scouring wool to clothes," he said, "and our equitable climate is an advantage that reacts heavily in our favor."

The public must be educated to the conditions being faced by livestock men, according to President Hagenbarth, and the producers themselves must be organized to protect their own interests, or the time would soon be here when sheep growing would be so unprofitable that production would fall much below its present level. Adult records kept in Idaho during 1924 of ewes disclosed that the net profit per ewe was 87 cents.

False Impression Gained. "Sheepmen do not know their costs," he said, "bankers who lend them money are generally ignorant of the costs of producing wool and lambs. The public gains the impression that vast profits are being made in the sheep business and this impression causes it will to develop against the men who are producing wool and mutton. As a matter of fact, it takes 40-cent wool and 16-cent lambs to keep going in the sheep business."

In the morning Fred W. Falconer, president of the Oregon association, delivered his address, and the annual report of Mac Hulse, secretary, showing that the state association during the year contributed approximately \$1700 to the national organization, was read.

Marketing of wool and lambs has come to be even a greater problem than production is, H. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Wool Growers' Co-operative association, de-

Marion Star Damage Suit Is Settled

MARION, O. (By the Associated Press)—The million, two hundred thousand dollar damage suit filed by Roy D. Moore and E. H. Brush, publishers of the Marion Star, against Frank A. Vandertop of New York, has been settled out of court, the Star says today.

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Under the Oregon state law the men in a company are allowed to vote on the company commander and orders have not been received to have this done as yet. Although Major Huron's successor has not been officially selected, G. L. Dutton, present first lieutenant, will undoubtedly be selected for the position as it is also necessary for the officers elected to pass the examination by the federal examining board.

NEW MAYOR INSTALLED. COLVALEIS — George Demma was sworn in as mayor of Colvaalis, with him three new councilmen took the oath of office. They are Frank McKenna, A. C. Kibbick and Tom Cooper. Jay Levels was reappointed city attorney and Fred Porter as city engineer.

The holdover councilmen are H. E. Walter, Elmo Johnson, E. C. Joseph, Fred Piel, P. M. Brandt and A. A. Hull. Mr. Demma is chairman of the Benton county Republican central committee and a member of the school board.

AGED MAN INJURED. CASCADE LOCKS, Ore.—E. Anderson, 84, living with his daughter, Mrs. Freda Hendrick, fell from a porch, receiving several deep cuts and bruises about his back and arms.

COQUILLE SAFE ROBBED. MARSHFIELD, Ore.—The safe in the Southern Pacific depot at Coquille was robbed while the night operator was away from the building at lunch. Only a small amount of change was obtained by the robber.

Good Rock Supply Expected. MARSHFIELD, Ore.—Rock from the Coon river quarry, which furnishes material for the Coon bay jetton now under construction, has been coming in small quantities since January 1, but the Hammer company, operating the quarry, has been handicapped because of lack of room in the quarry and will have this limit exceeded within three weeks or a month, when a huge blast of 40,000 pounds of powder will be exploded to dislodge quantities of rock which will assure a steady output thereafter. The heart burst of typhoid fever in the camp has been cleared up.

PROMOTION OF HURON COMES

An official order from headquarters at the Oregon National Guard has been received here promoting Ralph Huron of La Grande to the rank of major in command of the second battalion of the 180th infantry of eastern Oregon.

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SOLONS FOR PROBE INTO PROHIB WORK

Lawmakers Pass Resolution Calling for An Investigation

GRAHAM FIGHTS CLEAVER QUIZ

Declares That the People Would Not Want Their Money Spent on Such a Matter.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The senate resolution calling for investigation of State Prohibition Director Cleaver's department was adopted by the house today.

Representative Graham, of Forest Grove, opposed the investigation resolution, declaring he doubted if the "people would want their money spent for an investigation of this sort."

Representatives Woodward and Hurlbut, of Multnomah county, argued for the resolution, contending an investigation should be made to clear up various charges of misappropriation of funds in the department.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY BILL. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A bill to be introduced later by Senator Joseph will be of social importance to Willamette valley sections where several cities are interested in the possibility of utilizing Clear Lake water for power and municipal purposes.

The measure has been drafted in tentative form. The Albany committee is expected today to confer relative to the bill.

LORENZ FREED FROM PRISON

MADISON, Wis. (By the Associated Press)—Governor Blaine today received a message from President Calvin at Mexico City, stating that Dr. Lorenz, president of the Wisconsin state board of health had been released from prison at Progress.

Missouri Flat Farmer Is Shot Accidentally

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—With his jawbone injured, teeth knocked out and fragments of a bullet in his jaw, Paul Schmidding, prominent Missouri flat farmer is lying in a Baker hospital. Mr. Schmidding was accidentally shot yesterday afternoon while handling a .22 caliber rifle.

The bullet passed through his chin, hit his jawbone and teeth, breaking into fragments. Dr. J. W. Huff, Baker, was called and brought the man to Baker. An X-ray photograph was taken and an operation performed. Part of the bullet was removed and his broken teeth extracted.

The man's condition is serious.

BEND WOMAN IS HELD

BEND, Ore.—The Deuchette county grand jury, convening in March, will investigate charges of perjury filed against Mrs. Beasler, Mrs. Freda Hendrick, fell from a porch, receiving several deep cuts and bruises about his back and arms.

Preliminary hearing was waived by Mrs. Norton's attorney, H. H. Dearamond, when the time for the hearing arrived. Justice Gibson found the woman over at the grand jury and fixed bail at \$1000 cash or \$1500 surety bond.

The court room was jammed with spectators drawn there by interest in the case.

GARNER DEBTS FACING CITY

Although a comparatively long meeting the weekly commission got-together last night was devoted for the most part to routine business.

The fire report, the water report and the weekly report from the city manager were read and accepted by the commissioners all of whom were present.

Clint Haynes, chief of police, took up with the commission the problem of taking care of or disposing of the stray horses which have recently been picked up from the streets of the city. According to Mr. Haynes the horses are of little or no value so could not be sold. The commission after some discussion placed the matter in the hands of the police department until some feasible plan for disposing of the animals is developed.

George Cochran asked for and was granted permission to hire a stenographer on such city cases as he may see fit in order to prevent a recurrence of the recent incident when it was found necessary to dismiss a number of cases due to the fact that the witness could not be found. With proper record taken of such cases the testimony (Continued on Page 5.)

Glands Change Normal Animals Into Giants

BERKELEY, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Herbert M. Evans, one of the foremost scientists in anatomy and glandular nutrition and a faculty member of the University of California, announced Wednesday in the current issue of the California Monthly, campus publication, the development of a glandular nutrition which he claims to have had remarkable success with physical control and propagation of animals.

The discovery has been termed vitamin "X" by Doctor Evans, who states that research work has been carried out for some time with glandular piglets and dogs as the experimental factors.

Discussing the work, Dr. Evans calls attention to a small gland at the base of the brain called the hypophysis or pituitary gland. Science, he said, already has met with success in removing this gland from animals and substituting fluid extracted from it by injection into the same animals, "continuing to feed."

"We were astonished to find that (Continued on Page 5.)

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First Draft Drawn Of La Grande Armory Bill

The first draft of the La Grande armory bill, to be introduced by Representative A. H. Hunter, of Union county, and Senator Beasler, of Union-Wallowa counties, has been prepared. Just when the bill will be introduced in the house and senate is not certain.

The first draft, in full, follows: HOUSE BILL, NO. Introduced by Mr. A. H. Hunter of Union county, and Senator Beasler, of Union-Wallowa counties.

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