

BIDS OPENED ON 8 HIGHWAY JOBS TODAY

100 Offers From Four Western States Received by Commission.

COMPTON LOW ON HOT LAKE SECTION

McMinnville Man Offers to Surface 4.9 Mile Stretch For \$21,615—Make Awards Later.

PORTLAND, Apr. 7 (AP)—An even hundred bids, aggregating about \$600,000, were submitted to the state highway commission today on eight highway improvement projects. Three of the projects totaled \$100,000 or more each. Awards will be announced later today.

The commission prior to the opening of bids considered restrictions on log hauling over highways, which Chairman Leslie Scott said was responsible for about a million dollars damage each year. The restriction will apply largely to roads in the western part of the state.

The log hauling regulations will be up for discussion at the morning session of the commission tomorrow when members of the state police will be called in for consultation on the new rules. Announcement of the restrictions, which are understood will incorporate drastic curtailment of log hauling over improved highways, will be made after the conference.

Most Delegations Deferred
Delegations before the commission were deferred until later, but it was announced a few groups would appear. The Eugene chamber of commerce, the county court of Columbia county and a Waco county delegation were scheduled for hearings on road improvements and secondary highway matters.

Wren and Greenough, Portland contracting firm, was believed to be the low bidder on the largest of the eight projects, that for the construction of more than 16 miles of rock surfacing on sections of the Salmon river and McMinnville-Tillamook highways. His bid was \$161,088.

A. S. Wallace, of Roseburg, was (Continued on Page Five)

HEART DISEASE CAUSES DEATH OF MRS. MOORE

Lucinda Alice (Saling) Moore, a pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, died at her home here about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon of heart disease. She was stricken suddenly, succumbing a short while after she had been working in the yard.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mrs. Moore, who was 68 years, seven months and 11 days of age, had lived here for the last 55 years, making her home at 2301 North Depot street.

She was married to James Moore and to this union the children were born: Mrs. A. L. Leads, of Eagle, Ida.; Mrs. Jessie Herford, of Keno, Wash.; W. M. Moore, of Eagle. She also leaves two granddaughters, Miss Alvia Herford, of Keno, and Mrs. Opal Whitsett, of Emmett, Ida.; three brothers, Ed Saling, of Hilgard, and J. W. Saling and W. J. Saling, of La Grande; a number of nieces and nephews besides a host of friends.

County Continues Relief Program

Union county is still carrying on an active program of unemployment relief, furnishing work for several hundred men in highway and market road improvement, according to announcement today of the county commissioners who will complete the April term of the county court tonight. The meetings opened yesterday morning and the session so far has been devoted to allowing bills, the large number of which indicate the extensiveness of the county's relief program.

Judge U. G. Couch, county judge, has been unable to attend the session because of illness.

Captain Hawks Hurt Seriously In Plane Crash

Famous Speed King Runs Into Stone Wall Attempting to Take Off From Soft Field.

WORCESTER, Mass., Apr. 7 (AP)—Capt. Frank M. Hawks, famous speed king of the air, and holder of several transcontinental records, was seriously but not critically injured shortly after 10 o'clock this morning when he crashed into a stone



Capt. Frank Hawks

wall while attempting to take off from the Worcester airport. He was planning to go to Boston to gas his plane and then to New York.

He was unconscious when taken to Worcester city hospital but soon recovered his senses.

Jaws Fractured
Hospital surgeons reported at 11:30 that Hawks' face was severely bruised (Continued on Page Five)

Link Lindbergh's Flight With Work Of Norfolk Trio

HOPEWELL, N. J., Apr. 7 (AP)—The village of Hopewell, tingling for days with a vague feeling that Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. would be home long before this, had to salve its disappointment today with a message out of the void:

"The baby is well."

John H. Curtis, gone since Saturday from his Norfolk, Va., home to keep rendezvous with a person he looks upon as an agent for the kidnapers, relayed the words of cheer.

He made his announcement on his return yesterday, adding that during his four-day absence he met Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

This for the first time gave definite indications of a connection between the Norfolk boat builder's mysterious movements and two flights the flying colonel recently made to (Continued on Page Two)

Work Promotion Solicitors Will Start Campaign

Last minute details for launching the \$50,000 Work Promotion plan have been completed here and 60 solicitors have contacted their services to conducting a house-to-house campaign starting tonight at 7 o'clock. Representatives of practically all or-

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MORE VOTES PLEDGED TO MR. HOOVER

19 Connecticut Delegates to Vote For His Nomination in June.

HOLDS WISCONSIN LEAD, 16 TO 11

25 of Wisconsin's 26 Democratic votes go to Roosevelt — One Smith Supporter Winning.

By the Associated Press
Connecticut Republicans choosing 19 delegates, who although untraced will go in the column of President Hoover, furnished today's only formal preparations for the presidential nominating conventions.

In Wisconsin, however, Tuesday's primary returns still were being counted to determine whether conservative Republican candidates favorable to President Hoover would hold a majority of the state's delegation, or whether the La Follette slate of progressives would be in the saddle. As the count advanced the conservative faction had a 16 to 11 edge.

The Democratic primary figures placed 25 of Wisconsin's 26 votes in the Franklin D. Roosevelt column. One independent candidate favorable to Alfred E. Smith appeared to be winning. The Georgia delegation's 28 votes yesterday were given formally to Roosevelt.

FARMERS PEEVED AT LATE SPRING

Excess Moisture in March and First Week of April Proves Handicap.

With but two clear days in March and one so far this month, following some 18 clear days during November, December, January and February, the Grande Ronde's reputation for plentiful sunshine appeared sadly dented this spring.

The spring, one of the latest on record in the last several years, officially started the 22nd of March, according to the calendar, but farmers and gardeners throughout the valley are calling the calendar a "liar" — just like that!

Spring Plowing Delayed
The heavy rainfall in March prevented any spring plowing, and conditions were not much better during the first week of this month.

Ordinarily, the first fruit trees, led by the apricots, begin bursting into bloom about this time of the month, with nearly all trees blossoming by the 20th. Whether they will be as early in general this year as usual appears unlikely, although a few sunny days could do the trick.

March here had an excess above normal of over three inches of moisture, and so far this month .89 of an (Continued on Page Five)

Vanity of Woman May Check Cancer

BOSTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood of Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, believes that the vanity of modern woman will keep modern man from cancer.

Dr. Bloodgood addressed several thousand doctors, dentists and interested laymen at a cancer clinic last night.

"No beautiful woman suffers from cancer of the skin because she pays immediate attention to all skin blemishes," Dr. Bloodgood said.

Hoover Invites House Group To Saturday Meal

May Submit Specific Recommendations For Reducing Federal Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—Replying to the demand of the house economy committee that he submit specific recommendations for reducing federal expenditures, President Hoover today invited the committee to meet with him at the White House at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The president's letter was addressed to Chairman McDuffie, of the economy committee. It suggested the meeting with him be held "with a view of taking stock of the progress made by your committee in the development of a program of economy."

The meeting, he said, also would afford "the executive an opportunity to make suggestions."

The chief executive recently urged in a special message to congress that representatives be appointed from both the house and senate to sit with his own representatives to draw up a comprehensive economy measure. The suggestion drew attack in both the house and senate, with Democrats charging he was "shirking responsibility."

The president in a counter attack said he could see no way to draw up a unified program except through such a committee. In today's letter he asserted by making continuous urge that a senate group be appointed to deal exclusively with economy measures.

Rayburn Railway Aid Measure Is Given Approval

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—The Rayburn bill to repeal the capture clause of the transportation act and establish a new rate making base was approved today by the house interstate commerce committee.

The measure retroactively repeals the provision that requires railroads to give one-half of all their earnings over five percent three-quarters per cent to a revolving fund administered by the interstate commerce commission to aid weaker roads.

This will enable railroads to obtain refunds of \$13,000,000 already paid into the fund and will relieve them of the necessity of paying \$381,000,000 which the commission has contended was due as excess earnings.

Litigation has tied up most of the claims the commission has made upon the railroads for earnings recaptureable under the provision.

As a substitute for the present rate making base the committee proposed the following:

LUMBERMEN OF WEST TO WORK FOR TAX BILL

PORTLAND, Apr. 7 (AP)—A delegation of Pacific northwest lumbermen left here last night for Washington, D. C., to add influence to the agitation for a \$5 a thousand feet import tax on Canadian and Russian lumber.

Those in the party were Col. W. B. Greeley of Seattle, secretary-treasurer of the West Coast Lumbermen's association; W. C. Reugenia of Portland, 4-L executive; H. B. Van Duser, Portland, vice president of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company; Steward Polson of Aberdeen, head of the Polson Logging company, and Homer W. Banker, president of the Coos Bay Lumber company.

The senate's finance committee has set April 15 as the date for the opening hearing on the proposal to include the lumber import tax in the revenue bill.

DARROW IN DEEP WATER IN HONOLULU

Veteran Attorney Admits He is Puzzled at Turn of Events.

THREE AMERICANS REMAIN ON JURY

Eight Nationalities Represented so Far in Trial of Mrs. Fortescue and Naval Men.

HONOLULU, Apr. 7 (AP)—A jury as cosmopolitan as Honolulu "melting pot of races," was tentatively selected today at the opening of the fourth day of trial of Mrs. Granville Fortescue and three naval men charged with lynching Joseph Kaha-hawai, a Hawaiian.

And it has Clarence Darrow, veteran Chicago criminal attorney, admittedly as nearly "stumped" as he ever was in his life.

Commenting upon the manner in which the prosecution yesterday eliminated white veterans in rapid fire order with peremptory challenges—which require no reason for removing a man from the box—the gray haired leader of the defense predicted that there will be no more than three white men on the jury when the case goes to trial.

Admits Frustration
With a wry smile that the grizzled veteran admitted that for the first time in his 54 years of law practice he was a little bit puzzled when talking to prospective jurors. And one of the reasons is that a lot of the jurymen in Honolulu had slant eyes.

"I can't quite make it out," Darrow said slowly as he rested from his labors of fencing with the prosecution over the completion of the jury.

"I've had pretty fair luck with jurors, but some of these I can't quite tell about."

"I never tried a case before Chinese jurymen. Probably, though, they are no different than anybody else. It's all a matter of environment, I guess."

Eight Nationalities
Although all United States citizens, the 12 jurymen jury at the opening of today's session represented (Continued on Page Two)

FIRE DESTROYS FRAME SCHOOL IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 7 (AP)—Loss estimated by the fire marshal at \$75,000 was caused here today when fire destroyed the Kury grade school on the east side of the city. Virtually all city equipment battled to save the old frame building. Only the first story walls remain. School officials said insurance amounts to \$50,000.

No one was injured in the fire which broke out about 6:30 a. m. shortly after a janitor had fired the furnace.

Thousand of persons milled around the place within a few minutes, including several hundred pupils of the school who excitedly shouted that school was over for them for a few days.

The building, one of the few frame schools left in Portland, was gutted within a few minutes after the blaze was discovered. The roof soon fell in and the walls shortly began to tumble.

Chinese Rebels Suffer Reverses
TOKYO, Apr. 7 (AP)—Party Chinese dead and fifty wounded were left on the battlefield west of Paitsoakou, Manchuria, where the Japanese Chingtao expedition clashed with several hundred rebels under General Wang Tai-lin, according to dispatches to the Bengo news agency here.

Garner-Roosevelt Vote in Nebraska To Gauge Mid-West Political Winds



John N. Garner, Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gov. W. H. Murray (left to right) are pitted against one another in Nebraska's Democratic presidential preference primary April 12.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—From the heart of the corn belt soon will come the first electoral answer to this question: How does the political wind blow in the midwest as between Speaker John N. Garner and Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt?

In Nebraska's primary April 12 the Texan Democrat not only will be pitted for the first time against the New York executive, but also against Gov. William H. Murray of Oklahoma.

The vote likewise will be the first test of Murray's presidential primary strength in any state, close to his native Oklahoma. To boost his cause, "Alfalfa Bill" will make a speaking campaign in Nebraska before the primary.

For the Democratic national convention Nebraska voters will choose between two slates of delegates. Those selected are bound "morally" by the presidential preference primary, but in past years Nebraska delegates not always have abided by primary results.

Six of Nebraska's 18 Democratic delegates to the Chicago nomination show will be elected at large, and two from each of the state's five congressional districts.

One slate was brought out by friends of Gov. Charles W. Bryan, who in 1924 was the party's vice presidential nominee. The other slate was placed in the field by supporters of William Ritchie Jr., Omaha attorney and cousin of Gov. Albert Ritchie of Maryland, who also seeks the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Nebraska.

Heading both slates is Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Omaha publisher and former United States senator. He has voiced his preference for Governor Roosevelt.

Pledges of support prior to the primary have been few. Governor Bryan has remained neutral in the presidential race, venturing the observation that the nation would not go wrong either in Garner, Roosevelt or Murray.

On the Republican presidential preference primary ballot is only one name — Joseph I. Francis of Maryland. The Republican state executive committee, however, recently endorsed President Hoover for re-election.

ARMY AND NAVY BILL IS TABLED

Committee Fails to Report Democratic Measure Merging Departments.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—The house expenditures committee today tabled the Democratic sponsored bill to consolidate the war and navy departments.

Chairman Cochran said the vote was 12 to 8, with seven Democrats and one Republican for the measure.

The bill had been sponsored by house Democratic leaders including Chairman Byrnes of the appropriations committee, its author—as something that would save \$100,000,000 a year.

Reports were that since the expenditures committee had defeated the bill, the special house economy committee might take it up. (Continued on Page Six)

LEADERS OF SENATE URGE EARLY ACTION

Prompt Balancing of Budget Favored; Democrats Hold Conference.

HOOVER ATTACKED BY NAVY LEAGUE

Federal Judge Wilkerson Testifies Before Subcommittee on Facts in Al Capone Case.

- TODAY IN WASHINGTON
- Finance committee leaders in senate urge action on tax bill.
- Senate Democrats confer on revenue bill; general opinion in favor of prompt action.
- Interior department supply bill, slashed \$12,000,000 by committee, reported to senate.
- Navy league of United States again denounces President Hoover's naval policy.
- Senators for president and vice president approved by house.
- Judge Wilkerson of Chicago, testifies before senate committee in hearing on his nomination, facts concerning Capone sentence.

Fifty Persons Dead In Floods Near Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Apr. 7 (AP)—Fifty persons are dead and many missing as a result of disastrous floods which have swept down the river valleys of Roumania since yesterday.

Railway traffic is crippled and 40 railway lines washed out. Whole sections of several cities are in ruins.

The town of Beroea, on the Danube river, is reported practically destroyed.

The dead include 3000 of women and children and two engineers, three policemen and one army officer who were engaged in rescue work.

The people of several sections, frantic over delays of relief measures, for which they blamed authorities, have broken out into disorders. A group of enraged peasants stormed the village of Vitul and drove out the mayor, the priest, the schoolmaster and their families.

The gendarmes were attacked at several other places.

Most towns throughout the flooded areas have been converted into raging rivers by melting snows and rain. Officials said it would probably be some time before the number of dead would be known accurately.

The Gipsy quarter of Bucharest was submerged and almost destroyed.

Canalization Plan To Be Submitted

ALBANY, Ore., Apr. 7 (AP)—Recommendations for proposed canalization of the Willamette river, and a summary of the benefits expected to be derived from the improvement were agreed upon here Wednesday by delegations from Eugene, Salem, Springfield, Corvallis and Albany.

The recommendations and summary will be submitted to U. S. engineers at meetings to be held in the Willamette valley cities next week.

A six-foot channel northward from Salem was agreed upon. A channel of the same dimensions has been advocated between Salem and Oregon City.

Wardens and Convict Gang Both Involved

GENOA, April 7 (AP)—The police were agitated today when, coming to the end of the trail in a search for counterfeiters, they discovered that counterfeit-made portocoin, five and ten lire coins, were being turned out by convicts at Marsani prison and circulated by the warden.

The discovery caused such amazement that the chief government prosecutor has taken charge of the case and all the counterfeiters have been placed in solitary confinement.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 7 (AP)—Unabated crop damage reports gave firmness to grain values today, although one selling movement carried wheat down more than a cent from an easy top.

Disappointment was voiced as to relative dearth of North American wheat export business. Some United States had winter wheat, however, was disposed of for shipment overseas.

Wheat closed unsettled, 1/4 @ 1/2 off yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 @ 1/2 off to a shade advance, oats 1/4 @ 1/2 up, and provisions varying from 2 cents decline to 7 cents gain.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy in the west portion tonight and Friday; unsettled in the west portion, with rain tonight or Friday; moderate temperature; fresh southeast and south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—39 above.
Minimum: 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 55, minimum 25 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—30 degrees.

WEATHER APR. 7, 1931
Maximum 55, minimum 43 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 40 @ 45.
Inch. thunder, hail. Range—8 degrees.