

## M'NARY-HAUGEN BILL REPORTED TO SENATE

Equalization Fee to Which President Objects is Retained.

Washington, D. C. — The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, modified in an effort to meet some objections of President Coolidge, was reported favorably to the senate by Chairman McNary, Oregon, for the agricultural committee.

The equalization fee, to which President Coolidge objected so strenuously last year, remains in the bill, but nine other points rejected against the previous proposal have been met, the report contends. Chief among these is that no limitation is placed upon the presidential choice of the administrative board and that relief provisions are applicable for all commodities instead of six "basic" commodities.

"Other changes to meet administration objections, as expressed in the report, are that the bill 'assists perishable agricultural commodities'; that relief provisions would be suspended 'in case of excessive planting or breeding'; that 'unreasonable discrimination in making marketing agreements' is eliminated; that the provision for state convention machinery to express producers' sentiments as to operation on any commodity is eliminated; that 'serial receipts for cotton' are eliminated; that 'limited liability for the government' is provided; and that it 'clarifies insurance provisions.'

An appropriation of \$250,000,000 to be used as a revolving fund for administration of the act would be provided under the senate bill. This figure in the house measure is \$400,000,000. The bone of contention when the bill reaches the floor for debate is expected once more to be the equalization fee. This provision, generally credited as most responsible for the veto last session, would provide for marketing of surplus crops through funds collected from the producers of those crops by the levying of a fee on their proportionate surplus.

## HICKMAN AND HUNT ARE FOUND GUILTY

Los Angeles.—Life imprisonment for William Edward Hickman and Wilby Hunt was voted by a superior court jury which found the two youths guilty of the murder of C. Ivy Toms, Los Angeles pharmacist, in a drugstore holdup on Christmas eve, 1926. The jurors were out more than 16 hours.

The jury recommended that leniency be shown Hunt because of his youth.

Hunt was under 16 years at the time of the fatal holdup.

A few minutes after Hickman and Hunt had been found guilty of Toms' death, the jury brought in another verdict finding Hickman to have been sane the rainy night that Toms crumpled beneath the gunfire from one of the bandits.

Hickman was found sane by a previous jury which condemned him to die on the gallows for the kidnaping and murder of Marion Parker.

## BUTLER ENTERS DENIAL

Telegraphs Walsh He Never Got Bonds From Sinclair.

Washington, D. C.—William M. Butler, chairman of the republican national committee, telegraphed to Senator Walsh of Montana, prosecutor of the senate Teapot Dome committee, that he had never received any liberty bonds or any contributions from Will H. Hays or Harry F. Sinclair at any time.

His telegram was in response to one sent to him by Senator Walsh after there had been produced in the senate oil investigation record a memorandum written by the late John T. Pratt of New York city, upon which the name "Butler" appeared along with those of "Fred W. Upham," "Weeks," "Andy," and "Du Pont," in connection with campaign contributions.

## Long Flight Made by U. S. Seaplane.

San Diego, Cal. — Concluding the first cross-continent flight ever made in a seaplane, Lieutenant R. R. Dallas, U. S. army aviator, with Beckwith Hazens, veteran flier, as passenger, arrived at Rockwell field here from New York city. Lieutenant Dallas reported the distance traveled as 3300 miles and the actual flying time as 32 hours 45 minutes.

## Tom Gurdane Out for Sheriff.

Pendleton, Or.—Tom Gurdane, Pendleton's police chief, and one of the captors of William Edward Hickman, announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for sheriff of Umatilla county. From Long Beach, Cal., Gurdane informed local friends that he would run for the office.

CLAUDE R. PORTER



Claude R. Porter of Iowa, who was recently appointed a member of the interstate commerce commission.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A new American Legion post has been organized at F. Antington. The name of the post was not decided upon.

The Eugene Shrine club, which has been inactive for two years, has been reorganized, and George W. Monroe is president.

Bids for the construction of a men's dormitory were opened by the building committee of the regents of Oregon State college last week.

The state highway load limit between La Grande and Pendleton, on the Old Oregon Trail, has been raised from 6500 to 8500 pounds.

Delight Phipps, well-known Medford man, has been appointed district state fire warden to succeed P. B. Low, who recently resigned to enter business.

Washington's birthday will no longer be a holiday at the University of Oregon. It was voted by members of the faculty at the faculty meeting last week.

Washington county had a one-day poultry school at Forest Grove last Saturday. The session was held in the Forest Grove chamber of commerce.

Jail records show that during the year 1927 there were 101 prisoners locked up in the Yamhill county jail, the largest number ever in the jail in one year.

City mail delivery was started Monday morning at Coquille. Eighty-five per cent of the patrons of the office receive their mail twice a day from two carriers.

A proposal to issue \$50,000 bonds for the establishment of an airport in Salem probably will be submitted to the voters of that city at the primary election May 18.

Tentative dates for the third annual daffodil show at Forest Grove have been fixed by the executive board of the Washington County Daffodil association for March 29 to 31.

Reorganization of the Condon band took place last week. Frank Hollen is manager, but who is to be bandmaster has not been settled. Forty sets of books have been sent for.

The new Hood River airport, dedicated last Monday, had its first accident when Gordon Mounce, a Portland pilot, lost a wheel in landing. His plane tilted and a wing was ripped.

Five boxes of Oregon strawberries, first of the season, arrived in Portland last week. Initial supply came from A. P. Anderson at Waterloo and consisted of the Oregon Plum variety.

An application of the Malheur Railroad company to suspend until June 30 its operation as a common carrier between Seneca and Burns was approved by the public service commission recently.

Herbert D. Newell, superintendent, reports that gross returns from the lands on the Klamath reclamation project for 1927 totaled \$1,181,670, an increase of nearly \$275,000 over the preceding year.

At a meeting of potato growers of Clackamas county at the Oregon City chamber of commerce rooms last week temporary officers were chosen to serve in an organization to be named at a later meeting.

Construction of a \$30,000 addition to the Willard hotel at Klamath Falls, which will make the hostelry one of the most modern and commodious in the state, is announced by W. D. Miller, owner of the property.

The price of dairy cows still remains high in the Sandy section, as evidenced at the sale of 82 head on the Vetch farm near Boring, the largest sale ever put on in this section of Clackamas county. The cows averaged \$115 each, the two highest nearing \$200.

The total timber cut on the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington for the calendar year 1927 was 373,694,000 board feet, with a value of \$878,739, as shown by report issued by the United States forest service. This is a decrease of nearly 45 million board feet as compared with 1926, due largely to depression in the lumber market, according to the service.

The 14 national forests of Oregon show a cut of 11,884,000 board feet, valued at \$462,283.

Exactly 548 pounds of milk, with a butterfat content of 25.48 pounds, was the average production of 639 cows of the Marion County Dairy Improvement association tested during the month of February. A total of 43 herds were tested.

Carnival amusements and concessions for the American Legion state convention to be held in Medford next August will be permitted by the city council only with the approval of the local legion post, it has been decided at the request of the post.

State prohibition department operatives participated in 77 arrests in February. Fines aggregated \$5025.59, with jail sentences totaling 610 days. The officers destroyed 5199 gallons of mash, 2375 gallons of liquor and 14 stills.

The huge Front street intercepting sewer has been completed in Portland and next week construction of the concrete harbor wall will be started on the waterfront. O. Laurgaard, city engineer and father of the \$2,000,000 project, announced.

The Coos county court will begin at once the laying out of a road destined to shorten materially the distance from Marshfield to Empire and the beaches, according to the assurance given a large Coos bay delegation which appeared before the county court last week.

Another ten-mile stretch of the Vale project canal will be let for construction. Bids will be opened in the office of H. W. Bashore, Vale project engineer, on April 6. Construction work on the Vale project is now under way on the 7½ miles of the canal in the vicinity of Harper.

Creation of a scenic drive up Roxy Ann, the mountain four miles east of Medford overlooking the city and the Rogue river valley, and establishment of a scenic park at a cost of \$25,000, backed by the city and county, was the aim of a resolution adopted by the Medford city council last week.

The average production of the 479 cows enrolled in the Columbia County Cow Testing association for February was 553 pounds of milk and 23.81 pounds of fat. For herds of more than 20 cows, the Guernsey herd of Fred Uhlman of Scappoose took first place with an average of 736 pounds of milk and 31.63 pounds of fat.

Portland's building campaign is zooming ahead in a way that promises to set a new record. The report shows that last month permits showing a total construction cost of \$1,530,340 were issued by the city. This is a gain of 55 per cent over the January permits and a gain of 36 per cent over February, according to the report.

Ellsworth Kelley, for the fourth time in less than three years, was sentenced to be hanged for the slaying of John Sweeney, guard, during a break at the Oregon state penitentiary in August, 1925. The sentence was pronounced by Judge Kelly of the Marion county circuit court, who fixed Friday, April 13, as the date for the execution.

A check for \$9.85 was received last week from the war department by Captain C. Y. Tengwald of the Medford national guard company. The sum represented the amount in the mess fund of Company G when it was ordered to Fort Stevens and federalized, at the outbreak of the world war. The transaction which required ten years, is now closed.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 8, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission last week. The victims were Victor Klotchhoff, Westport, rigger, and Walter H. Laws, Rogue River, truck driver. There were a total of 497 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

If present weather conditions prevail for the next two months, Crater Lake national park roads will be open to automobile travel by May 15, predicted John Maben, caretaker and weather observer at Crater Lake lodge. The park opened July 2 in 1927, and the latter part of May in 1926. Snowfall and total precipitation has been 100 per cent less this season than last.

Resources of Portland's 24 commercial and savings banks rose \$6,249,942 in January and February of this year. Statements prepared by the banks, in response to call of the controller of currency and state superintendent of banks to report on condition as of February 28, showed total resources of the banks for that date of \$180,349,880. This compared with \$173,399,935 as reported for December 31, 1927.

A "gold strike" out of the ordinary was reported in Salem recently. Following the slaughter of eight head of cattle at a local packing plant butchers noticed that the animals' teeth were coated with a glittering substance resembling gold. A number of the teeth were pulled and later submitted to a Salem dentist and jeweler for examination. Both pronounced the substance pure gold. Local veterinarians expressed the opinion that the teeth came in contact with the gold as the cattle grazed in some mining district.

Clipping several minutes from the record, Chester Lamont of Astoria won the semi-annual Seaside to Astoria marathon hike Thursday night, covering the 20 miles in 3 hours 35 minutes 55 seconds. He was closely pressed by L. Puustinen of Svensen, who was but 12 seconds behind the winner, while Wayne Suokko of Astoria took third place. Mildred Lelians of Seaside won the women's hiking race from Warrenton to Astoria, hammering out the eight miles in 1 hour 25 minutes 30 seconds.

MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE



This new photograph of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge is one of the few profile views which she has approved and permitted to be given to the press.

## 'LAME DUCK' BILL DEFEATED IN HOUSE

Washington, D. C. — The White-Norris constitutional amendment to abolish "lame duck" sessions of congress and change the presidential inaugural date was rejected by the house.

The vote was 209 to 157, with two members answering present. This was 36 votes less than the two-thirds necessary for approval of constitutional amendments.

The house action, taken after three days of debate, during which republican leaders led a vigorous fight against the proposal, definitely shelve the amendment for this session of congress, at least. The amendment, in slightly modified form, was approved earlier this session by the senate, which in three previous congresses had voted for its adoption.

The amendment sought to change the meeting date of congress from March 4 to January 4. This would have abolished the "lame duck" sessions of congress or those in which sit members who were defeated at earlier elections. To conform with this change the resolution proposed to have the president take office January 24, instead of March 4.

It also proposed to clear up ambiguous provisions in the constitution regarding succession of the presidency in the event of the death of the president and vice-president-elect, and, in addition, to give congress power to establish presidential succession in possible contingencies not covered by the constitution.

Party lines disappeared entirely in the voting. The proportion of republicans and democrats was about the same in the supporting and opposing groups.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Franklin Mott Gunther of Virginia was nominated by President Coolidge to be American minister to Egypt.

Fire swept through the business district of Phoenix, Ariz., destroying three buildings and causing an estimated loss of \$250,000.

The Honduran congress ratified a treaty of friendship, commerce and consular privileges between the United States and Honduras.

The wedding of Miss Nancy Ann Miller of Seattle, Wash., and the ex-Maharajah of Indore will be held next Saturday at the latter's residence at Darya Mahal.

Trading on the New York stock exchange Friday of last week set a record for the year in volume and was exceeded only once in history. Sales totaled 3,678,109 shares, compared with the record made March 3, 1926, of 3,873,700 shares.

Exactly 14 hours out of Mitchell field, Charles A. Levine, Wilmer A. Stultz and Miss Mabel Boll landed at the Camp Columbia flying field, Havana, in the famous trans-Atlantic monoplane Columbia. It was the first non-stop flight between New York and Cuba.

Blasting Powder Fatal to Cattle. Myrtle Point, Or. — Ellis Dement, Myrtle Point ex-mayor, has reported the loss of seven steers as result of their eating blasting powder. The animals while on the range near Eckley found the powder in an old building.

Jugo-Slavia Debt Plan Approved. — Washington, D. C.—The senate finance committee favorably reported the Jugo-Slavia debt settlement agreement for refunding a \$68,000,000 loan made during the World war.

Indiana Democrat in Presidential Race. Indianapolis, Ind. — Evans Woolden, prominent Indiana democrat, has declared his candidacy for the democratic nomination for president.

## MELLON REFUSED TO ACCEPT OIL BONDS

Returned \$50,000 Liberties Sent Him by Will H. Hays.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Mellon has informed the senate Teapot Dome committee that he received \$50,000 of the \$260,000 of Liberty bonds which Harry F. Sinclair advanced to cover part of the deficit of the republican national committee in 1923, but that he had refused to retain the bonds in exchange for a like contribution.

The treasury secretary disclosed that the bonds had been sent to him by Will H. Hays, ex-chairman of the republican committee, and that when Hays subsequently called upon him to explain the purpose he had declined to keep them as suggested. He added that he had returned the bonds to Hays and shortly thereafter made a contribution in the same amount from his own funds.

Mellon wrote that this was the sum that he had intended to give when he was first asked to contribute to the fund being raised to clean up the republican deficit. The secretary's letter, addressed to Senator Walsh of Montana, prosecutor of the senate inquiry into what became of the Continental Trading company liberty bond profits from the now celebrated Humphreys oil deal, was written after the senator had forwarded to him the record of hearings held by the committee in which appeared the name "Andy" along with that of "Weeks," "Butler" and "Du Pont."

These names were written on a memorandum of the late John T. Pratt, of New York city, showing that he had handled \$25,000 of the liberty bonds and had sent a check for twice that amount of the late Fred W. Upham, then treasurer of the republican committee.

"I know nothing whatsoever concerning these transactions," Mellon wrote, "nor do I have any knowledge as to the contributions to the republican national committee by Mr. Pratt."

## CONDITIONS FOUND BAD IN COAL MINES

Washington, D. C.—Tales of horror, degradation and poverty in the Pittsburgh and central Pennsylvania coal regions are related in the report made to the senate interstate commerce committee by its subcommittee which recently inspected that area.

"A reign of terror" was found at Broughton, Pa., mine of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal corporation, said the report. Women were found by the committee to be "still nervous from the shooting up of their homes." Miners' wives at Bruceton, Pa., testified that their homes had been "shot up."

In submitting its findings, the subcommittee—through Chairman Gooding, republican, Idaho—recommended that the present investigation of the bituminous industry "be searching and severe in every detail, looking forward to some solution by legislation that will put the great coal industry of America on a reasonably prosperous basis."

## MCADOO BOOSTS WALSH

Heads List of California Delegates for Montana Senator.

San Francisco. — The Walsh for president boom assumed a definite form in California when a group of dry democrats headed by William G. McAdoo put a ticket in the field in behalf of the Montana senator.

The movement assured a triangular democratic fight in the presidential primary, which will be held May 1 to name delegates to the national conventions. Organizations supporting Governor Al Smith of New York and Senator Reed of Missouri previously had taken root in the California field.

The personnel of the Walsh ticket as announced contained the names of McAdoo, Kathleen Norris, the writer, and George Creel, author and head of the government's wartime information bureau.

The Smith forces here were informed that Registrar J. H. Zemansky of San Francisco had certified to the secretary of state nomination papers of the Smith delegates, headed by ex-Senator James D. Phelan. The papers contain signatures of 1199 San Francisco democrats.

Senate Committee Opposed to Esch. Washington, D. C.—The long-standing row over the lake cargo coal case reached a definite point when opponents of the reappointment of John J. Esch of Wisconsin as a member of the interstate commerce commission obtained an unfavorable committee report on his confirmation. The vote was 10 to 7, party lines being broken on both sides. Accompanying the unfavorable report to the senate, will be a minority report by Senator Fess, republican, Ohio, urging confirmation.