

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON, (New Special)—Matrons and dowagers of the capital social set are getting cross-eyed trying to look both north and south at the same time for the arrival of the stork with burdens for two of Washington's social favorites.

BODY OF MAN IS UNCOVERED

ELECTRICAL TESTS SHOW LIFE EXISTS

Homer Collins Hears Floyd's Heart Beating at 20-Per-Minute Rate

NEW THEORIES OF TRAPPING HEARD

Leaders Scoff at "Publicity Hoax;" Lieutenant Burdon Believes in "Murder" Theory.

LA GRANDE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The shaft being bored into Sand Cave was 33 feet deep at 3 o'clock today. Further radio tests indicated Collins was still alive. His respiration is about 26 a minute, according to observers.

CAVE CITY (By the Associated Press)—Circumstances surrounding the trapping of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave will be the subject of a military court of inquiry.

Gray-haired guards who have spent countless hours studying the lining of this imitation marble have found in it many freakish forms.

Five electrical tests with voice amplifiers today convinced leaders that Collins is still alive.

H. G. Lane, operating a light circuit which supplies current for the bulk lift at Collins' head, said Homer Collins, after listening 20 minutes on the wire, was convinced he heard Floyd's heart beating at the rate of 20 per minute.

New theories began developing today. One was calling the imprisonment a publicity hoax, another that his enemies either caused his imprisonment or prevented rescue, and a third was Collins' own story of discovering a new cave and being caught on route to the surface.

Publicity Scoffed. Lieutenant Burdon, of the Louisville fire department, and William Burke Miller, of the Louisville (Continued on Page 5.)

PUZZLE ANSWER

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Where Rock Trapped Collins; Brother Fails To Rescue Him



(By NEA Airmail Service to The Observer) Upper-jewel Estes, 17, at the mouth of Sand Cave, where Floyd Collins was imprisoned. Estes was the first to discover Collins' plight and lead in rescue attempts.

GEDSTED IS GIVEN REBUKE

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The general military staff, after investigating charges made by Major Gjedsted, former employe of the state military department, that there were irregularities in the accounts of Adjutant General George White, has rebuked Gjedsted and urged that he be tried by court martial.

Martin had formerly entered the plea of not guilty when first brought into court but decided to forego the ordeal of a trial and changed his plea to guilty this morning.

GETCHELL FINED \$25. LAUNSVILLE, Ky. (By the Associated Press)—Lieutenant Burdon, when he learned of General Dehard's military inquiry concerning the imprisonment of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave, stated emphatically that there has been definite opposition to the rescue of Collins by some of the natives when he was there early last week.

DIPHTHERIA FEARED IN VALE, ORE.

Epidemic Menaces Town Recently Swept by \$500,000 Flood

WATER SYSTEM IS CONTAMINATED

Thousands of Dead Animals Make Conditions Perilous; Red Cross May Lend Aid.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—State officials and the Red Cross are cooperating for relief of distress at flood stricken Vale. A tent city and food lines are among steps planned. A \$50,000 appropriation will be sought from the legislature by Senator Davis.

VALE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Danger of an epidemic of diphtheria and smallpox was foreseen here Sunday by city officials and others as a result of the flooding of Vale and surrounding territory through the bursting of the irrigation dam on Bully creek last Thursday.

With from 2000 and 4000 head of cattle and sheep lying dead in the low lands west of Vale toward Bully creek, where they were caught by the rushing waters and drowned, and with over a lower floor of Vale's residences and business houses filled with mud and debris the situation from a health standpoint was viewed with apprehension.

As a precaution, all water for drinking purposes has been ordered boiled, for wells and Vale's water system have been contaminated by the flood. Appeals for relief were sent out Sunday to Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health at Portland, by Mayor C. M. Robinson, P. M.

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BUSINESS GOOD; PRICES HIGHER

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Some expansion in business took place last week with the forward movement interrupted only by a few minor irregularities. Aside from a reaction in the grain market the trend of prices generally was toward higher levels and other trade factors were uniformly favorable.

Indications of general prosperity were found in the impressive gains in bank clearings which continue to eclipse those of the preceding week and of the corresponding week last year by a comfortable margin. The January totals were the largest ever recorded in any month, the clearings in New York city alone exceeding \$25,000,000,000.

The rising trend of prices was indicated by a general advance in the United States and abroad.

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EDUCATION BILL VETO EXPLAINED

Pierce Steps on Measure; Says It Favors Text-Book Publishers

COMPETITIVE BIDS FAVORED BY CHIEF

Tooze Announces Today He Will Not Introduce Income Tax Bill He Has Proposed.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Governor Walter M. Pierce today vetoed the house bill introduced by the committee on education, holding it was passed in the interests of school book publishers.

The governor's message declared the measure would authorize state boards of education to review at the "best possible price" text books which publishers refused to continue at prices provided for in contracts expiring in June, this year.

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MRS. BARRETT TOUTS OREGON

HOT LAKE (Special)—Oregon, "the land of the covered wagon," was the general topic of discussion at the regular Sunday night gathering at Hot Lake sanatorium, at which Mrs. R. E. Barrett was the chief speaker.

Mrs. Barrett, a frequent visitor at Hot Lake told something of her recent work in the east in connection with the Portland chamber of commerce advertising campaign. In the past month the "only woman city manager" in the United States resigned this position at Warrenton in order to devote her time exclusively to acquainting the east with the advantages that Oregon offers.

In her talk at Hot Lake she (Continued on page 3)

JOHN T. PRICE HURT BY FALL

An accident which fortunately did not prove severe occurred to John T. Price of this city this morning. Mr. Price was driving along Grandy avenue toward Second street and had just reached Third street when his horse slipped and threw him out of the wagon.

Mr. Price was cut painfully but not seriously about the face and head and was also injured internally, to what extent is not known at present.

The injured man was unconscious when picked up by nearby neighbors who summoned the Stodgrass and Zimmerman ambulance to take him to the hospital. Mr. Price was conscious when the ambulance had arrived but was still in much pain.

Little is known of the circumstances of the accident. Mr. Price himself has no recollection of the occurrence and does not remember when the horse started to run.

The injured man was resting easily at noon according to a report from the hospital.

Plaintiff Wins Verdict In Suit for Damages

In the circuit court case Alcott vs. Cook which was tried Saturday was decided with the verdict of \$275 for the plaintiff. The case was a suit for damages in a motor car accident.

Teachers Of County Back New Normal

Favor Institution in East Oregon; "Hands Off" Policy by Legislators Urged.

UNION (Special)—With about forty teachers assembled in the Union high school auditorium County Superintendent A. E. Sayre began his first institute of the year Saturday morning with an invocation by Rev. Charles A. Quinn of the local Methodist church. This was followed by two vocal solos by Tony Smith, "I Would Be True," and "I Heard You Go By." Then the teachers were welcomed by Roy Conklin, superintendent of the Union school, a response was given by the new county superintendent and Mrs. Ruby M. Watts wound up the opening exercises with two more vocal numbers "Land of Sky-Blue Water" and "Minnahaha."

Professor Russell Blankenship, from the department of English in the Whitman normal discussed the subject of "Propaganda and Public Opinion," especially in its application to the public school system.

Then the institute broke up into two sections with Prof. Blankenship handling the high school section and Prof. J. V. B. Butler, from the history department of the Oregon normal, talking to the grade teachers.

At noon a cafeteria luncheon was served by the domestic science class of the local high school. Discuss Problems of Youth

Beginning the afternoon session Miss Marcella McCullough rendered two vocal solos, "Sylvan" and "Dream Children." In the department work Prof. Blankenship devoted the remainder of the period to "Problems of Youth," while Prof. Butler talked to the grade teachers.

After listening to a couple of vocal numbers, "Black Bird" and "Little Gray Home in the West," by Miss Emma Baxter, the final lecture of the day was given by Prof. Butler on the subject of "The Citizen."

Mr. Conklin, representing the state boys' and girls' club, worked talked to the teachers for a few minutes. Superintendent Sayre discussed school problems, then the following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolutions Adopted. Be it resolved by this group of teachers assembled in sectional institute:

1. That we are in favor of increased facilities for the training (Continued on page 3)

FOG FATAL TO NEW YORKERS

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Two men were killed and more than 50 persons injured in a section of collisions on transit lines today while a heavy fog enveloped the city.

Harbor and river traffic is virtually paralyzed.

The fog is reported general, extending along most of the Atlantic seaboard and affecting land and sea traffic over a wide area.

CONDITIONS INDICATE FOUL PLAY

Three Lads Discovered Gruesome Remains Yesterday Noon

MAN THOUGHT TO BE "G. BRADY"

Initials on Arm "G. B." and Name Found in Wallet; Robbery Is Believed Slayers' Motive.

Three La Grande boys, M. L. George, Evan Martin and Paul Martin of 1509 X avenue playing about the hillside near the site of the Gangleff Memorial Park, west of the city yesterday morning discovered the body of a man lying near a pile of brush some 200 yards from the road.

The boys turned in the alarm and the authorities were summoned about noon yesterday. Let Stodgrass of Stodgrass and Zimmerman and members of the sheriff's force arrived on the scene shortly afterwards and discovered the body of a man, thought to be G. Brady of Toronto, Canada, lying face downward in the snow.

There for Weeks. The body was that of a man apparently between the ages of 45 or 50, well dressed throughout, about five feet ten inches tall, smooth shaven and with rather heavy features. It was clad completely even to the last details of overcoat and gloves. The hat, a (Continued on Page 5.)

M'KENNON WILL BE SALES HEAD

Floyd McKennon, of this city, rated as one of the best insurance agents in the field in this section of the Inland Empire, has resigned as district manager and representative of the Guarantee Fund Life Association for Eastern Oregon, in order to permit giving him time to the filling of the position of sales manager for the local building and loan association.

The insurance company has correctly requested Mr. McKennon to not sever his affiliations with it, and to date the contract has not been sold. Mr. McKennon has been with the company since 1911 and has personally sold more than five million dollars worth of insurance.

ZURBRICK NAMED

Judge J. W. Knowles appointed Harry A. Zurbrick a commissioner of the La Grande City Park this morning to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Will Church.

UNION MECCA FOR DENTISTS

Union is the mecca today and tomorrow for all dentists who give their address as Oregon, east of the Cascades. For today is the first day of the Eastern Oregon Dental Association's annual convention.

Besides the opening ceremonies, several addresses, a banquet this evening will feature the first day's program.

Addresses and discussions and election of officers are included on the program for tomorrow.

A large percentage of the La Grande dentists are in attendance.

PHY TO SPEAK TONIGHT

UNION (Special)—Dr. W. T. Phy will address the Eastern Oregon Dental association this evening when it is entertained by the Union Commercial club of dinner at the Union hotel. Dr. Phy will talk on the History of Dentistry, explaining its origin as a profession and the various evolutionary steps through which it has passed.

The dental association is meeting in a two-day session today and Tuesday in Union, to take up various business matters and will devote the rest of the time to clinical work.

Big Program Faced As Congress' Time Fades

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—With only a little more than three weeks left of this session of congress, the fate of many important legislative measures is hanging in the balance.

Those that fall automatically die and it pressed in the new congress they must again pass through all introduction, through committee, both houses and conference.

Leaders are prepared to bend efforts to complete action on the Muscle Shoals leading bill, the postal pay and rate increase measure, a cooperative marketing bill, the McFadden banking bill, the measure for purchase of the Cape Cod canal and the \$150,000,000 good roads bill.

If these can be put through, together with the remaining appropriation bills, the Republican leaders will be well satisfied with the accomplishments of the short session. But they are not at all certain that this program can be carried out and they are convinced that much other important legislation will fall.

In the realm of foreign affairs the senate has abandoned all hope of action on the world court questions and there is doubt that a vote can be had on the late of Finns Treaty. The German commercial convention was considered briefly Saturday and may be ratified with reservations broader than those suggested by the state department.

The house and senate agricultural committees are moving so slowly that even the friends of farm aid legislation realize that only a part of the program recommended by the president's agricultural commission can be translated into law before March 4. In all probability there will be considered on a cooperative marketing measure, the chief feature of the commission's program.

What To Do With Child Is Puzzling Authorities



ALENA THOMPSON

LOS ANGELES (NEA Service Special)—In school she has attained the unusual distinction of being the smartest girl in the eighth grade, although she is yet seven years of age.

At home she is feared because of fiendish plotting.

And in jail, this little girl, Ann Thompson, is looked upon as the youngest homicidal maniac ever observed by local scientists.

Precocious, cooperative, the child often helped her guardians, Mrs. Inez Platts, of Hollywood, to prepare meals. Creative, too, she loved to concoct, now and then, a desert dish; this once she prepared with ant poison and sulphuric acid. It was poison enough to kill the whole family. Luckily, its taste was forewarning.

Foiled, the child flew into a rage of fury, found a razor and tried to slash the baby of the family, Maxine Platts.

So the police were called. "I guess I did it because I am so mean," Ann explained with childish frankness. But that was (Continued on Page 5.)