

# PUBLIC LANDS RETURN URGED

### Menace to Reclamation as Seen by Opponents is Denied by Luper

Everything should be done by the state of Oregon to induce the federal government to transfer to the state all unreserved public lands within its borders, according to a statement issued by Rhea Luper, state engineer.

Luper said that these lands, if transferred to the state, could be so administered that the revenues derived would assist materially in defraying the costs of government. Under federal control these lands return no taxes to the state and can only be sold with the consent of government officials.

It was explained by Luper that a few months ago President Hoover issued a call for a meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah, to discuss the proposal to transfer these unreserved public lands to the 11 western states in which they were located. All of the 11 states were represented and the question was discussed at some length.

The principal objection to President Hoover's plan was that the mineral and oil rights were reserved by the government. This reservation resulted in making some of the lands virtually worthless and a liability to the states. State Will Not Lose Federal Aid

Recently a conference was held in Washington at which state and federal officials were questioned as to the advisability of transferring administration of the lands from the department of the interior to another federal department or deciding the lands to the 11 western states, subject to settlement of claims of squatters and completion of the survey work already undertaken.

Luper declared that reports were current that transferring the public lands to the states, the reclamation program in Oregon would be menaced. He said this was not true, and that the government would continue to assist in reclamation activities.

Oregon officials here who have given the question of transferring the public lands to the states, considerable attention, declared that such a move would tend to curtail the expansion of government control, and would place this state in a position to realize a large amount of money from grazing fees and from the sale of the lands. At the present time nearly a third of Oregon's territory is under control of the federal government. It was pointed out that several other western states are in a similar position.

Reclamation Fund Still to Be Adequate

Words received by Mr. Luper recently indicated that the Hoover commission was of the opinion that there would be little difference in the income of the revolving reclamation fund even if the surface rights to public domain lands were transferred to the states.

At the time Dr. Elwood Mead, federal reclamation commissioner, visited Oregon more than a year ago, he said he favored the completion of reclamation projects already undertaken before any new districts. He also expressed himself as favoring federal aid to the states in the financing and development of private irrigation projects.

Mead pointed out at that time that there were a large number of irrigation projects in the west which were not completed and that many of the settlers were stranded and unable to make their payments. The government has been requested to take over some of these districts in order that they may be completed and colonized.

Luper said that while a number of state irrigation projects have not been able to meet their interest and bond payments, the situation had improved materially. He said this improvement had been brought about through the reorganization plan adopted by the state reclamation commission. The Warm Springs irrigation project is being refinanced, and within a year or two will be on a sound basis. Reorganization of the Snow Creek and Slide irrigation districts also has been authorized, and will be worked out by the state engineer.

# KLAN BURIES SLAIN DRY AGENT



ROBED KLANSMEN bearing the coffin of Albert Brown, prohibition agent, slain in Modoc county gun fight. That the officer was a member of the organization was not made known until the members of the klan took part in his funeral.

# THRIFT EDUCATION PLAN IS LAUNCHED

DENVER, June 19.—(AP)—Less speculation, more thrift, will be the gist of advice that the American institute of banking is going to give American people in a vast program of education that will embrace hundreds of radio talks and published articles.

The public education committee of the institute laid its plans today at the annual convention. The program mapped out is a continuation of one begun last year when 300,000 persons were reached through one medium or another with the gospel of thrift.

"Next to religion, finance is uppermost in every man's thought," said Fred Brower, Jr., Winston Salem, N. C. There is no greater service banks can render than teach persons to save and provide for their survivors after death and to teach children so they will be better able to cope with the financial problems which are to confront them in later life. Those who learn thrift are assured of a happier life than those who do not learn it."

A steady encroachment by saving and loan associations on the realm of the savings bank was denounced by Ralph G. Holste, credit manager of Central Trust Co., Cincinnati, who said irredeemable must be stopped or savings and loans associations subjected to the same legal restriction and taxation laws as govern savings banks.

# CLEMENCY SOUGHT FOR BAKER SLAYER

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 19.—(AP)—Governor Myers Y. Cooper tonight has under advisement an appeal for executive clemency for James Litteral, 42, of Baker, Ore., who is condemned to die in the electric chair at the Ohio penitentiary tomorrow night for the slaying of Harry Green, Nelsonville, Ohio, miner, October 2, 1929.

Litteral's sister, Mrs. Nancy Davis, of Nelsonville, told the governor that Litteral was not mentally responsible at the time of the crime. Governor Cooper indicated a decision would be made tomorrow after he had conferred with the trial judge regarding Litteral's mental condition.

Green was beaten to death with a lead pipe and robbed of several

# California Travelers In Majority

Business at the Salem auto park is growing, yesterday stated H. S. Palsal, superintendent of the camp ground. Up to recently the money taken in has been about the same as compared to the same period last year. This is due in great part to the extraordinary late spring that the northward late spring has been about the same as compared to the same period last year.

Since warm weather started, however, he said, the number of cars registered has greatly increased. Most of the cars are from California, that state supplying twice as many as its nearest rival, Washington, and four times the number of Oregon cars.

About 12 new arrivals register each day, announced Mr. Palsal. Many stay longer than just the night, and there are about 25 cars in the park all the time. Since the various schools have let out for the summer, much transient labor finds its summer home here.

The same equipment that was used last year is again used for this season. The buildings have been repaired and given a new coat of paint, and are occupied nearly all the time. New bedding has been placed in the combination garage-cottages.

Mr. Palsal is a special member of the local police force and takes care of all disciplinary matters occurring in the auto park.

# M'KINNEY FACING TRIAL AT SEATTLE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—(AP)—Abruptly giving up his struggle against removal O. T. McKinney, former Seattle federal officer charged with conspiring to offer protection to bootleggers, appeared before Commissioner Arthur G. Fish here today and agreed to return to Seattle for trial. He furnished \$5,000 bond for his appearance there June 30.

"In taking this action," McKinney said, "I am waiving what I believe to be a valid legal objection which would forever bar my removal to Seattle. I never intended to resist going back to Seattle, but have resisted this removal proceeding to determine how far the bitterness and hatred of Roy Olmstead against me for my prosecution of him, would carry him. I have heard his story, and am satisfied to meet the charges he has made against me at the earliest opportunity."

# State Officials To View Troops At Annual Camp

Acting Governor Hamilton will leave here tonight for Camp Clatsop where he will witness the military maneuvers as a guest of Brigadier-General White. He will attend the clambake to be held at Seaside Saturday night for the Oregon state editorial association. A number of other officials, including State Treasurer Kay, will attend the military demonstration and editorial association festivities.

# DEFENSE GIVES NO TESTIMONY

### Startling Move Brings Rum Rebellion Case Near To Conclusion

COUER D'ALENE, Idaho, June 19.—(AP)—Defense in the "rum rebellion" trial here started the court by resting without introducing a word of testimony to controvert government charges that 46 men and women conspired to turn liquor revenues into the city treasury of Wallace.

After the government finished its case, the court ordered charges against eight defendants dismissed. Charges against four others had already been dropped, and two of the accused were still at large, so 32, including the former sheriff and city officials were left to face the jury tomorrow, when final arguments start.

Counsel for Mayor Herman J. Ross vainly sought dismissal for him, on the grounds that the alleged conspiracy was over by the time he took office. Federal Judge J. H. McNary replied:

"I believe the evidence shows the liquor traffic was carried on just as openly in Ross's administration as it was before, and that no effort was made to prevent it." Further, the court added, Ross must have known of "wide open" conditions in Wallace, because "he had run in the election on a reform platform to clean up the town."

Double Jeopardy Plea is Denied

Counsel for former Sheriff R. E. Weniger contended he was placed in double jeopardy because he had already been convicted of liquor conspiracy in the "Mullan whiskey rebellion" trial and was under an 18 months appeal sentence. The court ruled otherwise. Those freed today were among the least important of the accused.

The government case charged the city officials with giving "park rental receipts" to liquor sellers, who were assessed an average of \$45 a month. Gambling dens paid higher prices, witnesses said, and testimony was produced that former Mayor W. H. Harlick believed the city should be "wide open" because business men believed trade would go elsewhere if Wallace were dry.

# Stang Services Will Be Today; Lived in Salem

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Alzina Stang who died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flossie Hall, in Portland will be held from Terwilliger funeral home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery, and Rev. H. C. Stover will officiate.

Mrs. Stang, wife of R. J. Stang of this city, was taken to Portland last Friday for medical attention. She has been ill since early in January. She was 74 years old and has been a resident of Salem for 12 years.

Present Alabama road projects call for expenditure of \$5,640,-

# BLESSING RUNAWAY LOVERS



Douglas Gilmore, motion picture actor, and his bride, Ruth Mix, daughter of the famous Tom Mix, screen star, are back home. All appeared quiet on the Beverly Hills, Cal., front, where

Mrs. Olive Stokes Mix, mother of Ruth, lives, and she decided to forgive them. Photo shows Mrs. Olive Stokes Mix meeting the couple after their return from Yuma.

# ADMINISTRATION CHANGE IS ASSURED

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—Reorganization of the federal power commission into an independent agency of five commissioners to devote their entire time to the administration of the nation's water power resources was assured today when congressional action was completed on legislation relieving the present organization.

Final action by the house on the conference report of a senate bill marked the fulfillment of another request of President Hoover in his annual message to congress. The measure will relieve the secretaries of war, interior and agriculture of the burdensome duty.

The reorganization will become effective after three of the commissioners have assumed their posts. Not more than three may come from one political party and the appointments are from one to five years successively. Each is to receive \$10,000 annually.

In recommending the legislation President Hoover pointed out that the duties involved in the competent conduct of the growing responsibilities of the commission exceeded the time the three cabinet members could give it. In heart-

# Power Industry Answers Claims Of Ambassador

BERLIN, June 19.—(AP)—Spokesman for the power industry tonight answered the speech made yesterday by Ambassador Frederick M. Sackett, in which the ambassador said in effect that the cost of power of the consumer was 15 times that of the cost of production.

"The cost of a banana on the tree," asserts a statement issued by George M. Tidd, president of the American Gas and Electric company, "is infinitesimal, yet by the time it has been gathered and reached the fruitstand the ratio is nearer 1500 to 1 than 15 to 1, and similar examples are common in all kinds of industries."

"The electrical industry is by no means the only, or even the most striking, example of this great difficulty (of the spread between production cost and the cost of the consumer). In nearly every industry the cost of distributing and selling is much greater than the initial cost of production."

# GREEN PRUNES SHIPMENT HIT

### Washington Growers Note Oregon Regulation With Pleasure

WALLA WALLA, June 19.—(AP)—Walla Walla valley prune growers whose products, next to wheat, return the largest income in this district are hoping efforts to prevent "bootlegging" of green prunes will succeed through recently announced federal grading regulations.

Oregon has adopted grades, that, it is believed, will prevent shipments of green prunes. Washington has yet to adopt the grades.

Petitions are using means of adopting the grades here. A meeting of prune growers is sought to discuss the possibility of adopting the grades.

# ENUMERATOR'S SON CABINET PROSPECT

The son of a Yamhill county census enumerator is mentioned for a cabinet position. Walter Basye of Rochester, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Basye, living near McMinnville, is being recommended by the republicans of his home state to President Hoover for a place in his cabinet as secretary of labor, to succeed James J. Davis, who has been nominated for United States senator from Pennsylvania, who is expected to resign in the near future.

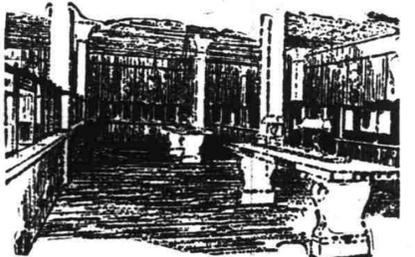
Walter Basye is publisher of the Monroe Republican, daily newspaper of Rochester, and of the Fraternal Age and Juvenile Age magazines.

Under the supervision of the second Oregon district, A. J. Basye of McMinnville, was given the task of taking the farm and population census for a considerable section beginning at the west line of the city of McMinnville and running west and south. His credentials and papers were good, and his work thorough.

RUMANIA REDUCES DEBT

BUCHAREST (AP)—The Rumanian ministry of finance has begun to pay outstanding debts of the government for the period of 1916-1920 out of an item of 1,768,519,586 lei in the 1930 budget.

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