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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA special)—Most folks think of President Coolidge as holding the highest job in Washington. But he doesn't.

LAKE SITES LOOK GOOD TO LLOYD

Motion Picture Director Impressed with Wallowa Possibilities

TO FILM ALASKAN SCENES IN APRIL

If Trails to Points Above Wallowa Lake Are Passable Movie Company Will Go on Location.

Frank Lloyd, one of the greatest directors in the motion picture industry and maker of "The Sea Hawk," which so impressed La Grande theater-goers recently, will bring a company into Wallowa county about the first of April to take a number of scenes in a new Alaskan picture.

Mr. Lloyd was very much impressed with the Wallowa scenery and said that it was ideal for his purposes and just what he had hoped to find. One of the men in his party who had spent six years in Alaska during the gold rush, stated that the Alaskan scenery could be duplicated in the vicinity of Wallowa Lake in a most authentic manner.

Scenery Impresses Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd was also very much pleased with the possibilities of Wallowa scenery for other pictures that he will direct in the future that can be taken in the summer time. He was most enthusiastic about the entire trip and had his camera man—who photographed all the scenes in "The Sea Hawk," take numerous "shots" of locations selected during the day.

If the snow on the trails above Wallowa Lake will permit his company and crew to get into the last important parts of the new picture there. One will be a duplicate of an Alaskan camp that will be built directly on the lake shore, another will be a reproduction of "Sleep Camp," a camp just at timber line, and another will be above timber line duplicating Miles canyon and the trail across the peaks similar to that followed by the gold seekers in the Alaskan rush. The film will picture Rex Beach's story, "Winds of Change."

Definite Announcement Later. Mr. Lloyd will not be able to say definitely that his company will be brought in here until his business manager covers the ground again in March and determines whether or not the snow

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Beer, Bonded Whisky, Moon Passes Away

In the presence of two ministers of the gospel, City Attorney George T. Cochran and an interested group of spectators from all walks of life, the police department this morning at 10 o'clock sharp, began the work of pouring some 22 dozen pints of beer, four bottles of bonded in bond whiskey and about 20 gallons of moonshine into the gutter.

The ceremonies started when Police Chief Clint Hayes cracked the top from the first bottle, at the same time reading the name of its former owner to Mr. Cochran, who entered it upon the records. After cracking a few bottles, the chief turned the job over to Traffic Officer Alanzo G. Dunn, who proceeded spilling spirituous liquors.

LONGER JAIL TERMS URGED

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Courts will be required to impose fines of from \$500 to \$1,000 upon conviction of violating the state prohibition act, pertaining to operation of stills, and to give a minimum jail sentence increased from 30 days to six months, under a house bill passed by the house.

The senate passed a bill providing that school children be excused not more than two hours per week to attend week-day religious schools.

Relief Aid Bill Occurs. Attempts to rush through a bill providing \$1,500,000 to Eastern Oregon farmers for reseeding purposes was blocked in the house late yesterday by opposition from many parts of the state.

Pierces Harbor Feint Opposed by Legislation. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Port of Portland commission bill was passed by the house.

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TO UNDERTAKE GOITRE SURVEY

Dr. W. T. Pby, manager of Hot Lake and a member of the state board of health, will make a survey of Union county soon to discover the number of cases of goitre, according to a letter received yesterday by E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, who is co-operating by furnishing Dr. Pby with a list of the school children in the district.

It is claimed that Union county is one of the parts of the world in which goitre is most prevalent. This condition is thought by specialists to be the result of a scarcity of iodine in the water. Iodine is considered a very important element in the prevention and cure of goitre cases and as most of the world's supply of iodine is in the sea, the high mountainous regions are usually most afflicted.

PUZZLE ANSWER

MONMOUTH FEARS DIPHTHERIA. MONMOUTH, Ore.—The independent branch of the normal training school system has been closed as a precaution against the spread of diphtheria, several cases of which have been reported in Independence. One fatality has been reported there.

EDITOR SENTENCED. NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Stephen C. Clark, editor of Broadway Fireworks, convicted of using the mails to defraud, was sentenced today to serve six years and one day in the Atlanta penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1,000.

7 BILLS ARE SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE

Pierce Officially Sanctions Measures Including Appropriations

COREY ANSWERS GOVERNOR TODAY

Statement Lists a Number of Instances Where a Rate Reduction Was Made During 1924.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Governor Walter M. Pierce signed seven bills today including those providing for extermination of ground squirrels and other rodents; adjusting the Baker-Grand industry; prohibiting stock in large in parts of Linn county; moving a tax limitation from the Portland school district, and also some appropriation bills.

H. H. Corey, of the public service commission, today issued a statement answering statements by the governor in a special message to the legislature Thursday. Corey indicated the governor's assertion that not a single rate reduction in the people's interest was made by the commission in 1924. Corey listed a number of instances. He also defended the commission's action in the telephone case.

The state board of forestry has endorsed the reforestation measure that will be introduced at this session of legislature. It will provide for classification of cutover lands to show that lands are more suitable for timber production than for other purposes.

The classification will be according to that value and ration prevailing in the respective counties.

FIVE DEAD IN CHICAGO FIRE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Five persons were killed and one is missing in a fire today in a south side apartment building. The dead are: Miss Dora Jones, Anthony Hardie, 24, Mrs. Hardie, 22, their 10-month old baby and Loretta, 15-year old. Loretta's mother is missing.

Firemen were handicapped in their work by ice.

Gore States Grazing Fees to Remain Same

WASHINGTON (AP)—There will be no increase in charges for grazing cattle and sheep on the national forests during 1925 and 1926, Secretary Gore of the department of agriculture, has announced.

DANGER IS PASSED IN NAMPA FLOOD

NAMPA, Ida. (By the Associated Press)—Indian creek, which overflowed last night, was diverted into the New York canal, and the water receded. During the receding of the flood the water rose to the second story of the houses. People in one story buildings were forced to take refuge in public buildings. The loss is expected to be heavy.

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Cult Expects World To End Feb. 6



"Hickory Hall," seat of cult now being probed in Oakland, and (inset) Mrs. Joyce Leech, called its "high priestess." Left is Valoyee Conklin, fight for her release causing the court action.

WHEELER CASE DEMURRER OUT

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (By the Associated Press)—S. C. Ford, acting an attorney for Senator H. K. Wheeler, filed in the federal court here withdrawal of the demurrer and motion for transfer of place for trial made by Senator Wheeler September 1 to the grand jury indictment found against him here April 8, 1924, and before the federal court since that time.

It is pointed out here that the attorney's action means that the United States court records here are clear and that Wheeler will be tried in Great Falls. The case will be set for trial when the calendar is called. The date for calling the trial jury has been set tentatively for March 18 and the trial date will be set by Judge Charles N. Pray, acting for Judge Frank Dietrich of Idaho, who will hear the case. Both Montana federal judges have disqualified themselves from sitting in the Wheeler case.

No reason for Friday's action was given by Mr. Ford.

WITNESSES TO BE CALLED. WASHINGTON (AP)—Fifty-eight names are on the list of witnesses prepared by department of justice in the new proceedings here in the case of Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, Alaska.

OPPIUM PARLEY CAN'T AGREE

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—The international opium conference leaders failed to agree today on the problem of suppression of opium smoking in the far east. Some of the European delegates in the far east showed willingness to accept the American view that suppression measures should begin immediately.

Outside Of La Grande

It is estimated that a total of 2,250 families reside in Union county outside the immediate vicinity of La Grande.

If this estimate is correct, The Observer is read regularly in 52% of these homes in UNION COUNTY—an unusual coverage, especially when you consider the extent of the territory and the fact that no artificial means of circulation building have aided in this excellent growth. And the number is increasing of its own accord each month.

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C.R. Forbes, Thompson Are Held Guilty

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans' bureau and John Thompson, St. Louis contractor, last night were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government through collusion in awarding contracts for veterans' hospitals.

Review of Case. CHICAGO (AP)—Charles R. Forbes and J. W. Thompson, wealthy contractor of Chicago and St. Louis, were indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago June 15, 1924, for conspiracy to defraud the government through veterans' hospital contracts and for conspiracy to corrupt through bribery.

The prosecution's case was reargued about an alleged payment of \$500 in cash to Forbes by Elliot H. Mortimer, the government's chief witness, in the Drake hotel in Chicago on June 29, 1922, when Mortimer was acting as agent for Thompson's construction firms in negotiations with veterans' bureau officials for hospital contracts.

Mortimer said he regarded the payment as a loan of which he never expected repayment. The money was turned over to Forbes, Mortimer said, a few minutes after Thompson, in the same room, had given Mortimer \$10,000 as part of a \$15,000 advance on anticipated hospital profits.

Mortimer's Story Given. Mortimer further testified to (Continued on Page 5.)

SETTLEMENT SOUGHT LOS ANGELES (AP)—Attorneys are negotiating for a financial settlement between Charles Chaplin and Mrs. Chaplin, 16, formerly Lita Grey, the Los Angeles Times says today. Edwin McMurray, San Francisco attorney and the bride's uncle, is quoted by the Times as admitting financial negotiations "are in progress," although declaring "there is no connection between these negotiations and any contemplated action for separation or divorce." No statement is available from either Chaplin or his wife.

CONFESSIONS ARSON SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Herbert Thomas and son, Ray, have confessed to officers that they burned a four-story dwelling house near the mouth of the Yalo river, 20 miles from Tillamook, on the night of June 30th, last, the state fire marshal announced. Thomas and son told how the basement had been excavated under the house in which a still was housed. One night the owners got a tip that the place was to be raided and they removed the still, scattered hereabouts about the place, and set it afire.

POLICE FIND MUNITIONS DUBLIN (AP)—Police today raided a house in the Clontarf district near Dublin, seizing one ton of explosives, many revolvers and hand grenades and over 2,000 rounds of revolver ammunition. Two arrests were made.

WEATHER HERE WAS UNUSUAL

The two months of winter proper, December 1924 and January 1925 just closing registered a number of unusual weather conditions on the instruments at the fire station which take the government report.

December 1924 forced the mercury to the lowest point it has been here for several years with a temperature registering at the minimum 15 degrees below zero. This temperature was recorded on December 15 when the cold spell commenced on December 16 when the thermometer took a sudden drop to three below. The next day was colder registering 10 below, then 15 below on the 18th with the moderation commencing on the 19th when the temperature was comparatively warm, only 12 below zero.

An proof of the old adage about fair weather preceding the storm the record shows that the warmest day in December was but four days before the beginning of the cold snap. On December 12 the weather was almost like spring with a maximum temperature of 43 degrees.

December, 1925, warmer. As a contrast December 1925 was much warmer during the entire month. The average temperature for the month was 21.7 degrees. The coldest day was three above zero and the warmest registered a high mark of 55 degrees.

Old Time Cham Feed Staged by Firemen

About 20 members of the fire department were present at a genuine old-time cham feed held in the department garage last evening.

The spread was put on by Charles Murchison, fire chief and his assistants at the station.

The program for the evening was devoted entirely to solid enjoyment. The order of events was first, eat, drink, second eat more and drink more, and so on. The evening after dinner festivities were engaged in. Telling stories and so on occupied the remainder of the evening.

Trial of Eight Cases Set in Circuit Court

The February circuit court will open Monday morning with eight cases on the docket. Judge J. W. Knowles will preside on the bench.

\$500,000.00 COMPANY IS PERFECTED

Local Building and Loan Association Organized Last Evening

DR. RICHARDSON NAMED PRESIDENT

Stock Issue to Be Offered to the Investing Public Shortly; 7 Percent Return Guaranteed.

The La Grande Building & Loan association, capitalized at half a million dollars and organized for the purpose of serving Union county in general building and loan activities, came into definite being at a meeting held last night when organization details were perfected and officers and directors of the company were named.

Ten men, including some of the strongest business and financial figures in the community, make up the board of directors and back the new association. They are: A. J. Stango, H. E. Coolidge, Dr. A. L. Richardson, Wm. Stegriat, Joe Carr, A. T. Hill, T. J. Scroggins, Floyd McKennon, David L. Stoddard and J. P. P. P. Dr. Richardson has been elected president, Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Stoddard vice presidents, Wm. Stegriat secretary and treasurer, and Floyd McKennon sales manager.

Wm. Hill Open Office Soon. La Grande's Building & Loan association will supply the old association of similar character and will conduct a general building and loan business actively in this county. An office will be opened down town in the near future and kept attention will be given to all opportunities to serve both county investment and building loan interests.

The stock issue of \$500,000 will be offered to the investing public of the county very soon and the association will guarantee a return of 7% semi-annually on the stock. Investors will be permitted to make stock purchases in denominations of \$100 or more, according to the company's officers, and the purchase can be made by means of monthly payments if desired. This policy has been adopted in order to give the very smallest investor an opportunity to thus place his

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NOME EXPECTS RELIEF TODAY

NOME, Alaska (By the Associated Press)—Relief from the diphtheria epidemic is anticipated with the expected arrival here this afternoon of a dog team with antitoxin. Five persons have died, 22 cases have been reported, 29 persons are suspected of having the disease and 50 others have come into contact with diphtheria patients, it was announced today.

AIR FLIGHT DOUBTFUL WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Naval officials today declared that the navy department had no practical way of expediting shipments of anti-diphtheria serum to Nome by employment of naval vessels or aircraft.

Ice conditions along the Alaskan coast would not permit approach close enough to Nome to permit an air flight.

CORN SHIPPED LONG DISTANCE

Few of us have the staple articles of our diet shipped 2,000 miles, yet that is what happened recently in the case of a carload of young beaver which were by the Grande Ronde Meat company for the local market.

Corn for feeding was shipped from Central City, Nebraska, an instance of the pains taken to place the very highest grade meat in the La Grande markets operated by the Grande Ronde Meat company, according to E. A. Epling, head of the concern.

Another recent achievement to which the company points with pride is the purchase of two carloads of the very highest grade premium steers from the Pierce ranch.

BREAD RAISE IS PREDICTED

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—A loaf of bread may cost one to three cents more here as the result of increased flour prices brought about by wheat advances, according to the director Mr. Barnard, of the American Baking Institute.

Odd Fellows Will Hold Housewarming Tonight

A general housewarming party and banquet will be held by the Odd Fellows lodge and the Rebekahs this evening in their new home in the former Y. M. C. A. building. The building has been entirely remodeled and re-finished on the inside and is now ready for occupancy.

The banquet will be held at 7 o'clock this evening in the new banquet hall in the basement of the building. From 7 until 9 besides the banquet a varied entertainment has been arranged. This will consist of musical selections and other features. From 9 until 12 the party will have its choice of either dancing or cards. Dancing will be in the gymnasium and

SENATE PASSES POSTAL MEASURE; HOUSE TO OBJECT

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The senate late Friday passed the postal pay and rate increase bill shortly after house leaders had served notice they would ask for its immediate return to that body on the ground that it was revenue raising legislation and as such could be initiated only in the house under the constitution.

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