

NEVADA TREASURER ALLEGED TO BE SHORT

Three of State's Well Known Citizens Charged With Embezzlement.

Reno, Nev.—Three of Nevada's best known citizens spent Sunday in jail, two of them looking from their cell window out across the main street of the capitol to the state house, formerly scene of their employment at Carson City. They are Ed Malley, state treasurer; George A. Cole, ex-state controller, and H. C. Clapp, ex-cashier of the Carson Valley bank. The three are charged with embezzlement.

The men are involved in one of the most clever schemes, according to investigators, possible to devise. Through their alleged machinations they are alleged to have embezzled \$516,322.16 from the state or the bank. It is not decided which will be the ultimate loser.

A feature of the operations with which the men are charged was that all the alleged transactions were of a nature that they would not be discovered by a bank examiner or qualified accountant until something broke the combination. That occurred when Clapp was discharged as cashier of the Carson Valley bank. His discharge had no bearing on the case, it was authoritatively stated.

A large sum passed through the Carson Valley bank each year. All collections for taxes, fees and other items are paid by check, sent through the mail as a rule. The universal confidence accorded Malley and the bank is declared to have been the basis for the transactions, under which allegedly fictitious cashier's checks were placed in the state treasury.

The men were arrested on a complaint sworn by Governor Balzar.

HIGHWAY CHAIRMAN SUES FOR RECORDS

Olympia, Wash.—Difficulties of the state highway committee were brought to the state supreme court in a mandamus action instituted by the attorney-general against Roland H. Hartley, as governor of the state and ex-officio member of the highway committee, and Samuel J. Humes, as state highway engineer, requiring them to return to C. W. Clausen, chairman of the highway committee, or to allow access to books, records, documents, papers, minute books and unopened bids of highway contractors which they are charged with wrongfully having in their possession or under their control.

The respondents were notified that Friday, May 20, at 10 A. M., "or as soon thereafter as counsel could be heard," was set for the application for the peremptory writ of mandate.

The action was based on affidavits of W. G. Potts, state treasurer, and C. W. Clausen, state auditor, ex-officio members of the committee, alleging that minutes of the highway committee meeting on May 3 at which George T. McCoy was elected secretary and C. W. Clausen chairman, and bids of firms seeking contracts for state highway work to be awarded on that day, were carried away.

Attorney-General Dunbar and Assistant Attorney-General Donley will represent the highway committee in the supreme court action.

SET UP NEW WHEAT BUREAU

International Conference Takes Step of Importance.

Kansas City.—The international wheat pool conference at its closing session here voted to establish a permanent international bureau of cooperative marketing to act as a clearing house for statistical information and the development of plans.

Delegates considered the establishment of this bureau the first step toward world co-ordination in pool wheat selling.

C. H. Burnell, Winnipeg, chairman of the conference, urged the United States co-operatives to sign 60 per cent of the wheat production as soon as possible.

California Japanese Schools Win.

Sacramento, Cal.—Restrictions against private foreign language schools, imposed by the state legislature in 1921, were held to be in violation of the constitution of the United States, in an opinion handed down by Attorney-General Webb. Approximately 700 schools, involving 500 teachers, are affected by the attorney-general's opinion. Fully three-fourths of these are Japanese schools.

Canada Allows Motor Tourist 90 Days

Ottawa, Ont.—Regulations extending to 90 days the period for which motor tourists may remain in Canada without deposit of cash bonds have been placed in effect by the Canadian customs department.

AL JENNINGS



Al Jennings, former Oklahoma outlaw, who has been elected mayor of Crescent City, Cal.

ABERDEEN BANKER MUST FACE CHARGES

Montesano, Wash.—Two informations charging W. J. Patterson, ex-manager and cashier of the now insolvent Hayes & Hayes bank of Aberdeen with receiving money on deposit in an insolvent bank were filed in superior court here by Prosecuting Attorney A. M. Wade. A warrant was issued and bail set at \$2500 in each case by Judge Campbell. It is expected that Patterson will be arrested immediately.

Penalty for the offense charged in case of conviction is imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.

Patterson has been the outstanding financial figure of Grays harbor for many years and has been active in most of the industrial and commercial development.

REFUGEES TOTAL 338,000

Number Expected to Pass 350,000 Very Shortly.

Memphis, Tenn.—Flood sufferers receiving aid from the Red Cross in the seven states affected by the disastrous Mississippi valley inundations, numbered 338,000 with the Louisiana figures still incomplete.

New evacuations are going forward in the face of rising waters along several rivers in south central Louisiana and the list of the needy is expected to reach 350,000 soon.

The total of vaccinations for typhoid reached 119,000 persons, with those for smallpox 108,000.

Ten Dead in Kansas Tornado

Hutchinson, Kan.—Ten are known to be dead and probably a hundred or more are injured as a result of the tornadoes which swept northeastward through Barbe, Kingman, Reno and McPherson counties last week. Probably 800 residences along the path of the twisters were damaged. Many of them were completely demolished while an enormous amount of damage was done otherwise.

Canadian Farmers Mostly Owners.

Ottawa, Ont.—More than 85 per cent of all the farms in Canada are owned outright by those who live on them, according to a bulletin issued by the dominion bureau of statistics.

U. S. Aide in China Found Embezzler

Shanghai.—Lenoard Husar, former United States district attorney in China, was found guilty of embezzlement and despoliation of government property.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.51; hard white, \$1.49; federation, soft white, western white and northern spring, \$1.44; hard winter, \$1.42; western red, \$1.41.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$20@20.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@22.

Butterfat—49c.

Eggs—Ranch, 19@22c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@10.15.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.00@10.85.

Sheep—Lamb, medium to choice, \$11@13.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, northern spring, \$1.46; hard winter, \$1.45; western red, \$1.44½; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.53; Big Bend dark northern spring \$1.48; Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.48.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.

Butter—Creamery, 42c.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@26c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.50@10.25.

Hogs—Good, \$10.50@10.60.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.50.

Hogs—Good, \$10.30@10.50.

PRAIRIE STATES ARE SWEEPED BY TWISTERS

Many Persons Killed and Property Damage Will Pass \$2,000,000.

St. Louis, Mo.—At least 50 persons were killed, more than 100 injured and property damaged more than \$2,000,000 by tornadoes and cyclonic winds, accompanied by downpours in some sections, that lashed the middle west and southwest over the week end.

Texas was hardest hit, with 25 deaths and a half hundred injured reported from tornadoes that struck Garland and Nevada.

In Missouri the tornado toll had reached 14 dead and an undetermined number of injured.

Kansas, where a tornado swept four counties Saturday night, reported 10 dead. In Iowa a woman was drowned when her motor car was swept into a ditch.

Twisters raged Sunday night in central, south and eastern Missouri. They struck at or near Auxvasse, New Bloomfield, Carrington, Eldon and Mexico, with a high wind at St. Louis. Loss of life was heaviest at Eldon, with six reported dead. Five were killed in the Auxvasse-New Bloomfield-Carrington area, two near Mexico in Callaway and Audrain counties and one at St. Louis.

Greatest property damage in Kansas was at Hutchinson, where the tornado swept through an industrial district and a poorer residential section, causing damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

High winds, rain and hailstorms extended from blizzard swept northern Rocky Mountain states to the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa. The disturbance reached its climax near North Platte, Neb., where a tornado razed buildings, but no one was known to have been killed or seriously injured.

INDORSE IDAHO NORTH AND SOUTH RAIL LINE

Portland, Or.—Impetus was given the movement having as its objective issuance by the interstate commerce commission of an order to the Union Pacific system to construct water-grade rail connection between Homestead, Or., and Lewiston, Idaho.

Officials of Idaho and Washington and civic delegations from those states and Oregon, met at the Portland Chamber of Commerce and perfected an organization which will, it is contemplated, institute a new action with the federal commission requesting the rail extension.

Public service commissions of the three Pacific northwest states will be requested to father the complaint before the interstate commerce commission.

Washington and Idaho commissions have agreed to co-operate. A special committee was named to wait upon the Oregon commission and request its participation.

Twenty-nine persons, 11 of them officials of Washington and Idaho, came to Portland for the meeting.

OWYHEE IS FAVORED

Plan Outlined at Conference Subject to Approval by Mr. Work.

Portland, Ore.—Colonization of the 80,000 acres of the Owyhee reclamation project in Oregon will be undertaken by the government, providing land owners will agree to the terms stipulated by the government. Attracting settlers will not cost the land owners a penny and by placing the sale under control of the government all suspicion of speculation in values by owners will be eliminated. Thus one of the big handicaps to making reclamation projects successful will be surmounted, thanks to the efforts of Uncle Sam.

Such was the proposal made by Dr. Elwood Mead, United States commissioner of reclamation, to a delegation of Owyhee land owners at a meeting here. Dr. Mead explained that the proposition is subject, of course, to approval of Secretary Work of the department of the interior, his chief.

Hudson Maxim is Taken by Death.

Hoptacong, N. J.—Hudson Maxim, who invented smokeless powder, the Maxim silencer, detonating fuses for armor plated projectiles and other devices which have contributed to the horrors of war and violent death, died peacefully in his bed recently, at the age of 74 years. Maxim was the victim of anaemia.

Smallpox Shows Gain in United States

New York.—The American Association for Medical Progress announced that the United States for the year 1925 reported more cases of smallpox than any other country outside of Asia, although the percentage was less than that of 1925. Only two states, Rhode Island and Vermont, were entirely free from the disease last year.

JOHN K. DAVIS



John K. Davis, American consul, who was rescued with his family and other Americans in the recent fighting at Nanking, China.

BRITAIN OBJECTS TO MELLON LETTER

Washington, D. C.—The state department advised the British government that the United States regards the recent correspondence between Secretary Mellon and President Hibben of Princeton university on war debts as a "purely domestic discussion and does not desire to engage in any formal diplomatic exchanges on the subject."

The views of the Washington government was contained in a note transmitted to the British embassy. It was in reply to a note handed the department by the British charge d'affaires, acting in the absence from Washington of Ambassador Howard, which challenged the accuracy of a statement by Mr. Mellon that Great Britain's debt payments to the United States would not constitute a drain on British economic resources.

The statement of the treasury secretary was a part of a letter written by him to Dr. Hibben in reply to the contention of members of the Princeton and Columbia university faculties that there should be a revision of the debt settlements.

London.—Expressing great misgiving because of the divergence of opinion and estrangement of sentiment growing up in regard to the war debts, the British government, in a note to the United States, challenged the accuracy of the statement March 17 by Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the United States treasury, that Great Britain's debt payments to the United States will not constitute a drain on British economic resources.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

A congressional delegation will make a week's tour of inspection of the flooded area of the Mississippi valley beginning May 29.

Herbert F. Lemp, mayor of Boise, Idaho, and crack polo player, died from head injuries suffered in a practice polo game.

The American Legion will have exclusive use of the liner Leviathan to carry its members to the Paris convention next September, if it can secure enough passengers by June 10 to justify the trip.

Denver was officially awarded the James Gordon Bennett balloon races for 1927. The international event, with entrants from the United States, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, England and Switzerland, will be staged September 10.

Thirty warships, representing eight nations and manned by 8687 officers and men exclusive of marines, are stationed at Shanghai at present, according to the North China Herald. This force is supplemented by 16,000 land troops guarding the boundaries of the international settlement.

Corporate Bank Holdings Sanctioned.

Washington, D. C.—Corporate holdings of National bank stock by state banking institutions has been sanctioned by the treasury because it does not come under the ban of the national bank act. J. M. McIntosh, controller of the currency, declared in answering a complaint of Chairman McPadden of the house banking and currency committee that such ownership was a "vicious form of chain banking." He had requested the controller to prevent further development of this practice.

Eugene Meyer Heads Farm Loan.

Washington, D. C.—Eugene Meyer and his colleagues on the war finance corporation were named by President Coolidge as members of the federal farm loan board. Reorganization of that agency will be effected.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The state land department during April paid over to the state treasurer the sum of \$117,692.77.

A school budget of \$54,350 was approved at a meeting of taxpayers at Cottage Grove last week.

The Rainier cannery started operations last Tuesday and it is announced that it will run steadily throughout the season.

Building permits calling for construction worth \$125,800 were issued in La Grande during April, bringing the year's total to \$671,005.

Elmer Watson, 33, was killed instantly when struck by a rigging chain while working at the Brix Logging company, near Holbrook.

Several hundred members of the Order of De Molay were in Salem last week from all parts of the state, attending the annual state convention.

Charles Steed, 65, son of a pioneer Oregon family, died at The Dalles hospital last week from spotted fever, believed to have started from a tick bite.

John C. Veatch of Portland was reappointed a member of the Oregon state fish commission last week. He has served on the commission since 1924.

Receipts at the Eugene postoffice in April this year gained 14 per cent over those of the same period last year, according to D. E. Loren, postmaster.

Trapshooters from all parts of the northwest were in attendance at Hillsboro to participate in the annual Oregon trapshooting championship tournament last week.

The steadily lessening band of Oregon pioneers gathered at the state shrine at Champoeg, on the Willamette river in Marion county, in annual commemoration of Founders' day.

More than 300,000 year-old trout were planted by the Oregon state game commission during April, says the monthly report of Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries.

Glen Bowen, 34, Silverton, ex-service man, was killed instantly on the highway a mile west of Silverton when he stepped from behind a parked car into the path of an approaching automobile.

Work was completed last week by Crater national forest employees in the Innaha district near Prospect where 500 acres of burned-over land was planted with 2-year-old Douglas fir trees.

Ralph Russell, 23, was killed instantly near Cushman last week, when a dead tree fell and struck him on the head. He was employed by the Duncan Slough Lumber company as logger.

Carl Greve, Portland, was elected president of the Oregon Jewelers' association, which held its 20th annual convention in Corvallis last week. Portland was chosen as the 1923 convention city.

Mrs. Mabel Steele Endrup of Halfway, Baker county, died from injuries received in an automobile accident when the machine plunged over a 12-foot embankment on the Baker-Cornucopia highway.

Dr. Thurston Laraway, formerly a physician at Vernonia, has been appointed Douglas county health officer succeeding Dr. Richard Thompson. Miss Helen Atwood of Salem is the new county nurse.

Asland clinched the western Oregon debating championship at Warrenton by winning a unanimous decision over Warrenton. The winner will meet the eastern Oregon championship team for the state title.

After a shutdown of a year and a half the Anderson & Middleton camp at Culp creek will again be in operation within a few days and trainloads of logs will be coming to the company's mill in Cottage Grove.

The Western Fish Lift company, Portland, has been granted permission by the state fish commission to install an automatic fish elevator at the Oregon City falls, the work to be done under the supervision of Hugh C. Mitchell, superintendent of hatcheries. The new elevator is to be installed without cost to the commission and will not interfere with the fish way now in use at the falls.

The Oregon Agricultural college rifle team, which has just finished its season, has turned in a record of victories in 23 matches out of 29 fired. Matches were scheduled with teams all over the United States, which were recorded by telegraph.

Oregon now has 41 accredited high schools, according to the list received, following the recent meeting in Spokane of the Northwest Association of Secondary and High Schools, by E. F. Carleton, chairman of the Oregon commission on accrediting.

Official opening of the Oregon caves has been set for Sunday, May 15. A shovel has been at work all winter widening the caves highway and the state highway department has placed the road in excellent condition.

Approval by the state securities commission of a plan to construct an 18-inch steel syphon across Bear creek was requested by the Talent irrigation district in a letter received at the offices of the state engineer in Salem.

The Reedsport fishermen of the Umpqua river are anticipating one of the most prosperous shad seasons of several years. Approximately 150 fishermen with their boats and nets are awaiting May 10, the opening day.

Organization of the Lumbermens National bank of Bend, succeeding the First National bank which recently closed its doors, was announced in Bend last week. The Shelvin Hixon company subscribed 51 per cent of the \$100,000 capital stock now fully in.

For 61 years Elijah Davidson, 78-year-old pioneer of Josephine county and discoverer of the Oregon caves, has tended his trap line in the mountains surrounding William Creek valley, near Grants Pass. Last week he demonstrated that he still retains his "shooting eye," for he brought down a huge eight foot cougar with one shot.

Work was started last week on the oiling of The Dalles-California highway between Bend and Lava butte, a distance of ten miles. From the butte section, the oiling crews will be moved to the Bend-Sisters highway, where a light coat of oil is to be applied. Oiling of The Dalles-California highway in Jefferson county has been completed.

The first pheasants of the 1927 season were hatched in Pendleton last week at the eastern Oregon state game farm, and 4500 eggs are under hens and will hatch in the next few weeks. An additional 1000 pheasant eggs will be placed under incubation immediately. The hatching of wild turkeys has been successful and it is expected a large number will be released this year.

Returns on the state-wide election being conducted by the school children of the state in the selection of a state bird would indicate that the meadowlark was leading the other entries a merry race. Although in certain sections the bluebird leads, with the varied thrush carrying some of the rural precincts, the popularity of the meadowlark in the more populated sections makes this songster a favorite in the race.

At a board meeting of the Multnomah County Fair association in Gresham last week, the contract for the new fair building was let to Steel & Davis, contractors of Portland, who were the lowest bidders. Their bid was \$12,985. The structure will be a club building for the boys' and girls' club exhibits and domestic science work. It will be 70x100 feet, of concrete and tile construction, with stucco finish and cement floor.

A full month's delay in trout egg-taking operations has been experienced by the hatchery department of the state game commission, according to the report for April just issued by Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent. Heavy snow and ice are held responsible. As yet the ice has not broken up on Diamond lake, the best source for rainbow trout eggs in the state, but preparations are being made to rush the work once the ice is gone.

Lumber shipments and orders continue well above the level of production, according to the report of 72 mills by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, for the week ended April 30. Production during the week totaled 71,977,124 feet of lumber, against 62,459,044 feet produced during the previous week. New business or orders received amounted to 76,699,151 feet, against 78,011,872 feet for the week ending April 23. Shipments of lumber for the week reported on amounted to \$7,369,292 feet, as compared with shipments of \$9,714,250 feet for the previous week.

The state board of higher curricula has approved the addition of three major curricula to the college courses to be offered next year. The board also added 17 new courses, expanded 15 more and discontinued or consolidated 15 others in approving recommended changes in instructional work. Major curricula in agricultural engineering, lumber manufacture, and real estate are the new ones approved by the board, though only the last named required the addition of important new courses. All of these curricula are found in the leading colleges in this country though this is their first introduction into this state.

Berry growers in the vicinity of Canby report that frost early in the season did some damage to the blossoms and that the strawberry crop is likely to be very light this season.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association, which annually cans many tons of string beans, has announced to the growers that none but beans-grown on irrigated land will hereafter be accepted, according to F. E. Price, extension specialist in irrigation and drainage at the Oregon Agricultural college.