

## GREAT NORTHERN'S PLANS ARE APPROVED

Interstate Commerce Commission Gives Formal O. K. to Bend Extension.

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The Great Northern was also authorized in the order to operate over the lines of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company, the Oregon Trunk Line railroad and the Deschutes railroad in Washington and Oregon.

It was granted authority to acquire an undivided three-fourths interest in the railroad properties of Shevlin-Hixon company, extending southerly from Bend, and to operate over the Southern Pacific's line between Chemult and Klamath Falls.

The order also authorized the Great Northern to acquire joint control with the Southern Pacific of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railroad by purchase of capital stock.

The order closed a protracted controversy between the Great Northern and Southern Pacific railroads over the right of the former to extend into the rich timber bearing Klamath Falls basin. It permits the Great Northern, rather than its subsidiary Oregon Trunk line, to reach Klamath Falls, and gives it an equal share with the Southern Pacific in the traffic moving eastward from that point.

## GOOD OUTLOOK SEEN FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Washington, D. C.—The agricultural industry as a whole "may anticipate a domestic market situation for the 1928 production at least equal to that of the present winter, with the possibility of some improvement," the department of agriculture said in its annual farm outlook report.

After analyzing the demand for major crops, the foreign and domestic market, credit, labor and equipment, the report summarized the condition of the country as a whole with the statement that "some improvement is expected if farmers avoid expansion of production and continue their efforts to balance production with demand."

A better balance prevailed in 1927 between the different lines of agricultural products than in any other recent year, with the exception of feed crops in relation to livestock, the reports said, adding that expansion, particularly in cash crops, is to be guarded against in order to further stabilize the industry and increase the 1928 income.

"Foreign demand for the agricultural products of 1928 probably will be no better than it was for those of 1927," the report said. "The purchasing power of foreign consumers seems likely to be no greater than during the present season and foreign competition is likely to be greater."

## DECREASE IN EXCISE TAX

More Than \$54,000,000 Less Than in 1926 Is Received.

Washington, D. C.—Income from federal excise taxes for the calendar year 1927 showed a decrease of \$54,693,188 from the total for 1926. Internal revenue reports disclosed that receipts from these taxes totaled \$587,363,598 in 1927 against \$642,056,786 for the year before.

The losses, it was explained, were due in the main to a lowering of the tax rates, reflected particularly in the estate tax, which declined from \$107,341,905 to \$69,841,392.

The most pronounced increase despite a lowering of rates was shown by tobacco products which brought in a total of \$387,427,880 in 1927 as compared with \$371,677,583 in 1926, showing an increase of \$15,750,297.

## 759 New Airplanes Needed by Navy.

Washington, D. C.—A total of 759 new airplanes will be necessary to man the five aircraft carriers and 25 man the new cruisers provided in the proposed \$800,000,000 naval building program, Rear Admiral William S. Moffett, chief of the navy's aeronautics bureau told the house naval affairs committee.

## Congressman Haugen Again in Race.

Des Moines, Ia.—Gilbert H. Haugen, co-author with Senator McNary of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill and oldest representative in congress from Iowa in point of service, has indicated his intention to seek reelection when he requested nomination papers from the secretary of state.

H. A. SCANDRETT



H. A. Scandrett, vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, who has been elected president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

## WILL DEMAND SECOND TRIAL FOR HICKMAN

Los Angeles.—Jerome Walsh, chief counsel for William Edward Hickman, announced he would demand another trial for Hickman on a straight charge of murder in the event a jury found Hickman sane when he stole and later killed Marlon Parker.

Walsh made this declaration in reiterating the defense's denial that Hickman, by his plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity," admitted his guilt.

This step would be taken, Walsh said, despite the fact that at the time Hickman was arraigned on the kidnaping and murder indictment he was asked whether he understood that an insanity defense, under the new California law, was an admission of guilt.

District Attorney Keyes, chief prosecutor, answered the announcements with the assertion that Hickman not only had admitted his guilt in written and oral forms but that his plea was itself a direct and legal admission of the facts of the crime. Keyes pointed out that under the new code covering such pleas Hickman had been asked by the court if he realized that under such plea he admitted his guilt, and he had replied affirmatively.

In outlining defense plans, Hickman's attorneys disclosed that they would attempt to show three generations of insanity in the youth's family. Hickman's grandmother, his mother and Hickman himself will be pictured as insane. A disposition taken in Arkansas will be introduced in attempting to show that Hickman's grandmother was insane.

## BOND CUT URGED

Liquor Smuggling Would Be Made Difficult by Canceling Permits.

Ottawa.—Cancellation of customs bonds held by liquor exporting firms, on the ground that almost without exception these companies are formed for the sole purpose of smuggling to the United States, is recommended in the final report of the royal commission on customs and excise which was offered in the house of commons.

The commission, which has been holding public hearings in every province for the past 14 months, reported that no amendment to the anti-smuggling treaty is necessary if suggestions it makes are embodied in legislation or regulation. Notwithstanding the treaty, it was found, smuggling to the United States "is still persisting on a somewhat extensive scale."

## Pictures Are Reproduced by Radio.

New York.—A broadcasting station, using its regular wave length, publicly demonstrated for the first time the broadcasting of photographs by radio and the reception of the pictures on a small device attached to an ordinary radio receiver in the home.

## THE MARKETS

Portland  
Wheat—R. B. bluestem, \$1.43; federation, \$1.28; soft white, western white, \$1.37½; hard winter, \$1.24; western red, \$1.23.

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

Butterfat—50@54c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 32@37c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.75.  
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.75@9.00.

Lambs—Medium to choice, \$11.50@13.00.

Seattle.  
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.29½; hard winter, \$1.24½; western red, \$1.25½; northern spring, \$1.28½; bluestem, \$1.45½; dark northern spring, \$1.47½; dark hard winter, \$1.41½.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.

Butterfat—53c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 36@39c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11.75@12.75.  
Hogs—Prime, \$9.10@9.35.

Spokane.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.25.  
Hogs—Good, \$8.35@9.00.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A cow testing association has been formed in Pendleton by dairymen of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Schools in Lafayette were closed last Wednesday upon the appearance of a case of infantile paralysis in the high school.

A. E. Doyle, well-known architect of the northwest and resident of Portland since babyhood, died last week after an extended illness.

Tillamook high school won the debate championship of Tillamook county last week by defeating Bay City high school in two debates.

A trainload of 55 cars of beef cattle, shipped out of Burns last week, brought the growers 9 cents a pound, a record shipment and a record price.

At a recent meeting of the St. Helens Kiwanis club Glenn R. Metsker was elected president, A. H. Johnson trustee and A. F. Barnett treasurer.

The Astoria chamber of commerce is seeking an appropriation through the navy department to purchase a proposed airport site on Youngs bay.

Paving of West Fourth street between Washington and Maple streets was decided by the Albany city council recently. The project includes three blocks.

M. Lynott is surveying a railway route that will connect with the Oregon Electric near Albany and extend eastward up the Santiam river to the foot of the Cascade range.

L. L. Kayes, arrested at Salem recently charged with passing worthless checks, dug himself out of the Marion county jail. Nine other prisoners in the jail refused to leave.

In a notice to creditors, the Flora State bank in Walla Walla county formally announces that the stockholders have voted to liquidate the institution and will proceed without delay.

Measuring a few inches over 6 feet from tip to tip, a large American eagle was killed Monday near Medford while in the act of carrying off a large Rhode Island hen in its talons.

Possibility that Roosevelt highway south of Bandon will be oiled this summer by the state highway department was given out by W. E. Chandler, engineer of the southern Oregon district.

Establishment of an 880-acre national park in Marion county, to be known as Silver Creek Falls National park, is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Hawley, republican, of Salem.

A. L. Emon, a dairyman living near Dayton, reports the birth of two perfectly normal calves to one of his cows. One was born January 2 and six days later, January 8, another one was born.

The entire amount of bonds issued by the Port of Newport since its formation is \$559,000, and this has been reduced to \$277,000 while making extensive purchases and necessary improvements.

Purchase of 23 acres of land to be added to the state provisional government park at Champeog, known as the "birthplace of Oregon," at a cost of \$3000, was authorized by the state board of control recently.

Harvey Anderson, prominent rancher of northern Curry county, was drowned on Floras creek near Gold Beach while fishing. He slipped and fell into the stream, and the swift current carried him over a waterfall.

Two carloads of horses have been shipped from Durkee and eight from Huntington to be canned as meat. This new market for the surplus range horses of eastern Oregon has been developed within the past year or two.

An abandoned dock and two quarter-master warehouses were destroyed by fire at Port Stevens last week. Origin of the blaze has not been determined. The buildings were unoccupied and, together with the dock, were of little value.

A recent proposal of the state highway department to divert the \$256,000 Lane county bond money voted several years ago for the Willamette highway above Lowell bridge and place it on the Willamette valley-Florence highway has aroused a storm of protest among the citizens of the upper Willamette country and a mass meeting was held at Oak Ridge Tuesday night.

Portland living costs have shown the smallest increase since December, 1914, and the third largest decrease since June, 1920, among those listed for 19 of the largest cities of the country by the federal bureau of labor statistics.

James Fitzgerald, his wife and son, Charles, are in the hospital at Gresham being treated for serious burns and other injuries suffered when a keg of frozen blasting powder exploded while being thawed out on the kitchen stove.

Traffic entering the snow-blocked areas of the upper Columbia river highway must have chains, according to an order issued recently. Fourteen-hour traffic will be permitted beginning Sunday. One-way traffic regulations are in effect in the gorge district.

Total tax levies for 1928, based on the assessment rolls for 1927, show that of 23 principal cities in Oregon 12 show a decrease as compared with last year. Twenty cities show increases in total tax levies, while one city, McMinnville, is the same as last year.

Governor Patterson has extended for a period of three months the reprieve issued some time ago to James Willos, convict, who is under death sentence for the part he played in the slaying of two guards during a break at the state penitentiary at Salem in August, 1925.

August 2, 3 and 4 were decided upon by the executive committee of the Medford post of the American Legion and state legion officials as the dates for the state convention to be held in Medford. Commander Bromley said that the dates were tentative, but highly probable.

Eugene has its first police patrol "wagon," the city council having just purchased a small motor truck for that purpose. For several years past drunks and other law violators have been taken to the station in the police department's passenger car or led along the streets afoot.

Representative Sinnott has appeared before the house appropriations committee in behalf of appropriation of \$15,000 in the next fiscal year to continue experimental work for control of the perennial apple canker in the Hood River section. He was assured that this sum will be granted.

Sands of Sunset beach near Astoria proved golden sands for two clamdiggers recently. When James Garner and Harry Brown found a ball of wax-like substance weighing between four and five pounds on the beach they did not know at first they held \$8000 worth of precious and scarce ambergris.

Funeral services were held at the St. Louis Catholic church last week for Pascal Paquette, who died recently at a spot only 150 feet from the place where he was born 78 years ago. Paquette was the son of a French-Canadian Hudson Bay company trapper, who came to the Oregon country in 1821.

With the "dressing in" of seven convicts last week, there are now 660 prisoners in Oregon state penitentiary. This is the largest number of convicts ever registered at the institution at one time. With the exception of a few disabled convicts and the women prisoners, all the inmates are employed regularly.

The cows in the Buckshot district of Jackson county are eating up the poles of the California-Oregon Power company, according to G. H. Schneple, line patrolman, who discovered a herd chewing away on several new poles Saturday. The power company has ordered rock salt distributed near the poles to stop the inroads.

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There are 7514 children in Linn county between the ages of 4 and 20 years, according to the annual school census report just completed and announced by Mrs. Edna Geer, Linn county school superintendent. This is an increase of 13 over the total for last year. The report shows 3848 boys and 3666 girls in the county during 1927.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending January 26, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Fred Greenland, Astoria, truck driver; Ben Kirk, Myrtle Point, logger, and A. Ward, Toledo. A total of 525 accidents was reported to the commission.

Ninety-eight pairs of twins were born in Portland last year, part of the 4786 babies who arrived in the city by way of the stork in that period, the annual report of the city health office, just completed, showed. There were 3552 deaths for the year, or 1234 more births than deaths. Of the births, 2556 were boys and 2330 were girls. July was the best month for births, when 465 were born.

A special city election has been set by the city council to be held in Vernonia February 14, when a charter amendment will be voted on relative to giving the council power to pass ordinances requiring the construction of sidewalks.

More than \$35,000 of the \$111,000 estate of Rachel Jennetta Matheson of Salem was bequeathed to the children's farm home at Corvallis. The estate was admitted to probate recently. She also left \$1000 to the Salem Presbyterian church.

MISS RUTH NICHOLS



Miss Ruth Nichols of Rye, N. Y., who made the first non-stop flight from New York to Miami. She is a licensed pilot.

## PAN-AMERICAN BODY APPROVES CHANGE

Havana, Cuba.—One of the Mexican proposals for reorganization of the pan-American union's governing board in Washington, D. C., received unanimous approval of the conference on pan-American union. The proposal approved was that which suggested governments be allowed to designate any citizen as a representative on the governing board instead of confining representation to diplomats at Washington, as now.

Members of the union committee voted for optional double representation in Washington on the part of their governments—the regular diplomatic representation at the department of state and the new and special representation at the pan-American union headquarters.

Under the new arrangement the diplomat may assume the extra duties of the pan-American union governing board, as has been the case in the past, if his government so wills. It is not mandatory, however, that he do so if his government should desire to name some other to the governing board's post, restricting the diplomat to his usual duties.

Charles Evans Hughes, leader of the American delegation, aligned himself with general opinion as to granting the Mexican proposals.

## BALLOT RECOUNT GRANTED

Six Pennsylvania Counties Will Be Included in Investigation.

Washington, D. C.—Reversing its position, the senate elections committee voted unanimously to start an immediate recount of ballots in the six Pennsylvania counties challenged by William B. Wilson, democrat, in the election of William S. Vare in the 1926 senatorial race.

The eight republicans of the committee who had voted down six democrats in denying a recount reversed their stand at a meeting suddenly called after Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, had asked the senate to override the committee's decision.

Mr. Vare now faces a double-barreled attack against his seat. The campaign funds committee, headed by Reed of Missouri, which has been instructed by the senate to examine into Vare's primary expenditures, will work with the subcommittee of the elections committee in some instances in the latter's inquiry into the contest of Wilson against the election.

## Gold Star Mothers Tour Favored.

Washington, D. C.—The house military affairs committee voted to recommend passage of the Butler bill, providing for a tour of the battle fields of France by "gold star" mothers at the expense of the government. Under terms of the bill, any mother or unmarried widow of an American killed overseas in the World war would be entitled to make the pilgrimage. Witnesses estimated 7500 women would be eligible and the cost would total \$3,000,000.

## Blasco Ibanez Dies in France.

Paris.—Blasco Ibanez, the Spanish author, who was best known for his "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," died at his home on the French Riviera. He was suffering from bronchial pneumonia, diabetes and pleurisy.

## Norway Has First Labor Government.

Oslo.—The first labor government in the history of Norway was constituted under the premiership of Christopher Hornsrud, vice president of the storthing, farmer and newspaper editor.

## Japan to Establish Legation in Canada

Tokyo.—The Japanese foreign office announced that a Japanese legation shortly will be established at Ottawa.

## OREGON-WASHINGTON JUDGES ENTERTAINED

Supreme Justices of the Two States Feature of Portland Gathering.

Portland, Or.—Seven of the nine members of the Washington state supreme court and the entire membership of the Oregon state supreme court were guests of the Multnomah Bar association at a banquet in the Multnomah hotel here.

All members of the Washington court except two were present. The two, Associate Judges Fullerton and Mitchell, were detained by business.

In addition to the supreme court judges in attendance, the two local judges of the federal court, Judge Bean and Judge McNary, and several members of the circuit court were present, along with more than 200 members of the local and state bar.

Visitors from Washington, besides the members of the supreme court, were Mack Gose, formerly a member of the court; George H. Rummens, past president of the Washington State Bar association, and William Millard, secretary of the Washington State Bar association.

A closer relationship between the supreme courts of Oregon and Washington and between courts and lawyers of both states was the keynote of talks at the banquet. The keynote was sounded by John L. Rand, chief justice of the Oregon supreme court, the first speaker of the evening, who welcomed the Washington jurists to Portland. It was reiterated by Kenneth Mackintosh, chief justice of the Washington state supreme court, and who expressed the appreciation of the court at the honor tendered it and extended an invitation to the Multnomah bar to come to the convention of the American Bar association to be held in Seattle in July.

## SENATE COALITION FOR TARIFF CHANGE

Washington, D. C.—The coalition of senate democrats and republican independents which upset administration forces twice this week is laying plans to attach a tariff bill to the tax reduction measure when it will reach the floor.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, spokesman for the democrats on revenue legislation, predicted support from democrats for a tariff rider to the tax bill, while Senator McMaster, republican, South Dakota, announced he was considering introduction of tariff amendments to the revenue proposal.

Administration republicans hold the whip in the senate finance committee, where the tax reduction bill is now shelved, and they will be able to check any move there for a tariff rider in committee.

But the announced stand of Senator Simmons for tariff revision in connection with tax reduction gave new promise for a real tariff clash.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Hugh S. Cummings of Virginia was renominated by President Coolidge to be surgeon-general of the public health service.

In the opinion of President Coolidge no one need take seriously the sanguinary predictions of American army and navy officials that the United States is about to go to war with its commercial rivals.

The movement to have Senator James A. Reed of Missouri nominated for president by the democrats was given impetus by the opening of campaign headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The largest estate ever recorded by the New York state tax department, \$107,052,494, was left by Anna M. Harkness, widow of the late Stephen V. Harkness, a co-founder with John D. Rockefeller of the Standard Oil company.

Lewis A. Groff, father of the nation's forest conservation movement, died at his home in Redondo Beach, Cal., after an illness of several weeks.

## Schumann-Heink's Son Under Arrest.

San Diego, Cal.—Henry Schumann-Heink, son of Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the concert singer, was arrested here after a grand jury investigation had revealed an alleged shortage of \$50,000 in the books of the Henry Schumann-Heink investment company.

## Marines Seize Nicaraguan Rebel Nest

Managua, Nicaragua.—The United States marines have captured one of the most difficult peaks in Nicaragua—on which General Augustino Sandino was said to have made his headquarters—without trace of the rebel chief-tain.