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COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED ON LAND PROBLEM

FIVE JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEN FORM THE ADVISORY FARM GROUP

MEET HELD LAST NIGHT

Men From State Organizations Are Present—Whitney Boise and E. E. Faville Talk on Settlement

A local committee on land settlement, to cooperate with the state committees on the matter, was appointed today by the committee named by President Blanchard, of the Chamber of Commerce, following the meeting Wednesday night at the courthouse. This committee is composed of Roscoe Howard, chairman; Wilford Allen, J. L. Stanbrough, Carl Hammerbacher and Sam H. Baker. Mr. Howard will represent the farmers. He has had considerable experience in this work in the past, having been associated with the land settlement problem in the Deschutes country. Wilford Allen represents the Grants Pass Irrigation District; J. L. Stanbrough the grape growers and farmers; Mr. Hammerbacher the poultrymen and bankers; Sam Baker, the bankers.

The committee was named by the group composed of President Blanchard, H. B. Howell, county agent, and Roscoe Howard. They were planning to meet this afternoon and will have a report to make tomorrow at the meeting of the economic conference here.

Land settlement and marketing were discussed Wednesday night at the meeting at the courthouse by Whitney L. Boise, chairman of the land settlement committee of the state chamber of commerce, and E. E. Faville, chairman of the marketing committee of the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber. These gentlemen presented in a concise manner the problem which confronts the state and urged close cooperation between the various communities and the state chamber in the locating of the newcomers. Talks were also given by Andrew Miller, field secretary for the Oregon Bankers association and by "Farmer" C. L. Smith, in charge of the land settlement work for the Union Pacific railroad. Paul V. Maris, director of extension work at the Oregon Agricultural college, promised the full cooperation and support of the college in the endeavors to improve the farming conditions within the state.

Oregon is far behind Washington and California in the matter of land settlement, stated Mr. Boise. The people of Portland, realizing Portland can grow and keep pace with the large cities of the other states only when the rest of the state is prosperous, has raised \$300,000 which was first intended for use for publicity, marketing and land settlement purposes. Since the large railroads have decided to expend \$3,000,000 for advertising, it has been decided that the money may best be used for marketing and land settlement. The party of which he is a party, Mr. Boise explained, came here to organize Josephine county so that it could best handle the thousands of tourists who will be here this summer.

It was urged by Boise that a list of all available lands be prepared and the values appraised. This should then be sent to the officers of the state chamber for the use of the organization in placing settlers on the lands of the state. A representative of the state chamber will visit the Portland auto camp daily and interest visitors in the state. These will be directed to other parts of the state. It was asked that Grants Pass do likewise and have a person interview the newcomers at the auto park every day.

Diversified farming is essential in the state, Mr. Boise contended. He showed where a farmer could add a

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MAN SOUGHT FOR MURDER HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE

Ephrata, Wash., Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Owen Hudson, sought since his brother and two neighbors were killed recently, was found dead 12 miles from here near Bluff Lake. He apparently had killed himself.

BRITISH FARM POVERTY LAID TO POOR METHODS

London, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Antiquated methods of production and distribution are keeping British farmers poor, according to the report of a government committee to study farm conditions. Co-operative marketing was urged in the report as the remedy for the farmers' complaint that the prices they received and the price the consumers paid were too divergent. Standardization of products also was advocated in the report.

AUTO ARRESTS ON DECREASE

Fines Collected During Past Year Aggregate \$28,761.15

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Fines collected through the activities of the state traffic officers operating under the direction of the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department during 1923 aggregated \$28,761.15. This was set out in the annual report of the traffic department completed here by T. A. Raffety, chief inspector. Fees totaled \$33,429.63.

The report indicates that the traffic officers covered 247,996 miles and made 1576 arrests. For speeding there were a total of 626 arrests, while intoxicated drivers taken into custody numbered 46. Approximately 125 drivers were arrested on charges of switching licenses, and 42 others were held for improper use of dealers' permits. Seventy-five operators were found who were unable to produce a driver's license. In eight cars the officers found intoxicating liquors.

WILL SELL WESTERN HOTEL

Group of Local Business Men Plan Removal of Structure

An auction sale at which the Western hotel building and furniture will be sold, will be held next Monday afternoon, February 25. The building is to be removed and the site held until someone with sufficient capital to build a modern hotel desires to purchase the property. A group of local business men went together and purchased the building and the property with the intention of removing the old structure which is unoccupied and which forms an unattractive spot along Sixth street.

The Western hotel is one of the older buildings of the city. Numerous attempts have been made to operate it in the past few years but all have proven unsuccessful due to the fact that the accommodations at the other hotels were far superior. Suitable time will be given the purchaser of the structure to remove it. The lot will then be cleaned up and held. It is thought that it will not be more than two years before the location is desired for hotel purposes and it will not be released for any other business, it is understood.

SIR HORACE PLUNKETT



Sir Horace Plunkett, the noted Irish leader, who is now in the United States resting from political cares. He recently resigned from the Irish senate.

DAUGHERTY IS SAID TO HAVE DEALT IN OIL

REPORT THAT ATTORNEY - GENERAL HAS BOUGHT AND SOLD STOCK MADE

CHECK-UP HAS BEEN STARTED

Brokers' Books Will Be Looked Into—Matter Has Been Laid Before President, Says Senator

Washington, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—A report that Attorney General Daugherty has bought and sold Sinclair oil stock, is under investigation by the senate oil committee. Such a report was submitted by a special investigator, and was laid before the committee in executive session. A check-up of the brokers' books, to establish whether it is true, is in progress. Senator Wheeler, democrat, of Montana, author of the resolution proposing an investigation of the Daugherty administration said today that he understood information indicating that Daugherty had dealt in Sinclair stocks has been laid before the president.

CHARLES A. GORDON TO RUN

Will Seek Republican Nomination for Josephine Sheriff

A third candidate for the nomination for sheriff in Josephine county made his appearance today when Chas. A. Gordon announced his intention of entering the race. Mr. Gordon is a registered republican and has been a resident of Grants Pass for the past two years. During the past year he has been associated with Gray & Harbeck at the City Market.

As one of his qualifications which fit him for the office he is seeking, Mr. Gordon states that prior to coming to Grants Pass, he was deputy sheriff of Judith Basin county, Stanford, Montana. He resigned that position when he came to Grants Pass to make his home. One substantial plank in his platform is "law enforcement in its fullest extent."

GEORGE BOOTH IS MADE MEMBER OF SIGMA DELTA CHI

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 21.—(Special)—George Booth, of Grants Pass, junior in chemical engineering, has been initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, men's honorary journalistic fraternity. The other neophytes were George Couper and Arthur Schoenfeldt, both of Portland.

As part of their requirements for pre-initiation, the neophytes entertained the student body Wednesday with several humorous sketches and addresses.

ATTACK LAID TO NEIGHBOR

Aged Man Found Seriously Wounded Near Burning Home

Seattle, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Joshua Mummey, the aged man found yesterday wounded by axe blows near his burning home, told the officers today that a neighbor had made the attack. Mrs. Mummey is missing.

Seattle, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—A body, believed to be that of Mrs. Laura Mummey, was found today in the basement of her home north of this city, which was burned down yesterday and near which her husband was found, seriously wounded.

STAR OWNERS START SUIT

Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush Allege Vanderlip Slandered Them

New York, Feb. 20.—(A. P.)—Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush, owners of the Marion Star, today sued rank A. Vanderlip for \$600,000, alleging slander and libel as a result of his Ossing utterances.

ASH CAN TOBOGGANS ARE USED WHEN SLEDS TAKEN

Salt Lake City, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The ingenuity of youth will not be crushed. Salt Lake police in their efforts to cut down coasting accidents confiscated a patrol load of sleds along the avenues on the North Bench, which had provided nearly a mile of brick sledding on many streets and resulted in numerous serious injuries and three fatalities. This week "garbage can" tobogganing made its initial bow on the hilly North Bench, when scores of youngsters seized galvanized cans, ash cans, wash-tubs and other refused receptacles—and coasting was in full swing again.

PREDICTS PROSPERITY FOR EMERALD ISLE

London, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—An era of prosperity for Ireland is dawning, says Richard D. Trotter, head of the Provincial Bank of Ireland, and furthermore Irish bankers are ready to stand behind the Free State in its policy for the complete reconstruction of Ireland. In speaking recently before a meeting of London bankers, Mr. Trotter said: "The gratifying response to the issue of the Irish Free State Loan has supplied a most encouraging evidence of a growing spirit of confidence in the stability of the Free State and its government, and that feeling will be carried further when due importance is attached to the assurances of the president and his responsible ministers of their intention effectively to regulate state expenditure and income until the national budget is balanced."

VANDERLIP WELCOMES SUIT

Reply Made to \$600,000 Libel Suit of Marion Star Owners

New York, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Frank A. Vanderlip, replying today to the \$600,000 libel suit against him by the owners of the Marion Star, declared he welcomed the suit and expressed hope that it would be the forerunner of "court proceedings that would make public some of the news that the great newspapers did not see fit to print."

J. G. French, of Roseburg, was among the business visitors in Grants Pass today.

PORTLAND MAN IS NAMED

W. C. Culbertson Will Succeed Spencer of Vets' Commission

Salem, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—W. C. Culbertson, Portland hotel owner, today was named by the governor to succeed Arthur C. Spencer, Portland attorney, as a member of the World War Veterans' State Aid Commission. Spencer resigned on account of the press of private business.

CHINA HAD STONE AGE PERIOD

Recent Discoveries Lead to Establishment of Ancient Period

Stockholm, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Discoveries made in China by J. G. Anderson, a Swedish scientist, establishes in his belief that China had a stone age. At Fengtien, the expedition headed by Professor Anderson, excavated a cave about eight by 18 feet. In it were found bones from about 40 human bodies and a large number of objects, none of which was of metal.

The objects included arrowheads, stone axes, bone awls, curious stone rings and a tiny piece of animal sculpture made of marble, fragments of remarkable vessels, some with pressed geometrical patterns and others with a polished red surface ornamented boldly in black. Professor Anderson dates the cave to the transition between the stone age and the bronze age, or about 2,000-1,500 B. C.

Large collections of remains also were found at Yang Shao, including specimens of red and black ceramic objects similar to those found at Fengtien. Heretofore leading experts on Chinese history have held that there was no evidence of a stone age in China.

HARE KILLING BY DRY AGENTS BRINGS ACTION

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ON WAY TO GOLD BEACH ON CASE

MURDER CHARGE PREFERRED

Paul Mumpower Admits Shooting But Says It Was Done in Self Defense—Held Without Bail

Salem, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Miles H. McKee, assistant attorney general of Oregon, today is en route to Gold Beach to assist in the investigation of the killing of Lawrence Hare, in connection with which Paul Mumpower and Ed. Neal, state prohibition agents, are under arrest, charged with first degree murder. A message from Dr. J. W. Wheeler, physician, and James D. Fay, chairman of the chamber of commerce, alleged the prohibition agents were under the influence of liquor when the killing occurred.

Marshfield, Ore., Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Paul Mumpower and Ed. Neal, state prohibition agents, were taken from Coquille today by Sheriff Suntley to Gold Beach where they will be held without bail. A preliminary hearing was held Saturday. County Judge Wood, of Curry county, today fixed the charge at first degree murder. District Attorney Fisher, of Coos, was asked by State Prohibition Agent Cleaver and the attorney general to defend the men. Fisher said that Mumpower has admitted the shooting of Lawrence Hare but claimed the act was done in self defense.

COX WILLING TO MAKE RACE

Will Be Candidate If Party Desires, He Indicates

Miami, Florida, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—James M. Cox, while refusing to make a statement today on the Cleveland dispatches which state that a movement has started there for him as the democratic presidential candidate, gave out correspondence in which he declared that he had no inclination to enter the contest, but would acquiesce if the democracy of Ohio believed the principles for which he stands can be promoted by his candidacy.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—James M. Cox, democratic presidential candidate in 1920, and former governor of Ohio, contemplates entering the race for the presidential nomination again this year, it has developed here.

Twelve blank declarations bearing the signature of Mr. Cox, giving his consent to Cleveland delegates to the national democratic convention to use his name, were received here today by Thomas R. Brannon, treasurer of the democratic Cuyahoga county executive committee. The blanks were accompanied by a letter signed by Marie E. McCurrier, secretary to W. W. Durbin, chairman of the democratic state executive committee.

The letter dated February 19, contains reservations about holding the blanks until Mr. Cox should file formally his declaration of candidacy with secretary of state Thad Brown.

CAN'T FLIRT WITH HELLO GIRLS IN CHINESE CITY

Hong Kong, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—"Telephone subscribers who flirt over the wires with the 'hello girls' more than three times will have their numbers cancelled."

This, in effect, is a new order issued by the Director of the telephone services, who states that girls have been annoyed through subscribers making love to them over the telephone.

FORMER GOVERNOR IS DEAD AFTER ILLNESS

Portland, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Former Governor T. T. Geer died this afternoon after several days illness from paralysis.

DENY BRYAN CHARGE OF UNIVERSITY IMMORALITY

Syracuse, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Charges of William Jennings Bryan that American universities are bringing their students to "moral degradation" find no echo among the members of the faculty of Syracuse University.

"The modern student is essentially an idealist," said Louis Mitchell, dean of the college of science. "He may seem to balk at religion, but I am convinced he is sincerely religious."

TOOZE WILL STAND TRIAL

Governor Asks That Special Prosecutor Be Sent to Yamhill

Salem, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Governor Pierce has requested the attorney general to send a special prosecutor to Yamhill county to assist in the cases against Walter L. Tobze, Jr., and Templin, at the request of District Attorney Conners, of Yamhill county.

GENE CLINE WINS BOUT FROM HOQUIAM BOXER

Portland, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Gene Cline, of Oakland, Cal., won a 10-round decision over Ted Krache, of Hoquiam, last night.

FIVE KILLED IN STORMS

East Experiences Cold Wave Which Follows Snow and Sleet

New York, Feb. 21.—(A. P.)—Although almost the whole of the eastern section of the United States today was struggling along in slush, ranging from two to nine inches deep, which has caused five deaths, two in New York and three in Pittsburgh, weather predictions of the local United States meteorological bureau hold a still greater menace—a drop in temperature and snow. Heavy damage from yesterday's storm was being reported by many cities. Telegraph and telephone lines were badly crippled. Transportation systems were experiencing many delays and shipping up and down the Atlantic coast had been imperiled by strong gales that lashed the seas into a fury.

CONDITION OF JAPANESE EMPEROR IS "NO WORSE"

Tokio, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Because his majesty the emperor of Japan was unable to attend the recent wedding of the Prince Regent, various reports of the approaching end of the emperor have been revived in Tokio. It has been stated with some authority, however, that his majesty is really in as good health as he has been for many months.

The emperor and empress were represented at the imperial wedding by officials, who bore messages from the imperial parents.

Among the extension experts who were here today to assist in the work were H. C. Seymour, club work; Paul V. Maris, general; N. C. Jamison, dairying; E. R. Jackson, crops; H. E. Crosby, poultry; H. A. Lindgren, livestock; L. J. Allen, club work; N. C. Maris, deputy food and dairy commissioner; Clayton L. Long, horticulture; A. G. Bouquet, vegetables.

The Friday morning group sessions will convene in their respective meeting places at 9:30 to resume the discussions.

Josephine County Acreage 1,047,680

	Per Acres Cent
Forest Reserve	506,631 48.3
Other non-taxable	252,163 24.1
Total land taxed	288,886 27.6
Total land in farms	97,297 9.3
Total improved non-irrigated	14,634 1.3
Total improved, irrigated	14,903 1.5

Total production \$838,000 as follows	
Fruits and nuts	\$210,000 25.0
Livestock	200,000 23.8
Dairy	125,432 15.0
Hay and forage	78,000 9.3
Cereals	102,000 12.2
Poultry	35,500 4.2
Vegetables	30,000 3.6
Wool	7,000 .8
Other crops	50,000 6.1

FARM MEETING OPENED TODAY IN JOSEPHINE

LARGE NUMBER OF FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN ARE ATTENDING SESSIONS

GROUPS TAKE UP PROBLEMS

Each Industry Is Taken up Consideration of Matters Concerning It. Will Make Reports

Josephine county's economic conference opened this morning at the court house with about 75 farmers and business men of the county in attendance. This conference is being held to organize the district to cooperate with the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college in working out a definite agricultural program for the state. Similar meetings are being held in all of the counties throughout the state. The sessions here started with a general meeting of all groups in the court room. Later the various groups met in the places assigned to them and took up the study of their own special problems. The conference will end tomorrow night with a banquet of the business men and farmers at the Presbyterian church.

C. E. Niles opened the meeting by saying that Oregon was the first state in the Union to go before the people with a definite program and the extension specialists were here with that program.

Paul V. Maris, director of extension, further carried out the idea that each division should adhere to the fixed program in order to get the results desired for effective accomplishment. The work outlined is constructive and this will outdo previous conferences. It is necessary on account of war and consequent conditions to change the program of farming and consider the farm problems in their entirety under the changed conditions. Catalogue production and use this catalogue for guidance, he said. The world war broke the equilibrium and changed all precedent and it is now necessary to begin to adjust agricultural production in a new and different way.

Josephine county and southern Oregon have peculiar marketing conditions and is not a sufficiency in itself to care for and consume what is raised and this question requires consideration for the well being of the crop raiser here, he stated.

County Agent Howell read the assignments and committees in charge and then called attention to two charts he had prepared to show those present what must be taken into account by the citizens and taxpayers residing within the county.

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MRS. F. B. KELLOGG



Latest portrait of Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg, wife of the American ambassador to Great Britain.