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R. STANFIELD WILL RUN ON WET PLATFORM

Information From Vale Says Former U. S. Senator Will Make Race

SCHERPING WILL OPPOSE HOLMAN

Young Portland Business Man, Veteran of World War, Seeks Position as Treasurer.

Reports received and published by the Observer a week ago today to the effect that Ex-Senator Robert N. Stanfield probably would enter the May Republican primary election for U. S. senator, appeared as verified today. An Associated Press news story from Portland said that information received from Vale today said that Stanfield has decided to be a candidate for the senate on a wet platform.

If Stanfield does enter the race he will be opposed by Senator Steiwer, incumbent; A. E. Clark and Kenneth Harlan.

To Oppose Rufus Holman

And from Salem today comes announcement that W. Milton Scherping, young Portland business men, will campaign against Rufus C. Holman for the nomination as state treasurer. Scherping filed his candidacy in Salem today. Previous to this time Holman has been unopposed for the Republican nomination for an office now filled by himself as an appointee to serve the unexpired term of the late Thomas B. Kay.

World War Veteran

Scherping is head of a large plumbing company in Portland and active in civic work in East Portland. He served in the World war air service. Scherping, 37 years old, came to Oregon after the close of the World war from Michigan.

Scherping's statement follows: "As a business man who recognizes the importance of applying sound business principal in government affairs I am asking the citizens of this state to permit me to serve them as state treasurer.

"I have been engaged in civic and state activities for many years in Portland and Oregon. I have never been in politics, know nothing about

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COVE SCHOOL SELECTS TWO FOR CONTESTS

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin
(Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore., March 31 (Special) — Maxine Towle and John Fisher will represent Cove High school in the county declamatory contests at La Grande Saturday. Miss Towle was first in the humorous tryouts and John was first in the non-humorous division.

The results of the tryouts here Wednesday follow:

Humorous: Maxine Towle, first, subject: "At the Swimming Pool." Charles Fisher, second, subject: "Pat's Love Letter." Lavonne Koger, third, subject: "Jimmy Butler and the Owl."

Non-humorous: John Fisher, first, subject: "The Horse Thief." Jean Miller, second, subject: "The Sioux Chief's Daughter." Robert Duncan, third, subject: "Fear God and Take Your Own Part."

Women Golfers To Meet on Friday

The women members of the La Grande country club will hold their annual meeting in the office of Chas. Reynolds Friday evening at 7:30. This meeting is called by Mrs. L. K. Kinzel, president, and is for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and transacting other business that is usual to such occasions.

The women are again planning on an extensive and interesting schedule for the coming year and with the golf course rapidly becoming in good playable condition the golf fever is approaching a point where resistance is low.

The permanent greens were mowed for the first time yesterday and with a day or two of sunshine will be ready for play.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Rain in the west portion and probably local showers in the east portion tonight and Friday; moderate temperature; fresh to strong southerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—41 above.
Minimum: 37 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 57, minimum 37 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .02 of inch. Range—20 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 31, 1931

Maximum 52, minimum 36 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .81 of inch. Range—16 degrees.

Defense Scores Point In Trial Of Edgar Marvin

Fourth Day of Trial of Wallowa County Judge Finds Prosecution Still Presenting Case.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 31 (Special) — The fourth day of the trial of Edgar Marvin, Wallowa county judge, on a charge of misapplying funds from the Joseph State bank, found the prosecution still presenting its case.

Wednesday in circuit court here found the defense scoring important points in its attempt to prove that the money in question was the property of the directors as individuals and not the property of the bank as an institution.

The state witnesses called Wednesday were D. G. Tucker, Dudley Peal, both directors of the Joseph State bank; A. M. Wright, first vice president of United States National bank; W. P. Choate, manager of the note department of the U. S. National bank and P. L. Sercy, in charge of the liquidations.

Both directors testified that on April 16, 1930, a directors meeting was called, and President Edgar Marvin informed them of the banks con-

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Flood Control Question Faces City Executives

The question of flood control was presented to the city commission at its executive meeting at the city hall last night, when a petition was filed bearing the signatures of 95 people living in and near La Grande. The petition asked for relief from overflow waters from Mill and Deal canyons in Old Town and vicinity.

County Judge U. G. Couch was present and suggested that the commission and a representative of the E. O. L. & P. Co. meet with the county court on Thursday, Apr. 7 to discuss the matter further.

Mr. Couch also took up the matter of unemployment relief, stating that conditions now are worse than they have been at any time during the winter. The present plan is for Mr. Couch and City Manager Angus McAllister to meet with the chamber of commerce and other organizations to discuss the relief problem.

Mr. McAllister reported that the Alder street bridge, which caved in, had been replaced with a 24-foot section of three-foot pipe and that the fill had been completed.

Cash on hand at the end of the week was $15,868.86, with $13,374.36 in the First National bank and $2494.50 in cash.

The commission, by resolution, named the First National bank as the official depositary for city funds.

L. H. S. Band To Enter Contest At Corvallis

The La Grande High school band, under the direction of W. W. Nusbaum, will enter the annual State High School Music tournament at Corvallis on Apr. 16, according to plans announced by the director. Roscoe Hurley, president; Ned Jones, secretary, and Billy Eakin, treasurer, met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock to make arrangements for the trip.

They are also selecting the players who will accompany the band, and they will be announced Friday, when Mr. Nusbaum officially advises the tournament committee of the names of the entries. The best players will be chosen, taking into consideration the balance of parts, in order to have all parts complete. Several members of the band are also planning to enter the instrumental solo events.

The State High School Music tournament at Corvallis is sponsored by Kappa Kappa Psi, band fraternity at Oregon State college; while the vocal events and glee club solos will be held at Forest Grove on Apr. 29 and 30, in which the La Grande High school may enter a boys quartet and other vocalists.

A. H. Averill Hurt In Salem Today

SALEM, March 31 (AP) — A. H. Averill, state insurance commissioner, was run down by an automobile in the business district here today and was rushed to a hospital. It was feared a leg was fractured. A hospital report said he had not yet been examined by a physician. D. B. Robb, driver of the automobile, was arrested for failing to give right of way to a pedestrian.

Grand Jury Finds Four True Bills

Four true bills were returned by the grand jury when it met at the county court house this week, and secret indictments were returned in four cases pending the arrests of those allegedly implicated.

The jurors convened Tuesday afternoon, and completed their hearings today at noon.

BOOKS SHOW SURPLUS

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — A surplus of £364,000 ($1,830,000 at par) showed on the books of the United Kingdom tonight at the close of the fiscal year 1931-32.

REBELS TAKE NANGUN NEAR CAPITOL CITY

Several Japanese Tanks Leave Changchun to Join Defenders.

RUSSIAN TROOPS AT VLADIVOSTOK

In Shanghai International Settlement, Chinese Attack and Injure Japanese Civilian.

By Morris J. Harris
(Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (AP)—Definite progress toward a settlement of the major issue of withdrawal of Japanese troops from the Shanghai area was made today at the re-opening of the Sino-Japanese peace parleys.

Breakdown of the conference, anticipated by some observers during the two-day adjournment, was averted and the delegates resumed their discussions in a more conciliatory mood than since the parleys began.

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, March 31 (AP) — The rebel Chinese forces under General Li Hai-Tsing which have been threatening this new Manchurian capital for several days apparently had taken Nangun, 35 miles from here today, and were pressing on to the south.

Large rebel forces were seen in a village four kilometers south of Nangun and sharp fighting was going on. The Kirinite regular troops which have been defending the town against the besiegers were believed to have retreated.

Tanks Go to Front

As a result of the increasing danger, several Japanese tanks left here to join the Japanese forces which are approaching the battle zone on foot. Lieutenant General Ren Mori, commander of the permanent Japanese guard on the South Manchurian

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500 PRESENT AT QUILT CONTEST

Event Sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Guild is Very Successful.

More than 500 attended the quilt and rug contest and exhibit sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Guild yesterday at Honan hall. The event was held from 2 until 10 p. m., and a large crowd attended throughout the entire afternoon and evening during which an interesting program was presented.

The quilts and rugs were artistically arranged about the walls, with the entire pattern displayed to advantage. Winners in the quilt division were Mrs. W. W. Kinzie, of La Grande, first; Mrs. Fred Fox, of Union, second; and Mrs. J. H. Peare, of La Grande, third. Mrs. Guy Ellis received first prize in the rug division; Mrs. Charles Bedingfield, also of La Grande, was second; and Mrs. Georgia Olms, of Elgin, received third.

The oldest quilt, which was 150 years old, was exhibited by Mrs. Fred Terpany, of Elgin; while the second prize was a quilt 108 years old, belonging to Mrs. Kathrine Spaeth, of Cove. Prizes at the door were received by Mrs. Harry McCarthy and Mrs. George Tiss in the afternoon, and Mrs. B. Campbell and Mrs.

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MEDFORD M. E. CHURCH SOLD FOR $31,900.00

MEDFORD, Ore., March 31 (AP) — The First Methodist church of this city was sold at sheriff's sale today to a New York banking firm on a bid of $31,900 offered by Porter J. Neff, attorney representing the company.

Neff said negotiations are now under way to lease the church to the congregation for a year. It was expected the deal would be completed before Sunday.

More Votes Are Listed Today In Roosevelt Camp

Maine's 12 Convention Votes Added to Column —Total of 770 Will Be Needed to Nominate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP) — With Maine's 12 convention votes added to his column, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is leading the field for the Democratic presidential nomination with 123 instructed, pledged and promised delegates.

A total of 770, or two-thirds of the 1154 convention votes, is required to nominate.

The 123 total includes 28 from Georgia which will be named April 6 at a state convention, and which were assured the New Yorker at last week's primary.

Former James A. Reed of Missouri is running second with 36 delegates from his home state, while Gov. William H. Murray of Oklahoma is third with 23, including 22 from his own state and one from North Dakota.

Of the 174 Democratic delegates already named, not counting Georgia's 28, Roosevelt has 95 divided among the following states:

Maine 12; Iowa 26; Washington 16; New Hampshire 8; Minnesota 24 and North Dakota 9.

Only 20 Democratic delegates chosen thus far are uninstructed or unpledged. They come from Louisiana.

The biggest block of votes in the convention, New York state's 94, is not going to be tied up to any candidate until the very last moment before the party assembly opens in Chicago.

This is the news thrown into the conglomeration of political facts and guesses by John F. Curry, boss of Tammany hall, who spoke yesterday with the assurance given by expected control of the delegation and the manner of its instruction.

Until then, he made it plain, the 94 cannot be added to Franklin D. Roosevelt's 123, nor to the Alfred E.

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Dud Rankin In Plane Accident At Lewiston, Ida.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 31 (AP)—Three passengers and the pilot escaped injury when an airplane piloted by "Dud" Rankin, La Grande and Portland aviator, nosed over and was wrecked while attempting to take off from here Wednesday.

Rankin was slightly shaken. He said the right wheel of the plane buckled while the ship was taxiing at a speed of 35 miles an hour. The right and left wings were broken and the propellor shattered.

The plane will be shipped by train to Portland tomorrow, Rankin said.

His passengers were Merle Cochrane, Portland student flier, and Eddie Webster and Max Loel, Lewiston High school boys.

LEFT HERE WEDNESDAY

Mr. Rankin left La Grande for Pendleton yesterday, and there hopped off for Lewiston with two passengers, according to reports received here by Mrs. Rankin. The crash occurred at the Lewiston airport after Mr. Rankin had unloaded his Pendleton-to-Lewiston passengers and was preparing for a take-off.

It was not known this morning just when Mr. Rankin would return to La Grande.

Attempt To Get $5.25 Costs $37.00

SOMERSET, Pa., Mar. 31 (AP)—County commissioners spent $37 trying to collect Stanley Petrosky's $5.25 taxes, so they gave up and marked the assessment off the books.

For 34 days Stanley was locked in jail because he couldn't pay. During that time his board cost $17 and keep of his wife and six children cost $20 more.

PLANT WILL RE-OPEN

PORTLAND, March 31 (AP) — F. E. Lundstrom, manager of the Ford assembly plant here, announced today that the factory will reopen within "a very short time" and give employment to about 700 men. Lundstrom said he expected to receive word today as to the date on which operations will be started. Preference will be given to former employes of the company.

Presbyterian Church Holds Annual Meeting and Election Last Night

Following a delightful fellowship dinner which was served in the dining room of the church, the congregation of the Presbyterian church held its annual meeting last night. The work of the church during the past year was reveiwed by written and oral reports from the officers of the various departments. These reports showed a wide range of healthy activity in the spiritual, educational, social and financial life of the church.

The outstanding educational work was done in the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor societies. The Ladies Aid society did a large amount of relief work and helped materially with the financial burdens of the church. The Women's Missionary society did a splendid work in promoting the missionary interest through the school of missions and missionary programs. If the financial measure is used to determine the missionary spirit of the church it would show an increase over last year of 12 per cent.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected: Sunday school superintendent, Harold Finlay; assistant superintendent, Eldridge Huffman; secretary, Mrs. Thurman Hart; assistant secretary, Miss Katheryn Moran; treasurer, Miss Alma Cusick; pianist, Miss Melba Shepherd; assistant pianist, Miss Katherine Wissler; chorister, Mrs. I. C. Bowser; assistant chorister, E. E. Hurley; superintendent of beginners department, Mrs. J. Geo. Walz; superintendent of primary department, Miss Alma Cusick; superintendent of home department, Mrs. W. B. Pickens; superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. Ray Murphy.

The trustees for the next three

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CHILD KEPT IN CATSKILLS IS IDENTIFIED

New Jersey State Police Check Up on Several "Suspicious" Babies.

NORFOLK MEN ARE STILL OPTIMISTIC

Effort to Bring Philadelphia Into Lindbergh Kidnaping Case Shows Little Results.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 31 (AP)—Mrs. Walter C. Hancock, prominent club woman, who says she was visited by a woman who believed she had a good clue to the kidnaped Lindbergh baby, said today the investigations being conducted by Philadelphia police might take a week or two.

Mrs. Hancock, the wife of a coal dealer, said she was not at liberty to give the name of the woman. "She is not sensational and has no desire to capitalize in any way on what she knows of the case," Mrs. Hancock said.

"She is certain from the actions of certain people she knows that the baby is in Philadelphia, or nearby, at least. The detectives are running down her clues."

HOPEWELL, N. J., Mar. 31 (AP)—Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the New Jersey state police, said today in his morning bulletin from the home of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, that several children investigated yesterday in the search for the kidnaped Lindbergh baby were found to have no connection with the case.

In one instance a child was reported being kept under "very suspicious circumstances" at a camp in the Catskill mountains near Kingston, N. Y. The circumstances reported indicated the child had never been seen in the vicinity before the first of March. A joint investigation, Col. Schwarzkopf said, indicated the child was younger than the

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BUT THE KISS MADE HIM SO ANGRY HE WON!

AURORA, Ill., Mar. 31 (AP)—Nobody can steal a kiss from Policeman Donald F. Curran and get away with it.

Having tossed aside his cigar, he garbed himself in a woman's long cloak and sauntered down one of the city's shadowed streets, on his head was a saucy new spring bonnet. From his hand swung a woman's handbag. He vowed he'd capture the man believed responsible for snatching 30 purses in 30 days or know why.

Suddenly as he passed a tree, someone leaped upon him—a huge man, so powerful that he slowly but surely began to overcome Policeman Curran.

Policeman Curran yelled for help. Then he was horror stricken. He felt the imprint of lips on his cheek. His disguise was so good his assailant had stolen a kiss which made him so angry he gained new strength, seized his opponent and dashed him to the ground.

When Policeman Frank Carroll, responding to the cry for help reached the scene, Curran was sitting triumphantly upon the alleged purse snatcher's head.

Portland to Ask For Special Tax

PORTLAND, Mar. 31 (AP) — A proposal to levy a special tax to raise $750,000 for relief of Multnomah county's indigent unemployed, will be placed on the May primary ballot here, it was decided Wednesday.

Boy, 6, Fatally Hurt in Portland

PORTLAND, Mar. 31 (AP) — Louis Chase, six years old, was fatally injured last night when he was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Bert E. Surry. The boy was playing with other youngsters at the side of the street when, witnesses said, he suddenly dashed, head down, into the path of the car. He died in a hospital a short time later.

$23 Hidden Away Since Year 1899

BEND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP) — Harold Baldwin, Prineville banker, has done something about the anti-hoarding campaign. He was looking over some old papers in a bank vault and found $23 in silver certificates of $1 and $2 denominations. Investigation disclosed the money had been placed in the vault 33 years ago by George O'Neil, of Bend, who had the money back today. O'Neil and the banker had forgotten the money was there.

A NEWLYWED

Betty Bronson, movie actress above, is Mrs. Ludwig Lauerhaus now. News of her wedding to the wealthy resident of Beverly Hills, came out of Santa Barbara, Cal. Betty's age was given as 22, and her hubby's as 27.

EDUCATORS WILL MEET SATURDAY

East Oregon Principals and Superintendents to Hold Spring Session

The Eastern Oregon Principals' and Superintendents' association will hold an all-day meeting in La Grande Saturday, Apr. 2, opening at 10 o'clock at the La Grande High school. Dr. R. E. Russell, professor of secondary education at the University of Idaho, and C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, will be guest speakers at the conference.

J. L. Turnbull, of Ontario, is president of the association, and Leo D. Hollenberg, of Nyssa, is secretary.

At 10 o'clock Dr. Russell, who is director of the reorganization of high school curricula in the state

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AIRMAIL PILOT IS VICTIM OF FATAL CRASH

CLEVELAND, Mar. 31 (AP) — Pilot Forrest Mallick, carrying the night mail from New York to Cleveland, flew to his death in a fog and rainstorm before dawn today.

His body was found in an open field known as "the jungle" near Bedford, Cleveland suburb, after a search of several hours.

Mallick had been flying the New York-Cleveland night mail for the United Air Lines for the last eight months. He was within a few miles of the Cleveland airport when death overtook him. He was due here at 3 a. m., and at 2:30 the radio station at Parkman, east of here, reported him overhead.

A few minutes later he ran into bad weather, apparently lost himself and crashed. His body, still strapped in the pilot's seat of his open cockpit plane, was found after farmers, hearing a low-flying plane and the din of a crash, notified police of several nearby towns.

Mallick had switched off the ignition, evidently knowing he was going to crash.

The pilot was 24 and single.

House-to-House Canvass Planned

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP)—A house-to-house canvass to every home in the Coos Bay district is to be undertaken at once by the Coos Bay chapter of the Oregon building congress, for the purpose of promoting employment and trade for the building and allied industries. The plan was agreed upon Wednesday.

Pledges for all kinds of repair and construction work will be taken. The chambers of commerce of Marshfield and North Bend are cooperating. Unemployment in the bay region has reached a high peak.

OF BENEFIT TO WEST

SEATTLE, Mar. 31 (AP)—G. B. Fitzgerald of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said here today the proposed lumber legislation in congress, supported by Secretary Wilbur before a senate committee, would result in "a great benefit to the lumber industry of the Pacific Northwest."

The significant result, he said, should the proposed legislation be enacted by congress would be to allow the lumber industry here to distribute in some "equitable fashion, the production so that all lumber communities would share in the revival of the industry."

All communities, he said, would share in employment and consequent payrolls, in that mills would be allowed to agree on production. The legislation Secretary Wilbur urged before the senate committee would permit agreements between producers in the oil, gas and timber industries with a view to controlling production and avoiding waste.

Wilbur Speaks For Changes In Trade Statutes

Secretary Favors Nye Bill Insofar as "Natural Resource" Industries are Concerned.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—Legislation to permit agreements between producers in the oil, gas and timber industries with a view to controlling production and avoiding waste was urged before a senate committee today by Secretary Wilbur.

Insofar as "natural resource" industries are concerned, he favored the Nye bill to enable the federal trade commission to approve agreements adopted by an industry and give them legally binding effect.

The secretary of the interior added some provision should be included requiring the agreements become inoperative if it produces coercion on a member of the industry or results in exorbitant prices to the public.

President Hoover in his annual message recommended congress consider changing the anti-trust laws along this line.

Methods Held Wasteful

Wilbur said he is conscious of the fact that the methods by which the government is now seeking to control natural resource production "are not only inadequate but wasteful."

"They are not bringing the returns they should," he said.

Under the bill, the commission would be the government agency passing on trade agreements drawn up by an industry.

Wilbur suggested it might be well if a measure dealing only with natural resources were enacted to cover what he described as an "emergency period." He expressed the view that such a bill would have a better chance of speedy enactment, and reiterated "there should be authority in somebody to pass upon these agreements" between producers of oil, gas and timber in order to conserve the supply and "assure continuity of production."

In answer to a question from Senator Steiwer (R., Ore.) who also is keenly interested in such legislation,

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Bonus Measure Is Expected To Pass the House

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP) — The bill calling for two billion dollars in full payment of the soldier bonus has given congress, already occupied with the effort to balance the federal budget, another problem to solve.

Party leaders say the bill is likely to pass the house, and possibly the senate.

President Hoover has indicated he will veto the bill, should it reach him. This would throw the measure back to congress where a two-thirds vote of each branch would be necessary to override the veto.

Proponents of the bonus bill said today they have more than the necessary 145 members to sign a petition to compel a vote in the house, should the ways and means committee fail to report it.

Opponents of the measure argue that the problem of balancing the budget has been such that a two billion dollar additional expenditure would prove a serious governmental burden.

FISH HAS DIFFERENT OPINION

WASHINGTON, Mar 31 (AP)—Representative Fish, Republican, New York, on leaving the White House today, said he had informed President Hoover he believed the possibilities of the adoption of new bonus legislation by the house had been shunted aside by the chief executive's recent statement opposing such legislation.

He characterized proposals by Rep-

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Passenger Train Derailed; 13 Hurt

HOLDREGE, Neb., Mar. 31 (AP) — Several cars of the Burlington road's passenger train, The Aristocrat, left the rails a half mile west of Axtell, at 6 a. m. today, injuring at least 13 persons, several seriously.

Trainmen said a broken rail was responsible for the accident. The train was bound for Denver and was traveling about 55 miles an hour. Six cars left the track but the locomotive and two baggage cars remained on the rails.

Most of the injured were riding in chair cars. Two cars, passenger coaches, plunged over on their sides. Two Pullmans, a baggage car and the diner also left the tracks.

Most of the injured were taken to Holdrege where they were treated for cuts and bruises. They suffered from shock. Two required hospital treatment.

Klamath Fighting Muskrat Menace

KLAMATH FALLS, Mar. 31 (AP) — Klamath county needs help in meeting the muskrat menace.

The Klamath county chamber of commerce has appealed to the state game commission for aid in exterminating the animals, which, it is said, are undermining dikes and levees protecting lowlands throughout the agricultural area. The muskrats are migrating from all parts of the basin and at some points their work already has caused serious breaks in the dikes and damaging floods have resulted.

DEALERS IN STOCKS ARE TO BE TAXED

House Expects to Raise $91,000,000 From This Class of Citizens.

TAX ON FIREARMS VOTED INTO BILL

Secretary Mills Asked to Submit New Estimates as House Continues Budget Balancing.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP) — The house today voted to rearrange depletion allowances used in figuring income taxes so as to add $12,000,000 more to the new revenue bill.

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP) — A ten per cent tax on firearms and ammunition, expected to yield more than $3,000,000, was inserted in the revenue bill today by the house.

Without deviating from the plan outlined by its ways and means committee, the house laid $91,000,000 of the new tax burden upon those who deal in stocks, commodities and real estate.

In quick succession it adopted proposals of the committee to put taxes of one fourth of one per cent of the sales prices of stocks upon their sales; five cents per $100 on the sales of grain, cotton and produce on the exchanges, and 50 cents per $500 on conveyances of real estate.

There still was to be acted upon a proposal to tax bond sales. The stock and commodities taxes were described in debate as aimed, in addition to raising revenue, at curbing short sales.

The real estate and stock sales taxes expire automatically on July 1, 1934.

Opposed by Tammany

Over the opposition of the Tammany delegation, it followed the leadership of the ways and means committee to impose a levy of one-fourth of one per cent of the sales

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EX-PRESIDENT SETTLES CASE OUT OF COURT

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 31 (AP)—Former President Calvin Coolidge has written Lewis B. Tebbetts, St. Louis insurance man, explaining he meant no offense when in a radio speech last October, he cautioned against insurance agents who "offer to save money for you by replacing your policy in another company."

Mr. Coolidge enclosed a check for $2500. Tebbets said his reputation as the "leading advocate in the United States of the so-called term life insurance policies," was injured by Mr. Coolidge's address.

The former president was served with a summons last month at the instance of Tebbetts, who also instituted similar action against the New York Life Insurance company of which Coolidge was a director. Tebbetts said the summons against Coolidge would be dismissed Apr. 7, but that a damage suit against the insurance company would be filed then.

In his letter the former president said:

"I had no knowledge of the controversy relating to the plan of insurance you are advocating, and therefore my statements could not have had that comprehension or intent, and any such construction would be entirely incorrect. I assure you that no personal offense was intended."

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 31 (AP) — Dragged down by stock market weakness, grain values late today more than lost advances scored earlier.

Emphasizing setbacks in cereal prices was news that proposals to increase taxes on grain exchange transactions to 5 cents on each $100 of produce sold had been formally offered in congress by the acting chairman of the house ways and means committee. Price declines were in the face of North American wheat export business estimated at 1,250,000 bushels, largely hard winter wheat from the United States.

Wheat closed nervous, ⅜ to 1 cent under yesterday's finish. Corn ¼ @ ⅝c down, oats ⅜ @ ½c off, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents decline.

PORTLAND, Mar. 31 (AP) — With the exception of July which was ¼c higher, there was no net change in the price of futures wheat today.

Cash was unchanged on the merchants exchange. Sales of futures totaled 3000 bu. September.

Congressman Charles H. Martin of Oregon telegraphed the Portland grain exchange a statement reading: "After three weeks' pandemonium, the house is now under control and the steam roller is working so perfectly that nothing can upset any recommendations of the ways and means committee. I am sorry." This statement referred to the exchange's message urging the Oregon delegation to do everything to prevent passage of the tax increase on produce sales, approved today.