

FRIENDLY PEACE IN MEXICO, AIM OF 6 REPUBLICS

REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA WILL MEET IN NEW YORK.

"SUPREME APPEAL" FOR END OF REVOLUTIONS IS NOW PREPARED

Wilson Leaves Summer Home for Washington and Navy is Ordered to Be Ready to Leave for Mexico on Short Notice.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—With the assembling here tomorrow of the ambassadors and ministers of six South and Central American governments and the secretary of state of the United States, a definite inter-American effort will be put into operation to re-establish peace in Mexico by friendly means and to restore the revolution-torn country to its accustomed place in the American family of nations.

The conference will be concerned with final details of the first step in a plan, the important features of which were unanimously agreed on last week by the ambassadors from Brazil, Chile and Argentina and the ministers from Bolivia, Guatemala and Uruguay and Secretary Lansing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Steps were taken today to back up President Wilson's new Mexican policy with force.

With the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana taking on coal and provisions at Newport and only awaiting a formal order to sail for Vera Cruz, the dispatch of an entire squadron to Mexican waters was believed to be imminent this afternoon.

The concentration of an American fleet at Vera Cruz was not planned as a mere demonstration. It was a prospect to resort to force. It was authoritatively stated that the state and navy departments had submitted to President Wilson the question of sending a squadron to Mexican waters. From Cornwall came word that the president had decided to terminate his vacation immediately and the belief was expressed that warships would be ordered to proceed to Vera Cruz before night if such orders have not already been secretly given.

Whether force was actually to be resorted to depended upon General Carranza this afternoon. He was given every evidence of intending to resist to the utmost any effort to oust him.

Foreigners, particularly Americans, are gravely threatened at Vera Cruz. Commander McNamee of the gunboat Sacramento reported that mass meetings were being held by the Carranzistas, in which all foreigners were denounced, and that anti-American feeling was growing. McNamee did not ask for reinforcements, but it was clear that they would be needed if matters became worse.

Orders were sent to all commanders of the Atlantic squadron this afternoon to hold themselves in readiness for immediate service in Mexican waters. It was stated on reliable authority. The armored cruiser Tennessee left today for Haiti with a detachment of marines for Haiti, but may be diverted to Vera Cruz should the situation continue critical.

It was understood this afternoon that the administration plans a last appeal to the warring factions and people of Mexico to unite in establishing a constitutional government. Should General Carranza reject the plan, then the United States and the Latin American powers will declare him an outlaw, urge other factions to establish a capital outside of Carranza territory and ask the powers to move their embassies and legations there. The next step would then be to place an embargo on the shipment of arms to the Carranzistas, and arrange for American bankers to finance the new government established outside the "first chief's" territory.

POTATOES AND FRUIT NEEDED IN EXHIBIT

The Willamette valley exhibit at the Panama Pacific exposition is badly in need of fruit and potatoes, declares O. E. Freytag, special representative of the county at the fair, in a letter received by W. W. Quinn, of Canemah.

Mr. Quinn sent a number of plums to San Francisco and Mr. Freytag in his letter describes them as big as apples. The Oregon commission will pay express on exhibits sent to San Francisco if the exhibits are entered for display purposes only and not for awards. Mr. Freytag had much to say of the success of the exhibition in general and the many merits of the valley display in particular.

JAGMIN PAYS \$33.45

Matt Jagmin, of the Elwood district, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of burglary, Monday paid the costs of the action, \$33.45. He is paroled.

County's Expense 41 Per Cent Less Than The Standard

EXPERT RICHARDSON SHOWS CLACKAMAS GOVERNMENT SECOND IN ECONOMY.

In all the state of Oregon, Clackamas has the most economical county government, second only to Yamhill county. This is shown by figures in the last issue of the Oregon Voter.

Compared with the standard expense, figured in proportion to area and population for every county, the saving effected for the last year in county officers in the four leading counties amounts to the following percentages, according to the Voter: Yamhill county...73 per cent saved Clackamas county...41 per cent saved Marion county...39 per cent saved Wheeler county...37 per cent saved

Clackamas county is fifth in amount saved in the commissioners' court and the sheriff's office is fourth. Figures submitted by the Oregon Voter show that Sheriff Wilson runs his department of the county government for 21 per cent less than the standard expense while the county court is 44 per cent saved by the county court.

All the figures used by the Voter prepared by John Y. Richardson, expert accountant, and published by Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells.

ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN BY CROPS NOW IN PROSPECT

WHEAT YIELD OF UNITED STATES WILL BE GREATEST EVER HARVESTED.

THREE BILLION BUSHEL OF CORN IS NATION'S OUTPUT

Oats, Tobacco, Rice, Hay, Flax and Rye Also Show Increased Production, According to Government Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Three billion bushels of corn, 1,500,000,000 bushels of oats and 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat are in prospect for this year's American harvest.

Record crops of rye white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice and hay also are predicted for the prosperous farmers, who have planted 310,546,000 acres or 10,000,000 more than last year, to their principal products.

The wheat crop, the greatest ever grown in any country, will be worth more than \$1,000,000,000, while the corn crop's value may reach \$2,500,000,000.

Estimates of the principal crops, announced today by the department of agriculture, based on conditions of August 1, show that all crops will be greater than last year.

The estimates give for Oregon an increased production of 316,000 bushels of wheat and 540,000 bushels of barley over that of 1914, the condition of the barley crop being reported as somewhat above the ten years' average. Washington estimates for winter wheat show an increase of 5,800,000 bushels over 1914 production and an increase of 2,400,000 in spring wheat. Washington's barley crop is reported in excellent condition, but the yield will be somewhat slighter than in 1914.

DEMURRER IN ROAD SUIT IS OVERRULED

Circuit Judge J. U. Campbell Monday overruled the demurrer of the defendants in the injunction suit of J. W. Moffatt against the city of West Linn and gave the defendants 10 days in which to file an answer.

The court ruled that the council of West Linn, upon the incorporation of the city, succeeded to the powers formerly possessed by road matters and that whether the particular road which would benefit only a few people could be legally improved, would be a question of fact to be determined upon trial, as the city charter provides that the road money can only be spent upon the county roads and main traveled thoroughfares of West Linn and none others could be improved; also that the city must act by ordinance and that greater care must be exercised by those responsible for the expenditure of money in West Linn.

The court some time ago enjoined the defendants from executing a contract covering this road work. B. N. Hicks appeared for the city, Clarence L. Eaton representing Mr. Moffatt.

The Statesman states that Salem is to have a dog ordinance that will be constitutional.

GRANT LANDS ON ROLLS AT THEIR OLD VALUATION

ASSESSOR JACK DOES NOT RECOGNIZE EQUITY OF \$2.50 ACRE IN ASSESSING PROPERTY.

PROBLEM CONFRONTING ASSESSORS REFERRED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

In This County, Appraised Valuation of O. & C. Lands Over \$1,000,000 and Annual Tax Collected Approximately \$30,000.

Lands in Clackamas county in the Oregon & California grant will be assessed at the valuation placed on them in previous years and not at \$2.50 an acre, the Southern Pacific's equity, said County Assessor Jack Tuesday.

County assessors in this state are confronted with a situation which may result in the reduction of the total appraised valuation of all taxable property in the state by about \$30,000,000. The question is whether in view of the recent decision of the United States supreme court, the Oregon & California grant lands can be assessed for taxation, and if these lands can be assessed, whether the property shall be listed at the Southern Pacific's equity of \$2.50, or listed as they have been in the past at valuations ranging, in this county, from \$5 to \$30 an acre.

In Clackamas county alone the appraised valuation of these lands is over \$1,000,000 and the tax which would be collected annually would be approximately \$30,000. To assess the lands at the railroad's equity would mean a loss of many thousands dollars to the county while to leave the lands from the rolls entirely would reduce seriously the county's income.

The Southern Pacific, however, has not paid taxes on these lands in the last two years, pending the outcome of the litigation involving title to the land. Moreover, the road is still unwilling to pay.

John B. Eaton, member of the state tax commission, was in Eugene recently and explained to County Assessor Keeney there that the commission had asked the attorney general for an opinion as to whether the lands should be assessed as formerly, or whether they should be assessed for the amount of the railroad's equity in the land. He told Assessor Keeney that he expected to receive instructions at any time.

Assessor Jack said Tuesday that he intended to assess the grant lands at the same rate as in previous years and added that he expected to receive instructions from the state tax commission.

Over 75 teachers attended the third annual Clackamas County Teachers' Training school Monday morning when it opened in the Barclay building. The number, which sets a new record for attendance on opening day, is expected to be increased materially in the next few days.

INSTITUTE ATTENDED BY OVER 75 TEACHERS

TRAINING SCHOOL IS OPENED BY DEVOTIONAL SERVICES BY REV. W. T. MILLIKEN.

The school was opened at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning with devotional services led by Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the Baptist church. Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson, of Salem, who has charge of the primary department of the school, then gave a lecture on "Discipline in Primary Grades."

Her first day's work included talks on "He That Hath Not," "The Noon Hour in the Rural School" and "Parents I Have Met." Mrs. Fulkerson engages in institute work exclusively and is considered one of the best primary teachers in the state.

Today Mrs. Fulkerson will take charge of a class of children who have not started school in order to demonstrate methods of primary teaching. By the end of the training school, she will have taught them to read.

Other instructors are: Miss Adelina Wyeck, instructor in reading; E. S. McCormick, principal of Gresham schools, instructor in United States history and civics; F. J. S. Toole, city superintendent in Oregon City, instructor in arithmetic, and F. B. Guthrie, principal of Estacada schools, instructor in agriculture.

A number of special lectures have been arranged by County Superintendent Calavan, who has charge of the school.

The Sentinel and the Leader of Cottage Grove have consolidated. The publishers of the two papers, Elbert Bede and W. H. Tyrrell, will each have a half interest. Both papers will be continued from the same office, giving a semi-weekly newspaper service. Mr. Bede will edit both papers and Mr. Tyrrell will take charge of the mechanical department.

HELP FOR ESTACADA FAIR UP TO COURT

JUDGE DIMICK OF FAIR BOARD AWAITS INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

The county fair board will not appropriate money for the Estacada fair at Estacada unless instructed by the county court, declared Judge Grant H. Dimick, of the fair board, Wednesday.

"We are under bonds to the county to compel the faithful expenditure of the money entrusted to our care," he said. "In reality we have authority to spend only the money raised by a 1-20 of a mill levy and this money is to be spent for county fair purposes. The county court has appropriated this year \$400 to be spent in preparation of an exhibit for the state fair."

People of the eastern part of the county have been endeavoring to secure financial assistance from the county for the fair held annually at Estacada. Business men of that section claim that Canby is so far away from eastern Clackamas county that farmers are unable to take part in the fair. Willsonville and Molalla, as well as Estacada, have asked for help from the county.

BORDER TEXANS SECURE GUNS TO RESIST RAIDERS

PLOT TO SEIZE TERRITORY IS RUMORED AMONG AMERICANS NEAR BROWNSVILLE.

MASSACRE OF ALL AMERICANS SAID TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED

Rangers Pursue Gang and Capture Flag Which Bore Words: "Army of Liberation for Mexicans Living in Texas."

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 11.—Practically every American citizen in the three southernmost counties of Texas—Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr—is under arms tonight in fear that the overwhelming Mexican population of the section may break out in a racial fight.

Disturbances, attributed to Mexicans on the international border, spread rapidly today. Rumors of trouble came from widely separated localities, some of them even from Laredo, on the border, 200 miles distant from Brownsville. A feature of the day's developments was the circulation of a rumor in many quarters that the disturbance was an effort on the part of untutored Mexicans to turn back a portion of Texas to Mexican control.

This scheme, it was rumored, was backed by ignorant Mexicans living on the American side of the Rio Grande, assisted by escaped convicts and fugitives from justice and also, according to the report, by a considerable number of irresponsible Mexicans, both soldiers and civilians, who were said to have crossed the American border from Mexico.

Impetus was given the movement, it is believed in many quarters, by border political conditions.

Rangers in Hidalgo county, pursuing some of the gang which killed an American trooper near Mercedes last night, today were reported to have captured a flag bearing the words in Spanish: "Army of Liberation for Mexicans in Texas."

CHANGE MADE IN ROUTE OF HIGHWAY

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 11.—Acting on the suggestion of R. W. Marsters, county judge of Douglas county, the state highway commission yesterday tentatively decided to change the route of the Pacific highway from Roseburg south as far as Medford. The proposed new route will run in a southeasterly direction from Roseburg to the town of Teller and then continue south to Medford. The present route from Roseburg runs in a southwesterly direction through Josephine and according to Judge Marsters will avoid Roberts mountain.

By the proposed new route 125 miles or a day's travel by automobile will be saved in reaching Crater lake. With the thousands of tourists that every year go to this natural wonder, it is deemed advisable to change the road.

MAYOR TO THE MOUNTAINS

Linn E. Jones left Saturday night for Ogle Mountain mine and will return either Wednesday or Thursday. Recorder Loder is absent and during the time the mayor is away from the city, Fred Meyer, president of the council, will be acting executive and sit as police judge in case of any arrests.

J. A. CHURCHILL PRAISES HIGHLY TRAINING SCHOOL

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT INSPECTS INSTITUTE AND THEN ENDORSES IT WARMLY.

ONLY REGRET IS THAT EFFECT IS NOT MORE FAR REACHING

Teachers Advised to Learn Thoroughly Their Courses of Study—Attendance Steadily Grows and High Mark Expected in Week.

The Clackamas county teachers' training school, in direct effect and extent of influence, is not exceeded by any annual institute of its kind in the entire state of Oregon, declared J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, Tuesday afternoon when he spoke at the Barclay school building where the training school is now in session.

He examined work done in the school observed the methods adopted by County Superintendent Calavan, who has charge of the institute, and then strongly endorsed every department of the work. His only regret was that the effect of the school was not more far reaching.

Superintendent Churchill's talk is the first of a series of special lectures arranged for. The second talk will be made Friday afternoon by Dr. A. H. Shepherd, of the faculty of the University of Oregon, and his subject will be "New Things in Modern Education."

The talk of the state superintendent followed general lines. He advised the teachers to learn their course of study thoroughly. It was impossible to properly teach without mastering the course in every detail. He cautioned them that they should make their monthly and annual reports to the county superintendent promptly and declared that under no circumstances should a teacher grant an exemption from examinations unless the pupil had earned it.

Superintendent Churchill discussed the reading circle work in the public schools at length, and advised teachers to cooperate with the extension department of the state university. He told them that much trouble could be avoided by prompt registration before the opening of school.

He endorsed the standard high school course recently adopted by the state department of public instruction. The course is a general one and will be taught in all high schools meeting the state standardization requirements. The attendance at the training school is constantly increasing and up to Tuesday night 90 had enrolled. Over a hundred teachers will probably attend the institute within a week.

CHANGE IS FORCED IN THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC MARKET

PROPERTY OWNER DECLARES SHEDS THE DETRIMENT—TWO OTHER SITES SUGGESTED.

Following the complaint of Mrs. M. L. Foster, owner of property on the southeast corner of Fifth and Main streets, that the public market is seldom used and that it is a detriment to her property, officials of the Board of Trade admitted Wednesday that they will probably be forced to do away with the market entirely or move it to another location.

Mrs. Foster was in town Tuesday to see Fred Meyer, president of the council, who is now acting mayor. Mr. Meyer was not in his office and she told M. D. Latourette that she could see no reason why the market should remain standing, owing to the fact that it was poorly patronized. She also told Mr. Latourette that she thought it detracted from the appearance of her property, the Portland House.

J. J. Tobin, chairman of the Board of Trade committee on public markets, said Wednesday that the agreement with Mrs. Foster, secured at the time the market was built was only verbal and that probably no effort would be made to keep the market at its present location.

Merchants on north Main street and on the hill have both asked the Board of Trade that the market be moved to their parts of town and Mr. Tobin said that a meeting of the board would probably be held within a few days to authorize a change in location. Seventh and Center streets is one place considered.

WIFE CHARGES DESERTION

Desertion is charged in the divorce complaint of Edna Barry against James Barry. They were married February 22, 1912, in Seattle. She alleges that he deserted her while they were living at 392 1/2 Belmont street, Portland, in June, 1914.

Clackamas Wheat Crop Breaks All Records of Past

RAIN, WHICH INJURED YIELD OF HAY, MEANS BIG PROFIT TO GRAIN GROWERS.

The Clackamas county wheat yield will be larger this year than ever before, according to reports which have been received here.

Threshing began about 10 days ago and those operating machines report that the yields have averaged about 70 to 80 per cent larger than usual. The acreage is about double the amount sown in grain last year.

J. H. Cole, who has been threshing north of Molalla near Liberal, Latourette and Mackaburg, says that the poorest field he harvested went 25 bushels to the acre. The wheat crop of J. W. Smith, ex-county commissioner went 52 bushels to the acre. A. H. Cole, another thresher, reports that all the fields he harvested were from 40 to 60 bushels to the acre and H. A. Kayler, who is working in the southern part of the county, has the same report to make.

The summer showers, which delayed the hay harvest and in some cases even spoiled the crop altogether, were ideal for grain growing. Few oat fields have been harvested but the yield is considered good.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO BE GIVEN TO ARMED MEXICANS

CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON IS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF STRONG WARNING.

DIPLOMATS FROM LATIN-AMERICA CONSULT SECRETARY OF STATE

Agreement is Unanimous That Changes Shall Not Be Prolonged—Other Leaders Willing to Join Peace Move.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Armed factions in Mexico are to have one more opportunity to say whether they are ready to make an honest effort among themselves to compose their differences.

A message expressing the concerted demand of North and South America that there must be peace and restoration of constitutional government, addressed to all the Mexican political and military leaders, probably will be dispatched within a few days as one of the first results of a conference at the state department today. In which the six ranking diplomats of the Pan-American legation corps participated with Secretary Lansing at the invitation of President Wilson.

While the appeal will be made to all the Mexican leaders, it will be intended especially for General Carranza and his followers, who are opposed to another peace convention.

It was learned President Wilson has been in correspondence with the executives of the Latin-American legations, who have urged that the United States take the lead in a strong position toward Mexico, and in this informal way have pledged their support to a Pan-American concert of action.

HARRINGTON EXPLAINS CHANGES IN TAX LAWS

IF HALF OF TAXES ARE NOT PAID, THEY WILL BECOME DELINQUENT NEXT MONTH.

A rush in taxpaying during the latter part of this month and all of next is expected by Sheriff Wilson and George Harrington, tax collector. Mr. Harrington finds that there is much confusion concerning the state tax laws, which have been changed a number of times during the last few years.

"If one-half of the taxes on any property for this year, that is the 1914 tax roll, shall have been paid before the first day of April, 1915, the second half of such taxes may be paid at any time before the first day of October without any interest or penalty of any kind, but if the second half is not paid by the first day of October, 1915, then a 10 per cent penalty, together with one per cent interest, shall be added," he said in explaining the new law.

"If in case there has been no payment or no half payment made before September 1, 1915, then on that day there shall be added a 10 per cent penalty and an interest charge of one per cent a month thereafter."

JENNINGS LODGE WILL BE DROPPED FROM UNION HIGH

PROTESTING DISTRICT WOULD ALWAYS BE SOURCE OF TROUBLE, ASSERTED.

ANOTHER ELECTION EARLY IN FALL PREDICTED BY SIEVERS

Stone Will Probably Take Place of Jennings Lodge in New Combination—Union School Law Will Not Be Tested.

No attempt will be made to fight the quo warranto proceedings of residents of the Jennings Lodge district in the Gladstone union high school case and the union school district will be disorganized, decided those back of the project at a conference Saturday.

This decision, however, does not mean that all plans for the union high school will be abandoned. Rather, this disorganization is planned to get Jennings Lodge out of the union high school district.

"We feel that Jennings Lodge would always be a thorn in our side," said John N. Sievers, one of the original union high school boosters, after the conference. "The residents of that section have shown they would always be opposed to the school and would cause trouble in the future if we would force them to stay in the district."

Mr. Sievers added that another election will probably be held in the fall when an attempt would be made to join Gladstone, Parkplace, Clackamas and probable Stone in a union high school district. He said that H. E. Cross' proposition of donating a site in Gladstone Park would hold good in case a district was formed of these four communities.

The quo warranto proceedings and a demurrer were to be argued before Judge Campbell Monday but a stipulation will be prepared at once and signed which will amount practically to the dissolution of the district.

Backers of the union high school did admit Saturday night that the point raised in the quo warranto proceedings—that the original petitions did not contain sufficient number of legal voters—would probably have been sustained when the case was taken into court.

A demurrer filed in the case made a general attack on the entire union high school law as it existed prior to May 22, 1915, when an amendment went into effect which, corrected the alleged defect in the law. The plaintiffs allege that one clause of the original law was ambiguous, rendering the entire measure invalid. As the demurrer will not be argued, this point will not be settled. About 100 union high school districts have been formed throughout the state under this alleged defective law.

NEW PLANS MADE TO GREET CONGRESSMEN

PARTY WILL ARRIVE WEDNESDAY MORNING—INSPECTION OF LOCKS IS PLANNED.

Tuesday M. D. Latourette, secretary of the Commercial club, completed arrangements to entertain the Rivers and Harbors committee of congress August 19, but Wednesday when he received additional information from the Portland Commercial club he was forced to drop his original plans and by that night has completed arrangements for the visitors. T. W. Sullivan, president of the Commercial club, is out of the city.

The party of congressmen with delegates from Salem, Portland and Vancouver Commercial clubs will arrive in Oregon City at 6:23 o'clock Wednesday morning over the Southern Pacific. The party will be met with automobiles and taken to the Commercial club building where breakfast will be served. From the club rooms they will go to the basin where one of the fleet of the Willamette Navigation company will be waiting for the party.

The congressmen will inspect the locks thoroughly before leaving for Portland on the steamer.

The following committee was appointed to receive the party: O. D. Eby, M. D. Latourette, Judge H. S. Anderson, Judge G. B. Dimick, W. A. Huntley, E. E. Brodie, E. R. Brown, Lloyd Riches, George A. Harding, Linn E. Jones, E. Kenneth Stanton, H. A. Swafford, C. H. Caulfield, L. Adams, C. D. Latourette, A. R. Jacobs, W. P. Hawley Sr., T. W. Sullivan, B. T. Mc Bain, T. L. Charman, Frank Busch, Dr. H. S. Mount, Dr. C. H. Melisser, Dr. M. C. Strickland, A. A. Price, George B. Bannan, C. H. Dye, J. J. Cooke, Dr. L. A. Morris, C. G. Huntley, Percy Caulfield, H. E. Williams, J. E. Hedges and G. L. Hedges.

After being suspended for several months the Roseburg public market will be resumed next Saturday.