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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Unsettled, probably rain in the west, rain or snow in the east tonight and Friday.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt.) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Radio cannot yet compete with newspapers in the broadcasting of national news, in the belief of President Coolidge. White House opinion and White House comment, therefore, will continue to be broadcast through the medium of Washington correspondents rather than through crystal sets and super heterodynes. Radio interests, anxious to extend the field of broadcasting to cover the most important news sources in business and government, have been most anxious to line President Coolidge up as a regular speaker on the air. They have extolled his as the ideal radio voice. They have stressed the idea that via radio he could maintain virtually a personal contact with the whole country. The popular expression of approval which followed the president's speech on economy a week ago, in his address to the bureau of the budget, which was broadcast through a dozen stations, made the present seem an opportune time for pushing the idea of developing what some what described as a "wireless president." Regular radio addresses—once a month, twice a month—were suggested. But, whether from conservatism or cunningness, no one knows, Coolidge shook his head. "I find I am able to broadcast my views very effectively through the newspaper men," he said. "I do not believe there is any necessity for any fixed program of radio talks by the president."

RESIGNATION OF CLEAVER IS ADVISED

Legislature Hears Report from Its Prohibition Investigators REMOVAL URGED BY COMMITTEE Would Give More Money to District Attorneys, Sheriffs and Organize "Flying Squadron." SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—In furtherance of the cause of law enforcement, George Cleaver should be removed or his resignation be demanded, is the conclusion of a special legislative committee investigating the state prohibition department. The committee made its report today. No charge of dishonesty was made against Cleaver although he is criticized for the method used in keeping his financial records, and further criticized for undue activity and proceeding often upon the theory that it is better to capture a corrupt official than a bootlegger. Some censure was directed at Cleaver for not enforcing the anti-saloons law and for the character of some agents employed. Led by Higher-Tips It is pointed out, however, that Cleaver followed closely the dictates of the governor as superintendent of the anti-saloons league and that he has often been unduly commended for conduct resulting from taking advice. No mention was made of Cleaver's use of search warrants in raiding private premises and saloons. In addition to the findings, recommendations will come from several members of the committee. Recommendations Made. Here and the majority of the house committee will recommend that in lieu of the present law more money be turned over to the sheriffs and district attorneys for enforcement purposes, and that there be a "flying squadron" of special officers to enforce the law. Eddy, it is understood, will recommend that the present law stand for two years, with more money available for the department and if the law does not function better in the future it be repealed and a state constabulary formed.

Mystery Of Death Still Entangled

Denver Knows Nothing of Missing Man; Authorities Awaiting Further Developments. Who G. Brady was, where he came from, how he got here, by what means and in what circumstances his death came, is still a mystery to the local authorities, who are still holding the body pending further investigation. When Brady's body was discovered Sunday fully clothed lying as if murdered and robbed, a number of clues were discovered, none of which, however, were particularly good, and consequently all ended in blind alleys with no more light thrown on the solution of the mystery. Wire Failed. The authorities immediately wired Toronto, Canada, asking for information following the discovery of a billfold with the words, "G. Brady, Toronto, Canada," inserted which was discovered in the murdered man's pockets. No (Continued on Page 5.)

LINCOLN IS HONORED BY LA GRANDE

County and City Offices and Banks Closed for the day SCHOOLS OBSERVE HIS ANNIVERSARY Herman Kramer Writes Winning Essay on Lincoln in Contest Conducted Locally. The passing of years which adds to rather than diminishes the respect and reverence every true American holds for perhaps the truest American of all, Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday anniversary is being observed in La Grande today as well as throughout the civilized world. Everywhere in the local business district one sees indications that the people of this generation have not forgotten the "Great Emancipator." Here and there a flag or a bit of bunting is proudly flaunting in the breeze, in the next window one sees a pictured likeness of the careworn yet kindly visage of the poor boy who rose from a log cabin to the presidency of the United States. One reads that Lincoln, too in his day was ridiculed by his contemporaries unable to recognize the greatness of the man. One cartoon of the period published in Harper's Weekly, the most influential periodicals of the time depicted Lincoln as a drunkard with the funeral of the Union passing by. But time has changed all this and today the school children of La Grande do him homage and reverence. Gold Medal Contest Yesterday a gold medal was on display in the windows of Birnie's jewelry store. Today it is in the possession of Herman Kramer, high school student who won it with the best essay upon Lincoln's life. It was presented in assembly this morning by George Birnie of the board of education whose short presentation speech followed an address by Reverend Elmer Grant Keith of the Methodist church. Reverend Keith's very fine address upon Lincoln was delivered before the high school students in assembly this morning. The other (Continued on Page 5.)

Collins' Girl Friends Wait



(By NEA Agram Service) Lillian and Clara Fred of Horse Bend, Ky., waited with tears in their eyes for word from their friend, Floyd Collins, trapped in Smo Cave, near Cave City, Ky.

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Farm Climb During Year Was Great

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press).—With the senate and house agriculture committees once more occupied with the problem of drafting farm relief legislation for enactment by the present congress, the federal reserve board reported late Wednesday that agriculture had climbed to a better balance with other industries than at any time since 1920. The agricultural industry gives no indication, the board's monthly report said, of receding from its present economic position which has been reached by a gradual advance beginning in the late summer of last year. A similar outlook was presented to the senate committee by William M. Jardine, a member of the president's agricultural conference, who expressed "moderate optimism" for the outcome of the farming industry and declared the farmer was passing through a post war crisis from which his recovery was certain. Indorses Haugen Bill. Before the house committee, Chairman Carey of the conference endorsed a bill framed by Chairman Haugen to carry out the conference recommendations on co-operative marketing and (Continued on Page 5.)

CAVE ROOF IS REACHED BY DIGGERS

Hopes Held "Any Minute" to Find Crevice Leading to Collins DOWN DRAFT IN SHAFT DEVELOPS Workers Suffering from Cold Weather; Precautions Taken to Prevent Pneumonia. CAVE CITY (By the Associated Press).—The limestone roof of the Collins cavern was reached by rescue workers in the shaft early today at a 45 foot level. The diggers expect "any minute" to find a crevice which can be entered sufficiently to reach the imprisoned man. The down draft in the shaft became stronger today, leaders said, however, it might be necessary to go 60 feet or more. The bottom of dirt and sandstone cap overlying the roof of the old cavern which once filled a tiny Sand Cave valley was reached early today when shoveling "limestone" appeared with solid rock not far ahead. Cold Hampers Workers. More crevices appear, increasing the down draft, but none have yet been found which would indicate a stable tunnel. Despite additional tent shelters and blankets received last night, the diggers suffered severely from the cold and extra precautions were taken to prevent the workers from developing pneumonia.

DANA SPEAKER FOR MEETING

Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, will be the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce to be held here March 2, according to announcements today. Mr. Dana is a speaker of well known ability. His subject has not been announced.

DENNIS MEASURE RECONSIDERED BY OREGON SENATE

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—On the motion of Senator Maglady, the senate today reconsidered the Dennis resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment inhibiting the levy of any income or inheritance taxes until 1929. The vote was 17 for reconsideration, 13 against. Maglady, who yesterday voted against the Dennis resolution, explained his motion today by stating he was willing to support the amendment if the resolution was amended so as to provide as much space in the pamphlet for argument against the amendment as was provided for argument favoring the amendment. Resolution proponents had agreed to this, he said. The resolution was referred to the committee for amendment as acted upon.

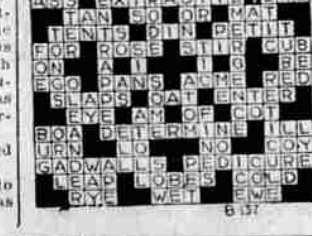
WARREN ACTION TO BE HELD UP

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Administration leaders will seek to prevent action during this session of the senate on Charles E. Warren's nomination for attorney general. It was disclosed today after President Coolidge had been informed of the extent to which opposition has developed. No mention was made of Cleaver's use of search warrants in raiding private premises and saloons. In addition to the findings, recommendations will come from several members of the committee. Recommendations Made. Here and the majority of the house committee will recommend that in lieu of the present law more money be turned over to the sheriffs and district attorneys for enforcement purposes, and that there be a "flying squadron" of special officers to enforce the law. Eddy, it is understood, will recommend that the present law stand for two years, with more money available for the department and if the law does not function better in the future it be repealed and a state constabulary formed.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—Cattle and hogs steady, sheep nominally steady. Eggs one cent lower, 26 1/2c. Butter, 45c. Butterfat firm.

PUZZLE ANSWER



Methodist Men Plan Sunday Vesper Service

In order to prove that men are also interested in the church the male members of the Methodist congregation will conduct the vesper services at the church next Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. All parts of the services from operating the organ to taking up the collection will be conducted by the men. Brief talks by laymen and a short sermon by Elmer Grant Keith, pastor, will be on the program as well as various musical features. As the time set for the services does not conflict in any way with other church exercises those in charge of the vesper services are extending cordial invitations to the residents of the city at large to attend.

German Railroads Are Out for Progress and Good Profits, Claim

BERLIN (AP)—German railroads, now freed of government control and politics, are considering innovations and improvements. Under the general superintendency of Rudolf Oeser, formerly minister of transportation, careful study is being made of the needs and comforts of passengers, the increase of speed, the maintenance of safety and a proper margin of profit. When the tourist season opens next May, overseas passengers will be able to take a through train from the docks at Bremerhaven and Cuxhaven for Berlin. This will be a pre-war service but resumed. Wireless telephones have been installed on the trains between Berlin and Hamburg, Frankfurt and Munich. The average speed of German trains before the war was 41.5 miles an hour, and Germany always has enjoyed the reputation of fewer accidents than any other country in the world. In 1924 the average was 34.7, but Director Oeser is confident this will be increased in 1925. To the end there will be extensive improvements to tracks, engines, and rolling stock already are satisfactory, the director asserts. The German railroad system employs about 499,900 men there are 11,250 railroad stations, 27,000 miles of track, 108 construction shops and 2,257 administration offices. One of the director's chief tasks is to make the lines profitable enough to take care of their share of the reparations burden, and he is confident this can be done. He has a free hand to run the system on strictly business principles. He has dismissed 200,000 men whom he considered superfluous; railway officials no longer hold their jobs for life. He is catering to the business of the countries surrounding Germany which need the German lines for transportation purposes.

LOCAL MAN IN TRAIN WRECK

An O. W. R. & N. freight engine was derailed early this morning near Cayuse, about 12 miles east of Pendleton when it struck a log which had evidently been placed on the track by some one with criminal intent. Conductor C. Baxter, of La Grande, on the freight train was cut about the head when the engine left the track but the members of the engine crew miraculously escaped injury. Baxter's injuries are not serious. All through train service was held up today while wrecking crews were salvaging the engine and repairing the track. Number 24 and Number 6, due this morning arrived here late this afternoon. The railway authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the placing of the log on the railway track. (Continued on Page 5.)

When Something Goes Wrong

When you buy goods or services from an advertiser, you have someone dependable to whom you can return if anything goes wrong with what you have bought. That's one reason why it pays to know advertisers and advertised products—and why thrifty, careful shoppers—shoppers offered by peddlers, a class that generally lives on long profits and short quality. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

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Jardine W. A. Jardine, mentioned as Coolidge's probable choice for the position of secretary of agriculture, Jardine is president of the Kansas State Agricultural College.

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TEXAS QUERY

AUSTIN, Texas (By the Associated Press).—The testimony before the legislative prison investigation committee, which Monday and Tuesday presented startling allegations and disclosures concerning the inhuman treatment of prisoners and mismanagement of the penal system, yesterday took on a much milder aspect. But one witness was examined, E. E. Boggs, the prison auditor, who cited numerous irregularities in the financial management of the prison system. The committee removed to (Continued on Page 5.)

REDUCED RATE FOR EXPRESS

Reduced express rates, to become effective March 1, 1925, have been announced by C. C. Dunlap, agent for the American Railway Express company here. The reduction on 100 pounds of matter sent at first class rate, amounts to a considerable sum. Second class rates are approximately 75 per cent of first class rates. Other changes on the same basis, follow: La Grande to Seattle, 65c less; La Grande to San Francisco, \$1.55 less; La Grande to Denver, \$2.82 less; La Grande to Chicago, \$2.91; La Grande to New York, \$1.29 less.

GERMAN MINE BLAST FATAL

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—An agency dispatch from Berlin today says that 72 bodies have been recovered from the Stein mine at Dortmund in which a fire damp explosion occurred last night. The deaths totaled 136, the message adds. FIRE LOSSES \$119,440 SALEM, Ore.—Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, in January aggregated \$149,449, according to a report issued by Will Moore, state fire marshal.

'WITCH' LURES FOREIGN GIRLS

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—A "witch" who lures immigrant girls into the Trinity church yard in the financial district at midnight, and apparently makes tombstones move as proof of her uncanny powers, to find them American millionaires for husbands has been operating here for some time. The witch's work was disclosed today by Mrs. Lillian H. Rice, director of the division of alien of the state labor department, in asking that the fleecing of immigrants be stopped by publicity.

C.B. Miller Made Member Of Planning Commission

C. B. Miller, architect who has designed a great deal of the important buildings in this city, was last night unanimously elected by the city commission to succeed E. A. Pratt as a member of the city planning commission. Mr. Pratt recently left for Malville, resigning his post. The meeting last evening, with Commissioners A. T. Hill, E. F. Lambie and Charles Flavin present, occupied nearly three hours and several matters of importance were attended to. A petition to vacate the alley in block 19, Chapin's addition, was read and allowed and authority given to proceed with vacation notices. A petition for a sewer at J. K. and Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth streets was referred to the city manager as was a petition asking for a sidewalk on the south side of K. from Hill to Twelfth, and the east side of Eleventh from J to Washington. An ordinance authorizing the signing of a contract for engineer service in connection with the sewerage disposal plant was passed, carrying an emergency clause making it effective immediately. City Manager Crews was authorized to submit an estimate on a trunkline sewer from the V. duct at Second street to the alley between Adams and Jefferson on Fourth street to connect up with the north side sewer now being installed. Discussion relative to storm sewers and other general matters occupied a goodly portion of the time as did attention to several other matters, including the reading and allowing of bills for the past month.

"Kaintuck" Reformed By Lincoln Statue's Face

EDITOR'S NOTE—Some years ago a replica of the St. Claudius statue of Lincoln, erected in Lincoln Park, Chicago, was put up in London, near the Houses of Parliament. (By Milton Bronner) LONDON (NEA Special).—His name is Smith. I don't know his Christian name. He came from Kentucky, where he was brought up in the fields—ploughing and weeding. And, in between times he read geography. It granted the seed of craves for travel. Smith's opportunity finally came. Stokers' jobs were advertised. A chance to travel abroad—just for shoveling coal in ship funnels—sounded good to Smith, and he went to New York and joined a crew. Nicknamed "Kaintuck." 'Twas hard work—harder than he (Continued on Page 5.)



THE FACE THAT MADE "KAINTECK" THINK