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## RESIGNATION OF MITCHELL IS ACCEPTED

War Department to Release Former Air Officer

### NO CONDITIONS MADE

Mitchell Will Continue Fight Against Army Air Service, Friends Declare

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Secretary of War Davis today accepted the resignation of William Mitchell, former stormy petrel of the air service, from the army.

The announcement of this action on the part of Davis was made at the war department offices here today.

"The secretary of war has decided that the resignation of Colonel William Mitchell from the air service, will be accepted, and will take effect on February 1, 1926. The adjutant general of the army has been notified to this effect," the announcement said.

Mitchell, when he submitted his resignation to the war department declared that he had agreed on a speaking tour over a chautauqua circuit. He will also write a series of syndicated articles on the air service and its needs.

The acceptance of the resignation by the war department finally brings to an end one of the most spectacular records in the rank of brigadier general to that of colonel because of his criticisms of the army, Mitchell continued his outbursts, and was finally court martialed and convicted. He was suspended from the army for five years as punishment.

However, friends are confident that his resignation will not end Mitchell's fight against the war department, but declare he will carry it on with renewed vigor now that he is out of the service.

## TREATY WITH TURKEY FAVORABLY REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The Lausanne treaty with Turkey was ordered favorably reported on by the Senate foreign relations committee today, after a brief discussion.

## MIDDLE WEST GETS RELIEF FROM COLD

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Relief came today to the Middle West, from the subzero weather of the past two days. The thermometers in this forecast area were around zero and above today, compared with a low mark of thirty degrees below zero which was registered early yesterday. Three deaths have been ascribed to the cold.

## WEEK DAY BIBLE SCHOOL SHOWS LARGER ATTENDANCE

Since the opening of the Week Day Bible school interest is marked by a largely increased enrollment, Mrs. Grace E. Andrews, instructor, said today.

Its initial enrollment was 162. At the beginning of the second semester the total registration was 262.

Two new classes have entered, a 3-B from Junior High and one from Hawthorne building.

The work of the 5-A classes is carried on as 6-B classes. One class, that at Junior High, is held in the morning.

It has been necessary because of the increased attendance to provide more tables at the Congregational church.

The grades enrolled in the

## Water, Power Plant Has "Nothing to Do"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—A perfectly good water and power plant capitalized at \$5,000,000 and having a physical valuation of \$273,000 was allowed by the state railroad commission today to sell out just because it has nothing to do and nowhere to go.

The plant is the Northern Water and Power company of Nevada county. Despite its imposing capitalization and physical value it told the commission that it did no business at all last year and collected only \$75 annually in 1922, 1923 and 1924 from exactly seven water consumers. The Nevada Irrigation district is purchasing the plant.

## NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY 4-H CLUB

E. R. Carter Chosen President at Meeting Here Yesterday

Meeting with State Superintendent H. C. Seymour, members of the 4-H club yesterday elected a new set of officers, to preside over their meetings during the coming year. The election was held at their annual meeting, held at the Lithia Springs hotel yesterday.

The 4-H club is composed of leaders of county boys and girls club work in Jackson county. About forty members, almost, the entire membership, was present at the meeting.

E. R. Carter of Rogue River was chosen president of the club, with Mrs. Ralph Billings being elected vice president.

When introduced to the members, Superintendent Seymour presented Adena Joy and Ellen Galey, state championship girls team, with gold medals, given by the Pacific International Livestock exposition management. The girls won these medals during the last show given in Portland.

Plans for further advancing club work in the county, and other business matters occupied the time of the meeting.

## COLD WAVE TO BREAK SAYS WEATHER MAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The cold wave, gripping the East will break tonight, the weather bureau predicted today.

## Three Lose Lives as Car Goes in River



Three people were killed and a score were hurt when a loaded street car jumped the track and went off a bridge into the Ohio River at Neville Island, near Pittsburgh. Photo shows the car, half submerged, after the accident.

## VINING AGAIN STRESSES USE OF BYWAYS

Local Man Speaker at Opening of State Chamber Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—Business leaders of the state have united in a practical harmonious working agreement on a state development program and that the working out of this program will result in wonderful developments of Oregon in the next few years was the assertion of Irving E. Vining of Ashland, president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, at the annual meeting of that organization which opened here yesterday.

Delegates from every section of Oregon were present and the day was devoted to discussions of problems of the organization and of plans for co-ordination of the development activities.

Mr. Vining said that land settlement work is one of the most important phases of the work outlined. He warned the delegates that they should not let the prospective settlers fall into the hands of selfish real estate men whose only ambition is to make a sale and as large one as possible, but that committees should be organized to take charge of newcomers and to see to it that they are given opportunity to purchase land within their means and which will best be suited to their line of agriculture.

Marketing, he said, goes with land settlement for it is most vital that the farmer should have the advantage of orderly marketing to succeed.

The speaker discussed the tourist problem and urged that communities provide adequate tourist camps, in addition to the fine tourist hotels which have been provided. These camps, he said, should be provided with small cottages as they are greatly in demand and will not compete with tourist hotels.

He also said that there should be a campaign launched to get the tourist off the great highways and out into the byways into beautiful and secluded mountain and seashore spots. This plan, if followed, he said, would result in keeping tourists longer in the state. He suggested that the slogan, "you have traveled our highways, enjoy our byways," should be printed on every piece of tourist literature distributed by each community.

## FIVE MINERS DIE IN OHIO MINE EXPLOSION

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Five men were killed in an explosion in the Orient Mine No. 2 today, shortly after the miners went to work. The explosion covered only a small area, of the mine, where nine men were working. Four of the miners escaped uninjured.

## WIND UPROOTS TREE, EXPOSES LARGE ORE VEIN

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 29.—Uprooting of a tree by a storm last week near Clarkfork, Idaho, revealed a two-foot vein of silver-lead ore declared by the owner, Compton I. White today to be the richest strike in northern Idaho in 20 years.

The vein is declared to be 30 feet wide and of undetermined length. Ground all about the spot has been prospected for a generation. The storm blew down \$700,000 worth of timber, but White feels compensated for that loss.

## MAN, WOMAN NEAR DEATH IN PORTLAND CASE

Man Attempts to Slay Mate, Then Cuts Own Throat

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—While three children slept in an adjoining room, W. R. Weighall, a packing house employe, slashed his wife's throat and then cut his own with a razor, during the night.

Mrs. Weighall, 27, pretty wife of the attempted slayer, was taken to a hospital, perhaps fatally injured. Weighall was found unconscious from loss of blood. However, physicians who are attending him declare that he will recover.

Mrs. Weighall managed to tell the police that her husband had accused her of infidelity. A letter was found, directing that the three children, Richard, 11, Howard, 9, and Merlin, 7, should be sent to Weighall's father at Kimberly, Idaho.

## Southern Oregon Woodman Members Gather in Medford

Southern Oregon members of the Modern Woodmen of America are to meet in the I. O. O. F. hall in Medford Saturday night for one of the largest class adoptions ever held in Southern Oregon, it was learned here this morning. Delegations will be present from all the Southern Oregon towns.

Ashland members are requested to meet at the Ashland Bakery at 7 o'clock prompt. They will leave in a body for Medford.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington — Unsettled, with rain in the west, and rain or snow in the east portion. Fresh, southerly winds along the coast.

## EUGENE FIVE DROPS FIRST TUSSELE HERE

Ashland High Squad Wins Tough Battle, 26-18

Trailing throughout the tussle, up to the last ten minutes of play, the Ashland high school basketball team last night came from behind with a rush, overcoming a four point lead, and defeated the Eugene high five, 26-18. The tussle was staged in the Army before the largest crowd of the season.

Both outfits started fast, but Ashland broke from the defense better during the early periods of the tussle, and scored five points before the Eugene tusslers got under way. However, once the boys from the north got together, they quickly overcame this lead and piled up a comfortable margin. Although the Ashland hoopers battled every inch of the way, they were unable to stop the scoring. So effective was the Eugene guard work, that after the initial rush, the locals scored but three points in the remainder of the first half. The half ended with Eugene leading, 14-8.

Early in the second period, Marske and Abbott were forced out of the game on personal fouls. Aldo Parr replaced Marske and Hill went in for Abbott, and it was the work of these men which had much to do with overcoming the Eugene lead. Hill was a demon on defense, breaking up play after play. Twice with three Eugene men coming down the floor with the ball, with only Hill between them and the basket, the battling guard succeeded in stopping their play.

Aldo Parr was the big scorer in the rush which put the locals into the lead. He seemed to be able to get free at will, and three baskets aided by free throws by Tilton, put the Ashlanders out in front.

Tonight Eugene tangles with Medford on the Medford floor, while the Ashland five will meet Merrill at Merrill. Tomorrow evening the locals take on the Klamath Falls quintet at Klamath Falls.

## MACREADY FAILS IN ALTITUDE MARK TRY

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Encountering terrifically frigid temperatures and machine difficulties at an unofficial altitude of 36,000 feet, Lieutenant John A. MacReady, nationally known army ace, failed today in his attempt to recapture the world's altitude record. MacReady spent fifty-five minutes in the air in a vain attempt to beat the mark set by Callizo, the French ace, who ascended 39,500 feet recently.

Tillamook — Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. will spend \$30,000, improving service of old Mutual Company.

## W. MCCAMANT SAYS HE NEVER BROKE PLEDGE

Oregon Judge Denies Pledge to Vote For Johnson

### NOT UP TO MARK

Declares Johnson "Not American" Although Born in This Country

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Wallace McCamant, nominee of President Coolidge for judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals, denied today before the Senate judiciary committee that he had ever violated the pledge he made to the people of his state in refusing to vote for Senator Hiram Johnson at the Chicago Republican national convention in 1920.

"I had as my slogan, for president, an American, a Republican and a statesman," and I would have voted for not one who did not measure up to that standard," McCamant declared. "There are persons born in the United States who are not Americans and who do not measure up to the American standard. I frankly admit here, as I admitted at that time, that I had in mind Senator Johnson," McCamant continued.

## Yes, It Was a Nice Expensive Trip—But Not for Wife

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 29.—"This is sure going to be a nice expensive trip," complained Del W. Woodcock of Medford when he was arrested by County Traffic Officer Knowles for driving 40 miles an hour on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway. "You see," he continued, "my wife has been telling me not to drive so fast. She said I'd get pinched one of these days and when I did it meant a new fur coat for her. So now I've got to get her that coat, no matter what the judge hands me."

Justice of the Peace Emmitt, just to make Woodcock's hard luck story a bit more realistic, slapped on a fine of \$20 plus the usual court costs. Woodcock paid and headed back over the mountain.

## SENATE APPROVES RATE SCHEDULES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The Senate today approved without objection, the normal rate schedules in the new tax bill. By unanimous consent, provisions authorizing new rates of 1-1/2 per cent on the first \$4,000 income, 3 per cent on the next \$4,000 and 5 per cent over \$8,000, was adopted in the committee of whole, although amendments may later be proposed.

## MAYOR LINED IN OLMSTED CASE

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Mayor Brown, his personal chief of the city dry squad, Police Lieutenant George Comstock, and two vice squad members, were lined in an amazing revelation made by the "whispering wires," according to testimony in the Olmstead liquor conspiracy trial by Dry Agent R. L. Fryant, who resumed the stand today.

## PRINCE OF WALES IS REPORTED AS BETTER

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The Prince of Wales, with his collar bone broken, passed a good night last night, and was reported today to be progressing well.

## He May Return



William H. McCarthy, one-time president of the Pacific Coast League, may do a "come-back." He was brushed from office two years ago after having been inducted to the presidency following the 1919 season. Rumor now has it that he may be named president of the Vernon club, which R. Stanley Dollar, shipping magnate, recently purchased.

## COFFMAN MAY REVEAL CRIME, LIQUOR RING

Former Klamath Boxer, Held in Yreka, Claims Alibi

YREKA, Calif., Jan. 29.—Pointed hints of a crime ring operating between Klamath Falls, Oregon and Weed, California, were made yesterday by Joe Coffman, charged with the murder of an unidentified logger in Weed last August. Coffman, to newspaper men, intimated that he was made the "fall guy" in the murder, that he was not in Weed at the time of the killing and that he could establish an alibi when the proper time came.

He refused to make any definite statements, however, until the arrival of his attorney, S. S. Hahn, and his father, W. E. Coffman from Los Angeles.

Coffman implicated T. R. Kennedy and Oscar Schuler, in the murder. He said that Schuler told him of the murder and then accused him of the deed, when questioned by authorities. He told of two prize

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## SAN FRANCISCO REPORT SAYS WILLIAM SPROULE TO RESIGN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—In a signed article in the Examiner yesterday morning Oscar H. Fernbach, financial editor of the paper, says there is a report emanating from sources that the usually well informed of an impending change in the management of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The gist of the article is that President William Sproule contemplates retirement from active direction of the road's affairs. This, the editor says, is without official confirmation. He goes on to say that there is speculation in financial circles as to the probable successor of Mr. Sproule in the event of such action and that Paul Shoup, executive vice-president, is first choice of the guessers.

There is some speculation as to the possibility of an official of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad figuring for the position, the article says. The latter road recently was merged with the Southern Pacific. Mr. Shoup is president of the

## 3 DAY FARMER MEET BROUGHT TO CLOSE HERE

Poultry Experts Lecture on Poultry Diseases and Cures

### ATTENDANCE RAISED

More Than 70 Farmers Crowd Into City Hall Council Chamber to Hear Lectures

A crowd of more than 70 farmers managed to gain entrance to the council chamber in the city hall yesterday to hear lectures by Oregon Agricultural College experts on poultry culture and the combating of poultry diseases, the program for the third and final day of the three day farmers' meeting, held here under the auspices of the Extension Division of the Agricultural College.

H. E. Crosby, instructor in poultry management at the college, gave an interesting lecture on the care of poultry and the methods used in feeding, housing and general upkeep in making for better egg production. Crosby also explained the methods used for keeping an accurate account of all disbursements and income from the flock, in order that the conditions of the business may be kept well in hand.

Poultry diseases, and the remedies for these diseases were thoroughly explained by Dr. W. T. Johnson, instructor in poultry at the college. Johnson illustrated his lectures by the use of birds, and ended his talk by killing a bird and showing how the fowl should be dissected in searching for diseases of the internal organs.

At the close of the meeting, the farmers passed a resolution, thanking R. G. Fowler, county agent, F. C. Reimer, head of the Southern Oregon Experiment Station, and the Extension Service, for putting on this farmers' meeting in Ashland.

It was declared that the meeting here was as well attended as those held anywhere in the state, and that the attendance records at the meeting just closed, were on a par with any meeting ever held in the county.

## WAKATSUKU IS NEW JAPANESE PREMIER

TOKIO, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Home Minister Wakatsuki today assumed the premiership of Japan and formed a cabinet of the members of the former regime, which was headed by Viscount Kato, who died yesterday.

The reports that a change in the administration, affecting President Sproule and Mr. Shoup in contemplation were said to be "utterly without foundation," in a statement from headquarters of the railroad.

"Merely the revival of an old rumor," the statement said. "Such changes are in the hands of the board of directors, and it is safe to say that they are not being contemplated in any form."

Local officials of the Southern Pacific railroad were not disposed yesterday to discuss rumors of possible change in presidency of the road. It was pointed out that Mr. Sproule is advancing to an age where he may soon retire. The impression is that this circumstance may bring a change at no very distant date.

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