

Local News In Brief

Leaves for Portland— Judge J. E. Knowles left for Portland Sunday evening on a business trip.

Drive to Pendleton— Mr. and Mrs. Ward Foster drove to Pendleton yesterday to spend the day with Mr. Foster's brother, H. A. Foster and family.

Here from Wallawa— J. Ross Leslie, manager of Wallawa Lake Resort in La Grande for a few days on a business trip.

Back from Salem— George Cochran of the law firm of Cochran and Elchard, returned last evening from a trip to Salem on legal business.

W. U. Man Here— Robert D. Gillespie of the West Union Telegraph company is in La Grande on business. He is registered at the Foley hotel.

Back in Harness— John Striker of the sheriff's force is back on the job again after several days absence for an operation. He is looking quite well again and is receiving many cordial greetings from his friends about town.

Drive to Portland— Mr. and Mrs. Glen Campbell of the high school faculty returned last evening from a trip to Portland to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Campbell's parents. On the trip to Portland they were accompanied by Captain Paul Hathaway, national guard instructor who has been stationed here for some time. Captain Hathaway remained in Portland but is expected in La Grande the latter part of the week.

Old Timer Here— Jerry Strom, former La Grande, who has been located for a number of years near Helena, Montana, where he owns some 3000 acres of land, is spending a few days in this city visiting his friends. Mr. Strom was in La Grande in 1852, two years before the railroad was built and remained here until 1894 at which time he moved to Montana. He says the change in the city is almost unbelievable. Mr. Strom is the house guest at the B. W. Grandy home.

Personal Mention— Mr. and Mrs. David Cochran and daughter left on the branch train this morning to visit in Wallawa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huff of Baker are now registered at the Foley hotel.

Mrs. S. A. Robertson and two daughters, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss Lena Robertson, left for Los Angeles this morning.

Mrs. C. M. Hutchison returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Hal Flora, in Portland, this morning.

Mrs. H. C. Grody spent the weekend in Portland. She returned to La Grande this morning.

Mrs. Martin King and her daughter arrived in La Grande this morning after spending Saturday and Sunday with her sons, John and Ben Curran, students at Mount Angel college.

Mrs. Mary Geff left on No. 24 this morning for a few days visit in North Dowder.

L. C. Hendrick of Walla Walla is now registered at the Foley hotel.

Miss Mildred Mulholland is spending a few days in Portland.

The Christmas Store FOR MEN AND BOYS... LINT'S CLOTHIERY THE STORE WITH A CONSCIENCE

MAIL SERVICE REPORT MADE TO PRESIDENT (Continued from Page 1.)

More Carelessness— Carelessness in the addressing of mail is indicated in the increase in the number of dead letters. There were 11,618,178 undeliverable letters received and disposed of last year. That was an increase of 379,000 of 3.3 per cent over the previous year.

Senator Jones Named G. O. P. Whip— WASHINGTON, (AP)—Whip Wesley L. Jones, Washington, was named republican whip today in the senate by Senator Curtis, minority leader.

WILL SPEND 71 MILLIONS ON HARBORS (Continued from Page 1.)

submitted to congress today with the 1926 fiscal year estimates. Appropriations for the work, including permanent annual appropriations, last year amounted to \$32,825,881 bringing the total expenditures since such work began in 1924 to June 30 this year to \$1,056,392,527, not including \$33,258,419 for Wilson dam (No. 2) at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Harbors under improvement numbered 291 and canals and waterways under improvement numbered 53. The programme reported authorized in the address-in-reply to the senate on June 12, 1925, is \$1,174,425,000 and the transportation of 234,483,522 passengers.

For general river and harbor work for the fiscal year of 1926, the chief of engineers says \$4,153,250 can be profitably expended. Congress appropriated a lump sum of \$55,250,000 for the fiscal year of 1925, ending June 30 next and of that sum \$29,755,100 has been allotted.

The Mississippi river is recommended for the largest share of the amount which congress is asked to appropriate. For that river, including the work of the Mississippi river commission, a total of \$15,888,000 is asked.

New York harbor and the waterways in its vicinity require \$7,555,000; the Ohio river \$4,475,000; Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals \$6,541,800; Philadelphia and Delaware river \$2,965,000, and the Delaware and Chesapeake canal \$2,150,000.

Detailed recommendations follow in part: Florence district: Dam No. 2, Muscle Shoals, Tennessee river \$6,541,800 to complete lock and spillway sections and to carry work of power house section to such a state as will permit of operation of eight main and one auxiliary units, leaving the structure and its surroundings in such condition that the remaining amount available for the project may be conveniently installed as and when the market for power demands.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the improvement of Improvement District No. 144, within the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, is now in your hands for collection and that same may be paid at any time within ten days from the 1st day of December, 1924, without penalty, interest or cost, and each owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned within ten days from the 1st day of December, 1924, which is the date of the first publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before the 1st day of December, 1925. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount is due, payable and will become delinquent on the 15th day of December, 1924. The assessment roll is as follows:

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Beginning at a point which is Thirty-One and Nine-Tenths (31.9) feet south of the southeast corner of Lot "Q" in Gangloff's 2nd Addition to the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon; thence south 290 feet; thence north 21.5 feet; thence east 370 feet to point of beginning.

ARMY SHOULD BE STRONGER, SAYS WEEKS (Continued from Page 1.)

end at the expiration of a ten-year period, providing such a plan and such expenditures begin to be effective at this time.

After pointing to defects in the army establishment, caused by shortage of officers and enlisted men, and again putting himself on record in favor of increasing their numbers respectively from 15,000 to 15,000 and from 155,000 to 155,000, Secretary Weeks said: "Our entire effort since 1920 has been to apply the principles and provisions of the national defense act in such a way that we shall have more than a mere paper army more than the imaginary organization upon which the United States has always provisionally depended for its security should major emergencies arise."

"If future emergencies come to the United States, we shall have to create virtually our entire force after the declaration of war, which will be a tremendous task, however well conceived. Probably in no other army in the world, consequently, is it so important as in ours that organization, material equipment, training plans, and mobilization projects should be as simple as possible."

"Practically does not thrive in circumstances where shortage of officers makes it necessary to detail as instructors with civilian components officers who have not had sufficient duty with a unit of their own branch of service. Practically does not thrive in inactive units, depleted strength, imaginary maneuver, paper plans, fictitious reserve stocks, and theoretical weapons."

"Our greatest peril today is too great a dependence upon theory to the exclusion of facts. This is the danger against which the Army must always strive. This is the important fact underlying the general situation as well as the detailed elements of our present military situation, a fact of which the legislative department of the government should take ample cognizance in considering the practical projects which the army deems essential to the execution of the mission assigned to it by law. It is we are to live upon imagination, the army must have an income that bears a tangible relation to its needs."

By way of illustrating some of the deleterious effects of our present policy of extraordinary economy, the secretary cited a shortage of commissioned personnel which, he said, had reduced the quota of officers of duty with units of all components to less than 80 per cent of peace requirements. Lack of funds, he added, also had made it necessary to issue "nothing" to enlisted men from war stocks, giving commands an "unlimited" amount of compelling soldiers to expend large proportions of their personal funds to keep up their equipment and uniforms.

"This is not the road to efficiency," he declared, adding in the words of former President Harding that "there are limits in reduction beyond which we cannot go even in the unwise pursuit of economy, without destroying the excellent foundation now laid for national defense and forfeiting the accrued benefits of World War experiences."

Reverting to needs of the army in service, the secretary declared that "increased production facilities and an increase in our air service personnel in order to give us a peace force of 2000 officers and 25,000 enlisted men."

Reserves Better— In the National Guard and the organized Reserves increases, Mr. Weeks said the growth noted during the last fiscal year had been noticeable.

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growing beyond the limits set by current appropriations." Referring to the Organized Reserve, the secretary asserted that "an increase in the training over that now available for reserves is absolutely necessary to maintain interest and maintain efficiency in the reserve project."

Modification of the system of promotion by seniority also was suggested. In this connection the secretary said he would after existing laws to provide concrete rewards by way of advancement for conspicuous service.

"All present," the secretary added, "a junior officer who enters the army through promotion finds that he will perhaps have to wait 10 to 20 years before he reaches the field grade."

The secretary admitted that the present promotion system provided competent officers but said a more satisfactory scheme would result if special promotions could be handed out, one grade at a time, and not in excess of two per cent of those made under the regular arrangement. A specific recommendation that congress amend the National Defense Act to make such special promotions possible was included in the secretary's closing statements.

WEST HAS WINNING IN CONGRESS (Continued from Page 1.)

HANDKERCHIEFS Ladies', boxed 50c to \$2.75 Children's, boxed 10c to 50c Ladies' Single Handkerchiefs 10c to \$2.00 Men's and Boys 25c to \$1.00

Art & Baby Shop "Everything for the Baby" FERNSTITCHING Hotel Sommer, Bldg. STAMPING Butterick Patterns — D. M. C. Thread

CHRISTMAS MIXED CANDY 35c Per Lb.

Prescott Drug Company The New Drug Store Telephone Main 53 Cor. Fir & Jeff.

Furniture Exchange E. J. Donohue Fir and Jefferson Phone 474-J

Catholic Ladies' BAZAAR DECEMBER 4, 5, 6 — EAGLES' HALL Dinner Each Evening 6 to 7

ARCADE TODAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY POLA NEGRI "FORBIDDEN PARADISE" Comedy — "YOUNG OLDFIELD"