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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry H. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The capital already is beginning to spruce up for its big quadrennial show—the presidential inauguration, March 4.

So, although Coolidge has succeeded in toning down considerably the lavish festivities, he has not been able to eliminate them wholly.

He forbade an official inaugural ball, requesting that visiting governors bring only small staffs with them, and ordered that no military units be brought to Washington to participate in the parade except such as were quartered near enough to make the march on foot.

Whether this price was established (Continued on Page 5.)

BEN DECIOUS SELLS SOMMER

One of the largest business changes in La Grande for some time was completed early this week when Ben Decious, owner of the Savoy and Sommer hotels here, sold out the latter to Frank Tinsell, of Hood River, Ore.

Mr. Decious did not relinquish his ownership of the Savoy hotel but will continue to operate it here in La Grande. He states that he has not definitely decided upon his future business steps but expects to take about a two months trip through California and thence into the Middle West shortly.

Mr. Russell took possession of the hotel yesterday.

Teachers' Institute To Meet in Union Saturday

The first Union county teachers' institute of this year will be held at Union Saturday, February 7th, and a large gathering of educators are expected to be present.

PRISONER'S FOOT FREED FROM ROCK

Another Slide in Sand Cave Blocks Escape, However

COLLINS WEAK; UNABLE TO HELP

Five Days' Confinement in Natural Dungeon Near Cave City, Kentucky, Saps Strength of man.

CAVE CITY, Ky. (By the Associated Press)—A slide in the sand cave this morning left Floyd Collins, aged 35 years, with his foot freed for the first time since he was imprisoned by a boulder last Friday, but Collins was left walling in behind a rock which fell from the side of the cave.

Collins called from the other side of the rock slide that his feet were free but said that he was too weak to work his way out.

The slide weak to imprisoning Collins is described by rescue workers as one huge rock about the size of a soap box with earth and small stones surrounding it.

BURGLARS GUILTY; GET FIVE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—J. J. Murray alias J. J. Jones, and Dewey Russell were sentenced to five years imprisonment in the state penitentiary yesterday by Circuit Judge C. H. McCulloch, when the two entered a plea of guilty to charges of larceny from a dwelling.

Murray and Russell were indicted on five counts by the grand jury, but when they pled guilty to the first charge the indictments on the other counts were dismissed.

Driving To Western Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoddard and Mr. and Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp will leave here tonight for Western Oregon where they will spend a few days, an incidentally attend the Oregon-Archie basketball game.

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Outlook Not So Bad For Stockmen

Beef, Sheep and Wool Values Equal to Last Year; Hogs Higher, Says Report.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A "considerable increase" in hog production last fall and a corn acreage "about the same as in 1914" were recommended by the department of agriculture in the second section of its annual outlook report.

Decrease in Hogs. "Hog producers," the report said, "enter 1925 with 18 per cent fewer hogs than a year ago, and there is every indication that prices during the next 10 months will be more than any time since 1920.

While the 1924 corn crop will probably be well cleared up, an increased acreage in 1925 does not appear advisable in view of the indicated reduction in the feeding demand.

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Opposes Extra Session. Some members of congress, holding that passage of farm aid bills is impossible in the four remaining weeks of the present congress, have proposed that the President call a special session of the new congress after March 4 to take up such legislation. This, it was made plain, Mr. Coolidge has no intention of doing.

The agricultural committee of the senate and house met separately Tuesday before the pronouncement of Mr. Coolidge's views. The senate committee, meeting to begin hearings on the basis of the agricultural commission's report, adjourned until Monday without calling any witnesses. Chairman Norris announced it was decided to hear members of the commission first and, as most of them had returned to

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WALLOWA IS SELECTED MOVIE SITE

'Winds of Chance' Scenes Planned Following Director's Survey

GENERAL MANAGER TO BE HERE SOON

Little Chance of Plan Falling Through, Communications Indicate.

In a letter to Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce this morning, C. W. Koerner, branch manager of the First National motion picture exchange in Portland, expressed the opinion that Wallowa county will undoubtedly be the scene for a large portion of a new picture to be directed by Frank Lloyd.

Mr. Koerner, Mr. Lloyd and others in the production inspected portions of Wallowa county last week accompanied by a group of La Grande business men to find suitable locations for a feature motion picture.

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Gas Up Two Cents Today Over State

Twenty-Five Cents Per Gallon Is New Price Effective in La Grande, Dealers State.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—An increase of two cents per gallon on gasoline is effective today in Oregon and other coast cities.

A two-cent increase in the price of gasoline per gallon through Oregon was announced last night by four major oil companies. The new price becomes effective this morning. The corporations announcing the increase were the Standard Oil, Associated Oil, Union Oil and General Petroleum companies. At a late hour last night, Shell oil companies had not received orders from San Francisco to increase the price, but they were expected, officials said.

Price in La Grande. With the two-cent increase in effect, gasoline is being sold in La Grande today at 25 cents per gallon. The former retail price was 23 cents per gallon.

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Mrs. Stokes Defends Character



Above: Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes, plaintiff in the trial in Chicago to prove W. E. D. Stokes and four co-defendants defamed her character. Below: W. E. D. Stokes.



Announcement Verified. SPOKANE (By the Associated Press)—Coach Dorais today confirmed his employment by Detroit University.

DORAI'S HIRED BY DETROIT U

DETROIT (By the Associated Press)—The University of Detroit announced today that Charles E. Dorais, football coach at Gonzaga University, Spokane, has signed a three-year contract to become director of athletics at Detroit University.

BRENNAN CASE IS UNDERWAY

Testimony on the case, State of Oregon vs. Clifford Brennan was still being taken in the circuit court this morning. The case will probably be finished this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

GAMBLE'S PLEA IS POSTPONED

H. M. Gamble, who was to have made his plea of guilty or not guilty to the charge of first degree murder of William Wiggworth, this morning did not do so for the reason that his attorneys, Nichols, Hallock and Donald of Baker are at present engaged in the prosecution of the Brennan case now in progress.

MARRIAGES ON DECLINE HERE

Figures on file at the county clerk's office seem to indicate that more and more young people in Union county are taking the famous advice of the man who, when asked about marriage, made the classic reply, "don't."

N. Y. Congressmen Give Their Support to "Wets"

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Nineteen Democratic members of congress from New York have pledged their support to an organization formed Monday night to seek repeal of the Volstead act.

The Lowest In The Northwest

The daily advertising rate in The Observer is the lowest to be found in any paper of similar circulation in the Pacific Northwest.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

HAMMOND IS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Clackamas Legislator Is Charged with Accepting Excessive Fees

POSTS \$1,000 BAIL; HEARING HALTED

Case Involved Application of Clackamas Station People for Insurance for Son.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Phillip Hammond, representative in legislature from Clackamas county, secretly indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday, charged with accepting an excessive fee at attorney for drawing up application for insurance under the national war risk insurance act, voluntarily today posted \$1,000 bail. His arraignment was postponed until legislature adjourns.

Hammond was accused of accepting \$100 fees when the law at the time applications were made provided for a three dollar fee.

The case involved was the application of Thomas and Mary J. Mooney, of Clackamas station, for the insurance for their son, John L. Mooney, who died at Camp Fremont, California, June 27th.

The parents received \$395 insurance each on June 11th, 1924.

CLEVER REPORT DUE SOON. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Following another session today to receive a final statement from Clever, the legislative committee investigating the state prohibition department will begin framing its report.

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GIRL'S STORY IS UNSHAKEN

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Iris Thompson, aged 7 years, did not kill her twin sisters in Canada two years ago by feeding them ground glass, she certainly thinks she did, according to attorneys who examined her.

The doctors characterized her as an "abnormal child of high intellectual type but born with too much intellect and not enough judgment."

POSTAL PAY BILL IS SENT BACK TO SENATE BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press)—By a vote of 225 to 153, the house Tuesday sent back to the senate the postal pay and rate increase bill on the ground that the measure infringed on its exclusive right to originate revenue legislation.

With the way barred to house action on this proposal, the house postoffice committee immediately set out to draft a salary-rate bill of its own with Republican leaders planning to bring it to a vote before the end of the week if agreement can be obtained as to its provisions.

The committee went into executive session Tuesday night with members predicting that a measure similar in its main provisions to the senate bill as it was reported from committee would receive approval. In this event, leaders are pledged to give it right of way under a rule limiting debate and shutting off amendments from the floor.

Mitchell, Air Chief, May Not Be Reappointed

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The controversy among army and navy officers over the value of aircraft took on new ramifications today when Representative Perkins, Republican of New Jersey, announced that three navy officers had requested the House aircraft committee not to sanction them because they could not give their honest views for fear of being disciplined.

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