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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Rain tonight and Wednesday.

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LA GRANDE ARMORY FAVORED

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The cockleburr of the United States Senate is Selden Palmer Spencer, the handsome, pink-cheeked junior member from Missouri.

To his fellow senators, Spencer often proves a most provoking person. He is always so sure of himself, so self-complacent, so tantalizingly and irritatingly serene in his estimate of himself and his judgments!

His very urbanity, his soft-voiced insistence on the correctness of his own conclusions, is like that of a kindly missionary among the heathen.

Of course they may not understand what he is telling them, their undeveloped minds may not be able to grasp the great truths he is propounding, but none-the-less indisputably—this way lies righteousness.

That is the sort of attitude other senators feel he adopts toward them. And it riles them much more deeply than any hammer-and-tongs attack, filled with abuse and vituperation.

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The more worldly ones in the Senate—and that is the big majority (for Spencer is regarded as the most religious man in the upper house)—are vexed by the very kindly tolerance with which he seeks to win them.

Most of them have won their way in rough-and-tumble political warfare.

But the superior individual who looks down upon them with a "poor soults, they-know-not-what-they-do" forbearance, leaves them raging but speechless.

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Senator Spencer's attempt to deal with the officials involved in the late Teapot Dome oil scandal, however, caused long-pent feelings to break their bonds.

In a minority report he held that while not condoning any questionable acts involved in the oil leases, he believed them to have been in fact a real blessing to the country. They had been, he maintained, patriotically inspired and of inestimable benefit.

Whereupon his senior colleague from Missouri, gray-haired, battle-

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LEGION PLANS JOYFUL NIGHT

On Wednesday, February 4, at the Honan hall, the La Grande post and auxiliary of the American Legion, will entertain all members at a supper-meeting-dance. A nominal charge will be collected for the supper and dance, but any may attend the meeting without coming to the dance or dinner.

At this party, the losing team of the membership contest will be hosts to the winning team, and will pay for their dinners. Also the initiation of new members will take place.

All visiting members of the Legion are cordially invited, the officers state.

O. A. C. ALUMNI IS ORGANIZED

An organization composed of former O. A. C. students and alumni of the college was formed last evening. The purpose of the organization is to attend to the interests of the agricultural college locally.

Jess Andrews is the president of the organization elected last evening. Other officers are Harry Snodgrass, vice president, Earl C. Reynolds, secretary-treasurer and Jim Dobbins, sergeant at arms.

RELIEF FOR FARMER TO BE SPEEDED

Agricultural Committee Decides to Draw Up Bill Immediately

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE FOLLOWED

Report of President Coolidge's Commission Is to Be Basis of Draft.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The house agricultural committee decided today to draw up a bill embodying recommendations of President Coolidge's agricultural commission, and to contain all suggestions except those relating to tariff.

Chairman Haugen announced he proposes to introduce a grain export bill similar to that introduced last week by Senator McNary and which contains many features of the old McNary-Haugen measure.

FAVORS WORLD COURT

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A resolution to put the house on record as favoring American adherence to the world court was approved today by the foreign affairs committee.

TO INVESTIGATE COMPANY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The federal trade commission would be directed to investigate the extent to which the General Electric company controls the electric industry, under a resolution reported today by the senate interstate commerce committee.

The resolution comprises modification of one introduced by Senator Norris of Nebraska. Under it the treasury department would be directed to give the commission

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Bankrupt Sale at End After Four Months' Run

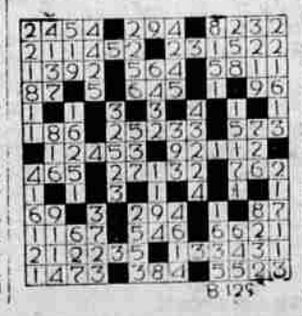
The bankrupt sale of the Scranton and Short stock, which has continued for about four months, came to a close Saturday evening and yesterday and today found the stock being put into shape.

Negotiations are underway, it is understood, to either sell the stock to an outside firm for removal from La Grande or to a local dealer who would probably dispose of it here.

Historic Fork Lands in Museum.

LONDON (AP)—The first English silver table fork, made in 1632, has been bought by the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. The fork is engraved with the crests of the Manners and Montague families.

PUZZLE ANSWER



Girl, Aged 7, Killed Twins, Police Claim

Alsa Thompson, a Grammar School Student, Mixed Ground Glass with Sisters' Food.

SANTA ANA, Cal. (By the Associated Press) — Russell Thompson, Alsa's father, declared today that the child's story was merely the product of a vivid imagination.

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press).—Authorities today are checking a confession they say was made to them last night by Alsa Thompson, aged 7 years, grammar school student, to the effect that two years ago in Danphin, Manitoba, she killed her twin sisters by putting ground glass in their food.

The girl was brought to the attention of the authorities when the family with which the parents had placed her to board, complained that she mixed ant paste with sulphuric acid from a storage battery, and attempted to feed it to the family.

According to officers, the girl said she attempted the lives of other children and adults.

CLUB WORK IS MONEY MAKER

A report from the state boys' and girls' club leader, H. C. Seymour, states that the boys and girls of Union county made a clear profit of $1,507.49 in their club work during 1924. Eighty-one boys and girls commenced the work and 56 completed it. The following projects were taken up: Potato, garden, poultry, pig, dairy calf, beef calf, dairy herd, bee, cookery and sewing.

Union county has been giving prizes to four of the best winners each year. The prize, in the form of a free trip to the state fair at Salem, no doubt will be continued this year.

"What better incentive can the boys and girls be given that will teach them thrift and industry?" state E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent. "They are learning to accomplish something as well as gaining an adequate revenue" Mr. Sayre plans to encourage industrial club work wherever possible, he states.

BAKER FARMERS FACE SHORTAGE OF SEED WHEAT

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Baker county is in grave danger of a serious seed wheat shortage this year, according to Paul Carpenter, county agent.

Owing to the dry summer, Baker county farmers were able to sow little fall wheat, and even were it possible to have done so, the frost damage would have been heavy. The recent skyrocketing of wheat prices, and the necessity of using the wheat supply to relieve the financial situation, has resulted in large shipments of wheat to the east, and a more than normal shortage in this section. The county agent is therefore urging all farmers to realize the situation and take all possible steps to relieve a serious shortage.

R. A. Pratt Accepts Post With Bowman-Hicks Co.

R. A. Pratt, who left La Grande yesterday morning on the branch train for Maxville to fill the position of chief engineer for the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company has the hearty good wishes and congratulations of a host of friends.

For several years Mr. Pratt was known on the coast, here, and in the valley, as an Oregon state highway civil engineer, holding the position of resident engineer. He came to La Grande in 1918 to take charge of the paving between here and Island City and of the highway between here and Telocaset, also doing preliminary work between La Grande and Meacham. In 1922 he resigned from the state highway to accept a position with the White Pine Box and Lumber company. It is understood that Mrs. Pratt and the two children, Robert Bruce and Mary Ellen, will stay here until school closes. Then the family will make their home in Maxville.

BECKWICH SENTENCED BY KNOWLES

Union Man to Serve 615 Days in County Jail on Two Charges

COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORTS

H. N. Gamble of Union, Indicted for First Degree Murder; to Enter Plea Tomorrow.

Mort Beckwich, who was taken into custody ten days ago following the burglary of the Oregon Trail Garage at Union, plead guilty to the charge of larceny before Judge J. W. Knowles yesterday and was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail.

Beckwich was arraigned yesterday on an indictment by the grand jury and by law would have been allowed two days of grace before being required to make his plea but evidently wishing to get it over with admitted his guilt and was sentenced immediately.

At the time of being sentenced Beckwich had served but a few days on a term of 250 days in jail to which he was sentenced by Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace. Mr. Brady's sentence was in the form of a $500 fine but as the prisoner was unable to raise the required amount it was being served out at the rate of two dollars a day. The fine imposed by the justice of peace followed Beckwich's plea of guilty on a liquor charge evidence for which was obtained by the officers on the night of the robbery.

Gamble Indictment.

H. N. Gamble, also of Union, was arraigned yesterday following his indictment by the grand jury on the charge of first degree murder of William Wigglesworth at Union in November. Gamble will enter

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WILL RECALL VATICAN ENVOY

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Suppression of the French embassy to the Vatican was voted by the chamber of deputies Monday evening, 314 to 260. It was the realization of part of the program upon which the left groups of radical Socialists were elected May 11 and which Premier Herriot refusing to accept advice from self termed well wishers or bitter criticism from his avowed political opponents, carried through with firm determination, "for the interest of France."

The chamber's party lines stood out well defined, the majority following M. Herriot solidly.

The premier pacified the opposition of the Alsace-Lorraine deputies by giving an official undertaking that a diplomatic agent would be maintained at the Vatican to represent the recovered provinces, but he refused to accept the suggestion of Georges Ley-

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Evidence Of Reader Confidence

There's no greater evidence of reader confidence than the normal, unstimulated growth of a newspaper's circulation. The Observer has enjoyed a growth of 25% in number of readers during the last twelve months.

Without reader confidence and reader interest, the advertising in a publication is of small value. That explains partly why you read Observer ads and disregard handbills.

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Photographs Taken In Bloody Herrin

Following a gun battle which resulted in the death of S. Glenn Young, two of his followers and Deputy Sheriff Thomas, at Herrin, Ill., a great crowd gathered at the morgue where the bodies were taken. The morgue is pictured above. Below is a closeup view of the Bione cigar store where Young, Thomas, Warren and Forbes were killed. Guardsmen are on duty at the store. A bullet hole can be seen in the window.

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COLLINS YET IMPRISONED

CAVE CITY, Ky. (AP)—Skilled stone workers who came here from Louisville to assist in releasing Floyd Collins from his prison in a sand cave where a boulder pinioned him Friday, plan to return today because they say their services have been declined. Other efforts to free Collins continued, but are still largely unorganized. Louisville Monument company employes were refused admission to the cave, according to firm officials.

Collins, although in a serious condition, still hopes to be taken out alive. Today the strain of nearly 100 hours of torture showed its effects. Collins begged his rescuers not to leave him alone. Tiny pieces of rock, too small to inflict pain, fell upon him and brought groans from the captive.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The legislative committee investigating the state prohibition department voted at an executive session last night to conclude the investigation with another hearing today. Many spoke in Cleaver's defense last night and some attacked him.

Nolin Lad Killed When Struck by Automobile

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Lorenzo Dare Harp, aged 12 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harp of Nolin, was instantly killed when struck by an automobile driven by Fred Pigg, of Pendleton, who is in charge of the internal revenue office here.

Mr. Pigg was exonerated of blame at a coroner's inquest, the jury returning the verdict that the accident was unavoidable.

ENGINEER KILLED

TACOMA (By the Associated Press) — Harry Parker, engineer, was killed, and Mike Nick and Earl Riley, brakeman, were severely wounded when a locomotive of a logging train plunged through a trestle on the Western Railway and Lumber company's line near Centralia today.

MARTIN BOUND OVER TO JURY

Dwight Martin, of Cove, who was arrested recently by the county sheriff was arraigned before Hugh E. Brady, justice of peace, this morning on the charge of possession of intoxicating liquor. Martin pleaded not guilty and his bonds were set at $200 which had not been raised this morning. The trial will be held toward the latter part of the week.

UMATILLA MOON MAKER MUST PAY HEAVY PENALTY

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special) — The heaviest sentence ever given in Umatilla county for violation of the law prohibiting the ownership and operation of a still was imposed in the court of Justice Howton in Freewater when Louis Wendt was sent to the county jail for one year and fined $3000.

Wendt was one of a trio of brothers who are claimed to have been operating a still for several years on Government mountain. He was apprehended by four deputy sheriffs from Umatilla and Walla Walla county under the direction of Sheriff Cookingham Friday and a still and coil together with a quantity of liquor were seized.

Wendt entered a plea of guilty to the charge in court. If he does not pay his fine of $3000 he will have a sentence of five years five months and 25 days to serve in jail. Some deduction would be possible for good behavior.

U. H. S. PLAY TONIGHT

UNION, Ore. (Special). — This evening the sophomore class of the Union high school will stage a play, "In Old New Hampshire."

This drama was selected and planned for one of last year's productions, but so many functions at the closing of the year crowded it out, so the class is using it this year.

TURKS REFUSE TO ARBITRATE

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The Turkish ambassador again visited the French foreign office today, and reiterated Turkey's determination to refuse arbitration by the permanent court of international justice on the question of the expulsion of the Greek patriarch, Constantinos, from Constantinople.

GREECE MAY APPEAL

GENEVA (By the Associated Press) — Greece's representative here visited the League of Nations headquarters today and left the impression he was making inquiries preparatory to a possible appeal by Greece to the league on the Greco-Turkish dispute.

AREA BISHOP TO VISIT METHODISTS HERE ON FRIDAY

It is only rare occasions that the area bishop of the Methodist church gets as far from headquarters at Helena as La Grande, and when he does local Methodists always plan a reception of some sort in the high official's honor. When Bishop H. Lester Smith comes to La Grande next Friday he will be accompanied by Mrs. Smith and have with him the district superintendent of the La Grande district, Harry S. Hamilton, of Boise.

In the afternoon the bishop will speak to the local R. E. O. chapter and in the evening he will again speak to Methodists at a banquet in honor of the trio at the Methodist church. This event is called for 6:30.

For four years immediately preceding 1924, Bishop Smith was stationed at Bengelor, India, on duty for the church, and his extensive travels have qualified him with a great fund of experience.

MAJOR GENERAL RESIGNS

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — Major General Gjedsted, for four years assistant to Adjutant General White, of the Oregon National Guard, who yesterday quit his post without an explanation, today submitted a written resignation to White from Portland and, in addition, he forwarded a letter to Governor Pierce, in which he declared he resigned "so I can feel free to bring your attention to certain irregularities committed by the adjutant general in his administration of the department."

COMMITTEES RECOMMEND BUILDING

La Grande First Choice of Six Cities Asking Appropriation

DENNIS, HUNTER PRESENT CLAIMS

Action Is Taken Asking $40,000 for Construction at Joint Committee Meeting Last Night

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The military committee reported favorably on four proposed armory projects, including La Grande $40,000.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Following the appearance of representatives from Astoria, Forest Grove, Cottage Grove, Silverton, Portland and La Grande before a joint meeting of the committees on military affairs last night the committee selected La Grande as its first choice for an armory and passed a recommendation on to the ways and means committee of each house asking for an appropriation of $40,000 for La Grande.

Forest Grove, Cottage Grove and Silverton were also listed by the committee favorably but La Grande was the one the committee strongly endorsed.

Senator Bruce Dennis and Representative Albert Hunter appeared before the committee and told of La Grande claims.

WEEKS, BLACK IN NEW FIRM

C. J. Black, formerly of C. J. Black & Co., local real estate firm, is today aligned with L. S. Weeks under the firm name of Weeks & Black, real estate dealers, with offices in the Foley building across from the postoffice.

L. A. Stoop, who was associated with Mr. Black, will continue business under his name in the La Grande National Bank building for several weeks.

Both Mr. Weeks and Mr. Black announce that they are ready to extend every possible courtesy and service to their former patrons.

HALF MILLION FISH EGGS IN

UNION, Ore. (Special).—Beginning its year's work early in the season, the Union fish hatchery has received and placed in the troughs about 500 eastern brook eggs, which were shipped here from Bend, Oregon.

Another shipment went to Canyon City hatchery, which is being run by Harry Cole, a former employe at the Union hatchery.

Anti-Toxin To Fight Plague Reaches Nome

PHILADELPHIA (By the Associated Press)—The freezing of the anti-toxin units, rushed to Nome Alaska by dog teams to combat the diphtheria epidemic, will have no effect upon its properties, President Campbell of Mulford Company, manufacturing chemists, declared today.

NOME, Alaska (By the Associated Press). — Three hundred thousand units of diphtheria antitoxin which left Nenana, 658 miles to the east at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, reached here at 5:20 Monday morning. It was frozen solid.

Dr. Curtis Welch, representative of the United States public health service, the only physician in Nome, said the antitoxin would have to be thawed before he could tell whether it had retained its efficiency.

The final relay of the distance, all of which was covered by dog teams drawing sleds, carrying the 20-pound packages was run by Gunnar Kasson.

Another case of the disease was reported Monday among the population of Nome, making the number of cases definitely diagnosed 28, with 38 persons suspected of having diphtheria, and 50 persons that had been in con-

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Hi Dads Explained And Praised At Luncheon

An explanation, thorough and detailed, of exactly what the Hi Dads as an organization stands for, by members of the Hi Dads, and unlimited praise of the body by members of the school board, high school student body and faculty featured the meeting of the chamber of commerce today at noon at the Odd Fellows hall.

The meeting, called to order by George Glass, chairman, opened when Reverend O. W. Jones, of the Christian church, returned thanks. Following the luncheon and announcements, including one by Dr. Landis that resulted in a motion passed endorsing another tuberculosis hospital for Oregon, Mr. Glass called upon G. L. Dutton for an outline of the Hi Dad organization here.

Originated by Mr. Glass, according to Mr. Dutton, the movement took form and grew until at the present it has a membership of 38 with five new members to be taken into the folds each year. The object of the Hi Dads is to cooperate with the school board, the business men, the student body and the faculty in all matters for the good of all concerned relative to school problems and conditions.

The officers of the organization, Mr. Dutton stated, are: Great Grandad (A. T. Hill), Grandad (George Glass), Step Dad (Dr. McAdory), Hodad (Warren Gilbert), and Pay Dad (G. L. Dut-

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