BONUS BILL PASSES HOUSE TODAY AFTER 40-MINUTE DEBATE

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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Heavy frost.

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Hunt's Washington Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON. (NEA Special)—The log one of day's Senate oil investigation. Just a typical day in the long-drawn inquiry.

9 a. m. Doors to committee room unlocked. Group of early arrivals, mostly women who dote on sensations, hurry in and get front seats in the public section. Buzz of conversation, reviewing past sessions, begins.

9:30 a. m. Room filling up. Attendants carry in more chairs. The vaulted ceiling extending through two stories, takes on appearance of society ballroom in use for fashionable lecture on "Personality—How to Get it."

9:45. Dick Collins of the Senate Press Gallery comes in with an armful of yellow "copy" paper which he distributes to press tables. Newspapermen begin arriving. Ed Smithers, White House telegrapher who works the Washington end of Ned McLean's private wire of evenings, takes a seat on a big leather couch behind the committee table. With him is "Pat" McKenna, stocky, round-faced doorkeeper at the White House who wired McLean Secretary Slemp was leaving for Palm Beach. Room now crowded. Standing room only.

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9:57. Senator Lodd, retiring acting chairman, enters from private ante-room, seats self at table. Walsh comes briskly in.

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SEAT SALE TO BE THURSDAY

Reserved seats for the "Merrymakers" the annual high school boys' stunt show will be obtainable at the Glass Drug Store at 2 o'clock Thursday, March 20th. In view of the football tactics that have been necessary to obtain seats for recent high school attractions it would seem superfluous to say "come early to avoid the rush." However, advance seat sales are exceeding expectations and a word of warning would not seem amiss.

The money raised by the show

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FRED JANSSEN ADMITS KILLING WIFE IN DENVER

DENVER. (AP)—Fred Janssen arrested in Pueblo yesterday, confessed today that he had killed his wife and placed her body in the trunk, police announced.

DENVER, Colo. (AP) — Fred Janssen, arrested Monday at Pueblo, declared that he had hired a Mexican to kill his wife and he himself had shipped the body in a trunk to Ogden.

Janssen was suspected Saturday by officers of slaying his wife whose body was found in a trunk by a baggageman at Ogden, Utah. Blood on the trunk had made the baggageman suspicious as to its contents.

BERGDOLL DENIES AN AGREEMENT TO RETURN TO U. S.

EBERBACH, Baden (AP) — Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft evader, denied today reports that he had agreed to return to the United States, but announced his willingness to consider proposals giving assurances of exact punishment if he returns.

MORE DRAWN INTO OIL NET

REJECTS ALL BIDS ON THE COVE ROAD

TWO BIDS HELD NOT ACCEPTED

County Court Spends Most of Morning Making Decision

MUST ADVERTISE FOR NEW OFFERS

Call Uncertain But Will Probably Be Made Sometime in the Immediate Future.

A few minutes before noon today, County Judge U. G. Couch and Commissioners John Wells and J. F. Hutchison, composing the Union county court, rejected all bids entered for the construction of a Cove-Island City highway.

The decision was reached after long consideration and the action was taken following exhaustive search into the question from every angle.

When new advertising for bids will be made is not certain but this will probably occur in the near future.

Consideration of the two bids—the one entered by the New Port construction company and the one by the Columbia construction company—occupied the greater part of this morning's session of the county court, called for a special meeting to decide upon the respective possibilities of the two offers.

New Port construction company agreed to build the Cove-Island City road for a total of $139,584 and the Columbia construction company would do the work for $115,873. Both of these bids are well within the bond issue—which was for $276,000 of which some has been expended putting the road bed into shape and attending to other necessary work.

Several bids were received March 6th, when the county commission first opened bids for the Island City-Cove roadwork, but due to a desire to further probe into both bids retained, it was decided to hold over final consideration until today.

Income Taxes Paid Total $377,848,840

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Income taxes for 1923, paid before March 15, totalled $377,848,840 which is approximately the same amount as was paid a year ago.

STINGLESS BEES APPEAR

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—Stingless bees now are available, to add to the scientifically developed world wonder class—the spikeless cactus, the stringless bean and the seedless grapefruit.

The stingless bee is an exhibit shown to beekeepers in this region by E. J. Campbell, of Tenino, Wash. The bee, which is of the Adel strain, has no offensive armament whatever, and if attacked has no recourse save flying away.

According to Campbell, the Adel bee is an excellent honey gatherer and a great playmate for the children.

O.P. Hoff Is Dead Today In Portland

State Treasurer Answers to Call at 7:40 O'clock This Morning.

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—State Treasurer O. P. Hoff died at a hospital here at 7:40 o'clock this morning.

Hoff has been treasurer since 1919 and was re-elected in 1922. Previously to that for 15 years he was state labor commissioner. He was born in Norway in 1862 and came to the United States when a boy.

In the passing of "Ole" Hoff, as his intimate friends called him, there leaves Oregon public life a man whose career was rather remarkable.

Many years ago he became interested in state affairs, was elected as labor commissioner in which office he acquired quite a following, and later was elevated to the office of state treasurer. Bitter fights have occurred but Hoff kept plodding along in the even tenor of his way, always holding to the belief that the fury of the storm is worse than the result.

He has been a sick man for many months and has been unable to fill his position on the state board of control. His work as state treasurer has been discharged satisfactory by his dejutes during his absence from office.

TO TAKE THOR TO PORTLAND

Lee Moreclock, United States deputy marshal from Portland, arrived in La Grande this morning for the purpose of taking Sidney Thor and Mrs. "Billy" Huntley or McLoughlin, to Portland where Thor will face charges of white slavery and the girl will be held as a material witness.

The two were arrested here some time ago and lodged in jail, then held on a vagrancy charge. Shortly afterwards Justice Day, of Boise, Idaho, arrived here and charged Thor with transporting the girl from Washington into Oregon.

They will probably be taken to Portland tonight.

"CIVIL SERVICE" TO BE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY EVE

The M. I. A. players of La Grande will present a three act comedy drama "Civil Service" in the high school auditorium Wednesday night March 19, at 8:15 o'clock.

The cast of characters follows:

Old R. F. D., A Mystery—Ralph Webb.
B. J. Cochran, The Inspector—Jasper Perry.
J. L. Reynolds, The Postmaster—Warren Ashby.
Steve Audaine, The Young Money Order Clerk—Glenn Hallmark.
Simpson Peavy, The Mailing Clerk—Jeff Bean.
Goldie Wex, The Country Boy—Clayton Coalwell.
Octavia, The Postmaster's Daughter—Myrtle Black.
Mrs. T. B. Jeffs, A Lady of Importance—Irma Lyman.
Miss Goldstein, A Collector—Ruth Brumwell.
Birdie Bivins, A Hired Girl—Marie Andrew.
Kate Kenyon, The Plucky Little Stamp Girl—Lyla Bean.

BASEBALL DANCE LAST NIGHT WAS JOYFUL AFFAIR

Excellent music, an excellent floor and a joyous crowd last evening in the Rex hall resulted in the dance given by the La Grande baseball club proving a complete success. About 200 or more attended the affair, which was for the purpose of raising money to defray incidental expenses the baseball players will incur early in the season.

Dancing began about 9 o'clock and did not end until midnight. Music was furnished by Olsen's orchestra, with an augmented personnel.

WATER SYSTEM PLANS FULLY DISCUSSED BY CITIZENS AT CITY HALL

Many Favor Summerville Project and Many Favor Trying to Get Deep Well System; Resolution Passes Asking City Commission to Put Summerville Project on the Ballot.

At the end of a considerable discussion, both pro and con, and explanations of the proposed Summerville water works system, the citizens gathered in the city hall last evening, by a majority vote, endorsed the city commission's proposed bond issue. The resolution was to thine effect that the Summerville project be placed before the people by the commission for their approval or rejection.

Satisfaction was expressed by members of the commission who were present at result of the resolution.

Humphreys Presides.

The meeting was called to order about 7:40 o'clock with the commission room filled with citizens eages to hear further explanations of the Summerville project and also to advance their opinions as to what should be done to secure for La Grande a permanent water supply of an adequate nature. Dr. H. S. Brownton, president of the city commission, took the chair and called for nominations for a chairman. C. M. Humphreys was nominated and unanimously elected to the position which he immediately filled.

Frank Hayes, city manager, spoke first and in his speech presented past, present and future aspects of the water problem. He dwelt upon the fact that the present water system is inadequate to a certain degree and that La Grande badly needed a new system, one that would supply this city with water in quantity commensurate with future growth.

Touches Wells.

Mr. Hayes spoke of Dr. Packard's investigation some time ago relative to the deep well source and told of his findings, which were that it is very unlikely that wells of an artesian or deep nature would result successfully. Dr. Packard, an Oregon geologist, associated with the state university, was of the opinion that an attempt to supply the people with water by wells should be undertaken only as a last resort.

Mr. Hayes then spoke of the Summerville springs, situated 82 feet higher than La Grande, stating that their flow would undoubtedly prove adequate for a city much larger than La Grande.

"One objectionable feature, however," he said, "is that we would have to pump the water to the reservoir. But this, to a large extent, would be cared for by electric power proposed to be generated from the Beaver Creek system."

Furnish 5,990,000 Gallons.

He asserted that the Summerville springs could furnish 5,990,000 gallons of water for consumption every 24 hours. Slightly less is expected, however, as the proposed pipe line would carry a lesser flow. He stated that an option

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BULLETINS

STRICT ECONOMY PLANNED.

Washington. (AP)—A program of strict economy for future administration of naval oil lands, including Teapot Dome and the California reserves, if they are returned by the courts to the jurisdiction of the navy department, was forecast today in an order issued by acting Secretary Roosevelt.

REFORM MEASURE PASSED.

Paris, (AP)—The Senate today passed in entirely the fiscal reform measures of Premier Poincare, 151 to 23.

FAVORABLY REPORTED.

Washington. (AP)—An arbitration treaty negotiated between the United States and 16 other American nations at the Fifth Pan-American conference in Santiago last May was favorably reported today by the senate foreign relations committee.

FLYERS GET EARLY START.

Mather Field, Sacramento. (AP)—Three world flyers took off for Eugene at 9:15 o'clock this morning. They planned to fly at a slow rate of 55 to 60 miles per hour on account of a heavy north wind, which may make them later than three o'clock in arriving at Eugene.

Late News Flashes

COMPENSATION BILL PASSED.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The house of representatives today passed a soldier bonus bill providing paid-up 20-year endowment life insurance policies and cash payments to those veterans not entitled to more than $50 adjusted compensation. Adjusted service credit is figured on the basis of one dollar a day for home service and a dollar and a quarter per day for overseas duty, the first sixty days not counting.

The house vote came after 40 minutes of debate under a rule requiring a two-third majority. The result indicated there are enough house votes to override a presidential veto.

MYERS NAMED NEW TREASURER.

SALEM, Ore. (AP).—Governor Pierce today announced the selection of Jefferson Myers, Portland business man, as state treasurer. Myers, a Democrat, will serve until an election successor is named.

Myers is connected with the Oregon Life Insurance company and at present hold an official state position as a member of the advisory committee of the state irrigation and drainage securities commission. As state treasurer he becomes, by virtue of that office, a member of the state board of control. For the first time since the board of control has been in existence that body now has a Democratic majority.

Other members of the board are the governor, secretary of state, and Myers, who as treasurer, will have several important appointments at his disposal.

Try This With Your Piano

Kathe Wremke, the 17-year-old strong girl of Berlin, does the above little stunt every day before breakfast, it is said. Works up her appetite, so to speak.

MELLON, WEEKS WILL TESTIFY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Subpoenaes were issued today for Secretaries Mellon and Weeks by the senate committee investigating Daugherty.

They will be questioned about a government contract with the Standard Aircraft corporation in connection with which Gaston B. Means testified he accepted $100,000 for the late Jesse Smith to stop further legal action.

William A. Orr, part owner of the Dempsey-Carpentier films, was the first witness today and declared he was "sore" because Hildridge yesterday classified everybody connected with the film deal as a "crook."

OTTO MAISHAK BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

Otto Maishak, about 20 years of age, was last Monday bound over to wait the action of the grand jury relative to a charge placed against him accusing him of the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. Maishak's bond's were placed at $4,000 which he raised. The grand jury will probably convene early in April. His hearing occurred before Judge Hugh Brady.

Trail of Wong Sing and Mary Sing, charged with violations of the narcotic laws, was scheduled to start in police court this afternoon before Judge Hugh Brady.

Wine Overflows Some Cellars in California

SANTA ROSA, Cal. (AP)—Unless the "national duty" laws are modified Jack London's famous "Valley of the Moon" will have vats full of wine for many years to come. A recent survey of wine held in Sonoma county cellars showed 10,000,000 gallons on hand and "moving slowly."

Sales of wine legally for medicinal or sacramental purposes, it is said, do not keep up with the increase. New wine or spirits must be added each year to keep up the quality of the older wine, it is explained.

Sonoma county's wine grape vineyards cover 17,000 acres of some of California's richest lands about fifty miles north of San Francisco.

The total wine-grape production of California fell from 450,000 tons in 1922 to 428,000 tons in 1923. The total bearing acreage of wine grapes in the state is 121,218 acres, mostly in northern and central valleys.

LOUIS BOND NAMES MANY INVOLVED IN OIL GAMBLE

Daugherty's Account Is Gone Into; Attorney General Speculated

CONGRESSMEN, SENATORS NAMED

Curtis, Elkins, Slemp, House, Koontz, Himes and Ryan All Dealt in Oil Speculations.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Daugherty, Senator Curtis, of Kansas, Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, and C. Bascom Slemp, now President Coolidge's secretary, are among the public officials who had transactions in the Sinclair or Doheny oil stocks around the time of the leases of the naval oil reserves, Slemp at this time was a member of the house of representatives.

The above names were disclosed today when Louis F. Bond, federal trade commission accountant, testified concerning examination of brokers' books.

Others Also Involved

Other representatives dealing in oil stocks included A. B. Rouse, of Kentucky; Koontz, of West Virginia; J. H. Himes, of Ohio and Thomas J. Ryan, of New York.

Daugherty's account with W. B. Hibbs and company, of Washington, was opened in November, 1921 Bond said, in his own name and was subsequently changed to the name of W. W. Shaid, a member of Hibbs and company.

On October 9, 1922, Daugherty sold 500 shares of Sinclair Consolidated and on October 27, he purchased an equal amount of the same stock, Bond said.

Price McKinney, of Cleveland,

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GUARD MUSTER DUE TONIGHT

With examinations of a physical sort completed, the La Grande unit of the United States National Guard of Oregon, will be mustered in at 8 o'clock this evening in the Central grammar school building on Fourth street. R. R. Huron today stated that it was imperative that all members be present at the building at that time so that the work be not impeded.

Considerable elation is felt in La Grande due to securing a guard unit which will not only give this city a beneficial training for those who wish to join the guard and a military unit that might be called out in emergencies but it will also provide La Grande with an armory within a year or so, according to reports.

Though the majority who have enlisted in the unit are of the younger class, a goodly number are ex-service men.

Preparing Briefs on Suit Against the City

Hearings on the circuit court case, Epperly vs. City of La Grande, started yesterday. The case involves a paving assessment held against the plaintiff by the city, which he alleges had been paid before he purchased the property, or, if not, the length of time having elapsed since the assessment was laid having outlawed it. The attorneys are preparing briefs on the case to-day.

ARMY FLYERS CHANGE PLANS

SACRAMENTO (By the Associated Press)—The round-the-world army flyers are to fly to Eugene, Oregon, and stay there over night instead of Vancouver Barracks.

They will resume their flight tomorrow from Eugene to Seattle.

The flyers are due in Eugene about 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Major Martin, in Sacramento this morning, just before his departure for Mather Field here, stated that because of the long jump from Mather Field to Vancouver Barracks and the short jump from Vancouver Barracks to Seattle it had been deemed advisable to shorten today's flight to 500 miles, between Mather Field and Eugene.

Flying conditions are virtually perfect in Sacramento Valley this morning.

British May Try to Encircle the Globe

(By CHARLES A. SMITH)

LONDON (INS)—England's attempt for round-the-world flight honors is expected to start April 15, when her chosen representatives start out to encircle the world by air.

All plans are now said to be completed, and the forthcoming effort is claimed by its sponsors to be the most highly organized expedition of its kind yet planned.

Squadron leader A. Stuart MacLaren, of the British Royal Air force and one of the most daring English aviators, will be the leader and will be accompanied by Flying Officer W. N. Plenderleigh and Sergeant Andrews, also of the Royal Air force and both skilled mechanics.

The start will be made from this city on the morning of the fifteenth, and the machine to be used is a new and improved Vickers-Vaking amphibian model, fitted with a 450-horsepower Napier engine. The machine has a range of about 1500 miles and as the last lap will be across the Atlantic ocean, it is expected this will be accomplished without a descent if winds are favorable.

The aviators will follow a route from west to east, involving a total distance of approximately 21,500 miles, and it is expected they will be able to accomplish this in about 240 hours actual flying time. The whole flight, however, with stops and rests, is expected to take at least three months.

Personal luggage will be reduced to a minimum, the aviators having to complete the flight in virtually the clothes they set out in with one

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Cancellation of Oil Leases Asked in Suit

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—The government filed suit late Monday for cancellation of the leases of the naval reserve in Kern Hills, California, oil field to Doheny interests.

Judge McCormick took under consideration the question of appointment of joint receivers representing the government and the oil company.

LOS ANGELES (INS)—Bribery of former secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall by Edward L. Doheny was charged by the government in filing suit in the federal court to cancel the California oil leases of the Pan-American Petroleum company obtained through Fall.

On the basis of testimony brought out in the senate's oil investigation the senate counsel, Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, declared that Doheny and Fall conspired to defraud the U. S. government and that Doheny paid Fall $100,000 for his services in giving the Pan-American company, of which Doheny is president, control over the oil-bearing lands in naval reserve No. 1.

Leases Termed Illegal

As in the injunction suit filed last week in Cheyenne, Wyo., to cancel Teapot Dome lease to Harry F. Sinclair, the government based its charge on illegality of the transaction on the ground that the executive order issued by the late President Harding on May 31, 1921 to give the secretary of the interior control of certain oil lands, was without legal authority because it

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