

HOOPER AND WILLIS BATTLE FOR OHIO

Fight Likened to 1920 Contest Between Harding and Wood.

Columbus, O. — Repetition of the 1920 battle between Senator Warren G. Harding and General Leonard Wood for control of Ohio's delegation to the republican national convention is foreseen in the fight between Senator Frank B. Willis and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover for state mastery.

The outcome in 1920 resulted in a victory for Senator Harding, his subsequent nomination at the Chicago convention and his election as president.

Both not only filed formal declarations of candidacy with the secretary of state, thus entering them in the presidential preference primary, April 24, for popular indorsement of the republican voters, but also entered a complete slate of delegates in the primary contest.

Heading the list Willis delegates at large is Colonel Carmel A. Thompson, Cleveland, the senator's campaign manager and former United States treasurer, while Congressman Theodore E. Burton, Cleveland, heads the list of Hoover delegates at large.

Each side also selected a woman on the at-large slate. Hoover chose Mrs. Hugh Clark of Steubenville. Each side also gave representation to the negro race on their list of delegates-at-large.

While all the Hoover delegates are pledged second choice to James R. Garfield of Cleveland, son of the ex-president, who is not an avowed candidate but merely consenting to the use of his name in order to comply with the state primary law, a majority of the Willis delegates are believed to be pledged second choice to ex-Governor Lowden of Illinois. Senator Curtis also received a number of second-choice pledges.

SECURITY COMPACT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOW

Geneva.—Formal agreement that it was impossible at present to institute a worldwide agreement to provide nations security against attack was reached by the League of Nations security commission.

The commission decided to recommend negotiations only of direct treaties between two nations and regional treaties among groups in which signatories would pledge themselves to defend each other against attack.

At one time it had been hoped that the league could sponsor one all-inclusive treaty that would bind all nations to defend any one nation that was attacked. But some of the great powers, notably the British empire nations, refused to bind themselves to send warships or transport troops to any part of the world the league might direct in order to prosecute wars in which they might not be interested.

CO-OPERATIVE LAWS VALID

Organization Handling Farm Products Found to Be Legal.

Washington, D. C. — Implied approval was given the co-operative marketing laws of 42 states by the supreme court in sustaining the Bingham act of Kentucky, aimed to control the co-operative marketing of tobacco.

It sustained the right of associations or corporations to be organized with membership limited to agriculturists under contracts for the purchase and sales of farm products. States, it asserted, may relieve such organizations from the operations of laws relating to monopolies and unlawful combinations.

Referring to the provision of the Bingham act, which penalizes all who knowingly solicit members of the association to break their contracts to market their products through the association, the court declared that such restrictions were lawful.

U. S. Consumption of Sugar Increased.

Washington, D. C.—Twelve times as much sugar is consumed by the average American of today as was used by his ancestors a century ago. A survey of the sugar industry recently completed disclosed that the average per capita sugar consumption in 1927 was 107 pounds, while in 1828 it amounted to only 8.8 pounds.

South Dakota to Vote on Dry Law.

Bismarck, N. D.—A popular vote next June on the repeal of the prohibition provision of the state constitution is demanded in petitions that have been presented to the secretary of state by counsel for the Better Citizenship association. The petition bore 23,000 signatures, 3000 more than required by law.

A. P. GIANNINI



A. P. Giannini, president of the Bank of Italy corporation, who has placed his income of 1927, estimated at a million and a half dollars, at the disposal of the University of California.

FREE ENERGY MOTOR WILL BE DEVELOPED

Detroit. — A corporation has been formed to develop a "free energy" motor invented by Lester J. Hendershot, Pittsburg electrical engineer.

An experimental model of the new motor, said to be electro-magnetically operated without fuel and drawing its power from the air or ground, is at Selfridge field, where a successful test was reported to have been made.

Whether the motor will prove practical and revolutionize the automotive world will depend upon future tests, aeronautical experts who have viewed tests of the model said today.

William B. Stout, president of the Stout Air Service, Inc., and designer of the all-metal type of transport planes manufactured by the Ford Motor company, said the motor was "very impressive" and "actually uncanny." He expressed a desire to "see how a large model, designed to develop power enough to lift an airplane, would operate."

Hendershot claims his motor runs on free electrical energy taken from the air or ground and utilizes no fuel whatever.

MOFFAT TUNNEL OPENED

Impressive Ceremony Marks Dedication of Passageway.

Denver, Colo.—Colorado with formal ceremonies Sunday officially opened the famous Moffat tunnel.

Twenty-five hundred persons, in a special train of four sections made the trip from Denver to the east portal of the tunnel to witness the historic event, to hear speeches commending the work of the men who made the tunnel possible and to witness the governor and an ex-governor of Colorado drive a golden spike into a tie just at the eastern mouth of the tunnel.

The tunnel, 6.2 miles long, is the longest railroad bore in the North American continent. It will cut off 27 miles of travel over the continental divide and the road when completed to Salt Lake City will cut the distance between Denver and the Pacific coast by 181 miles.

Coloradans declared its completion opens up a hitherto inaccessible inland empire as large as the state of Pennsylvania.

Lowden Petitions Filed in N. Dakota.

Bismarck, N. D.—Request that the name of ex-Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois be placed on the republican ballot in North Dakota's primary March 20 was made in petitions filed with the secretary of state.

Court Upholds Arrest of Stewart.

Washington, D. C.—Senate arrest of Robert W. Stewart, oil king and defendant Teapot Dome witness, was upheld by the courts.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.41; hard white, \$1.29½; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.28½; hard winter, western red, \$1.21½; northern spring, \$1.23.

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

Butterfat—49@52c.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@26c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.50.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8@9.35.

Lams—Medium to choice, \$11.50@12.25.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.29; hard winter, \$1.23½; western red, \$1.23; northern spring, \$1.25½; bluestem, \$1.40; dark northern spring, \$1.45; dark hard winter, \$1.39.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$24.

Butterfat—52c.

Eggs—Ranch, 22@24c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11.50@12.50.

Hogs—Prime, \$9.30@9.40.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.00.

Hogs—Good, \$9@9.10.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Delma Olson, 6, of Reedsport, swallowed a round tin whistle and suffered no ill consequences.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Judson C. Allen was observed in Newberg last week.

The annual session of the Oregon State Holstein Breeders' association was held in St. Helens recently.

Warner grange celebrated its 54th anniversary at an all-day meeting at the grange hall in New Era last Saturday.

Advertising clubs in all sections of western Oregon were represented at the annual banquet of the Salem Ad club held last week.

An organization of the Madras chamber of commerce was perfected last Tuesday. The organization starts with a membership of 50.

Initiation of approximately 400 new members featured a gathering in Salem of more than 50 Oregon camps of Woodmen of the World.

The Bend Skyliners, a newly organized outing club, announces a walking match in the near future from Redmond to Bend, a distance of 18 miles.

The Oregon State Grange, as a body, is not in favor of the proposed flat \$3 license fee for automobiles, according to George Palmeter, master of the organization.

It is estimated that about 600 cars of broccoli will be shipped out of Douglas county this season. There are between 1200 and 1500 acres in cultivation.

Hillstrom Brothers, low bidders for crushed rock on the Dalles-California highway, Dufur to Cow Canyon, are rushing work on their rock crusher in Buttes canyon.

J. A. Graham, ranger of the Mount Hood national forest at Wapinitia, is mobilizing a crew to cut a 60-foot trail through timber as a cattle driveway to keep stock off the highway.

Mrs. Elia Hannula, 21, of Astoria, was shot and killed by her husband, George Hannula, 22, at the conclusion of a birthday party at which Hannula was celebrating his 22d birthday.

The Union County Ministerial association disbanded last week, adopting a new constitution that extends the scope of membership to include not only pastors but church workers as well.

Salem will be made a station on the Pacific Air Transport company's coast line provided a first-class landing field is made available, according to Arthur E. Gibbard, assistant postmaster.

The year-old son of R. J. Hunt of Bridge, on the Coos Bay highway, is in a Myrtle Point hospital with serious burns suffered when the child tipped a pot of boiling chocolate over his body.

As a result of the crime wave in Salem, during the past two weeks, the city council has authorized the employment of two additional patrolmen and the purchase of another prowler car.

The congregation of the Assembly of God, at Baker, has been granted a permit for the erection of a new \$10,000 church building. Besides the auditorium, the church will contain two other rooms.

"Danger—explosive." These words, printed in bold letters, were on a sign left by considerate robbers frightened away at 4 A. M. while attempting to blow the safe at the Farmers' union store in Cottage Grove.

A strike of high grade ore is reported at the Bill Nye gold mine, south of Gold Hill on Galice creek. This property is an old-time producer, closed since the beginning of the war and only reopened last year.

Prospectors, three of them from Baker, are reported to have made a rich strike below the Old Nelson placer diggings west of Baker and the ore is said to have an assayed value of approximately \$90 per ton.

Reaction of Umattilla county dairy herds to tuberculosis tests given by Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, federal veterinarian, amount to only a fraction of 1 per cent, he announced at Pendleton upon the completion of a number of herd tests.

Forest Steeves, a resident of the Port Orford district, hung head downward four hours before he was released from a tree where he was caught while trimming limbs from the maple. When Mr. Steeves failed to return home for dinner Mrs. Steeves searched for him and found him after two hours of hanging in the uncomfortable position, with an injured leg which was caught by the dislodged limb. It required two hours more before neighbors could be found to release the limb.

Gradual extension of Coos county roads to connect isolated districts with main traffic arteries is the plan of the Coos County Good Roads association as outlined at the session held in Coquille last week. Approximately 25 were present.

At a meeting of the Columbia county fair board held in St. Helens it was decided to add a horse department to the fair exhibits, special attention to be given to breeding stock. Addition of this department will necessitate the building of a horse barn.

The house has passed Senator McNary's bill granting to the state of Oregon for park purposes the rocks off the coast known as Seal, Elephant and Castle. The transfer is made to insure protection of the scenic landmarks against defacement.

Work on one of the piers of the new bridge across the McKenzie river below the old Coburg bridge was started by the Lane county crew recently. The stage of the river is now such that operations can be carried on without interference by the water.

The Barbey Packing company has awarded a contract for the construction of docks and a modern salmon cannery and cold-storage plant on the property immediately east of the port of Astoria terminals near Astoria, purchased from the Sanborn interests.

Winter has brought no fears to blooming flowers in Baker county. At the home of Mrs. F. L. Horan, whose husband is postmaster at Keating, northeast of Baker, a deep red petunia has bloomed profusely all winter. It has had as many as 42 blooms at one time.

Elmer Miller, government hunter in Curry county, recently climaxed a long career as a nemesis of cougars by killing the largest ever recorded at the Portland office of the United States bureau of biological survey. The hide measured 9 feet 7 inches from tip to tip.

The Astoria National bank, one of the city's largest financial institutions, failed to open its doors last week, patrons of the bank being notified by a notice on the door that the bank was under direction of the controller of the currency for the federal reserve system.

Nearly all of the 1927 crop of Hood River apples and pears, which reached approximately 1400 cars, has been shipped. The Apple Growers' association, which has shipped 575 cars of apples and 200 cars of pears, has in storage there 64 cars of apples and 15 cars of d'Anjou pears.

Although remnants of snowbanks, relics of the New Year's sleet storm, may be seen on the north side of buildings in Hood River, spring flowers are reported. Mrs. E. Bartmess, who annually picks the first early season flowers, reported the crocuses of her front lawn in bloom.

With repairs complete following an accident that might easily have been disastrous, the J. H. Chambers & Son mill at Cottage Grove is ready for resumption. The big drive and fly wheel of the main engine went to pieces, but the big chunk that left the wheel imbedded itself in the concrete foundation.

Several mineral springs of moderate flow have been lately discovered on the George E. Ferguson timber tract six miles north of Gold Hill, on the south slope of the mountains, between Sams valley and Sardine creek. The water of these springs is well proportioned soda water containing silica, lithia, iron, mercury and magnesia.

Richard Rice has been named parade director for the Pendleton Round-Up, succeeding Cecil Curl, who has resigned due to the press of farming activities. Rice has assisted much in the Round-Up programs of the past. A budget for the 1928 show, which will be held September 19-22, was adopted at a meeting of directors last week.

Like the ghost story that sends a child to bed shaking with fright, a lantern, swung by a man wanting a ride, unnerved William Yoder, who was returning to Toledo at dusk last Thursday night from a trip to the Willamette valley, and he lost control of his car, which plunged over an embankment. Neither he nor his wife was seriously hurt.

It is probable that St. Helens soon will have a mail delivery service by carrier, according to C. W. Linebaugh, postal inspector, who is making a survey of the city. The receipts of the local postoffice and the size of the town warrant the establishment of the service, which could have been obtained some time ago had there been more sidewalks in portions of the outlying residential districts.

The Oregon Auto Camp association closed its convention in Roseburg last week, adopting unanimously in its final session a resolution opposing the proposed \$3 per year license fee on automobiles. It was the sentiment expressed in the discussion that Oregon's exceptionally fine highway system, coupled with convenient and well-equipped automobile camps, will prove a great attraction to the tourist public and that any action which might interfere with the road program would result in heavy losses.

COL. R. W. STEWART



Col. R. W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, who refused to answer some questions asked by the senate committee investigating the oil lease scandals.

SEVEN IMPLICATED IN TRAIN ROBBERY

Chicago.—Within 24 hours after the spectacular holdup of a Grand Trunk train on the southwestern outskirts of Chicago, the police announced that one suspect had confessed his share of the robbery, implicating seven men, including two railroad workers.

More than \$17,000 of the \$133,000 loot was recovered and 25 suspects, including five women, were arrested in several raids, the police said. Virtually all were connected with the holdup, the police reported.

The robbery was swift and dramatic. The train was stopped by a "passenger" at St. Maria's, not a scheduled stop.

Then the mail car was bombed and two of the bandits quickly but painstakingly searched for the mail sacks containing the money.

All sped away in a waiting automobile.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Homes of nearly a dozen Chicago and Cook county officials were under police guard in response to bomb threats.

Gifford Pinchot, ex-governor, has declined to become a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator from Pennsylvania.

American automobile production during January amounted to 225,039 vehicles, as compared with 133,547 during December and 238,926 during January, 1927.

A refinancing project of the Southern Pacific railroad, under which \$29,400,000 of 4½ per cent bonds will be issued and sold, was approved by the interstate commerce commission.

Major Vicent Lim, a student at the general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, has been detailed to the Army War college for a course of instruction, thereby winning the distinction of being the first Filipino to be thus honored.

Commercial failures in 1927 caused a loss of more than \$500,000,000 in the United States, directors of the National Association of Credit Men were informed by E. Paul Phillips, director of the adjustment bureau department of the association.

Spanish War Hero Dies in Miami.

Miami, Fla.—John R. Johnson, 55, credited by fellow members of the John J. Pershing post, United Spanish War Veterans here with having fired the first American shot of the Spanish American war, died in a hospital here. The shot, fired from the U. S. S. Raleigh, aboard which Johnson was a gunner, was a direct hit in answer to the Spanish batteries at El Fraile in Manila bay.

2 Commanders Blamed for S-4 Sinking

Washington D. C. — Responsibility for the collision between the S-4 submarine and the coast guard destroyer Paulding off Provincetown, Mass., last December was placed jointly on the commanders of both craft in the report of the special naval court of inquiry.

Idaho Baby Chick Curb Halted.

Boise, Idaho.—Idaho state officers are enjoined from enforcing regulations governing the shipment of baby chicks into the state under a temporary restraining order signed by Federal District Judge Cavanaugh.

Al Smith Wins Philippine Delegation.

Manila.—The democratic territorial convention instructed the six delegates of the Philippines to the democratic convention to vote for Governor Smith of New York for the presidential nomination.

Federal Building Bill Signed.

Washington, D. C.—A bill authorizing an additional \$100,000,000 for post-offices and federal buildings throughout the country was signed by President Coolidge.

IMPORTANT TASKS AHEAD OF CONGRESS

None of the Major Problems Have Been Solved Up to Date.

Washington, D. C.—Although at the halfway mark of its first session, the 70th congress has yet to dispose of a single one of the eight major problems which faced it when it met December 6.

Material progress has been made in the drafting of bills as solutions of some of the problems but it is now regarded as inevitable that several must be left for the congress to be elected next November as it will scarcely be possible to get through highly controversial legislation at the short session to begin next December.

Flood relief, probably the most important of all pending questions, still is in the formative stage, but leaders in both houses are determined to put through a bill so as to make improbable a repetition of the 1927 disaster in the Mississippi valley states.

The house committee has formulated a bill calling for federal payment of all expenses, but this bill as a whole runs counter to the administration view and Chairman Reed will begin a series of conferences this week in an effort to reach an agreement satisfactory to all. At the same time, the senate committee will begin drafting a measure.

Farm relief, which has agitated congress for a number of years, likewise is to be pressed at this session, with the fight again centering around the equalization fee of the original McNary-Haugen bill. The senate committee has reported such a bill and a similar effort will be made in the house committee March 5.

Tax revision still is buried in the senate finance committee which is deferring action on the house measure until after the first tax returns for this year are received on March 15. There is a growing belief at the capitol that there will be no tax revision at this session as the administration and congress are far apart on the form it should take.

MICHIGAN GUARD OFFICERS ARRESTED

Detroit, Mich.—Ten men, including seven officers of the Michigan national guard, two regular army officers and an ex-national guard officer, were arrested by United States secret service agents on charges of perpetrating frauds amounting to thousands of dollars through a scheme of payroll padding and pay-check forging.

Included in the charges are accusations that the officers stole the pay checks of privates and intimidated those who complained with threats of courtmartial and personal violence. It also is charged the officers forged indorsements to these checks and spent the money for liquor in blind pigs, and that the payrolls were padded with the names of men who had not drilled and these checks likewise cashed under forged indorsements.

WRIGHT WANTS CREDIT

Sending Historic Plane to London Explained by Pioneer Aviator.

Washington, D. C.—Orville Wright, pioneer aviator, explains in an article written for publication in the United States Air Services magazine, that he is sending the original 1903 Wright airplane to the British National museum rather than keep it in this country, "because of the hostile and unfair attitude shown towards us by the officials of the Smithsonian institution."

He laid to the institute the beginning of "a subtle campaign" to take from him and his brother, Wilbur, credit for certain scientific calculations and give this credit to the late Professor Samuel P. Langley, one time secretary of the institute.

Expressing regret that he felt his course necessary, Wright declared he did so with the belief that the work of him and his brother "will be impartially judged and will receive whatever credit it is entitled to."

Kansas City Bank Gang Gets \$50,737.

Kansas City, Mo.—Armed with two sub-machine guns, three sawed-off shotguns and several 45-caliber automatics, a band of bank robbers, estimated at 10 to 15 in number, shot up the City bank here and escaped with \$50,737. More than a dozen shots were fired by the seven unmasked men who entered the bank. No one was injured.

Illinois Gas Tax Law Held Invalid.

Springfield, Ill.—The supreme court held the Illinois gasoline tax law unconstitutional. The law, passed by the last session of the Illinois legislature, applied a rate of 2 cents on the gallon.