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OREGON: Fair and cloudy with
partial rain over the ex-
treme northwest portion tonight
and Thursday; normal tempera-
ture.

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COOLIDGE VETOES FARM BILL

MORE LIGHT
THROWN ON
DEATH CASETestimony Taken At Cor-
oner's Inquest Held
Here Last NightTIME OF KILLING
IS ESTABLISHEDShooting Took Place Be-
tween March 11 and 21
—Doyle Tells of Visit
With Adopted Son

More light was thrown on the circumstances surrounding the shooting of Mrs. Katherine P. Smith, at her home at 1204 P ave-
nue, at the coroner's inquest held
in the Snodgrass & Zimmerman
mortuary last night.

The coroner's jury, composed of
six local men, after hearing all
testimony, returned a verdict that
she met her "death from a gunshot
wound at the hands of some un-
known person."

Testimony heard last night estab-
lished the time of her death as be-
tween Mar. 11 and Mar. 21. The
body was found in a partial state
of decomposition on Sunday after-
noon by local officers, and
Thomas Doyle, of Pendleton, and
Red Gray, of La Grande, had en-
tered the house and, seeing some-
thing was wrong, had sounded an
alarm.

Snodgrass in Charge
The inquest was conducted by
Deputy Coroner L. E. Snodgrass.
Mr. Doyle was first sworn in and
he told of the trip to the place of
his friend, Mrs. Smith, that caused
him to become suspicious. The
last time he saw her alive was on
Christmas day.

On Mar. 21, he related, he vis-
ited the house and found Bert W.
Smith, her adopted son, at home
but not Mrs. Smith. Mr. Doyle
testified that the boy, who is about
23 or 24 years of age, said that she
had gone to Idaho and that he
would follow as soon as he could.
Mr. Doyle expressed the belief that
Mrs. Smith's body was upstairs at
the time of his visit.

Bert, the witness said, was try-
ing to dispose of some of the fur-
niture and he borrowed \$5 from
Mr. Doyle and made a date to see
him at an old time dance here on
the following Thursday evening, but
did not keep his engagement.

Doyle Tells of Dream
A dramatic touch was injected
into the testimony, when Mr.
Doyle told of a dream he had about
three weeks ago. He said that a
vision of Mrs. Smith appeared to
him, apparently beckoning for
aid. It seemed she was in a cave
and some kind, he said, "The dream
worried him for several days."

After the inquest, Mr. Doyle told
a reporter that Mrs. Smith's hus-
band was accidentally killed in
Pocatello, Idaho, several years ago
and that the boy was adopted after
the death of his mother. The Smiths
formerly lived at Perry but moved
from there about two years ago,
later going to Western Oregon and
returning here about seven months
ago, according to testimony taken
last night.

Red Gray Testifies

Mr. Gray was the next witness
called. He told of accompanying
Mr. Doyle to the Smith home Sun-
day and of the finding of the bed-
room door nailed shut with an un-
signed note affixed to the door.
They then went to the courthouse
and notified Deputy Sheriff Hugo
Klinghammer.

The witness testified that he had
known Bert W. Smith for the last
five years and that he saw him
sometime between Mar. 21 and 30,
when Smith came to his home and
borrowed a 45 army automatic.

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EAST OREGON
LANDSCAPES
IN ART SHOW

Landscapes of Eastern Oregon
scenery, including Willows lake
and Wallawa falls, scenes, were
among the most interesting pic-
tures displayed at the art exhibit
at the Sacred Heart academy that
came to an end Monday evening,
after many had called during the
three days the display was made
public. Work in china painting,
water color and oil works were
beautifully displayed and won
much hearty praise. Some of the
paintings were the work of the sis-
ters of St. Francis and Sacred
Heart academy who have had ex-
cellent instruction, and were beau-
tifully done. The Willows land-
scapes were done by St. Francis
sisters. Many expressed surprise at
the advanced work of the students
some of whom are very young.

Program Opens
Children's Room
At the LibrarySeveral Hundred Attend
"Housewarming"—La
Grande Band Plays Se-
lections

The dream of a children's room
at the public library came true last
night when several hundred La
Grande folk, many of them boys
and girls, gathered at the library
for a welcoming program that had
the jolly spirit of an old-fashioned
housewarming. Pat was there, Pat
Fitzgerald, who gave the dime that
started the fund that led to the
children's room. He was one of
three children who appeared on
the program that was held before
everyone inspected the bright
shiny new room that is to be the
boys and girls own library and
reading room.

The municipal band played sev-
eral numbers and Paul Knauth sang
"On the Road to Mandalay." George
T. Cochran, a member of
the board, presided at the pro-
gram introducing Mrs. Turner
Oliver, a leader in the original
movement for a library. Mrs.
Oliver traced the history of the
library up to the present day in a
very interesting talk.

Jimmy Tryon, who is just natu-
rally a miniature heart smasher
and an accomplished little enter-
tainer as well, sang a piece and
encored with a reading. Then
Bobby Stevens, a still taller tot,
appeared on the program, much to
the delight of the audience.

Pat Talks
Pat in his talk expressed the
hope that he could help the li-
brary again some day.

Every book in the library has
been moved during the last three
days, and no children's books are
upstairs now. Boys and girls up
to high school age have the down-
stairs room. It is beautifully fin-
ished in light cream with blue
trimming, attractive tan curtains
with a gay touch of color, and un-
usually beautiful floor covering
that is just as well.

At the fireplace are two fire-
place benches, facing each other
and gaily decorated. Seiden-
dine is a cheerful, cozy room seen
and all of the painting, sewing and
moving has been done by the li-
brary staff, headed by Miss Mabel
Doty, to whom much credit is due.
Praise was accorded them last
night by both Mrs. Oliver and Mr.
Cochran in their talks.

The committee which was in
charge of the special benefits
given during the winter to finance
the room and a special number of
patrons and patronesses were
special guests during the evening and
all members of the library board
were on hand.

In the new room are two pic-
tures, one of which was given by the
Business Women's club in memory
of the late Rose Klein. It is the
"Spring Song" which was her fa-
vorite picture. The other is a
beautiful picture of the "Covered
Wagon" over the mantel which was
purchased with part of a \$25 dona-
tion from the Young Women's Ed-
ucational auxiliary.

Clinics Held At
Two Schools For
Children Today

The "Summer Roundup" clinics
were successfully conducted in two
La Grande schools by the P-T-A. This
morning when 29 children at
Greenwood and eight at Riviera
were given free and thorough med-
ical examination by doctors and
nurses of La Grande. This was
the first time the clinics have been
held in the city.

Discovery of two cases of leak-
age of heart was made during the
morning and arrangements made
for treating the two children. "The
discovery of one case of leakage of
the heart would have made the
clinic worthwhile," declared the
doctors this morning. "These chil-
dren might have gone on for some
time with the trouble without it
being discovered, now they may be
taken care of properly and helped,"
they continued.

These were the only serious de-
fects reported this morning after
examination of the 28 youngsters,
though there were numerous eye,
throat, teeth, etc., defects. It is
understood that some of the moth-
ers thought the clinics were to have
been held in the afternoon. They
may go to Central or Willow
schools Friday morning. It was an-
nounced.

Indians To Play
Here at 4 P. M.

The Umalla Indians, former
members of the Blue Mountain
league, are to play the La Grande
Pirates this afternoon at 4 o'clock
at the high school grounds in an ex-
hibition game.
Bettes, also on Pendleton's hur-
ling staff, is to pitch for the red
men.

COVE BOY IS
DEAD, RESULT
OF ACCIDENTShot By Older Brother,
Who Didn't See Him,
While HuntingHEROIC ATTEMPT
MADE BY FATHERIn Spite Of Hardships Ex-
perienced In Bringing
Son To La Grande,
Death Wins Out

A nine-year-old lad, James
Richards of Cove, in dead today,
the victim of a hunting accident
that occurred 10 miles away from
civilization in the mountains be-
hind Cove on the Big Mtn. yester-
day afternoon. A heroic struggle
of a father to save the life of his
child failed and a few hours after
Clarence Richards had carried his
boy by pack horse and in his arms
over rough trails through country
as wild as any in the west the
little chap died.

It was his older brother, Cecil,
14, who accidentally fired the
bullet that sent a bullet through
the top of his brother's head, down
into the brain, according to Hal
Hohnenkamp's report.

Hunting Squirrels
The two boys were with their
father who has a ranch on the Big
Mtn. in Wallawa county. Cecil
took his gun and started to hunt
squirrels. When he shot
the younger brother, slipped in
front of him and Cecil didn't know
it—that was all reports say. Those
who had talked to the father this
morning said that Cecil apparently
didn't know his brother was even
near.

It is more than 10 miles to Cove

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BAND PROGRAM
AT ROTARY CLUB

A program given by members of
the La Grande musical band to
show their appreciation for the
Rotary club's sponsoring a recent
benefit concert was given at the
Rotary luncheon at La Grande
hotel today.

Proceeding that part of the pro-
gram, W. C. Perkins, chairman of
the club service committee, pre-
sented a check for \$544.75 to Director
Andrew Loney for the band and
Mr. Loney was formally inducted
into membership in the organiza-
tion following brief talks by G. S.
Birnie, president elect, and F. B.
Appley, chairman of the educa-
tional committee.

Donald Gray, representing Troop
No. 3, Boy Scouts of the Methodist
Episcopal church, presented a gavel
and badge to the Rotary club.
During the meal, a band orches-
tra played two selections and later
Paul Knauth, accompanied by his
wife, sang two vocal solos. Leland
Hale played a cornet solo and en-
cours, Mickey Myrick played a sax-
ophone solo and encore and Dick
Lindsay played a violin solo and
encore.

J. G. Snodgrass spoke briefly on
behalf of the band expressing ap-
preciation for the Rotary club's
work.

In addition to those members of
the band mentioned above Kenneth
Gekeler and Harry Olfund also
were present, playing in the band
orchestra.

Apple-Rose Produced in La Grande

Again La Grande rivals the best
that Western Oregon can produce.
Some time ago the Portland
newspapers gave considerable space
to a remarkable apple blossom,
which looked more like a rose than
its fellow blossoms.

Yesterday M. S. Johnson brought
in a blossom from a yellow trans-
parent apple tree belonging to Mrs.
E. J. Hicks, of 404 Second street,
that matched the Portland flower
in practically every detail.

The huge flower, which was
about four inches in diameter, had
17 petals and on one side of the
blossom, the petals were five deep.
The blossom was grown on a tree
that is 14 years of age and that
has been bearing for seven or eight
years.

One More Petal Than Portland Bloom

The Portland flower only had
four layers of petals curved like a
rose but the La Grande blossom
went the Western Oregon product
one petal better. Only in the very
center did the apple blossom seem
itself—the petals appearing much
like a rose.

In addition to this remarkable
flower, another freak "apple rose"
was produced at the Hicks' place,
that matched the Portland flower
but it was smaller and did not
have so many petals.

There were no rose bushes in
proximity to the apple tree so that
can hardly determine where the
fruit bearer received its inspiration
—maybe it read the Portland story
and the civic pride suggested out-
doing the one from Western Ore-
gon.

U. S. Attitude In
China Interests
Foreign NationsAuthorities Take Respon-
sibility For Safety Of
Americans, Newspapers
Report

LONDON, May 23 (AP)—A
Reuters dispatch from Peking
says that much interest has been
aroused in foreign circles there
over the attitude of the United
States regarding possible trouble in
the northern capital.

The dispatch says that Brigadier
Smedley Butler, commanding the
American marine forces in China,
is known to favor the evacuation
of Americans to Tientsin in the
event of trouble, but that the lega-
tion staff is anxious to remain in
Peking if the other legation staffs
stay.

It is understood that the Ameri-
cans have been instructed to re-
main and protect themselves in
the event of rioting but to with-
draw to Tientsin should the Chi-
nese attack the legation quarter
which is considered very unlikely.

Withdrawal of the Americans
would leave a serious gap in the
legation quarter defenses and
therefore the other foreign nation-
als are said to be anxious to know
definitely what are the American's
intentions.

REPLY TO NOTE

PEKING, May 23 (AP)—The
vernacular newspapers state that
the Peking foreign office in reply-
ing to the American note trans-
mitted by the United States min-
ister at Peking, John Van A. Mac-
Murray, regarding the safety of
Americans in north China, stated
that the Chinese authorities are re-
sponsible for the safety of foreign-
ers.

The reply, however, said that
China objects to the marking out
of special defense arrangements
which are contrary to international
usage and requests the United
States counsel at Tientsin to order
cancellation of the defense areas
there.

BATTLE REPORTED

TOKYO, May 23 (AP)—Recent
fighting at the city of Hoken, im-
portant strategic point 100 miles
south of Peking, was reported in
advance from China today, the na-
tionals finally being driven to
the south with the northern San-
tung army in pursuit.

Banker Killed By
Unmasked Robbers

LAMAR, Colo., May 23 (AP)—
John Parrish, cashier of the First
National Bank of Lamar was shot
to death and his father A. N. Par-
rish, was seriously wounded by four
unmasked robbers who looted the
institution this afternoon and fled
after kidnapping two tollers.

A posse led by the sheriff fol-
lowed in pursuit it was believed a
running battle would be imminent
as the posse caught sight of the
robbers a short distance from La-
mar. The robbers headed toward the
Kansas line. The loot was small.

Hoover Expenses
Now Total \$300,745

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—
Expenditures on behalf of Herbert
Hoover listed to the senate cam-
paign funds committee today
brought the Hoover total up to
\$300,745.

Charles I. Houston, Chattanooga,
and New York business men tes-
tified as to the expenditures of
\$22,236.58.

GRAND LODGE CONVENES

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 23 (AP)—
The I. O. O. F. grand lodge con-
vention convened here today when
Superior Judge Howard M. Lind-
ley dissolved a temporary restrain-
ing order against the school board
preventing it from refusing to em-
ploy teachers belonging to the uni-
on.

The school board announced
some weeks ago that teachers
could be employed in Seattle high
schools only after they sign a state-
ment they are not members of the
union. About 200 high school
teachers are said to belong to the
organization.

Coolidge Signs
Shipping Measure

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—
President Coolidge has signed the
Jones-White merchant marine bill.
The measure, which was sent to
the White House in the same en-
velope with the McNary-Haugen
farm relief bill, authorizes a big
replacement program for the mer-
chant marine of the government,
requires sanction of but five of the
seven members of the shipping
board for the sale of vessels to
private operators, doubles the exist-
ing \$125,000,000 construction loan
fund of the board, and liberalizes
the ocean contract mail system.

ITALIA HEADED FOR THE POLAR CAP



The route of General Umberto Nobile's first extensive trip over the arctic in the dirigible Italia is charted above. The journey occupied 64 hours, and covered upwards of 3000 miles. Unexplored land was discovered, according to cable reports, near Nova Zemlya. Returning safely to Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, Nobile waited a few days and at 4:40 o'clock this morning, started a trip across the polar ice cap with the north pole, 750 miles away, as his objective. Nobile hopes to land at the pole and make explorations.

ROCKET CAR IS
GIVEN TRY-OUTOpel Machine Reaches 100
Miles An Hour Speed
In Germany

BERLIN, May 23 (AP)—The
Opel rocket car propelled forward
by the explosion of rockets placed
in the rear of the machine was
demonstrated for the first time on
the Avus Speedway today, attaining
a speed variously estimated at 100
miles an hour. Fritz von Opel was
at the wheel.

The car started with a terrific
roar, emitting a sheet of flame
and cloud of yellow smoke as the
successive rockets exploded. The
machine gained momentum as one
rocket after another, all of uni-
form power, was shot off, the car
taking a huge forward every time
a rocket exploded.

von Opel said the machine was
not intended to revolutionize mot-
oring, but was a practical step to-
ward solution of the problem of
flying at a terrific speed through
the highest altitudes with the ob-
ject of making a flight between
Europe and America within a few
hours encircling the earth within
a day.

A motor driven airplane, he said,
ceased to be effective at the high-
est altitudes because of inability
to carry a requisite amount of
oxygen. This obstacle, he said,
can be overcome by the rocket
system formula which he said was
discovered in an old Latin manu-
script.

The drawback to the new inven-
tion is that each rocket costs a
small fortune.

Dr. Wade Elected
By Methodists
On Second Poll

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 23
(AP)—Dr. Raymond J. Wade of
Chicago, executive secretary of the
Methodist World service commis-
sion since 1926, today was elected
a bishop of the Methodist Epis-
copal church on the second ballot
taken by the quadrennial general
conference here. He received 567
votes, 552 votes being necessary to
elect.

Teachers Union
Loser in Court

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the ocean contract mail system.

Ship Disasters
Fatal to 53 In
Soviet Russia

MOSCOW, May 23 (AP)—The
death toll of two Russian ship dis-
asters today stood at 53.
A steam launch on the River
Kuban carrying 80 children cap-
sized at Tamryuk. Thirty-four
children were drowned.

Nineteen persons died in a fire on
the steamer Leo Tolstoy, which
was tied to a dock in the Plesker
river near Petrovsk.

The crew of the Leo Tolstoy,
with the exception of the captain
and two sailors, were arrested to-
day charged with leaping into the
water from the ship as soon as they
caught sight of the fire instead of
making an effort to save the pas-
sengers.

A special investigating commis-
sion also has ordered the arrest of
a consignment of other shipped
aboard the steamer, alleging that
it was packed so negligently as to
permit an explosion causing the
disaster.

LINDBERGH
GIVEN POST IN
AIR COMPANY

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—
Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has
accepted "a full time job" as chair-
man of the technical committee
of the recently formed Transcon-
tinental Air Transport, Inc.

He is to assume his post at once
and will take charge of putting
into operation the rail and plane
service between New York and the
Pacific coast which the Pennsyl-
vania railroad, the Atchafalpa To-
neka and Santa Fe, the Wright
Aeronautical corporation, the Cur-
tis Airplane and Motor corpora-
tion, and the National Air Trans-
port Inc., cooperated in forming.

Two Oregon Airmen
Killed in Crash

EVERETT, Wash., May 23 (AP)—
Perry Davis, pilot, recently of
Portland, and Ralph Hunter, stu-
dent pilot, of Arlington, formerly
associated with a flying school in
Portland, were killed in a plane
crash near here late yesterday.

HEADS VETS

Seven rescue workers from the
King-Harlan coal company three
miles away, were overcome by gas
last night and were brought out un-
conscious by a crew from the Ford-
son Coal company mine who were
equipped with gas masks. They
were expected to recover.

The explosion occurred about 6
p. m. shortly after 600 men of the
day shift had left and approxi-
mately 75 men on the night shift
had entered the mine. Various
theories were given to account
for it.

Hoppers Destroy
1000 Acres Grain

REDDING, Cal., May 23 (AP)—
More than a thousand acres of
grain have been destroyed by
hordes of grasshoppers in Shasta
and Modoc counties, California,
and Southern Klamath county, Oregon,
declared C. C. Wilson of the United
States bureau of entomology when
he returned here last night after
a tour of inspection began May 1.
He said that 5000 acres of grass-
hopper eggs are now being exter-
minated by county experts.

Boy Collides With
Deer—Both Killed

KENT, Conn., May 23 (AP)—
Frank Gawel, 18, speeding along
the federal highway, on his motor-
cycle, last night struck and killed
two deer and was himself killed
when catapulted from his machine.

OBJECTIONS
SUMMARIZED
BY EXECUTIVEPrice Fixing Policy Dis-
liked—Fear Held Of
Over ProductionSECOND TIME FOR
MEASURE TO LOSEDraws Issue Between the
President and Farm
Group In Congress
Tighter Than EverWASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—
The vetoed McNary-Haugen farm
relief bill was laid aside by the
senate today until tomorrow at the
request of Senator McNary, republi-
can, Oregon. Senator Norbeck,
republican, South Dakota, ex-
pressed the hope that a vote to over-
rule the veto would be taken to-
morrow.WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—
President Coolidge today vetoed
the McNary-Haugen farm relief
bill.

The objections of President Cool-
idge were summarized by him un-
der six headings:

"First, its attempted price fixing
policy.

"Second, the tax characteristics
of the equalization fee.

"Third, the widespread bureau-
cracy which it would set up.

"Fourth, its encouragement to
profiteering and wasteful distribu-
tion by middlemen.

"Fifth, its stimulation of over
production.

"Sixth, its aid to our foreign
agricultural competitors."

Thus for the second time in 20
many years Mr. Coolidge has dis-
approved a farm plan embodying
the equalization fee machinery for
surplus crop control.

Whether there will be any farm
relief enacted this session now is
up to congress. The house and senate
have a choice of repealing the
bill without the equalization fee in
the hope of winning presidential
favor or of attempting enactment
of the measure as it stands by over-
riding Mr. Coolidge's veto.

There is much doubt that the lat-
ter course would prove successful.

The president vetoed the bill on
the grounds of constitutional
and because the "so-called equaliza-
tion fee and other features of the
bill are still prejudicial in his
opinion to sound public policy
and to agriculture."

Issue Tightens

The veto draws the issue between
the president and farm group in
congress more tightly than it ever
has been and unless some further
action is taken at the capitol, will
place the agricultural question be-
fore the coming presidential con-
ventions as an outstanding contro-
versy.

Frank O. Lowden is one of the
bill's most outspoken champions.

Vice President Dawes favors it and
Senator Curtis of Kansas and Sena-
tor Watson of Indiana have voted
for it.

Secretary Hoover has been re-
garding as standing with the presi-
dent on farm relief.

Need Big Vote
The senate would have to muster
a two-thirds vote to pass the bill
over Mr. Coolidge's veto. This
session the senate passed it by a
vote of 61 to 22 or slightly more
than the necessary two-thirds.

In the house the measure was ap-
proved 294 to 121 or slightly less
than two-thirds.

Mr. Coolidge said in part that
this year's McNary-Haugen bill is
in some respects an improvement
over the one he vetoed last year,
but nevertheless contained "new and
highly objectionable provisions."