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## CONGRESS SUMMONED IN SPECIAL SESSION

### Tariff and Tax Revision to Be Principal Subjects Before the New Congress.

Washington.—A proclamation convening congress in special session at noon April 11, "to receive such communication as may be made by the executive," was issued Tuesday by President Harding.

Tariff and tax revision will be the principal subject before the new congress, but many other important subjects, including the transportation problem, regulation of the packing and coal industries and immigration restriction are expected to be taken up. None of the subjects to be considered was mentioned in the call for the session. The Fordney emergency tariff bill, as vetoed by former President Wilson, will be rushed through congress in the extra session.

According to the request of President Harding for passage of a measure designed to help farmers, affording protection against foreign competition, republican members of the house ways and means committee turned about and voted to revive the Fordney bill after agreeing a week ago not to consider any emergency legislation ahead of a permanent tariff and revenue revision.

Senators Penrose, Smoot and McCumber of the senate finance committee agreed to the new program which, it was explained, meets approval of the president.

The new Fordney bill will be presented with a six months' limitation, but its provisions will expire earlier should the permanent bill be enacted.

After disposing of the emergency measure in the first few days of the extra session, the house will take up and pass the anti-dumping bill, which will be followed by the allied measure fixing American valuation on goods paying ad valorem.

Then will come the permanent tariff, which republican leaders hope will be broad enough to satisfy all interests demanding an upward revision.

## LAST CALL IS OUT FOR DRAFT EVADERS

Washington.—A last opportunity for selective service law evaders to escape broadcast publication of their names as deserters during the world war was given by Adjutant-General Harris.

Persons who have reason to believe that they will be charged with evading the draft but who did not actually do so, the adjutant-general announced, may escape the odium of being publicly branded as a deserter unjustly by communicating all the facts of the case to him without delay.

The final check of the lists is being completed by former members of the local draft boards. By the end of the month the war department expects to begin making the lists public through the newspapers and by furnishing copies to city, state and federal police, detective agencies, the American Legion and other patriotic societies.

The department's list of draft evaders, which as originally reported to the provost marshal-general numbered nearly 400,000 names, has been reduced to approximately 150,000 names.

## TWO DIE IN BIG EXPLOSION

### Spontaneous Combustion Caused Destruction of Armour Elevator.

Chicago.—Two persons are known to be dead and four others are missing in the grain dust explosion which rocked South Chicago and wrecked one of the world's largest grain elevators.

The elevator, which consisted of steel and concrete towers, was located in the southern outskirts of the city on the banks of the Calumet river. It was built at a cost of more than \$10,000,000 and was operated by the Armour Grain company.

J. C. McDonnell, chief of the fire prevention bureau, said his investigation had convinced him the explosion was due to spontaneous combustion.

Engineers said damage to the elevator would approximate \$1,500,000. The value of the grain destroyed was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Laundry work done at home. Mrs. R. R. Riley, S. Broad street.

## CITIZENS SHOULD ATTEND MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Correspondent Urges a Spirit of Cooperation on the Part of People.

To the Editor:—

Weston should not be allowed to lag behind its neighboring towns. Its surrounding country is almost unsurpassed in productiveness. The wheat farms adjoining Weston raise their 30 to 50 bushels per acre. The mountain land produces diversified crops in abundance, and yields exactly the potato needed for the Alaska trade—a good, long keeper, far superior to the irrigated spud. Why shouldn't a market warehouse where these potatoes can be sorted, cleaned and shipped under a guarantee, be constructed in this city? A ready market at top prices could be found for every potato grown on Weston mountain.

With all its large and super-productive territory, Weston lies dormant, seemingly unconscious of the immense possibilities waiting at its door. There is a law of God which decrees that nothing or nobody can stand still. Individuals and towns must either progress or retrograde, either grow or go back. All the other cities of similar size in this section are progressing—fixing their streets, building sidewalks, business houses and residences. Is Weston going to linger always in the back-ground?

All citizens should realize that they are a part of the government, a part of the state and a part of the community in which they live. They should help boost, help build up and better their surroundings—not sit back, howl and try to tear down. The different councils of Weston have possibly made some mistakes—life is full of mistakes—but quit dwelling in the past and live in the present, preparing for the future. As loyal and untiring as the Weston city officials are, why shouldn't everybody put their shoulders to the wheel, support the council in its efforts to make Weston a city well worth living in and one to be proud of?

I am informed that Weston officials have under consideration the paving of Main street and the widening of Water street to 30 feet, along with various other city improvements. But they can do nothing without money. They contemplate revising the city charter so that they can bond the city for needed improvements, and will discuss this subject at their next regular meeting, April 6. Understand they would like a goodly attendance of Weston citizens and property owners at this meeting. Why not attend, all of you, and discuss these matters, if you do nothing more? Remember, each resident and property owner is a part of Weston. Do not lay the whole burden on the officials, but let everybody help them in their desire to improve and beautify the town. Then all will feel glad that they are boosters instead of knockers.

A FRIEND OF PROGRESS.

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## Oregon News Notes

The public service commission will be asked by the Eugene chamber of commerce to reopen the telephone rate case as it applies to rural telephones and hold a meeting in Eugene in the near future to hear the farmers' side of the affair.

The state highway commission at a meeting to be held in Portland April 5 will consider proposals for the grading and graveling of approximately 35 miles of road, laying 31 miles of pavement and constructing three bridges and one overhead crossing.

If the state highway commission will advance the money to pay for Multnomah county's share, to be repaid later, it is possible that work can start on the Mount Hood loop this year. The \$85,000, which the county set aside for this undertaking last year, was not acted on by the highway commission, so the money reverted to the general fund on December 31. No item for the loop was placed in the 1921 budget, so the county has no available funds to co-operate.

## Spring Deliveries



## FROM "OVER THE HILL"

Austin Foss is making extensive improvements to his property on Third street.

A. M. Gillis was here from his home at Washtucna, Wash., during the week.

Maurice Hill has returned from an extended visit to North Yakima, Wash.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith and the children visited in Pendleton, Tuesday.

Ralph and Edwin McEwen are at the McEwen ranch this week, for their Easter vacation.

Mrs. F. B. Boyd spent the first of the week at the home of her daughter in Pendleton.

Mrs. Lula Read and daughter Jen-namae and Miss Rea Allen are visiting Miss Violet Kendig in Walla Walla, during the Easter vacation.

Henry Barrett reports that his lamb crop promises to be a big one in event proper weather conditions prevail.

M. L. Watts, Marion Hansell and Omar Stephens shot over the Walla Walla traps, with good results, last Sunday.

Will Russell, who cruised with the naval reserves during the winter, is home, having arrived from Seattle Tuesday.

In the process of working county roads south of Athena, the Pambrun hill is being torn down toward a better grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Thoeny of Weston, were in the city Sunday, attending the funeral of the late John Callender.

Mrs. E. H. Caton has returned to College Place, after a week at her home here. She was taken over Wednesday for treatment by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Halynic.

Homer Watts, who returned Saturday from a visit to Portland, has been confined to his home with sickness during the first of the week, but is now able to be at his office.

Mrs. Roy Cannon has so far recovered from her protracted illness as to be able to come home from the sanitarium at College Place, and is at the ranch home near town with her family. She is under nursing care of Mrs. Theo Bush.

Major Robert Walsh, commanding officer at Mathers Field, Sacramento, arrived in the city Sunday and is a guest of his uncle, F. S. Le Grow. Today he is in Spokane, but will return and spend several days here before leaving to visit his parents, General and Mrs. Robert Walsh, in New York. The young officer recently made a flight of 600 miles in six hours. He has recently been promoted from the rank of captain to major.

Mrs. Ivah Kilthau and Miss Ruby Callender arrived from Portland Saturday to attend the funeral of their father and were guests while in the city of Mrs. Austin Foss. Their brother, Turner Callender of Seattle, has been unable to walk for three months past, being crippled with rheumatism. He was prevented from attending his father's funeral. The ladies returned home Monday.

The funeral services for the late John Callender, veteran clerk at the St. Nichols hotel, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church, with a large number of friends gathered to pay their last tribute to his memory.

Athena delegates will represent local fans at a meeting to be held in Pendleton this afternoon, when the question of what towns will be represented in the league this season will be decided. So far, Pendleton, He-

lix, Athena and Milton-Freewater are on the list, and this week Weston has decided to put a team in the field. It is understood that Walla Walla is not to be included in the league this season.

"Behold My Wife" George Melford's screen production of Sir Gilbert Parker's great story, "The Translation of a Savage," will be presented at the Standard Theatre Sunday evening. The bill for Saturday (tomorrow) night is McLean and May, the favorite comedians, in "Let's be Fashionable." Next Wednesday night Robert Warwick appears in "The City of Masks."

When the fact became known last week that the state game warden was in the vicinity of Bingham Springs investigating a prospective site for a fish hatchery, much interest was evinced by the local anglers. It is considered by Athena trout fishermen that this section of the state has never received benefits in proportion to the amount collected from here in sportsman license fees.

The base ball grounds were worked over and the infield leveled, Wednesday, by the high school boys and help from the town contingent, headed by Omar Stephens and Lou Hodgson. The high school boys handled 27 wagon loads of soil, which was used to fill up the low places in the diamond. A big roller was used in the leveling operations.

The student body of the Athena high school responded with a gift of \$25 to the Armenian-Chinese relief fund. Some days ago Mr. Jones field secretary for Oregon in the present drive, addressed the school pupils and faculty regarding the conditions in both Armenia and China, with the result that the school became deeply interested in the success of the local drive, which is under direction of H. A. Barrett.

## Boy's Narrow Escape

When the Warren Construction company finished excavating rock at the quarry below town a dandy pond was filled by the winter rains, to the delight of the small boy.

In some places the water is several feet deep, and unless one can swim, he has little business to attempt to fall in, or jump in, for that matter. Sunday a number of small boys, including Elver Miller were playing at the pond, and the Miller boy in attempting to navigate an improvised raft, fell into the water.

The cries sent up by his companions for help reached the ears of Millard Kelley, who happened to be passing. Kelley ran to the waters edge, jumped in and dragged the boy to safety. The lad was none the worse physically from his narrow escape from drowning but it is assumed that he was scared badly enough to predict that it will be a long time before he again tries to raft across the pond.

## To Amend Charter

Before the City of Athena can dispose of its street improvement bonds an amendment must be made to the city charter, and the city council met in special session Monday forenoon and passed the required resolution which provides for the amendment and for the holding of a special election to vote upon it.

It transpires that bonding companies will not take street improvement bonds until the charter conforms to their bonding procedure, and according to City Recorder Richards Athena is not the only town from which the bonding companies have required charter changes, but to the contrary, with few exceptions all small towns

## MUCH NEW EQUIPMENT FOR WESTON LIGHTING SYSTEM

Preston-Shaffer Company Will Make  
Extensive Improvements.

The Preston-Shaffer Milling company will soon begin extensive improvements in the electric lighting system at Weston, with a view to giving the best possible service to its many patrons here. The plans embrace new poles where needed, heavier wire and extra transformers. The town will be redistricted. One new transformer will be placed on Main street, another on south Broad street near the M. A. Baker residence, and a third on Normal heights near the H. Goodwin residence. The company requests the co-operation of Weston people in the trimming of trees which interfere with the wires. In view of the spirit of progress it displays in making these improvements, the Leader is confident that prompt and cordial response will be made to the company's modest requirement. Improvements of this nature show a confidence in the town and a desire to promote its welfare, that should be appreciated.

upon starting street improvement have made charter alterations.

The proposed charter amendment when carried at a special election to be held in the near future, will provide that the city have privilege of paying for the intersections in ten annual payments, such as is now given the individual property-owner, under the provisions of the Bancroft Bonding act. Inasmuch as these intersections and other street improvements approximate \$14,000, the convenience of having the option of the ten-year payment plan is apparent.

## Oregon News Notes

Business men of Hood River have gone on record unanimously as opposed to the closed shop.

Settlers of the central Oregon irrigation district will vote on a \$250,000 issue at a special election to be held April 15.

The state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held in Salem Friday and Saturday with more than 350 delegates in attendance.

Members of the board of control of Baker public schools have decided to establish a nutrition class for under-nourished pupils attending schools in that city.

Several streams in the Willamette valley are running bank-full as a result of the heavy rains of the past few days. Some smaller streams are beyond their banks.

Reports reaching the adjutant-general's office in Salem from the war department show that Oregon's national guard is ahead of all states west of the Mississippi river.

Albany will be the convention city in 1924 for the Oregon state camp of the Royal Neighbors of America. This was decided at the triennial session held in Astoria last week.

Mrs. Adam Setera, 45, was shot three times and probably fatally injured at Oregon City by her son, Adam Setera Jr., 17, who is believed by the authorities to be insane.

A voluntary wage cut of \$1 a day, made in the hope that the action will stimulate building activity in Bend, was announced by officers of the bricklayers', masons' and plasterers' union.

J. W. Miller of Shelburn was appointed county school superintendent of Linn county by the county court this afternoon to succeed Ida Maxwell Cummings, who resigned recently.

Bids for \$1,000,000 of state highway bonds, the issuance of which was approved by the state board of control, will be opened in Salem April 9, according to announcement made in Salem.

Ralph Hoerber, senior in economics at the University of Oregon, won the state intercollegiate oratorical contest at Eugene. There were eight other speakers, representing the same number of schools.

Mayer Hamilton of Coquille and the board of councilmen believe there is a great amount of gambling going on at the county seat of Coos county and measures are to be taken to eliminate the nuisance.

The Medford chamber of commerce has called upon the city council to purchase the Pacific & Eastern railroad terminal property, including 19 acres of land near Bear creek, for use as a tourists' camping ground.

## GERMANY WINS IN UPPER SILESIA

Plebiscite Strongly Favorable  
to Teutons, According to  
Official Returns.

Berlin.—Germany won an overwhelming victory in the plebiscite held in Upper Silesia to determine the future national status of that region, according to official returns received. Provisional returns published in newspapers here show that in Oppeln, Germany received 29,000 votes to 11,000 for Poland.

In Tarnowitz the Germans cast 85 per cent of the ballots and in the town of Beuthen they cast 73 per cent.

In the Beuthen country districts the vote stood: Germany 59,222; Poland 62,040.

In Koenigschuette the Germans received 32,999 and the Poles 19,851, and Kattowitz and country districts gave the Germans 72,831 and the Poles 66,187, the town of Kattowitz voting German by 95 per cent.

In Hindenburg the Germans cast 36,576 votes to 31,625 by the Poles, while in Kreuzburg the German vote was 33,980 to 1556 for the Poles.

The plebiscite area involving 5000 square miles of valuable mineral lands, including coal, iron, zinc and lead, is the largest territory to decide its nationality under the peace treaty. Germany has insisted it must have upper Silesia to meet her reparation payments, while Poland equally urged its need for that nation's welfare.

Former residents, both Polish and German, flocked back to vote. It is estimated at least 140,000 Germans returned to vote, special trains carrying the majority of them there.

Allied troops guarded the territory during the balloting.

## HARDING UPHOLDS BOUNDARY DECISION

Washington, D. C.—The decision of Chief Justice White in the Panama-Costa Rica boundary dispute "must be the unalterable position" of the United States government, President Harding declared in reply to an appeal from President Porras of Panama.

He expressed regret that Panama should feel wounded by the decision, described by Porras as "painful and humiliating."

The exchange between the two executives was in the nature of an ad interim discussion while the state department awaited Panama's reply to its note. Costa Rica has accepted the White award.

President Porras recalled the expressions of friendship for Panama given by Mr. Harding last November during his visit there and voiced a hope that the Panamanian people might not be disappointed in their faith in the new administration. To this, President Harding renewed his avowals of cordiality, but added that the exercise of friendly relations always must be tempered by justice.

## \$5 POLL TAX IS APPROVED

Every Person, 21 to 50, in Washington,  
Subject to Levy.

Olympia, Wash.—Governor Hart has signed the poll tax bill passed by the last legislature. The bill became effective at once and under it every man and woman in the state between the ages of 21 and 50 years must pay a poll tax of \$5 before May 1 of each year. The first year's tax is due before May 1 next.

Governor Hart has filed with the secretary of state his veto of items totaling \$64,450, the omnibus appropriations bill of the last legislature.

The veto brings the total appropriations invalidated by the governor to \$1,062,006.02. The stricken items leave the general fund appropriations of the last legislature at \$10,637,233.88 for the coming biennium, which includes \$1,439,593.95 to cover deficiencies from the past biennium.

## 856 Oregon Men In Ranks Wounded

Salem, Or.—A total of 856 Oregon men, who served in the ranks during the recent war, were wounded according to statistics compiled by Adjutant General White. This list does not include wounded officers nor enlisted men serving in the marine corps or the navy, which is expected to bring the total to approximately 1000.