

OREGON TRUNK MAY BUILD TO KLAMATH

Interstate Commerce Commission Authorizes Extension of Line from Bend.

Washington, D. C. — Withdrawing practically all the conditions it had sought to impose upon railroads contemplating new construction in central Oregon, the interstate commerce commission authorized the Oregon Trunk and the Southern Pacific to proceed with building operations which have been in controversy between them for several years.

The commission specifically gave the Oregon Trunk authority to build from Bend to Klamath Falls, provided it began work before June 17.

It also gave the Oregon, California & Eastern, which the Southern Pacific has tentatively acquired, permission to proceed with extensions it has planned, and relieved it from the necessity of tendering joint use of its tracks to the Oregon Trunk.

Holding that construction of the extension from Bend by the Great Northern alone is obviously less desirable than if the service is performed in conjunction with the Northern Pacific, each road being half owner of the Oregon Trunk, the commission denies the application for separate construction recently presented by President Budd of the Great Northern, without prejudice to its right later on to renew the application for construction of a line by itself or for acquisition or operation of the line to be constructed by the Oregon Trunk under the plan now approved. This is to meet the contingency that the Northern Pacific will refuse, as part of the Oregon Trunk, to participate with the Great Northern in building into Klamath Falls.

NORTHERN LINES TO APPLY FOR MERGER

Portland, Or.—Applications for the merging of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways are now in course of preparation, and after being approved by the directors of the two companies will be submitted to the interstate commerce commission, said Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway, when interviewed here.

The time limit for the surrender of stock for the purpose of the merger expires immediately, Mr. Budd said.

The applications for permission to effect the consolidation, which would bring approximately 24,000 miles of track under the control of one gigantic company, would probably be filed with commission within the next two weeks, Mr. Budd said.

Under the merger plan, a new company would be organized to take over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle company and its subsidiaries, and the Spokane-Portland line would then proceed to lease the properties of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, combining all properties into one gigantic single unit.

AUTOMOBILES KILL 100,000

3,000,000 Hurt in Five Years in Road Accidents.

Washington, D. C.—More than 100,000 persons, a third of them school children, have been killed and more than 3,000,000 sent to hospitals by highway accidents in the last five years, according to a survey made public at the meeting here of the American Road Builders' association.

In excess of \$2,000,000,000 worth of property was damaged, said the report, which estimated that one casualty occurs on the roads every 42 seconds, with the accident menace steadily increasing.

Fatigue has caused more accidents than any other factor, it was declared, the report stating that carelessness and inattentive driving of automobiles in most cases is the result of fatigue. More accidents occur between 4:30 and 5:30 P. M., it was added, than in any other hour of the day.

DeAutremont Gains Greater Freedom.

Medford, Or.—Hugh DeAutremont, alleged Siskiyou tunnel bandit-slayer, whose trial for the alleged murder of Charles O. (Coyle) Johnson ended tragically with the death of Juror Dunham in a mistrial, was granted the privilege of the freedom of his cell section in the county jail, and the corridors around it. Heretofore he has been closely confined in the Panley cell under guard. By the action of the sheriff he can now walk.

Oregon Phone Business to be Surveyed

Portland, Or.—In compliance with a resolution adopted by the house of representatives for an investigation of the telephone business in Oregon, John H. Carlin, speaker of the house, has selected a committee and as soon as it can be organized the probe will start.

HUGO BLACK



Hugo Black, who will succeed Oscar Underwood as United States Senator from Alabama.

UPHOLD CALIFORNIA'S ANTI-RADICAL LAW

Washington, D. C. — California's criminal syndicalism law, making membership in organizations which advocate violence against the present system of government a felony, is constitutional, the United States supreme court ruled.

Decision was given in affirming the verdicts of California courts finding Charlotte Anita Whitney, widely known Oakland clubwoman, guilty of violating the law and imposing one to 14 years' prison sentence.

Miss Whitney, social worker of middle age, refused to ask Governor Richardson of California for a pardon. This case was regarded as an important test of the power of states to enact anti-radical laws, the California law being regarded as more drastic than any other. The clause invoked in this case has been used frequently in jailing L. W. W.'s, communists and other radicals there.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Canada's population is estimated by the bureau of statistics as of June, 1926, at 9,389,300, an increase of 600,817 over the actual census population taken in June, 1921.

Reorganization of the federal farm loan board was completed with the appointment of Eugene Meyer Jr., recently made a member of the board, as farm loan commissioner.

The death list from the series of tornadoes and storms that swept the middle west last week end was 255. Nine states had reported deaths. The injured were estimated at more than 1000.

Heirs of the late "Uncle Joe" Cannon, veteran statesman, will pay a state inheritance tax of \$10,439.20 on the basis of final settlement of the estate, made in county court at Danville, Ill.

Louisiana's Sugar Bowl Now a Lake.

New Orleans, La.—Water from the Bayou des Glaises crevasses added to the total square miles of submerged lands in Louisiana, engulfing the famous "sugar bowl" and the Evangeline country in their seaward march. When the Bayou des Glaises water reaches the gulf of Mexico, more than 1,000,000 acres of Louisiana will be submerged in a vast lake 225 miles long and ranging from 50 to 100 miles in width. The sweep of the waters escaping from Bayou des Glaises crevasse took them into Avoyelles, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Landry and Iberville parishes, where practically all the sugar can of the country is grown.

Idahoans Held at Chico, Cal.

Chico, Cal.—Davis W. Moffatt, city clerk of Nampa, Idaho, alleged to have embezzled city funds, was placed under arrest here. Moffatt was accompanied by Jerry A. Yaney of Nampa, a brother-in-law, who was also held with Moffatt on advices from Idaho that he also is wanted on felony charges. Moffatt was recognized by Mrs. C. B. Clay of Chico, a former resident of Nampa who knew the city clerk when he was a boy. She had read in her home town papers of his defection and disappearance and informed local police.

Idaho State Prison Enlarged.

Boise, Idaho.—Accommodations for 168 more prisoners at the state penitentiary will be provided within the next few months, a contract for the necessary cells having been awarded.

Nebraska Farm Lands Flooded.

Omaha, Neb.—Flood waters swept over hundreds of acres of agricultural land between Sioux City and Omaha as the Missouri river continued on the worst rampage in recent years.

WASHINGTON ROAD DISPUTE UP TO COURT

Question of Chairmanship Submitted for Judicial Decision.

Olympia, Wash. — State Auditor Clausen, as chairman, and State Treasurer Potts, as a member of the state highway committee, directed a lengthy letter to J. J. Donovan of Bellingham, president of the Washington State Good Roads association, setting forth their reasons for refusing to proceed with any further highway construction program pending decision by the supreme court upon the question of the highway committee secretaryship and upon the return of the highway bids of May 3, which Governor Hartley is withholding from the committee.

The committee from the good roads association presented a tentative construction program for the current year.

Action was instituted in supreme court to adjudicate the chairmanship and secretary disputes in the state highway committee, by two quo warranto proceedings, one brought by C. W. Clausen against Roland H. Hartley for the chairmanship and the other by George T. McCoy against Sam Humes for the post as secretary.

The complaints state that the positions are being usurped by the claimants, preventing the regularly elected officers from functioning. Twenty days' time was given in which to file an answer. Attorney-General John H. Dunbar brought the actions.

HOOVER SURVEYS THE FLOOD SITUATION

Alexandria, La.—The worst of the Mississippi valley flood disaster should become known during this week, Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, declared after a ten-day survey of the situation, including first-hand observations of the flooded areas.

"Until then it is impossible to estimate either the losses or the dimensions of our problem," he said.

"The country must not overlook the fact that although the flood has been slow, that its destruction and the necessities for its remedy are still increasing.

"We should know the worst of this, our greatest national disaster in peace time, during the forthcoming week.

"The crest of the flood is now concentrated in central Louisiana. New levee breaks at Bayou des Glaises have started water across a population area of 105,000. Their tenacity in clinging to their homes had been such that a large majority together with their animals, must now either be brought out by boats or cared for on the high spots.

"We have a great rescue fleet working day and night, recruited from the coast guard, navy, army engineers, department of commerce and local sources. We believe there will be no serious loss of life. Still further breaks in the levees upon this region are extremely probable.

NICARAGUAN CLASH FATAL

Marine Captain, Private Killed When Forces Meet.

Managua, Nicaragua. — Captain C. Bell Buchanan and Private Marvin Jackson of the United States marines were killed in a clash with a band of liberals at La Paz Centro, near Leon, it was announced.

Six liberals are reported killed and several marines wounded.

Washington, D. C.—The American Marine camp at Chinandega, was fired on by a band of Nicaraguan rebels Saturday, but the band scattered when the marines returned the fire, according to a dispatch to the navy department from Rear Admiral Julian L. Latimer. Latimer said no casualties were reported.

Shortcake Outlook Not So Good.

Chicago, Ill. — Some temporary shortage of strawberry shortcake is threatening. Reports from the government bureau of agricultural economics say that 34,500,000 quarts have been deducted from the official forecast of the strawberry crop in five second early states. Freezing temperatures in some sections, dry weather elsewhere, and floods and excessive rainfall have combined to reduce the original estimate. Arkansas' yield in particular being curtailed almost half.

Bridge at Entiat, Wash., "Oked."

Washington, D. C.—The war department has approved plans for a bridge over the Columbia river at Entiat, Wash., to be constructed by Fred H. Furey of Wenatchee, Wash. The structure was authorized by the last congress.

RAY D. PLUMLEY



Ray D. Plumley of Ralston, Iowa, a member of the consulate guard, who was wounded at Nanking, China.

SOVIET OFFICE IN LONDON IS RAIDED

London.—The police raided Arcos house, headquarters of the soviet trade delegation here.

It was generally reported that the raid was made to discover whether a certain document of importance to the state, which has been missing for several months, was to be found there.

Several tons of documents, printed matter and correspondence, have been carted away from the Soviet house to Scotland Yard, it was estimated.

The Soviet representatives declared the raid was practically in the nature of an attack, because the search was started without previous presentation of the warrant authorizing it.

Rupture of Anglo-soviet relations was admitted by both British and Russian officials here as being nearer than at any other time since they were resumed on the basis of the trade agreement of 1921.

A protest against the raid was lodged with Sir Austen Chamberlain, foreign secretary, by A. P. Rosengolz, soviet charge d'affaires.

IRISH FREE STATE LOSES

Court Orders Cash Raised Turned Back to Subscribers.

New York.—Supreme Court Justice Peters dismissed the suit brought by the Irish Free State, claiming to be successor of the Irish Republic, and entitled to the bonds subscribed for in the United States for the republican cause. Justice Peters also denied the claim of Eamonn de Valera and his co-trustee, O'Hara, to the bonds and ruled that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds here should revert to original subscribers.

By the ruling some \$2,500,000 which was subscribed to the Irish republican cause in this country will go back to the subscribers after being tied up in litigation since 1922.

Quick Drinks Banned by Ontario.

Detroit, Mich.—Citizens of the United States who visit Ontario to take advantage of the new liquor laws, by using tourist permits, will not be able to make their purchases and return to American soil the same day, according to word received here from D. B. Hanna, chairman of the Ontario liquor control board at Toronto.

One Funeral Held for 105

Poplar Bluff, Mo. — Grief-stricken citizens paused for their work of reconstruction here to attend joint memorial services at the court square for the 105 victims of the tornado here.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.55; hard white, \$1.52; federation, soft white, western white and northern spring, \$1.47; hard winter and western red \$1.44.

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

Butterfat—40c.

Eggs—Ranch, 19@22c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@10.15.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.25@11.25.

Sheep—Lamb, medium to choice, \$9.50@11.00.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.47½; hard winter, \$1.46; western red, \$1.45½; northern spring, \$1.47; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.56; Big Bend dark northern spring, \$1.51; Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.49.

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

Butter—Creamery, 42c.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@26c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.50@10.25.

Hogs—Prime, \$11.25@11.40.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.50.

Hogs—Good, \$10.50@10.65.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Virgil Kruschke has been appointed deputy state fruit inspector at Silverton.

Dates for Roseburg's annual chautauque have been set for July 16 to 21, inclusive.

The 36th annual assembly of the Willamette Presbyterial was held in Woodburn last week.

Plans are maturing for the annual Strawberry Carnival, to be held in Roseburg May 27 and 28.

Wapinitia cattlemen are starting to drive their herds into the Mount Hood national forest reserve for summer pasturage.

The contract for rocking the 6.6 miles of the Shea Hill-Cascadia section of the Santiam highway was awarded recently.

Three different assay laboratories have found that the "mystery metal" of the Grants Pass country is tin, it was announced recently.

More salmon are running in the Rogue river than have been noted in the last 30 years, according to Claud Barton, licensed state guide.

Checks amounting to \$312,000 are being passed out to the Indians on the Klamath reservation. The money comes from the sale of reservation timber.

Sealed bids for the construction of ferry slips, bridge and various other improvements will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting to be held in Portland May 24.

The public service commission authorized the Portland Electric Power company to suspend operations on approximately 12 miles of its railroad extending from Montavilla to Troutdale.

Eighty-two arrests for violations of the prohibition law were made by agents of the state prohibition department during April, according to W. S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner.

The Douglas county court has appropriated \$12,000 to be used in cooperation with the bureau of public roads on the Tiller Trail-Crater Lake cut-off road. The government gives \$7500.

Construction of a new passenger depot for Marshfield has been authorized by the Southern Pacific company. The American Railway Express company will also build a new office structure.

While pulling bananas from a stalk at a grocery store in Oregon City, E. Hoecker, clerk, just missed "plucking" a large tarantula, a venomous spider of unusual size. The "bug" was very much alive.

The Seaside chamber of commerce has voted to send the Seaside high school girls' band to Portland to march in the Merrykhana parade during the Rose Festival. The band has 28 pieces.

According to an official survey just completed in the Medford city school there are at present 207 little folks between the ages of 5 and 6 ready to enter school for the first time next September.

Ashland high school, winner of the western division of the Oregon High School Debaters' league, met the McLaughlin union high school team, eastern Oregon champions, in Eugene May 19, for the state title.

At a meeting of depositors held last week it was reported that the Tillamook County bank, closed March 19, may, if liquidated, be able to pay 66 per cent on commercial deposits and 85 per cent on savings.

Waldo Golden, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Golden of Winberry, died at a Eugene hospital as a result of burns sustained when a quantity of powder with which he and other children were playing exploded.

The Lakeview district land office in southwestern Oregon, which was to have been closed June 30 under an executive order signed by President Coolidge, will be continued along with those at Roseburg and The Dalles.

Dunham Wright, noted pioneer of Baker county, has been invited to deliver the address at the dedication of a memorial tablet at Estes Park, Cal., July 4. Mr. Wright is the only person living who was present when the park was opened, in 1890.

Gilbert W. Phelps, 55, judge of the sixth judicial district, Umatilla and Morrow counties for 16 years, died in a Portland hospital last week.

Eugene will have a period of cleaning up from May 23 to 26, inclusive, according to A. A. Reid, chairman of the health committee of the city council.

The Silverton community fair will be held this year on September 15, 16 and 17 at the Eugene Field building, according to the decision of the fair board.

B. F. Leisch of Marshfield will construct the Port Orford stucco high school building of four rooms for \$16,000.

Two hundred and two of the 4500 voters of Klamath Falls defeated the proposed \$300,000 bond issue which would have financed the construction of a trunk line sewage system.

Noah Baker of Newport, who took gold from the sands of the Oregon beaches 18 years ago, has returned to the same spot to make his dream come true. He is using the old-time sluice trough, and his first clean-up showed about an ounce of the yellow metal.

Salem organizations have been requested by Polk county citizens to assist in the creation of the Falls City-Valsez highway improvement district, for construction of a highway from Falls City westward to Valsez, where it would intersect the Roosevelt coast highway.

Eggs twice as large as the ordinary sort are received daily from one of the hens owned by Mrs. E. W. Gustafsen of Grand Ronde. They are all double-yolked and average one-fourth of a pound in weight. The ambitious hen, which is more than a year old, is a Black Jersey Giant.

The state treasurer's office has received from various counties \$494,557.71 of first-half taxes, which were due May 1. There was due the state in first-half taxes \$2,613,103.43. Seven counties have remitted to the treasury department in full, while two other counties have made partial payments.

The commercial fishing season on the lower Columbia river for the second week shows a considerable drop from fair catches the first, according to canneries near Astoria. Better results are expected when tide conditions will be favorable. About 12,000 cases of the 1927 salmon pack have been shipped.

Eighty fires in Oregon, outside of Portland, during April, resulted in losses aggregating \$234,410, according to reports filed with Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal. The largest single loss for the month was represented in the destruction of a general store and contents in Wasco county, with loss estimated at \$75,000.

Eight automobile fatalities reported from Portland during the four weeks ending April 23, 1927, were twice as many as occurred in that city during the corresponding period a year ago. Portland has been the scene of 42 fatal motor accidents during the 52 weeks ending April 23, as compared with 49 during 52 weeks ending April 24, 1926.

The student body of Linfield college at McMinnville by a vote of 146 to 87, refused to uphold the honor council, a student organization, which had voted for suspension of two students charged with violation of the honor council's rules against smoking. The students also by a vote of 173 to 64 voted for repeal of the rule against smoking.

The Marion county court will ask the highway commission and federal officials to assist financially in the proposed improvement of the road over the mountains from Salem to Bend by way of Minto pass. It has been estimated that the cost of this road would be \$60,000 less than that of any other proposed road across the mountains.

Approximately 250,000 sets of passenger automobile license plates will be required to meet the demands in 1928, according to specifications mailed to various manufacturers by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state. The colors selected for 1928 are a white background with black figures and letters. These colors are directly opposite those adopted for the plates now in use.

Whether wild rice, food for waterfowl, will grow in the Deschutes country will be determined by next fall, it was learned in Bend with the announcement from local sportsmen that the rice was being planted in widely scattered parts of the Deschutes basin. Some of the wild rice was planted at Creswell, O'Dell and north and south Twin lakes. The results of the growth of the rice will be checked in the fall.

Fruit growers of the Rogue River valley, as well as delegations of fruit packers and others interested from other parts of the state, including the Hood river section, Portland and Eugene and from the Walla Walla, Yakima and Wenatchee districts of Washington and some from California, attended the demonstration of the fruit cleaning contrivance in Medford last week, which cleans off all the residue spray.

One of the oldest banks in the Walla Walla county, the First Bank of Joseph, closed its doors last week owing to financial difficulties. Slow paper and demands for payment of outside accounts is ascribed as the reason for suspending business.

The belief that there is oil beneath the rich farm lands in the vicinity of McMinnville is prompting plans for the drilling of four wells throughout the county, the first of which will probably "spud in" soon at a point on the Yamhill river.