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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Saturday. Rain in the west, warmer in the east tonight.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—A new Coolidge cognomen has appeared. Now it's "Clever Cal."

This name is bestowed in recognition of Coolidge's canny move in sending to the Senate the nomination of Harlan F. Stone, as associate justice of the Supreme Court, to succeed Justice McKenna, on the same afternoon that McKenna's resignation was announced.

Not that Stone's appointment was any stroke of genius. Stone may or may not have been the best possible appointee. So far as the cleverness of the president's quick action was concerned the identity of the nominee doesn't count.

The big thing is that there was no delay; that no sooner had McKenna's resignation been accepted than his successor was named.

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If, on the surface, the action seemed a bit hasty, there was, nevertheless, good reason for it. Had the appointment been held back even until the next day there would have been a dozen candidates in the field, each with a sizable block of "influence" behind him.

Rival interests would have gotten busy for and against the various men proposed. Pressure, direct and indirect, would have been applied.

Instead of having a free hand in the selection of the man he wanted for the highest judicial bench, Coolidge would have found his judgment biased and his decision befogged by the recommendations and importunities of the ex-grinding brigade.

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Having once left an opening for outside influence to affect the appointment, the longer he waited the greater would be his woe. For the greater the field of aspirants and the wider the circle of backers the more general would be the disappointment when the appointment was made.

The friends gained from the group indorsing the selection would

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MYSTERIOUS KATZ GEMS UNCOVERED

District Attorney's Investigators Find Diamonds and Rubies

JEWELS VALUED AT $250,000.00

Officers' Discovery to Result in Reopening the Probe of Katz Murder

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—District attorney's office investigators today seized a collection of unset rubies and diamonds valued at $250,000 which were said to have been placed in a safety deposit box under an assumed name prior to his death by Harry I. Katz, diamond broker, who was shot last November.

The seizure of the gems reopens an investigation of the mysterious shooting of Katz, the district attorney has announced.

CAPTAIN TO BE ELECTED MONDAY EVE AT DRILL

A telegram was received from Salem this morning by Major Ralph Huron, calling for the election of a new captain of the national guard company in La Grande.

The election will be held at the regular drill Monday evening. Major Alvin C. Baker, of Salem, will be here for inspection that evening.

Tedfords Leave to Be At Penney Convention

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tedford will leave this evening for Atlantic City where they will attend the J. C. Penney Co. convention. They will be away from La Grande for approximately 25 days.

Many notable men will speak at the convention, which opens January 26th, including William Jennings Bryan, J. C. Penney, Arthur Nash, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and others.

Six special Pullman trains will be required to carry the associates of the company to the convention.

Rivalry of Valley Grows

HALFWAY, Ore. — Rivalry between Pine valley and Eagle valley will not be lessened if the people of the latter place are successful in persuading the Pine valley local paper to move to Richland. The two valleys are separated by a hill and considerable feeling. The proprietor of the Halfway paper offered to move to Richland if a guarantee were made and the decision awaited the answer of business men of Richland.

RODENTS TO BE FOUGHT

HAINES, Ore. — According to present plans a more concerted effort than ever before will be made to rid Baker county of rodent pests this year. Both the county agent, Paul Carpenter, and the grange organizations in the northern part of the county are organizing for a determined effort in this direction.

During the past two years ranchers in this county have put out 22,500 pounds of poison bait for ground squirrels alone, and yet, according to a recent statement of the county agent, the squirrels have increased as rapidly as they were taken off by the poison.

31 Mexicans Here Are To Be Deported

Group of Foreigners, Stranded and Destitute Rounded Up by Federal Officer.

Roundup of thirty-one Mexicans took place here yesterday under the leadership of Thomas M. Fisher, United States immigration bureau officer. The foreigners were placed in the county jail awaiting removal and eventual deportation to their home land. Another Mexican, one Bidal Lopez, is held in the city jail and will probably be included in the batch lodged in the county bastile.

According to information given out, the Mexicans, of both sex, were enticed to Idaho by a sugar beet factory and later, stranded and destitute, they came to La Grande where immigration officers located them.

They are not citizens of the United States and could not qualify so the only thing left to do is to deport them. As near as can be discovered, none of the foreigners are charged with crimes. However, they have no money and were barely feeding themselves and having a hard struggle to keep alive when taken in by the officers.

Mr. Fisher arrived here yesterday and conferred with the city and county peace officers regarding the roundup.

SOLONS REST UNTIL MONDAY

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—What Governor Pierce branded as "an attempt to raid the state," and which several legislators declared was a plan to protect holders of irrigation bonds at the expense of the settler and the state, is a series of bills being lobbied for by agents of the Anglo-London bank of San Francisco.

There have been more whisperings and more underground rumors about these bills than about anything else. It means that irrigation will be one of the most important subjects to be threshed out at this session, unless the plan of the bankers is abandoned.

Quietly the two representatives of the bank have been buttonholing members and trying to sense out the attitude of the senate and house may assume. These men have visited Governor Pierce and he has informed them that he will veto their bills if they are introduced in the form in which they were shown to him. Ivan E. Oakes of the house irrigation committee, practical irrigationist, has advised the agents that their bills can never pass in their present form. Harry L. Corbett of the senate irrigation committee is not favorable to the programme.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — With Secretary of State Kozer and State Treasurer Kay voting for the ouster and Governor Pierce opposing it, the state board of control today removed William H. Hendershott from the superintendency of the state soldiers' home at Roseburg and again elected to that office George W. Riddle, who formerly held the position. Kay made the motion for the removal of Hendershott and for the election of Riddle and Ko-

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TRANSFER OF HOOVER NOT LIKELY

Secretary of Commerce to Stay at Present Cabinet Post

WAS URGED FOR GORE'S PLACE

Coolidge Informed, Reports Say, That Hoover Wouldn't Favor Such a Step.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — President Coolidge has tendered the post of secretary of agriculture Hoover, but Hoover replied he has decided to remain in the commerce department.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Although the transfer of Secretary Herbert Hoover from the commerce department to the agriculture department has been urged upon President Coolidge, no such change in the cabinet seems likely.

The president is understood to have received information that Hoover would not be favorably inclined toward acceptance of the agricultural post.

Hoover declined to discuss the matter today but friends pointed out that he is now engaged in reorganization work within the commerce department which he regards as highly important, and feels he can be of greatest service at his present post.

CLAM EATERS MAKING READY

In our youthful days we became accustomed to believing that clams were a scarce article from hearing the oft repeated story of Mary O'Halloran, who, as the story goes "went out a diggin' clams and never found a doggone one."

Despite Mary's notoriously bad luck, however, the committee in charge of the annual Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot clam feed which is to be given next Thursday evening, have been more fortunate and report that a plentitude of the choice bivalves have been obtained for the occasion.

Although not by nature a particularly versatile creature the celebrated clam will be served in a variety of ways. On the half shell, perhaps as soup and so on down the list.

The Methodist church ladies who have been responsible for so many excellent feeds lately will be entrusted with the culinary part of the festival and the feed will be served in the church basement.

A diversity of entertainment has been prepared for the big event. The only requirement and only qualification placed upon the entertainment is that it be of the kind calculated to produce guffaws of laughter from the attendant clam chewers.

SELECTION OF CABINET SLOW

BERLIN (By Associated Press) —Presentation to the reichstag of a new cabinet headed by Dr. Hans Luther as chancellor and the government's declaration of its policy, set for today, has been postponed until Monday as Luther is experiencing difficulty finding ministers to take the portfolios of finance and justice.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Roy M. Preston, of La Grande, was arrested this morning charged with assault and battery on Mrs. F. M. Preston, a relative. He was arraigned before Hugo H. Brady, justice of the peace, this morning. Mr. Preston's bonds were set at $250. The trial will be held next Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Livestock nominally steady. Eggs and butterfat steady. Butterfat 47c.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Butterfat 45½c.

Better To Be Late Than Sorry!

If Chief of Police Dan O'Brien, of San Francisco, and his departmental executives, had been on time for their regular Sunday morning conference, it might have been their last. The picture shows what happened to a stone wall adjoining the chief's office in the Hall of Justice. A bomb did it. It was a time bomb, placed in a telephone booth and calculated to explode when the chief and his aides were in session. But the chief was late and so were the others—perhaps attending church—and the bomb went off on time. Luckily, none was hurt. Bullets, bits of metal and splinters were scattered thru the corridor. O'Brien attributes the plot to some deranged person, of whom his detectives, seen in action in the above picture, have found no clue. "Anyhow," concludes the chief, "it's well to be late once in a while."

MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

PROVIDENCE, Ky. (By the Associated Press)—Twenty-seven children were made fatherless yesterday when an explosion in the Diamond Coal company's mine No. 1 killed six miners.

Eighty-five miners had left the mine an hour before the blast occurred.

NOTED OFFICERS OF ARMY PLACED ON RETIRED LIST

WASHINGTON (AP) — By the coincidence of their birth on the same day, 64 years ago, two major generals, both with long military careers crowned by conspicuous service with the American army in the World war, passed from active service Thursday under the age retirement law.

War department records show that Maj. Gen. Robert L. Bullard, commanding the Second corps area at Governor's Island, and Maj. Gen. Charles G. Morton, commanding the Ninth corps area at San Francisco, were born January 15, 1861. The passage of 46 years since General Morton entered the military academy from Massachusetts in July, 1879, gives him a service record just two years longer than that of his comrade from Alabama, who put on the cadet uniform in July, 1881.

WHEELER TRIAL MAY BE HEARD IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (AP)—The legal proceedings instituted last summer in Montana against Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of that state, may in effect be transferred to the courts of the District of Columbia under a plan which has been placed before officials of the federal government.

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Less Bobbed Hair; More Short Skirts

PARIS. (By Associated Press)—Bobbed hair, over-bright complexions, hard hats and barbaric jewelry appear to be on the decline and cigarettes and slang among the feminine smart set are less aggressively indulged in than in past seasons, according to conclusions reached by a male observer after attending numerous Parisian social functions.

Short skirts have a new lease on life but are slightly fuller in the back. Sleeves for evening gowns are more popular and bare arms are no longer considered essential for elegant dress. The bare back is also less common.

QUARTET DUE THIS EVENING

The chairman of the Monday Musicale received a telegram from C. C. Oxley, manager of the Metropolitan Grand Quartet this morning stating that they would arrive this evening at 6:55 o'clock and will be ready for a snappy program at eight o'clock. The doors of the Presbyterian church, where the quartet will appear, will be open at 7:45 o'clock. Tickets are on sale at the Eastern Oregon Music company. No reservations are being made.

Boise Votes Bonds to Build New O.-W. Depot

Thursday voted to build an approach to the main line station on the bench. The $115,000 bond issue necessary for the construction as authorized by a vote of 2,216 to 499, a percentage of 81.6 as compared with the 66 2-3 necessary to insure passage.

Every precinct but two gave handsome majorities, and not a single district cited adversely. Per cent 12 voted 56 per cent in favor of the bonds and precinct 18 over 60 per cent in favor. Both Boise precincts gave a big majority against the $125,000 June 27 bond, reversed itself overwhelmingly.

ASTORIA TRAIN DELAYED

ASTORIA, Ore.—The noon train from Portland was delayed for an hour near Rugby when a blast was set off by crews engaged in repair damage caused by a recent slide.

The blast hurled a huge boulder on the track.

XTRA

TRIAL IS STARTED

LENINGARD, Russia. (AP) — Twenty-three prisoners in the principal isolation jail here are being tried charged with attempting the murder of a prison mate, whom they suspected of being an active member of the cheka, a secret police organization. The trial is attracting wide notice because the audience is composed entirely of prisoners. The accused men in a body of 300 last October attacked Mark Voron, prison mate. A furious struggle ensued between the prisoners and jail wardens, in which five prisoners were shot. Voron was uninjured.

MRS. HART TESTIFIES

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Winifred Westover Hart took the witness stand here today in her suit to break the separation agreement with her husband, William S. "Bill" Hart, film star. She told for the first time the inside story of their domestic troubles.

3 MURDERERS HANGED

FOLSOM, Cal. (AP)—John Gerzac, one of three men sentenced to death for the murder of Charles A. Chapman in Los Angeles last year, died on the gallows of the state prison this morning. Jack Ferdinand and John Sears, convicted with Gerzac, were hanged at about the same hour at San Quentin prison.

3 Youths Are Arrested

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Three youths, Joe King, Charles O'Day and Drummond Baker, were arrested and charged with robbing the Connelly harness shop and a local restaurant. Much of the loot stolen from the harness shop was said to have been found in the possession of the young men.

STATE DEBT LEADS ALL IN DECADE

Census Bureau Gives National Figures on Publice Debt Increase

TOTAL IS MORE THAN 30 BILLION

Oregon Shows Greatest Proportionate Debt Increase in United States

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — The public debt of the United States, including the federal government and all of its subdivisions, has multiplied nearly seven times between 1912 and 1922 according to census figures.

The total at the end of 1922 was $30,845,626,000 while in 1912 it was but four billion, eight hundred fifty million, four hundred sixty thousand dollars.

Oregon Swells Total.

The greatest proportionate debt increase was in Oregon state accounts, where an increase of $39,952,000 in bond issues represented 129,495.8 per cent.

The debt total in 1922 made the per capita obligation of each citizen $283.70. The District of Columbia citizen bore the lightest burden of the public debt other than national, according to the census report, with 36 cents.

The Oregon citizen was at the other end of the scale with a per capita debt of $170.59.

Federal Debt.

The federal government in 1912 owed $1,268,864,000 and in 1922 it owed twenty-two billion, one hundred fifty-five million, eight hundred eighty-six thousand dollars.

TAX EXPERTS TOUR OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special) — During the six weeks beginning February 2 and ending March 14, experienced deputies from the office of Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, will visit the principal cities and towns of the state for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in the preparation of their federal income tax returns for the year 1924. This assistance is given gratuitously by Collector Huntley's deputies and taxpayers are urged to avail themselves of the service. When calling upon these deputies, taxpayers are requested to bring with them the income tax blank forms they will have received through the mail.

Schedule Arranged

The following is a complete list of the places arranged by counties to be visited by these deputies and the dates they will be available at each point:

Baker — Baker, March 5-14; Huntington, Feb. 16-17.

Benton—Corvallis, Feb. 18-26.

Clackamas—Oregon City, March 6-14; Canby, March 6; Molalla, March 7.

Clatsop—Seaside, Feb. 25-26; Astoria, Feb. 27-March 14.

Columbia—St. Helens, Feb. 16-19; Rainier, Feb. 20-21.

Coos—Bandon, Feb. 2-3; Myrtle Point, Feb. 4; Coquille, Feb. 5-6;

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Textile Outlook Held Brighter by Babson

BABSON PARK, Mass. (Special).—In view of the wretched condition of the textile industry Roger W. Babson was today interviewed as to the fundamental situation in this basic manufacturing group. He seems more optimistic for the coming year, and gives good reasons for his belief.

"The industry has not been so dull for 20 years as the year just closed," says Mr. Babson. "Business has been exceedingly poor; the mills have made only small profits, if any; many dividends have been passed and unemployment in most textile centers has been quite general. Many stockholders in New England mills feel that the entire industry is moving south and they are naturally discouraged. Hence, most people connected with textiles, whether owners or employes, have been quite depressed during the past year.

Allied Industry Hurt.

"Not only has the textile industry itself suffered, but allied industry such as the manufacturers of textile machinery and equipment have been depressed also. Many feel that the industry is over-built at the present time, and others find it difficult to finance the installation of new machinery. The situation is further complicated by the fact that there is a difference in plant investment of between $10 a spindle in the old plants of the north and $50 a spindle in the new plants of the south. Although it is very possible that a new plant may be more profitable than an old plant at $10 a spindle, this difference of 500 per cent is nevertheless a drag on the industry.

Manufacturing Outlook.

"The year 1924 closed with the lowest spindle hour activity that has been witnessed for years. The past week however, has seen some mills working full time. Although buyers are cautious, awaiting stabilization, stocks are low and the demand must soon increase. The cost and price readjustment which has been in

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Kellogg

(By NEA Airmail)
Here is the latest picture of Frank Kellogg, appointed to succeed Secretary of State Hughes March 4th.

Haiti Has Prospered Under American Wing

PORT-AU-PRINE, Haiti (By the Associated Press)—The accomplishments of the United States during the occupation of the island of Haiti that has extended over nine years are worthy of note. All the activities necessary to the rehabilitation of the country have been supervised and directed by Americans, with distinct benefit to the republic. The one great outstanding result of this work is the knowledge of all Haitians, and especially the peasant working class that they are free of the menace of confiscation of their property and that their lives are safe. The poorest man in the island knows he will be protected in his home, that he will be able to enjoy the fruits of his labors and that he is free to go and come and carry his possessions with him.

Anarchy reigned in Haiti in July, 1915, and American marines were landed for the protection of the lives and property of American and foreign citizens. Two months later the United States made a treaty with Haiti by which the former county pledged itself to remedy the financial situation and to develop the economic possibilities of the republic.

At this time Haiti was bankrupt with a national debt of $32,000,000. Also she had no credit. Today the national debt is slightly under $23,000,000, the currency is at par in the world's markets, a modern budget system has been established, and a cash reserve of $1,396,854 has been built up.

When the American marines landed in the summer of 1915, sanitation was medieval in character and disease was rampant. Today ten hospitals are in operation and dispensaries are maintained in areas outside the hospital zones. Clinics are held in remote places and sanitary inspection maintained in all cities and towns and the most stringent regulations are enforced and carried out. It took years of patient effort to overcome the ignorance of the natives and the influence of the witchcraft and voodoo doctors, but today the people are flocking to

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