

OUTLOOK IS HOPEFUL TO GOV. PIERCE

Tells Economic Conference Crowd General Conditions Good

SPEAKER ATTACKS FREIGHT RATES

Points Out Faults in Marketing Plan Here—Outlines System Used by Danes.

Pointing to the system adopted and worked out by the Danish agricultural communities as an ideal to strive to attain, Governor Walker M. Pierce, in an address delivered last night before the third annual Union county agricultural economic conference, expressed hope that Oregon farmers would solve their problems and eventually receive their measure of dividends.

The Danish people, he said, have adopted a central system of marketing, pack the very best products, and enjoy co-operation between interests and themselves. High rail rates, such as Oregon farmers have to contend with, are practically unknown in the Scandinavian country.

During his speech, the governor attacked the "rising scale of freight rates" which he declared the railroads have adopted, and predicted another advance in rates for the near future.

"We have learned to produce but have failed in our marketing—the result of a system of which we are the victims," he said. "High rail rates are contributory to prevent farm economic conditions... that is a constant, rising tide that ends into the profits of the farmer." He intimated that the railroads are taking the wrong point of view.

Praises Conference Governor Pierce praised the economic conference, classing as timely and as being a powerful

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COURT OPENS HERE MONDAY

Judge C. H. McCulloch, of the Backs circuit court, will open an adjourned session here Monday with 12 cases on the calendar. The first trial, that of the state of Oregon vs. Clyde Bloom, charged with violating the liquor laws, will begin at 10 a. m.

One of the leading cases of the adjourned term, in point of popular interest, is the scheduled trial of Jack Hilary, of La Grande, charged with wanton destruction of personal property. The state alleges that Hilary poured oil on a Llewellyn setter dog, and then set it free, which resulted in the animal's death.

Of the dozen cases on the calendar, seven are criminal actions.

Soft Drink Fermented; Salesman Is Fined \$25

Subscribers Who Are Readers

Box Factory Will Resume Operations

Menefee Co. at Lone Tree to Open Monday After Shut-Down During the Winter Months.

The box factory and planing mill of the L. R. Menefee Lumber company at Lone Tree will resume operations Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock after being shut down during the winter months. Plans are to keep the mills running all summer. The company employs about forty-five men in these two plants.

Lumber for the box factory and planing mill is obtained from Ladd canyon, where the Menefee camps and sawmill are located.

Herman Siegrist Named President of Pirates

Herman Siegrist was elected president and E. H. Ringo, secretary, last evening when the board of directors of La Grande's baseball club met for that purpose. The directors for the club were chosen at a meeting of baseball fans Tuesday night.

The board discussed plans for the year and arranged to attend the meeting of the Blue Mountain league to be held at Pendleton March 21. A manager for the local team will not be selected until after the Pendleton meeting.

MISS BROWN IS RESTING EASIER PHYSICIAN SAYS

Ethel Brown, high school girl whose skull was fractured in a highway accident Thursday evening, spent a fair night at the Grande Ronde hospital, Dr. R. P. Lundin, her physician, said this morning. He added that her condition looks favorable for recovery.

The girl was injured when she went through the top of the car in which she was riding as it overturned on the highway near Imbler, Veda Nelson, who was driving, was only slightly hurt. The two were on their way to fetch Miss Nelson's mother, who had been visiting near Imbler.

Ticket Office Robbed; \$300 in Safe Untouched

An unknown thief broke into the ticket office of the O.-W. R. & N. station here between 11 and 12 o'clock last night while Mr. L. Howell, was away from the room, and took about three dollars in change from the Hill. Money from the ticket sales of the night had been placed in the safe, which was not touched. It contained nearly \$300, the agent said this morning. The robber left no trace of his work except the broken lock.

Cloudy Week Predicted SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 12. (AP)—The weather outlook for this week beginning March 14, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: "A disturbance is moving eastward over the ocean in low latitudes and will cause considerable cloudiness and quite general rains within the coming week in the Pacific states. It will hold the first half and end the second half of the week."

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One hundred and twenty-five Masons, from Elgin, La Grande, Union, Cove and Summerville, attended the county Masonic meeting last evening at Elgin. The meeting opened with a banquet at 7 o'clock served by the ladies of the Eastern Star of Elgin.

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After dinner the entered-apprentice degree was conferred upon one candidate for the Elgin lodge. The Union lodge supplied the degree team for this ceremony.

Next Meet at Cove. Announcement was made during the evening that the next county meeting would be held at Cove on the evening of April 9. The Elgin lodge will confer the Fellowship degree at that time. On May 21 the La Grande lodge will entertain with a social meeting at the Masonic hall here.

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FRUIT TALKS TO FEATURE OF CONFERENCE

Horticulture Is Discussed During Morning Session at High School

COVE MAN FAVORS PLANTING BERRIES

Grande Ronde Valley, Especially Near Elgin and Imbler, Held Ideal for Culture.

Horticulture in all its pertinent relations to the prosperity of the Grande Ronde valley was discussed in a series of talks by outside and home specialists at the economic conference at the high school today.

H. H. Weatherpoon, of Elgin, told of the apple situation as it looks to the grower and shipper.

C. L. Long, of O. A. C., following him, explained to the orchardists the manner of controlling the leaf roller pest.

"How I Make Prunes Pay," was detailed by John Dean, of Cove, who distiched out generous portions of the secrets of his business.

From T. C. Huffy, secretary of the Cove Cherry Growers' association, the conference attendants heard how success grew out of community cooperation and the spirit of get-together.

Good Strawberry Country. The valley, especially around Elgin and Imbler, presents some of the best strawberry soil known, declared J. E. Mills, of Cove, whose subject was "Possibilities of Berry Growing."

"If you can get irrigation, and you can, put in strawberries. There is money in them. Other berries, too. The raspberries around here make the best wine I've ever tasted."

Mr. Mills advocated pooling the berries through a common agent in order that the farmers might find the best-paying markets. The growers must increase their acreage, he said. At present, the La Grande market has not been flooded, although the merch-

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TO SUBMIT QUESTION TO LEAGUE

Allied Representatives Give Up—Assembly to Take Up Problem

FRENCH HOPEFUL OF COMPROMISE

Stresemann Gives Germany's Viewpoint of Tangled Situation in Interview Today.

GENEVA, Mar. 12. (AP)—The council of the league of nations adjourned its closed meeting late today without reaching a decision on the crisis which has arisen over the reconstruction of the council. It was announced that the assembly would be called to meet Tuesday for discussion of the election of Germany to membership in the league, and then the allied representatives would defend their position in the controversy if this should be necessary.

GENEVA, Mar. 12. (AP)—The allied representatives abandoned at the last moment their plan to hold another meeting with Foreign Minister Stresemann this afternoon and reverted to their original intention to submit the tangled question of reconstruction of the league council to the members of that body itself.

This idea is fostered by some allied circles which allege that Germany's attitude against Poland's admission to the council is so utterly in conflict with the spirit of accommodation and conciliation of Geneva that the very interests of the league demand clarification of this situation before pursuing the procedure of Germany's admission. Hence, even should the council unanimously designate Germany for a permanent seat, the matter must come before the assembly for majority approval and the opponents of Germany in the present crisis maintain that there is a possibility that the assembly would not ratify the selection of Germany at the present moment.

Germany Has Backers. On the other hand Germany spokesmen insist that an overwhelming number of small states have assured them that they are becoming impatient over the delay and want Germany voted in immediately.

The Germans add that they find admiration expressed among many delegations for their firm determination not to make commitments concerning Germany's future league attitude before they have even crossed the doorstep of the league.

Monday the assembly today held a brief session and voted without a dissenting voice to erect a magnificent assembly hall on the shore of Lake Lemana and likewise a new league secretariat, the whole cost 17,000,000 Swiss francs. The delegates thus gave an impressive demonstration of their belief that the league has come to stay and will not be destroyed as a result of the German-Allied crisis.

FRENCH HOPEFUL PARIS, Mar. 12. (AP)—French

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Major Huron Proposes Pendleton Guard Unit

PENDLETON, Mar. 12. (AP)—Proposals of a national guard company for Pendleton were made here today by Major R. H. Huron, battalion commander of the La Grande, Baker and The Indian units. The merchants' committee of commercial association will consider the advisability of organizing such a unit here.

Peculiar Sand Veins Discovered at Elgin

ELGIN, Ore., Mar. 12. (Special)—I. P. Bunting and C. Churchill, who were digging a 24-foot well for Z. H. Ellis on the latter's place about a mile south of town, ran into two different formations on the ground that have caused considerable speculation. One was a 6-foot layer of rich yellow sand of very fine texture at the 12-foot level; another was a 6-foot layer of blue sand, a little coarser, through which ran strata of deep purple sand.

Through both of these deep strata of sand was a greasy mineral substance that resembles graphite. Mr. Ellis sent samples of the "ores" to a Boise assayer and plans to furnish the bureau of mines with other samples that the exact nature of the mineral may be ascertained.

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HARRISBURG, Pa., Mar. 12. (AP)—Governor Pinchot today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for the United States senate in the Pennsylvania primary this spring.

Introduces Jazz to Congregation



The Reverend Frank Dyer, pastor of the fashionable Wilshire Congregational church of Los Angeles, shocked some and pleased others by having Carlyle Stevenson and his jazz orchestra play in the church. The picture shows the jazzists and inset is the Rev. Mr. Dyer.

MARBLE FIRM PLANS WORK

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 12. (Special to The Observer)—The Black Marble Limestone company, a recently organized corporation with a capital stock of \$100,000, 65 per cent of which has been subscribed, has absorbed the Wallowa Marble and Granite company, owning but not operating a mountain of blue granite near Lostine.

A. J. Cressley and A. J. Warren, operators of the Crystal White Marble Works, of Lewiston, Idaho, who are promoting the deal, state that the market is unlimited and that the deposits in Wallowa county can be developed commercially at less expense than those of competitive districts. The company is now laying plans for extensive operations. Machinery at an expense of \$5000 has already been ordered.

BRITISH STEAMER IS ON FIRE TODAY OFF SANDY POINT

BALTIMORE, Md., Mar. 12. (AP)—Fire in the hold of the British steamer Tanna was extinguished with the aid of Baltimore fireboats today. The vessel is anchored off quarantine awaiting examination.

BALTIMORE, Md., Mar. 12. (AP)—The British steamer Tanna, sugar laden from Cuba for Baltimore was reported on fire near Sandy Point, 20 miles below Baltimore this morning. Two local fire boats were sent to her assistance and residents along shore in that vicinity telephoned that they were alongside the Tanna about 9 o'clock. Smoke was pouring from the ship, they said.

The marine observer at North Point reported the Tanna passing up the lower harbor at 9:20 a. m. She was flying two black balls, indicating that the craft was not under control. A tug was alongside, but the observer said he could see no sign of fire aboard.

The fire boats were sent in response to a wireless message to the Baltimore fire department on steamer Mytic, outward bound for Savannah and Los Angeles, and it was at first reported that the Mytic was on fire. This was disproved when the Mytic was reported as having passed Cove Point, which is about 70 miles from Baltimore. The Tanna carries a crew of 20 men.

E. W. Scripps Dead on Yacht in Monrovia Bay

NEW YORK, Mar. 12. (AP)—Edward W. Scripps, retired founder of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, is dead on his yacht, the Ohio, in Monrovia Bay according to a cablegram received by Roy W. Howard of the Scripps-Howard newspapers here today.

Mr. Scripps sailed last September for a cruise in the Caribbean sea and later to Africa.

He was born in Rushville, Ill., June 18, 1854, and began his newspaper career in Detroit when he was 26 years old. At one time he held a controlling interest in 25 daily newspapers in the United States most of them being members of the Scripps-McLias league. He also was once the controlling owner of the United Press associations.

Mr. Scripps retired from active work in 1922 and four years later turned over the control of his various enterprises to his son, Robert P. Scripps.

Drives Plane Eight Miles Above Earth

MacCreedy Makes Attempt to Break Altitude Record—Find Weather 78 Below.

DAYTON, O., Mar. 12. (AP)—Belief that Lieutenant John A. MacCreedy, McCook field, has established a world altitude record in a flight over the post this morning was held by officials following his landing at 12:43 o'clock. The instruments on his plane indicated an altitude of 34,000 feet. On MacCreedy's flight January 12, the instruments on his plane indicated 36,000 feet. This was raised by calibration at the bureau of standards in Washington to 38,704 feet.

If the same ratio holds true, his flight today would be a record. A temperature of 78 degrees below zero was encountered by MacCreedy at the highest point—eight miles above the earth. "But I do not suffer from cold," he said. "I believe I reached the absolute limit of the plane," he added.

His regular supply of oxygen gas became exhausted before he reached the peak and he was forced to call on his reserve supply.

Unofficial calibration at McCook field of a duplicate barograph carried on the flight showed a reading of 39,025 feet, which is just 561 feet below the world record.

La Grande Will Shoot Against Cottage Grove

Baker and Cottage Grove will be La Grande's competitors in the Oregonian telegraphic shoot at the Lone Tree grounds Sunday at 10 a. m. Both clubs are below the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot in tournament standing. Baker has won four out of 10 contests, and Cottage Grove has lost every match of the season.

La Grande now lies for sixth place, and is expected to climb a notch or two tomorrow. Officers of the club report the about-town interest mounting week by week, and predict a large audience for tomorrow.

Frost Damages Cherry Buds Near Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 12. (AP)—Recent frosts in the east end of the county did damage to cherries estimated at from 10 per cent of the buds in the Milton area to 40 and 50 per cent in the Cobb Crossing section and 25 per cent in the state line district. It is said there is no cause for alarm as the percentage of drop in buds amounts to this in the spring, but a further frost attack would be dangerous.

Woman to Prosecute Capital Bootleggers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (AP)—Capital bootleggers who are caught hereafter will find themselves faced in police court by a woman prosecutor, Mrs. Rebecca R. Greathouse. She is assistant district attorney and she was named for the job today by District Attorney Goinston because he believes women are better fitted for prohibition cases than men. His theory is that women have a better conception of the arm done by liquor law violators.

XTRA

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (AP)—The senate today accepted the house modifications to the Muscle Shoals resolution without a record vote.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 12. (AP)—Word has been received from Mount Angel, of the tragic death of little Anna Drecher, the 18-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Drecher Jr., which was discovered late yesterday afternoon when members of the family found her drowned in a slop bucket in the barn yard. She had evidently lost her balance while peering into the bucket as she was being fed. Downward death has been pronounced over the child.

COYDON, England, Mar. 12. (AP)—Alan J. Cobham, British aviator, arrived at the air field here today, completing his 16,000 mile round trip flight to Capetown, South Africa.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (AP)—Colonel Harry G. Gault, commanding Hickwell field, was authorized today by Major General Eshbach, chief of the army air service, to send out an irregular expedition to search for Ilex Richter missing since March 2 in lower California.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (AP)—Two more of the annual appropriation bills carrying a total of approximately \$900,000,000 were reported today to the senate from the appropriations committee. One for the interior department totals \$228,940,418 and the other for the state, justice, commerce and labor departments carries \$80,119,091. A fund of \$100,000 is provided for experimental financial aid to settlers on the reclamation projects in which was the promise agreement by senators of the western states and Secretary Dork.

One Killed, Four Hurt When Train Is Derailed

HIGHLAND, Ill., Mar. 12. (AP)—Charles Hackett of Terre Haute, Ind., a locomotive engineer was killed and four trainmen were injured when Pennsylvania train No. 13, fast mail and express train from New York to St. Louis, was derailed early today near Perron, Ill.

China Says Firing On Jap Vessels Justified

BEIJING, Mar. 12. (AP)—President Sun Yat-sen today said that the firing on Japanese destroyers by the Chinese navy was justified because the Japanese vessels had violated Chinese waters. He said that the Chinese navy had fired as a warning.

The Japanese consulate at Tientsin denied that the destroyers reported to be fired.

TOKYO, Mar. 12. (AP)—The attack of Chinese forts yesterday on two Japanese destroyers which had attempted to enter the Pei river at Taku bar yesterday is considered by the foreign office to have created a serious situation.

Foreign minister Shidehara and Navy minister Takarabe were consulting today and some decision by the cabinet is expected probably Monday. The foreign office stated that the government "expects to consider the incident calmly and unexcitedly and does not expect to retaliate but will demand absolute assurance that there will be no recurrence in the future."

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MELLON IS SCORED BY MCKELLAR

Senator Says Secretary Is "One of Largest Distillers" in U. S.

SAYS PROHIBITION LAW SUCCESSFUL

Tennessee Solon Holds There Is Not a Chance in a Thousand a Repeal Will Come.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (AP)—Prohibition is a success despite flagrant violation of the law by "the moneyed aristocracy" and its administration by the biggest distillery in the republic, Senator McKellar, democrat of Tennessee, declared today in the senate.

Secretary Mellon, he charges, was disqualified to head the treasury by his large interest in the distillery business and although he has transferred his liquor holdings to a trustee, "it is difficult for a shoe-maker to change his last."

"Isn't it a marvelous thing," he observed, "that the temperance people of this country should work for 50 years to have prohibition passed, and after winning their fight, these laws should be turned over to one of the largest distillers in America, to one more interested in his liquor than perhaps any other man in the republic."

Declaring that he had seen in the newspapers that Secretary Mellon had sold \$18,000,000 worth of his liquor, Senator McKellar said he "hoped that was all, but how he sold these liquors without violating the law himself, I do not know."

It is reported that Secretary Mellon had turned down the recommendations of Assistant Secretary Andrews, whom he termed as a "man trying diligently to enforce

WHEAT MARKET IS FAVORABLE

CHICAGO, Mar. 12. (By the Associated Press)—With the critical period of wheat growth in the United States coming nearer and with export demand for shipments from North America widening out, the wheat market here was suddenly turned upward this week. Compared with a week ago, wheat values this morning were 2 1/2 to 3 cents a bushel higher.

Reversal of the downward trend which of late has been pulling the wheat market down began with a brisk movement. Scarciness of domestic wheat together with further shrinkage of the meagre stock in Chicago, gave impetus to the new buying movement which set in. Besides, export purchasing of North American wheat was at the rate of 1,000,000 bushels a day as the week drew to a close. At present, the general outlook for the new crop is decidedly favorable, according to advices although wheat in some sections east of the Mississippi is reported as in doubtful condition.

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