

PROSPERITY FALSE, FEEL OF FINANCIER

Present State of America Decried Dangerous.

CAPITAL LESS AVAILABLE

High Taxes, With Inflation of Currency and Bank Credit, Held Chiefly Responsible.

CHICAGO, April 2.—America has entered an era of false prosperity, Frank A. Vanderbilt, formerly president of the National City Bank, New York, declared today in an address.

Mr. Vanderbilt is on his way to Japan, where, in connection with a committee of financiers, he will investigate conditions governing trade relations between the United States and the Orient.

Fundamentals Are Deficient.

"There are three things upon which real prosperity must be based," he said. "These are ample capital, efficient labor and application of sound economic principles."

"We are prosperous today in the face of all three fundamentals and our prosperity is false as well as dangerous."

"Incomes today are larger than ever before. Profits are larger. Yet fresh capital for business enterprises is less available than ever before."

"The chief reason for this is the government taxes. But even were taxes reduced, the situation would not be sound. I have talked with scores of big business men and the consensus is that labor is 80 per cent efficient. There is no non-employment today."

National Productivity Low.

"And, yet, despite this fact, our productivity is lower than it has ever been. But even with labor efficient and capital plentiful our prosperity still would be on a false bottom."

"The inflation of our currency, and of bank credit has more than anything else been responsible for the 100 per cent rise in prices in the last six years. Wages have not kept pace with prices and false inflation has added to the chaos. Unrestrained extravagance is our national keynote and the capital of the smaller capitalists when it isn't dried up by tax, is being squandered in the purchase of unproductive things."

SETTLERS FIGHT COMPANY

IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE COST SUBJECT OF DISPUTE.

Final Opinion on Merits Deferred Pending Decision as to Jurisdiction of Commission.

REDMOND, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—After a two-day hearing conducted here, the state public service commission concluded its investigation this afternoon in the matter of the application of the Central Oregon Irrigation company for an advance in maintenance rates from 40 cents and \$1 per acre, the charge now in effect, to \$2.80. No testimony was presented by the attorneys for the settlers, the case being tried on cross-examination directed by Harrison Allen of Portland.

Commissioner Fred A. Williams announced that as soon as the question of jurisdiction raised yesterday by the settlers has been passed on by Attorney-General Brown, a final opinion on the merits of the case will be handed down unless counsel for the plaintiff desire a supplementary hearing. Attorneys for both sides declared after the commission adjourned that the two-day hearing marks merely the beginning of a long, hard fought legal battle.

C. H. Smith, civil engineer of Portland, testified regarding a recent examination made of the company's irrigation system, giving his opinion that a \$2.80 maintenance fee is needed in order to make extensive replacement of flumes and other equipment during the next four years. After that time, he said, a \$2.15 maintenance fee would be sufficient.

WALLA WALLA HAS SNOW

Washington Farmers Pessimistic Because of Weather.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—March weather conditions are prevailing here, rain and snow falling today, while indications are for more rain and snow with freezing temperatures. Farmers and gardeners are growing pessimistic as a result of the unseasonable weather.

Between four and six feet of snow is reported at Toll Gate and at Big Meadows, with snow showing clearly to the foothills. Wheat growers here were compelled to reseed this year fear the crop will be shorter as a result of the cold. Snow, it is thought, however, will relieve the fear of growers who use water for irrigation of a shortage early in the season.

AIR MAIL PLAN APPROVED

House Conferees Withdraw Opposition to Senate Proposal.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—House conferees on the postoffice bill reseeded today from their opposition to senate amendments providing for the establishment of transcontinental mail air service between New York and San Francisco via Chicago and Omaha. At their request, however, the senate appropriation of \$1,400,000 for the service was reduced to \$1,250,000.

REDS WANT LOCOMOTIVES

Bolshevik Minister of Trade Offers Gold to Sweden.

STOCKHOLM, April 2.—M. Krassin, bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, has arrived here with a commercial delegation. He said Russia was willing to pay in gold for immediate deliveries of locomotives from Sweden.

ELKS BEGIN NEW TEMPLE

Exalted Ruler Wields Pick in Demolishing Old Edifice.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—Officially the construction of Chehalis' new \$100,000 Elks Temple building was begun yesterday when Exalted Ruler C. A. Studebaker and a number of members of the order assembled to witness the heaving of the local lodge drive a pick into the old one-story structure which is to be removed to make room for the new edifice. So strong was the swing of the exalted ruler that he broke the pick handle when he hit a concrete slab.

The New York state is to occupy the entire first floor of the Elks block when completed. It is the headquarters of Chehalis' business district with frontages on Market and Pacific, 50x120 feet in size. The second and third stories will be used for lodge purposes.

JOSEPHINE SENATOR CANDIDATE

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—J. C. Smith, state senator from Josephine county, has filed with the secretary of state here, his declaration of candidacy for re-election and asks that his name be placed on the republican nominating ballot at the May election. "I will work for the best interest of the state," says Mr. Smith in his platform.

SPOKANE EDUCATOR CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Orville C. Platt Elected by Inland Empire Teachers.

OREGON MAN ON BOARD

C. W. Boetticher, Superintendent at Albany, Becomes Member of Educational Council.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 2.—Orville C. Platt, superintendent of schools of this city, was elected president of the Inland Empire Teachers' association at the closing session of the annual convention here this afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Craig, Chehalis, Wash., was elected vice-president and J. A. Burke of this city and H. L. Kirk of The Dalles, Or., were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Bruce Milliken of Eufra, Mont., was elected a member of the executive committee and Miss Nina O. Buchanan, Seattle; W. M. Kern, Walla Walla, Wash.; Dr. M. J. Elrod, the University of Montana and C. W. Boetticher, city superintendent of Albany, Or., were elected members of the educational council.

CHILD DOCTRINE FEARED

Archbishop Sees Menace in Attitude of Soviet Toward Church.

ROME, April 1.—The attitude of bolshevism toward the church is described in a letter received from Monsignor de Ropp, archbishop of Mohilev, printed in the Osservatore Romano today. Monsignor de Ropp, who only three months ago, through intervention by the holy see, was released by the bolsheviks, writes:

"Bolshevism, despite its ostentatious atheism, does not prevent Christian work in churches, but there is a constant effort to demoralize the youth of the country. Their theory is that a child does not belong to the parents, but to the state. The church must struggle against this theory and against the official organization if it hopes to survive in Russia. The church must insist on bolshevik recognition of her organization. This is difficult, because the bolsheviks do not admit the right of religious papers to exist as legal entities. It is vested only in the nation."

MARION VALUATION RISES

County Adds 10 Per Cent to Tax Roll to Offset Losses.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Assessed valuation of property in Marion county will be increased 10 per cent this year to offset the removal of automobiles and the introduction of the tax rolls under an act of the legislature for 1919, according to an announcement made today by Ben F. West, county assessor.

The removal of automobiles and mortgage notes from the tax rolls reduces the assessed valuation of Marion county property by about \$2,000,000. It was explained by the assessor, that the advance in property valuations would not make taxes actually higher, but would have the effect of making the millage lower.

Deputy assessors for the year 1920 have been named by Mr. West and they will assemble at the courthouse here Saturday for instructions.

EXTRADITION IS GRANTED

Man Held in Portland to Be Returned to San Francisco.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Governor Olcott today honored requisition papers issued by Governor Stephens of California, calling for the return to San Francisco of Bert Lonegren, who is held in Portland on a charge of robbery committed at the southern city.

An agent from California arrived here today and will leave Portland with his prisoner tonight. Requisition papers on the governor of Washington were issued today by Governor Olcott asking for the return to Portland of Ralph Burnett, who is in jail at Walla Walla. Burnett was charged with non-support. An officer will leave Portland tonight in quest of the prisoner.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB

Black Who Attacked White Boys Pays Death Penalty.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., April 2.—George Robertson, negro, was taken from the city jail at Laurens, S. C., last night by a mob and hanged to a railroad bridge on the outskirts of the city.

Robertson was charged with having cut three white boys with a knife after interfering in behalf of another negro in a dispute with the boys.

COAL ADVANCES IN IOWA

Lift of 75 Cents a Ton in Retail Price Announced.

DES MOINES, April 2.—An advance of 75 cents a ton in the retail price of Iowa coal in Des Moines was announced today by some dealers. None would predict what the future price may be.

Obituary.

GRESHAM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held at the Baptist church this morning for Mrs. S. J. Jones, familiarly known as "Grandma" Jones, who died at her home here Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Jones had been failing in health for

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Further investigation will be made.

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over a year. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Carl of Portland. Interment was in the Gresham cemetery. Mrs. Jones was born in Ohio in 1829. She was married to David Jones in 1848. Her children were born nine children, three of whom are still living, Milton Jones of Greenacres, Wash., Alfred Jones of Stevenson, B. C. and Schuyler C. Jones of this city.

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- PROGRAMME "Invincible".....Gray "The Palms".....Faure (With Special Lighting Effects) Selection, "Carmen".....Bizet "Give Me All of You".....Schwarzwald "Wee Echoes From Auld Scotland".....Arranged by C. Teague

MAYHEW PATHE WEEKLY Direction of Jensen and Von Herberg

Two Troops Are Formed. BOISE, Idaho, April 2.—(Special.)—Idaho made big strides this week toward the organization of its state cavalry authorized by the war department, for troops were organized at American Falls and Pocatello and were mustered into the service. American Falls secured the first letter troop, A. and Pocatello got troop B. Boise, Nampa, Twin Falls, Elsiehol, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Moscow and Coeur d'Alene are contending for the three other troops of cavalry.

AT BURNS' FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY

Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes items like Old Dutch Cleanser (7c), Powdered Sugar (16c), Eggs (39c), Cheese (32c), Sweet Ground Chocolate (27c), Pure Imported Olive Oil (\$1.35).

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