

THE WEATHER

Unsettled tonight in west portion. Increasing southerly winds.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

First half of Ashland-Klamath game: Ashland, 0; Klamath, 0.

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WATER BONDS APPROVED BY LOCAL BOARD

Chamber of Commerce Goes On Record Favoring Big Project

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS

Committee Files Report; Assessors of State to be Banqueted

Unanimous approval of the general water improvement project as outlined by the mayor and city council was voted by the directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce at a special meeting last night.

This action was taken following the receipt of a report by a special water committee, which went into various phases of the water situation, including sites and other features of the general bond issue. After accepting the entire project, the special committee was composed of E. D. Brings, A. E. Kinney and A. M. Beaver. Their report will be printed in full early next week.

Pleasant Party The directors took up much of their time in a full discussion of the water situation, but found time to advance other projects of city-wide interest.

At the suggestion of H. L. Claycomb, President Carson appointed a special committee to inquire into the possibility of procuring a state game farm in Jackson county, preferably near Ashland, where climate and other considerations are declared to be most favorable for the propagation of Chinese pheasants. Members of this committee are, H. L. Claycomb, Louis Dodge, and A. E. Jordan.

The local chamber will tender a banquet to all the county assessors of Oregon at the Litch Springs hotel on the evening of November 9. The county assessors will hold their annual convention at Medford on November 8 and 9, and the directors agreed that the visitors should be given this banquet.

INQUIRY IN TEXAS IS GROWING BITTER

Men Mentioned in Highway Probe Deny All Charges Made

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 23.—(United News)—While the legislative investigation committee continued its probe of the state highway commission Thursday, two men mentioned previously by witnesses, issued statements denying implication.

Eugene Smith, chairman of the highway commission, declared he was not even acquainted with John R. Ralston, who testified Smith had told him he should spend \$5,000 for advertising to get a contract.

Testimony given by W. C. Jackson, Temple furniture salesman, involving C. E. Ferguson, was denounced by J. R. Ferguson as "an intentional fabrication and not founded on truth or fact."

Geneva Protocol To Be Ratified

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 23.—(UP)—Despite the opposition of the American Legion and alleged propaganda in certain army circles, the administration will insist upon a ratification of the Geneva protocol, prohibiting the use of poison gas in warfare, high government officials said today.

Hold Funeral Of Eugene V. Debs

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 23.—(United News)—Funeral services for Eugene V. Debs, famous socialist who died Wednesday night in a sanitarium at Elmhurst, Ill., will be held from the Debs residence here at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

That The People May Know

The following report favoring the water bond issue in all particulars was adopted by the Ashland Kiwanis club yesterday. The report was adopted by unanimous vote, not one voice being raised in protest against it. The report follows:

To the Officers and Members of THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ASHLAND We your committee appointed to investigate the water question of Ashland and report back to you our conclusions, beg to submit the following report.

First, there exists an imperative need of a greater supply of water, which opinion is shared by all the citizens of Ashland. A greater supply of water is an absolute necessity to the existence of Ashland, not only for domestic use, but to safeguard us against conflagration, which could become a major catastrophe, and is imminent in the dry season.

The question resolves itself into three problems: Where to get the water supply; How to get it and What it should cost the city of Ashland. Our report will not deal with details or technical phrases, since we feel, that is the province of the engineer.

We have studied the report of Mr. Malone and the report of the consulting engineer, Mr. Dillard, and also the records of the investigations of the City Council.

We believe there should be no guess work, that a group of citizens are not able, by visiting locations, to make estimates or give opinions which should be seriously considered, unless backed by competent engineering data. The fact that Mr. Dillard has successfully handled several large engineering enterprises, and is now engaged in handling an even larger project, has gone far with us in forming our conclusions.

We believe that Ashland creek is the only source which should be considered because it has been shown that it is more economical, and that by conservation, the supply will be adequate for the growth of the city of ten thousand people.

We believe a dam should be constructed in Ashland Canyon at a point where the best engineering skill available shall decide. We also believe that the 200 acre feet of water should be purchased at this time from the Talent Irrigation District, since it is cheaper than other sources and may not be available later. In our opinion time will demonstrate the wisdom of this purchase.

In taking these important steps in the securing of ample water we feel sure it would be unwise to stop short of doing a complete work.

In order to have a more even pressure, and to assure us of an emergency head of water in case of fire, we are inclined to favor the conservation reservoir on Crowson hill.

There is no question but that with the additional supply of water our present systems of pipes should be put in proper condition, which is agreed upon by both engineers and the city water department.

We believe that the citizens of Ashland should vote the bonds necessary to cover the cost of the improvements above mentioned.

Furthermore We do heartily recommend that a water commission be appointed by the City Council of our most capable and public spirited citizens, to have entire charge of the program of construction for which the above mentioned bonds are voted.

We make this recommendation with due respect to the ability and integrity of the members of the Common Council of the City of Ashland; however, we believe that three men publicly appointed and publicly assuming this responsibility will be more successful in the handling of this large project than a group of earnest and public spirited citizens, who have given, and are giving their time to the city of Ashland, and who, at the present, have enough to look after outside and beyond the extra problem.

We favor the metering of the city at fast as the receipts of the water department will permit, for the reasons especially set forth in a very logical manner by Mr. Malone in his report. Every one should be willing to pay for all he gets, and should have all he pays for. The meter is the only way to determine this.

This would also conserve our water where much is now wasted. Until recent years we have all been wasteful in the use of water. We believe that it is very important that water waste by the consumer should be eliminated. The meter appeals to us as one of the best means.

SUMMING UP OUR CONCLUSIONS:

First: We recommend Ashland Creek as the supply. Second: We recommend a dam up Ashland Canyon, the location to be determined by the most competent engineers, a conservation reservoir on

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CONTRACT FOR VALE PROJECT NOW APPROVED

President Coolidge Authorizes Big Oregon Irrigation Work

WILL COST HUGE SUM

Total of \$8,000,000 Will Be Spent to Reclaim Arid Land Soon

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—Contracts for the Vale irrigation project have reached presidential approval it was learned here Friday through a message from Elwood Meade, federal reclamation commissioner at Washington.

The Vale project, when completed will cost approximately \$3,600,000 and will provide irrigation for 23,300 acres of land.

The initial appropriation of 250,000 for starting work on the project was passed at the last session congress. It is one of the three projects in Oregon. The Owyhee and Baker projects being the other two.

Pioneer Ashland Resident Passes

L. B. Chase, a pioneer resident of Ashland, died yesterday afternoon at his home here. He was 80 years old. He was a well known miner and had friends throughout the county.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Conger chapel in Medford with burial in the Medford cemetery. Mr. Chase is survived by a sister in Kansas, a brother in Denver and a brother in Reno.

Drys Will Spend Money In Oregon

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(United News)—According to a statement filed with the secretary of the senate by the Anti-Saloon League \$500 has been dispatched to J. P. Newell of Portland, treasurer of the Oregon campaign committee, "to influence congressional elections," but without any remarks as to what candidates are favored or opposed.

Classified Ads Bring Results

McCoy Discusses Tax Measures On November Ballot

Kiwanis Club Hears Instructive Discussion of Proposed Laws

Members of the Ashland Kiwanis club were given an illuminating discussion on the proposed income tax measures that will appear on the November ballot at their regular weekly luncheon meeting yesterday when J. W. McCoy, cashier of the First National bank, explained the three measures, that the people will be asked to pass upon.

In opening his discussion, Mr. McCoy first gave the reason for income tax measures appearing on the ballots, frequently declaring that there was such a wide variation in the value of the property dollar, that there was a constant effort being put forth to equalize this valuation. Quoting figures to show that the value of a bank's property dollar was between 60 and 65 cents, railroad and public utilities, 60c; timber 50c; real estate, 30 to 45c; merchandise, 27c; manufacturing machinery 23c; bonds and other intangibles, averaging about six per cent or practically nothing, when they are assessed at all.

Differences Cited

These intangibles assessed outside of Portland last year amounted to only \$464,645, the speaker pointed out, while in Ashland alone there are many times this amount. The income tax schedules used by members of the legislature in the consideration of tax measures showed net incomes reported in 1924, \$160,000,000, with individuals reporting with \$42,000,000 paying no other tax, and \$67,000,000 who paid property tax equivalent to one half of one per cent of the income taking up the other extreme, individuals reporting income of \$11,000,000 paid property tax equivalent to sixty per cent of the income. Summarizing the property tax in Ashland without reference to income, the owner of \$5000 worth of bank stock pays \$211.25, the same amount of railroad stock will pay \$195; real estate \$130.00; merchandise \$87.75; while an owner of the equivalent amount in bonds will pay nothing. "It must be remembered," Mr. McCoy emphasized "that taxes are paid by banks and corporations, but the effect upon the individual is the same as though paid by them.

His Testimony His testimony dwelt on two men, who, he said were purported to have told him that after Mrs. McPherson reappeared in Agua Prieta, June 23, the pair evinced a willingness to give vital information, including the finding of the "shack" in which the woman pastor declared she spent the first few days of her captivity.

Previous to Judge Hardy's appearance on the stand four bronzed and forgetful horsemen of the desert completed their testimony, locating the shack on a blackboard.

JUDGE HARDY TESTIFIES IN AIMEE TRIAL

Superior Court Jurist Strengthens Defense on Witness Stand

KIDNAP PLOT BARED

Tells of Dealings of Evangelist With Bandits Through Attorney

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—(United News) Superior Judge Carlos Hardy, whose name has been interwoven into the events that have transpired since the opening of the Aimee Semple McPherson preliminary perjury trial, took the stand for the defense Friday as the fourth week of the evangelist's hearing drew to a close.

Judge Hardy testified as to his knowledge of negotiations that Mrs. McPherson asserted her kidnapers had with the late A. R. McKinley, blind attorney of Long Beach, and told what has passed between McKinley and himself, as an unofficial representative of the Angelus temple leader.

Motor Vehicle Law Is Upheld

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Upholding the motor vehicle law, a brief for the state of Oregon was filed in the United States supreme court Friday, signed by Attorney General Van Winkle and J. M. Devers. The brief asserts the right of the legislature to designate regulation of the federal aid highway to the state highway commission together with the right to fix a maximum load on designated sections of road.

HUNDREDS KILLED BY EARTH QUAKE IN RUSSIAN ARMENIA

Big Orphanage Wrecked by Tumbler, Telegram To-day States

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 23.—A devastating earthquake rocked Armenia last night and are recurring today, killing hundreds and injuring thousands, according to a cablegram to the New East Relief today from officers in Brivan, the capital of Russian Armenia.

The quakes were most severe at Leninakan where the gigantic Near East orphanage is located. The orphanage consisted of 300 buildings in which 15,000 orphans were being cared for. It was badly damaged.

RICHARDSON LOSES WITH LEGISLATORS

Proposal to Ratify River Compact Rejected by Law Makers

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 23.—(United News)—Governor Richardson's attempt to have the six state Colorado river compact ratified by special session of the California legislature as met with overwhelming repudiation.

Following this action of the legislature in voting against the governor's proposal, both Richardson and those who opposed his plan issue stinging statements, which they resented their version of the status of the Colorado river development.

CUBAN CASUALTIES INCREASING HOURLY

Many More Dead and Injured in Storm Than Was First Reported

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—(UP)—Casualties in Cuba were increasing every hour and many small villages have been completely demolished, according to statements given out in the offices of Cuban sugar dealers. The damage is said to be enormous.

From Havana came word that at least 250 people were killed and that property damage would reach around 30,000,000. Eight airplanes of the Cuban army were wrecked.

William Selkirk Writes On Golf For Local Folks

William Selkirk, instructor at the Ashland Golf and Country club, has consented to write a series of golf articles for local enthusiasts and these will appear in The Tidings each Saturday. The following is the first article of his series:

Golf is a game in which the very young and the very old can find mutual and equal pleasure pitted one against the other. It is a game which forces a player into association with his fellows. The golfer will inevitably find his circle of acquaintance widening until he will be amazed to count the number of desirable people he will include in his list of intimate friends. There is an intimacy growing out of the fellowship of golf that is not engendered by any other game. Many a problem of the personal and business organization has been solved during a game.

The first step in golf is the niblic. The niblic has more elevation than any other golf club and is specially weighted and lofted for the roughest kind of a lie whether in sand traps, bunkers or hazards of any kind. I will say that every golfer ought to

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CONVICT CAPTURED

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—Roy L. Smith, who escaped from the state penitentiary at Salem in June, 1925, was captured here Friday afternoon.

COOLIDGE TO ASSIST PARTY IN CAMPAIGN

President Will Issue Statement on G. O. P. Tariff Policy

BELIEVED IMPORTANT

Will Sound Notice to Democrats Not to Attack Present System

BY RAMOND CLAPPER United News Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Republican candidates are to get help from the administration after all.

President Coolidge and his advisors have decided to issue an American manifesto, defending the republican protective tariff doctrine, as the administration's official comment on the manifesto of the international manifesto.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon discussed the tentative contents of this impending utterance with the president today.

Tariff Must Stand It was learned that this document will take the position that international bankers might very well recommend breaking down of international tariff walls in Europe, but the American protective principle must stand inviolate as the bulwark for prosperity, high wages and quality production.

This document will be the most important of the campaign and will be so deftly phrased as to leave the strong inference that anyone — meaning the democratic party among others, who attacks the protective tariff is striking at the vitals of this country's well-being. It will come as one of the most effective eleventh hour strokes that could be executed to help republican senatorial and congressional candidates because it is in the hands of the republican majority in congress that the protective tariff is most secure against assault.

THIS IS LAST DAY IN LETTER CONTEST

All Who Want to Compete Must Get Them in Mails By Tonight

This is the last day in The Tidings' letter writing contest, and all letters to be submitted must be placed in the mails by some time tonight. The judges will meet the first of the week and select the three best letters which are to receive cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5.

The three prize winners will be members of the Kiwanis club at the regular weekly luncheon next Friday noon, at which time the letters will be read.

Read the rules and if you want to enter the contest, be sure and write your letter, address it to the contest editor of The Tidings and get it in the post office by tonight.

Government Sues Magneto Concern

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The government has filed suit in the federal court at Boston against the American Bosch Magneto company and former government officials seeking return of nearly \$6,000,000, which it claims is due from fraudulent sale and seizure of the Bosch Magneto during the war by the alien property custodian.

Navy Rushes Aid To Isle Of Pines

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(United News)—The navy department was informed Friday night that aid has been rushed to the storm swept Isle of Pines from the American naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba.

