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## OREGON MOTOR CLUB IS GIVEN CAVEMEN'S AID

ORGANIZATION WILL HELP KEEP LOCAL OFFICE WORK ENDORSED

## NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Clubist Is Given Trial for Theft—Good Entertainment Provided During Evening

The office of the Oregon state motor association will be maintained in Grants Pass. That was the decision of the Cavemen last night after listening to Joe Dunne, president, and George Brandenburg, manager of the association. A committee of five will be selected to work out the details of the plan for the continuance of memberships and the acquisition of memberships to take the place of those who may drop out for some reason.

The proposed program for the coming year was mapped out by Mr. Dunne, who showed that legislation was now being planned for the benefit of the automobile owners. He pointed out the work of the association in warning tourists of the speed traps at Drain and Gold Hill. H. E. Gale, who has charge of the local office of the association, stated that the office had brought 21,000 people in contact with him during the season just passed. H. D. Norton, president of the chamber, said that the motor association office was proving to be the best medium obtainable for bringing the chamber in direct contact with prospective settlers. A unanimous vote of the Cavemen was taken and resulted in the endorsement of the work of the association.

One of the main features of the evening was the trial of Clubist Bob-Leopold Davis, charged with the theft of the Cavemen's bank, containing \$5,000, more or less. At the trial, with Bob Borland, prosecuting attorney, introduced as "Hundred Proof Crow," and Niel R. Allen, for the defense, introduced as Attorney Marrow, many points were brought out to incriminate the defendant, with witnesses introduced to show that he was not mentally

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## DAVIS WILL ALSO GIVE RADIO TALK ON MONDAY

Washington, Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—Plans have been completed to make available radio facilities to John W. Davis Monday night when President Coolidge is to make a radio address, but at a different hour.

## BRITAIN PERFECTING SILENT AERIAL MOTOR

London, Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Secret and exhaustive air ministry experiments have practically resulted in the invention of a silent bombing plane.

A motor silencer has been evolved which eliminates the telltale hum of the engines without reducing the power of the machine. Efforts are now being directed toward the elimination of the sound produced by the propeller and by the singing of the wind through the bracing wires. Experts declare that had the raiding German Gothas during the war been able to silence their engines London would have been devastated from the air.

## CABINET IS LOATH TO RESIGN

Laborites Will Remain in Conclave For Few Days Yet

London, Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—The Laborite cabinet, headed by MacDonald, after a session this morning, is understood to have decided to remain in office a few days and then resign before the assembling of the new parliament. An official communique was issued announcing that the cabinet has appointed a committee to examine the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter.

## G. O. P. COLLECTIONS ARE BIG

Contributions Nearly Four Millions—States Get Much

Chicago, Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—Republican contributions to date total approximately \$3,700,000, national treasurer Hodges told the Chicago section of the senate investigation committee today.

Of this amount \$750,000 has been sent to the states. Hodges was directed to furnish accurate figures for collections to next Monday. Chairman Borah saying the committee wanted figures of all national parties to go to the country before the voters go to the polls.

## STEAMER GOES ON ROCKS NEAR BANDON TODAY

VESSEL IS TOTAL LOSS—CREW OF 22 TAKEN OFF BY COAST GUARD

## WRECK IS SEEN AT DAWN

Schooner Goes Ashore During Night—Coast Guard Crew Uses Breeches Buoy to Save Ship's Company

Bandon, Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—The Schooner Acme, wrecked early today just south of Cape Arago, near here, is a total loss, according to the officers of the Moore Mill and Lumber company, owners. Captain Fred Wilson and seventeen members of the crew were taken off the ship in a breeches buoy rigged by the Bandon coast guard crew.

Bandon, Ore., Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—The steam schooner Acme has gone ashore on the beach at Whisky Rock, six miles north of Bandon. The Bandon coast guard crew rushed to the scene. The wreck was discovered at daybreak by the Bandon lighthouse keeper. A heavy sea running.

## WHEAT EXPECTED TO LOWER

Price to Go Down Next Year Is Report of Chicago Foundation

Chicago, Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The price of wheat, according to a Chicago agricultural foundation, probably will be lower next year.

Large increases in the wheat acreages seeded for the 1925 crop have been predicated by the foundation, based on recent surveys of the wheat sections in the United States, as well as in Argentina and Australia, prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture. With average yields, the foundation believes the price will drop next season. Consequently, fields seeded in poor condition, or too late for a fair growth before winter sets in will have a poor chance of returning a profit at harvest.

In the North Atlantic States the planting of winter wheat is ten days or two weeks behind normal, and the same holds true for several Mid-Western States. Rainfall has been unusually spotted, and to this is attributed the cause of the lateness of the planting.

These conditions should have a tendency to cut down the total acreage, but in Kansas, Missouri and most of Nebraska—some of the heavy winter wheat States—seedling conditions are good, and present prices and yields are encouraging heavy seeding this fall.

The wheat acreage in South American countries has been increased this fall over last year's more than 1,000,000 acres, while in Australia approximately 600,000 more acres are being given to wheat for the 1925 crop over that of this year.

## MEETING IS CALLED OFF

Storm Makes Holding of Meeting Impossible Here Tomorrow

The political meeting at which Wallace McCamant, of Portland, was to be the main speaker, has been cancelled and no meeting will be held tomorrow night as the climax of the campaign here for the Republican party. The cancellation was made necessary by the continued storms which have made necessary the calling off of previous meetings at which Mr. McCamant was to appear and where his appearance is now needed more than in Josephine county.

It was found necessary to also call off the trip of the "flying squadron," because of the unprecedented rainfall. Many roads in the country districts have been rendered almost impassable for cars and it was not believed expedient to call meetings in the country districts.

## DANGERS OF ETHYL GAS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED

New York, Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—Forty-four persons are under observation or treatment as a result of ethyl gas poisoning in New York and New Jersey. Health officials joined today to investigate the dangers of ethyl gas, the manufacture of which at the Standard Oil plant at Elizabeth, N. J., has caused five deaths. The local health board has prohibited the sale of the gas in this city or its use in automobiles.

## CHAMPION MILK COW HOLDS WORLD'S RECORD

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Segis Pieterje Prospect, champion milk cow of the world, on exhibition at the recent National Dairy show here, yields her own weight in milk every eighteen days. The champion of champions is an 11-year-old Holstein, bred in America. She holds the two highest milk records ever made. Her world's record is 37,381.4 pounds of milk in a year. Her other record is 35,550.4 pounds.

For two years Segis Pieterje Prospect averaged more than 47 quarts of milk per day. This is a ton and a half a month, or eight tons a year. The queen of dairy animals has her royal residence on a farm near Seattle.

## MANY INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED

Chicago Land Company Is Receiving Much Correspondence

Inquiries about Rogue River valley are being received at the office of the Chicago Land company on an average of 12 daily. This morning an extra large number were received. These letters are being answered immediately after they are received. This morning a mail sack full of circulars and follow-up literature went out from the office. J. W. Lucas, sales manager, states that he may be found necessary, if the correspondence increases, to put on an extra clerk.

The company has changed tactics in their advertising. Instead of inserting their advertisements in the large daily papers, they are now using the farm papers. The results have already been noticed in increased correspondence. The farmers writing also exhibit greater determination, most of them asking for prompt replies. Quite a number state that they will be here in a short time to look over the valley. Since the office was opened here, between 1500 and 2000 letters of inquiry have been received.

## DAVIS IS STILL OPTIMISTIC

Says Spirit of Optimism Pervades Democratic Camp

New York, Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—In his fourth statement, issued today, John W. Davis explained the reasons for the "spirit of optimism outstanding today in the Democratic camp." He summed up what he said was the "cumulative evidence of the last few days."

## Will Work On



Louise McDonnell, 21, San Francisco shop girl who inherited \$85,000, says that she will keep on working at a department store glove counter. Half of the money she will give to her mother and some of the remainder will be used to educate her younger brothers and sisters.

## G. O. P. VICTORY NOW FORECAST IN THIS STATE

EVERYTHING POINTS TO OLD REPUBLICAN SUPREMACY BEING MAINTAINED

## COOLIDGE WILL HAVE LEAD

La Follette Held Second Choice with Davis Third—McNary Has Big Edge Over Milton Miller

Portland, Ore., Oct. 31.—(U. P.)—When Oregon turns up her cards next Tuesday night, the voters will probably show the state to be still firmly in line with her traditional Republican leaning.

That at least, seems to be the fair judgment drawn from the cross-fire of democratic, republican and independent campaigning.

Republicans claim the state for Calvin Coolidge, declaring that Robert M. LaFollette will run second over John W. Davis, the democratic nominee.

The democrats, through their leading state organ, the Oregon Journal, maintain that the situation is rapidly becoming similar to the general election of 1912 when Oregon bolted her usual firm republican stand and voted for Wilson.

They claim that while democrats are remaining true to their party, the republicans are losing heavily to La Follette, sufficiently so to throw the election to Davis.

Meanwhile LaFollette supporters are confidently boring into the ranks of the two older parties. Without a doubt LaFollette will draw a large vote and it is only a question of which of the older parties will suffer most.

In the senatorial race it is generally conceded from all sides that Senator Charles McNary, republican, will be reelected. Milton A. Miller, democratic candidate has been campaigning extensively but McNary is too well entrenched in public favor to be really in serious danger, observers believe.

Whether Congressman Eton Watkins, democratic candidate for reelection in the third district, will succeed in winning his seat again is problematical. Watkins won considerable favor during his two years in office, but he is a democrat in a strong republican community and the Ku Klux Klan issue, which is said to have helped him be elected two years ago has not been apparent in this campaign. His opponent, M. E. Crumpacker, is obtaining a fairly solid republican support.

Representative W. C. Hawley, of the first district, and Representative N. J. Slinnot, of the third district, are so strongly entrenched that it is generally believed their opposition cannot replace them.

Expense Chairman Borah has adjourned the investigation until after the election.

## COOLIDGE LEADING IN POLL

Will Get More Votes Than All of Opponents Put Together

Coolidge will get more votes than all his opponents put together and he swept into office with a margin of 60 electoral votes to spare, if the country follows the trend of the Literary Digest's straw poll.

In its final count the Digest tabulation of 2,384,052 votes—the largest straw ballot ever taken—the popular result follows:

Coolidge 1,384,033.

Davis 595,410.

La Follette 598,516.

This popular vote, "even allowing the critics their claim for a considerable margin or error which may or may not be proved," results in the following situation in the electoral college:

The number of electors: votes necessary to elect is 266. This gives Coolidge the election even if he does not carry one of the doubtful states—and the poll shows him ahead in every one of them, both north and south.

## DELANEY HAS DECISION IN BOUT WITH FARMER

Portland, Oct. 31.—(A. P.)—Jimmy Delaney, the St. Paul light heavy weight, last night won a decision from Frank Farmer, of Tacoma.

## "SAVE THE FOREST" CAMPAIGN IN CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Canada's "Save the Forest" campaign has resulted in a marked decrease in the number of forest fires throughout the dominion so far this year, according to reports received by the forestry branch of the department of the interior.

The number of fires reported in areas served by the Canadian National railways up to September 30 totaled 375, a decrease of 15 per cent, compared with last year's total. About 390 of these occurred west of Winnipeg, where weather conditions were more favorable to forest fires than in eastern Canada.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GROWS

Jerome Prairie School Now Overflowing—Meeting Is Called

The Jerome Prairie school is filled to overflowing this year and with additional pupils coming in next week, the school patrons are faced with a serious problem. A meeting is slated for tomorrow night at which they will decide what course must be taken to take care of the increase. The probable result of the meeting will be that a building will be rented for the remainder of the school year and a new school will be opened in it. It is regarded as certain that next summer a new school house with additional rooms will be needed. The increased attendance is said to be brought about by the rapid settlement of the lands under the Grants Pass Irrigation district, Alice M. Bacon, county school superintendent, believes.

Mrs. Bacon has just returned from a visit to the schools of the Illinois valley. There was a marked increase in the attendance at the Kerby high school but in other schools the growth was classed as a normal healthy increase. The patrons of the schools are showing their usual interest in the development of the students. There is again a growing sentiment for consolidation of school districts for high school purposes.

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## NEW RAINFALL RECORD IS SET WITH 4.44 IN.

PRECIPITATION DURING PAST 22 HOURS HEAVIEST ON RECORDS

## MONTH'S TOTAL IS NOW 9.81

City Covered by Sheet of Water—Rogue River Rising All Day at Rate of Half Foot an Hour

A record that will probably stand for some time in the amount of rain falling in a single day was recorded between 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 1 o'clock today, when 4.44 inches of rain fell, over half as much as had fallen in the first nine months of the year. This brings the average for the present storm to 7.92 inches, or over four times the October average. There had already fallen 1.89 inches during the present month, bringing the October precipitation to 9.81 inches. Indications are that the rainfall will go over 10 inches before midnight, making the rainfall for the month the greatest on record for that month. The rainfall during the past 22 hours has also been the greatest for a single day since the records have been kept here. In January, 1909, the precipitation was slightly over 15 inches.

With only 6.37 inches of rain up to the first of October, the total for the season is now 16.18 inches, or only about 12 inches under the rainfall for the year. The storm has ended the driest period that old residents here can remember and gives promise of plenty of moisture to the miners during the coming season.

The city has been virtually covered with water today. Gutters have become choked and drainage ditches have overflowed, filling streets and all low places with sheets of water. Riverside school was dismissed this morning as many pupils failed to appear.

Rogue river started upward with a bound last night and this morning had reached a higher point than was attained at any time last winter. It was still rising throughout the day at the rate of almost a half foot every hour. Every small creek was running bank high and some were overflowing.

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## HOOVER ISSUES REPORT WHICH SHOWS 1923 WAS GOOD YEAR FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Washington, Oct. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Scientific studies of the American business situation just completed by Secretary of Commerce Hoover disclose that commerce and industry of the United States are rapidly approaching a new era—an era which at its highest development will contain no unusual booms or inflation periods, no tragic depression, but instead will be marked by permanent and normally healthy conditions.

Experts have prepared for Secretary Hoover an elaborate "Year Book" for 1923, placing, in a nutshell, a complete prospectus of the "business situation" for that year. These statistics and observations are declared to be essential in making predictions for future years.

From an economic standpoint, the year 1923 was characterized by three major features, according to Secretary Hoover. These follow:

1. Full employment of labor and continuance, especially in the early part of the year, of the upward swing of the business cycle in nearly all branches of industry and domestic trade under the lead of the construction industries.

2. The continuance of the narrowing of the so-called favorable balance of trade, i. e., excess of exports over imports.

3. The continuance of a considerable degree of depression in certain branches of agriculture, although in

other branches the situation improved.

"Throughout the year there was practically no unemployment, and wages continued at a remunerative level," Hoover declared today, commenting on the report.

"Production of manufacturing, mining and forest industries surpassed any previous year and, on the average, was at least one-fifth greater than in 1922.

"Although there was some recession during the later months of the year, the output of these industries during the last quarter was greater than during the corresponding quarter of 1922.

"Construction, especially of residential buildings, the expansion of which had given the first impetus to general industrial recovery from the depression of 1921, showed greater activity throughout the year, the volume surpassing any previous record."

Hoover pointed out that the "business activity of the past year, however, did not take on characteristics of an unhealthy speculative boom." He said that there was no violent inflation of prices and credits, nor an undue accumulation of stocks.

"A spirit of caution, born of the general European situation and our domestic agricultural situation, dominated the business world," the Secretary continued.

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## RELATIONS OF AMERICAN REPUBLIC WILL BE GREATLY AFFECTED BY PRESENT MEETING

Washington, Oct. 31.—(U. P.)—Profound effects on the future relations between the American republics, resulting from the series of Pan-American conferences now in progress and being planned, are foreseen by observers here.

In years gone by there has been some skepticism regarding the actual benefits from the Pan-American conferences which dealt with political matters, as the agreements reached often later failed to secure ratification.

But all authorities are agreed on the tremendous advantages to be derived, by all countries from the various technical and educational meetings which now are being planned.

Within the next two years there will occur inter-American conferences dealing with numerous subjects, as sanitation, journalism, highways, science, codification of American law and standardization. While all of these conferences are conducted with the assent and support of the various American governments, the delegations usually represent experts of non-officials character, who profit greatly by the opportunities for exchange of knowledge and the cultivation of personal acquaintanceships.

The next of the great conferences will be the Third Pan-American Scientific congress at Lima, Peru, from December 20, 1924, to January 6, 1925. Simultaneously in the same city will occur a conference on standardization.

Already there has been great co-operation between scientific men of the American republics, particularly in the fields of medicine and surgery. Hundreds of South American physicians of highest rank have studied in universities in the United States or visited here for special training under auspices of the Rockefeller Institute.

In each of these fields the United States will be represented by a foremost authority. In fact, the delegation of nine members probably will consist of the most notable group of American scientists who ever left this country to attend a scientific gathering. Besides the attendance of the official delegation many other American scientists will submit special papers to be read and published at the conference.

Among the contributions to be made by United States scientists will be a paper dealing with "The Velocity of Light," to be read by Mr. Albert Abraham Michelson, Ph.D., president of the National Academy of Sciences, and winner of the Nobel prize in physics. Proposals for closer co-operation of American republics in archaeological work will be made in a paper to be sent by Dr. John Merriam, president of the Carnegie Institute at Washington.

The United States delegation will be under the chairmanship of Dr. Leo S. Rowe, director of the Pan-American Union and president of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.