

Hunt's Daily Letter

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Senator Ilce W. Means of Denver, Colo., is a gallant gentleman. His gallantry was proved back in the Spanish-American war, in 1898. After 27 years, the war department is issuing the official citation recognizing his gallant conduct!

OBSERVER PURCHASED BY APPLEBY

Effective with the close of business today ownership of the La Grande Evening Observer and the Weekly Observer-Star, passes from Bruce Dennis, publisher here for practically fifteen years, to Frank B. Appleby, former Iowa publisher, who has been associated with the paper for the past four months. Announcement to this effect is made on the editorial page in this issue.

W.M. Jardine Agriculture Secretary

President Coolidge Appoints Kansan to Succeed Secretary Gore on March 4th.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—William M. Jardine, president of the Kansas Agricultural college, was selected today by President Coolidge to be secretary of agriculture.

Jardine is to take office March 4th, succeeding Secretary Gore, who then becomes governor of West Virginia.

PICTURES PRESENTED TO LIBRARY

Large Attendance Witnesses Feature Program of Art Week

Official presentation to the city library of over a thousand pictures, copies of famous old and modern masters, was effected at an interesting and impressive program last night at the library building and announcement of the picture contests to be conducted during the next year was made. Over \$200 in cash prizes will be awarded according to incomplete prize lists given out by Neighborhood club officials.

After pleasing selections by the band, Mrs. Harry Cleaver gave an introductory talk in which she told of the picture circulation plan and emphasized the benefits to the community and especially to the school children who will be most interested. She was followed by Mrs. Ingie who told of her work with the first grade children in teaching them pictures and appreciation of beauty in the things they see. Elmer Stoddard talked very effectively on the relation of art to the community and to civic betterment.

Then Mrs. Harry Zurbrich presented the pictures officially to the library board and the speech of acceptance following was made by C. M. Humphrey.

An educational appreciation of the art movement in La Grande was given by Mr. Hampton in a talk in which he praised the idea and told of the good the school children could derive from the collection and art training. A. T. Hill talked for the "City Dads" saying that the city officials fully appreciated the work done and that the library needs would never be overlooked.

Contests Arranged. Explanation of the various art contests to be conducted and announcement of the prizes to be awarded was made by Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn who outlined the following contest:

Essay contest of all high schools in the county on one of world's masterpieces.

1st. By Dr. Phy. amount not yet named.

2nd. \$25. by Chamber of Commerce.

High school memory contest.

PROPERTY LOSS HUGE IN K.C. FIRE

Automobiles, Valued at \$1,500,000 and \$650,000 Pavilion Are Ruined

KANSAS CITY (By the Associated Press)—A fire, starting in the flimsy decorations, supposedly from defective wiring, destroyed automobiles, valued at a million and a half dollars and the American Royal Livestock pavilion, valued at \$650,000, early today.

John J. Crane, 65, fireman, was burned to death.

All exhibits at the Kansas City Motor Show were destroyed.

Near midnight it was discovered the flames, and by the time the firemen reached the scene the conflagration was beyond their control. As they reached the fiercely blazing building, tank after tank of gasoline exploded, and the fire fighters strove in vain to make headway against the fire. They were unable to drag hose lines in to the scorching interior of the pavilion.

Inside the building, a temporary wooden balcony had been erected, on which 13 of the cars had been placed. As the crackling flames attacked the balcony, the cars tumbled over, crashing on top of the other exhibits.

Three hundred passenger cars of the latest models, 22 trucks, a number of buses, and two aeroplanes were ruined in the conflagration.

Filmdom's Latest Flapper



Netta Stiles waited 13 years for the chance to be a regular film flapper, and now she's in Hollywood telling all the folks "sure, it's all in the clothes, and acting young."

A Girl Started It; Now Everyone Sends Them

Everyone is giving and receiving valentines today—funny ones, tinted ones, poetic ones, and sentimental ones.

STATE OPENS STOKES TRIAL

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, figure in the trial of W. E. D. Stokes, New York millionaire, who with others is charged with conspiracy to defame Mrs. Stokes to aid his divorce case, made her first appearance in the court room today since the opening of proceedings two weeks ago.

PORTLAND MARKETS ARE STEADY; EGG DROP HALTS

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Livestock nominally steady here today. Eggs about steady. Butter 45c. Butterfat steady.

METHODIST MEN IN CHARGE OF SUNDAY VESPER SERVICE

The men of the Methodist congregation will have full charge of the vesper service tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in the First Methodist Episcopal church here.

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.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

RESCUE OF COLLINS IS NOT DISTANT

Official Bulletin Expects 24 Hours More Work by Diggers

MEN IN PASSAGE HEARD IN SHAFT

Progress Last Night Was Slowest on Record; Rain, Snow and Colder Weather Experienced.

CAVE CITY, Ky. (By the Associated Press)—Men in the natural passage to Sand Cave talked to men in Collins' rescue shaft while making soundings at 11 o'clock this morning.

An official statement said it is "estimated we will reach Collins in approximately 24 hours provided no other difficulties occur."

Due to the "very rotten character of the material encountered progress last night was the slowest on record," said the official bulletin of those in charge of the shaft. Rain, snow and colder weather was experienced during the night, said the bulletin.

The shaft, according to the leaders, will lap Sand Cave between Collins and a point where the cave-in occurred in the natural passage.

OREGONIANS KNEW COLLINS, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special).—With Floyd Collins, the unfortunate Kentuckian entrapped in Sand Cave, as their guide, two University of Oregon girls, Gladys Perce and Helen Whitcomb of Portland, four years ago visited the cave, which young Collins had discovered on his father's farm. The girls were in Kentucky in June, 1921, and made a trip to Mammoth Cave.

"The Collinses were plain country people who earned a living principally by guiding tourists through their cave," Miss Perce said. "They seemed to be typical Kentucky mountaineers, who seemed to have little education and who had had little contact with the outside world."

"We had just come out of Mammoth cave, and one of us remarked that we were disappointed because we had not seen the crystal formations, when a man stepped up and said, 'Why don't you go see Crystal cave? It has more beautiful crystals than these.' We decided to go with him. He was Homer Collins, the

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NEGROES KILL THREE WHITES

LEGION CORPS REORGANIZE

Reorganization of the drum and bugle corps of the local American Legion Post No. 42 occurred last evening at a meeting of the members of the corps, which won third prize at the state Legion convention last year, competing with many veteran corps.

Ralph Winters was elected drum major, Ray Williams assistant drum major, Lynn Larson, ranking drummer, Lynn Bohnebaum, ranking bugler, and Chester Thompson, manager.

The corps will start practice next week and expects to procure able instructors to assist in attaining perfection. The corps will attend the Prineville, Ore., convention this year and hopes to annex high honors.

Considerable fact that they won third place last year when compared with a new corps, it looks promising that they will rank much higher this year.

POWER SCHOOL WILL BE HELD

A tractor school, to be held in La Grande for the purpose of being of material help to the users of tractors and tractor-drawn tools in this vicinity, and also to all who are interested in power farming whether they own a tractor at present or not, was announced today.

The school is to be practical in every way and there will be something of an interest doing all the time. Undoubtedly, many have questions about the internal combustion engine which they would like to ask and these will be answered at the school.

According to the W. H. Bohnebaum Co., the McCormick-Deering dealers here, this is a rare opportunity to get a good start in the knowledge of modern tractors, their operation and uses and they are confident all who attend will be amply repaid for the time they give.

The school will be held at 9 o'clock sharp on the morning of Friday, February 20.

Evangelistic Meetings Are to Be Continued

The evangelistic meetings at the Christian church, with Mr. Pettit preaching, have aroused such an interest that it has been decided to continue them through next week. A large men's chorus occupied the platform last evening and a special feature was the pantomime of "Abide with Me," by Lois Hansell. A goodly number have come forward under the invitation of the evangelist, Mr. Fairbanks will continue in charge of the song service.

CHANGES HANDS AT CLOSE OF DAY

Former Editor and Owner to Remain in La Grande But Will Devote Time to Stock Raising.

Senator Bruce Dennis Sells Controlling Interest in Local Paper

Mr. Appleby has been in active business management of The Observer since October 1st. He has had a wealth of experience in all departments of newspaper work. He was owner and publisher of a newspaper in Washington, Iowa, until January of last year when he sold out, since then seeking a new and permanent location. Mr. and Mrs. Appleby and their son, Carlton, have made their home at 1792 Oak street since coming to the city.

According to the terms of the contract of sale, all subscription accounts are taken over by the new firm and all advertising accounts carried up to the date of the property transfer are retained by Mr. Dennis and will be collected by him. He will return to La Grande at the close of the present legislative session to take care of details in connection with the closing of his accounts.

DENNIS MEASURE PASSES SENATE; VOTE WAS 16-14

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Dennis joint resolution directed against income and inheritance taxes passed the senate on reconsideration yesterday, by a vote of 14 to 11.

The resolution proposed to submit to the people a constitutional amendment to prevent enactment of the income and inheritance laws until 1930.

PUZZLE ANSWER

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SENATE STILL HAS TO ACT ON THE BUDGET OF COLUMBIA AND LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILLS, BUT LEADERS ARE CONFIDENT THAT ALL OF THE SUPPLY APPROPRIATIONS CAN BE CLEARED UP WITHIN A WEEK OR 10 DAYS.

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XTRA

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—A memorial for the late President Harding at the summit of Blue Mountains, where Harding dedicated the Old Oregon Trail, is provided in a house bill passed by the senate today. The bill now goes to the governor.

BOSTON (AP)—Three deaths, destruction of bridges and damage and disruption of rail and highway communication in various sections are among the results of floods and ice jams of the last two days.

ROADS MAY MERGE. WASHINGTON (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized three railroad operating between Portland and Puget Sound to consolidate passenger and train service in the interests of economy.

PILOT INDICATED. BERLIN (AP)—The Lokal Anzeiger today publishes, from what it describes as "hitherto very reliable Russian sources," the alleged details of secret clauses included in the Russo-Japanese treaty signed last month.

According to the newspaper's information, one clause provides that if England, America or France take military measures against the pending government, Russia will provide China with 200,000 troops, armed by Japan. The Russian and Japanese embassies issued denials.

MOSCOW (AP)—Leon Trotsky, recently removed as war minister, has been relieved of his membership in the council for labor and defense. It was officially announced, and is succeeded by M. W. Frunze, now war minister. This deprives Trotsky of all connection with the soviet government, but he is still a member of the central committee of the Communist party.

GOVERNOR'S SON TO SERVE THREE DAYS IN CITY JAIL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—Hal Donahay, 18, son of Governor Donahay, was sentenced today to three days in jail for violation of the automobile traffic laws.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced by a municipal judge. The governor said he wanted the judge to treat his son as he would any other person and announced that he would not pardon him.

COOLIDGE IS PLAYING SAFE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge is following a waiting policy toward the problems of a further armament limitation, but is watching developments abroad carefully and will be prepared to act whenever a conference would be appropriate.

Thus far he has not departed from his announced intention of permitting European powers to develop what can be accomplished toward disarmament through the project launched last year at Geneva under the League of Nations.

MY VALENTINE

God gave me a Valentine, long, long ago. It's mine so I guess I'm the one who should know. The love and the heart, in full measure, were there. And sweetness surrounded it—sweetness to spare. A simple affair, yet it's well worth its weight in gold, is the Valentine, valued so great. With love did it come and with love does it stay, And fully as real as of always today. I'm rich in this Valentine; yet, so are you. For all have been given this sweetheart type, too. How easy to guess it; there can be no other. Each person's real valentine simply is Mother.

by Hal Cockran

BRITISH FAVORABLE TO DISARMAMENT PARLEY

LONDON (By Associated Press)—Hope by the British government that a new disarmament conference will be called soon, preferably by the United States, is believed to be causing the cabinet to delay its decision regarding fresh warship construction.

PETE SULLIVAN, SIM PATE GIVEN LIFE "PEN" TERM

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Pete Sullivan, charged with being the actual slayer of Oscar Erickson in a pool room robbery here last month, was convicted of first degree murder today.

Circuit Judge Thomas, of Jackson county, sentenced both Sullivan and Sim Pate, convicted last week, to life in the penitentiary.

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