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# ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW

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## INITIAL STEP TAKEN LAST EVENING TO PUT ROSEBURG IN FRONT RANKS OF PROGRESS

Park, Childrens Play Ground, Public Library, Purchase of Aviation Field and Improve Court House Grounds Among Many Projects—Enthusiastic "Smoker" Held.

### IMPORTANT PROJECTS OUTLINED.

There is the result of the evening in a nutshell: A committee of five appointed to call on the county and ask that immediate action be taken to put the house-grounds in proper condition for the accommodation of the living in the rural district. Improve the grounds, a rest room and other accommodations for the public. A committee appointed to negotiate for the purchase of the Hanan aviation field, one of the best in the state, with full power to act. It is to be done by encouraging local capital to advance the purchase of the field and later to the tract to the city. A committee selected to acquire suitable grounds for a park and children's playground. Urgently requested immediate steps be taken to secure this much needed action to the city, and prepare for its early development. A committee appointed to co-operate with those already interested in the movement for the establishment of a public library in Roseburg in building like libraries in other cities throughout the county. A committee appointed to secure new members to the Chamber of Commerce, thus making the organization on a footing and making the Chamber representatives in all parts of the county.

### Smoker

The first evening's "smoker" held by the local Chamber of Commerce is a criterion of future steps to be taken by the livewires of this town. There will certainly be things in the old town, because of the outburst of enthusiasm that have been due to the program passed around as there is visible evidence of anything being on tap. At any rate, the evening was a regular twister of the standpoint of putting Roseburg in a class all by itself in the future development work. Judge J. W. Hamilton, president, during the evening and the present was given an opportunity to exercise their lungs—no time limit. Short, snappy remarks for and against the city's interest in handling public improvements were indulged to some length. When these were all dissected the bare facts presented, the program made a pretty good show of itself. The program outlined for the many substantial improvements to Roseburg and vicinity and the meeting closed with the selection of the following committees to put in concrete shape these definite plans to be successfully carried out in the way of city improvement:

- Membership Committee—W. L. Cobb.
- Aviation Field Committee—A. J. Hochradel, N. Rice and Foster Butner.
- Public Park Committee—A. C. Marsters and Geo. Neuner, Jr.
- Public Market Committee—L. B. Moore, L. J. Barnes and O. C. Baker.
- Library Committee—H. O. Parfetter, V. Casey and County Agent Haslett.

### PRESBYTERIANS WIN GAME.

A fast game of baseball between the Presbyterian and Baptist teams last night was won by the Presbyterians by a score of 9 to 8. The game was close throughout the full five innings and was replete with thrills and spectacular plays. This increases the Presbyterian team's lead and throws the Baptists further back in their standing. There are still several games to be played.

### MRS. WILKINSON ENTERTAINS.

The summer home of Mrs. Irma Wilkinson at Shady Point was the scene of a pleasant party last night when she entertained a number of her friends at dinner. Following a delicious dinner the young folks enjoyed a pleasant time boating and enjoying music and games. Those present were Maude Parks, Florence Leadbetter, Harry Haldeman, Katherine Merrill, Vernie Kohlhagen and Leota Wilson.

## Sinn Fein Objects To George's Offer

(By United Press.)  
DUBLIN, July 23.—The Sinn Fein leaders are expressing open opposition to the acceptance of Lloyd George's Irish peace offer, and predicting that barring new obstacles, De Valera would return to London within a fortnight, but not to accept the present form of plan. They declare that resumption of hostilities which would be a fight to death, would be preferable to a potential dominion government lacking cohesion, a separate army and other features contained in the constitutions of the other British dominions. Both sides, however, are attempting to prevent an opening of the old war wound.

## Fireworks Are Expected Soon

(By Associated Press.)  
SALEM, July 23.—Major Babcock, telephone engineer, will be recalled as a witness for Portland Monday at the telephone hearing. Fireworks are expected when he is cross-examined. Babcock stated yesterday afternoon that the thirty per cent increase allowed in Oregon on toll business was not high enough. Commissioner Corey said if the toll rates were increased it would kill the business.

## Alpha Lodge Welcome Visitors

Alpha Lodge No. 47 of Roseburg has sent out invitations to Knights of Pythias all over the state to stop over in Roseburg on their way to the Jubilee at Bandon the last of this month. While a great many of the Knights will go by rail through Eugene, still a large number will go by auto, and these motorists must of necessity go through Roseburg. The local lodge is preparing to give them a hearty welcome. Otto R. Sebro of Bandon, who has charge of the advertising, says that approximately 500,000 visitors are expected to attend the Jubilee.

## Stunt Plane to Arrive Sunday

A telephone message was received from Grants Pass today to the effect that the airplane due to arrive here last night broke its landing gear yesterday and will not arrive here until early Sunday morning. Mr. Gates, manager of the company, states that the plane will carry passengers all day tomorrow on the Legion field. At three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Capt. Tanner and "Jinx" Jenkins will make their exhibition flights. The plane was piloted in Grants Pass by Capt. Tanner and flew under the Rogue River bridge four times. Over five thousand people witnessed the event. The fliers promise some real thrills for the Roseburg people tomorrow and intend to cram their three-days' program into one big day.

### LOCAL NEWS.

- In City Today**—Tom Hatfield of South Deer creek, spent the day in this city attending to business matters.
- Leaves For Portland**—Harry Lewis will leave this evening for Portland, where he will spend several days enjoying a vacation.
- Many Here For Chautauqua**—A number of people from outside the city are here to enjoy the Chautauqua, which arrives here tomorrow. A fine program has been planned for this year.
- Pays Small Fine**—W. L. Singleton today paid a fine of \$5 for burning slashings without a permit. He pleaded guilty to the charge made against him in the justice court.
- Spend Week-end Here**—H. C. Sutherland and family, of Cottage Grove, are spending the week-end visiting in Roseburg with the Ben C. Palm family.
- Leaves For Sacramento**—Miss Minna Heidenreich, who has been visiting in this city with her mother Mrs. Anna Heidenreich, for the past few days, left for Sacramento this morning, where she will continue her concert work.
- Leave For North**—Mrs. J. L. Overbeck, sister of J. G. Hunter of this city has left for the north, after spending a few days visiting here with her brother. Mrs. Overbeck is from Tucson, Arizona, and is on her way to British Columbia.
- Will Return To Portland**—Miss Rhea Sykes, of Portland, who has been visiting in this city for the past two weeks, will return to her home tomorrow afternoon. Miss Sykes has been the guest of her cousins, Leah and Maxine Sykes during her stay here.

## MAR HANAN STABBED.

According to a telegram received this afternoon by E. R. Hanan, his son Mar Hanan, well known in this city, was stabbed in the kidney and is in a serious condition at Pampa, Texas. No details regarding the affair were contained in the message. He was hurt on July 21, but the message informing the parents of the affair, was delayed and was not received until this afternoon. Mr. Hanan has been working in the oil fields in Texas, and only recently left the work with the oil companies to go into the harvest fields.

## Position For Jack Day Now Causes Delay

(News-Review Washington Bureau.)  
WASHINGTON, July 23.—Difficulties in taking care of Jack Day by Oregon senators are now holding up the announcement of the entire slate of federal appointments in the Oregon group of offices. There has been so much opposition to him in one way and another that the original intentions regarding the appointment appear to have been changed, and until a place can be found for him, all other appointments will be withheld. May Appoint Day. Apparently there is nothing serious in the talk that B. C. Lewis of Portland, well known as a member of the legal staff of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, was to be named through for one of the judgeships in Alaska. If any one is serious about this, the Oregon senators know nothing of it, and in fact there is no justification, excepting that Oregon patronage includes a place in the Alaska courts. As a matter of fact Judge George E. Davis of Vale likely will be appointed to a place on the Alaska bench, but this did not originate with the Oregon senators. However, if the administration desires to appoint him, there will be full approval from both Senators McNary and Stafield.

## Officers After Traffic Law Breakers

J. J. McMahon, traffic officer with the vehicle department of the state, made several more arrests today for violations of the traffic laws. The vehicle department of the state is rapidly rounding up violators of the motor laws and a good work is being done. T. A. Rafferty, chief of the department, is now starting a war on overloaded trucks in addition to the other work and this will doubtless assist greatly in keeping the roads in condition as the greatest damage is done by the heavy trucks which cut and destroy the highway. Inspector McMahon has been working in the county for several days but expects to go to Salem tonight. Another man will be sent down immediately to check up on speeders and traffic law violators in the county. Complaints were filed by him against H. C. Bellows and W. T. Cloake, both of whom were charged with operating without tail lights. Both plead guilty and paid fines of \$5 each.

## Funeral Services Veterans Sunday

Two Douglas county veterans of the world war will be buried tomorrow. Umpqua post of the American Legion has charge of the funeral services although one funeral is to be held in Sutherlin and the other in Myrtle Creek. Otto Saucerman of Sutherlin, who paid the supreme sacrifice overseas will be buried in Sutherlin tomorrow afternoon. Geo. Fallon, well known young man who resided in the south end of the county prior to his tourney abroad in the olive drab, will be buried in Myrtle Creek. The local national guard company will meet at the Roseburg armory at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow and detachments will be sent to both places to participate in the funeral services. Local Legionnaires are to meet at the armory at the same time and those willing to donate autos are also requested to be there.

## Proves up on Own Birthplace

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## Japanese Position Clearly Defined

(By United Press.)  
NEW YORK, July 23.—Japan's position in the far east is no less special than that of the United States in this hemisphere. Hosiyo Mitsunaga, Nippon Dempo Taushin Sha, Oriental News Agency, told the publishers attending the dinner W. W. Hawkins, of the United Press, gave in honor of Mitsunaga. "Japan's position is special, not paramount and must predominate. We must exercise prudent reserve regarding the policies subjecting the Orient to any power of absolutism. Japan seeks open cooperation and not the opportunity to impose her will."

## More Troops Be Sent To Silesia

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, July 23.—Premier Briand, following a meeting of the council of ministers, wired to Berlin, requesting the German government to take the necessary steps to insure safe conduct through Germany of a new division of French troops to be sent to Silesia. The ministers decided not to retreat from the determination to send reinforcements despite the British opposition to such a move.

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## RECALL ELECTION IS SET BY COUNTY CLERK RIDDLE FOR FRIDAY AUGUST 12

Voters of Port of Umpqua Will Decide Whether or Not Present Commissioners Are to be Retained or Ousted From Office—Lower Umpqua Interested.

The first recall election ever held in Douglas county has been set for Friday, August 12, at which time the voters of the Port of Umpqua will vote upon the recall of Joseph R. Butler and J. R. Browne as Port Commissioners. Warren Reed was named for recall in the petitions filed but prior to filing of these petitions he tendered his resignation, and A. L. Butler, of Scottsburg, was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Butler being newly appointed cannot be recalled, even should the voters desire to take such action, until after he has served six months in office.

The Taxpayers League of the Port of Umpqua, which is sponsoring the recall has nominated John J. Henderer, J. P. Christie and William R. Sawyers as candidates for commissioners. These three names will be on the nominating ballot together with the names of Joseph R. Butler and J. R. Browne. The recall election is creating considerable excitement in the lower Umpqua district where a great fight has existed for many months over the Port of Umpqua affairs. The trouble started recently when the port commissioners ordered the sale of \$250,000 port bonds and allowed a contract for the construction of a \$90,000 dredge to be used in improving the channel and doing other work about the harbor. Charges were immediately made that the commission had acted arbitrarily in the matters and that the wishes and desires of the voters had been opposed by the commissioners. An injunction suit was filed in the Douglas county circuit court to enjoin the issuance of the bonds and the construction of the dredge. In the complaint it was alleged that the port commissioners had authorized the issuance of the bonds without the sanction of the voters and over their disapproval. It claimed that the Taxpayers League was organized for the purpose of meeting with the commission and endeavoring to halt the issuance of these bonds and control the expenditures but that the commission refused to hear the representatives of the league or to give them any notice. The meetings of the commission were held secretly, the complaint stated and none of the members of the league were allowed to be present or voice their sentiments. It was claimed that whenever the representatives of the league managed to ferret out the time and place of meeting the commission would fall to have a quorum present and the meeting would be adjourned to an undetermined date and would then be held secretly. It was also alleged that the commission arbitrarily refused to allow the books containing the minutes of the meetings or the records of expenditures, to be examined by the league or any of its members or representatives and that in every way it had failed to conduct itself in accordance with the rules of such a commission. It was further claimed that the dredge which was ordered built was of use only to one locality and that the taxpayers of the entire port would be taxed to support a dredge to fill in the lowlands at Reedsport for the exclusive benefit of the land promoters of that place. The commission faction on the other hand had denied the charges and alleged arbitrary actions and maintained that the improvement and development of the Umpqua port, the dredge, it was maintained, would be used chiefly for harbor work and at other times would be let out on contract works and would be made to pay its own upkeep and expenses and would prove an asset rather than a liability to the port. Reedsport, it was stated, was perfectly willing to pay for any work which the dredge might do in filling in low lands and the money for such work would go into the Port of Umpqua treasury. After thoroughly blocking the work of the commission and holding up the bond issue and dredge contract, the league proceeded to circulate recall petitions against the members of the commission. Shortly before the petitions were filed with the county clerk, Warren Reed tendered his resignation and A. L. Butler of Scottsburg was appointed to succeed him. The other members of the commission were notified of the filing of the petitions, but declined to resign and will make a fight for election over the opposition. County Clerk I. B. Riddle, in accordance with the provisions of the law, has set the date of the election for August 12 and is now preparing the notices and ballots which will be used in the election. Further arrangements will be made immediately and the port affairs will be settled on the date set by the clerk.

## Rapid Growth of Farm Lands

(News-Review Washington Bureau.)  
WASHINGTON, July 23.—Oregon gained 4744 farms in the ten years lapsing between 1910 and 1920. Almost two million acres were added to the farm acreage of the state in that decade. The exact figures are 1,875,208. In the improved lands in farms the increase was almost three-quarters of a million, or 639,048 acres to be exact. The investment in the irrigated farms increased \$18,168,937. The average cost of maintenance per acre of irrigation for farms lumped from 75 cents in 1910 to \$1.19 in 1920.

## Rainfall Is Heavy.

The portion of the state west of the Cascades, says the census bureau, "receives the heaviest rainfall of any part of the United States, while east of the Cascades the rainfall is so small that this part of the state is mostly arid. West of the mountain, however, only 10 per cent of the annual precipitation occurring in June, July, August and September. This makes irrigation necessary to the maturing of crops whose growing season extends into the late summer, and makes it desirable for farmers at this season.

**East of Cascades.** "The chief characteristics of the climate of the part of the state east of the Cascades are a scanty rainfall, low humidity, rapid evaporation, and an abundance of sunshine. The annual precipitation ranges from 8 to 25 inches. At the summit of the Cascades the annual precipitation exceeds 40 inches. It decreases to the eastward, and reaches 15 inches about the center of the state. East of this there is a section receiving less than 15 inches, extending in a narrow strip to the north line of the state, but expanding to southward, and occupying the whole southeastern third of the state. In the Blue Mountains in the northeastern part of the state the precipitation increases to about 25 inches.

"The precipitation is heaviest in the winter, but there is a secondary maximum in May and June, with a very dry period during the late summer. The relatively large winter and spring precipitation makes it possible to raise grain crops without irrigation in most sections in normal years, but irrigation is necessary for the growing of other crops except in some of the higher valleys.

**Water Is Available.** "Taking the state as a whole, there are still large opportunities for irrigation development, since there are immense areas of tillable land, and large unused supplies of water."

## AGED LADY Passes Away

Mrs. L. J. Mills, a resident of Detroit, Mich., died at the Mercy hospital yesterday morning, following a short illness. Mrs. Mills was 69 years of age at the time of her death. She has been visiting with her son Edsel, of Oakland, for the past few months, and only recently entered the hospital. Her body was shipped this morning to Detroit, where her oldest son will take charge. **Getting Along Nicely**—Mark Elliott, who was injured in an auto accident near Conynoville yesterday is getting along nicely. Although his condition is not definitely known, it is thought that he will recover without serious results.

Mrs. Milton Church and mother Mrs. Wilson, returned from Ashland this afternoon. Mrs. Church has been attending summer school in that city and enjoying a summer outing.