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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair in the east, unsettled in the west portion tonight and Wednesday, no change in temperature.

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NEW DEVICE
TO MEASURE
WATER DEPTH

City Completes Installation of Latest Addition to Modern System.

CONSTANT CHECK
ON SUPPLY HERE

Designed to Prevent Temporary Shortage of Water in Case of Break in System.

The city of La Grande, already well-known throughout the Pacific northwest for its municipal improvements and its business improvements by conducting its affairs, has added another "feather in its cap" with the installation of a modern, automatic recording device to measure the depth of the water at the Old Town reservoir.

For years—since the reservoir was built—it has fallen to the portion of the water department to ascertain if everything is O. K. at the Beaver Creek pipe line outlet. But, with the growth of the city to the 11,000 figure, and with the corresponding increase in the use of water—to such a point that a break in the pipeline would leave the city without water, from the reservoir and over-burden the city wells if not discovered within a few hours—new precautions had to be taken, city officials stated today.

Closer Check Necessary
Although the reservoir now holds all it can—1,750,000 gallons of pure, mountain water, clear as a crystal and as chemically pure as any in the west—during the season when much water is used for irrigation, it is necessary to keep the pumps operating at the deep wells part of the time. In order to keep the two supplies working in harmony, giving the city the best of service and preventing any break in the water supply, a closer check is necessary than ever before.

With the recording device installed, it is possible to go into the pump house and determine—by a glance at a clock-like face—exactly how much water is in the Old Town reservoir. When it drops to a certain depth, the wells are started by the city employees until the level reaches the safety mark. Pressure is then kept at an even level, there is always plenty of water on hand for domestic and business use, and city officials who have to be relied upon to watch the water supply may know at any moment of the day or night just how conditions are.

Besides the recorder at the pump house, another will be installed at the fire station, where men are on duty every minute of each 24 hours, which will chart the water on a paper roll. This will be completed within two weeks.

First in Oregon
The recording equipment, which has required several weeks to install, is the first in Oregon, according to reports here. A few yards south of the Old Town reservoir, a small tower-like building was erected and a pipe, several inches in diameter, was connected with the bottom of the reservoir, so that the water in the pipe would seek the level of that in the reservoir. On top of this water in the pipe rests a float, connected with an electric motor. The electric motor, in turn, is synchronized with another motor at the pump house and the lowering of the water level at the reservoir is instantly revealed at the pump house, the two motors functioning in "perfect step." Three wires, carried down Second street high above the other public utility wires so as to avoid any interference, connect the

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J. P. O'Brien,
O-W. Manager,
Banquet Guest

Returns to City Where He was Official in 1890—New Depot Plans to be Displayed.

James P. O'Brien came back "home" today, and this evening, for the duration of the annual chamber of commerce banquet at the La Grande hotel, he and his wife will be guests of honor of the city in which he formerly held the position of assistant superintendent of the second division of the O-W. Now he is general manager of the railroad, with headquarters in Portland.

It was the Connecticut blue law that gave to Oregon Mr. O'Brien, one of its best-known railroad executives. As a matter of fact he wanted to be a professional baseball player. But when he discovered he could not play ball in Connecticut on Sundays, the day that always brings out the largest crowds, he gave up the idea of pitching and went into railroad-ing.

Mr. O'Brien's father was freight agent for the Connecticut Western railroad and it was for this road that James began working. Within two years he was promoted and went to Hartford as dispatcher. In 1888 he moved to St. Joseph, Mo. to superintend the St. Joseph Terminal company and to be transportation J. P. O'Brien manager of the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad.

In 1890 J. P. came to Oregon to

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L. A. Wright Is
Temporary Head
Of Commission

L. A. Wright, Union druggist, who was appointed a member of the state game commission a few years ago to represent Eastern Oregon, yesterday was elected temporary chairman of the commission at its business meeting held in Portland. This followed a preliminary skirmish or two as to whether the chairman should be permanent or temporary, with the proponents of the latter winning out.

Harold Clifford, game warden, announced that the restrictive measures and laws passed relative to fishing recently had changed the sports field considerably. The commission placed a number of restrictions to effect yesterday including the following:

In Wallawa county, Wood, Lee, Raza, Crescent and Bear lakes were closed for three years.

In Union county Glacier and Prospect lakes, recently restocked, were closed for three years.

In Baker county Black and Van Patten lakes were closed until July 1, 1931.

M. I. A. Play Held
Here Last Night

"Success" the play presented last night by the First Ward M. I. A., may be given soon (to the near tragedy, between the second and third acts when Ed Fitzgerald who was arranging the stage received an electric shock and lost consciousness. Mrs. Lorna Coolidge Miller directed the play. "Success" is a story of two college graduates, Sydney Wells (Edmond Williams) and John Benton (Playd Baxter) who after graduating marry and settle down. Mrs. Wells (Luella Black) wants a career and seeks success in it by making concert tours and leaving her home and little boy in the charge of servants.

Mrs. Benton (Loa Stoddard) believes that a greater career lies in a successful home and family. The Wells family is finally disbanded and Mrs. Wells brings his son to Mrs. Benton so that he can have a "real home."

Other players are: Marie, Myrna Ward; Jenny and Rogers, Irla Hughes and Ho Hanks; Murphy, Lem Ward; Richards, Vern Baxter; Sid, Cecil Black; Molly, Ethel Harnden; Jack, Alvin Stott; Philip and Phyllis, Irene Towery and Philip Stoddard; Nora, Mrs. Mildred Snider.

General chairman of the drama was Mrs. G. R. Williams.

Jasper Funeral
To Be Thursday

Funeral services for Frank Jasper, who died here Sunday night, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. It was announced today. The Rev. Howard Smith will be the minister in charge of the services. Burial will take place at the Summerville cemetery.

THERE'S GOLD IN CAROLINA
KALEIGH, N. C. (AP)—North Carolina has produced gold and silver worth \$24,562,766 since the discovery of precious metals in the state in 1793. Annual production has ranged from \$225,000 in 1837 to \$1,290,000 in 1929.

DEBATE WON
BY LOSTINE
HIGH SCHOOL

Both Affirmative and Negative Teams Take Two-to-one Decision.

CONTEST HELD IN
NORMAL SCHOOL

Victorious Debators Are to be Matched Against Pendleton for East Oregon Honors.

The high school debate championship for this district, including Union and Wallawa counties, was held in the Eastern Oregon Normal school yesterday at 11 and 2 o'clock. The question for debate was "Resolved: That the five-day week shall be adopted in American industry." The Lostine High school debate team was proclaimed the winner two-to-one in both debates. In the 11 o'clock debate the affirmative team from Union high competed with the negative team of Lostine. The affirmative speakers were Ray Van Connor and Audrey Van Stein. The negative speakers were Ruth Swart and Volva Hammack.

The affirmative advanced four main arguments as proof of their contentions. First, justice does not prevail under the present industrial conditions, for only two per

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GREEN RESIGNS
AS PRESIDENT

Press of Business Too Great to Allow Him to Take Over New Office.

R. J. Green, local attorney, who was elected president of the chamber of commerce recently at a meeting of the new board of directors, yesterday submitted his resignation to the board at a noon meeting.

The board has not made any decision as to who will take the place left vacant, and tonight only directors will be installed at the annual banquet, according to A. W. Nelson, retiring president.

"I realize that every man owes a duty to his community and I have always enjoyed working as a director," Mr. Green said today. "I want to do everything I can but the press of business is such that I have found it utterly impossible to give the time that is necessary to conduct the duties of president. I think that if a man took the presidency, he should be able to give enough of his time to serve to the best of his ability."

At the meeting yesterday, G. Louis Hest, representing the local United States Marine band, offered to bring the organization to La Grande for two concerts for \$4800. No action was taken on the offer at yesterday's meeting.

Must File Claims
By Sixth of April

All ex-service men of the World War must file any claims for disability compensation by April 6, 1930, according to announcement today by Otis W. Palmer, Any man who thinks he is disabled in the war is entitled to file for the compensation, says Mr. Palmer, who is the local service officer of the American Legion.

La Grande Will
Play Ontario In
Union Tourney

Baker is Pitted Against Wallawa—Championship Competition Begins Wednesday.

With Miss Eleanor Glass, La Grande high school teacher, taking the flips of paper from Owen Campbell's hat, places were drawn last night at the La Grande high school for the eight teams entered in the Union basketball tournament, which begins tomorrow afternoon.

North Powder was the first slip drawn from the hat and Cove was second, automatically scheduling this game for 3 p. m. Wednesday. Mt. Vernon or Prairie City will play Union at 4 o'clock in the second game.

La Grande was the fifth team drawn and to oppose it, Miss Glass extracted a slip from Ontario. These two teams meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. The first game of the first round of the district tournament will begin at 9 o'clock with Baker meeting Wallawa.

The four games are more or less "natural" and augurs well for a record-breaking crowd on the opening day. Generally conceded to be the strongest teams, La Grande, Baker, Ontario and Wallawa face each other and after the second round, either one or two of these four will have been eliminated. If one of these teams wins the first two games, it will face two of the upper bracket quintets during the next two.

La Grande, win or lose, will play either Wallawa or Baker in its second game, which will be either at 10:30 Thursday morning or 3:30 Thursday afternoon. If La Grande wins it will play in the afternoon and if the Tigers lose the first game, they will play Thursday morning.

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The Little Shop
Will Hold Open
House March 12

Formally opening their first store in Oregon, open house will be held at The Little Shop tomorrow evening from 7:30 until 9 o'clock with the public cordially invited to view the new store and the stocks, as nothing will be sold until the following morning.

The Little Shop is located on Depot street near Glass Drugs and has an attractive front painted in green with a deeper green and orange trim in harmony with the color scheme of the interior. Gold is a prominent color in the motif and is used in the window fixtures and the tiles in the store, along with a walnut finish.

The clothing racks are cleverly built into the wall with gold and green and orange trimming, and an awning in the same color scheme. Attractive lighting fixtures will arrive in a few days, and when the store is completed the entrance will be of tile with about a foot of tile along the front.

This is the third store owned by Val Jensen, who is the operator of The Little Shop and The Criterion in Walla Walla. The Little Shop in Walla Walla is similar to the one here in color scheme, but is a little smaller.

Mrs. Mabel Chadney will have charge of the store with Miss Mabel Herzinger assisting. Mrs. Chadney opened the other shop in Walla Walla. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and several employees from Walla Walla will be present tomorrow evening.

The store's stocks include dresses, coats, and millinery, "exclusive clothing at popular prices," according to Mrs. Chadney.

LOCAL UNION
CARPENTERS
IN BANQUET

Business People and Contractors Join in Dinner Last Evening.

COOLIDGE SPEAKS
DURING EVENING

Points Out Trend Toward Co-operation—Slogan For La Grande Workers is Voiced.

The annual banquet held by the carpenters' union, local 1295 took place last night in the basement of the Christian church which was entirely filled with the members of the union and their families, contractors and business people of La Grande. A spirit of good will and fellowship prevailed during the meeting, especially in the after-dinner talks.

The principal speaker was H. E. Coolidge who mentioned economic conditions, comparing those of today with those of the past, showing the part that union labor took in the present system, and bringing out the point that labor and capital, instead of being antagonistic, are finding that cooperation is much better for both. The capitalist by employing more men at higher wages is, as a result, selling more produce and creating prosperity, he said.

The recent crash of the stock

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SECURITY PACT
STAND IS TAKEN

American Naval Delegation's Attitude Not Favorable to New Plan.

LONDON, March 11 (AP)—The American naval delegation, it was stated in authoritative quarters, is taking the important stand that it cannot participate even in a consultative capacity in any security pact which would be a quid pro quo for reduction of French naval claims.

It was said that perhaps there would be no objection to a consultative pact as such but that there would be grave objection to entering one at this juncture as an inducement to France to reduce her naval figures.

The naval conference took an unexpected turn this afternoon when Briand, of France, conferred an hour and a half with Dino Grandi, chief of the Italian delegation. Grandi indicated he might have an announcement later.

Ed Fitzgerald Has Narrow Escape;
Artificial Respiration Saves Him

Ed Fitzgerald had a narrow escape from death by electrocution last night, being saved by 15 minutes of artificial respiration. The accident occurred in the L. L. E. Recreational hall between the second and third acts of the M. I. A. play. Mr. Fitzgerald, who was helping backstage, was making a light connection, screwing a cord into a socket for a floor lamp, when he somehow or other came in contact with what is believed to have been a live current.

The force of the shock knocked him from a chair on which he was standing. Mrs. G. R. Williams and Ethel Harnden, nearby, summoned

Bootlegging In
Country Backed
By Rich, Is Claim

Henry Ford Accuses Big Money Interests in New York—Liquor Interests Fight Him.

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP)—The New York World today quotes Henry Ford as saying that the big money interests of New York are back of the bootlegging in this country, and that liquor interests are concentrating near his factories in Dearborn, Mich., because they know he is a dry.

The world sent a staff representative to Dearborn to establish, it explains, how much comfort and prosperity the eighteenth amendment has brought to Dearborn. The mission was inspired by Ford's telegram last week to the house judiciary committee describing the amendment as the greatest force for comfort and prosperity of the United States.

Blames New York Rich Men
"Do you think I don't know who is back of the bootlegging in this country?" Ford is quoted. "It is the big money interests in New York. You don't think that the bootleggers could finance these big liquor deals themselves, do you?"

"Do you think I don't know that

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Prison Doors To
Go Shut Behind
Keyes Tonight

By John C. Hardy (Associated Press Staff Writer)

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 11 (AP)—Ant Keyes, for a quarter of a century a public servant in the Los Angeles district attorney's office, goes to San Quentin prison tonight to join the thousands of convicts he sent there. Murderers, kidnapers, embezzlers, swindlers, and former policemen, all the victims of Keyes' prosecutions, await behind those cold gray walls for his entry as a fellow convict.

Four thousand and thirty men and women were sent to state prisons by Keyes in the five years he was district attorney. In the previous five years, while he was chief deputy and while also the county had less population to deal with, 1050 persons were convicted of felonies that brought them to either San Quentin or Folsom prisons.

Keyes' downfall came in the aftermath of the gigantic stock swindle manipulated by the over issuance of millions of shares of Julian Petroleum corporation stock. Eleven alleged conspirators in the \$40,000,000 swindle were weakly prosecuted by Keyes. Some were granted dismissals at his request—the remainder were acquitted and Keyes was severely arraigned for his failure to properly prosecute.

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AVERAGE O. K.



FANCHON WOLFF

A chorus girl needn't be beautiful. So, at least, says Fanchon Wolff, of Los Angeles (above), who trains hundreds yearly. "If they have straight figures, know how to walk properly, and have average good looks, they can, through cosmetics, be beautiful enough," she says.

HOOVER SPEAKS
TO BOY SCOUTS

Departs From Prepared Address to Eulogize William Howard Taft

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AP)—William Howard Taft's solicitude for youth and children is seen by President Hoover as urging on the boy scout movement and instrumentalities working for the betterment of the boys and girls of the land.

On the eve of the funeral of the first honorary president of the boy scouts, the chief executive last night departed from a prepared address before the banquet signaling the twentieth anniversary of the scout movement to eulogize the late former president and chief justice.

"We meet this evening," President Hoover said, "under a cloud of deep sadness. Since many of you started your journey to Washington the most beloved of Americans has passed into the great beyond, and in determining not to cancel this occasion your committee has acted in the spirit of William Howard Taft."

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Sharks Devour Two
Members of Crew

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Mar. 11 (AP)—One man, out of a crew of six, escaped death when the fishing smack Dinamita foundered in a storm a few miles off this port. Carlos Avila, the survivor, said that a giant wave overturned the craft, throwing the crew into the water, where sharks and barracuda were playing. Avila said he personally saw two of his struggling companions devoured by the fish.

McSherry Named
Private Secretary

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—Irl B. McSherry, former resident of Milton-Freewater, Umatilla county, now connected with the state industrial accident commission here, has been appointed by Governor Norblad as his private secretary to succeed Beatrice Walton, resigned. He will begin his new duties March 15.

McSherry has had considerable experience in the newspaper field. He was part owner and editor of the McMinnville Telephone-Register from 1921 to 1925, and the following two years was managing editor of the Salem Statesman.

Reichstag Adopts
U. S. Agreement

BERLIN, Mar. 11 (AP)—The Reichstag today gave approval at its second reading to the recently signed American liquidation agreement under which Germany's reparations to the United States will be paid.

Nevada Opposed
To Railway Link

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AP)—Holding that additional rail facilities in the territory were not needed, the Nevada public service commission today filed with the interstate commerce commission a brief opposing construction by the Western Pacific railroad and the Great Northern railway of a link connecting Klamath Falls, Ore., and Keddle, Cal.

THAT LEAVES BABE \$69,751

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AP)—"So," muses Uncle Sam, "Babe Ruth is to get \$50,000 a year, is he?" Well, I'll just take \$10,246, or 11%.

TAFT FINDS
REST TODAY
IN ARLINGTON

Government Claims Body of Former President for Military Burial.

SIMPLE SERVICES
HELD AT CHURCH

Hoover Leads Nation in Tribute; Thousands pay Homage at Capitol Dome During Day.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AP)—William Howard Taft was committed to his maker today in funeral services which bestowed the last tender offices of the government he served, the church in which he worshipped, and the people whom he loved.

Thousands paid their homage as he lay in state under the dome of the capitol. Then in All Souls church, 818 on Sixteenth street, he received the simple ministrations of the Unitarian faith in which he lived. The federal government claimed him last of all for military burial in Arlington.

A blustery March rain storm which was whipped into the faces of his military escort and drenched the great flag draped about his casket, overcast the somber picture of the passing of the only man in American history to serve both as president and chief justice of his country.

Hoover Attends Service
President Hoover led the nation in tribute. As the cortege passed the white house he stood bareheaded with Mrs. Hoover beneath the portico. At All Souls church, with all of the other high officials of the government, he took part in the short service.

The pew where Taft himself had worshipped for many years was banked high with flowers. His own pastor, the Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, read some bits of poetry, intoned a few lines of scripture, and said a prayer. The organ pealed the supplicating notes of "Aid With Me" and "Lead Kindly Light."

That was all. There was no funeral oration.

President Hoover, Chief Justice Hughes, committee of senate and house, cabinet members, diplomats and most of the others of the distinguished company had assembled in the church before the cortege had completed its trip of more than an hour and a half from the capitol.

Band Plays Dirge
The marine band played a dirge as the casket came to a stop opposite the red, green and white canopy stretching from church door to curb. The units of the escort deployed in a hollow square.

Almost at the same time Mrs. Taft and other members of the family, coming direct from the Taft home on Wyoming avenue, entered the church by a side door and took their places in the mourners' pew at the front. The black-veiled widow was supported on the arms of her sons, Robert and Charles, as she walked forward unsteadily between them.

As the casket was lifted by the

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VARE SUPPORT
IS THROWN TO
JAMES DAVIS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AP)—James J. Davis, secretary of labor, said today he would make formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican senatorial nomination in Pennsylvania Saturday in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Davis' statement was made after he had been informed that William S. Vare had withdrawn from the senate race and would throw him his support.

The secretary of labor said Vare's announcement was "gratefully received," adding he was grateful for the support of any good woman or man.

"It takes the votes of the high and low," he said, "the rich and poor, the fortunate and unfortunate. I welcome the support of all."

Referring to a report he would resign from the cabinet to make the campaign, Mr. Davis asserted emphatically:

"That is not true. The publication of such a report is a great injustice to me and if broadcasted will do immeasurable harm to President Hoover."

87 Miners Saved
From Death Trap

STREUBENVILLE, O., Mar. 11 (AP)—Chested of all but two victims among the 89 men trapped in the smoke-filled tunnels, flames lapped stubbornly away today in the depths of the Wolf Run mine of the Warner Collieries near Amsterdam, 25 miles from here.

BISHOP HERE;
PARISH MEET
TO BE HELD

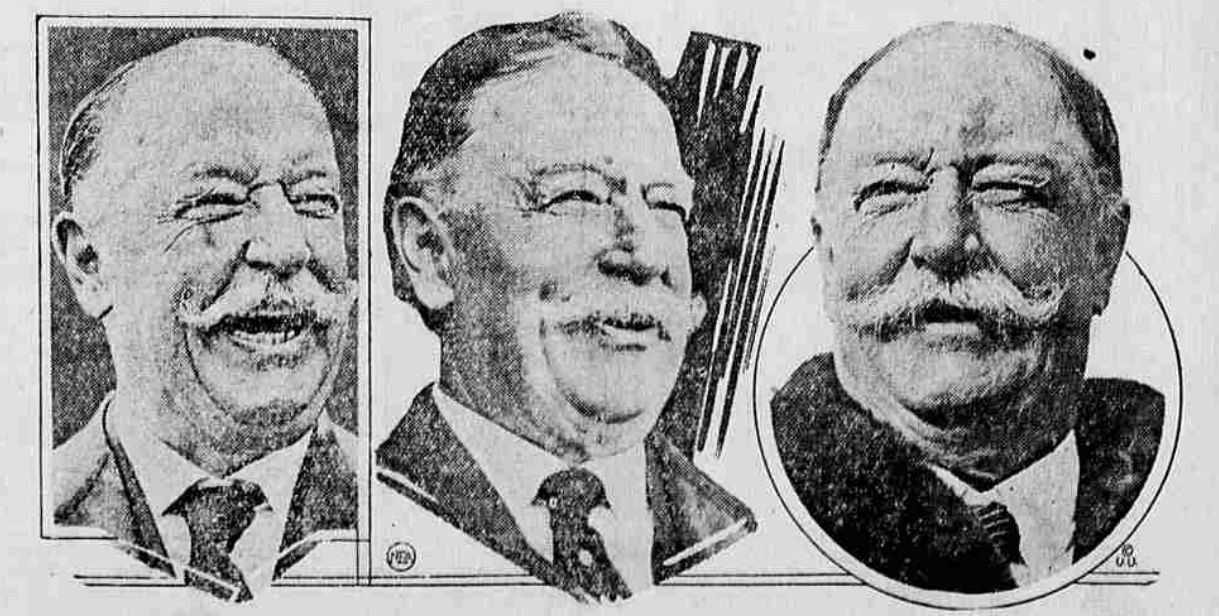
The Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, Bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese, is in La Grande and may be seen by appointment, according to the Rev. M. G. Tennyson, Episcopal rector here.

A parish meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., Mar. 12 to decide on the call of a rector. Mr. Tennyson has been temporary rector here for the last nine months, entering the Episcopal church from the Methodist church. He will be priested April 12 and is now eligible to receive an official call.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—38 above.
Minimum 23 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 61, minimum 21 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER MAR. 11, 1929
Maximum 41, minimum 29 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.



The death of William Howard Taft, the only man in the nation's history who had been both president of the United States and chief justice of the United States, ends a public career that spanned 50 years. But, aside from that, it marks the passing of a kindly man who—in the cloistered precincts of his private life—was a devoted husband, a proud father and an adoring grandfather. For Taft—famous for his good nature, his broad smile and his genial disposition—never let the tremendous cares of high office over-shadow the fact that he was, after all, a human being and not an intellectual machine. Above are three glimpses of the famous Taft smile that endeared him to the American people.