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HIGHWAY TO WEST OPENED FOR TRAVEL

Flood Conditions Halt Automobile Traffic During the Night

HEAVY RAINS OF THREE DAYS END

Train Service Interrupted for Several Hours—March Rainfall Total Now 5.31 Inches

With heavy rains of the last three days ending this morning and slightly cooler weather reported in the mountains, flood conditions near La Grande appeared past their peak today.

Transportation facilities to the west were interrupted last night, with No. 19 remaining in La Grande until 7:30 o'clock. No. 18 was due here shortly before noon today with No. 6 to follow it. Reports received here were that passengers were transferred between Pendleton and Umatilla on these two trains.

The railroad and highway both east and west were open to travel this morning, although pilot cars were taking motorists through about a foot of water running over the Old Oregon Trail highway near Hilgard early today. This section was closed several hours last night with the water two feet deep on the highway. A drop of about a foot in the river resulted in re-opening of the highway about 6 o'clock this morning. Highways to the east of here were reported in good shape, although some of them were a bit soft.

Slide Cleared

The traffic between here and Elgin was held up for a while last night while a crew of highway employes cleared a rock and snow slide from the road this side of Elgin. Traffic was resumed about 12:30 this morning.

The Grande Ronde river apparently was at its peak during last night and was overflowing into lower lands in some sections of the valley. Catherine creek also was reported out of bounds in some localities, but it is not believed that any serious damage resulted from the valley floods.

Hillside streams that poured water into the La Grande business and residential sections yesterday morning were still running high, but the

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HEAVY TRUCK ON HIGHWAY CAUSES FINE

G. E. Cressler, arrested yesterday by Sergeant J. A. Robertson and Patrolman Bill Howard, of the state police, pleaded guilty in justice court to violating the 10,000-pound load limit on the Kamela-Pendleton stretch of the Old Oregon trail. He was fined $40 and costs of $5. Sergeant Robertson reported the truck weighed 19,860 pounds.

The 10,000-pound load limit so far exists only on that one section of the state highways in this part of Eastern Oregon, and was established there to prevent damage to the roads.

Trapshooters Will Be Out Tomorrow

The La Grande Gun club will meet shooters from Bend, Coos County, St. Johns and Woodland in the third round of the Oregonian telegraphic shoot at Lone Tree tomorrow. At present the La Grande club is in the second division due to bad weather last Sunday, which caused the loss of four straight matches after a favorable record on the opening Sunday of the competition.

Shooters also will take part in a third leg of the annual handicap trophy tournament.

MARSHFIELD HIGH WINS

SALEM, Mar. 19 (AP)—Marshfield took a victory today from University high of Eugene in the last minute of play to win 24 to 23.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably rain in the west; moderate temperature; moderate south winds offshore.

For the week: Generally fair in Central and Southern California and Southern Nevada and elsewhere; frequent rains in Oregon. Moderate temperature.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—49 above.
Minimum: 43 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 50, minimum 37 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 1.15 of inch. Range—13 degrees.

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Maximum 50, minimum 35 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .28 of an inch. Range—15 degrees.

Two More File For Nomination In This County

Sheriff Jesse Breshears and Sidney L. Thompson Candidates; Friends Urging Hugh Bodmer

Sidney L. Thompson, Democrat, filed this morning for the Democratic nomination for county clerk, insuring County Clerk C. K. McCormick of opposition at least in the November general election. Mr. McCormick filed the Republican nomination yesterday. No other aspirants for this office have been reported.

Sheriff Jesse Breshears also filed for nomination on the Republican ticket. He made no statement but gave as his slogan: "Stand on my past record."

A. C. "Clint" Haynes, Democrat, who is expected to run for sheriff, has not yet filed his declaration.

Rumors heard here today are that friends of Hugh Bodmer in both Union and Wallowa counties are urging that he enter the race for Republican nomination for joint state senator from the two counties, a post-

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Greeley Favors Strong Federal Control Policy

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP) — Stronger federal control over national forest and watershed areas was urged today before a senate committee by W. B. Greeley, of Seattle, a former chief of the United States forest service.

Greeley, now secretary of the West Coast Lumberman's association, was testifying on legislation to transfer the western public domain from the federal government to the states.

He was a member of President Hoover's public land committee but refused to sign its report. The committee's recommendations are embodied in the bill under consideration.

"My conviction is," he said, "that one of the things that should be definitely provided for in legislation of this character should be to round out and where necessary expand the boundaries of the national forests as further areas of federal administration and conservation."

Bob Duncan Is Selected Pro At La Grande Club

Bob Duncan, with the Overlake Golf club at Seattle last year and for five years with the famous St. Andrews course in Scotland, has been employed as professional of the La Grande country club, President Charles H. Reynolds announced today.

Mr. Duncan, who was here yesterday conferring with club officials and members, has returned to Portland where he will secure a stock of equipment, and expects to be back here in a week. Although his new position does not become effective until Apr. 1, Mr. Duncan probably will be at the course during the last week of this month.

Mr. Duncan not only is regarded as an excellent golf teacher, but also is a noted player. In 1929 he won the tait tournament at St. Andrews from a field of 200 starters. He also has participated in tournaments in the Pacific Northwest during his two years in this country.

An inspection of the country club course today caused officials of the club to decide that it would be unwise to attempt to play tomorrow and as a result the course will not be opened until later on this month, depending upon the weather conditions.

Final Staging Of "Sonia" Last Night

Before a capacity house, the La Grande high school presented "Sonia, the Girl from Russia," last night at 8:15. Large audiences enjoyed both performances, the first on Thursday and last night again. The actors maintained their air of perfection again in the final staging, appearing to advantage in their roles.

W. W. Nusbaum, musical director, and Miss Catherine Sartain, dramatics coach, again demonstrated their ability in directing smooth productions. The musical comedy was well done in the singing, dancing and speaking parts.

Planing Mill At Pondosa Opened

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 19 (Special)—Approximately 35 men were placed at work Thursday with the re-opening of the Grande Ronde Pine company planing mill at Pondosa. The plant has been closed for about one month. The men returning to work have been living at Pondosa during the shut-down.

The sawmill is still closed and work in the logging camp remains at a standstill. How long the planing mill will remain open was not learned.

FUNERAL MONDAY

Funeral services for John W. Van Fleet will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary, it was announced this afternoon.

SAILOR AGAIN QUIZZED IN KIDNAP CASE

Henry "Red" Johnson Led About Lindbergh Estate by Detectives

NEW SUSPECT IS HELD BY POLICE

George Malden Arrested at Highland Park for Attempted Kidnaping or Burglary

HOPEWELL, N. J., Mar. 19 (AP)—Henry (Red) Johnson, sailor suitor of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby's nurse, was led about the Lindbergh estate by detectives today, to determine just how much he knew about the house and grounds.

He was not under arrest in connection with the kidnaping, police reiterated, but detectives wanted to learn how much he knew about the estate, in their effort to discover whether he might have been an unwitting aid to the kidnapers.

Another man was arrested at South Plainfield after an attempted kidnaping or burglary at Highland Park, 20 miles away.

This man, who gave his name as George Malden, was arrested after a grounds keeper on the estate of J. Seward Johnson, wealthy surgical dressings manufacturer, had shot at a man climbing up to the Johnson nursery.

Intruder Flees

A nurse attracted the grounds keeper's attention when she screamed as a ladder was placed against the

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BRIGHT COLORS TO BE FEATURED

Miiady of Spring to See New Styles at Spring Opening on Tuesday

The 1932 spring charmer in La Grande will blossom forth in bright colors, with large, shiny buttons, high-waisted effects, but the male of the species will appear in even more subdued apparel.

At least that is about the way it looks now — three days before the annual Spring Opening in La Grande.

Many and varied will be the styles in women's clothing, and these will be exhibited to admiring throngs from the windows of La Grande's stores on Tuesday evening, between 7:30 and 9 o'clock. Men's apparel and the latest in home furnishings will go to complete the showing, which will usher in the spring season with a flourish.

Merchants, cheered by improvement in the weather today, went about their arrangements for the spring opening confident that the new and delightful styles in clothing and home furnishings would result in increased buying within the next month. And buyers, expectantly awaiting the opening, were thinking also of the Easter season a week from tomorrow when new outfits will be in vogue.

Besides the window and store displays the La Grande band will furnish music during the opening, playing several concert numbers on Adams avenue.

The avenue will be roped off from Chestnut to Greenwood so that pedestrians will not be halted in their admiration of the various stores by automobile traffic.

JUDGE CLOSES TERM OF COURT AT ENTERPRISE

Judge J. W. Knowles has returned from Enterprise where he held court during the week, and will open circuit court here Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The first case on the docket is that brought by the minor heirs of Leslie V. Spicer, deceased, through their guardian, against the Benefit Association of Railway Employes to recover $2000 on an accident policy by reason of alleged accidental injuries sustained by Mr. Spicer causing his death.

MOST FLOOD DANGER OVER FOR WEEKEND

Rivers Over All Oregon Rising, With Some Overflowing

PACIFIC HIGHWAY BLOCKED BY SLIDE

Several Families Are Marooned on Second Floors of Their Homes in South Part of Eugene

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP)—Huge landslides south of Port Orford and the destruction of the Smith river bridge in the same locality by high water, closed the Oregon coast highway today. Telephone lines south to Crescent City were down. There was an unconfirmed report here today of a great landslide on the coast highway just north of Crescent City.

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Cessation of the heavy rain storms that have swept Oregon for two days was predicted today and it was believed the menace of floods that had appeared in several places, was over.

The weather bureau here expected only occasional showers over the weekend, with moderately warm temperatures.

The Willamette river in Portland reached a stage of 11.1 feet at 8 a. m. today after a rise of 3.7 feet in the preceding 24 hours. It was still rising and was expected to continue over the weekend. Flood stage at Portland is 18 feet.

Several Streams Overflow

Smaller streams all over the Northwest have risen and several overflowed into nearby fields and some roads. The Kilchis river at Tillamook went out of its banks but there was no damage. Traffic was detoured over an old plank road near Tillamook while crews cleared a slide on the Oregon Coast highway, the third in that vicinity this season.

The government river forecast today said "The Santiam river at Jefferson reached 15.3 feet and is still rising slowly (at 8 a. m.) but will beg:" to fall this afternoon.

"The Willamette is above the flood stage from Eugene by tonight, but below Eugene will continue to rise Sunday and probably Monday and will reach flood stages as follows:

"Albany, 20 feet, by Sunday afternoon; Salem, 20 feet by Sunday af-

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M'ADOO URGES NOMINATION OF JOHN GARNER

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 19 (AP)—William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury under Woodrow Wilson, told south Texas Democrats last night that the party would make a mistake if it nominated a New Yorker for president. "No New Yorker could be elected," he said.

Visiting in a state which supported him for the presidential nomination several years ago, McAdoo praised Speaker John Garner, Texas' candidate for the presidency.

"I am very happy to support Garner as the Democratic nominee for president," the wartime secretary of the treasury said.

Mrs. Ada Jolley To Be Guest Here

Mrs. Ada Jolley, state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, will be a visitor at the institute which will be held Monday at the Baptist church. Mrs. Jolley will conduct the meeting and added features will be vocal solos by Mrs. Quinland and Paul Knautz.

Coach At Albany College Resigns

ALBANY, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP)—Lloyd Balcom, coach of athletic teams at Albany college, resigned today when the college adopted a revised athletic policy designed to minimize emphasis on intercollegiate competition. Balcom will be replaced by a director of athletics, yet to be named.

Secretary Hyde Says No Dumping Of Wheat And Cotton Planned

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—In a telegram to a southern cotton firm, Secretary Hyde said today that administration plans for disposing of wheat and cotton surpluses abroad do not contemplate dumping and that new American markets would be sought.

The agriculture secretary specified no sale would be made except in an orderly way and in accordance with the farm board's previously announced policy.

"Such sales," Hyde said, "would be constructive, if made, and would result in benefit to farmers."

Hyde addressed his communication to the Georgia-Alabama Cotton company, Albany, Ga.

Chairman Stone said today the farm board contemplated no change in its wheat stabilization policy and that rumors that surplus wheat would be dumped in foreign markets were untrue.

CAUSES SLUMP IN PRICES

CHICAGO, March 19 (AP) — Wheat prices dropped sharply on the board of trade today on reports that the Liverpool market had been demoralized as a result of the statement yesterday of Secretary Hyde that the farm board would try to dispose of its vast holdings. Quotations opened from 1 to 3 cents down, the biggest drop being in the September option.

Purchases by shorts rallied September prices about 1½ cents after a bottom of 56¾ cents had been set. This minimum price was 8 cents below the closing last Saturday. Corn, oats and rye also sold off somewhat

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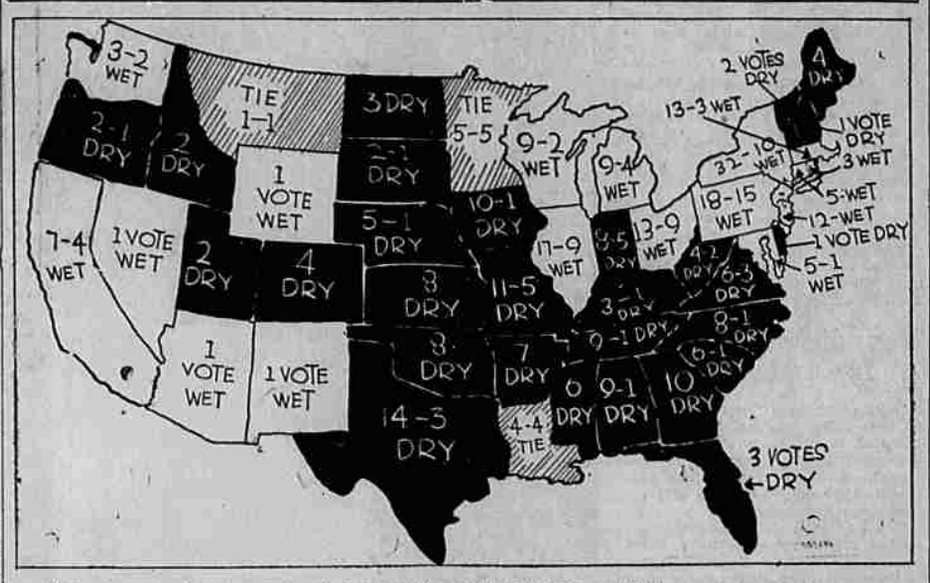
HOW CONGRESS VOTE MAPPED PROHIBITION



When congress voted on a proposal to bring the Beck-Linthicum prohibition amendment out of committee in the first wet-dry test of importance since 1917, Representatives lined up as shown in sketch map above. The Beck-Linthicum resolution, still locked in committee, would amend the 18th amendment to allow state control of liquor. Wets piled up a surprise vote of 187 to bring the proposal before congress. They were defeated by 227 dry-voting congressmen. The 218th amendment originally was adopted in the house by a vote of 282 for and 128 against.

Harry F. Powers Pays With Life For Slayings

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., March 19 (AP)—Harry F. Powers died on the gallows last night for the murder of Mrs. Dorothy Pressler-Lemke, who had been one of several "mail order" sweethearts.

Shortly after Powers was pronounced dead, Dr. H. H. Haynes, a physician of Clarksburg, W. Va., announced he had a signed confession from the condemned man admitting in detail the murder of five persons, including Mrs. Pressler-Lemke.

The others were Mrs. Asta Buick Eicher and her three children of Park Ridge, Ill. The bodies of all were buried in a narrow ditch near a garage on Powers' wife's deserted farm near Clarksburg.

The alleged "Bluebeard" was brought to trial and convicted only for the death of Mrs. Pressler-Lemke. He denied guilt until the moment of his hanging.

A short time after Powers' body was removed from the death chamber, an envelope addressed to Warden A. C. Scroggins was opened.

Therein was a letter in which the man about to die had protested his innocence. He assailed capital punishment, which he insisted fails to reduce the number of murder cases.

He reiterated that his trial was "unfair," that it was held in an opera house "where people go to be entertained." He recalled he had twice been menaced by a mob, yet had been refused a change of venue.

Questioned about what had become of Mrs. Lemke's jewelry, Powers, sobbing bitterly, staggered from his

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Damage Done By Annual Floods At Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 19 (AP)—This city's 1932 edition of its almost yearly flood seemed to be about over today with damage to bulkheads and bridges amounting to several thousand dollars.

Although the flood reached a peak at midnight last night estimated to be near that of the 1931 flood, Mill creek channel carried the main flow of water.

Officials attributed the freshet to heavy rains and warm winds which melted snow in the Blue mountains. More than two inches of rain fell at Koosekooskie, 14 miles up Mill creek, during the 24 hour period ending at 2 a. m. today, but the rain had ceased falling at midnight.

At one turn in Mill creek in the heart of town the waters had eaten a wide channel, washing away one small house and part of a service station.

City crews worked all night long building a brush diversion weir to

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Hamilton Arrested For Walla Walla

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP)—Charles Hamilton, wanted by Washington state police in connection with forgery charges, was today turned over to Walla Walla officers. He was arrested here yesterday when he offered a check at a store. The merchant held the check and asked Hamilton to return later.

Police said he admitted passing between 30 and 40 checks in Washington and that he served a sentence for passing a money order in Spokane.

Medford, Marshfield Win Fourth, Fifth

SALEM, Mar. 19 (AP)—Medford high school holds fourth position in the state basketball tournament and Marshfield high school fifth place by reason of their victories today over Nehalem and University high school of Eugene. Nehalem will take seventh place in the final listing while University makes eighth. Scores: Medford 48, Nehalem 29; Marshfield 24,

SELECTION OF CHANCELLOR NEXT

State Board of Higher Education Adopts Unification Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19 (AP) — Its program of unification of Oregon's institutions of higher learning nearing completion, the state board of higher education now expects to devote more time to the selection of a chancellor who will have direct control over the entire education system.

The board Friday adopted the recommendations of the unification committee looking toward completion of the unification plans, and assigning deans and directors to the several institutions.

The appointment of J. A. Churchill, president of Ashland Normal school, to the presidency of Oregon Normal school at Monmouth, and to the office of director of elementary training, with jurisdiction over the three normal schools of the state, was one of the outstanding recommendations adopted.

Landers Resigns

The resignation of J. S. Landers, president of Monmouth Normal, was accepted and the board announced it expects to make a place for him in the new system.

Churchill's appointment is effective July 1 and his salary will be $5000 a year, an increase of $500.

Two other resignations were received. Dr. Henry D. Shelton resigned as dean of education at the University of Oregon to accept a position as research professor of history and education. Dean David Faville, of the Oregon school of business administration, resigned to accept a position at Stanford university at a salary increase to be $1200 a year.

The board agreed to pay up to $15,000 a year to the man who is selected to head the unified system of education. On each of the five campuses will be stationed a president who will be responsible directly to the chancellor who will, in turn, report directly to the board of education.

Paul R. Kelty, editor of the Oregonian, asked the privilege of submitting to the board a plan showing how instruction in journalism, previously ordered abolished by the

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRL KILLED IN ACCIDENT

STAYTON, Mar. 19 (AP) — Celma Palmer, 16, Stayton high school student, was killed in an automobile accident near here late yesterday when the car in which she was riding skidded on the wet pavement and was hurled into the ditch. She died a half hour after the accident.

The automobile was driven by Eldon Calbreath, Stayton youth, who was taking the girl home from school after she had failed to catch the school bus. State police officers pronounced the accident to be no fault of the driver, and no inquest will be held. None of the other four occupants nor the driver was injured.

This was reported to be the 10th automobile fatality in Marion county this year.

Woman, 109, Eager To Marry Again

ST. PAUL, March 19 (AP) — Mrs. Mary Barbre is 109 years old today and her son, Louis, 64, helped her celebrate it with an important announcement.

He said she wanted to take a fourth fling at married life, but couldn't make up her mind about her suitor, who is only 80.

Mrs. Barbre married her third husband, now dead, when she was 95. She keeps house for Louis, doing all the cooking and washing. And she sews without glasses.

Work Out Plan Of Relief For Rail Carriers

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — President Hoover, in a formal statement, today reported the financial necessities of the nation's important rail carriers were less than at first thought, and that a co-ordinated plan of relief had been formed.

The president estimated the aid required in meeting the interest and renewal of railway securities together with their other obligations during 1932, would range from $300,000,000 to $400,000,000.

Estimating that as much as $60,000,000 might be provided by the railway credit corporation, the president stated "resource to the Reconstruction corporation by the railroads will be much less than was originally thought."

Commenting upon the series of railway conferences, climaxed by one at the White House late yesterday with 15 outstanding railway chiefs, Mr. Hoover said "the co-ordination of programs and policies has been arrived at by the government and the railway agencies to effect" a meeting of the situation.

The president, in his statement said:

"I have held a number of conferences for survey of the railway situation and for determination of general policies in respect to the railroads. The elements in these conferences are the directors and heads of staff of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, members of the interstate commerce commission dealing with these problems, and representatives of the Railway Credit corporation.

"Examination of the financial problem confronting the railroads shows that it is of smaller dimensions than has been generally believed or reported.

"It is estimated that the financial necessities of the important railways of the country which are likely to require aid in meeting the interest and renewal of their maturing securities, and in meeting their other obligations during 1932, will be from $300,000,000 to $400,000,000.

"Of this amount the Railway Credit corporation will provide a minimum of from $50,000,000 to $60,000,000 and

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Floods Occur In North California

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19 (AP) — Heavy rain in the extreme northern part of California led to flood conditions in some places today.

The Pit river broke its banks at the south end of the city limits of Alturas, inundating that area. The business section also was threatened and citizens worked to prevent further flooding.

Del Norte county was threatened in some places. The Smith river valley was inundated and livestock had to be moved to high ground. The Klamath river threatened to go over its banks 20 miles south of Crescent City.

Shevlin-Hixon Co. Mill To Re-open

BEND, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP)—The Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company, closed since November, will re-open April 4, C. L. Isted, general manager, announced Friday.

The three units of the plant will be operated 8 hours a day, 6 days a week. Work will be rotated to give jobs to regular employes. No new help will be employed.

Investigation Of MacKintosh Ordered

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP)—Further investigation of the nomination of Kenneth Mackintosh, of Washington, for the circuit court was ordered by a senate judiciary sub-committee today on a charge that he had rendered a "most arbitrary opinion" in the disbarment of an attorney.

WILD HOUSE REVOLTS ON TAX MEASURE

Adjourns in Disorder Today After Bowling Over Party Leaders

RAINEY PLEADS IN VAIN FOR ORDER

After Adjournment, Ways and Means Committee Agrees to Exempt Some Foodstuffs

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — After the house had adjourned in wild disorder today, the ways and means committee agreed to exempt a group of additional foodstuffs from the sales tax provisions in an effort to gather new support for the revenue bill.

The agreement was reached by ranking members of the committee and will be presented to the full membership of that group next week.

The new exemptions will be: Liquids used in spraying fruit trees, malt syrup used in bread making, grape juices used by soda fountains and in non-alcoholic beverages, ice cream and malted milk, lard and lard substitutes, sausage, including frankfurters.

Would Exempt Radio Wires

They also propose to exempt radio leased wires.

With party leaders pleading for support of the billion dollar revenue bill, the house today adjourned after scenes of disorder.

Open revolt against the Democratic leadership was voiced on the floor today in the face of a statement by Speaker Garner that he would support the sales tax provisions of the new revenue bill.

The speaker's views were made clear in a statement issued shortly before debate opened. In it he endorsed the bill brought out by the ways and means committee and said he was ready to yield every economic opinion he ever held for the financial salvation of the country.

Representative Fuller (D., Ark.), said in debate that the Democratic insurgents would continue to follow their present course of opposition to

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20-TON ROCK CAUSES FATAL TRAIN WRECK

PLAINS, Mont., March 19 (AP) — A twenty-ton boulder crashing down on the right-of-way, caused the derailment of the Northern Pacific North Coast Limited between here and Thompson Falls last night and brought death to two trainmen.

Engineer Pat Gallagher and Fireman Maurice Stookey, both of Spokane, were trapped beneath the engine and fatally burned.

Although three cars, baggage, mail and diner, left the rails, all passengers escaped without serious injury. The huge rock had torn loose 400 feet of track a moment before the west bound train plunged into the twisted rails.

A rancher living near the tracks heard the rumbling of the descending rock toward the right-of-way, but was unable to reach the scene in time to flag the train to a stop.

Number of Bank Failures Lower

OGDEN, Utah, Mar. 19 (AP)—The decreasing number of bank failures was cited Friday by Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, as an evidence that the tide of business is turning. He passed through here en route to California to make a business survey for his department.

"The last figures on bank failures in the United States show there are fewer institutions closing at present than at any time since 1918," he said.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 19 (AP)—Fifty million dollars loss on farm produce in the hands of growers was estimated today as the result of this week's big fall in prices, including grains and cotton.

The extreme new drop in wheat values today was 3½ cents a bushel, but the market scored a substantial recovery in the final hour. Best recoveries came after statements credited to Chairman Stone, of the federal farm board that his organization planned to sell its wheat only in non-competitive countries.

Wheat closed nervous, 1¼@1⅝c under yesterday's finish, corn ⅝@⅞c down, oats ⅛@½c off, and provisions showing 2c to 30c decline.

PORTLAND, Mar. 19 (AP)—July and September wheat were established at new low marks for the season during the weekend trading on the Portland futures market, while May was within 3c of the low. May lost 1⅝c while July and September were each off 1½c bushel. Sales totaled 5000 bushels July.

On the merchants' exchange cash wheat lost 1½c bushel for the day.