

## PRESIDENT COOLIDGE GOES TO CUBA TO CEMENT PAN-AMERICAN GOOD WILL

Will Deliver Address on Opening Day of Sixth International Conference of American States  
At Havana, January 16.

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Washington, January 2.—Again a President of the United States is to set foot beyond the shadow of the flag.

President Coolidge will address the Sixth International Conference of American States when it opens in Havana, Cuba, on January 16. He will leave for Havana January 13 on what may prove the most fateful mission since Woodrow Wilson crossed the Atlantic to sit in the great peace conference at Versailles.

President Coolidge's decision to lend the dignity of his high office to the opening of the conference and the outstanding caliber of the delegation named to represent the United States at the conclave indicate the importance attached to the conference by the administration.

Charles Evans Hughes heads the delegation, for President Coolidge and Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg go only as guests. President Gerardo Machado, of Cuba came to Washington in February, 1927, to deliver a personal invitation to President Coolidge to attend the conference.

Colleagues of Mr. Hughes include such men as Henry P. Fletcher, Ambassador to Italy; Dwight W. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico; former Senator Oscar W. Underwood; James Brown Scott, Secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Judge Morgan J. O'Brien; Ray Lyman Wilbur, President of the Leland Stanford University; and Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan-American Union.

President Coolidge will go to the conference to act closer co-operation between this government and the governments of sister republics of the new world. The President is anxious that one of the achievements of his administration go down in history shall be the inauguration of co-operation and good will between the nations of the Western Hemisphere.

President Coolidge, with full retinue, is to go by special train to Key West, where the Presidential party will be conveyed to the Texas, flagship of the fleet, for the trip to Cuba.

### YOUNG MOTHER DIES.

Death came to Mrs. W. H. Goom, at her home in this city at about 12 o'clock last night. Mrs. Goom recently came to Heppner from Walla Walla being in the last stages of consumption, and while under medical treatment, it was realized that the disease had advanced beyond all possibility of human aid. Mrs. Goom was 26 years of age and is survived by her husband, who is suffering from the same ailment and is a patient at the Veterans hospital in Walla Walla, and two small children. Mr. Goom came over from Walla Walla and was at the bedside of his wife when she was called by death. Funeral arrangements were not completed at the time of going to press.

### HEPPNER UNIT MEETS.

Heppner Unit N. 87 American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, January 3. Thirteen members were present. A new bulletin was read

### To Be President's Host



President Gerardo Machado, of Cuba, who will be President Coolidge's host when the President of the United States visits Havana to attend the opening of the Sixth International Conference of American States on January 16.

be delivered January 16, and in all probability President Coolidge will be homebound the following day.

Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Panama marked the first time a President of the United States ever ventured abroad while in office. Since then each President has gone beyond the borders of the United States at some time in office.

William Howard Taft went as far as the middle of the International bridge. Woodrow Wilson made his famous visit to Europe. Warren G. Harding spent one day in Vancouver on his way back from Alaska.

And now President Coolidge is to visit Cuba. In shattering one precedent, Theodore Roosevelt seems to have set another.

showing Hospital No. 77 is much in need of sun room pillow covers at this time. It was decided by each member of our unit to make a sun-room cretonne pillow cover, 18 inches by 18 inches, and send or bring the same to our next meeting, January 17. So, members, please get busy at once that our hospital chairman may send these after the next meeting. Hostesses were Carolyn Johnson and Hanna Jones. At a special meeting held December 29, Miss Eleanor Cohn of Portland was initiated into our unit. Hostesses for the next meeting will be Georgia Moore and Bertha Kirk. Glee club practice will be held next Thursday, January 12, at 3 p. m.—Secretary.

### WOOLGROWERS TO MEET.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers association will be at Pendleton on Monday and Tuesday of next week. This promises to be a gathering of much interest to the

sheep industry of the state, and numerous prominent speakers will appear on the program, among them being Governor Patterson, ex-Governor Pierce, Prof. R. L. Potter of O. A. C., H. A. Lindgren of O. A. C. Following the meeting of the national association, there will also be a number of men of national reputation in the industry at the Pendleton gathering. Morrow county sheepmen will attend in large numbers.

### Rabbit Skins Can Be Sold at a Profit

A commercial market has been developed in Idaho for common rabbit skins. Large quantities of wild rabbit skins were marketed last season for the first time on a commercial scale and no doubt many more people will kill jackrabbits for their skins this season. It is possible for a person to make from \$5.00 to \$10.00 or more per day by poisoning rabbits and preparing their skins for the market.

Rabbits are easily skinned and the following method is simple and efficient. Skin the rabbit as soon as possible after it is killed because if the skinning is delayed too long the fur is likely to deteriorate. It is much easier while the body is warm and there is less likelihood then of tearing, cutting or mutilating the skin while it is being removed. When the weather is cold rabbits will sometimes become frozen before they can be skinned. At such a time it is well to thaw the animals out slowly and then skin them. Rapid thawing, such as placing the carcass too close to the heat, may burn the fur or cause it to become tainted.

The carcass is hung up by the hind legs with the legs spread apart on nails or hooks, inserted near the hook joints between the tendons and the bone of the leg or the hind legs may be fastened in any other way that is convenient. With a sharp knife cut off the four legs above the knee joint and the head just back of the ears. Insert the knife near the hook joint of one of the hind legs and cut the skin straight down along the inside of the leg to the root of the tail, then up along the inside of the other leg to the hook joint. Detach the skin at the hook joint, peeling it from the hind leg and continue to draw the skin down carefully over the body in case form. Keep as much of the fat off of the pelt as possible as fat or flesh on the skin tends to make the drying difficult and sometimes injures the skins. Guard against cutting or tearing the skins as a pierced or torn skin, particularly on the back will lessen its value. Do not for any reason cut upon the pelt but always allow it to remain eased with the flesh side out and the fur in. After the skin has been removed it should be carefully stretched and dried on a stretcher, made by taking about four feet of any kind of heavy wire that has a good spring to it. Bend the wire in the shape of a ladies hairpin and put a circular hook about 1 1/2 inches in diameter at the top to give it the effect of a spring.

Place the skin on the stretcher, flesh side out so that the wire will touch it sides with the four legs on one flat side of the pelt and the back on the other with the loop of the stretcher at the head of the pelt. Do not force the stretching unnecessarily as the string in the wire will stretch the shape of the skin properly, it is well to see that any wrinkles that may form in the skin are smoothed out and be sure that the bottom of the skin is stretched flat as it sometimes has a tendency to flap over. If the skin is bloody wipe off the blood with cold water. To dry the skin hang up the stretcher on which it is placed in a dry and airy place. A moderately warm atmosphere is best but this is not essential. Do not under any circumstances dry the skin too close to a

hot fire and do not keep the skins close together while they are drying, and let the skin stay on the stretcher until it is thoroughly dry. After the drying operations have been completed, remove the skin from the stretcher carefully so as to avoid tearing and always leave the fur inside. Hang them up in a dry, cool place until convenient to ship, but never pile up the dried skins. It has been suggested by some of the companies buying the skins that the dried skins be tied in bundles of 25 and suspended from the ceiling so that they will not get out of shape.

Anyone interested in marketing jackrabbit skins may receive information as to where they may be marketed from the County Agent or most any of the large fur companies will tell you where they may be sold to the best advantage. Prices quoted are such that in large quantities, skins may be sold for as much as 10 cents per skin.

Many farmers throughout the county have taken advantage of the heavy snowfall and have been poisoning the rabbits very successfully. As condi-

tion for poisoning rabbits are seldom ideal everyone living in districts where there are lots of rabbits should watch closely for conditions that are such that the rabbits will take the poison and in this way the rabbit population may be decreased. Now that there is a market for the pelts and plenty of snow on the ground so that the rabbits cannot get enough of the grasses and weeds ordinarily eaten by them, everyone should cooperate with their neighbor in killing these pests. The County Agent has lots of rabbit poison on hand and there is a quantity in the hands of some person in all of the communities where there are rabbits.

### SIGN THEATRICAL CONTRACT.

Tom Gurdane, chief of police, and Buck Lieualten, state traffic officer, captors of W. Edward Hickman, have signed a contract with Alexander Pantages which will cover approximately 25 weeks and take them over

the greater part of the circuit, according to word received here yesterday. They will open their theatrical engagement in Los Angeles today. The amount involved in the contract was not announced.—Monday's E. O.

Oris Padberg is in town today from

his Heppner flat farm. About six inches of snow covered the ground out that way before it settled down but the rain and chinook will soon get rid of it, should these conditions prevail. The ground was frozen about seven inches, Oris thinks.

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