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Four counties, Benton, Sherman, Crook and Umatilla, have made plans to call special elections in the near future to pass on the question of adopting the county unit system of administration and taxation for school affairs, under a law enacted at the recent session of the legislature.

Gold Beach, on Rogue river, is promised a new industry by Robert Boykin of Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Boykin's idea is to organize a company for the purpose of turning into commercial use the plentiful supply of oak tan bark in the Curry county district north of Rogue river and adjacent to the stream.

Forty-nine names have been added to Oregon's honor roll of those who lost their lives in the world war. The names were obtained in a state-wide checking up of war records made by George A. White, adjutant-general of the state. The additions bring the total up to 934. It is expected that a few more names may be added.

Receipts for the motor vehicle department for the months of January and February, 1921, aggregated \$1,669,687.50, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state. These receipts were based on motor vehicle registrations numbering 80,865; motorcycles, 1439; dealers, 413; chauffeurs, 1679, and operators, 6762.

A stenographer or clerk employed by the legislature may at the same time hold another regular position and demand compensation for both, according to a legal opinion given by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. Drawing of pay for both positions is contingent, however, upon said stenographer performing the duties of both jobs.

The bee industry of Oregon is becoming important in the state according to reports made at the session of the Oregon State Beekeepers' association, which held a two-day convention in Portland last week. About 80,000 stands of bees are maintained in Oregon, it was pointed out, and 10 or 15 carloads of honey are shipped out each year.

Mothers in a number of rural districts of Deschutes county have formed "protective clubs," members of which are detailed for guard duty to patrol the laws surrounding community halls in which rural dances are given. The object of the patrol is to prevent girls from learning to smoke cigarettes and to keep boys away from bootleg whisky.

The annual meeting of the Western Oregon Olders Girls' conference was held under the auspices of the Oregon State Sunday School association in McMinnville last week. Delegates from all Sunday schools in western Oregon were present at the conference. The homes of the city entertained at least 250 girls between the ages of 15 and 21 during the conference.

By a vote of more than two to one, voters of The Dalles rejected at a special election the proposal that the city bond itself for \$250,000, the money to be used in the construction of a dam, storage reservoir and pipeline, by means of which 1,000,000 gallons of water a day would have been added to the present city water supply during the three hot summer months.

A quarantine against strawberry vines from Marion county that have the soil of that section of the state clinging to their roots has been declared by Lane county officials at the suggestion of C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector. This action has been taken to prevent the spread in Lane county of pear thrips, which the fruit inspector says infest the ground in Marion county.

Sea lions along the Oregon coast eat 1,840,000 fish during the open season for salmon, a period of 157 days, according to Carl D. Shoemaker, secretary of the state fish commission. They consume at this rate 41,448,000 pounds of fish in the open season alone, which is equal to 637,661 cases of salmon. This amount is more than the total number of cases packed on all of the waters of the state of Oregon.

## 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 here.

Provisional returns published in newspapers here show that in Oppeln Germany received 20,000 votes to 11,000 for Poland.

In Tanowitz the Germans cast 85 per cent of the ballots and in the town of Beuthen they cast 78 per cent.

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

In Koenigschuette the Germans received 32,000 and the Poles 10,851, and Kattowitz and country districts gave the Germans 72,831 and the Poles 66,187, the town of Kattowitz voting German by 93 per cent.

In Hindenburg the Germans cast 36,676 votes to 31,625 by the Poles, while in Kreuzburg the German vote was 33,980 to 1556 for the Poles.

Oppeln.—Entente forces in Upper Silesia will promptly suppress any effort on the part of the Polish army to override the decision in the plebiscite, or to anticipate the action of the council of ambassadors in Paris according to General Lerond, head of the inter-allied plebiscite commission. He said rumors that the Poles had been concentrating an army on the Silesian frontier was "wholly without foundation."

"Should they cross the border," continued General Lerond, "they would be met by machine guns and rifles. America and the rest of the world may depend upon me to maintain the entente's will here."

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 24 Believed Dead In Irish Disorders.

Dublin.—"A black week end" has just been experienced by the crown forces in Ireland. According to official report, 11 members of the government forces were killed and 11 wounded in ambushes, while it is believed 13 assailants were killed and 20 wounded.

## U. S. IN 30 MONTHS NEEDS 17 BILLIONS

Weeks Declares That Task Is Greatest Ever Undertaken In Peace Times.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Something like \$17,000,000,000 must be provided by the federal government within 30 months to meet its running expenses and refunding operations, Secretary Weeks declared here in an address before the Pittsburg chamber of commerce.

"This," he said, "is a greater task than was ever undertaken by any nation in time of peace and there is no one who does not view the prospect with more or less alarm. It is the height of folly to undertake new commitments if they can be avoided."

The secretary discussed economy in government operations, recognition of federal activities in Washington, taxation and the tariff. He urged repeal of the excess profits tax, declaring that with falling prices it was not an effective tax. He said there were innumerable instances where concerns which made large profits in 1919, paying a tax on these profits, lost so much during 1920 that on January 1, 1921, their resources were less than January 1, 1919.

## 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 of the army.

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 490,000 names, has been reduced to approximately 150,000 names. The final lists by draft districts are now being tabulated by the adjutant-general's office.

## PRE-WAR BASIS REACHED

Great Britain Is Established on Old Wheat Imports Scale.

Washington, D. C.—Great Britain is again on a pre-war wheat importing basis and Germany "surprisingly near it," according to foreign market specialists of the bureau of markets. Holland and Belgium, they added, are taking half of their pre-war requirements.

The United Kingdom from August to February 12 imported approximately 106,000,000 bushels of wheat, which, if kept up, the specialists said would about equal their pre-war consumption of from 210,000,000 to 220,000,000 bushels. Small quantities of flour were imported during the year by Poland and Czechoslovakia, whereas before the war that territory comprised some of the richest agricultural area in Europe.

## Indictment Against Morris Quashed.

Portland, Or.—Fred S. Morris committed no criminal act when he swore that John L. Etheridge was of good character while Etheridge was obtaining naturalization, Federal Judge Bean ruled in upholding the demurrer of Morris' attorneys and in quashing the indictment against Morris. The indictment charged that Morris had helped Etheridge obtain citizenship by acting as witness and swearing that the facts as given by Etheridge were correct when, as a matter of fact, Etheridge concealed the fact that he had served two terms in the New Jersey penitentiary and Morris knew that Etheridge was a "two-time loser."

## Government Costs Show Reduction.

Washington.—Government expenses for the eight months ending March 1, were approximately \$1,125,000,000 below expenditures for the corresponding period in the fiscal year 1920. Treasury figures show that for the last eight months it cost \$3,247,000,000 to run the government while during the same period a year ago the expenses were \$4,490,000,000.

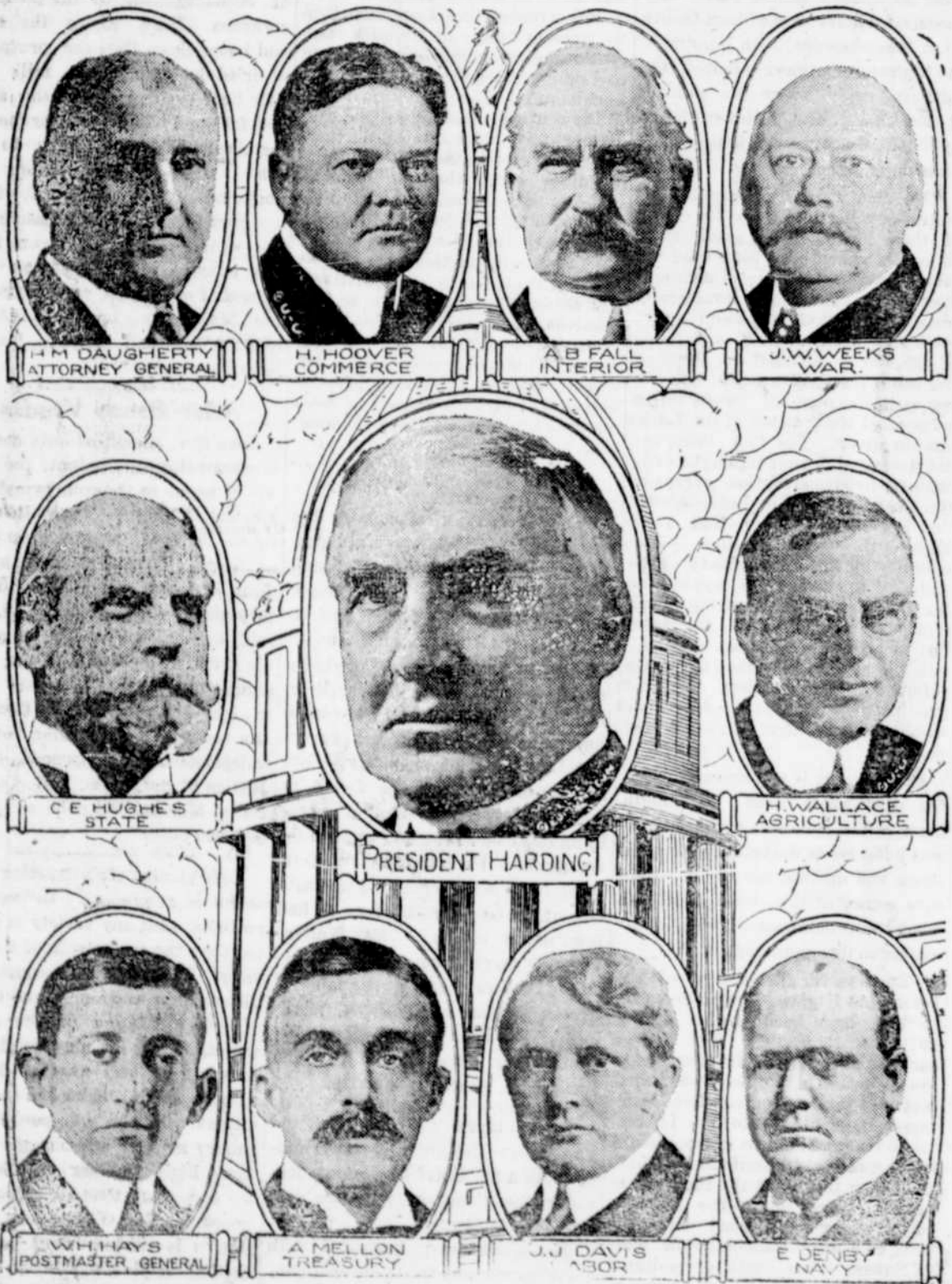
## Embargo on Meats Urged on Harding.

Washington.—An embargo on the importation of meats and readjustment of freight rates on livestock from the West and Southwest was urged by a delegation which called on President Harding.

President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding, have been invited by Lane county post, No. 3, American Legion, to visit Eugene and take a trip up the McKenzie river during the state convention of the Legion early in July. As the president is contemplating making a trip to the coast and to Alaska this summer, it is believed by members of the Legion that he may be persuaded to time his trip so that he will be able to be here during the convention.

All measures, constitutional amendments and resolutions referred to the voters at the recent session of the legislature, a total of six, will go on the ballot at the special election scheduled for June 7, according to I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. These include the measures authorizing the state to use its credit to the extent of 3 per cent based on the valuation of all assessable property, for the payment of the so-called soldier bonus, mental and physical examination of all persons applying for marriage licenses, jury service for women, 60 days' session of the legislature and increasing the compensation of legislators from \$3 to \$5 a day, and single item veto by the governor.

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**SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE PROVIDENT LIFE AND TRUST COMPANY**  
of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the thirty-first day of December, 1920, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up.....	\$ 2,000,000.00
INCOME	
Total premium income for the year.....	\$ 18,971,761.84
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	5,303,256.69
Income from other sources received during the year.....	398,558.59
<b>Total income.....</b>	<b>\$ 24,673,577.12</b>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endorsements, annuities and surrender values.....	\$ 2,664,704.16
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year.....	1,584,624.20
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....	9.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	2,350,275.86
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....	517,874.34
Amount of all other expenditures.....	1,045,036.75
<b>Total expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$ 16,457,584.83</b>
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (book value).....	\$ 819,715.85
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	70,301,245.32
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	25,834,004.74
Premium notes and policy loans.....	13,399,400.51
Cash in banks and on hand.....	234,527.54
Net uncollected and deferred premiums.....	2,615,054.96
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	1,530,112.55
Other assets (net).....	65,632.19
<b>Total assets.....</b>	<b>\$114,799,694.69</b>
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be).....	\$ 50,000.00
<b>Total assets admitted in Oregon.....</b>	<b>\$114,749,694.69</b>
LIABILITIES	
Net reserves.....	\$108,583,522.00
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	325,222.97
All other liabilities.....	6,912,644.85
Unassigned funds (surplus).....	878,222.07
<b>Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$2,000,000.00.....</b>	<b>\$114,799,694.69</b>
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Gross premiums received during the year.....	\$ 118,290.56
Premiums and dividends returned during the year.....	6,324.48
Losses paid during the year (deaths).....	11,521.00

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