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FARMERS TOLD THAT CO-OPERATION WILL HELP SOLVE THEIR TROUBLES OF FINANCE

Business Is Going Ahead With Unusual Rapidity—Expense Can Be Reduced in That Manner and It Is an Invaluable Factor of Betterment.

WARD NORDMAN, Market for Wisconsin, Wis., Dec. 28.—(United Press.)

Co-operation, by bringing the farmers together, enables them to market their products on a large scale, thus proportionally reducing operating expenses. Besides this advantage, co-operation develops acumen, initiative and a spirit of solidarity whereby farmers get accustomed to working harmoniously toward the improving of their condition.

While co-operation is an invaluable factor so far as the improvement of the economic and social conditions of farmers is concerned it is far from being, as many people believe, a panacea for all farm ills. There are many forces at work in modern society thwarting the good effect of co-operation as well as all other legitimate business activities.

Among these forces are various monopolies, such as the monopoly of land and other natural resources, which increase the farmer's cost of production and at the same time lower his income by decreasing the purchasing power of the consuming public.

Until farmers understand and apply the remedies that are needed to cure these basic evils they cannot hope to bring about a permanent improvement in the agricultural situation either, through co-operative marketing or by any of the other means that are commonly advocated.

TAX COMMISSION LAW KNOCKED OUT

Court Holds Law Giving Commission Power to Pass on Budget Is Void.

TITLE IS DEFECTIVE

Act Failed to State It Applied to Every County—Suits Taken to Supreme Court by Counties.

WIDOW FOLK HONOR TAYLOR

OREGON, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)

COMMISSION HEAD IS CHOSEN TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(United Press.)

S. P. ORDERED TO CUT RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Interstate passenger rates to and from points in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico on the lines of the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific and other railroads operating in this territory were held by the interstate commerce commission today to be unreasonable where they exceed 3.6 cents per mile. The roads affected by the decision were ordered by the commission to establish new rates before February 25.

POLICE ON TRAIL OF TRAIN ROBBERS

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Dec. 28.—Police here today are searching for three men, two said to answer descriptions of the DeAutremont brothers, wanted in connection with the Southern Pacific holdup in Oregon.

BLAME FOR DEATHS PUT ON HYPNOTIST

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—Blame for the death of three persons shot by a policeman of Sebenico, while under the hypnotic influence of Professor Langster, was placed on the latter today by counsel for the policeman. If placed on trial for murder, the officer will argue that the mesmerism was solely responsible for the deaths. The shooting occurred in a theatre during a performance of hypnotism.

MEXICO AGREES TO CONFERENCE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—The Mexican senate today ratified the special claims convention with the United States by a vote of 42 to 5.

U. S. Considers Convention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Mexican convention will be taken up by the senate foreign relations committee immediately after the holidays, Chairman Lodge announced. Lodge said that President Coolidge washed action immediately and thought that there would be no objection from members of the committee, who are now inclined to ignore the revolutionary disturbances. If the Mexican senate ratified the treaty, Lodge believes that action can come immediately.

BURGLARS ARE GIVEN FREEDOM

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27.—James Johnson and Harold Gundersen, tried in the circuit court here on a charge of auto theft with two other lads, Don Lozzi and Kenneth Russell, have been turned loose by Washington authorities and are now at liberty. The two had confessed to robbing the Barto confectionery and the H. and E. garage in Tacoma, but were paroled by the court, it seems.

The Lane jury that tried them ended in a deadlock, after Lozzi turned state's evidence and gained his freedom and that of Kenneth Russell, and charges against them were never pressed here. The two were returned to Tacoma where they were convicted and freed.

COOLIDGE FILES HIS ACCEPTANCE

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 28.—Calvin Coolidge today filed his formal acceptance of the republican majority nomination as presidential candidate in South Dakota in the declaration of acceptance he adheres to the state republican platform made in the convention held December 4. Soon after Coolidge's candidacy was filed, the name of Hiram Johnson was filed as an independent republican candidate.

SAILSTED GIVEN FOUR YEARS IN PEN

(United Press.)

SUPERIOR, Dec. 28.—Edward Sallstad and Dorothy Anderson, were today sentenced to four years each in the penitentiary, charged with arson. They were arrested several weeks ago at Napa, California and were returned here charged with digging up the body of another man from a grave and burning it to hide evidence of their elopement, and to give the first Mrs. Sallstad his insurance money.

WILSON'S BIRTHDAY TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Woodrow Wilson's sixty-seventh birthday anniversary was observed today by the receipt of hundreds, letters and telegrams. His condition was described as "doing well." There was no celebration to break the quiet of home routine.

FRENCH AIRSHIP IS LOST AT SEA

Body of Captain Picked Up Off Coast of Sicily by a Fisherman.

REPORTED IN DESERT

All Hope for Safety of Crew Is Gone, but Relief Expeditions Start for Sahara Desert Today.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—(United Press.)

The body of Captain Du Plexis de Grenada, commander of the French dirigible Dixmude, was found by a fisherman in the Mediterranean sea off the coast of Sicily, it was announced today. Papers found on the body identified it.

Whether the captain leaped overboard or whether the dirigible was carried down in a crash is a conjecture. The officials of the ministry express the belief that the airship was lost at sea several days ago, in spite of reports last night from Insalah, an oasis in the Sahara desert, stating that the Dixmude was seen south of here Wednesday. Native tribesmen were reported to have traveled on horse 200 kilometers to make the report. The ministry pointed out in the event the Insalah news is correct, the occupants of the dirigible face experiences perhaps more terrible than was feared for them. Savage tribes inhabit the Hoggar region, 1000 miles from Algiers, and the action is almost inaccessible and relief would take weeks and possibly months to reach them. Relief expeditions however, have started.

The French warships were ordered to immediately patrol the waters of Tunis and the Sicilian coast for fear that other members of the Dixmude crew are floating there.

NAPLES, Dec. 28.—(United Press.)

The lost dirigible Dixmude, was being driven 150 miles before a tempest in the Mediterranean Sunday, the captain of the Italian steamer Porto di Alessandria reported today. He said he picked up the Dixmude's distress signals.

Senator Johnson's friends tried, through the courts, to get his name on the ballot as a minority candidate, but failed.

Coolidge Endorsed

COLUMBUS, Dec. 28.—Calvin Coolidge was endorsed for nomination by the republican state central committee here today.

OIL WELL IS SPUDDED TODAY

First Drilling Operations on Roseburg Company's Well Is Started.

OCCASION IS IMPORTANT

May Be Opening of Biggest Industry in the County—Geologist and President Have Hope.

The first well of the Roseburg Oil and Gas company was spudded in today when the big bit drove into the earth, ready to go a mile deep in order to reach oil. The derrick is located near the North Deer creek road eight miles east from this city and a little over two miles from Dixonville.

George A. Lovejoy, president of the company, arrived here last night in order to be present at what he says he hopes to be "the biggest day Roseburg ever knew." All preparations are made for a start in the earth in search of the natural resources. J. C. Edsall, a widely known geologist, is in charge of the operations, and states that his machinery is the heaviest and best on the coast.

A big 20-foot derrick with a margin of power which will allow an abnormal amount of work stands on the field. According to Mr. Edsall, there is not another outfit on the coast that is equipped to handle every emergency any better than the rig which has been set up. The height of the derrick is equalled by others in this state, but there is no other rig which has an equal spread at the base and which is built so solidly.

Several stockholders from Portland were here today to attend the first formal drilling for a product, which, if found, will form an industry in the county which will work toward the increase in wealth and industry.

Tests of the fields have been in progress for a long time and the geologist states that there is every encouraging sign for oil in this county. The company has been organized for a good many months and everything is on the ground for operation. Unlike many tests which have been made in Oregon the signs point to surface oil, but the operators are prepared to go to any depth with the big drill.

The margin of power which has been supplied was considered a very conservative plan. In spite of the fact that the original installation cost was greater than it would have been had a smaller engine been selected, Mr. Edsall says that in many of the drilling operations in this state the mistake of starting with too little power has greatly reduced the possibility of striking oil and has cost the operators a great amount of money. The enormous weight of the drill and other machinery which it is necessary to lift in boring the hole necessitates the strongest of derricks and an amount of power which will be proportionate. The deeper into the earth it is necessary to bore, the greater becomes the strain on the machinery, so the company is taking no chances of failure.

Both Mr. Edsall and Mr. Lovejoy, geologist and president of the company respectively, express highest hopes of touching the "liquid gold" of old mother earth. Extensive oil operation in other fields has made Mr. Edsall's work one of experience and he is to be in complete charge of the drilling work. Mr. Lovejoy is an experienced man in this field, having been connected with many operations in the Texas fields, and still having large interests in many of the wells there.

Spudding in a well is considered the most important part of the whole enterprise by the oil men. Next to "shooting oil" this part of the game causes the greatest excitement. It is the starting of what may prove to be the biggest industry in the county and what may make Roseburg one of the foremost cities among the thriving metropolises of Oregon.

Klamath Falls Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hardenbrook and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitman, of Klamath Falls, were in the city last night leaving this morning for Portland where they will enjoy a visit of several days, and attend the ceremonies at the dedication of the new Elks temple in that city. Mr. Hardenbrook has disposed of his business interests at Klamath Falls and is taking advantage of a short vacation. They expect to return to Roseburg Monday on their way home.

JEWELRY STORE TO CHANGE LOCATION

Alvin M. Knudtson, manager of Bryan's Gift Shop for the past two years, will move to the location on Cass street formerly occupied by the Turick jewelry store. The new store will be operated under the name of Knudtson's and the same variety of jewelry, silverware and gifts will be handled and watches and clocks repaired.

Mr. Knudtson has had over fifteen years experience in the jewelry business and is a graduate of Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, Ill., where he finished the watchmaking and engraving trade.

POSTAL ROBBERS TAKEN TO PORTLAND

EUGENE, Dec. 28.—Two of the boys arrested in the breaking up of the Springfield robber gang, Ray Bryan and Hazlette McKelvey, were taken to federal court in Portland last night on the Shasta by C. C. Wells, deputy United States marshal, who had been in southern Oregon. The two lads have confessed to robbery of the Goshen postoffice, among other things.

REFORM KLAN, PLEA TO CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—E. Y. Clarke, formerly high in the councils of the Ku Klux Klan, wrote President Coolidge today offering to cooperate with the executive in ending the activities of an element which is converting the Klan into an organization vastly different from that planned by its founders.

Clarke also announced his intention of issuing a proclamation to klansmen "calling the better element" either to take hold and "remedy the existing evils" or to disband the organization. The president was told by Clarke that there had been "a steady withdrawal" from the Klan itself or from participation in its active operating control and that he had "voluntarily severed his active official connection" with the organization more than a year ago.

BURGLAR BREAKS MEDFORD JAIL

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—E. J. Curry, alias Pisk, a man who was under arrest here on the charge of having broken into a clothing establishment at Albany, Ore., last Sunday night and taken from \$300 to \$500 worth of goods, with which he fled to Medford and was arrested there Tuesday by Chief of Police Adams and Deputy Sheriff George Alder, sawed the lock off his cell door at the city prison some time last night and walked out of the building to freedom.

RUNAWAY SON BACK FOR CHRISTMAS

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—To one Portland mother, Mrs. William Dale, No. 721 1/2 Fourth street, Christmas was exceedingly kind, since it brought the return of her wandering son.

Just as in the movies, a big automobile purred to a stop in front of the Dale home on Christmas eve, and from it stepped the prodigal son, Arthur H., who had run away to California two months before. He brought Christmas presents for his sister, Lillian, 19, and his mother.

After Arthur reached California on his journey of adventure he was seized with homesickness. And he couldn't get food. In this predicament he was taken ill, and Los Angeles folk found him and sent him to a juvenile hospital.

Newspapermen and officials of the city made up a purse for him, and C. G. Vaughan, a movie man of the Garfield theatre, Los Angeles, who intended to drive to Aberdeen, Wash., to spend the holidays with relatives, volunteered to bring Arthur back to his family.

INDICATIONS OF OIL ARE FOUND

Drill at Sutherlin - Oakland Well Drops Into Soft Formation and Oil Struck.

QUANTITY NOT KNOWN

Hole Being Pumped Dry in Order That Volume of Oil Flow May Be Accurately Determined.

The best oil indications ever struck in Oregon were found last night at the Sutherlin-Oakland oil well, according to F. E. Merriek, vice president of the Oakland Oil and Gas company, and the water is being pumped out of the shaft today in order to determine the volume of the oil flow which has been tapped. There are indications that there is a rather strong flow of high grade oil, but until the water has been removed it is impossible to tell how much the well is capable of producing at the present time.

The night shift was drilling thru a hard formation at about 10 o'clock last night when the drill suddenly dropped through a soft strata of sand and shale. This formation was about eight or nine feet in thickness and as the drill struck the oil bearing strata a large quantity of gas and bubbles of oil boiled up through the water in the shaft indicating that oil had been struck. The drill went on through the sands and into the next strata which was found to be quite hard.

The bailer was put in use, and an attempt made to explore the hole, and indications were received that a flow of ten or twelve barrels had been struck. It is impossible to tell, however, just what the volume of the flow will be until all of this water has been pumped out. Oil has been struck, however, but whether or not it is in paying quantities, or whether it will be necessary to go still lower must yet be determined.

The workmen continued operations all night and the crew this morning removed the drill from the hole and the work of pumping the water out of the shaft was started. The hole is now 1,200 feet deep, and as a rotary drill is being used, it is filled to a depth of about 500 feet with water. This water naturally exerts a great pressure and holds back the flow of oil, unless there is a strong gas pressure, which in this well does not show up.

When the water is removed, the flow will be measured, and it will be possible to determine just what has been reached. This task probably will not be completed until late tonight, and it may take considerable time to determine the full results of the drilling.

Mr. Merriek was very reticent, when questioned this morning regarding the oil strike. He admitted that a strong indication has been found and that oil had been struck, but said that he did not desire to give out any statements until he has determined exactly what has been accomplished. He appeared to be well pleased with the findings, but states that he does not wish to give out any information which might later have to be corrected.

The indications point to a high grade lubricating oil with a paraffine base. As this oil mixes with the water, forming minute globules, it is impossible to make an accurate test until the water has been removed. This oil, even in small quantities is much more valuable than the heavy black oil, and a forty barrel well is a big one.

Although hopes run high as a result of the strike, there is little excitement around the well or in the neighboring cities. The crews, however, are working at high pitch and are striving to speed up the work of testing out the hole.

This well has been very promising from the first and indications have been received at various depths. In the event the present flow is not satisfactory, drilling will be continued, if it is thought that by so doing that better results may be obtained.

MUSCOVITES BANQUET

Nearly a hundred members of the Muscovites lodge gathered around a banquet table in the lodge hall last night and feasted on turkey and other good things to eat. The regular business meeting was held preceding the "feed." The banquet opened with a number of stunts and from then on took the form of a real, old-fashioned turkey feast. Duke Jackson was in charge of the business meeting and banquet.