WEATHER FOR SUNDAY
OREGON: Generally cloudy along the coast and fair in the interior with mild temperature; low humidity; moderate westerly winds. Max. 71, Min. 47, River 3.7, falling, Rainfall, None, Atmosphere, part cloudy, Wind, Northwest.

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WORLD RECORD FOR NON-STOP SET BY PLANE

United States Navy All Metal Seaplane Reaches Highest Mark for Prolonged Sustention

FLIGHT OF NEARLY 30 HOURS DURATION

Capacity for Cross Pacific Hop Possessed by Ship, Experts Say

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Making a new world's record for non-stop flights for sea planes, the metal PN-9 built to fly from California to Honolulu, dipped into the Delaware river today after being in the air 28 hours and 36 minutes. She came down only because she ran out of gasoline.

Pacific Test Wanted

The flight to test her capacity for the cross Pacific hop was pronounced a success in every way by naval officers. She took the air so easily at 10:22 a. m. Friday with 1300 gallons of gasoline that observers said she could load more fuel and stay in the air longer. Her engines ran smoothly and her long flight was without especial incident, the pilots said.

Those aboard were Lieutenants C. H. Schildhauser and J. R. Kyle, Jr., who took turns in piloting the big plane, and Captain L. M. Woolson, a civilian aeronautical expert and chief machinists mate, Charles Shauter who also took their turns on watch.

Distance is Sufficient

The PN-9 observers said, flew at an average speed sufficient to carry her farther than from San Diego to the Hawaiian Islands. At the end of the 25th hour, it was announced she had flown just far enough to equal the distance between San Diego and Honolulu. It was pointed by experts that in a straighaway flight flying conditions would be somewhat easier and that the plane could go much faster in the same number of hours than she did in the test.

The PN-9 followed a course of about 40 miles in length up and down the Delaware from the navy yard to Fort Delaware. When she had almost exhausted her gasoline, the pilots changed their course and flew across the river from the Pennsylavania to the New Jersey side until the tanks were drained. When this occurred, the pilots turned the huge craft into the wind and easily settled on the river surface at 2:58 p. m., as thousands on the shores cheered.

Pilots Are Wearied

Lieutenant Schildhauser was the first to step out after the seaplane was towed to the navy yard dock. His face was drawn and tired as he put foot on earth. Cheers greeted him on all sides and cries went up: "You broke the record!"

"I thought the thing never would run out of gasoline," he said.

Behind Lieutenant Schildhauser come Lieutenant Kyle. He peeled off his leather helmet and other

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CONDITIONS SAID BETTER FOR FARM

Pressure of Hard Times Relaxing, Report Says; Outlook More Favorable

WASHI. GTON, May 2.—In a review of the agricultural situation the department of agriculture today announced there is a "somewhat better morale in the country than last spring."

"The pressure of hard times, though still in force, has relaxed at least slightly and temporarily. It is an early spring with general conditions more tolerable than farmers have had since 1920."

Both in the United States and Europe, the department said, the outlook for spring crops is generally favorable. Crop work is well advanced in the main agricultural regions. The livestock industry was reported in much better general condition than last year.

"Sheep are apparently at or near the peak of a price cycle. Hogs have doubled in price since last spring and i history repeats itself will be high for at least a year to come. Beef cattle have apparently just recently turned upward in their price cycle and if history again repeats itself eight or ten years of rising prices are ahead."

The southwest, however, was reported to be suffering from the effects of a prolonged drought and from New Jersey southward, fruit has been damaged by frost.

Air Pilot Meets Death on Same Day Medal for Safe Flying Is Given

BOSTON, May 2.—On the day chosen by the army and navy club of Boston to award him, among others, honors for his record of safe flying, Lieutenant Alexander V. MacAuley of the Massachusetts national guard was fatally injured when his plane plunged 800 feet to the mud flats of Boston harbor. He died this afternoon a few hours after the accident.

Private Angus D. MacPhee of Chelsea, a passenger, was severely but not fatally injured. The airplane was wrecked. MacAuley, a world war pilot, made his home in Beverly, Mass.

Apparently some difficulty was encountered and 800 feet up the machine slid into a spin, then dived, nose down, into the ground.

Still alive, MacAuley and MacPhee were taken from the wreckage. MacAuley, pinned between the motor and his seat, was suffering ffractures of the skull, jaw, leg, arm and other injuries. MacPhee sustained a broken leg, broken nose and other injuries.

On Boston Common, where exercises were being held in connection with the presentation of awards to aviators of different branches of the service for their records of safe local flying unknown to the hundreds of watchers, an epic of the air service was enacted.

Lieutenant William Miller, seriously crippled in a wartime crash was chosen to present the trophy and read the list of awards.

Miller and MacAuley had served together in the war. They had been together last night. Word of the accident, of which the crowd knew noting, came, MacAuley was hovering between life and death, perhaps dying, Miller was told.

"He was my best friend," he remarked quietly. And then the time for presentation came. To Lieutenant R. D. Thomas of the naval reserve force, he presented the trophy of the club for his 424 hours of safe flying.

"It is appropriate that it should be presented by one who has struck his plane and grounded," Miller said, as he faced him.

Then he read the list of winners and their times. "Lieutenant A. Vernon MacAuley 58 hours," Miller read. Readjusting his crutch, he turned and went to his seat.

OIL CASE ENDS IN U. S. COURT

Trial of Gordon Campbell Concluded; Defendant Takes Witness Stand

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 2.—Gordon Campbell, on trial in the Great Falls federal court on the charge that he made illegal use of the mails in promoting an oil syndicate, concluded his own case this afternoon, with his own testimony, in which he threw the responsibility of the Gordon Campbell-Kevin syndicate number 2 on E. J. Dailey and C. F. Bloomhuff, promoters. Dafley and Bloomhuff were jointly indicted with Campbell, but will be tried separately and appeared yesterday as witnesses for the government in the trial of Campbell.

The trial came to an abrupt conclusion with Campbell's testimony. Arguments of counsel will be made before the jury Monday beginning at 10 a. m., and it is likely that the case will go to the jury late in the day.

Campbell denied that in organizing the syndicate he conspired to defraud as was alleged in the indictment. He also denied that he had knowledge of the printed matter sent out by the two promoters, Bloomhuff and Dailey. He threw the entire responsibility for the promotion, which the government holds was fraudulent, on the shoulders of the promoters. He testified that he was not experienced in advertising or financial matters and that Bloomhuff had been employed for that purpose.

FORTY WORKERS STILL IN FIELD

Efforts to Obtain Remaining $75,000 for Linen Mill Will Continue

About 40 energetic citizens, all members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, are going after that linen mill. They have devoted much of their time in securing Salem's greatest opportunity as an assured fact. Practically $75,000 remains to be secured to put Salem's quota across.

The hardest fight is yet to come in the opinion of the workers, who have been hard on the job. Despite this fact, the busiest men in Salem are back of this proposition and working hard to get it across.

They are a lot of tired fellows, these workers, who have made many personal sacrifices to place the city in a position to secure the proposed new linen mill. They state that many people here have not been seen, who are vitally interested in subscribing to the linen mill, but are just waiting for some one to call around to explain the proposition.

Many inquiries are coming in from the farmers in the Willamette valley, and workers are making special trips to meet them.

Oregon Seed Loans Now Total $383,461

With checks issued Friday the state board of control has loaned a total of $383,461.19 to farmers for the purpose of buying seed wheat to resow their land under the relief act of the 1925 legislature. This amount represents 541 applications that have been acted upon. A total of 550 applications have been received, representing requests for $397,208.60.

GIRL ADMITS KILLING BOY

California Girl, 21, Slays Man Who She Declares, Jilted Her

OAKLAND, Cal., May 2.—Miss Consuelo Robles, 21, of Fresno, today confessed, according to police, to the murder of Phillip Medena, 33, of this city, because he jilted her for a 19-year-old Oakland girl. Mrs. Virginia Medena, the dead man's bride of less than a week, reported witnessing the killing of her husband by Miss Robles from a window of their home early today. Mrs. Medena said Miss Robles accosted Medena in front of their home and the two engaged in an altercation. She said she saw Miss Robles draw a pair of scissors from her handbag and stab Medena.

Miss Robles was arrested on a Stockton stage at Tracy, south of here and brought back to Oakland. Police said she first denied the killing but later broke down and confessed. She had been going with Medena for three years, she said, and they had arranged to be married some time ago when she told him she was about to become a mother.

FOUR TEACHERS MAY NOT RETURN

Majority of Those in Salem High Schools Sign 1925-6 Contracts

Four instructors of the Salem high school have failed to turn in their contracts, it was announced yesterday following the checking of the reports. The outstanding contracts belong to Leslie Sparks, G. W. Harra, Bee De Good and E. E. Bergman, the latter failing to receive his contract due to a misunderstanding of arrangements.

At the Parrish junior high school Virgil McKinney, Joanna Lord, Myrtle Pelker and Alice Thompson failed to sign on the dotted line and Myrtle Martinsen of Yew Park school has also failed to turn in a contract.

It is thought that many of the teachers have failed to think about their contracts and as a result have not turned them in. Nevertheless, it is expected that some of them will not return to the schools next year. Even if the contracts are signed up, teacher are allowed to break them, if a six weeks notice is given.

MOVING OF TOWN STARTED

CASPER, May 2.—The wheels of industry will begin to grind up a community tomorrow—the first building of the town of Lavoye, Wyo., will be moved away by federal court edict to make way for the Ohio Oil company which owns the townsite.

VALLEY CROPS GOOD

YAKIMA, May 2. — Bumper yields in all orchard crops were predicted here tonight in an estimate for 1925 given out by W. L. Close, district horticultural inspector for Yakima and Kittitas counties. He placed the total production at 17,000 cars. One year ago the estimate was 13,145 cars.

CAUSE OF WAR DISCUSSED BY NOTED EXPERT

Race Question and Desire for Raw Materials Lead Says Dr. Layton Richards, English Pacifist

TWO METHODS POSSIBLE TO ABOLISH CONFLICTS

Power of Public Opinion and Political Means Must be Brought Into Play

Dr. Layton Richards, of England, president of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, was well received on his talk on international relations and world peace at the first Methodist church last night. A main speach of about 45 minutes was given after which Dr. Richards led the discussion in an open forum in which the audience was allowed to question him regarding his stand on the matter.

In opening his address Dr. Richards contended that war should be outlawed and that all good citizens desire to rid the world of armed conflict and showed that the point of disagreement is in the means of prevention.

In explaining the cause of world conflict it was conteded that all wars were either caused by race questions or the desire for raw material and he contended that if the citizens of the world would not fight for these things there would be no cause for war.

Can Abolish Wars

His second contention was that the problem of abolishing war must be divided into two principal means: the psychological and political.

Under the first he contended that if we were to abolish war we must create a conviction against war. That the great power of public opinion must be against war. In advancing this contention he pointed out that prudence will result in peace at any price. That if nations made war so terrible that it would result in the complete destruction of the nations engaged there would be no war.

He admitted, however, that war can not be abolished by psychological means alone but that political means must be resorted to and pointed out that the statesmen of a nation would not declare war if their citizens did not desire war.

In upholding the stand of Denmark on disarmament he stated that no nation would fight except in self defense and that no statesmen could convince their citizens that they must defend their country against a nation that was disarmed.

Must Demand Arbitration

His final conclusion was that when the citizens of a nation demanded arbitration through the world court or the league of nations then that nation would not engage in war.

At the close of the lecture several questions regarding world peace were answered by Dr. Richards and the audience as a whole displayed a great interest in the question.

Dr. Richards came here through the Willamette University YMCA. He will speak in Portland this morning and will continue his work there till next Tuesday. He sails for England May 23.

RECORD CLASS TO FINISH IN JUNE

University of Oregon to Graduate 400; Leaves of Absence Given

EUGENE, Or., May 2—(Special to The Statesman.)—The University of Oregon board of regents, at its quarterly meeting today, sent greetings to President P. L. Campbell, who is ill at his home; authorized the purchase of ground adjoining the campus for a student union building, for which $286,500 has been subscribed, and granted leaves of absence to staff members and appointed two new assistant professors.

Colin V. Dyment, dean of the college of literature, science and arts, and Dr. Harry B. Torrey, professor of zoology, were granted leaves of absence for a year for study and travel.

David E. Faville, son of E. E. Faville, publisher of the Western Farmer, Portland, and an honor student at Stanford and Harvard, was appointed to the school of business administration faculty, and Chilton R. Bush instructor in the University of Wisconsin, to the Oregon school of journalism faculty.

More than 400 students, a record class, will be graduated from the university in June, the board was informed.

DEMOCRACY IS RULING POWER DEPEW STATES

Chauncey M. Depew, Former Senator Gives Address to Friends at Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting

NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY IS CELEBRATED BY CLUB

President Coolidge Sends Congratulatory Message to Beloved Man

NEW YORK, May 2.—Democracy rules the world and will continue to rule it, through the middle classes, Chauncey M. Depew told his hosts at one of his 91st birthday anniversary celebrations today. The occasion was the 34th annual dinner given in the aged former senator's honor by the Montauk club, Brooklyn, an occasion which brought the assertion from the club here, William H. English, that "no other man in this or any other country has had his birtday celebrated in a manner such as this."

Coolidge Sends Message

There was a congratulatory letter from President Coolidge, written to Mr. English in which the chief executive wrote:

"I hope it may be the pleasant duty of myself and my successors to go on sending congratulations for the continuing recurrence of this occasion for a great many years to come. The affection which his multitude of friends entertain for Senator Depew is a testimony that after all, republics are not invariably ungrateful. My best wishes to the senator which he is strictly enjoined to share equably with Mrs. Depew."

Reminiscences Related

Speaking on "the world at 91," Mr. Depew began with a recital of the progress of the world since the inauguration of the Montauk club birthday dinners since which "one year beyond a third of a century has passed."

Benjamin Harrison was president of the United States then, he reminded his hearers. He rehearsed briefly the histories of the men who followed—Cleveland, "the lovable McKinley," then "that human dynamo, Roosevelt; Taft, Woodrow Wilson, who when he went abroad during the world war "had more power in world affairs than any man ever possessed;" Harding, "prince of good fellows," and now Coolidge, whose policies of thrift and of economy and of debt reduction for lowering the burden of taxes must become, not the policies of any party, but the popular principles of economic success."

In contrast he reviewed the happenings in the old world in the same period, tracing the careers of the now fallen houses of Hapsburg, Hohenzollern and Romanoff.

"The whole world," he continued, "is now under the domination and control in one way or another of a democratic spirit. The only exception to the power of the people, as we understand it in various countries is Russia. There are few men striving to build a government up on a class; they are leaders who have grasped every source of power and distrust even that class after they have exterminated by terrorism all other acts."

There are parts of the world, he said, are governed "not by people of inherited authority, but by the business men and bankers of the world."

West Salem Votes Bonds For Local Water System

The West Salem water system won approval last week at a meeting held in the West Salem church and $5,000 in bonds will be voted, according to a statement issued when opposing forces failed to make their appearance.

The case of the water bonds was expressed by Mayor John Gosser, who called the meeting, J. R. Arnold and William Andrews.

The question comes up to a vote on May 8, after being voted down nearly a month ago.

Southern Oregon Camp Is Ready for Troops June 12

Camp Jackson will be ready for 2500 Oregon troops by June 12, declared General George A. White, yesterday after his return from an inspection trip of southern Oregon in company with Col. E. A. Sirmyer, of San Francisco.

Particular attention is being paid to the water system of the camp as well as mess houses, drainage system and other features connected with the establishment of the camp.

An inspection of the national guard company at Grants Pass was held, where it was found that too many married men with dependents were enrolled.

Prison Officials Almost Ready to Celebrate Half Year Escapeless Period

Yes, if none of the several hundreds of inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary are seized with the wanderlust or yield to the call of spring and seek more verdant pastures beyond the far horizon today, one of the longest escapeless periods in the history of the institution will be celebrated Monday.

For the last few days officials have been holding their respective breaths lest some of their charges yield to the temptation and leave for parts unknown. For several weeks the hope has been in the hearts of all (officials) that six months might elapse since a man failed to answer roll call or showed up missing at cell check.

Six month periods of this nature are not unknown, but they do not occur with sufficient frequency to make them familiar. There are only a few of them. Once a story was written about a whole year that passed by without French leave being taken, but this was not verified. The last time that an entire half-year elapsed with all present or accounted for was during the wardenship of Jim Lewis, now deputy sheriff under Sheriff O. D. Bower.

There are lots of trusties at work, according to Warden A. M. Dalrymple. Many are needed in routine work and affairs at the institution, while others are at the wood camp, where the temptation to escape is always very strong. Part of the record is due to care in selecting trusties and the remainder is due to luck. Warden Dalrymple admits this.

The last man to escape from the prison was William Crosby, who stole an automobile parked near the prison about dusk on November 4, 1924. The machine was found abandoned in South Salem after friends, it is believed, furnished him with other transportation. Crosby was received from Multnomah county November 29, 1921, to serve six years for assault and robbery.

POLA NEGRI IS SAID VIOLATOR

Film Actress Declared to Have Failed to Declare Jewels and Liquor

NEW YORK, May 2.—Pola Negri, motion picture actress who arrived here last night on the Berengaria, will be detained shortly after disembarking by customs officials on a charge of failing to declare three pieces of jewelry valued at 300,000 francs, it was learned today. Miss Negri was also charged with attempting to smuggle 16 bottles of liquor into this country.

After a brief questioning Miss Negri was allowed to go to her suite in the Hotel Ambassador. She assured the officials that she would appear at the customs house Monday and pay whatever fine is assessed. Customs authorities are appraising the jewels.

She will also be asked to appear before officials of the legal department in the customs house to explain why the jewels were not declared.

Miss Negri said tonight that on several former trips to and from Europe she had never been questioned about her jewelry by the officials because she was an alien. However, her last return from Europe, before Friday, was two and one-half years ago, and since then she has taken out first naturalization papers and established a permanent residence in Hollywood, Cal. Miss Negri said that she had not known that this had changed her status, doing away with her duty exemptions.

The jewelry consisted of a large diamond bracelet, a 12 karat emerald ring and an unset emerald of 96 karats, she said. She explained that she had exchanged several old pieces of jewelry for the three pieces seized last night.

DRUNKEN DRIVER IS HANDED JOLT

Portland Man Sentenced to Pay $200 and Spend Next 60 Days in Jail

Arrested on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated, Thomas Traaen, of Portland, entered a plea of guilty when he appeared before Brazier C. Small in the justice court yesterday, and was sentenced. Judge Small fined him $200, and sentenced him to a term of 60 days in the county jail, suspended his drivers license for one year, and ordered the automobile held for a period of 60 days. The jail sentence will be served in the Multnomah county jail. The arrest was made by R. B. Reinhart, state traffic officer.

Harry Rich, of Salem, was fined $25 in the justice court for speeding, he also was arrested by Officer Reinhart.

Robert Puddell, a minor, was brought into the justice court yesterday on a charge of larceny. Due to the fact that he is under age, he was certified to the juvenile court. He is alleged to have robbed mail boxes.

Attorneys for the men convicted in Judge Small's court of manufacturing liquor in the huge still found near Mount Angel, filed notice of appeal to the circuit court. Joe Walker, on whose place the plant was found, was sentenced to one year in jail and $3000 fine, by Judge Small, while Henry Johnson, John Andrews and Lester Dickson, were given a fine of $500, and a jail sentence of six months in jail. It was understood at the time of the trial that appeal would be made if the defense attorneys were not satisfied.

SPELLERS VIE IN BIG EVENT

Annual County Contest Brings Out 281 Contestants Here Saturday

The Marion county public school spelling contest was held in the Salem high school auditorium yesterday with 281 of the best spellers in the schools present.

Gold and silver medals were given to the winners in each grade from the third to the eighth, inclusive. Those taking first and second prizes are as follows:

Eighth grade: Clair Calavan, Talbot, and Lillian Peterson, Turner; seventh grade, Nellie Barkhurst, Silverton, and George Sugai, Keizer; sixth grade, Fern Giger, Scotts Mills, and Elda Wintermantle, Sidney; fifth grade, Gertrude Bartnik, Mt. Angel, and Walter Anderson, Liberty; fourth grade, Ralph Gilles, Mt. Angel, and Sylvia Farmen, Mill City; third grade, Shirley Homer, Mill City, and Bernadine Wheeler, Brooks.

There were 37 entrants in the eighth grade. Of these only four made a perfect score in the written examination. In the seventh grade 45 entered, with seven making 100 per cent in the tests. Ten of the 48 in the sixth grade made a perfect score, six of the 37 in the fifth, 14 of the 40 in the fourth, and 12 of the 33 in the third grade.

The high school auditorium was filled with teachers and parents of chidren, and seats were at a premium for the interesting contest. Next Saturday the county declamatory contest will be held, with all the public schools in the county participating. This event is looked forward to as one of the most important of the whole year, and much interest is manifested as to its outcome.

RIVER RATS BEAT SCOUT NINE 8-4

Junior Twilight League Officially Opened on Saturday Afternoon

The River Rats defeated the Scouts yesterday by a score of 8 to 4 in the first baseball game of the Junior Twilight series. Pickles Lennon's team let out four runs in the first inning to the Scouts, but after that the game was held close until the last inning.

The pitching for both teams was wild owing to the fact that this was the first game for either team. Both Lennon and French settled down for some good work. French struck out 10 men, while Lennon fanned eight during the game.

Lineup of the teams follow:

River Rats—Guy Jones, c; Lennon, p; C. Shaeffer, 1st; Duncan, cf; J. Schaffer, ss; Baker, 2nd; Hoffman, rf; Borne, lf, and W. Hall 3rd.

Scout Troop No. 1—C. French, p; F. Alley, c; H. Tompkins, lf; T. Childs, 1st; Belt, Schumaker, 2nd; Williams, 3rd; Churchfield, Tom Stevens and Wager.

Doyle Corter was umpire and Bob Boardman in charge of the game.

OCEAN TRIP POSTPONED

VICTORIA, B. C., May 2.—Driven back by heavy weather which he encountered shortly after leaving Victoria this afternoon on a trip to England in a 25 foot sloop, Commander Eustace B. Maude, 77, returned to Victoria tonight. He expects to start over agin when the weather moderates, he said.

2500 PEOPLE ATTEND MEET AT CHAMPOEG

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Founding of First American Government in Oregon Celebrated

JUDGE PETER H. D'ARCY PRESIDES AT GATHERING

Reunion of Oregon's Pioneers Featured by Stories of Early Life

Under a clear sky, on the bank of the majestic Willamette upon the historic ground of old Champoeg, 2500 Oregon pioneers and friends met Saturday to celebrate the founding of the first American government established on the Pacific coast. Thus was marked the eighty-second anniversary of this memorable event when it was decided by a 52 to 50 vote of heroic men of that pioneer period that the Oregon territory should accept the guardianship of the American instead of a foreign flag. Yesterday was also the twenty-fifth time that this Founders' day has been celebrated by the early pioneers and their descendents on this spot and date. The program of music, addresses and greetings was most enjoyable and instructive.

Judge D'Arcy Presides

The chairman of the day was Judge Peter H. D'Arcy, of Salem, president of the Oregon Pioneer association. Rev. George H. Lee, of Newberg, gave the invocation and Mrs. Carrie B. Adams, Portland, led the singing of America and other popular songs of pioneer days.

C. B. Moores, of Salem, in a brief address, spoke eloquently of the early argonauts of Oregon history, who were "builders of history, churches and schools." In this connection he emphasized the life of Rev. A. J. Hunsaker, one of the state's early pioneers.

F. V. Holman, president of the Oregon Historical society, briefly described the memorable event of the second of May, 1848.

C. T. A. Walker, of Newberg, pleased the audience with several violin selectious and J. U. Smith, Hillsboro, spoke of the large and steady increase of interest in the observance of this day, and asked the chairman to read Samuel Simpson's poem, "The Beautiful Willamette," which he did. The speaker also urged a registry for all visitors at Champoeg.

Addresses Are Made

Prof. J. L. Carter of Portland spoke of Joseph Buchtell's contributions to the development of Portland, and Mrs. Mary Howard, 81 years old, danced one of the dances of the early pioneers.

B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal, eloquently portrayed the glory of the state and the part played in her development by the pioneers. S. T. Walker sang an original song, "Oregon, My Oregon," and J. D. Lee, born in Oregon in 1848, recited an original poem.

Mrs. Edith Tozier Wethered, H. D. Wagnon, Dr. Owens Adair, 85 years "young," and others spoke of pioneer life and ideals.

Several delightful songs including Auld Lang Syne, and the benediction closed this most successful anniversary at historical Champoeg.

TAX REDUCTION HELD POSSIBLE

Treasure Official States Further Slicing May be Permitted Next Year

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Unofficial statements by teasury officials indicate that a 12 per cent reduction in income taxes may be possible as the next step in lifting the federal tax burden.

This figure while calculated without intention to cimmit Secretary Mellon to any policy was suggested today on the basis of an incomplete analysis of returns on income taxes, under the present law as shown in the March or first quarterly instalment. It would bear out previous attempts that another two hundred million dollar total reduction could be made effective on taxes paid in 1926.

Present indications are that the treasury will avoid making any definite proposal to the next congress, when it is expected the tax question again will be alive. While Mr. Mellon has made no direct statement on the subject, most of his advisers favor keeping the treasury out of the fight; they are urging that the treasury inform congress of the state of the finances and point out what is possible, thus leaving the whole question of rates for the congressional leaders to decide.