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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Probable rain. Cooler tonight and Tuesday.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—A new national shrine, which will come second only in historic interest to Mt. Vernon...

Even now this old mansion, which with its massive Doric portico and immense stone pillars dominates the Virginia hills...

But it is only the shell of the home in which southern chivalry and hospitality found their highest development that they see today.

The great rooms are bare and empty. Stripped of all furnishings, there is little to suggest the warmth and cheer and charm they must have held during the proud days when George Washington...

Now the House has passed a bill authorizing the restoration of the old Arlington mansion to the condition in which it existed during the days of the Lees there, and to obtain so far as possible for this purpose the original furnishings and equipment used by the Lees.

The restoration of Arlington, in fact, would carry forward as part of a unified scheme for perpetuating historic associations the work so far done at Mt. Vernon.

For there is a most intimate connection between Arlington and Mt. Vernon, which the public generally does not now know.

The builder of Arlington was George Washington Parke Curtis, grand son of Martha Washington, John Park Curtis, his father, died at the siege of Yorktown.

General Washington, who wedded the widow Curtis, John Park's mother, adopted as his own the two Curtis children (grandchildren of Mrs. Washington).

Washington Park Curtis and Eleanor Curtis, better known as "Nelly" Washington, Young Curtis was a member of

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WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Swinging into the final month of the session, the house and senate have increasingly congested calendars with leaders more than ever in doubt that the major elements of the administration program can be enacted into law by March 4.

During this week, the house will determine the fate of the administration postal pay and rate bill passed by the senate, also will act on the first public buildings bill in 11 years and will pass the independent officers appropriation bill.

At the same time the senate will take up in order the senate bill on the good roads bill, the emergency officers' retirement measure and the house bill for the purchase of the Cape Cod canal. The last two measures are certain to provoke sharp controversies.

The preliminary move to translate into law the recommendation of the President's agricultural commission will be taken Monday with the beginning of brief hearings before the house agriculture committee. The senate committee plans to start independent hearings Tuesday with a view to expedition, but leaders generally are dubious that final action will be had on the program at this session.

Conferees on the Muscle Shoals bill will strive to reach an agreement this week. Preliminary discussions on the Underwood leasing measure have been concluded and the managers will begin actual adjustment of differences within a day or two.

WASHINGTON (Special)—Only one more piece of red-tape to unwind and dirt will be flying on the Baker project. Welcome word came from Washington, D. C., in a wire from Senator B. N. Stanfield that the reclamation service had approved the contract for building of the project.

The directors of the district on Lower Powder will call an election as soon as the contract is received, said election to take place within 30 days. The new reclamation law makes it very easy for a settler on a project to pay for his

CIRCULATION OF PICTURES IS PLANNED

Copies of Masters' Works to Be Loaned by the City Library

IDEA CONCEIVED BY MRS. MOSSMAN

La Grande's Lead to Be Followed by Other Cities in State, Reports Indicate.

Circulation of fine pictures, authentic copies of the works of old and modern masters, through the La Grande public library in the same manner that books are now circulated, will be started beginning on Monday of next week. The plan being promoted and made possible by the Neighborhood club and its art department.

Mrs. E. P. Mossman, head of the art work of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, in fostering the work for the entire state, and Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, as chairman of the local art department, is in charge for La Grande.

With the beginning of the picture circulation here next week La Grande will be the first city in the state to have such a library service. More than a thousand fine pictures will be mounted ready to be taken into the homes of the community where each may be kept for a period of two weeks and then returned and exchanged for a new picture.

On the back of each mounting will be typed the story of that picture, the name of the artist, etc., giving a wealth of fine material to the children of the city, especially for use in connection with art study and picture appreciation already carried on in the city schools.

Inauguration of the service will be emphasized particularly next week with "Art Week in La Grande" that will start Monday evening with a special opening at the public library. Announcement will be made at that time of an annual contest, covering knowledge of the pictures circulated, among the school children of the city.

The present plan is for an elimination contest in each grade school and also in the high school, with a final contest between the various school winners. Cash prizes amounting to \$400 will be offered through the Neighborhood club. The first contest will be held some time during the next twelve months.

Local people interested in the project, teachers, club women, etc., look upon the beginning of this picture circulation as an event equal in importance to that of the opening of the city library because of the excellent opportunity it will give children, and adults also, to become acquainted with those pictures that represent the best and greatest that the world of beauty efforts.

To Follow La Grande's Lead, Other cities of the state and practically every other town in the county are already making

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PUZZLE ANSWER

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Board Shows How Farmer Can Be Aided

Agricultural Commission Criticizes Administration of Certain Laws and Agencies.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The house agricultural committee, called to open their meetings, today took up the shaping of the recommendations of the president's agricultural commission into a legislative program that will have the best chance of enactment in the final month of the session.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Sharp criticism of the administration of certain federal laws and agencies affecting the farmer was contained in the third report of the president's agricultural commission made public Sunday night. It dealt with the conduct of the department of agriculture, interstate commerce commission, federal reserve board, tariff commission and international revenue bureau.

Charging that administration of some departments is seriously hampered by inter-departmental or inter-bureau jealousies, the commission said it found two "unfortunate results." These were that the "dog in the manger" attitude of one department may retard development of another, and that rivalry may prompt proposals for department expansion.

The report declared that the country's agricultural credit system, a condition harmful to agriculture; that the interstate commerce commission "has failed or been unable to recognize its responsibility as advocate of the shipper and has developed into a court; and the tariff commission can materially assist agriculture by actively functioning along the lines of its constituted powers and responsibilities."

Some Recommendations. Complete separation of the regulatory and service functions of government departments was recommended and it was urged that uniform state plant and animal quarantine regulations be devised, and that cooperative marketing organizations be given full benefit of tax exemption.

In many instances, the commission declared "more effective administration requires only the adoption of a more sympathetic or aggressive attitude on the part of government officials" while in order it found need for increased facilities, personnel or funds.

Many instances of "unnecessary and unwise" duplication of effort in assembling information for use by departments which the commission said it had observed were characterized as "thoroughly responsible." Many cases, it "seems to be done deliberately," the report added and "recommended creation of an inter-departmental

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GUN FRAY IN HERRIN FATAL

HERRIN, Ill. (By the Associated Press)—Another pistol fight stirred HERRIN early Sunday and when the smoke had cleared away it was found that a man representing himself as an officer seeking to arrest a slattern had been shot to death by the Lyman hotel by Policeman Itanus Whitson after the alleged officer had wounded Policeman Sin Stephens and terrorized hotel employes. The latest slaying came while Sheriff Galligan was seeking martial law in HERRIN quiet prevailed Sunday night.

The man slain by Officer Whitson had given his name as Joseph Phillips and also as Johnson, and said that he came from Springfield, Ill. He was accompanied by a woman.

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California Adventists Prepare for Time's End

OAKLAND, Cal. (AP)—Some 25 members of the "reformed" Adventist church are disposing of all their worldly effects and are preparing to gather at the home of their leader, on the night of Friday night to the end of the world, as prophesied by the "supreme prophetess," Mrs. Margaret V. Rowen, of Los Angeles.

The expected millennium is to come at midnight on Friday, according to Mrs. Rowen. In the meantime, the members of the band are spending their nights in prayer and contemplation under the direction of their leader, H. W. Proverine, of Berkeley.

Money realized from the sale of homes and effects of the members of the band is being used to spread the prophesy and other writings that the end is near. According to Proverine, airplanes and radio have been called upon to broadcast word of the "end of time."

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NOMINATION IS FAVORED BY SOLONS

Harlan Stone's Name Is Again Reported to the Senate Favorably

SPEEDY ACTION IS EXPECTED NOW

Senate Judiciary Committee Took Action at Meeting Held Behind Closed Doors.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—For the second time the senate judiciary committee today ordered a favorable report on the nomination of Attorney General Harlan F. Stone to be supreme court justice.

The action was taken behind closed doors after the senators again reviewed circumstances surrounding the new legal proceedings here against Senator Wheeler of Montana, and objections raised to Stone's arguments before the supreme court years ago as counsel for the Morgan estate and the Owenby case.

Administration leaders expect confirmation of the nomination by the senate without much of a delay.

ATHLETIC CLUB IS ORGANIZED

At last after many months without any organization of the sort La Grande is to have an athletic club. Quarters for the new organization will be in the Oddfellows building, the entire gymnasium and shower equipment of which have been rented by the association.

The La Grande Athletic club is to be a community proposition for men, women and children of the city who like to participate in and witness athletic sports.

75 in Organization. The organization already boasts a membership of 75 active participants and will be enlarged to include about 150 if the hopes of its founders are realized.

Membership fees are one dollar a month for men and 50 cents a month for women and children. Regular gymnasium classes are to start this week.

O. D. Scott and Hector Melnick are in charge of the physical training department of the organization. Both have had wide experience in various athletic activities.

Basketball, baseball and other sports are to be played in season.

FEBRUARY TERM OF COURT BEGAN THIS MORNING

The February term of the circuit court opened at the county courthouse this morning. Most of the morning was spent in impaneling the jury. The trial, the case of State of Oregon vs. Clifford Brennan will commence sometime this afternoon.

Max Wilson and Nicholas Haulack and Donald of Baker are handling the prosecution and Burleigh and Burleigh and Geo. H. Rummage have been retained on the defense.

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Seppalla Is Nearer Nome With Serum

Diphtheria Anti-Toxin Carrier on Last Lap of Journey to Stricken City.

NOME, Alaska (By the Associated Press)—Facing frigid weather, L. Seppalla today was somewhere between Unalakleet, two hundred miles from here, and Safety, twenty-one miles away, with the anti-toxin needed to combat the diphtheria epidemic raging here.

HI DADS WILL BE IN CHARGE

The weekly chamber of commerce luncheon next Tuesday has been turned over to the Hi-Dads who will take charge of the meeting and explain the purpose and function of the organization in connection with high school activities.

A number of talks are scheduled. A. C. Hamilton will speak for the high school faculty, Ralph Webb, student body president, for the students, Dr. R. P. Landis for the school board and G. L. Larison and Warren Gilbert will say their say for the Hi-Dads.

Voting for the nomination of directors of the chamber of commerce is now in progress and a ballot box will be placed in the L. O. O. F. hall Tuesday so that the members may cast their votes.

FARM SURVEY TO BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 20

Blanks for the farm survey which is now being made by the agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce have been mailed from the office of Earl Reynolds, secretary, to the different organizations who are assisting in this work.

It is hoped to have the entire survey completed by February 20 in order that the statistics may be used at the agricultural economic conference the first week in March.

BLACKMAILERS TAKEN IN FIGHT HELD BY POLICE

NEW ARK, N. J. (By the Associated Press)—Pledged blackmailers are under police guard here today, one probably dying, following a gunfight with three detectives who trapped them in an attempt to secure \$70,000 from Ernest D'Aquila, Catholic priest.

D'Aquila received two letters last week demanding \$10,000 on threat of death. He gave the second letter to the police, who expected him to place a dummy package at the appointed place.

\$3,300,000 Expended For World's Cars in '24. WASHINGTON (AP)—The world spent \$2,300,000,000 last year for automobiles and motor cycles, the commerce department announced in a statement made public Sunday on the basis of an average cost of \$1099 each for automobiles and \$399 for motorcycles.

A survey of the world motor industry showed, the department stated, that the United States now has 54 per cent of all passenger automobiles, 74 per cent of all motor trucks and 11 per cent of all motorcycles. Combining passenger cars and trucks in class, this country has 82.5 per cent of all the world's motor vehicles, 18,615,999 passenger cars, 7,982,999 trucks and 1,262,999 motorcycles having been in operation on January 1.

MEMORY OF BRITON KEPT ALIVE BY ANNUAL SERVICE

LONDON (AP)—One of the most ancient memorial services held annually in London is that of the Worshipful Company of Coopers. It was originated by the terms of the will of Henry Chichester, dated May 10, 1572, which provided "that the master and wardens of the Company of Coopers after the decease of my wife, shall upon New Year's day, at 11 o'clock, yearly for ever, at a reasonable hour, in the church of St. Michaels in Crooked Lane, in London, provide some learned man to make sermon, and he to have for his pains six shillings."

Since the death of the founder, however, this sum has been increased to 20 shillings. In accordance with the annual custom, the will, which abounds in small requests set out in quaint phrased language, was read at the close of the service by the clerk of the Coopers Company.

Bryan's Daughter Loyal



Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, has filed application for American citizenship, which she had to renounce when she married Major Reginald Owen of the British army. Owen is now living at the Bryan home in Florida.

I. O. O. F. HALL IS DEDICATED

Nearly 400 persons were present at the dedication of the Oddfellows' new building across the street from the City Hall Saturday evening.

The remodeled Young Men's Christian Association building was the scene of an gay party as has ever been held within its walls.

J. E. Conlidge, genial toastmaster on so many occasions was at his best Saturday and introduced the various events on the program in his own inimitable style.

Music featured. All sorts of entertaining features were on the program for the evening. Singing by the Chamber of Commerce quartet, a number of songs by a new quartet composed of E. D. Towler, C. D. Lee, T. K. Bellamy and E. O. Payton which proved very popular, individual solos of all sorts, speeches, and in fact about everything in the way of entertainment.

Mr. Conlidge (introducing himself) gave a short talk explaining the object and purpose of the Oddfellows' organization and a number of other talks were given.

Following the banquet and the entertainment program the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing in the gymnasium and cards for those who preferred that sort of diversion.

Building Renodeled. The building has been completely remodeled and but few traces of the old quarters in the days of the Y. M. C. A. remain. The basement which was formerly the game room of the Y has been transformed into an airy banquet hall which has room to serve several hundred people without undue crowding. The main floor of the building has been made into offices many of which are already occupied by professional men and others. On the Washington street entrance one finds the quarters of the Kanyan and Hogg, La Grande's prominent beach artists and other parts of the building have been put to similar use.

Screen Actress Pours Caustic Acid on Legs

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (AP)—Loretta Thompson's job in the movies started her shapely legs, which director employed for "punch hitting" in scenes otherwise likely to be softened by the unlovely limbs of the leading woman. This gained her pride as an aspirant to dramatic success and Sunday, unable to endure the situation longer, she emptied a bottle of caustic acid on the legs she thought blocked her path to stardom.

Police surgeons who treated her and heard her story said she will recover, but that the legs which helped her win a beauty contest in Australia a year or so ago will be permanently disfigured.

LEGISLATURE STARTS ON 4TH WEEK

Strenuous Days Indicated for Remainder of Session

PIERCE UNDECIDED ABOUT PORT BILL

May Not Veto Measure But Permit It to Become a Law Without His Approval.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Oregon state legislature convened today for its fourth week of the present 46-day session.

Indications seem to point to one of the most strenuous weeks of the session in prospect, likely to be attended by bitterness over various measures which will furnish undoubtedly a basis for a battle between Governor Walter M. Pierce and the opposing forces.

May Let Bill Pass. Governor Pierce has not yet decided whether he will veto the Port of Portland bill or allow it to become a law automatically without his approval.

By the latter method the bill becomes a law after five days have elapsed from the time it reaches the office of the chief executive.

Some legislators believe that the governor will veto the measure although there is no possibility of the veto being sustained. His action, they believe, would be taken for the sake of scrapping it out to the last ditch.

YOUTH URGES 'RED' REGIME

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—A boy of fourteen years held an audience of 15,000 spill-bound last night at Madison Square Garden while he extorted them to bring about the fulfillment of the plans of Lenin, in whose memory the meeting was called.

Morris Spector, public school student, received an ovation when he shouted "down with capitalism. Down with its system. Up with the soviet regime."

The meeting adopted resolutions demanding recognition of soviet Russia.

MARTIN TAKEN BY OFFICERS

A Dwight Martin, of Cove, is the latest victim caught in the net of prohibition enforcement by Jess Brethren, county sheriff and his staff.

Martin was arrested at Cove Saturday evening and is now in the county jail. The evidence in the shape of a wash boiler still, 29 gallons of mash and a pint of the finished product was brought to La Grande also.

Further action in the case will be taken later in the week according to Carl G. Helm, district attorney.

MARKETS TODAY. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and sheep steady, hogs slow. Eggs and butterfat steady, butterfat 46c. SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat 48 cents.

Many Pay More Income Tax Than Is Necessary

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—From an examination of returns already filed, Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, finds that in computing their federal income tax for 1924 many taxpayers are not taking advantage of the 25 per cent reduction in tax amount of "earned income" to which they are entitled and, consequently, are remitting to his office a greater tax than they owe the government.

"The 'earned income' provision of the 1924 law is an entirely new feature and was not included in any previous revenue acts," explained Collector Huntley today.

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