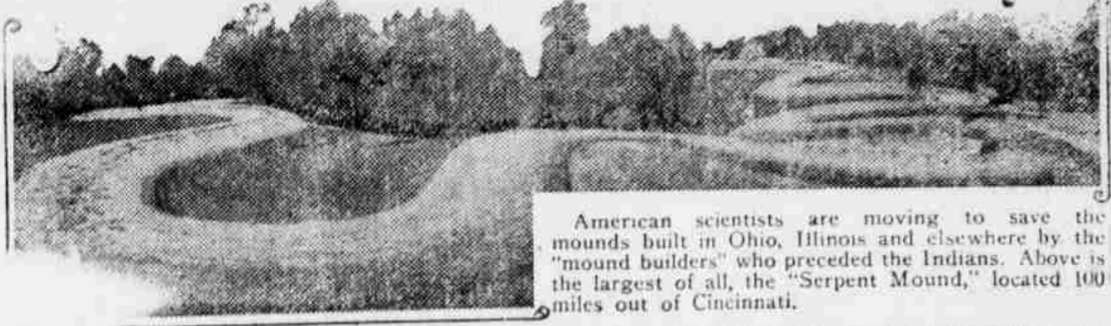


**WILL TRY TO SAVE WORKS OF FAMOUS "MOUND BUILDERS"**



American scientists are moving to save the mounds built in Ohio, Illinois and elsewhere by the "mound builders" who preceded the Indians. Above is the largest of all, the "Serpent Mound," located 100 miles out of Cincinnati.

**OREGON STATE NEWS**

An electric power company is to be formed in Medford.

Threshing is under way in some sections of Linn county.

Morrow county is claiming a wheat crop of 2,000,000 bushels.

Physicians say that there are four cases of infantile paralysis in Condon.

Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson, Grand Ronde pioneer, died at La Grande at the age of 97.

Hop picking will begin near Harrisburg about August 15.

Organization of the Clackamas County Pioneers' association has been effected.

The Cabbage Hill-Deadman's Pass road, a stretch of 128 miles on the Pendleton-La Grande road, has been finished.

Governor Olcott has promised to be present and speak at the dedication of the municipal aviation field at Eugene September 5.

Lane county will not produce one-fifth enough peaches for local consumption this year, according to the county fruit inspector.

Leland Smith of Portland, recently appointed to the consular service, has been assigned to the consulate of Saigon, French Indo-China.

Feed for cattle on the low lands of Josephine county is reported to be excellent. The cattle are in fine condition for this time of year.

Allen Johnston, 9 years old, whose parents live in Portland, was drowned in the Columbia river at Rainier when he was caught in a whirlpool.

E. T. Brown, at present connected with the University of Washington, has been elected head of the physics department of Willamette university to succeed Professor Herschel E. Hewitt, who resigned.

So efficient has been the organization and work of the forest service in the Santiam national forest this summer that, although 22 forest fires have started, the largest one burned over less than two acres.

Contractors have completed paving what is known as the South Salem section of the Pacific highway. The improved stretch of road is approximately 8 1/2 miles in length, with paved surface 16 feet wide.

Scores of Russian students are coming to universities along the Pacific coast and particularly the Pacific northwest this year, according to information received by President Clark of Pacific university.

Hector McPherson of the Oregon Agricultural college was endorsed by the executive committee of the North Dakota Farm Bureau federation for appointment to the presidency of the North Dakota Agricultural college.

The Revenue mine, in the Kane's creek district of Jackson county, owned by E. L. Coburn of Grants Pass and O. W. McClendon of Gold Hill, has been sold to N. E. Conklin and A. L. Conklin of Bakersfield, Cal., for \$30,000.

The Oregon public service commission has authorized its grain inspection department, with headquarters in Portland, to establish branch hay inspection plants at Stanfield, Umatilla, Boardman, Messner, Peters, Hermiston and Irrigon.

Jonathan Bourne Jr., ex-Senator from Oregon, who has been suffering in Washington, D. C., for several weeks from a nervous collapse, now is able to take afternoon walks. Confidence is expressed by his attendants that he will soon be restored to health.

Elmer Starr, who was drowned at Kirksville, Mo., while in bathing July 4, was a son of Dr. and Mrs. Philo Starr, early pioneers of Sherman county.

By a vote of 192 to 43 the house passed the McNary resolution authorizing the president to invite foreign nations to participate in a world exposition at Portland in 1925.

The development of a new and valuable prune which may mark a new epoch in the prune industry of Oregon was announced by Professor P. C. Reimer of the Talent experiment station. The new product is a French prune twice as large as the normal French prune, something that prune growers have long been hoping for, and is the result of grafting experiments started by Professor Reimer in 1914.

Members of the state fair board, together with various livestock and agricultural organizations of the state, have sent letters to A. H. Lea urging that he remain as secretary of the fair board for another year. A few weeks ago Mr. Lea announced that he intended to resign the secretaryship at

the conclusion of this year's fair in order that he might devote his entire time to other interests. It is said that he has not changed his decision and probably will retire from his present position as soon as he completes his annual report.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has agreed to approve the China trade act sponsored by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, for separate legislative action prior to and independent of the general revenue revision bill.

Members of Bend, Redmond and Prineville lodges of the Woodmen of the World will hold a joint session in Redmond Saturday evening, August 6, to initiate large classes resulting from the central Oregon membership campaign now on.

Word has been received at Dallas that Joseph Dennis, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Dennis, Galadale farmer, who is serving in the American army of occupation in Germany, was cited recently for bravery for preventing an explosion.

Under the direction of the American Legion post, Bend will celebrate clean-up day, July 31, at Shevlin park, the tract in Tumalo canyon recently donated to the city by the Shevlin-Hixon company. Volunteer labor will put the park in order.

The month of June marked a new record in the business transacted by the state corporation department, according to announcement made by T. D. Handley, state corporation commissioner. The cash receipts of the office for the month were \$113,000.

Reports are current at Salem that E. S. Evenden, now assistant to Dr. Strayer, head of the department of education of Columbia university, probably will be offered the presidency of the state normal school at Monmouth to succeed J. H. Ackerman.

The Oregon public service commission has suspended for a period of six months a tariff filed by the Western Union Telegraph company increasing the rates for press messages offered for transmission over its wires.

Bids for the improvement and construction of approximately 121 miles of road and several bridges in Oregon will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland, October 25 and 26.

Pheasant hunting in Umatilla and Mero counties this year is better than in any portion of the state and hunters are flocking there and coming away with the bird limit, according to F. M. Brown, chief deputy game warden.

Governor Olcott, acting at the request of Mrs. James D. Howard, chairman of the Milledgeville (Georgia) chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has sent to the southern city a handful of Oregon soil to be used with soil from all other states of the Union in maturing a so-called "Liberty tree" to be planted there on November 10.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, has advised J. L. Finney of Astoria, secretary of the Columbia river fishermen's league, that it would be necessary to obtain the signatures of 1454 qualified voters of the 20th judicial district before recall proceedings could be instituted against James A. Eakin, circuit judge. Mr. Finney's letter to the secretary of state was said to be the first public intimation that a move was on foot to recall Judge Eakin, according to Mr. Koser.

An agreement on a new discount for use in the purchase of wheat in the northwest, whereby 1/2 cent will be discounted from the purchase price for every 1/2 pound under 60 pounds to the bushel, instead of the old discount of 1 cent for every pound or fraction thereof, was reached at a conference between representatives of the farm bureaus of Walla Walla county, Washington, and Umatilla county, Oregon, and grain dealers of Portland and Seattle at the Merchants exchange in Portland. The new schedule must be approved by the merchants' exchanges of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma before they can become effective.

One hundred and twenty Linn county boys and girls are expected to compete in a tryout to be held September 9 to choose members of stock judging teams to represent Linn county at the state fair and in contests in stock judging at other exhibitions this fall.

Occupation of the new commerce hall at the University of Oregon has been begun by the school of business administration and will be completely occupied by the time school opens September 26. The structure will house also the departments of history and economics.

Over 1000 Growers have begun the harvest of Gravenstein apples and indications point to the beginning of the harvest of the main commercial varieties a full week earlier than usual. It is expected that growers will be calling for fairly full harvest crews by September 20.

A friendly suit was filed in circuit court at Dallas to test the legality of the alleged over-taxation in Polk county. The state tax commission recently informed the county court that Polk county's 1920 tax levy was approximately \$10,000 more than the constitutional limit.

The Portland city council, through City Attorney Grant, has presented a petition to the public service commission urging that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company be required either to perform certain maintenance and construction work on street railway lines in Portland or reduce the fares on such lines.

There were two deaths in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending August 25, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were William Webster, laborer, Portland, and Mrs. Mattie Reed, housewife of Wilbur. A total of 458 accidents were reported to the commission.

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**THE HIGHEST WATERFALL**

IN THE great hollows of that mighty pile of granite known as the Sierra Nevada mountains in California there are many wildly beautiful valleys. In the very heart of this mountain world is a spot of unusual loveliness known as Yosemite valley—a seven-mile-long chasm in an 1,100 square mile masterpiece of scenery.

Flowing gracefully over the rugged sky line of these bold, towering, almost perpendicular walls are a number of cascades which readily take first place of all their kind on earth.

Greeting the sightseer from dizzy heights these columns of water tumble headlong down the sides of the canyon to join the foaming river below.

Of the eight spectacular falls, by far the finest is the Yosemite. Formerly this monster cataract undoubtedly leaped in a single great plunge. Now, this fall, which normally is 35 feet wide at the top, drops 1,450 feet in one sheer spill, followed by cascades for about 600 feet and then makes a final jump of about 400 feet—a total distance of approximately half a mile.

The great Staubbach in Switzerland is 1,000 feet high; there is a fall in New Zealand said to be 1904 feet high; the Grand in Labrador is credited with a drop of 2,000 feet. By a considerable margin, therefore, the Yosemite dwarfs all other known waterfalls.

**CHINESE REJECT JAPANESE PLANS**

Pekin.—The text of China's reply to the proposals of the Japanese government concerning a settlement of the Shantung controversy was made public here. It declares that Japan has advanced no plan for a settlement which is fundamentally acceptable to the Chinese government and people and that the Chinese government feels that there is much in the new proposals "still incompatible with the Chinese government's repeated declarations, the Chinese people's hopes and aspirations and the principles laid down in Chinese treaties with foreign powers."

It is added that if the proposals comprise Japan's final concessions, "they surely inadequately prove the sincerity of Japan's desire to settle the question."

The note was handed to the Japanese minister by Dr. Yen, the Chinese foreign minister. The Japanese minister said at the time that he received the document in a purely unofficial capacity that he would return it to Dr. Yen if it was unacceptable to Japan.

**PROHI CHIEFS WANT HELP**  
Destroyers and Chasers Are Asked to Chase Boozie Smugglers.

Washington, D. C.—Prohibition authorities have asked for some of the absolute types of destroyers and submarine chasers in the United States

navy, to make war upon the whisky smugglers along the Atlantic coast.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, summing up reports of inspectors assigned to smuggling activities, emphasized in discussions with his superiors, the urgent need at this time of a coast patrol which the authorities may employ effectively to stop the flow of illicit liquor from abroad.

Dry law officials base their hope for some of the navy's ships on Director of the Budget Dawes' decision to transfer from the navy to other branches of the service ships that might otherwise be junked or sold at a sacrifice.

**AMENDMENTS TO TAX MEASURE AGREED ON**

**Sweeping Changes in Pending Bill Submitted By Senate Leaders.**

Washington, D. C.—Amendments to the pending tax revision bill agreed to by republican leaders in the senate would provide for:

A maximum surtax rate of 50 per cent on that part of incomes in excess of \$200,000, in lieu of the committee plan for a 32 per cent maximum on the excess over \$66,000.

Repeal of the excess, freight, passenger and Pullman transportation taxes, effective at the passage of the bill.

An increase from \$2.20 a gallon to \$4 a gallon in the tax on distilled spirits produced, imported or withdrawn from bond for use for industrial, medicinal or other purposes.

Restoration of the capital stock tax of \$1 on each \$1000 of invested capital.

A graduated increase in the estate tax rates to a maximum of 50 per cent on the excess over \$100,000,000 in lieu of the present maximum of 25 per cent over \$10,000,000.

Repeal of the excises on sport goods, chewing gum, perfumes, essences, tooth and mouth washes and pastes, dentifrices, toilet powders and soap and soap powders and other miscellaneous taxes sufficient to make up a cut of \$37,000,000 annually.

Reduction of the tax on candy to 3 per cent, with elimination of the committee proposal for a 10 per cent tax on candy selling at wholesale for more than 40 cents a pound.

The other excise provisions of the senate bill would stand, including repeal of the excess profits tax next January 1, a flat tax of 15 per cent on corporation incomes and increased exemptions for heads of families and on account of dependents.

**WOOD MEASURE TABLED**

**House Committee Sees Dangerous Precedent.**

Washington, D. C.—The administration bill designed to permit Major-General Leonard Wood to become governor-general of the Philippines, without retiring as an active officer of the army was laid on the table by the house military committee without a record vote. Committeemen were said to have held that it would be a dangerous precedent to establish.

Practically all committee members were reported to have favored tabling the measure, which makes it certain that the bill will not come to a vote in the house.

No criticism of General Wood was expressed at the committee session.

General Wood, it was argued, should retire from the army if he wished to accept the island post.

**WASHINGTON CROP ESTIMATES ARE CUT**

Spokane, Wash.—The October crop report for Washington state, issued by G. S. Ray of the federal bureau of markets and crop estimates, indicates a decrease in the spring wheat crop of the state as compared with the estimates of September 1. The total wheat and oats crop, however, are stated to be considerably above the average, while the barley crop is below average. A larger apple crop is indicated than was predicted a month ago, while the potato estimate shows a decrease.

The spring wheat crop is estimated at 18,690,000 bushels as compared with the September estimate of 21,026,600 bushels. The 1920 crop amounted to 17,862,000 and the average for the years 1915 to 1919 was 19,523,000 bushels. This year, according to the preliminary estimate, the spring wheat crop averaged 15 bushels to the acre as against 11.9 bushels in 1920 and 17.1 bushels for the 10-year average. The quality of the crop is given as 91 per cent as against 87 per cent last year.

Of the total wheat crop of the state the report estimates that 57 per cent, or about 23,000,000 bushels, has been marketed. On August 1 the winter wheat crop was estimated at 39,922,000 bushels, making the state's total wheat crop approximately 49,512,000 bushels, the report says.

**VETERAN SCHOOLS RAPPED**

**Less Theory and More Practical Aid Is Needed in System.**

Washington, D. C.—The present system of federal vocational training contains "decidedly too much theory" and needs the injection of practical methods, Director Forbes of the veterans' bureau declared in a report to President Harding covering his recent country-wide inspection of hospitalization and vocational training facilities.

Colonel Forbes characterized the system as "unmistakably and absolutely wrong," and expressed doubt whether "very many men have actually been rehabilitated by the government and have gone back to their respective communities as wage earners and as assets."

Let us print those butter wrappers.

**SENATE VOTES FOR FREE CANAL TOLLS**

**Borah Bill to Exempt American Coastwise Vessels Is Passed, 47 to 37.**

Washington, D. C.—The Borah bill for tolls exemption of American coastwise vessels passing through the Panama canal was passed by the senate, 47 to 37. The measure now goes to the house where it is expected it will be subject to indefinite delay, at least until after the conference on limitation of armament.

The senate rejected two substitutes offered by Senator King, democrat, Utah, to authorize the president to negotiate for arbitration of the tolls question and to appropriate \$2,000,000 as a subsidy for American vessels using the canal.

Debate on the Borah proposal disclosed a split in party ranks. Twelve democrats voted for the bill while 15 republicans voted against it.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho stood solidly for the Panama canal free tolls bill. Senators McNary, Oregon; Poin-dexter, Washington, and Borah and Gooding were present to vote for the bill. Stanfield of Oregon and Jones of Washington, both absent, were paired in favor of the bill.

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