

WALSH ENTERS RACE FOR NOMINATION

Montana Senator Will Contest in Primaries of Wisconsin and California.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, democrat, announced in a statement here that he had assented to the plan of his friends to enter him in the democratic presidential primaries in Wisconsin, South Dakota and California.

The statement was an indirect announcement of Walsh's candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination. He said he had not inspired the movement and that he did not intend to conduct an active campaign.

The name of Walsh, veteran senator from Montana and prosecutor of the oil investigations, was thrust into the political spotlight by announcements from two states, California and Wisconsin, and political observers had much more food for thought in the further declaration that William G. McAdoo was to lead the California movement for him.

Like Smith, Senator Walsh is a Roman Catholic, unlike the New York governor, he is committed to the dry cause.

The Kansas City and Houston conventions are now less than four months away. At one or the other the occupant of the White House after a year from Sunday will be selected. The approach of primaries and conventions in many states also is bringing home to candidates and their managers a realization that there is no time to be lost and that political hay can be made even before the winter's frost is off the ground.

TELEPHONE COMPANY ASSETS 4 BILLIONS

New York.—The United States, richest of all nations, has produced its first \$4,000,000,000 corporation.

The annual report of the American Telephone & Telegraph company placed that corporation at the head of all other industrial concerns in this country.

Second to the A. T. & T. is the United States Steel Corporation with assets of nearly \$2,500,000,000. Next in order, all in the billion dollar class, come Southern Pacific railroad, Pennsylvania Lines, New York Central railroad, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Union Pacific railroad, Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, General Motors and Ford Motor company.

The A. T. & T. established its lead through a combination of its individual worth and that of the Bell Telephone system, of which it owns 93 per cent. A. T. & T. assets as of December 31, 1927, are listed at \$1,949,690,957 and assets of the Bell system at \$2,457,467,311.

FIVE MARINES KILLED

Navy Department Gets Report on Battle With Sandino.

Washington, D. C.—The navy department has received a report from Rear-Admiral David F. Sellers, commanding the special service squadron in Nicaraguan waters, giving details of the engagement last week when five marines were killed and eight wounded.

According to the dispatches, the attack on the marine force of 36 men commanded by Lieutenant F. O'Day took place while they were escorting an empty pack train of 85 animals returning westward from Yall. The actual attack, the dispatch said, came at a small village named Jacoto. Following the attack the force of Lieutenant O'Day was joined by others troops from Condega and the area in the vicinity was carefully reconnoitered in an effort to locate the attackers.

Hays Says Sinclair Donated \$260,000.

Washington, D. C.—Will H. Hays, ex-postmaster-general, testified before the senate oil committee that Harry F. Sinclair had handed him a total of \$260,000 in Liberty bonds for use by the republican national committee after the oil operator had leased Teapot Dome. Of this amount \$160,000 actually was used to help extinguish the committee deficit resulting from the 1920 presidential campaign, which Hays directed as chairman of the national committee, the remaining \$100,000 being returned to the wealthy oil operator.

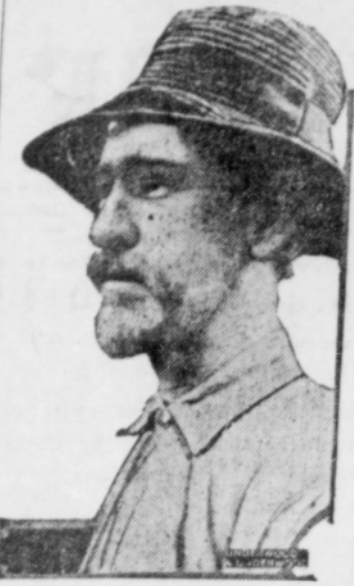
Senate Approves Farm Day Measure.

Washington, D. C.—The Capper resolution designating the first Thursday of each October as National Agriculture day was adopted Friday by the senate. It now goes to the house.

British Columbia Minister Dies.

Victoria, B. C.—Hon. William A. Sloane, minister of mines for British Columbia, died in St. Joseph's hospital here.

ALBERT F. ETTER



Albert F. Etter, the "Apple Wizard" of California, who is now endeavoring to create a seedless apple.

MUSSOLINI WARNS AUSTRIAN PREMIER

Rome.—Austrian manifestations against Italian rule in the former Austrian Tyrol district were "intolerable," Premier Mussolini said in the chamber of deputies.

"This is the last time I shall speak on the Tyrol question," Mussolini added. "Next time it will be deeds."

Mussolini was replying to speeches made by Austrian Chancellor Seipel and various members of the Vienna parliament. The Italian minister had been recalled as a protest against the statements.

Mussolini charged Austria with ingratitude, pointing out the help Italy had given her since her dismemberment under the World war treaty.

"I am speaking for the world; not for Austria alone," said Mussolini. "We are not Austria's pupils. We will not admit of interference in our home affairs. Governor Fuller of Massachusetts has given us a fine example of how to resist foreign interference in the Sacco-Vanzetti case."

The chamber was packed and the premier was interrupted at times by cheering.

FORT McHENRY PRESERVED

Birthplace of Star-Spangled Banner to be Restored.

Washington, D. C.—Restoration of the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner, at Fort McHenry on Whetstone Point in the city of Baltimore, to its original condition will be started immediately by Major-General Cheatham, quartermaster-general of the army, congress has appropriated \$81,678 for that purpose.

The Star Spangled Banner still flies from the same spot where Francis Scott Key viewed it in 1814 from the British warship which held him prisoner, and was inspired to write the composition now used as the national anthem.

Standard Oil Re-elects Chairman.

Chicago.—Colonel Robert W. Stewart, charged with contempt for refusal to answer questions asked by members of the Teapot Dome senatorial investigating committee, was re-elected chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana with the 1,339,920 shares of stock controlled by John D. Rockefeller Jr., voted neither for nor against him.

13 Ohio Bankers Face Prosecution.

Findlay, O.—Thirty-five indictments charging 13 officers and directors of the Arcadia Bank & Savings company, at Arcadia, O., with embezzlement of \$273,619.64 were returned by the grand jury.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.42; hard white, \$1.31 1/2; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.31; hard winter, \$1.25; northern spring, \$1.26; western red, \$1.24.

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

Butterfat—54@55c.
Eggs—Ranch, 20@25c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.75@12.50.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.75@9.00.

Lambs — Medium to choice, \$12@13.75.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.30 1/2; hard winter, western red, \$1.25 1/2; northern spring, \$1.27; bluestem, \$1.43 1/2; dark northern spring, \$1.46; dark hard winter, \$1.40.

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.

Senator McNary has secured passage by the senate of his bill for construction of the Deschutes reclamation project.

The merchants' department of the St. Helens chamber of commerce has sponsored the formation of a credit reporting association.

The government is opening for settlement 2160 acres of land in Lake county, near Paisley, and all veterans of the world war have a preference.

All grading for the Great Northern terminal in Klamath Falls was completed last week by Hauser Brothers and the yards are now ready for the steel.

The North Powder and Haines banks have consolidated, effective March 1. The new banking firm will operate at Haines, which is in Baker county.

The Columbia river canned salmon pack during 1927 aggregated 520,216 full cases, valued at \$7,400,021, according to statistics compiled at Astoria last week.

Portland's postal receipts for February, amounting to \$237,001.76, show a gain of \$4,561.38 or 1.9 per cent over February, 1927, according to Postmaster John M. Jones.

Hal E. Hoss, private secretary to Governor Patterson since the latter's inauguration in January, 1927, severed his connection with the executive department last week.

Forest service trails with a total of 73 miles length will be commenced this year in the Columbia district, according to Chief Ranger Wheeler of the Herman creek station.

The St. Helens Kiwanis club has sponsored a harmonica band with a membership of 35 boys of the grade school. Professor Wiesendanger of Portland will act as instructor.

The state land department has turned over to the state treasurer during February \$111,808.15, according to a report prepared by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

William Seals of Crescent lake reports that the depth of snow on Windigo pass, high ridge of the Cascades south of Odell lake, is only half that recorded at this time last year.

The Pleasant Creek placer mine, an old-time producer which has been closed down for several years and located nine miles out from Rogue River, will be reopened at once.

Half again as much money was taken in by the city of McMinnville in 1926 for fines as in 1927, according to Judge Shirley. The sum reached \$1764 in 1926 and only \$1054.50 in 1927.

Eight leap-year babies were reported born in Portland on February 29. They will be quite sizeable youngsters when they observe their next birthdays four years hence. Six were boys and two girls.

A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, announces a dividend of 50 per cent on the claims of all depositors of the failed Cove State bank. A 20 per cent dividend was paid some time ago.

Acting under authority of the Albany city council, G. M. Junkin, city street commissioner, has ordered the removal of all signs advertising oil and gasoline from streets and sidewalks of Albany.

The second report of the newly organized Marion County Dairy Improvement association shows 624 cows, 87 of which were dry, on test. The total production of these was 16,014 pounds of butterfat.

A shipment of 164 road and trail signs was received last week by the Crater national forest headquarters, and will be erected during the coming summer on mountain trails frequented by numerous visitors.

Preliminary organization of a building and trades council to affiliate with the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor was effected at a mass meeting of building crafts in Salem recently.

The Silver Lake Mercantile company store, largest building in Silver Lake, was destroyed Saturday night by fire of undetermined origin, which nearly claimed the life of Mrs. Leston Linebaugh, wife of one of the proprietors.

Another tie between the present and the days of the Old West was broken last Thursday night, when E. J. McClanahan, pioneer stage driver of Oregon and California and a resident of Eugene since 1866, died in Eugene.

Only 129 taxpayers voted at the school election held last Saturday on the question of a \$15,000 bond issue for four new classrooms to be added to the present grade schoolhouse at Gresham. The bonds carried by a two-to-one vote.

Portland's building program for this year, which got off to an indifferent start in January, received an impetus during the past month when 876 permits were issued calling for construction with an aggregate value of \$1,475,200.

V. Dare Sloper, Stayton druggist, was instantly killed and Everett Boedeker, pilot, died later in a Salem hospital from injuries suffered when a "Jenny" plane of the Trask-Boedeker aviation school crashed in a pasture a mile east of Salem last week.

Employment conditions in the Pacific northwest have undergone steady improvement during the last 30 days, according to the Four-L employment report for March 1. The report shows however, that there is still more unemployment than at this time last year.

Dates for the state convention of the Business and Professional Women's clubs at Roseburg have been set for May 18, 19 and 20. This was announced following a district meeting at Coquille Saturday, at which eight of the 13 clubs of Oregon were represented.

Frank Morrison, Salem man who was struck on the head when a truck load of furniture on which he was riding passed under a railway viaduct in Salem, died in the hospital. Morrison, accompanied by a daughter, was moving his household goods to Bandon on a truck.

A dividend of 60 per cent on savings deposits and 30 per cent on commercial deposits in the defunct Lane County Savings bank at Florence was declared by the state banking department. Checks will be sent to depositors within the next two or three days, it was announced.

Road construction crews started work last week on the Washington county and Tualatin valley side of the Canyon road. This stretch runs between the Washington-Multnomah county line and Beaverton, joining to the main Tualatin valley highway to the west of Beaverton.

After making a trip to the Quartzville mining district in the Cascades, W. R. Mealey, a retired lumberman of Albany, has decided to install freight airplanes to transport ore from the remote quartz mines. He said he was prepared to put on one or more carriers as soon as conditions justify.

A 100,000-bale crop of cluster hops for next year was predicted by T. A. Livesley of Salem, one of the largest growers and operators on the Pacific coast. He estimated a 10,000-bale crop of fuggles. Mr. Livesley said that approximately 800 acres of new hops were added to the Oregon acreage this year.

His flesh torn by the teeth of a coyote believed to be rabid, Emmett Stafford, herder employed on one of the Bill Brown ranches between Burns and Bend, is in Burns under a physician's care. The coyote attacked Stafford at night, after the herder attempted to drive the animal away from a flock of sheep.

Approximately 2500 school children from all parts of Marion county will march in the second annual county honor roll parade in Salem May 5. The parade is held annually under the direction of the Marion county child health demonstration. More than 3000 children are trying for the honor roll this year.

Last rites were held Thursday for Deborah P. Smith, 77, who died in Medford last week. Mrs. Smith was a pioneer resident of Jackson county. Married in Iowa in 1880, she and her husband came west and moved to Jacksonville in 1882, when it was necessary to make the trip from Portland by stage coach.

"Born with a gold spoon in his mouth," will be almost true of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Staking of Eugene, born at the Pacific Christian hospital last week. As the 1000th baby born at the hospital he will be presented with a gold spoon by Mrs. E. C. Sanderson, wife of the president of the Eugene Bible university.

Members of the Washington county court approved plans to open the Wilson river road between Tillamook and Forest Grove, reducing the distance between the two points by nearly half. Tuesday when they ordered grading done on the project. It is hoped that the ultimate result will be establishment of a permanent highway. This is the route over which recent agitation asked for a toll road to the Tillamook beaches. One of the most beautiful and most scenic spots in the Pacific northwest will be opened, it was said.

The historic significance of Champoug will be recognized by congress under the terms of a resolution to be introduced shortly by Senator McNary, which will authorize an appropriation of \$250,000 for erection of an appropriate memorial.

Cupid's lead over divorce in Baker was a precarious one for February, when leap year is supposed to give the god of love all the best of it. The county clerk's records show that 15 marriage licenses were granted and that ten divorce actions were filed.

GEN. AUGUSTINO SANDINO



Gen. Augustino Sandino, the Nicaraguan rebel leader, who has had several battles with American marines.

STEWART INDICTED IN SENATE OIL CASE

Washington, D. C.—The ninth pending criminal action growing out of the senate's investigation of the Teapot Dome-Elk Hills leases was begun in federal court when Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of Standard Oil of Indiana, was indicted for refusing to answer questions asked by the Teapot Dome committee.

Stewart was charged by the grand jury with having refused to answer questions concerning the disposition of liberty bond oil profits of Continental Trading company. The committee, seeking to trace \$3,080,000 of the profits, some of which reached ex-Secretary Fall in a \$233,000 payment from Harry F. Sinclair, asked Stewart if he knew anyone who received any of the bonds and if he had discussed the bond transactions with Sinclair.

The Standard Oil man refused to answer the two questions on two different occasions and was indicted on one count for each refusal.

Trial of H. M. Blackmer, missing Teapot Dome witness, began here with the oil man's attorneys arguing in behalf of their motion to dismiss the contempt charge against him. Blackmer is still in Paris. If he loses the present case he, likewise, loses his \$100,000 in Liberty bonds which the government seized under the Walsh act following his refusal to return and testify.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Ty Cobb has decided to play one more season with the Philadelphia Athletics.

Marshal Armando Diaz, 67, commander of the Italian armies in the world war, died in Rome.

David E. Kaufman of Philadelphia was nominated by President Coolidge to be American minister to Bolivia.

Sixteen American marines were slain in Nicaragua from December 13, 1926, to February 8, 1928, in combat with the so-called Nicaraguan rebels.

A Mississippi flood control bill carrying a total of \$325,000,000, all to be paid out of federal funds, was approved by the senate commerce committee.

Henry L. Stimson, New York lawyer and secretary of war under President Taft, has assumed the office of governor general of the Philippines, succeeding the late General Leonard Wood.

It is reported that the state department has inquired of Peruvian foreign minister if Alexander P. Moore of Pittsburgh would be acceptable to replace Miles Poindexter as United States ambassador to Peru.

Drastic Dry Legislation Approved.

Washington, D. C.—The Stalker bill, raising the maximum sentence for the first violation of the Volstead act from one year in jail and a \$1000 fine to five years' imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine, was approved by the house judiciary committee. The drastic penalties would apply to transportation, selling and making illicit liquor, but not to possession. The bill also would eliminate provisions of the present law making a jail sentence of at least 30 days mandatory for a second violation.

Sacajawea Tablet Proposal Approved.

Washington, D. C.—The resolution to authorize the erection of a \$2500 memorial tablet to the grave of Sacajawea, the Indian woman who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition across the northwest, was approved by the house library committee. The grave is on the Shoshone Indian reservation in Wyoming.

Hoover Petitions Filed in Michigan.

Lansing, Mich.—Petitions qualifying Herbert Hoover as a candidate for republican presidential preference in the Michigan primary April 2 were filed here.

INCREASE IN LIVE-STOCK RATES ASKED

Proposed Changes Would Cost Producers Million Dollars Annually.

Kansas City, Mo.—With the close of the second week of the hearing at Kansas City there has been introduced by the interstate commerce commission increase livestock freight rates from western territory an average of 30 to 40 per cent.

A rough estimate made by representatives of western shippers is that the increase in the livestock freight rates proposed by the carriers, would cost the livestock producers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana more than \$1,000,000 annually.

Also the testimony introduced indicates a well-organized effort on the part of packers with plants located at Ogden, Denver and Missouri river points and other interior points to obtain in the general adjustment of western livestock rates that is to result from the investigation a more favorable position by the increase of freight rates on livestock for long hauls as compared with rates for short hauls.

Witnesses said that because livestock has to be unloaded every 300 to 400 miles for feed, water and rest, rates for longer distances should be in the nature of a combination of local rates and not decrease per mile with distance as do rates on other commodities.

The railroads have joined with the interior packers in demanding relatively higher rates for long hauls.

FRENCH COURT TURNS DOWN COLBY DIVORCE

Paris.—Complete defeat has attended the efforts of Bainbridge Colby, who was American secretary of state under President Wilson, to obtain a divorce in France, where so many of his lesser known compatriots have had their marital bonds easily severed in recent years.

The tribunal at Versailles before which Colby applied for a decree last summer, has decided it is without jurisdiction, inasmuch as the ex-secretary apparently has not relinquished his domicile in the United States, although he has been living in France for 11 months.

The court's decision is the first, so far as known, rendered against a prominent American seeking a divorce here in recent years. It is interpreted by lawyers of the capital as meaning that the campaign against foreigners coming across the Atlantic and using French courts as an easy means of getting a divorce, has borne its first fruit.

FARM FORECLOSURES HUGE

Almost \$17,000,000 Worth of Lands Taken by Board.

Washington, D. C.—Almost \$17,000,000 worth of farm lands have fallen into the hands of the federal farm loan board through foreclosures since establishment of the board, Lloyd S. Tenny, chief of the bureau of economics, department of agriculture, disclosed in testimony before a house appropriations sub-committee.

Publication of the testimony, given in framing the agriculture appropriation bill, revealed that in addition to that huge amount another \$5,040,301 worth is subject to foreclosure.

Hickman Captors to Get \$3000.

Los Angeles.—The first of the community rewards offered for the arrest and conviction of William Edward Hickman, kidnaper and murderer of Marion Parker, has been divided. It was announced here. More than \$3000 collected by radio station KHIC of Inglewood was distributed between Tom Gurdane, chief of police of Pendleton, Or.; Buck Lieuallen, Oregon traffic officer, and Fred King, Columbia highway service station attendant. Gurdane and Lieuallen each will receive 40 per cent and King 20 per cent of the total as soon as an audit has been completed.

Oregon Farm Co-operative Pays.

Eugene, Or.—Gross sales amounting to \$1,600,450.46 were made by the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, a farmers' co-operative concern, in 1927, according to the annual report read at the meeting of stockholders recently. The report shows 1801 members listed. The association operates a large fruit and vegetable cannery, an ice manufacturing and storage plant, a large evaporator and an ice cream factory, vinegar factory, box factory and machine shop.

Congress Awards Lindy Gold Medal.

Washington, D. C.—Without a dissenting vote the house voted to award a gold medal to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.