

ASSISTANCE IS PLEDGED TO ALASKA

Cabinet Heads Enlighten People As To Progressive Plans.

HOOVER AND WORK SEE FINE FUTURE

Alaska "Some Day Will Develop Four or Five Great States" Says Commerce Secretary.

(By Associated Press.) ANCHORAGE, July 19.—A pledge that steps would be taken, within three months, which would place Alaska more in the way of progress than ever before, has been given by Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce. Speaking Tuesday night at a dinner of the county court, the secretary said: "Within the next three months we shall effect some measures that will co-ordinate Alaska better than heretofore, so that out of this we may do something worth doing. The greatest thing we might do is to establish happy co-operation, to build a new country so that Alaska will have a greater vision of America than the matter of control of her fisheries and lands. She has the building of a great state."

Secretary Hoover pointed out that Alaska would not be developed in great rushes like Oklahoma and California, but "some day would develop four or five great states."

Work Disillusioned. Secretary Work of the interior department, in an address, said: "Some people told me that the Alaskans wanted everything. I have been disillusioned. It seems they do not want anything but to be allowed to live here the same as elsewhere. I think Alaska could produce enough food for her own people if the population were a million."

William Spry, former governor of Utah and now commissioner of the general land office, stated to the Associated Press: "We must relax the restrictions and encourage big capital to come to Alaska and include a more liberal policy toward mining and coal lands."

This was seconded by Secretary Work, who said: "Many things are needed for developing Alaska's resources, more liberality and an easier way of doing business than heretofore."

IS STUDYING COVE CHERRY

Cove is entertaining Dr. G. E. Sanders, a representative of The Dallas Chamber of Commerce, who is in the county to make a study of the Cove cherry.

Dr. Sanders is a rust master in fruit culture. He knows more about the sprouting of a twig, the effect a fly has on the crop two years hence and the possibility of a cut worm at the root of a tree than does the fellow who studied under Burbank.

Down at The Dalles the cherry growers are confronted with two problems to keep their product up to the Cove standard—one is pollenization and the other is fertilization. These are things the doctor is giving his attention to and he has the assistance of every Cove grower.

"I have never been treated so nicely in my life as I am being treated by the people of the Cove," he remarked to a reporter for the Evening Observer yesterday, and then he turned his mind to his profession telling the reporter about a lot of names of fruit diseases in Latin which the layman can't remember.

Pigeons Cross Sierras. POCAHELLO, Ida., July 19.—Two of the 13 homing pigeons released here July 13 reached their home lofts at Hayward and Oakland, Cal., 36 hours and 20 minutes after being liberated at Pocatello. While the flight is not remarkable for speed it is taken into consideration that the birds traveled under adverse circumstances, facing a head-on wind over the Sierras. The average flying speed was 665 yards a minute, or a mile in 2.6 minutes.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 19
Fair tonight and Friday.

Dawn to Dusk Flight Is On

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 19.—Maughan arrived at Cheyenne at 2:32 o'clock, mountain time.

OMAHA, July 19.—Maughan passed Kearney, Nebraska about 1:30 o'clock.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 19.—Maughan arrived here 11:25 Central standard time and departed at 12:03 o'clock for Cheyenne, on his nonstop flight. He slept six minutes here. Maughan is carrying a bundle of today's New York morning newspapers which he expects to sell in San Francisco tonight.

MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y. July 19.—Maughan's schedule, prepared before his first attempted transcontinental flight, on the basis of 160 miles per hour average speed, is being used today. He plans to make 20 minute stops at Dayton, St. Joseph, Cheyenne and Salt Duro.

DAYTON, Ohio, July 19.—Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan arrived at McCook field here at 8:55 this morning, on the first leg of his dawn to dusk flight from New York to San Francisco.

BAND PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

Concert Friday Evening To Begin at 7:45 O'clock Sharp; Five Excellent Numbers on Program.

"The concert to be given tomorrow evening at the corner of Greenwood and Washington will begin promptly at 7:45 o'clock," stated Andrew Loney, Jr., director of the La Grande Municipal Band today. "The reason that we are arranging for concerts fifteen minutes earlier than previously, is that we may obtain full benefit of the daylight, which at that time is still sufficiently bright to give us an added advantage."

The concert to be held tomorrow evening is one of the regular mid-summer evening open-air concerts.

A program of excellence has been arranged and is as follows:

- Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor" (O. Nicolai); second number, (a) "An Egyptian Love Dance" (Pryor), (b) "Fuzzy Wuzzy Bird" (Fox trot by Weeks); third number, selection, "The Mikado" (Sullivan); fourth number, Concert waltz, "Dolores" (E. Waldteufel); fifth number, Suite "Atlantis" (Safarnek); 1. Nocturn and Morning Hymn of Naetum. 2. Court Function. 3. I Love Thee. 4. Destruction of Atlantis.

The concert will be conducted as usual with cars allowed to park in the streets leading up to the intersection. Cars should not, however, be allowed to interfere with the concert due to their owners starting them or letting the engine run during numbers.

South Dakota Murder Is Caused By Cock Crowing

(By the Associated Press.) SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—The crowing of a rooster every morning was the cause of the shooting to death of Eugene P. Griffith, 42, here Wednesday, according to police who have Charles L. Ferguson, the alleged slayer, under surveillance.

The rooster, the alleged cause of the slaying, will crow no more. Its body with its neck wrung, was found beside that of Griffith.

According to the story Ferguson told police, he found Griffith in his hen house Wednesday after the latter had threatened to "stop the crowing if the rooster was not disposed of." When Ferguson ordered Griffith to raise his hands, the latter refused and the owner of the rooster fired the second bullet striking Griffith in the heart.

Ferguson was arrested on a charge of murder, the warrant being sworn out and served by Hugh S. Gamble, state's attorney.

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Banks Criticized. PORTLAND, July 19.—W. B. Walters of Corvallis, speaking at the convention of the Northwest Real Estate Association today, declared that some Benton county banks had not shown any inclination to aid the farmer's. He declared that some banks were charging as high as 10 per cent on chattel mortgages. He criticized the banks for investing in Eastern securities instead of making loans at a reasonable interest rate. Walters charged that the federal land bank used too much red tape and some appraisers did not know land values. S. E. Hege, Spokane, declared that the federal land banks did a great service and reduced the interest to farmers from two and one-half to three per cent.

PEOPLE AWAIT LEADERS' VIEW OF LAFOLLETTE

Wisconsin Senator Declares Minnesota Election Not Sectional, But Same Spirit Sweeping Country.

MADISON, July 19.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, in a statement in connection with the election of Magnus Johnson as United States senator from Minnesota, declared that "the old Lincoln spirit is again sweeping the west." "It will find its echoes in the east, south and middle west just as soon as courageous and able leaders of the type of Magnus Johnson arise to champion the cause of the common people," he said.

Senator LaFollette said the election of Johnson does not merely express sectional protest of disgruntled farmers and working men. The voice of Minnesota is the voice of the common people, who are determined to free themselves from the monopoly of power over their lives. "They have learned to know the real enemies of their political and economic liberty," he said.

Johnson Lead Increases (By the Associated Press)

ST. PAUL, Min.—A few scattered added returns from Monday's special senatorial election in Minnesota continued to raise the plurality total of Magnus Johnson, farmer-laborite, and his lead kept up its march toward the 99,000 mark.

To Seek Re-election.

ST. PAUL, July 19.—With the United States senatorial situation settled until the 1924 fall election, interest of political observers was turned Wednesday to probable developments when the six-year senatorship is up for determination.

Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Laborite, chosen in Monday's special election by a plurality of more than 80,000, will serve through the unexpired term of the late Senator Knute Nelson, which ends in March, 1925.

His friends declare it a "natural conclusion to assume that he will

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W. T. BARTMESS IS BURIED, PORTLAND

The final services over the remains of William Thomas Bartmess, who died in Portland at his late residence, 416 East 44th street, July 16, at the age of 71 years, were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the chapel of Snook & Whelan, Belmont in Portland. Interment was made in the Rose City cemetery.

The deceased was the husband of Mary A. Bartmess and the father of Mrs. S. L. Jones, J. W. and F. E. Bartmess, all of Portland; Mrs. F. Curtis of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. J. G. Kirk of Long Beach, and G. E. Bartmess of Alma, Wash., and the brother of Mrs. Alice Wilton of Central, Wash.

He was a member of the Bartmess family of La Grande and Union county and was well known among older residents here.

Says Dunlap Fired First

ALBANY, July 19.—Testimony in the trial of George Parker for the murder of Sheriff Dunlap was completed and court was adjourned until a chemist examines marks on Parker's cap, alleged to be powder marks from Dunlap's gun.

After the state rested Parker testified that Dunlap fired first at him and that he returned the fire in a moment of excitement.

ALBANY, July 19.—The Parker murder trial was resumed after District Attorney Lowalling yielded admission that the marks on Parker's cap are powder marks. Parker was recalled to testify that he had possession of the cap at all times after he left the hospital. The arguments then began.

ROAD FUNDS DISCUSSED

Commission Holds That City Is Entitled To Full Portion; Parking Alteration Is Considered.

Meeting in regular session last evening, the city commission of La Grande discussed several matters of importance. A communication was received from County Judge U. G. Couch, relating to road funds money due the city of La Grande. The commissioners held that as the city had expended none of the funds in question, that the city should have their full portion of the distribution without any deductions.

It was suggested last evening that the city change the plan of parking now in vogue, instead parking the cars and other vehicles in the center of the street. This plan is now followed by Pendleton and many other Oregon cities and has been found satisfactory. No definite action was taken on the matter but final consideration will be made when Sherwood Williams, president of the commission, returns. He is expected to arrive home about the first of August. During Mr. Williams' absence Dr. H. S. Brownson presides at the commission meetings.

The monthly report of the street and water superintendent and the weekly report of the city manager were read and approved.

DEMOCRATS VISIT FORD, IS REPORT

DETROIT, July 19.—Several Democrats, prominent in national politics, have made personal pilgrimages to Henry Ford's home at Dearborn during the last few weeks, according to former Judge William F. Connelly, Democratic national committeeman of Michigan.

Connelly made the statement when questioned concerning reports that attempts were being made by Democratic party leaders to ascertain just where Ford stands on national issues and how loyal he would be to the party if supported for presidential nomination.

Wheat Quotations, PORTLAND, July 19.—Hard White \$1.04; Western Red \$2.98.

BRITISH NOTE TO GERMANY UP FOR APPROVAL

Ministers To Discuss Text Today; Probably Will Be In Hands of Allies and Germans Friday.

Paris, July 19.—The German government, through the embassy in London, is striving to have the forthcoming British note on reparations conveyed to the French government (Germany's willingness to cease passive resistance in the Ruhr subject to certain concessions by France. This information reached the French government on reliable unofficial authority.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 19.—The draft of British note to Germany was completed Wednesday and it is said that one sitting of the cabinet council Thursday will suffice to obtain approval of the ministers, in which case, the note with covering letter, probably will be dispatched to the allied governments Friday for their approval, and to Washington, not necessarily for comment, but as a matter of courtesy.

It is generally understood that neither document will see the light officially until the note is in the hands of the German government, the date of which will depend on how long the British government has to wait for replies from the allies.

It is in the power of France to employ delaying tactics, but it is supposed that after waiting a reasonable time, Lord Curzon will dispatch the note to Berlin, with or without French approval.

Rigid Silence Maintained. Owing to the non-competition of certain clauses in the British draft of the reply to the German reparations memorandum and the explanatory letter to accompany it, the cabinet meeting scheduled for Wednesday was postponed until Thursday.

The most rigid silence is being observed by everyone connected with the foreign office regarding the nature of the British response.

The task of Lord Curzon, the secretary of foreign affairs, is composing this document, which is intended to contain at least some element pleasing to all sides, is admitted to be one of exceptional delicacy. (Continued on page 5)

Turk Treaty Unacceptable

(By the Associated Press.) L.A. U.S.A. N.N.E.—The Turco-American treaty negotiations are delayed over three main points, which probably will require further conference between Joseph C. Grew and Ismet Pascha before real progress can be expected in drafting the new treaty. The United States wants Turkey to recognize in the treaty the American naturalization laws, but the Turks point out that Turkish laws prevent Turkish subjects who become citizens of other countries from returning to Turkey.

If the Americans insist upon such recognition, the Turks will demand that the provisions relating to Turkish subjects shall be added to the treaty clause, but the Americans cannot accept any treaty denial of the rights of American citizens, and the subject has been left for further consideration.

NEW METHODIST PASTOR IN CITY

Reverend Elmer Grant Keith Arrived With His Family Yesterday Afternoon.



REV. ELMER GRANT KEITH

Reverend Elmer Grant Keith, newly appointed Methodist pastor for the La Grande Methodist church, accompanied by Mrs. Keith and family, arrived in La Grande yesterday afternoon by auto and is today located at the parsonage at 809 Spring street.

Reverend Keith will deliver his first sermon Sunday morning. An excellent program has been arranged which includes a vocal solo by Miss Kathleen B. Campbell, formerly of Portland.

In the evening Dr. Charles L. Boyard, area secretary of the Methodist benevolent boards, with headquarters at Helena, Montana, will speak. Dr. Boyard and Rev. Keith's subjects will be announced in the church announcement columns of the Evening Observer Saturday.

Rev. Keith is taking the pulpit left vacant by Rev. George H. Quigley who is now pastor of the First Emmanuel Methodist church of Boise, Idaho.

Gas 12 Cents Gallon

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES—Gasoline was being retailed at 12 cents a gallon Wednesday in a number of independent gasoline stations.

This is one cent under the price of Tuesday's and seven cents under the charge of the larger companies.

Kills Family

(By Associated Press.) WAVERLY, Miss.—William Puntsett, 26, shot and killed his wife, mother-in-law and his sister-in-law yesterday afternoon in a quarrel at their home here. Puntsett was arrested a few minutes later.

Increase Is Noted In Cost of Retail Food

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Although the general level of wholesale prices throughout the country increased nearly 2 per cent from May to June, according to figures assembled by the bureau of labor statistics, the retail food index showed an increase of 1 per cent.

Among the 404 commodities included in the wholesale price statistics, building materials showed the largest decrease, averaging 4 per cent while metals declined 2.3-4 per cent, chemicals and drugs, 2.1-4 per cent and fuel and lighting materials about 2 per cent. Farm products, food, cloths and clothing and miscellaneous commodities registered smaller declines. Decreases were shown in 190 commodities, increases in 53 and 161 were listed as unchanged.

Foodstuffs Increase.

Thirteen articles of food increased in price on retail between May 15 and June 15, while 15 showed de-

CAPTAIN OF ILL-FATED MAINE DEAD

Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee Is Dead in New York Home.

HEART TROUBLE THOUGHT CAUSE

Had Been In Ill Health for the Last Two Years; Was Famous as Inventor and Naval Officer.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, of the United States navy, retired, captain of the ill-fated battleship Maine, died suddenly in his home here today. He had been in poor health for the last two years. Heart trouble was thought to be the cause. Only yesterday, he was out riding.

Biographical Sketch

Rear Admiral Charles Dwight Sigsbee rose to fame through one of the greatest naval disasters in American history—the "blowing up of the Maine." He was 52 years old at the time; a captain, a veteran of the Civil War, and an inventor of deep-sea exploring and sounding apparatus.

Captain Sigsbee, commander of the Maine, was ordered to Havana harbor to protect American lives and property during the crisis of the Cuban rebellion against Spain in 1898. As the vessel was on a friendly mission, she was received with the customary courtesies from the forts and Spanish war ships, and the usual official visits. She was assigned to a special anchorage and placed there by the proper agents of the Spanish government.

On the evening of February 15 the big white battleship had been riding quietly at anchor for more than two weeks. Captain Sigsbee went to his cabin shortly after 3 o'clock and wrote a letter to his wife. By the time he had finished many of the 228 men and 26 officers were asleep. The Captain had just enclosed the letter in an envelope and started to seal it when a deafening roar sounded through the ship.

The great vessel began to list. Groping his way through the dark, Sigsbee reached the deck. A scene of horror greeted him. The Maine was sinking.

"None can ever know," he said later, "the awful scenes of consternation, despair and suffering down in the forward compartments; of men wounded, or drowning in the swirling water. It is comforting to believe, and it is probably true, also, that most of those who were lost were killed instantly."

The tragedy cost the lives of 264 sailors. The news spread over the world in a few hours, but not before the entire American nation was aroused to a pitch of fiery belief.

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BIG CONVENTION MEETS AT UNION

State Gathering of Neighbors of Woodcraft To Hold Meeting This Week.

The town of Union is to be host Friday and Saturday to the state lodge of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, a ladies' fraternal organization that is recognized as one of the leading orders of the state.

Committees have been appointed among the Union people to make the visitors happy and the Union hotel will be a scene of lights and entertainment during the stay of the feminine guests.

WELL, WELL, THEY'VE FINALLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT

