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Forty Districts Vote

Forty road districts in Douglas county voted special road taxes this year, setting a new record and insuring a decided improvement in road conditions for the coming year.

The special road tax method of providing funds for road improvement is growing more and more into a thoroughgoing system, indicating a favorable and growing sentiment toward the improvement of road conditions.

At the outset of the good road movement in the county the voters approved two large bond issues, which were used to build the most important roads of the county. This has bonded the county almost to the limit so that no more money can be raised in that manner. The road tax is not sufficient to maintain the several thousand miles of road within the county in a proper manner making it necessary to raise funds by some other means. The market road money cannot be used for maintenance, but must be devoted to some permanent improvement, this means that the smaller outlying roads must be maintained by the districts with their per centage of the district tax money and if this is insufficient they must vote special taxes if they are to keep their roads up to standard.

Douglas county districts have assumed more and more of this burden in recent years, and a decided betterment of road conditions, in outlying sections, has been the result. This year indications are better than ever for, with the large sum voted for maintenance and improvement work, every part of the county will be benefited.

Under the law road districts may hold meetings following proper notice by posting and publication and at such meetings a special road tax may be voted, the voters themselves to specify where validity of the proceedings, should any question arise, and adopts the projects approved by the voters.

Of course, the greater part of the money raised in this manner is for general maintenance upon roads which residents use in reaching the market. But a number of the districts this year have specified improvements of a permanent nature.

PLANS TO GAIN VICTORY BY PUBLIC PRESSURE

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KIP'S LAWYER MAKES PLEA ON RACIAL BASIS

Asks Jury of White Men to Free Client From Part Negrass Wife.

FATHER IS ASSAILED

Elder Rhinelander Blamed for Son's Predicament by Indifference to His Upbringing.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Vice President Charles G. Dawes departed today for Washington to preside over the senate at the new session, firm in his intention to continue his campaign for revision of the senate rules.

Vice President Dawes issued the following statement: "I don't know what the effect politically will be of this campaign upon which I just entered, on this question of reform of the senate rules, for if those rules are not reformed, I propose, after the candidates of the republican and democratic parties are made for the senate in the next election, to appeal as vice president of the United States to the constituents of those men who have put themselves on record on this question which they have been dodging—to stand up like men and let their fate be decided with this great question as one of the issues—if it goes that far."

GARDINER VOTES MONEY TO CONTINUE ROAD WORK NORTH

(Special to the News-Review)—The three mile contract of the Gardiner section of the Roosevelt highway has just been completed and this has improved the road conditions through Gardiner and north towards the lake country considerably.

The Gardiner people and also the farmers of the lake country north of Gardiner are greatly pleased with the building of this stretch of Roosevelt highway and they have voted unanimously another 10 mill special road tax which will raise about \$15,000.00 to be spent on the continuance of the Roosevelt highway north towards Florence.

There is a strong sentiment here in favor of completing the Roosevelt highway between Gardiner and Florence. Lane county is also getting ready to work on the Roosevelt highway towards the Umpqua. With the completion of the Coos county line-Umpqua section and the Gardiner-Florence section it would open a great stretch of Roosevelt highway and connect with the nearly completed Eugene-Florence state highway.

SPAIN ON VERGE OF A NEW GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
HENDAYE, France, Spanish Frontiers, Dec. 2.—Information reaching here from Madrid says "a complete ministerial crisis is imminent."

MADRID, Dec. 2.—Captain General Primo de Rivera, leaving the Royal Palace at 1 o'clock this afternoon, is quoted by the Hays Agency as having confirmed the report that the military dictatorship would be replaced by a new cabinet in the near future.

Primo de Rivera said the situation had been sufficiently cleared since the installation of the military dictatorship to permit the formation of a new government.

"We have the country with us and with the sovereign's approval we can do nothing better for Spain," he said.

Ferguson Blames Highway Graft to Private Deal of Texas Attorney General

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 2.—James E. Ferguson defended today the acts of his wife, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, in administration of highway matters in Texas, which precipitated agitation for a special session of the legislature.

In a statement he assented to the settlement and judgment in court in the American Road company case was not the victory administration opponents claimed. He charged Dan Moody, attorney general, with entering into a private agreement with the road company and stated that the road company was permitted to go "scot free" with a net profit of \$900,000, the state losing a like sum through the agreement and with the approval of the court.

TACNA-ARICA ROW IS TAKEN BEFORE LEAGUE NATIONS

General Pershing Accused by Chileans of Aiding Peruvians in Game of Obstruction.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
GENEVA, Dec. 2.—The 18-years old controversy between Chile and Peru over the sovereignty of Tacna and Arica has been brought to the attention of the League of Nations by the Chilean ministry at Bern, Valdes Mandeville, who has deposited with Sir Eric Drummond, the League's secretary-general, a memorandum regarding the delay in holding the plebiscite, provided for in the award of President Coolidge as arbitrator to end the dispute.

The memorandum is regarded by some as a protest against General John J. Pershing, president of the plebiscitary commission, regarding the voting on the question of the issue.

"The commission," says the memorandum, "has been sitting at Arica for months and Chile has fulfilled all the conditions laid down by General Pershing, including a guarantee for immutability of voting and withdrawal of troops. Nevertheless, General Pershing has convoked new meetings of the commission without putting on the agenda the questions of fixing a plebiscite date or voting conditions."

Continuing, the memorandum expresses the belief of Chile that a postponement of the plebiscite would increase the animosity between Chile and Peru and says that therefore Chile ordered its representative at Arica not to take part in the sitting of the commission until General Pershing was willing to discuss a date for the plebiscite. It charges that Peru is obstructing the plebiscite and fomenting trouble so cleverly that General Pershing considers inadvisable the fixing of an early date for the voting.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MARK SIMPSON HELD TODAY

The funeral services for the late Mark Simpson, who was electrocuted Monday afternoon while at work for The California Oregon Power Company, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the armory. The great auditorium was crowded with the sorrowing friends and the immediate relatives of the deceased, and hundreds of beautiful floral offerings were tokens of love and esteem presented in the last sad hour. The services were of a military character, the American Legion being represented and its rival being used. Rev. Caldwell officiated and music was furnished by the Elks' quartette. The deceased having been a member of that order. The interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where a firing squad from the national guard company fired the last salute, and taps were played by an American Legion bugle.

"RED" CARIENS, INJURED IN AUTO RACE, IS DEAD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—R. L. "Red" Cariens, auto racer, injured in the 250-mile race, culminating the 1925 season of the American Auto Association Sunday at Calver City, near here, died at midnight.

Cariens and Jerry Wondrich crashed in the twenty-fourth lap of the race when the wheels of their car interlocked. In front of the grand stand, causing both to crash into the inner rail as they went in to the turn of the track. Cariens was hurled 50 feet by the collision. Wondrich was slightly injured. Cariens was a former Indiana driver.

TWO VETOS SUSTAINED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2.—The house of the Washington legislature again upheld Governor Hartley today when it sustained his veto on a bill introduced at the last regular session, relating to the depositing of the state's money by the state treasurer by a vote of 31 to 9. 16 members being absent.

OLIVE BRANCH IS HELD OUT TO 2 INSURGENTS

Regular G. O. P. Senators Prefer Peace With Nye and LaFollette.

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Attitude at Confab Likely to Determine Places in Assignment on Committees.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Peace in the Republican ranks is the obvious objective of organization leaders in dealing with the insurgent question in the organization of the senate and house at the forthcoming session of congress.

Senate Republican leaders intend that there shall be no fight over the Republicanism of Robert M. La Follette and an invitation was forthcoming today to the Wisconsin senators to attend the Republican senate conference to be held Saturday.

At the same time they have taken steps to assure a senate seat to Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, an avowed La Follette supporter.

While Republican leaders in the senate were shaping these decisions in conference last night, yesterday, on the house side the olive branch was in evidence in the plan to let the insurgents decide for themselves if they wish to be considered as returning to the party fold by their votes on organization of house, before dealing with them in making committee assignments.

Another test of "regularity" will be the vote on a return to the old rules of procedure. The insurgents forced amendment of the rules two years ago.

COOLIDGE KEEPS HANDS OFF

The development with respect to La Follette and Nye were made known officially after Chairman Watson of the Republican committee on committees and chairmen of the senate and house committees and elections committee had visited the White House yesterday. It was later stated there, however, that President Coolidge had not discussed these subjects with his senatorial callers and that he regarded the matter of dealing with the insurgents one for the senators themselves to decide.

DAMASCUS DUE FOR ANOTHER SHELLING TO EXPEL DRUSES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
DAMASCUS, Syria, Dec. 2.—The American consul today warned the American residents of Damascus to keep off the streets after 6 p. m.

The fanatical feeling here is running higher than before the sanguinary rising late in October.

BOTH FLIERS DIE WHEN PLANES MEET AND FALL IN BAY

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(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 2.—Captain Harry H. Shepherd and Lieutenant John D. Christian, airmen attached to United States Marine Aviation squadron No. 1, were killed this morning when their planes they were flying collided at a height of 3,000 feet over San Diego Bay.

Both airmen were flying Vought single seater planes and were engaged in combat flying when their planes collided.

They were flying at a speed of about 120 miles an hour and collided with a terrific crash. Tumbling end over end, the two planes fell into the bay. Rescue boats were sent to the scene and within a few minutes the body of Lieutenant Christian had been recovered by divers. The body of Captain Shepherd has not yet been located.

MANY NEW FACES WILL BE SEEN IN CONGRESS MONDAY

Opening Session Will Reveal Many Important Changes in Personnel of National Bodies.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Deaths, voluntary retirements and the voters' recall have wrought many changes in the personnel of congress since the last session began a year ago.

The year has seen the passing of 32 members of the house and senate, and when the gavel falls at noon next Monday there will be 75 new faces in the house and 14 in the senate.

Death has ended the careers of five members of the senate, two of them outstanding characters—Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, veteran of many historic battles, and Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana, one of the very few men to refuse a presidential nomination of a major political party. Other senators who have died are Modell McCormick of Illinois; Sheldon P. Spencer of Missouri, and Edwin F. Ladd of North Dakota.

Of the six house members who have answered the last earthly roll call, two were stalwarts, Julius Kahn, republican, California and Robert Y. Thomas, democrat, Kentucky. Death called also T. Frank Appleby, of New Jersey; John Jacob Rogers of Massachusetts; Arthur B. Williams of Michigan; and George B. Churchill of Massachusetts.

BOY'S BOAST OF HIS CONQUESTS LED TO MURDER

Gordon Pirie, 20, Relates Why He Killed His 19 Year Old Chum.

BOOZE ORGY DENIED

Chivalrous Nature Did Not Interfere With Act of Rifling Pockets of His Victim.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—A girl in the background of the killing of George Nye, 19, by his 20-year-old chum, Gordon Pirie, has been found but District Attorney McGowan wants more information about the habits of the woman before he will reveal her name.

Pirie said in a second confession made last night that Nye had boasted of conquests over every girl whose name was mentioned. Annoyed by Nye's disparagement of a certain girl, he invited him to spend the night with him and killed him as he slept. He denied, however, that either Violet Smith or Pirie's 15-year-old sister Margaret, was mentioned.

"A snarl of jealousy, perhaps mixed with jealousy, was the motive that Pirie said led him to batter his friend's head with a hatchet and then, to hide the body under his sister's bed, where it was found Sunday.

"He had a plan for disposing of the body, but it is too revolting to tell about," said Mr. McGowan.

Sunday evening, after the killing, Pirie went and took Violet and two other girls to a movie.

"The papers are all wrong when they talk about my drinking and wild parties," said Violet in telling about it. "Our bunch doesn't drink and not one of us girls smoke."

At the movie Pirie acted naturally and treated the girls to hot chocolate afterward with \$5.00 he had taken from Nye's pocket.

"I just can't believe he did it," said Violet. "I just can't. That's why I urged him to tell the truth."

Pirie's "gang" still believes in him and will stand by him, in her opinion. Mr. McGowan expects to ask a grand jury for a first degree indictment. Pirie is now held on a homicide charge.

OREGON WILL LOSE LITTLE ON LOANS TO WHEAT RAISERS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—The total loss to the state on loans made to farmers whose wheat was frozen one year ago, will not exceed 2 per cent of the total of \$296,431.50 loaned, says a report to the board today by James Stewart, investigator for the board. This would be a little under \$5,000 and it is said this will be cut down by excess interest payments.

AH but \$19,288.20 has been repaid the state. Of unpaid loans five are in Sherman county, totaling \$2610 and it is believed this will be paid this month.

Gilliam county has 31 loans, aggregating \$17,359.50 and Morrow county 47 loans totaling \$28,064.70 that are yet unpaid.

All loans are due January 1, but a few may have to be carried over to await another wheat crop.

JUNIOR PLAY WILL BE PRESENTED ON THURSDAY EVENING

The junior class play, "Mrs. Bumpstead-Lough," to be offered by the junior class of the Roseburg high school at the Antlers theatre on Thursday, Dec. 3, affords a wide latitude for the expression of the dramatic ability for which several members of the class are known. The present junior class has several members who have participated a great deal in entertainments and dramatics, and because of this training the class was able to select a comedy which is heavier than usually presented by high school students.

The cast has been rehearsing faithfully under competent coaching and instruction and is prepared to offer one of the finest school plays to be seen here.