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MARKET ROAD WORK LISTED FOR SEASON

Four Sections in County Will Be Improved During 1928

AWARDS CONTRACT TO MANAGE FARM

County Court Still in Session Today—Selecting a Jury List for Union Circuit Court.

Four sections of market road in the county were placed on the map for improvement during 1928 yesterday during an afternoon session of the Union county court.

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Remingtons Here For Episcopal Parish Meeting

J. D. Slater Elected Senior Warden and R. E. Westenhaver Junior Warden—200 Attend.

Two hundred persons attended the annual parish meeting of St. Peter's Episcopal church which was held last evening at Honan hall, beginning with a potluck dinner for all families of the parish at 6:30 o'clock.

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O-W. AGREES TO WITHDRAW OBJECTIONS

Decides That Imbler and Palmer Junction School Taxes All Right

HEARING IS HELD AT COURT HOUSE

Sum of Money Involved Expended on Salaries by Time Annual Budget Was Made Up.

Representatives of the O-W. R. and N. company agreed that taxes levied by school districts No. 11 and No. 71 of Union county were legal and all right this stand this morning when the railroad company was given a hearing before the district boundary board in reference to taxes levied by the districts, Imbler and Palmer Junction.

The railroad company claimed that the Imbler district had a total of \$4,887.76 in its treasury at the end of the school year, and that the amount should be included in the district's budget as cash on hand and should be subtracted from the present budget. Representatives of the school district, however, were able to show that the amount left in the treasury was expended on salaries by the time the annual budget was made up and for that reason was not included in the budget as cash on hand.

The company claimed that the Palmer Junction district had \$541.71 at the end of the school year, which should be subtracted from the present budget, but representatives of the district showed that this amount had been set aside for the payment of a warrant which was being drilled on the school grounds and had not yet been completed, and for that reason had not been included in the budget.

L. W. Hobbs, tax agent for the railroad company, and Charles H. Pleasant, tax agent for the school district, were present at the hearing.

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American Lone Eagle Is Guest Of Costa Rica

Lindbergh Completes the Sixth Leg of Central American Tour—Honored by Nicaragua.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Jan. 7. (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, completing the sixth leg of his Central American tour landed here today from Managua, Nicaragua, at 1:51 p. m. central standard time. The Senate Bana flying field was crowded with spectators, eagerly watching for the American ambassador of good will. It was a clear, cloudless day and the high winds that have been prevailing had calmed down.

Trains running from the coast and the interior were crowded with spectators and the highways were filled with automobiles and wagons bringing throngs from the country. The flying field was decorated with large flags and police reinforcements maintained order.

President Oreamuno and Roy T. Davis, American minister to Costa Rica were among the spectators at the field.

Leaving Managua today the trail of the lone eagle ran the length of Lake Nicaragua, largest body of fresh water between Lake Michigan and Lake Titicaca on the Bolivia-Peru boundary. From the lake a rugged range of volcanoes led to the central plain on which San Jose is situated.

The congress of Nicaragua presented the flyer with a diploma of valor and a medal of "honor and honor." Termed a "true knight of the air" by General Estrada, chief of staff, Lindbergh was told he had honored Nicaragua and the chamber by his presence.

President Adolfo Diaz handed Lindbergh the diploma and pinned the medal on his chest.

The airman had an opportunity to watch natives at work picking coffee when he went to the El Terreno plantation of Rafael Carbera, former minister of finance. Lindbergh refused to do any coffee picking himself, even for photographic purposes. He consented to pose, however, under a coffee tree.

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Pleasant Grove Grange To Meet

The Pleasant Grove grange, of Summerville, will install officers this evening with a meeting to be held at the grange hall.

The new officers to be installed are Miles Woodell, master; John Murchison, overseer; Virgil Sanderson, steward; Lloyd Woodell, lecturer; Lynn Woodell, assistant steward; Victor Johnston, treasurer; Vesta Frizzell, secretary; Edith Ball, gate keeper; Cal Cantwell, chaplain; Merle Frizzell, correspondent; Frank Johnson, florist; Veda Slack, Pomona and Mamie McMillan, lady assistant steward.

Mrs. Peter Arnold, assisted by Mrs. Jim Lewis, will be the installing officers.

11 Burn to Death In Residence Fires

AUGUSTA, Kans., Jan. 7 (AP)—A father and three children were burned to death today when the farmhouse of Harry Miller was destroyed by fire.

The dead: Harry Miller, 34; Opal Miller, 12; Raymond Miller, 7; Berneice Miller, 5. Mrs. Miller was badly burned and may die.

RECATUNNA, Miss., Jan. 7 (AP)—Nine negroes, including seven children, were burned to death here last night when a house occupied by the family of Calvin Smith, was destroyed.

Additional Marines Arrive Today In Bandit-Infested Nicaragua

MASAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 7. (AP)—Colonel Louis Mason Gillick, commander of the American marine forces in Nicaragua, left for Corinto this morning by airplane to confer with Rear Admiral David E. Sellers who is arriving at Corinto today with additional marines. Depredations and disorder near the port of Corinto raised the fear that railway communication between the capital and the sea might be cut.

THE COOLIDGES GO SMILING INTO '28



The smiles with which President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge greeted the New Year are pictured at the top; below, part of the 3000 persons from all walks of life who filed into the White House to shake hands with the president and the first lady during the annual New Year reception.

Hopkins Faces Murder Charge At Enterprise

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 7.—A charge of murder has been lodged against Bert Hopkins, who is under arrest in connection with the killing of Ferdinand A. Sunday Wednesday night, Dec. 28, near Flora.

There was talk at first that Hopkins might be permitted to plead guilty to manslaughter and, without trial, receive the comparatively light sentence which the law prescribes for that crime, the Enterprise Record-Chiefman reports. But the many angles to the case convinced District Attorney R. H. Burges that full investigation is warranted and therefore he concluded to let the law take its course.

Judge J. W. Knowles is expected to hold a term of circuit court late this month, when this case may come to trial.

ARRESTED IN MEDFORD

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 7. (AP)—Mable Bloom, 14, of Salem, was arrested at noon today 45 minutes after he is alleged to have stolen an automobile from R. E. Doty of this city. The boy told officers he came here by train and that he planned to return in the stolen machine to Salem, where he lived with an uncle.

COOLIDGE VIEWS EXCITE MARKET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The fact that loans to brokers and dealers held by New York Federal Reserve banks have amounted to \$3,819,925,000, a new record, is not, in the opinion of President Coolidge, a basis for unfavorable comment. He sees in the figure a natural reflection of business growth and finds similar indication of continued prosperity in the 1.4 per cent increase in postal receipts for last month over December 1927.

Broker loans now are about one billion dollars in excess of those reported for the first week of last January and the total is higher than any ever recorded in the history of the federal reserve system. They have increased steadily for the last 48 months and in December by approximately \$199,000,000.

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U. P. Wreck Toll Is Increased To Two

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7. (AP)—The death toll of the Union Pacific passenger train wreck in Onondaga gorge last Sunday was increased to two when Charles P. Theibald, engineer of one of the engines of the train, died today at a hospital. Fred C. Warkley, fireman, died early Tuesday. Both were Portland men.

Theibald suffered from head and internal injuries. His condition had not been described as critical, but it became worse last night and he succumbed early today.

Wool Growers To Meet in Pendleton

Regard Bayliss As Defendant in S-4 Wreck Case

Sensation Sprung in the Navy's Investigation of Submarine Disaster in Boston Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The resignation of Secretary of the Navy Wilbur was denounced by Representative Black, democrat, of New York, during debate in the house today on the resolution to appoint an independent commission to go into the submarine situation.

The house today approved Coolidge's proposal for creation of a commission to investigate the sinking of the submarine S-4.

BOSTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—A sensation was sprung in the navy's investigation of the S-4 disaster today when Rear Admiral Richard H. Jackson, president of the naval court of inquiry, named Lieut. Commander John S. Bayliss, commander of the coast guard destroyer Paulding, which sank the S-4 in collision, as a defendant. Commander Bayliss at the time was on the stand as a witness.

Commander Bayliss said he had seen 26 years of sea service and had been in command of vessels since 1915.

He said that on Dec. 17 the Paulding was searching an assigned area in the regular duties of the coast guard service. No speed limit had been specified.

"The ordinary cruising speed of the Paulding is 18 knots," the witness said. "I considered that speed necessary to cover the outer line of my area and examine the approaches to some of the harbors before dark."

The witness said that it was required to have a special lookout stationed on the bridge in hazy or foggy weather and also at night. On Dec. 17 no lookout had been assigned as such. On the bridge was the officer of the deck, a junior officer, quartermaster and wheelman. The commanding officer was always on the bridge as well during patrol. The sky was overcast and the sea was rough with an easterly swell.

The break came while the coast guard commander was being questioned as to his familiarity with the operation of submarines in the waters along the North Atlantic coast.

After he had replied to several questions put by Commander Leslie E. Bratton, judge advocate, the witness was stopped by Admiral Jackson, who said:

"Evidence has now been introduced that will have the effect of making you a defendant before this court. It is the duty of the president of the court to inform you that testimony has been introduced which established you legally as a defendant before the court."

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20 DROWNED WHEN FLOOD HITS LONDON

Thames River Leaves Its Banks, Imprisoning Many Asleep

HIGH TIDES HELP TO SWELL RIVER

Repetition of Tragedy Is Held Possible—Engineers Working Frantically Building Levees.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Overwhelmed with startling suddenness, 20 persons were drowned in the London area early today when the most devastating flood in the history of modern London swept the Thames river over its banks.

The flood of water poured over the river banks at several places when an abnormal tide, whipped by a heavy rain, met flood waters pouring down from the interior early this morning. The rush of water was so sudden that hundreds of persons sleeping in basement rooms were driven from their beds, at least 20 being trapped and drowned with the possibility that there may still be further victims.

Building Barricades As the tide went out, the Thames returned to normal this morning but fearing a recurrence of the disaster at the next tide, engineers worked frantically to build temporary barricades at places where the embankment collapsed.

The deaths thus far reported were as follows: In the Westminster area—15. Putney—2. Rammersmith—2. Hurlingham—1.

Thrilling and tragic stories of narrow escapes were received from all the districts running from the Thames estuary to Teddington where the Thames lock system begins. Basement basins and ground floors in thousands of houses were flooded by the sudden rush of waters which swept the Thames banks for 60 miles from the sea.

Pathetic Story The most pathetic story was the drowning of four sisters named Harding. The sisters, aged 15, 16, 6 and 2 were the daughters of a workman whose eight children were trapped by the rush of waters. Harding heroically saved four of his children, but 13 others became panic stricken before he could reach them. Maddened with grief and temporarily out of his mind, he watched police and firemen take the bodies to the mortuary.

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Scene of Desolation The low lying part of East London from the tower bridge to Limehouse and the Isle of Dogs was a scene of desolation this morning. The streets in the tenement districts were flooded from one to four feet deep and electric light failed. Many of the inhabitants of the thickly populated districts became panic stricken fearing that ships and barges billowing in the river might break loose and crush the houses along the banks.

There was great distress among the poor and the lord mayor issued a statement that relief measures would be taken immediately. No estimate of the damage caused could be made today.

New Flood Likely The port of London authorities issued a warning this afternoon that a repetition of today's devastating Thames flood is possible during the next few days.

The tides will be of increasing (Continued on Page 5)

SMITH REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE SENATE BOARD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Frank L. Smith, senator-elect from Illinois who has been denied the oath of office by the senate, declined today to have his case passed upon by the special committee funds committee to which it was referred.

Opening argument before the flood committee today Oscar B. Carlstrom, attorney general of Illinois, charged that the committee had already made up its mind of the case against Smith.

"If you are not satisfied with this committee you can refer chairman Reed said. "That's exactly what we plan to do after I have made my statement," Carlstrom retorted. "The attorney general then said that he could not recognize the right of the committee to act until the state had been given its constitutional right to be heard in the senate itself."

CARRYING PART OF THE LOAD

Securing a reader's attention and maintaining his interest is the chief requisite of successful advertising. If a merchant's message fails to do that, his money is lost as far as your response is concerned.

That's why a newspaper with adequate news service, established prestige, and obvious reader-interest is preferred in metropolitan cities—the news helps carry the responsibility of carrying a message to a great many readers. In La Grande territory the same requirement is fulfilled by the Observer—and vice versa is given Observer readers many hours ahead of any other paper entering the territory. In no other way can an advertiser have the same day-after-day reader interest as an aid to his selling message.

Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service

Longfellow Will Talk at Luncheon

The first forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce since the Christmas holidays will be held Tuesday noon at the Sommer hotel, 1 S. Weeks, who is acting secretary of the chamber, announced this morning.

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of La Grande schools, will be the speaker, and Tom Bruce, a high school student here, will sing a solo.

K. of P. Lodge To Install Officers

The Knights of Pythias lodge will have installation of officers Monday evening, Jan. 9, at 8 o'clock at the K. P. hall here. Besides the installation there will be a large attendance of members is expected.