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SAPIRO-FORD SUIT RESULTS IN MISTRIAL

Detroit, Mich.—Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford and the automobile manufacturer's weekly, the Dearborn Independent, fell by the wayside when Federal Judge Fred M. Raymond declared a mistrial.

He held with the Ford attorneys that the jury had been contaminated by newspaper publication of an interview with a juror, Mrs. Cora Hoffman.

"Apparently this case must fall at this time," the court regretfully announced. "It falls to a large extent because justice has been crucified upon the cross of unethical and depraved journalism."

He discharged the jury and immediately called John A. Baxter, acting federal district attorney, and instructed him to investigate and if his findings warranted, file contempt proceedings against the publishers of the Detroit Times, the reporter who interviewed Mrs. Hoffman and any others involved in the publication of her statement in that newspaper.

TIGHTEN ALIEN BARS

Canadians Will Be Affected by New Immigration Order.

Washington, D. C.—Immigration agents were instructed by Secretary Davis of the labor department to regard aliens regularly crossing the border as immigrants and to issue identification cards to such of them as might qualify for regular admission.

The new regulations, which will affect principally the Canadian border stipulate that the foreign-born naturalized residents of Canada, Mexico or Cuba, who seek regular admission, will be required to obtain passports from their country of birth unless they have established rights to enter the United States by the length of time during which they have exercised the privilege of crossing the border.

Cold Hits Mid-West Truck Farms.

Chicago, Ill.—Littering winter touched with icy fingers fruit and truck farms of the middle west and the damage was reported heavy. The valuable Ozark mountain districts were the heaviest sufferers, a report from Joplin, Mo., by the secretary of the Ozark Fruit Growers' association placing the loss to orchards and truck beds at \$2,000,000. The frost was general in the apple sections of Missouri but many of the late fall products were not hard hit as blossoming had not progressed far.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.41; hard white, \$1.38; federation, soft white, western white, hard winter northern spring, \$1.35; western red \$1.32. Hay—Alfalfa, \$20@20.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@22. Butterfat—43c. Eggs—Ranch, 19@22c. Cheese—Tillamook, triplets, 25 1/2c; loaf, 26 1/2c per lb. Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.85@10.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.75@11.50. Sheep—Lamb, medium to choice, \$11.50@13.50. Seattle. Wheat—Soft white, western white, Big Bend dark northern spring, \$1.38; hard winter, western red, \$1.36; west ern spring, Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.37; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.42. Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22. Butter—Creamery, 45c. Eggs—Ranch, 25@28c. Hogs—Good, \$12.15@12.25. Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.50@10.50. Cheese—Cream bricks, 25@26c; triplets, 26c; loaf, 26c. Spokane. Hogs—Good, \$11.50@11.65. Cattle—Steers, good, \$9@9.75.

MISSISSIPPI DELTA FLOODS DISASTROUS

Secretary Hoover Directs Relief Work in Stricken District.

Memphis, Tenn.—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover arrived as President Coolidge's representative in the direction of relief work for the flood stricken Mississippi valley.

Mississippi and Arkansas presented the greatest relief need. Louisiana was threatened as the flood crest moved southward.

Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Kansas apparently had solved their flood problems. Missouri was caring for some 10,000 refugees satisfactorily.

The death list, known to embrace at least 100, mounted as news trickled in from stricken districts. Official estimates placed the probable death toll in the Mississippi delta area at 200. The fate of many others in the far flung sectors was doubtful.

Thousands had been rescued from perilous situations while other thousands were reported still marooned. Throughout the flooded valley fleets of boats were taking refugees from levee tops, tree and housetops, knolls, Indian mounds and upper stories of dwellings.

With more than 100,000 persons already homeless and refugee camps swelling almost hourly in population, grave fears were felt by officials for inhabitants of the delta country between Greenville and Vicksburg.

NEWS CAMERAMEN PERISH IN WAVES

Longview, Wash.—Three motion picture cameramen were drowned at Bunker Hill cliff, at Oak Point, 12 miles west of Longview, when a mighty wave in the Columbia river engulfed the men they were grinding away at a 30,000-pound powder blast which lifted the entire face of the cliff into the river.

The dead are: T. G. "Shorty" Randolph, of the International News Reel, Seattle; his brother, F. H. Randolph, also of Seattle and of the same company, and Arthur Bassett, 24, of Longview, an amateur cameraman.

Mrs. T. G. Randolph was present and witnessed the death of her husband and brother in law.

Bassett and his wife lived at Longview. His parents, it is understood, live near Castle Rock. All the bodies were found within approximately 200 feet of each other and the rock from which they were swept by the wave.

IDAHO LOWER HOUSE CUT

10 Counties Lose Representative Each, Due to Light Vote.

Boise, Idaho.—According to figures compiled by Fred E. Lukens, secretary of state, ten counties, including Ada, each will lose one member of the lower house when the 20th legislature convenes in January, 1929, because the voters failed to go to the polls last November.

Under the state apportionment law, each county gets one representative for each 2500 votes or major fraction thereof, and one the basis of the vote in 1924, a presidential year. Ada county was entitled to five; Bannock, Canyon and Twin Falls to four; Kootenai to three, and Bingham, Bonner, Cassia, Fremont and Idaho to two each. At the next election, due to indifference of voters last November, each will lose one representative and the legislative body will be smaller by 10 than it was in 1927.

Brief Moratorium Declared in Japan.

Tokio.—Emperor Hirohito signed a moratorium edict sanctioning suspension of payments throughout Japan proper for three weeks, as a means of meeting the financial crisis. Business is expected to come to a virtual standstill, the banks only paying out sufficient funds to meet salaries and wages and checks up to 500 yen, or about \$250.

Catalina Swimmer Makes Record

San Pedro, Cal.—Byron Summers, 28-year-old Glendale swimmer, hung up a new record for swimming the San Pedro channel when he crossed the 20-odd mile passage in 13 hours and 35 minutes. Summers lowered the time of George Young, Canadian youth and winner of the Wrigley \$25,000 marathon last January, by 2 hours and 12 minutes.

Arizona Boy Defeats Charley Paddeck

Phoenix, Ariz.—John Francis Scott, 22-year-old senior in the University of Arizona, defeated Charley Paddeck in a special 220-yard dash at the Greenway field day met here, time 22 1/5 seconds. Scott led the world's champion by more than a yard.

ROY A. HAYNES



Roy A. Haynes returned to power in the federal prohibition service when Secretary of the Treasury Mellon appointed him acting prohibition commissioner to head the newly created dry bureau.

STATE DEMANDS SHARE OF U. S. TAX REFUND

Salem, Or.—Suit to compel Marion county to pay to the state \$24,559.41, which the state claims is its share of approximately \$111,000 received by Marion county under the Oregon & California land grant tax refund law, was filed in the circuit court here by I. H. VanWinkle, attorney-general. It was said that the outcome of this suit would affect all of the 18 Oregon counties which participated in the tax refund.

A tabulation prepared by the attorney-general and other state officials shows that the aggregate tax refund under the congressional act is \$6,000,000. Of this amount the state contends it is entitled to receive \$1,349,391. The tabulation also showed that in event the state prevails in the suit 25 of the 36 counties in Oregon would benefit by the decree.

These 25 counties are those in eastern Oregon, which has none of the railroad grant lands, and seven western Oregon counties, which contain a part of the grant lands and share in the government refund. Failure of the state to prevail in the proceeding would prove beneficial to 11 of the grant land counties.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Americans are the cleanest people in the world, according to the department of commerce.

March automobile production in the United States amounted to 356,721 cars, as compared with 422,728 during the same month last year.

A political training school for women has been opened in Washington, D. C., by the League of Republican Women of the District of Columbia.

Hugh Gibson, minister to Switzerland, will head America's delegation to the three-power naval arms conference. The conference will be held at Geneva in June.

High Cantonese sources are authority for the statement that Michael Borodin, the Russian citizen who has acted as adviser to the Cantonese regime at Hankow, is on his way out of China.

U. S. Navy Pilot Sets New Record.

Washington, D. C.—A new world's speed record for seaplanes carrying the specified 1102-pounds was made by Lieutenant S. W. Callaway of the navy, flying a Vought Corsair observation plane on a 25-kilometer course at Hampton Roads, Va. He averaged 147.263 miles an hour for 100 kilometers, eclipsing the former record by approximately 21 miles an hour.

Withdrawal of Smith and McAdoo Up

New York.—The New York Times and the World, supporters of Governor Smith, say that the leaders of the democratic party have seriously discussed circulation of a round robin among leaders of the party calling upon both Smith and William C. McAdoo to withdraw as candidates for the presidential nomination.

Washington Diking Act Upheld.

Olympia, Wash.—Constitutionality of the diking district act was upheld by the supreme court in affirming the Skagit county superior court's dismissal of action brought by F. A. Jones and wife to prevent issuance of bonds by diking district No. 23 and to have the organization of the district declared void.

Walla Walla Fruit Loss to Be Heavy

Walla Walla, Wash.—Estimates made by horticultural experts in this section indicate that as the result of the recent freeze the prune crop will be about 200 cars in comparison to a normal 1200; that apples will suffer about a 50 per cent loss, while apricots and cherries will be a total loss.

RURAL POPULATION GROWING SMALLER

All Sections of the Country Show Movement from Farms to Cities.

Washington, D. C.—A decrease of 649,000 persons in the farm population of the United States during the last year, the largest decrease in any year since 1920, was announced by the department of agriculture.

The department estimated that 27,892,000 persons were living on farms on January 1, 1927, as compared with 28,541,000 on January 1, 1926, and 28,982,000 in 1925, as shown by the federal agricultural census of that year.

The movement of population from farms to cities was estimated at 2,155,000 persons for last year, while 1,135,000 moved to farms, making a net movement of 1,020,000 persons away from farms.

Births on farms during the year were estimated at 658,000 and deaths at 287,000, leaving a natural increase of 371,000, which reduced the loss due to the cityward movement to 49,000.

All geographic sections showed net decreases in farm population. In New England the net loss was 15,000; in the middle Atlantic states 40,000; in the east north central states 102,000; in the west north central states 97,000; in the south Atlantic states 138,000; in the east south central states 77,000; in the west south central states 142,000; in the mountain states 24,000, and in the Pacific states 14,000.

HARTLEY REFUSES FURNITURE VOUCHERS

Olympia, Wash.—As an aftermath to Governor Hartley's refusal to sign contracts totaling \$510,000 last fall for purchase of capitol furniture, the two other members of the capitol committee said here that the executive had declined to sign vouchers amounting to \$18,717 for furniture delivered. The other committee members are Land Commissioner Savidge and State Auditor Clausen.

Attorney-General Dunbar has advised the governor that he has no recourse but to sign the vouchers, Auditor Clausen said.

The furniture contracts were let by Auditor Clausen and Land Commissioner Savidge, with the former signing them as "acting chairman." Governor Hartley protested that the state was paying exorbitant prices and that the contracts were not let on a just basis.

Should the governor continue to refuse to sign the vouchers, mandamus action is contemplated by the firms involved, it was declared.

REDUCE SHINGLE RATES

Washington, Montana, Idaho and Oregon Benefit on Cuts.

Washington, D. C.—Present freight rates on lumber, shingles, posts and siding from points in Idaho, Montana and Washington to certain destinations in Nebraska were found unreasonable in a decision of the interstate commerce commission.

The commission ordered reduction in shingle rates from coast point to Gordon Irwin, Merriman and Eli, Neb., from 73 1/2 to 74 1/2 cents per 100 pounds to 70, 71, and 73 cents; reduction of lumber rates between the same points from 62 1/2 cents to 58-61 cents; reduction of shingle rates from the Oregon and Spokane districts from 71 to 66 1/2-69 1/2 cents and on lumber from those groups from 54 1/2-59 cents to 54 1/2-57 1/2 cents.

Historic Apple Tree in Bloom.

Vancouver, Wash.—The historic Hudson's bay apple tree, 101 years old, grown from a seed carried from London in the pocket of a young subaltern of the Hudson's Bay company, is a mass of pink bloom and was a leading attraction. The first fruit from the old apple tree was served by Dr. John McLoughlin, Hudson's Bay factor, to his guests at a banquet, nearly a century ago.

Superior, Wis., School Strike Goes On

Superior, Wis.—The Central high school student strike, precipitated by the dismissal of Miss Lulu J. Dickinson, veteran member of the teaching staff, finished its third week with opposing factions apparently at greater odds than ever. One thousand strikers and their parents at a mass meeting voted unanimously for an "orderly continuance" of the strike.

Two Women Die in Plane Crash.

Vancouver, Wash.—Two women, passengers, were killed and the pilot, Danny Grecco, injured seriously when a commercial plane crashed on the railroad tracks near Vancouver post polo field. The dead are Miss Harriet Franklin and Mrs. Zola V. Schau, of Portland.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Salem's annual blossom day was celebrated last Sunday.

Enrollment in the Salem public schools has passed the 5000 mark for the first time in history.

Seaside will hold its annual celebration in observance of the opening of the beach season May 7.

La Grande's new \$25,000 ornamental street lighting system has been tested and found to be a success.

Roseburg's annual strawberry fiesta, May 27 and 28, will take the form of an old-fashioned street carnival this year.

Reedsport citizens, business and professional men turned out en masse last week to give the city an annual cleanup.

A two pound son was born last Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colcord, at their home on Villa road, near Newberg.

Mrs. L. L. Calloway was burned to death at her home in Sandlake, Tillamook county, Friday. She was 75 years old.

The city council of Bandon has been offered \$100,000 for the city's electric system by the Mountain States Power company.

Several hundred delegates were in Oregon City last week for the 37th annual convention of the Oregon State Christian Endeavor Union.

The Crater Lake National Park will be open from July 1 to September 10, according to recent announcement by the department of the interior.

The Eugene city council has voted to allow the Southern Pacific company to discontinue its street cars there and substitute motor busses.

H. Wilburn of Condon, who is drilling a well for Dan E. Flory on his mill property in Fossil struck red shale at a depth of 130 feet containing crude oil.

Nine buildings at Lehman Springs summer resort, in the Blue mountains, about 60 miles from Pendleton, were destroyed by fire last Friday night.

The Clackamas county division convention of the Oregon state teachers' association was held at the Sandy Union high school building last Saturday.

Eugene's mercury slipped down to a new April record last week, registering 27 degrees. It was the coldest April night on record at the local weather office.

A poultry packing plant will be established in Roseburg as soon as 100,000 producing hens can be signed up for the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers' association.

Three Seio men were injured, one severely, when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a milk truck on the Pacific highway north of Albany last week.

D. M. Klemsen, 70, owner of a filling station at Canemah, was injured fatally when he was struck by a Southern Pacific train as he was walking across the railroad tracks at Canemah.

The cornerstone of the new \$150,000 Columbia hospital, erected in Astoria by the Columbia Lutheran conference, was laid Sunday afternoon. The hospital will be in operation by June 15.

Immediate construction work on the Salmon river-Otis shortcut road to the coast was assured in McMinnville when the super-road district commission sold its first issue of \$125,000 in bonds.

The tribe of Klamath Indians will receive, early next week, a fortune of \$312,000, the first payment this year from reservation timber unit receipts. Each Indian will receive a check for \$250.

Fifty to 60 members are expected to be on the roster of the Curry County Game Protective association which was formed recently, following a meeting of the Port Orford chamber of commerce.

Announcement was made of the consolidation of the Commercial bank and the M. G. Young & Co. bank of Oakland. These two banks have worked in close harmony for several years and the officers recently decided that the interests of the community could best be served by merging the two concerns.

A class of 41 will be graduated from the Eugene Bible University this year, according to announcement by Dr. E. C. Sanderson, president. Baccalaureate services will be held May 29, and the commencement exercises the next day.

Thousands of acres of soft federation wheat plants were either drooping or flat on the ground in Umatilla county last week, following the freeze when the mercury dropped to 20 degrees, according to reports from the growers.

The state board of forestry at a meeting in Salem decided to cooperate with the Clackamas county fire patrol associations in the construction of an 85-foot steel lookout tower on Highland Butte, ten miles southeast of Oregon City.

Several coyote dens, yielding 34 pups and eight grown coyotes, were dug up by Stanley Jewett, predatory animal leader, and two hunters of the biological survey last week in a strip of territory five miles wide and 20 miles long between Arlington and Heppner.

The load limit on the Old Oregon Trail highway between La Grande and Pendleton was increased from 6500 to 10,000 pounds last week, according to Oscar Cutler of the state highway offices. In about two weeks it is expected that all load restrictions will be removed.

Shooting himself accidentally in the head with a rifle, R. W. Hinkle, 44, of Fall Creek, was killed instantly last Wednesday. Investigation showed that the man had slipped when attempting to go over a fence, and that the rifle caught and was discharged accidentally.

S. S. Laswell of Cottage Grove has been appointed deputy state bank examiner to take charge of the affairs of the wrecked Lane County State and Savings bank at Florence, succeeding B. B. Brundage of Eugene, who has had charge since a short time after the bank was closed.

What is expected to be one of the most important southern Oregon bodies was organized last week when representatives of the Medford chamber of commerce, the Fruit Growers' league and the Traffic association formed the Rogue River Valley Development association.

The informal opening of the new steel bridge across the Siletz river opened another section of the Roosevelt highway to automobile traffic last week. This section is about 20 miles and connects the Taft community with Yaquina bay ports and shortens the winter route to Toledo by about 150 miles.

Considerable interest is manifested at Medford in the reported strike of tin ore at the Golden Cross mine, 12 miles from Medford. It is reported that a 30-foot vein of the ore three-quarters of a mile in length has been exposed and that the metal analysis shows 98 per cent tin with a market value of \$80 per ton.

Charging that the Southern Pacific company and the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation company are fixing freight rates on certain farm products in excess of the rate allowed by the state public service commission, the commission recently began action to require the railway companies to reduce their rates.

Students of the Roseburg high school will collect data for the new directory which is to be issued soon, sponsored by the Roseburg Woman's club. The civics class first proposed to handle the canvass but the school decided to accept the task as a student body service to the community. Over 100 students have volunteered.

The cherry crop of southern Lane county was damaged to the extent of approximately 65 per cent by the frost last week, according to C. W. Steward, county fruit inspector, who made a survey of the southern Lane territory. The pear crop was scarcely hurt, he said, while the prune crop in sections was damaged about 10 to 25 per cent.

One logger was killed outright, another fatally injured, three seriously hurt, and more than 50 men escaped serious hurts or death when a "mulligan" car in which they were riding on the Noyes-Holland Logging company's railroad, 12 miles from Kerry, leaped the track, crashed along some distance down an embankment and turned over.

William Newmeyer, 35, traveling salesman, and Julianne Newmeyer, 31, both of Seattle, Wash., were killed when the big automobile in which they were riding hurtled off the summit of the Old Oregon Trail highway, a mile and a quarter west of Rufus, and tumbled over and over 350 feet down the almost sheer embankment into the gully.

Two men, John Blum of Cochran and James H. Brumette of Springfield, were killed during the past week in accidents subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act. Blum was a faller in a lumber camp and Brumette was a street worker. Further statistics contained in the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission indicate that there were 623 accidents during the week, subject to the compensation act.

The spring chinook season on the Umpqua river closed last Tuesday, a complete failure. Reedsport canneries report a total catch of six to eight tons, thus making one of the poorest seasons in the history of fishing.

Founders day at Champoeg park will be held Saturday, May 7, according to announcement made by Judge Darcy, pioneer of 1855 and past president of the Oregon Pioneer association. The celebration will mark the 84th anniversary of the birth of Oregon.