

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—President Coolidge has given Washington's "big business" interests an awful job. They're dazed, surprised, hurt. Just when they were all set to cash in on the wave of "Coolidge prosperity" which they were assured they had no less an influence than the president himself blocking their way. Washington's big business is in real estate. With the limits of the capital city definitely fixed, it has been comparatively simple for the real estate ring to boost values. Events based on these inflated values have become so high that it is next to impossible for the average government worker, on the small salaries paid by Uncle Sam, to maintain a family in decency. This situation was exacerbated, during the war, by a rent regulation law. Following the war, under pressure by District residents, congress continued rent regulation as an "emergency" measure. The real estate ring, however, pressed its protest in the courts and just before Coolidge's reelection had won a decision that was heralded as opening the way to unrestricted rent increases. Rent regulations, the realtors gleefully gloated, was hereafter taboo. Prosperity unprecedented was just around the corner. The remote areas of the District of Columbia, the word went out in ready circles, had a potential value of \$1 per square foot, and should be so valued. Then President Coolidge spoke a few calm words that considerably cooled the ardor of the real estate inflationists. Washington, or the District of Columbia, he pointed out, was not founded as a city. It wasn't set aside specifically as an area of opportunity for the speculator or "investor." The few square miles within the District of Columbia, Coolidge said, had been reserved as a seat of government for the United States. Anything that it is necessary for the government to do to enable it to function efficiently and economically within that area, the government can do, he suggested, under its police powers. If interests other than the government set up conditions within (Continued on Page 5)

BANKS SCORES COUNCILMEN

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore. Following a prolonged debate in which a dozen or more senators participated, the senate, by a vote of 21 to 9, approved Senator Banks' bill providing for appeal to the circuit courts of revocations of business licenses. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The first storm of the legislative session broke late yesterday in the senate just before adjournment when Senator Banks' bill providing for appeal to circuit courts from revocations of soft drink establishments, card rooms, etc., was under consideration. Banks sharply attacked the Portland city councilmen, charging that a club is held over Portland's "north end" to force the residents of that district to vote right. Bill Passed The house passed a bill repealing the six and one-half mill limitation on Portland school district No. 1. Roberts, of Wasco county, and Shumway, of Morrow and Clatsop, cast the only dissenting votes. The house passed a bill making it unlawful for stock to range in parts of Hood River county not within the Mount Hood forest reserve. Beaver Bill Introduced Killing and trapping of beavers (Continued on Page 5)

Range Control Is Held Important To Sheep Men

SAN FRANCISCO—Whether the sheep raising interests stand ready to approve or reject the proposed plan for placing the unsurveyed public land, embracing regions now used for fall and winter grazing, under a form of government control similar to that exercised by the forest service over summer grazing ranges promises to be the highlight question at the state annual convention of the national Wool Growers' association, which opened here Wednesday. It is considered probable the committee will, following general convention discussion, advocate the appointment of a committee, consisting of the secretaries of interested and adjacent counties and three competent students of range conditions, to act in the matter as did the fact finders in the reclamation question. This move, they believe, would bring about a general stabilizing of the range control and fee system. Urges Cost Production Survey Idaho's delegation, headed by T. W. Bacon, president, and Donald McLean, secretary, both of Twin Falls, is prepared to present to the convention a proposal for a general (Continued on Page 5)

RELIEF FOR FARMERS TO BE PRESSED

Farm Groups in Congress Plan Action This Session WILL ADVOCATE SOME MEASURE Just What Form Relief Bill Will Take Is Doubtful; May Mimic McNary Plan. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Members of the congressional farm group are considering a plan to throw their solid strength behind some farm relief measure with the hope of getting legislation enacted at this session. Just what form the bill will take has not been determined, but an effort will be made to produce a measure which will receive the endorsement of the president's agricultural commission and the support of the farm groups in congress. At a meeting Wednesday night at the capitol, called by Chairman Norris of the senate agricultural committee, senators and representatives interested in farm problems heard arguments in support of a modified McNary-Haugen bill, which was defeated in its original form at the last session of congress, from farm spokesmen of the American council of agriculture. No indication was given, however, that this plan more than any other was being considered by the congressional farm group as the measure on which they would concentrate. The council's argument in its support also has been presented to the president's agricultural commission. Extra Session Talk Senator Stillestad, Farmer-Labor, Minnesota, declared in the senate Wednesday that an extra session of congress should be called if no agricultural legislation is passed by the end of the year. Similar sentiments frequently have been expressed by other western senators and in view of the farm group's latest move, interest has been renewed in the efforts to get an agricultural measure through this session, since administration leaders do not favor calling an extra session. The McNary-Haugen bill originally provided for creation of a farmers' export corporation to stimulate the marketing of farm (Continued on Page 5)

TELOCASET LADY IS ATTACKED BY DREAD DISEASE

TELOCASET (Special).—Mrs. W. B. Wilson was taken to the Baker hospital at 7 o'clock ago in a very serious condition. Friends were not certain as to what her ailment was but it was later learned that she is suffering from an attack of sleeping sickness. Wallowa's Hay Supply More Plentiful, Claim WALLOWA, Ore. (Special).—The available supply of hay in this section is reported to be much larger at this time than was anticipated by many several weeks ago. No large bunches of stock are being fed here, and only scattering demands for anything like large quantities of hay are being received by haymen. Farmers state that they are able to buy wild hay at about \$10 per ton while some alfalfa is being sold at higher figures. Since hay is being delivered in Wallowa, the price received being reported approximately \$15 per ton, Joe Pleishman has been busy for the past several days delivering hay for middle valley farmers.

MINOR'S COURT TO HEAR CASE

SAN FRANCISCO.—When Dorothy Edgington, 16-year-old matricule, made her first appearance in court the corridors were crowded with spectators, mostly women, to witness the event. She was bound over to the juvenile court for a hearing, and it was announced that she would face that tribunal today. Joseph Edgington, father of the girl, was the only witness, having been called to the stand to testify to her age. He stated that she was born in Minneapolis, April 1, 1908. At one time the crowd became so unruly in its efforts to see and hear that Judge Sylvain Lazarus ordered a partial clearing of the courtroom. The girl had spent a restless night and looked wan and dejected when brought into court. She was taken to the judge's chambers first to escape the crowd. The decision of the court, to have her case tried by the juvenile court, was based on the father's testimony regarding her age. Later the father swore to a warrant charging a statutory offense against Emil Krueger, a cafe musician, while he and the girl were attending a "jazz party" after the shooting of Mrs. Edgington.

MARIN BLAST AT U. S. BELIEVED TO BE ONLY SPITE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Deputy Marine's declaration in the French chamber yesterday that it would be moral inquiry for the United States to compel France to pay her war debt is regarded here by officials of the American debt commission as an isolated explosion rather than an echo of French official opinion. PARIS (AP).—Deputy Marin's speech concerning the French debt to America was received by morning papers with enthusiastic comment, regardless of party lines. (Continued on Page 5)

"Ma"



Here is "Ma" Ferguson, governor of Texas, who took oath of office Tuesday. She is dressed in her inaugural gown.

WINTER WHEAT NOT DAMAGED

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special).—The fall wheat appears to have suffered no damage from the freezing weather that struck this part of the state last month. In a number of instances the farmers had dug into the snow cover and found the wheat green, with the exception of some of the tips of the blades which were frozen before the snow fall. With anything like favorable weather from now on until spring, farmers state they believe the prospects for a good stand of fall grain is as promising as that of the average season.

PETER McDONALD TO BE LAID TO REST TOMORROW

Funeral services for the late Peter Alexander McDonald will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Presbyterian church here at 2 o'clock, according to arrangements made this morning. Miss Helen McDonald, daughter of the deceased, arrived here this morning from Oakland to attend the services. Reverend William Crosby Ross, of La Grande, and Reverend Blakey, of Walla Walla, will officiate. A Knights Templar escort from the local lodge will attend. Burial will be at the Stimpersville cemetery, under the auspices of the Sumnerville Masonic lodge. The body will lie in state at the Bohlenkamp chapel from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Friday.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle: Steers and yearlings steady, sheep mostly steady today. Eggs: Current lower, 46c-47c. Butter: Butterfat steady. SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat 50c.

F. D. Haisten Murdered In Postoffice

EX-LA GRANDE MAN SHOT TO DEATH AT RED ROCK, ARIZONA, LAST EVENING. TUCSON, Ariz. (By the Associated Press).—F. D. Haisten, postmaster at Red Rock, 33 miles from here, was shot and killed, as he sat in the postoffice last night. Details of the shooting are not available but the railroad agent at Red Rock said Haisten was killed while working at his typewriter after refusing food to two men who said they were without funds. Haisten came to Arizona several years ago from La Grande, Ore., and he leaves a brother that lives at Wallowa, Ore. F. D. Haisten, who was formerly a La Grande business man, was engaged in the furniture business here several years ago. His place of business was located where the Star theater now stands. His brother, now living at Wallowa, is an undertaker, reports state and is also well known in this city. Mr. Haisten lost a son during the World war.

PLAN DANCES FOR STUDENTS

A series of dances for high school students only, to be given at the Elks club two Saturday evenings of each month, will be inaugurated in the near future under the auspices of the Hi-Dads as a means of providing wholesome entertainment for the students in place of general public dancing. Plans for the dances were practically completed at a meeting of the Hi-Dad organization last night and regulations governing the affairs were adopted. Permission to use the Elks club for these entertainments had already been secured previous to last night's meeting, and the Hi-Dad social committee will proceed immediately with definite arrangements for the dances. The regulations pertaining to the program are as follows: 1. Only high school students may attend with the exception of outsiders who secure permission from the Hi-Dad social committee in writing for each individual event. 2. A card will be issued to each student entitling him to attend providing his conduct is satisfactory. A list of names will be kept. 3. Participants to remain eligible are expected to refrain from attendance at general public dances. 4. A small admission fee will be charged. 5. The dances will be held from 8:20 to 11:30 p. m. 6. The Hi-Dads will be divided into groups, each group to entertain a dance in turn. 7. The dances will be directly under the control of the social committee of the Hi-Dads. 8. Proper chaperonage and proper dancing will be required. 9. Smoking or disorderly conduct will be discouraged and may cause the loss of a card if persisted in. Some members of the student body have already been interviewed on the subject of the proposed dances and expressed enthusiasm for the plan. It is estimated by the Hi-Dad organization that from 75 to 150 high school students will attend regularly.

KANSAS GIRL TO DELIVER WHEAT TO PRESIDENT

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A New Auto Model

Everybody is interested in automobiles whether or not they are owners at the present time. It's a modern topic of conversation and therefore a necessity that you know about them. Announcements of new models of changed prices, of unusual improvements are always found in the advertising columns. That's one of many reasons why you read them constantly. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

BIG BLOCK BONDS SOLD AT \$103.42

First National Bank of Baker Entered a Generous Bid \$73,160.75 TOTAL PUT ON MARKET Was One of Best Offers City Has Ever Received for Improvement Bonds The main article of business brought before the regular weekly meeting of the city commission last evening was the disposition of \$73,160.75 worth of municipal bonds which had been advertised to be sold to the highest bidder. The bid of the First National Bank of Baker under the direction of William Pollman, president, being the highest received was unanimously accepted by the commissioners. The First National bank bid was \$103.42 on the basis of \$100 par value. This was an exceedingly liberal bid being about one dollar higher on the \$100 than the next nearest bid from the firm of Peris Hardgrave, Lumbermen's Trust company, Pierce Fair Company, and Freeman Smith and Company, who offered a combined bid of \$107.32. Most of the city paving bonds during the last year have sold for 102 and a fraction. Six bids were received. Besides the two mentioned above, Ralph Schenlock, the Western Bond and Mortgage company, Howarth Charitable Company of Denver and the Ladd and Tilton bank of Portland put in estimates. Bid Machines Up Again The matter of the ticked in the slot machines which are now operating in the city was brought up Monday by Elmer Grant Keith, pastor of the Methodist church. This matter was discussed a number of times before by the commission last year and the complaint last evening was the first which had been received by the present commissioner. Finally on the recommendation of Commissioner R. P. Landis it was decided that the commission would make a personal investigation of the machines in question, for their action to be taken on the matter next week. The city manager's weekly report, the annual report of the city (Continued on Page 5)

CENSUS BUREAU EMPLOYE CHECKS WALLOWA FARMS

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Charles Runyan, James Bugg in New Quarters

James A. Bugg, painter and Charles Runyan, welder of the Pacific branch are now occupying new quarters in the remodeled Y. M. C. A. building. The combination is merely in regards to the working quarters only, according to both Mr. Runyan and Mr. Bugg. Both will continue their regular line of business and serve their customers independently of each other as in the past.

WORLD CRUISER IN SPAIN

PORT OF SPAIN (Special AP)—Harry Pilgson, sailing single-handed, the Tourist American sailing yacht, founder, arrived here Wednesday completing a 25-day voyage from Annapolis. The same navigator left Los Angeles November 12, 1923, on a round the world cruise in his small craft. He visited places of interest in the western Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans, after overhauling the boat, Pilgson will endeavor to return to California via Central American ports and the Panama canal. He hopes to arrive in Los Angeles next September.

Another Child Prodigy



Nathalia Crane, Brooklyn, likes lots of room when she starts to write. This is her favorite pose, right down on the floor. She is but 11 years old, but one of her books of poems has already reached the fifth edition.

LIQUOR CASE JURYMEN FAIL

JERSEY CITY (By the Associated Press).—The jury in the trial of the twelve Wechsman and Jersey City police officials and citizens, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, reported today it was unable to reach a verdict. The jury was dismissed.

TWO BARRELS CLAMS READY

Tonight is a red-letter occasion in the lives of most epicures of this city for this evening, at 7 o'clock, the Methodist church basement will be crowded with sportsmen, members of the Wing, Pin and Ploof club, who will be in attendance at the organization's annual clam feed. Club officials report that two barrels of the bivalves are ready to be served by the Methodist ladies, who will preside in the kitchen—and their fame for excellent preparation of clams and other victuals is abundant. Albert Curry will be toastmaster this evening and he will call upon the Union County Chamber of Commerce quartet, Gosses, Dutson, Stoddard, Williams and Brine) for several numbers and in addition will announce other vocalists. The musical program will be completed by several numbers by the Star Novelty orchestra. And of course, no feast would be complete without the "after dinner" speeches and toasts. From present indications a large crowd will be at the feed. Several guests have been invited, including two members of the state game commission. The members of the game commission have arrived here. They are E. H. Clark and C. M. Jones.

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BUS, TRUCKS BILL TO BE CONSIDERED

Joint Session of House and Senate Committees Is Arranged MEASURE SEEKS RIGID CONTROL House Bill to Regulate Commercial Carriers on State Highways to Come Up Also. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—A joint session of the house and senate roads and highways committees will be held next Tuesday night to consider the Swan-Oakes bill providing for rigid licensing and control of bus and truck lines. The joint committees will at the same time consider the house bill to regular commercial carriers on state highways, introduced at the request of the governor's special committee. The house roads and highways committee will report favorably on two bills, one defining the motor truck as a carrier of three-fourths ton capacity, and the other relating to agreements between county courts and cities for road work. A bill introduced today by Senator Corbett would create a board of regents, composed of seven members, for the state school for the blind and the school for the deaf. Repeal Recommended. In a report submitted to the irrigation committees of both houses, Jefferson Myers and Harold Baldwin, majority members of Governor Pierce's special committee to investigate the state irrigation situation, recommended the repeal of a constitutional provision authorizing the state to certify and pay interest on irrigation bonds. D. H. Dobson, third member of the committee, in a dissenting report, opposed the repeal on the ground it would have the effect of proclaiming (Continued on Page 5)

COSTA RICA QUILTS LEAGUE

GENEVA (By the Associated Press).—Costa Rica filed her resignation from the League of Nations today transmitting with her message a check for past dues. No reason was given for withdrawal but league officials said it was assumed the resignation was due to criticism of her country for failure to pay her assessments. Costa Rica filed January 1, as the date of resignation, but as the covenant requires two years notice of withdrawal, she would not come to be a member until January 1, 1927.

TRAIN WRECKS; NINE INJURED

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (By the Associated Press).—Nine passengers were injured today when the Denver and Rio Grande Western west bound train was wrecked at Mack, Utah, 13 miles east of here. The engine broke a rail while traveling 25 miles an hour, according to messages received here. Eight coaches left the track, two stopping from 15 to 25 feet down an embankment.

ELKS INITIATE 25 INTO ORDER LAST EVENING

A class of 25 candidates was initiated into the B. P. O. E. lodge last evening. Approximately 150 members of the lodge were present with Burnett H. Goldstein, Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the lodge from Portland, as the guest of honor. With Mr. Goldstein was James D. Olson, executive secretary of the Grand Lodge Convention. Ben Fisher and C. J. Pratt, past exalted rulers of the Baker lodge, were also present last evening. Announcement was made of the annual past exalted ruler's night which will be held February 15th. At this meeting the first nominations for officers for the coming year will be in order. The date for the annual Elks' ball was set for Monday, February 23, the day after Washington's birthday.

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