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COUNTY ROAD, BRIDGE WORK PROGRESSING

Crusher Operating in Vicinity of Elgin at Present, is Report.

COMPLETE CLOVER CREEK ROAD SOON

Total of $171,000 Apportioned for Both Construction and Maintainance in 1930.

The 1930 county road and bridge work, for which $171,000 has been apportioned—for both construction and maintenance—is now under way, according to County Judge U. G. Couch.

The largest items are: $99,000 set aside for road construction, and $60,000 for road betterment and maintenance.

Ten thousand dollars is budgeted for construction of bridges and $2000 for their maintenance.

Much Work Completed

Last year four and one-half miles of gravel road, market road standard, of the cemetery Cricket Flat market road were completed. In addition to four miles of the Lindmare-Clark's creek road that was graded and a base and upper surfacing was laid, and will be brought to a market road standard this year. The crusher is at work on this stretch and will be there for about three weeks.

The graveling of the North Powder-Clover Creek market road (about four miles) will begin in about two weeks, to be completed either in June or July. Work on this was started in 1928 with the grading finished last summer.

In about three weeks the crusher will be at the Hunter Lane-Summerville-Dry Creek market road extension (6 miles) which is to be graded and gravelled this year, and which is to be completed late in the summer. A bridge on this road across Willow creek was completed last year. At present a grader is at work on this stretch.

Using Graders

Two "20" caterpillar graders are at work, one on the Ladd Canyon foothill road, preparing a grade from the Jasper place to about a mile south, so that gravel might be laid. The other caterpillar is doing maintenance work, smoothing dirt roads in this locality, and at present is leveling the athletic field at the Normal school grounds.

The grading and graveling of a road from the main highway to the county farm building has just been completed. J. H. Scott, market road engineer for the state, visited here last weekend and in-

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Rotarians Elect New Directors During Meeting

New directors for the coming year were elected at the Rotary club luncheon at the La Grande hotel today. The members elected are W. C. Perkins, H. E. Coolidge, Fred Lanzer, J. T. Longfellow, R. S. Eakin, F. L. Meyers and H. E. Inlow. Officers will be elected next week.

Sam Thompson and Lester Hanley, of Pendleton, spoke briefly and George Birnie sang two solos, accompanied by Mrs. Birnie at the piano. Earl C. Reynolds, of Klamath Falls, was a guest.

REYNOLDS IS SELECTED FOR STATE OFFICE

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—Election of officers and selection of Portland for the next annual convention marked the close of the Oregon Insurance Agents' union here Tuesday. Officers elected were J. K. Pratt, Eugene, president; Paul Landry, Klamath Falls, Charles Reynolds, La Grande and Cole Holmes, Medford, vice presidents; H. T. Quine, Roseburg, secretary; Victor White, Tillamook and John Strum, Portland, directors.

Reporting contracts and a discussion of the interests board by C. C. Sweleahy, Portland, and a presentation of the so-called Cooley schedule by Mr. Reynolds, of La Grande, occupied most of the morning session. The afternoon was given over to a golf tournament.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—45 above.
Minimum: 24 above.
Condition: partly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 51, minimum 19 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain .02 of inch.

WEATHER APR. 16, 1929
Maximum 56, minimum 38 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Still Time For Census Listing In La Grande

Although Count Officially Ends Today, a Short Time is Allowed for Checking up.

The La Grande census for 1930 is to be completed today, according to government plans which allow two weeks time for enumerating the population of all cities of more than 2500 inhabitants. However, a few days are allowed for checking up, etc., and there is still time to be included in the 1930 census if one has not been already enumerated.

Following the publishing of a census story in The Observer last night, several calls were received by enumerators over the city and by the Observer. One woman telephoned The Observer that she had not been enumerated and that a few of her neighbors had been missed. All calls received here were either referred to the census enumerator or to Raymond O. Williams, assistant supervisor with headquarters at Pendleton.

Civic organizations and census officials continued today to stress the importance of the census, pointing out that much of the future welfare, pride and standing of the cities rested to a certain degree upon the population figures.

It was again urged today that anyone who has not yet been enumerated either call their enumerator or The Observer. The list of La Grande enumerators, their telephone numbers and their districts follow:

Mrs. Jay Millering, telephone 413-J, enumerating in election precincts No. 2, 7 and 9.

Mrs. Frank Milleling, telephone 307-R, enumerating in election

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Harry Corbett Is Speaker At Public Meeting

State Senator Harry Corbett, republican candidate for governor, who was in La Grande yesterday on an Eastern Oregon tour, made two appearances before leaving this city. In addition to the talk given at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon at noon at Island City, Mr. Corbett addressed a representative crowd of laboring men and citizens at Eagles hall last night. About 40 were in attendance.

Mr. Corbett, in his talk last night, stated that he is in favor of free textbooks, child welfare, a labor commissioner, workingman's compensation law, restricted immigration and for the income tax as approved by the last legislature.

In speaking of child welfare, he mentioned the fact that his wife is a member of the state board. On the question of labor commissioner, he spoke in favor of increasing the salary of the commissioner and also giving him more power for handling collection of wages. Mr. Corbett was chairman of the workingman's compensation board in 1929.

Touching upon the matter of state old-age pensions, Mr. Corbett expressed himself as favoring this to a certain extent.

Man Wanted At Joseph Jailed Here Yesterday

Charles Bell, alias Katheryn Sporlin, wanted in Joseph on a charge of raising a check for $6.90 to $16.90, was arrested in La Grande yesterday by Policemen Claude Holbrook and Orville Beard, and was taken to the county jail at Enterprise last night by District Attorney Sylvester Burleigh and a member of the sheriff's office of Wallowa county.

Bell is also wanted in Iowa on a charge of car theft and in Ontario on a charge similar to that placed against him at Joseph, local officers were notified.

Officers throughout Eastern Oregon have been watching for Bell for more than a week.

Wreck Stolen Car On Road Near Perry

Stolen from its parking place in the railroad yards about 9 o'clock last night, an automobile belonging to Mr. Allen, O.-W. employe, was found later last night off the highway near Perry and badly wrecked.

The car had gone off the highway and landed on a stump, which damaged the machine to a great extent. No indications were found that the driver had been injured and no clues as to his identity exist.

Class Track Meet Under Way Today

Because of rainy weather, the interclass track and field meet at the high school field is being held this afternoon instead of yesterday. Coach Ira Woodie, facing a triangular meet at Pendleton Saturday with Pendleton and McLoughlin high schools, expects to select most of his squad for the trip after the events this afternoon.

2 AMERICANS ARE HURT IN INDIA RIOTS

Consul General at Calcutta Reports That Neither Was Badly Injured.

KARACHI SCENE OF FATAL FIGHT

London Hears That There is Danger of Serious Trouble From Gandhi Men in Bombay.

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—The state department today announced two Americans were injured in the rioting at Calcutta India yesterday.

They were Albert N. Baudin, of Houghton, Michigan, and Frank Bond-Nelson, Buffalo, N. Y.

Robert Fraser, American consul general at Calcutta, in his report to the state department said neither was seriously injured.

ONE KILLED IN RIOTING

KARACHI, India, April 16 (AP)—One person was killed, seven were seriously injured and twenty-six others were slightly injured in rioting here today after a mob had stormed the magistrate's court.

Police fired on the mob and beat off many of the rioters with staves. Then, aided by Indian troops, they arrested the leaders and took them to the Karachi jail.

The injured persons were taken to the hospital where the condition of two of them was reported to be serious.

Those most gravely injured were struck by bullets of the police, but

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PRESBYTERY IN SESSION TODAY

Los Angeles Presbyterian Official Speaks at Opening Meet Yesterday.

The Rev. Robert N. McLean, D. D., of Los Angeles, Cal., Pacific Coast field secretary for the board of pensions of the Presbyterian church yesterday addressed the Presbytery of Grande Ronde, holding its meeting in the local Presbyterian church this week. He spoke of the interest in and growth of the pension fund which is to care for Presbyterian ministers at and after the age of 65.

The Rev. W. L. Van Nuys, D. D., of Portland, field secretary for Wesmington and Oregon, in the interests of the board of Christian education, was present and addressed the Presbytery Tuesday afternoon, of the program of the present arrangements and program present arrangements and program for the annual Young People's conference to be held near Lostine in August. This conference will be the third annual conference of like kind held at this place. The Rev. W. F. Shields is one of the promoters. Five ministers and five elder delegates are present at the meeting of Presbytery.

Presents Memorial

Tuesday afternoon C. M. Humphreys, representing the local church, presented a memorial from the congregation to Presbytery, asking that there be a union of the Presbyteries of Grande Ronde and Pendleton. The request was discussed at some length, then tabled until Wednesday morning. The Rev. Max G. Woods, of Wallowa, was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Columbia River as a member of this presbytery. The chairman of the standing committees appointed by the moderator, the Rev. H. B. Thomas, of Halfway, are; bills and overtures, W. F. Shields; judicial business, L. B. Williams; revision of permanent committee, Samuel Harris.

The presbytery is still in session today.

WOMEN WIN VICTORY

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—The Portland presbytery was open to the views of women for the first time in the church history after overtures of the general assembly to give equal privileges to women had been adopted by the presbytery, without debate.

The vote, 29 to 23, was taken

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Mistake Cause Of All Trouble, Lonergan Says

Disbarment Cases of George W. Joseph and Thomas Mannix Before Supreme Court Today.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—Frank J. Lonergan, attorney for Thomas Mannix, Portland lawyer whose disbarment for three years was recommended by a board of referees, told the supreme court today that a mistake made by Judge Guy C. H. Corliss of Portland, counsel for the Christian Science churches in the first litigation over the E. Henry Wemme endowment fund, started the trouble out of which grew the disbarment proceedings against Mannix. Lonergan spoke in Mannix' defense today.

Lonergan characterized Corliss as "an attorney as honorable as any who has ever practiced in any state, but, like the rest of us, liable to make a mistake."

Lonergan began his address at 9:30 o'clock and was still speaking at the noon adjournment. The court recessed until 2:15 o'clock.

A plea that the supreme court reject the recommendations of the referees who conducted the Mannix disbarment trial, and impose upon him instead the extreme penalty of permanent disbarment, was made by Attorney A. K. McMahan in the argument of the Mannix case yesterday. The referees recommended, two to one, that Mannix be suspended for three years, Judge G. F. Skipworth dissenting from Judges Fred W. Wilson and H. D. Norton by recommending his permanent disbarment.

The Mannix arguments began yesterday with the conclusion of the George W. Joseph disbarment case.

In concluding the Joseph case Attorney Oscar Hayter for the prosecution lauded the fairness of the referees who tried the cases, and said they barred no testimony whatever. For the purpose of showing that Joseph's attacks on Justice Rand of the supreme court were not all for the purpose of defeating his re-election Hayter declared the

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"WHITE WINGS" TO BE STAGED HERE APRIL 25

Preparations are being made this week for the presentation of the Moroni Olsen players in the comedy drama "White Wings" on Apr. 25 under the auspices of the Eastern Oregon Normal school student body.

The comedy, written by Phillip Barry, is basically an ironical, kindly satire of the generation that saw the world turn over between 1895 and 1915 with the advent of the automobile. It is the story of the love of an automobile inventor's daughter, Mary Todd, for the last descendant of an aristocratic line of white wings, one Archie Inch, who is fanatically loyal to the horse as the symbol of civilization.

Herbert, a cabby, is one of the most interesting characters in the play. It is said, moving through three acts and four scenes as a dominant figure. In the finale, where strict dramatic development demands the tragic note, it is Joseph who falls before the bullet of the progressive assassin.

Choir Invited To Present Concerts

The Ladies Triad choir of the Presbyterian church has received several requests to present concerts at different towns and cities of Eastern Oregon, according to Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson, director for the last three years.

The MacDowell club of Baker has requested a program by the choir during music week. It will also appear in a benefit program at Elgin, May 8 and has been invited to present a concert in Pendleton. During music week here, the choir will present a secular program for the Neighborhood club.

The Easter canta "The Risen King" by Schnecker will be given by the choir, next Sunday at the Presbyterian church.

Plane Accident Cause of Deaths

CHATEAUROUX, France, Apr. 16 (AP)—One woman was trapped in a house and burned to death and two pilots were killed as two military combat planes collided over this city today and crashed into the streets.

Gasoline War Sends Local Price Of Motor Fuel as Low as 18 Cents

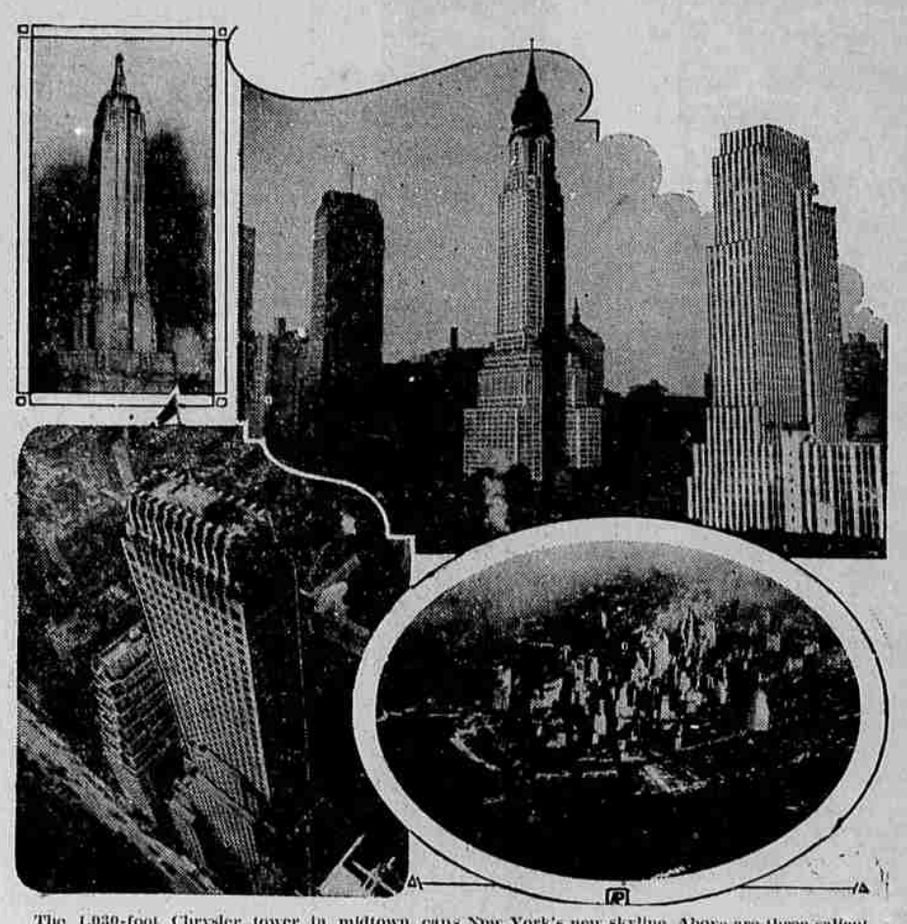
Eastern Oregon is having its own little gasoline war today and motorists, delighted at the opportunity of purchasing motor fuel at as low as 18 cents, were opening their pockets a little more liberally than usual.

The gasoline price reductions really started a week or so ago, when retail prices dropped to 23 to 21 cents a gallon. This endured for awhile but yesterday morning big signs, bearing the numerals either 18 or 19 appeared at some of the filling stations, and the war was on in earnest. The highest price charged in the city this morning was 23 cents a gallon and the lowest 18 cents, and reports are that at 18 cents, dealers are loosing half a cent a gallon.

The wholesale cut in prices reached Baker and Enterprise yesterday, and they also joined the battle, dropping to around 23 cents. This morning, as the battle waxed warmer, fuel could be purchased in Baker as low as 19 cents.

An attempt to reach a compromise was started between dealers today in the hopes of increasing the prices to normal, but no definite developments had been reached early this afternoon.

NEW YORK NOW A CITY OF TALL TOWERS



The 1,030-foot Chrysler tower in midtown caps New York's new skyline. Above are three salient peaks of the new midtown skyline: the Chanin, Chrysler and Daily News buildings. Below is the down-town business cluster, long famous. At the left is the 85-story Empire State building rising on Fifth avenue, and below it is the 55-story Chanin tower as seen from the Chrysler's crest. The Chrysler building is now highest but the Empire State skyscraper will top them all, throughout the world. The Woolworth tower is no longer supreme—in fact, it is not even the second tallest.

House Duties On Hides Accepted By Senate Group

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—The house duties on hides, leathers and shoes, all now on the free list, were agreed upon today by the congressional conferees on the tariff bill.

The rates accepted are 10 per cent on hides, 12½ to 20 per cent on leathers and 20 per cent on shoes.

The senate bill restored all of these to the free list, where they have been for years.

By forcing the senate group to recede the senate action in four times voting down duties on the hide and leather products, the house conferees scored their biggest victory since the two groups met to adjust differences over the Hawley-Smoot measure.

The hide, leather and shoe dispute was one of the hardest fought in the senate tariff struggle.

6,799 Eligible To Vote May 16 In This County

A total of 6,799 citizens of Union county are eligible to vote in the primary election to be held on May 16, according to figures at the county clerk's office. These include only republicans and democrats, as members of other parties do not vote in the primaries, reserving their ballots until the general election, as no other ballots are issued excepting republican and democratic.

Of the total 4,299 are registered republicans and 2,500 democrats. The registration books closed yesterday afternoon.

School Children In Narrow Escape

OREGON CITY, Apr. 16 (AP)—Loaded with school children, a bus went off the West Linn-Willamette road early today, snapped a telephone pole and was only prevented from a 40-foot plunge down an embankment by a guy wire of the pole.

Had the guy wire not held the heavy motor bus the accident probably would have resulted in death or serious injury of many of the children. Aside from minor bruises and shock, none of the 35 occupants of the carrier were hurt.

Isleta Tragedy Toll Reaches 22

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Apr. 16 (AP)—Frank L. Myers of Columbia City, Ind., died today, bringing to 22 the number of deaths from the Pickwick-Greyhound bus-Santa Fe train crash at Isleta last Friday.

LUMBERMAN DIES

ST. PAUL, Minn., Apr. 16 (AP)—[illegible], nationally known as [illegible] years old, and was the last surviving member of the original coterie of lumbermen associated with the late Frederick Weyerhaeuser, Sr.

LEGGE APPEALS TO THE FARMERS

Again Urges Reduced Wheat and Cotton Acreage Over the Nation.

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Chairman Legge of the federal farm board today renewed his appeal for a reduced wheat and cotton acreage as a measure of bettering the finances of the farmer.

"Wheat growers are being urged to reduce their acreage ten per cent," he said in a radio address. "The purpose is to get production more nearly in line with domestic market requirements so that the 42 cent tariff can be made more effective.

"In asking the wheat farmer to reduce his acreage the board is not asking him to reduce his income," he added. "Instead the board confidently believes his income will be improved. If he could get more money for four bushels of wheat than he now gets for five, what is the incentive for raising the extra bushel, exhausting the fertility of the soil and going to the extra labor of raising it, only in the last analysis to reduce his income—not to increase it?"

"Cotton farmers are being asked to improve the quality of their cotton as well as to limit plantings to forty million acres compared to forty-six million acres in 1929."

He suggested that the farmer restore the "rapidly disappearing woodlot" with the land available from smaller wheat and cotton plantages. "The problems of excess production would be well on the way to solution if five per cent of the present acreage under cultivation on every farm were planted to trees," he predicted.

MAN IS FINED FOR SLAYING FELINE 'SINGER'

SHERIDAN, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—Nearly 200 people, including the sheriff, district attorney and other officials in Yamhill county, last night attended the trial of Ivy Yocum, accused of assassinating a cat.

Yocum, annoyed by the Troubadour Thomas' theme song, discharged a weapon in the exact vicinity of the cat and the general vicinity of Harry Valliere, a neighbor, at the moment he was taking the milk in from his front porch.

Valliere made complaint, allowing his life could have been endangered by the shot.

Judge Kenneth Shatterly fined Yocum $7.50 after Yocum admitting killing the cat but wouldn't tell how.

DOG DIES OF GRIEF

ROME, Apr. 16 (AP)—"Luck," a large black dog which for 13 years was the faithful companion of Queen Victoria of Sweden, followed his mistress in death.

During the last days of the queen, who died here April 4, "Luck" seemed to sense his mistress was near the end for he refused to leave her room.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 16 (AP)—Official reports showing that a considerable area southwest was still in the clutches of drought led to much higher prices for wheat today. In particular, western Kansas and western Oklahoma were described as needing moisture badly. Latest definite estimates of North American wheat export business today were 1,000,000 bushels or more, but there also were intimations the total far exceeded the figures mentioned.

Wheat closed nervous 1⅞@2⅝c a bushel higher than yesterday's finish. Corn closed 1⅝c up, oats 1¼@1⅜c advanced, and provisions showing 5@12c gain.

Two Rescued From Mountain Slopes

VANCOUVER, Wash., Apr. 16 (AP)—Ralph Brown, 21, and Glen Havard, 20, students at Columbia academy, were safe at home today after having been rescued late yesterday from the snow-covered slopes of Mitchell peak, near Mt. St. Helens, where they had been lost 39 hours.

The two left the academy Monday in an effort to scale the peak but became lost on the east slope. They were in excellent condition except for being chilled and hungry.

I. C. C. Hears Final Railroad Pleas

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Before deciding whether the Great Northern and the Western Pacific railroads are to be permitted to link their Pacific coast lines to compete for north and south traffic, the interstate commerce commission today allowed final pleas of attorneys representing affected railroads and cities and states of the entire northwest territory.

Under the proposal, the Great Northern would build southward 88 miles from Klamath Falls, Ore., and the Western Pacific northward 112 miles from Keddie, Cal., creating another direct rail route between California and Oregon and Washington.

Favor Restriction Of All Filipinos

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Complete restriction of Philippine immigration into this country except for business and pleasure visitors was proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Shortridge, republican, California.

1200 WORKERS HOMELESS

MANILA, Apr. 16 (AP)—About 1200 workers at Cadiz, Occidental Negros province, were jobless today as the result of a fire which destroyed the Insular Lumber company's sawmill there. The fire occurred last night.

Although only meagre details have been received here, it is thought by those familiar with the mill that the houses connected with it must have burned also.

HEAD OF WET ASSOCIATION QUESTIONED

Henry H. Curran Tells Senate Lobby Committee of A. A. P. A. Work

SHARP EXCHANGES DURING TESTIMONY

Admits Association Pays $251,484 Annually in Salaries — His Salary Totals $25,000.

Washington, Apr. 16 (AP)—Upholding the association against the prohibition amendment, Henry H. Curran, its president, testified today to the senate lobby committee that one of the purposes of the organization was to advocate election of congressmen favoring repeal of the dry laws.

Curran said his only employment was with the association. Previously he had been counsel for the City club of New York.

"You are a lawyer," Chairman Caraway asked.

"No, I am a member of the bar," Curran replied.

Tells of Campaigns

The witness said the organization supported congressional candidates favoring repeal, which is wanted to bring about in order to restore to the states the right to regulate the liquor traffic. Campaigns were also conducted through newspaper releases and radio, he said.

Curran testified one hundred persons are employed by the association in 12 offices. He placed his salary at $25,000 a year and expenses.

Chairman Caraway asked Curran whether negroes were eligible for membership.

"Certainly," he replied.

"You don't draw any color line," Caraway continued.

"Keep those words in your mouth," Curran said, "don't put them in mine."

Curran said there were 250 members of the board of directors and 1000 were eligible for membership.

The anti-prohibition activities of Curran's organization recently came under the scrutiny of the lobby committee through testimony of John J. Roskob, chairman of the democratic national committee.

Quarter Million in Salaries

Curran said the annual salary of the persons employed regularly by the association was $251,484.

Caraway asked if the association made direct contributions to candidates for public office.

"Yes," Curran said.

Caraway read from a list of expenditures of the association an item of $32,059 for political expenditures.

Won't Support Butler

"Are you going to support Will-

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R. C. A. TAKING OVER 2 OTHER BIG COMPANIES

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 (AP)—Radio Corporation of America has completed arrangements to acquire the radio manufacturing facilities of the General Electric company and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company it was learned from official sources today.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Asserting a "new radio trust" had been formed, Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, urged in the senate today that the department of justice inquire into the reported sale by the Radio Corporation of America of $543,000,000 in stocks to the General Electric and Westinghouse companies in payment for radio patents.

ASKS U. S. ASSISTANCE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Government assistance in a program to encourage the construction in the United States by American capital of commercial airships for regular operation on existing foreign trade routes was proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon.

BASEBALL TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Philadelphia-New York, postponed, rain.

Chicago-Cleveland, postponed, rain.

St. Louis-Detroit, postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston at New York, postponed, rain.

Phillies at Brooklyn, postponed, rain.

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	1	10	1
Cincinnati	3	7	0

Batteries: Brame and Hemsley; Donohue and Sukeforth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	5	7	1
Boston	4	6	0

Handley and Ruel; Gaston and Berry.