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# WHEAT TEST WEIGHTS WERE DISCUSSED AT GRAIN HEARING TODAY

## HEARING BEING CONDUCTED BY COMMISSIONERS

That the Test Weight of White Club Wheat Should be Reduced From 60 to 58 Pounds

THE RESOLUTION IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Mr. Harrah Believes That All Wheat That Tests Above 60 Should Receive Premium

That the test weight of No. 1 White Club wheat be reduced from 60 pounds to 58 pounds so as to be uniform with the test weight of Hard Red Spring wheat was asked in a resolution passed unanimously this morning by 50 wheat growers of Umatilla and Walla Walla counties who appeared at the court house for the grain hearing being conducted by the Public Service Commission. The hearing is being conducted by H. H. Corey, public service commissioner, R. R. White, Washington grain supervisor, J. W. Church, chief grain inspector and Albert P. Nelson, of the federal department of grain inspection.

Question Debated. The resolution, introduced by S. P. Thompson, president of the Umatilla county Farm Bureau, followed the reading of one of the paragraphs concerning test weights, contained in a letter from Secretary Wallace. Mr. Thompson declared, in discussing the matter, that he considered it very unjust for the test weight for Hard Red Spring to be 58 when that of White Club is 60.

W. W. Harrah, who farms in the Holdman district and near Pendleton, declared himself opposed to lowering the test weight. He pointed out that a government report showed that 15 per cent of the wheat tested 59 pounds, 25 tested 58 pounds, 33 tested 56 pounds, 20 tested 54 pounds and 10 tested 52 pounds.

Harrah Talks. "I believe," said Harrah, "that all that tests above 60 should receive a premium. Statistics show that we can raise 60 pound White Club wheat; why not have this wheat included in the test weight? I shipped to Kansas City some fine wheat which tested 61."

In response to inquiry from Thompson, Harrah admitted that the wheat was Red Chaff, of which very little is grown in this county. After Thompson's question as to whether or not Mr. Harrah knew of a way to farm so that the test weight could be increased, Mr. Harrah maintained that cultivation affected the weight of wheat.

"I should like to know your secret," Thompson declared, at which a ripple of amusement was apparent among the farmers.

D. H. Cox Speaks. D. H. Cox, Walla Walla farmer and former state senator from Washington, declared that in his opinion 58 per cent of the farmers wanted the White Club test weight changed from 60 to 58.

"Eighty or ninety per cent of the

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## German Soldier Asks Aid From American Legion

MEXICO CITY, March 16.—(A. P.)—A man who spoke English with an accent, recently called at headquarters of the American Legion here and stated his desire to join. Commander Louis Loeb asked for his army discharge papers, but when he brought them the next day, they identified him as one of the bravest soldiers who ever received an Iron Cross from a grateful kaiser. The German explained that he thought the Legion was an organization for all soldiers, no matter where they fought.

## CONSOLIDATE HIGH SCHOOLS AND SAVE \$75,000 GREEN SAYS

County Superintendent Makes Suggestion at Meeting on Manner of Economy.

A simple definite plan whereby taxpayers of the county may cut school costs approximately \$75,000 in Umatilla county was placed before the meeting at the court house yesterday afternoon by W. W. Green, county superintendent of schools, during the sessions held under the auspices of the state tax investigating commission.

Mr. Green's plan, as expressed yesterday, is to eliminate several high schools in the smaller towns of the county which he informed the taxpayers will reduce the number of teachers needed, the number of buildings to be maintained and will cut expenses.

"We have four splendid high schools in the west end of the county," Mr. Green said. "They are all excellent schools and they have trained teachers. At Umatilla the high school has eight pupils, and the cost per pupil of operating that high school is \$650. There is a good gravel road between Hermiston and Umatilla, and why wouldn't it be good business to take these eight pupils from the Umatilla high school and educate them in the Hermiston school?"

He suggested that the same thing at Echo and Starfield be practiced and also indicated that a great saving could be made in the north end of the county by the same practice. "There is one school district near Pendleton which has only one child of school age and the cost each year of educating this one child is \$1500," Supt. Green said. The members of the commission informed Mr. Green that they were not particularly interested in local ways of reducing local taxes, and he desisted.

## LEWIS CHALLENGES JACK DEMPSEY TO MIXED BOUT

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 16.—(A. P.)—Manager for Ed Strangler Lewis, heavyweight wrestler champion today challenged Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxing champion, for a mixed match anywhere in the United States. He deposited a \$5,000 check.

Dempsey Ready. NEW YORK, March 16.—(A. P.)—Dempsey is ready to meet Lewis in a straight wrestling or mixed boxing and wrestling bout, Jack Kearns, the champion manager, declared today when informed of the challenge.

## CHURCHES ORGANIZE TO STOP COAL STRIKE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(U. P.)—Protestant and Catholic churches, through the federal council of churches of Christ in America, and the National Catholic welfare council, have linked together for the first time in the nation's industrial history to avert the threatened coal strike April first. They have issued a joint statement appealing for the operators and miners conference to discuss the coal situation before a strike.

STRIKE TO COME. NEW YORK, March 16.—(U. P.)—Suspension of work in the anthracite coal fields probably will start April first, Dr. P. G. Davis, government observer at the anthracite miners-operators conference declared after the morning session today.

## TAXPAYERS ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF A STATE INCOME TAX INDICATED AT MEETING

CATHOLIC PRECEDENT TO BE BROKEN MAY 29

ROME, March 16.—(U. N. S.)—Pope Pius XI will break a precedent May 29 by leaving the Vatican, according to the Giornale D'Italia. The pontiff's public appearance will occur at the time of the Eucharistic congress. For more than half a century it has been the tradition of the church of Rome that the Pope shall leave the Vatican.

DRUG PEDDLER SHOT. SEATTLE, March 16.—(U. P.)—Shot in the back after a desperate struggle with J. E. Brown, federal narcotic agent last night, O. B. Richardson was reported critically hurt in the city jail hospital this morning. Members of the narcotic squad say Richardson sold them twenty dollars worth of cocaine.

## DR. TEMPLE ENTERS REPRESENTATIVE RACE

Dr. I. U. Temple today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for representative from this county. The chief planks in his platform, given in full below call for economy and a state income tax. At the tax commission meeting yesterday Dr. Temple made a talk for which he was thanked by members of the commission.

Among other things contained in his platform are the following: We should strive for lower taxes, economy and efficiency in state and county government. Valuation of farm lands should be based on the earning capacity thereof, the same reasoning should apply to corporations, companies and individuals.

A graduated income tax should be enacted not for the purpose of raising more revenue but for the purpose of equalizing taxation.

Eighty five per cent of the taxes of the state of Oregon is borne by real estate and the improvements thereon. Farmers and real property owners are finding it burdensome and the rental value of land is being consumed under present conditions to meet the payment of taxes.

The excessive taxes we are called on to pay and which we have been paying at an increased rate for several years—is largely due to bonded indebtedness, the millage taxes of the state and municipalities. The payments are made for good roads, soldiers' bonus, colleges, high schools, public schools, public libraries, state institutions, paved streets, irrigation bonds, and others, all of which are cared for and maintained by taxation. These institutions and enterprises have been largely endorsed and provided for by the people themselves by their votes at the polls. None of them can be eliminated—they are our debts and cannot be repudiated, but the

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## EGYPT CELEBRATES ITS INDEPENDENCE

CAIRO, March 16.—(U. P.)—Egypt's independence was officially proclaimed here today. Some rioting marred the spirit of the general holiday. The Sultan has taken the title of King Fuad the first. Adel Khalek Sarwat Pasha is the premier.

Egypt may and probably will have its own representatives abroad. British reservations, announced coincidentally with the withdrawal of the protectorate, are: Security of British imperial communications; defense of Egypt against attack; protection of foreign interests; retention of British interests in Sudan.

## LONDON PAPER DEMANDS EXPULSION OF SOVIETS

LONDON, March 16.—(U. P.)—Lord Northcliffe's Daily Mail today demanded an abandonment of the Genoa conference and the expulsion of Leonid Krushin, soviet representative in London as a result of the exposure implicating bolsheviks in the South African insurrection.

## Proposal Made to Dispense With Extension Service; Schools Were Knocked.

ABOLISHMENT OF STATE FAIRS IS SUGGESTED

James Kyle Talked in Favor of County Agents and the Extension Service.

Umatilla county taxpayers are almost unanimously in favor of the enactment of an income tax, the establishment of some sort of central assessing authority is a suggestion that meets with favor, and Umatilla and Morrow counties are willing to forego the money they receive from the state for the assistance of small county fairs on condition that the state fair at Salem be cut down to the lowest possible limit and that other state fairs be subjected to the same whittling action.

These were three chief developments of the all-day session of taxpayers held here yesterday at the court house under the auspices of the state tax investigating commission.

The state educational institutions were attacked, and the proposal was broached to dispense with the extension service by some speakers, but a majority of the speakers were advocates of retaining the service and the county agents.

Some of the speakers during the afternoon session were E. P. Dodd, County Judge I. M. Schanney, Judge Campbell of Morrow county, Dr. I. U. Temple, Henry Larratt of Heppner, J. T. Ideaulen, James M. Kyle, W. W. Harrah, W. W. Green and K. G. Warner.

Kyle For County Agent. One of the advocates for the retention of the extension service and the county agents was James M. Kyle of Stanfield.

"Our county agent here and I don't always agree on lots of things," Mr. Kyle admitted in the beginning of his talk. "We have tiffs quite often, but the county agent's services are too valuable for us to think of dropping them."

"Just to illustrate this point, I want to call your attention to the Weston

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## CONFLICT BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES

President and Heavy Republican Majority in House Wrangle on Important Points

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(U. N. S.)—Conflict between the legislative and executive branches of the government in progress along half a dozen fronts and a showdown between the president and the heavy republican majority in the house cannot be delayed after the presidents return from his southern vacation jaunt. The three main wrangles are:

The bonus supported by republican majority in the house, and opposed, in present form, by the president and his cabinet advisers. Proposal of the house republicans to reduce the size of the army to 115,000 men and force withdrawal of all troops except corporals guard from Germany, China, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Proposals of house republicans to reduce the navy to sixty thousand men and force suspension of much of the navy's activities.

LOGGERS ROBBED. SEATTLE, March 16.—(U. P.)—Traded miles through the snow by deputy sheriffs, two bandits who staged a daring holdup at Enumelaw White river logging camp Number 7, were still at large today. They got the drop on eighty loggers in a hunch, taking five hundred dollars and escaping.

## SITE WHERE PENDLETON N STANDS WAS ONCE SOFT OR TEAM OF HORSES A COW

"Early Days in Pendleton" was the subject of a talk of extreme interest by Col. J. H. Raley at the Commercial association for luncheon today. At the conclusion, Col. Raley was invited on motion of Dr. I. U. Temple to write a history of the city and county, giving his personal recollections.

Other speakers at the luncheon today were H. H. Corey, public service commissioner, and W. H. Kirkman of Walla Walla, here to attend the grain grading hearing by the public service commission. Mr. Corey and Mr. Kirkman both questioned the fairness of the price received for northwest wheat, the commissioner calling attention to the fact that the Portland export price for wheat is the lowest in the United States and that it is hard to understand the reasons therefore.

Mr. Kirkman urged that all citizens cooperate with the move to see that problems relating to the wheat business be worked out more fairly.

Col. Raley said that he first came to this section with his parents in 1862, the family at that time going on to Portland, returning two years later.

At that time the flat where Pendleton is located was covered with cottonwoods and a thorn thicket. But one house stood near here, that being below the state hospital, then known as Swift's crossing. Later the site where Pendleton stands was sold by Abe Miller to Mose Goodwin for a consideration of a team of horses and a cow. In those days, said the colonel, the entire district was covered with bunchgrass two feet high and there were well worn trails in various directions made by the Indians or by animals. The few houses first erected along the river were covered with grass and dirt roofs, the houses being made of logs. In the early days when the county court met or judges came here to hear cases in the old court house they came horseback, with blankets and frying pans tied on behind the saddles. The officials camped out under a big cottonwood tree and cooked their own meals.

The first farming done near here was at the head of Despain gulch where William Switzer attempted to raise a crop and failed. In those days the hill land was regarded as unfit for farming.

## GAVE NARCOTICS TO GIRL FOR 'COMPANY'

SEATTLE, March 16.—(U. P.)—The case of A. B. Hamer, federal treasury agent, accused of giving narcotics to eighteen-year-old Mae Butchart in exchange for her "company" goes to the grand jury today. The final arguments were completed this morning.

## PREPARE TO TRANSFER SEPTIC TANK SITE LAND

A legal description of the Doherty tract of land in the west end of the city on which will be constructed the septic tank has been received from Ibaar and Cunningham, engineers. Mayor G. A. Hartman reported last night to the city council. The mayor was authorized to go ahead with the work of having a deed drawn and an abstract of title brought down to date preparatory to the transfer of the property.

The electric sign ordinance which has been a-borning for several weeks was again tabled last night following a presentation by Sam Wright of several suggested changes in the form of the proposed regulations. Engineering matters and technical questions composed the chief part of the discussion, entered into by Mr. Wright and City Attorney H. J. Warner.

The council ordered the city recorder to draw a warrant to the amount of \$268 to pay the Warren Construction Co., for patching work done on the city pavements during 1920. Other amounts still due will be paid by the city, it was decided, as rapidly as payment is made by the property owners responsible for the patchwork to the city.

## GREEK TORPEDO BOAT CAPTURES ITALIAN SHIP

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 16.—The Greek torpedo boat Naxos, while patrolling the Black sea, seized the steamship Africa, flying an Italian flag off Inobli. The Africa was taken to Modania, where after a search of the Turkish passengers, were declared prisoners of war.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED. MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., March 16.—(U. P.)—Two children were burned to death, two seriously injured and the parents badly burned when a fire destroyed the Brent Belcher home near here today. Irene, ten, and Vincent, seven, are dead.

## MOVIE ACTRESS TO MAKE EXTENSIVE TOUR

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—(U. P.)—Following the departure of Mary Miles Minter on a trip abroad yesterday, the Mack-Sennett studios announced today that Mabel Normand would leave shortly for an extensive European tour. The death of William Desmond Taylor is understood to have affected the health of both young women.

## REVOLT SUPPRESSED IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, March 16.—(N. P.)—"The revolution has been suppressed," an official communique issued here today stated. "Over six thousand prisoners have been taken. Voluminous evidence has been obtained showing the uprising grew out of a bolshevik plot. Railway workers have returned to work and miners and others are expected to follow shortly."

## OPponents OF TREATY OPENED A NEW ATTACK

Indications Are That Senate Will Ratify Four-Power Treaty on March 24.

CLAIM THAT ALLIES DOUBLE-CROSSED US

Japan Has Faith in America's Ratification of Conference Treaties Says Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(U. P.)—The four power pact opponents today admitted the country wide reaction to the treaty fight was against the republican irreconcilables and their democratic allies, and in favor of the Pacific pact. Public opinion is believed to be on the side of the administration. The final vote will be taken next week.

Indications are that the senate will ratify the four power Pacific pact March 24 and take up the naval limitation treaty the following week. Though the ratification of that treaty is already assured, a few senators will oppose it on the grounds that they see in it a British plot to leave the United States helpless.

Navy Pact Hit. WASHINGTON, March 16.—(U. P.)—The senatorial attack on the arms conference treaties switched today from the four power Pacific pact to the arms limitation pact. Ratification of the naval limitation treaty would place the United States in a position of "grave danger," Senator Reed, of Missouri, declared in a speech today.

Double-Crossed. WASHINGTON, March 16.—(U. N. S.)—Again attacking the four power Pacific treaty as a "quadruple alliance," Senator Reed charged in the senate that Britain, France and Japan "double-crossed us, secretly and perfidiously, before and during the world war and wouldn't hesitate to double-cross us again."

Japan Have Faith. TOKIO, March 16.—(U. P.)—The Japanese evacuation of Shanghai, under the agreement reached at the Washington conference, will begin April first, according to today's announcement.

"Public sentiment supports the governments determination to carry out the Washington treaties and agreements," American Ambassador Warren said today discussing the Japanese Shantung announcement for the United Press. "There is no question but what the Japanese government intends to fulfill these obligations. The government is proceeding on the assumption that the American senate will ratify all the conference treaties."

PORTLAND, Or., March 16.—(A. P.)—The progressive business men club today adopted a resolution urging both Oregon senators to vote for the Pacific treaty.

## CO-ED FARMERETTES INDIGNANT AT CHARGE

CORVALLIS, March 16.—(U. P.)—Will the lady farmer in the future eschew her biscuits and her chickens, her darning and her sewing to chew the succulent straw as she chirps a span on the loamy field? Who shall say?

Oregon Agricultural college "co-ed farmerettes" waxed indignant over the declaration of a University of California professor of husbandry that girls studying agriculture are less attractive in feminine garb less fitted for the home, and lower their prospects of marriage.

Several of the dozen co-eds in agriculture denied the California professor's allegations in part and in toto. "I'd rather drive a hay derrick than sew," declares pretty Mary Cusack, of Portland. "Isn't this education worth as much as home economics, stenography or dancing, if one likes it?" demands Mary Haight, of Salignaw.

"Running a farm beats running a husband all hollow," averred at least ten of the faithful dozen. "But that doesn't say we won't make good wives just because we know how to plant potatoes."

## U. S. TO ASK ALLIES FOR \$240,000,000

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(U. P.)—The United States will shortly dispatch a note to the allied powers dealing with this country's claim for payment of \$240,000,000 to meet the cost of American arms in Germany occupation. The notes will go to French, British and Italian powers, in addition to the allied council, it was indicated.

FIRE IS PROBED. CHICAGO, March 16.—A probe of the cause of the fire which swept away an entire city business block yesterday was started today. The loss was placed at eight millions, of which three and a half millions is covered by insurance. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum 50. Minimum 32. Barometer 29.52. Rainfall .05.

Major Moorhouse predicts more rain.



TODAY'S FORECAST. Tonight and Friday rain.