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Tornado Today Hits Southern States

SEVERAL NOMINATIONS ARE MADE BY PRESIDENT

MARY ANDERSON IS NAMED BY HARDING AS DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Senate Has Confirmed Nomination of George Harvey, As Ambassador to Great Britain, and of Myron T. Herrick, As Ambassador to France.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—Mary Anderson was nominated by President Harding as the director of the women's bureau of the department of labor.

P. Foster Dahn, of California, was nominated for the bureau of mines. The senate confirmed the nominations of George Harvey, as ambassador to Great Britain, and Myron T. Herrick, as ambassador to France.

UNION TO HAVE FINE BRIDGES

FINEST IN STATE TO BE IN THIS COUNTY.

Between Here and Hilgard Large Structures Are Being Planned, to Be of Concrete Probably.

The road from La Grande to Hilgard will have some of the finest bridge structures in the state of Oregon, according to the plans being made by the state highway commission. While plans and specifications have not been completed yet for the bridges and overhead crossings, it is expected that work on many will be gotten under way this year and all will probably be built of concrete.

One of the largest of the structures is a combination structure bridging the Grande Ronde river and the O.W. railroad about a mile and a half from Hilgard. This structure will be 600 feet in length over all, about 300 feet of this distance being filled, the structure proper being about 300 feet long.

Another combination crossing over the railroad and Grande Ronde is two miles farther down the river. This structure will bridge a gap 300 feet in width, about 100 feet of which will probably be filled in. At Perry a river crossing about 180 feet in width will be bridged.

At the present undergrade crossing a new structure will be erected, the new structure to be of more permanent construction. An overhead bridge at Glover, a short way beyond Hilgard, and a number of other smaller bridges will also be built along this stretch of road.

Several other structures in the county are also being planned. A complete list of proposed bridges in Union county, as issued several days ago by the highway commission, follows:

UNION BOY HAS HAND BADLY CUT

UNION, Apr. 16.—Albert Gibson, of South Union, who had in the Manual Training school of the high school, had a hand very badly cut as a result of a fall from a tree. He was taken to the hospital at Hot Lake where the injury was treated.

Oregon's Guard Now Third Best

Lack of Funds Fails to Keep Citizen Army From Jumping to High Place in List.

SALEM, Apr. 16.—Oregon's national guard jumped to third place in the entire United States in strength and efficiency as shown in the monthly report received at the adjutant general's office from the secretary of war. Oregon continues far ahead of all Pacific coast and western states and in the entire United States is led slightly by Rhode Island and Minnesota. The state of Washington has dropped back to 14th place while California has slipped to 35th place in the national procession.

FARM LOANS TO BE RESUMED

FEDERAL LAND BANK MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT.

Farmers Applying for Large Amount of Loans—Money Must Be Used for Operating Farm.

The Federal Land Bank, of Spokane has just advised the Local Loan Association that they will now receive applications for loans without further delay. A supply of application blanks has been received by the local secretary, and prospective borrowers should make arrangements at once to apply for these loans, as only a small allotment at this time has been given this district.

At this time there is a serious scarcity of investment funds and the demand for farm loans is far in excess of the supply of money, and in renewing loan operations the Federal Land Bank has taken these facts into consideration and has asked that prospective borrowers shall be persons who are actually engaged in the operation of the farm mortgaged, and whose principal business is that of farming.

The Association has also been asked to discourage all applicants who contemplate using the money for investments which can be dispensed with for the present, and to discourage all who desire money for the payment of indebtedness which is not yet due.

Even under these restrictions, the secretary is receiving many applications and the land given as security will be appraised without delay and all applications forwarded to Spokane, and it is hoped that no great loss of time will be incurred in obtaining the money for these loans.

DEERE & COMPANY ANNOUNCE LOWER IMPLEMENT PRICES

MOLINE, Ill., Apr. 16.—Deere and Company have announced a ten per cent reduction of prices on farm implements.

HAINES STOCKMEN WILL PASTURE BEEF CATTLE THIS SUMMER

HAINES, Apr. 16.—Dodd & Coles, the Haines cattle dealers who are now based among Eastern Oregon's most extensive shippers of livestock, this week received from Southern Idaho points, 35 carloads of beef cattle which they will pasture in the locality and prepare them for the fall market. This is the largest shipment of cattle ever brought to here at one time, and added to the 12 carloads shipped last week, totals 47 carloads. There were 1250 head of cattle in the lot and over 400 calves. About 500 head were sent to other stockmen, 25 soon as unloaded.

EAST SIDE ROUTE IS BEST

LINEHART-ELGIN SECTION SAID TO BE VERY BAD.

Officials Favor East Side of River For New Road to Elgin—Has Numerous Advantages.

The county court, the county roadmaster and Division Engineer Ballock, of the state highway commission, inspected the right of way of the proposed Elgin-La Grande highway route on the east side of the river yesterday. All agreed that this would be the best route to follow.

The road along the west side is one mile longer, the grade is not so good and at present it is in a worse condition than the Cove road, according to John F. Birney, county roadmaster. Snow drifts on the west side route are a great menace to traffic and it would be almost impossible to keep that route open 12 months in the year.

Another factor which impressed the officials favorably on the east side is the fact that the Indian Valley section would be opened, if that route is selected. Between Linehart and Elgin the west side is almost impassable, it was reported yesterday.

DAVE SHADE IS WINNER OF BOUT

PORTLAND, Apr. 16.—Dave Shade, California welterweight, won the 10-round decision from Harry Schuman of Denver, last night. Schuman was groggy many times during the bout.

CHARGED WITH FAILING TO PAY HIS BOARD BILL

Andy Whitworth was brought to La Grande yesterday by Sheriff George Herbert of Baker county and turned over to Sheriff Lee Varnick, who wanted the prisoner for beating a board bill. Whitworth's case is pending in justice court.

New Bill Provides For Larger Grain Bag Duty

Reports from a reliable source, says a letter received here by the Union County Ad Club, are that the new tariff bill will increase the duty on jute grain bags, thus tending to raise the price the farmers of the west will have to pay for bags.

Word received here from Frank Ira White, manager of the foreign trade department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who says that the view taken by the Portland chamber is that there should be no change in the present duty on bags. It is set forth by Mr. White that, 10 million Calcutta bags are used annually by the farmers of the Pacific coast. Of this amount 35 million are imported direct from Calcutta and the remainder are manufactured in this country out of imported burlap. There is no duty on burlap at present but a 10 per cent duty is imposed on finished bags. It is the Portland view that to increase the duty on bags will merely force farmers to pay more for bags at a time when they are hard hit by the decline in the price of wheat.

GUARANTEE NOT ASKED BY CAPPER

SENATOR BELIEVES PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION ACT RESPONSIBLE FOR DULLNESS

BILL WILL DO AWAY WITH R.R. GUARANTEE

Capper Believes Interstate Commerce Commission Should Take Initiative in Reducing the Rates—Coast Would Probably Benefit by This Course.

(Observer Washington Bureau.) WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—Railroad companies will lose the guarantee of 5 1/2 per cent now provided for in the Esch-Cummings bill if Senator Capper can accomplish it. He believes that this feature of the transportation act is responsible for much of the difficulties of the country and particularly the reason for the lack of freight moving at the present time.

Will Urge Reduction. If he believes that the law which provides that the interstate commerce commission shall fix a rate for transportation which will produce earnings amounting to 5 1/2 per cent is capable of working both ways. In a speech he will make when he introduces the new bill he will state that he believes the commission should now on its own motion reduce the rates which have paralyzed business.

He believes that the law which provides this guaranty is removed it should be made to adapt itself to business conditions and the commission should not wait for shippers or railroad owners to ask for a change in the rates, but should proceed to a revision downward without further notice.

Wants Elimination. But Senator Capper will go further and will demand that this provision (Continued on Page Five.)

Rapidly Mounting Lists of Dead May Exceed Fifty

BEBE DANIELS STARTS JAIL SENTENCE.

SANTA ANNA, Calif., Apr. 16.—Rebe Daniels, motion picture actress, surrendered to the sheriff last night and began serving her ten days in jail for speeding. Miss Daniels was arrested several days ago, and during the court trial gave as her reason for speeding that she had a leaky radiator and was intent on getting to a shop to have it repaired.

FARMERS TALK CO-OPERATION

MEETING BEING HELD TODAY IN CITY HALL

State Association Marketing Plan Being Explained to Wheat Growers of This County.

Wheat growers of Union county are meeting in the council chamber of the city hall this afternoon to discuss the co-operative marketing plan of the Oregon Co-operative Wheat Growers association. A. R. Shumway, of Milton, president of the association, is the principal speaker of the afternoon.

C. A. Barnes, assistant district manager in charge of the organization work in this section, will explain the contract to the farmers. Harry G. Avery, county agricultural agent of Union county, who was in Pendleton yesterday conferring with Fred Bennion, Umatilla county agent, on the plan proposed by the national federation of farm bureaus will report on this conference and explain the plan of organization. Other speakers on the program are C. C. Payne, J. H. Doyle, Frank Kennon, Walter Pierce and Bruce Dennis. J. E. Reynolds, vice-president of the Union county farm bureau, is presiding at the meeting.

BABY DIES FROM PNEUMONIA.

BURIAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Robert Gale Newton, six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Newton, died at the family home, 2402 North Ash street, at 1:30 this morning, pneumonia being the cause of death.

Besides the parents, two sisters and one brother survive. Funeral services will be held from the Bohlenkamp chapel tomorrow afternoon.

Portland Market

PORTLAND, Apr. 16.—The live stock market was slow today; eggs unsettled and butter steady.

FOLLOWING INTENSE COLD SPELL AND BLIZZARD, CYCLONE HITS PARTS OF ARKANSAS, TEXAS, MISSISSIPPI AND ALABAMA.

Judge Ben Lindsey Makes Oral Plea

Asks For Remission of Fine or Suspension of Sentence Imposed By Court In 1915.

DENVER, Apr. 16.—Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of the juvenile court, today made an oral plea for the remission of a fine or suspension of the sentence imposed on him by a 1915 court, in refusing to divulge the confidential information given in the juvenile court by a boy whose mother was tried for murder several years ago. Following the plea, Judge Lindsey's attorneys were granted three days in which to file a motion asking for suspension of the sentence.

THREE LIQUOR MAKERS JAILED

DAYLIGHT RAID PRODUCES RESULTS

Police Confiscate Quantity of Freshly Made Moonshine and Materials for Making More

Ten gallons of moonshine with all the characteristics of the product made in the Kentucky hills was confiscated yesterday afternoon in a "daylight raid" made by the local police department on the house at 1604 Y avenue. Three men and a dray load of whiskey-making paraphernalia and corn mash were taken to the police station.

The three men, all Austrians, are Mike Melnich, alias Joe Jones, Tony Tortlich and Joe Bird. When the police arrived, coils leading from the 20-gallon copper still were still warm and the water in an old wash tub that was used to cool the steam in the coils was warm, showing that the making of the whiskey had just been completed.

One barrel of mash was confiscated and a second barrel was nearly empty, the mash having been used during the afternoon to make the moonshine which now reposes behind the bars in a vacant cell in the city prison. The three were charged with having liquor in their possession and will be arraigned in justice court this afternoon.

That the men were making liquor on a large scale is believed by the police. A new ten-gallon keg was found in the place and a trunk was confiscated in which the still was shipped, the men having rented the place March 21.

When Chief of Police Roy Flexer poured some of the freshly distilled liquor out this morning it had the only consistency that was considered a sign of purity by liquor experts in the old wet days. Touching a match to the fluid produced a blue flame, one of the characteristic signs of alcohol.

JAS. PANTING IS NEW PRESIDENT

BAKER, Apr. 16.—Colonel James A. Panting was this week elected president of the Baker County Realty Board to succeed Ed. Rand, who has resigned. The election was held following the regular weekly luncheon at the Geiser Grand hotel and it was the sense of the meeting that the organization as a unit do everything within its power to further the irrigation program. At the luncheon Walter Meacham, secretary of the chamber of commerce reported on the recent building convention in Portland, and George H. Curry, president of the La Grande Realty Board, who was a guest of the luncheon, complimented the Baker association on its progressiveness. J. H. Gifford, urged that a definite plan for the expenditure of all funds raised to promote irrigation projects be outlined.

Property Damage Is As Yet Unestimated; Wires Down; Large Number of Persons Injured, and Two Towns Are Wiped Out In Alabama.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Apr. 16.—The rapidly mounting death list that may exceed 50, dozens of persons injured, and a property damage yet unestimated, are the result of the tornado that cut a wide swath across parts of Miller and Hempstead counties, in Arkansas, and Case county, in Texas. In the rural sections of the upper Miller county, near Texas and Arkansas, 18 persons are known to have been killed and a large number injured. Near Hope, in Hempstead county, 15 to 20 were killed and scores injured, say press dispatches.

Towns Wiped Out. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Apr. 16.—The towns of Ralph in Tuscaloosa county and Sulligent, in Lamar county are reported wiped out in the cyclone which hit that region early today.

Houses Are Wrecked. HARRISBURG, Miss., Apr. 16.—One woman was killed and twelve persons injured in the tornado which struck this town. Ten houses were wrecked.

Wires Are Down. CHICAGO, Apr. 16.—Telegraphic communications in the west and the south are practically paralyzed as a result of the storms.

Montana In Blizzard. BOZEMAN, Mont., April 16.—Bozeman and other parts of Gallatin county were visited during Thursday and Friday by the worst windstorm in 49 years. At its highest point, near midnight, the wind attained a velocity of 48 miles per hour and throughout the night and until daylight it was close to that point. In the outlying districts barns and outbuildings were unroofed and in cases demolished. One frame building on the edge of town here, in which the watchman for a greenhouse sleeps, was tipped over by the wind. He escaped injury. Telegraph and telephones in all directions were down and wire service crippled.

Deep Snow Falls. DENVER, Apr. 16.—The Rocky Mountains are slowly recovering from the worst snow storm of the winter, which yesterday covered the district with snow even to fourteen inches, blocked railroads and paralyzed wires.

A gale of 42 miles an hour was raging here yesterday. Telegraph and telephone communication was hampered, trains were late and reports coming in hourly added to the extent of the storm.

Seven miles of telephone poles south of Denver fell under the heavy gale. A hundred telegraph poles near Littleton, Colo., were reported down. There was no telegraph service in the southeastern and northern parts of Denver, and 150 men worked to keep electric light and power wires in order. The mercury in Denver stood at 32 degrees.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Apr. 16.—Ten persons were killed and over 100 injured, and scores of houses were destroyed, in the storms in Northern Alabama today.

Train Plunges Into Creep. LAUREL, Miss., Apr. 16.—One man was killed, and several persons injured, when the south-bound railroad train plunged into a creek south of here, following the heavy rain washing out the road bed.

WHEAT SHIPPED OUT. JOSEPH, Or., Apr. 16.—There has been shipped from Joseph in the last ten days 13,000 tons of wheat. The elevator company shipped five cars to Minneapolis, at the same number to Portland, and the Joseph Milling company shipped four cars to Portland.

