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MAYOR PIERCE GIVES FIRST HAND NEWS ON WATER PLANS

Preliminary Surveys on Crowson Hill About Completed
WILL BUY PIPE SOON
Bids Are to be Opened for Pipe on Distribution System January 28th

At the Chamber of Commerce noon day meeting at the Lithia Springs hotel yesterday, Mayor Pierce gave some of the problems that are confronting the city administration as well as a suggested solution for many of them. The text of the mayor's speech is as follows:

We anticipate herewith what seems to be too common thought that the new city administration will have considerable fresh information to give out at this noon luncheon, which opinion we feel it necessary to promptly dispel by the general statement that there is not much of an authoritative nature concerning the water development which can be made public at this time.

So far in January there have been two regular council meetings, almost all of the first of which was taken up in naming 1927 standing committee and department heads, the second meeting being devoted to routine business and becoming acquainted with our duties.

Preliminary engineering work is about completed on Crowson Hill Reservoir site, the purchase of site has recently been consummated and the design of the reservoir is now being made under the direction of Engineer Dillard.

Reservoir Contract
It is expected that the contract for the Crowson Hill Reservoir including necessary excavation and preparation of the site can be let by March or April and the same be in operation by July or August. The capacity of this reservoir will be 2,300,000 gallons. It will be elliptical in shape, approximately 125 feet wide by 150 feet at its longest point and 20 feet in height, all concrete construction, surrounded by a walk-way and outside of that a high ornamental fence. Crowson Hill Reservoir is not intended as a storage reservoir but more as a unit of our new distribution system and to help stabilize the entire city water pressure, and in particular it is expected to make possible the successful installation of meters whenever desirable in future which has not been a real success in the past, from lack of such reservoir and settling basin.

Estimates have been furnished to several of the largest pipe manufacturers throughout the United States for pipe and fittings for the Ashland distribution system, bids will be opened on the 28th and order to furnish same let probably January 29th, deliveries not later than March being counted on.

This new system will cover a large part of the city and be so zoned that separate regulating valves will be installed in each zone and each in a way independent of the other units. The magnitude of this work can be fully judged when it is known that four hundred to five hundred tons of pipe materials will be required.

Finish August 1st
Water superintendant J. H. Foster states that with favorable conditions the new distribution system can be completed by August 1st, to become effective during the dry or restricted period next summer and fall.

Mr. Dillard's office is now determining the new concrete by-pass at the lower intake in Ashland canyon which will be among the first construction this spring and will be completed by midsummer. Six tunnels into the side walls

EXPLOSION TAKES LIVES OF TWO

Damage Estimated at \$750,000 Sustained by Quaker Oats Factory

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 25. (UN)—Two employees of the Quaker Oats factory were killed last night as a result of a terrific "grain dust" explosion which did damage estimated at \$750,000.

Only two men were known to have been injured, according to A. J. Snyder, night superintendent of the plant.

At first soon after the explosion 45 men were reported missing. Subsequent check brought back 35 of these, they had reported first to their homes and then back to the Quaker Oats company.

The factory here is the second largest of its kind in the world. A new addition was recently constructed at a cost of \$5,000,000. The explosion occurred in the grain bins in the addition, but despite a stiff wind which fanned the flames firemen had the blaze under control.

Officials believed that the two missing employees would be accounted for before morning.

PRESIDENT OPPOSED TO GRANTING THE TREATY

Immediate Ratification Opposed to Granting the Treaty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (UN)—President Coolidge has rejected the Chinese Nationalist demands for an immediate ratification of equality despite the grave anti-foreign movement menacing American lives and property in China.

His decision will be outlined in the official state department memorandum which will be made public here and abroad tomorrow. The memorandum will express the sympathy of this government with the Chinese aspirations and will commit the United States to a revision of the so-called unequal treaties, as soon as the stable representatives of the Chinese government are able to negotiate. He will insist, however, that the change be gradual rather than immediate.

Warns America
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Feeling that the United States should guard against being drawn into military cooperation with Britain against China developed as dispatches indicated extensive mobilization of a Chinese expeditionary force.

This sentiment followed the White House intimation that the United States stand independently of Great Britain in the present crisis.

The White House declaration of independence in China was made orally today, while the house foreign affairs committee was voting unanimously in favor of the Porter resolution, calling for an independent American policy in China and abrogation of unequal treaties, which are the chief causes of the anti-foreign resentment now endangering Americans in China.

The navy department announced that a detachment of 300 marines will leave Guam tomorrow for the Philippines, presumably to stand by for possible duty in China. This movement is in compliance with orders announced several days ago.

MARY PICKFORD'S HOME OFFERED TO PRESIDENT

Coolidge is Invited to Spend His Vacation in Southern California

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25. (UN)—Mary Pickford's palatial Beverly Hills residence, offered to President Coolidge as a summer White House, is being completely renovated in preparation for a hoped for visit of the nation's chief executive.

Following receipt of word from Washington today that the president had formally acknowledged receipt of any offer to take up his summer abode in the Pickford mansion, chamber of commerce officials said tonight that the home was offered the president more than a week ago by Miss Pickford.

"The chamber of commerce has long sought to have Coolidge spend next summer here," said Arthur G. Arnold, secretary and general manager of the chamber. "The organization was looking about for a suitable residence and Miss Pickford graciously came forward with the offer of her home."

"The place is admirably situated. It is close enough to the beaches and the mountains so that Mr. Coolidge can enjoy both without having to travel far and yet would give him necessary privacy. It is on a private road, which could be closed to traffic."

"Photographs of the interior and exterior of the home have been sent to the president for his inspection."

"The residence offers all the conveniences necessary for a summer White House. Miss Pickford's public spiritedness in making the offer is commendable."

Mohawk Team Will Play Normal Five Tomorrow Evening

With the reputation of being one of the fastest basketball teams in Portland, the Mohawk Club will invade Ashland Thursday evening for a game with Ashland Normal at the armory. The Mohawks are now on a tour of the state and are drawing big crowds where they appear.

Coach Walter Hughes of the Normal quintet predicts this will be one of the hardest games of the season for his collegiate basket shooters, and has been making them do some extra hard training in anticipation of the game.

The Normal school will present its usual lineup the coach said today.

LONGVIEW HOTEL IS CAUSE OF LAWSUIT

Former Head of Lumber Company Makes Charges on Hotel Building

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 26. (UN)—Testimony designed to show that the building of a \$700,000 hotel at Longview was not a legitimate venture of the Long-Bell Lumber company was introduced today in the suit to set aside the company's charter.

The Monticello hotel in Longview is a 200 room structure, with bath in every room, radio connections in 40 rooms, the lobby finished in mahogany and a nine hole golf course.

M. B. Nelson, president of the company, was questioned at great length concerning activities at Longview. When asked why the fine hotel was built, Nelson said:

"We desired to make the town attractive for our officers and employes as they would bring their families and live there. The townsite was virtually a swamp when we went in there originally."

F. J. Bannister, former president of the company is sponsor of the quo warranto proceedings.

Practically all of the questions and exhibits by the complainants were designed to show that the Long-Bell company had exceeded the scope of its franchise. The lumber company contends that its operations at Longview are permissible under an amendment to its charter in 1922.

BILL WOULD ABOLISH THE SIX PER CENT LIMITATIONS

Feel that Failure to Balance State Books Caused by This Limit

SALEM, Jan. 26.—Control of the Oregon prison passed into the hands of the state board of control today as the result of legislation passed during this session. Governor Patterson signed five bills making the change. The bills carried an emergency clause making them effective immediately upon the governor's signature. The change in the prison from Governor to the board of control was one of the governor's pre-election promises.

SALEM, Jan. 26.—(UN)—A resolution for the repeal of the six per cent tax limitation amendment of the constitution will be introduced Wednesday in the senate by Charles Hall of Marshfield. The resolution provides for submission of the question of repeal to the voters of the state at the next general or special election.

Hall believes that the state's inability to raise sufficient money by tax levy to balance its books and make up its deficit is largely due to the tax limitation amendment. He is also aroused over the proposal to take five per cent of the income of the state highway department for general state purposes, stating that if the state finances are in such bad shape that it is necessary to appropriate highway money to close the gap between the state's financial needs and its ability to meet them by taxation under the tax limitation amendment; then it is high time to do away with the limitation.

Senator Hall's bill will open the way for legislative action ranging from repeal of the six per cent limitation to imposition of a poll tax, a bill for which was introduced in the house Tuesday.

BOARD TAKES ACTION AGAINST SCHOOL MAN

Aftermath of Eugene Affair Bobs up at Meeting of School Board

EUGENE, Jan. 25. (UN)—At a meeting of the board of education it was decided by the directors that Albert C. Bouck, who served during the first part of the year as secretary to J. G. Swan, principle of the Eugene high school, will receive no further pay from the school district unless he agrees to take another position on the faculty.

This action was taken after Bouck refused to obey an order from Superintendent David J. Jones to take charge of a roll room at the opening of the new semester Monday.

Superintendent Jones acted in accordance with an agreement made with the board, Principal Swan and himself earlier in the year, after Bouck had refused to comply with a request for his resignation, following the student war against the principal.

Bouck maintains he cannot be ousted from the secretaryship.

FIERY TEXAS MINISTER IS NOT GUILTY JURY DECLARES

Decision is Reached After Being Out a Little Over an Hour

SHOWS NO EMOTION
Threat of Fine and Severe Punishment Keeps Crowds From Demonstration

COURTROOM, Austin, Texas, Jan. 26.—(UN)—Dr. J. Frank Norris was found not guilty of murdering D. E. Chipps by the jury here last night.

The jury reached its decision after an hour and ten minutes deliberation.

Nearly an hour's delay was caused because Norris could not be found, after the jury had reached its verdict.

There was only one ballot taken.

Norris took the verdict without showing any emotion, and it was only with a threat of severe punishment and fine that Judge J. R. Hamilton was able to keep the crowd in the courtroom from making a demonstration.

In 20 minutes after the verdict was read by District Clerk Axel Philquist the courtroom was closed and dark.

Norris was met on the old flagstone courthouse steps by Dayton Moses, chief defense attorney. They stopped to throw their arms about each other and Norris cried. It was the first show of emotion the pastor had made.

Throughout the trial Norris sat reared back in his chair with his arms folded at his "counsel table."

Dexter Chipps, Jr., son of the slain man, who had attended every court session, and heard his father branded as "a dangerous drunkard," was found soon after the verdict in the old vault, crying as if his heart would break.

"My daddy was a good fellow," he blubbered.

Norris shot Chipps last July 17, in his study in a building adjacent to the First Baptist church at Fort Worth. Subsequently he was indicted by a grand jury on a charge of murder and first brought to trial in Fort Worth last November 1. He asked for and obtained a change of venue at that time. The trial was brought here and set for January 10.

Yesterday was the 13th day of the trial.

After introducing one eye witness and several material witnesses the state rested the first day after the jury was chosen.

Since then the defense has introduced some forty witnesses, including the pastor himself and another eye witness, L. H. Nutt, a friend of Norris' and a member of his First Baptist church.

A majority of the witnesses introduced by the defense were members of Norris' church or his employes. In addition to his church Norris has a radio broadcasting station and a church paper, The Searchlight.

PORTLAND CHAMBER OFFICIAL IS HERE

Ft. Klamath Ski Race Will Attract Many Official Says

W. D. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce was an Ashland visitor last night, spending some time with R. W. Price of the Lithia Springs Hotel. Mr. Dodson was on his way to Klamath Falls and Fort Klamath where he expects to consummate and the design of the reservoir is now being made under the direction of Engineer Dillard.

AIMEE'S TELEGRAMS TO BE HELD BY COURT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25. (UN)—Request of Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Selaff, witness in the Aimée Semple McPherson conspiracy case, for certain telegrams, alleged to have been written by Mrs. McPherson and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, was refused today by District Attorney Asa Keyes.

Though the McPherson case has been dropped it will not be outlawed for three years, the district attorney pointed out in refusing to surrender the messages.

Mrs. Selaff, who is appearing in Long Beach's amusement zone as "the hoax woman," wanted the telegrams for use in connection with her contemplated lecture tour. It was said.

CHILD RAISED IN A CELLAR STILL BABY

Four Years of Treatment Brings no Help to Baby

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 26. (UP)—After four years of observation and treatment, Memphis physicians have come to the conclusion that Mary Alexis, the 29 year-old "cellar baby," will always be a 25-pound baby, helpless and her mind a blank because of her first 16 years spent alone in a dark Mississippi cellar.

Had she received treatment years ago, physicians at St. Joseph's hospital said. Mary probably would have developed into a useful member of society. Instead, soon after she was born, her parents placed her in the cellar beneath their home, fearing they later admitted, the ridicule of their neighbors over the deformed infant.

The parents, who are farmers in Northern Mississippi, kept Mary in the cellar for 16 years. During the entire period the child never saw the light of day.

Four years ago, plumbers digging near the cellar, found Mary—sixteen year old, three feet tall and weighing approximately 25 pounds. She babbled and blinked in the light. Her eyes were glassy. Neighbors sent her to

High School To Play Two Games

Ashland high school's basketball squad is expecting a hard game tonight when it lines up against Central Point high school at the local junior high gym. Coach Cripe has his boys in top form this week, but he anticipates a hard battle.

The girls' team of Ashland high will play the Central Point girls' team in a preliminary game. The first game will start at 7:30 and the last game at 8:15.



AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY HAS SET A NEW MARK

Nineteen Twenty Six Output Valued at Three Billion

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (UP)—The automobile industry set a new record during 1926 for the twenty-ninth time in its history, according to figures issued today by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce simultaneously with the opening of the New York Automobile Show.

An output of 4,480,000 motor vehicles, having a wholesale value of \$3,058,950,000 was revealed. This was a slight increase over 1925 when the production totaled 4,336,754 vehicles with a value of \$2,977,904,833.

Sixty-four per cent of the automobiles bought in the United States are purchased on the installment plan, the statistics develop. The automobile time paper outstanding is estimated to be worth \$1,378,000,000 by the Chamber. The average first payment on a new machine is \$895 while that on a used car is \$277. The average retail price of a new car is \$856, and that of a used car is \$277.

The popularity of closed cars continues. This type represented 2,924,000, or 74 per cent of the total 1926 output.

A three per cent increase was shown in the exports of motor vehicles over the preceding year. The total exported was 550,000, presenting 12 per cent of the output.

The Automobile Chamber of Commerce estimates that there will be a total of 4,800,000 cars

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE BRINGS LIGHT FINE

LENIENCY RECOMMENDED BY JURY

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 26. (UN)—Leniency was recommended of manslaughter by the jury in the case of John McEachern, who was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of a woman in a Dallas hotel. The jury recommended a fine of \$100 and a term of 30 days in the county jail.

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