

FIGHT OVER MELLON TAX PLAN FORECAST

Corporation Tax is One of the Main Points of Contention.

Washington, D. C.—The administration tax-reduction program presented to the senate last week by Secretary Mellon is in for some severe knocks by the representatives of business and the automobile industry, but the republican majority of the senate finance committee was confident of holding its position for the Mellon plan.

Chairman Smoot of the committee, who is in charge of the republican majority on the committee, announced that the previous decision for a 12 per cent corporation tax was only tentative. He indicated strongly that an attempt may be made later to make this rate 12 1/2 per cent.

The corporation tax is one of the main points of contention in the bill. The house voted to slash this rate from 13 1/2 to 11 1/2 per cent. Mr. Mellon said this was too much. He favored 12 per cent, and in its first action the committee tentatively accepted this figure, but now Senator Smoot appears to be ready to boost it up to 12 1/2 per cent because of other prospective reductions.

The republican majority also is standing pat for the \$200,000,000 limitation on tax reduction set by Secretary Mellon, but the democrats hope to have their contention for a \$300,000,000 figure bolstered up by experts who will appear before the committee in public hearings.

Even should the republican majority in committee succeed in holding the bill within the limitations set by the treasury, democrats believe they will be supported sufficiently on the floor to obtain repeal of the automobile levy of 3 per cent which was voted by the house but which Mr. Mellon wants to retain.

WOULD REAPPORTION SEATS IN THE HOUSE

Washington, D. C.—Speaker Nicholas Longworth and other house leaders have announced their intention to force a showdown at this session of congress on the Fenn bill to reapportion membership in the house of representatives as required by the constitution.

The Fenn bill directs the secretary of commerce to reapportion the seats in the house every ten years, immediately after the federal decennial census. He is to use the formula known as major fractions and is to keep the total membership at 435.

He is to report his allocation of seats to congress and failure of congress to upset his apportionment, based upon mathematical calculations, would see the reapportionment go into effect automatically.

California, Michigan, Florida and other states which have grown tremendously in recent years would gain seats in an equitable reapportionment, it was pointed out.

The last reapportionment was made in 1911 on the basis of the 1910 census. The population in 1910 was 91,841,197, while the population in 1920, exclusive of the District of Columbia, was 105,271,200. The Fenn committee pointed out that thus 13,631,852 persons are without "fair and equitable representation in congress."

KIDNAP GANG CAPTURED

Wealthy Chicago Hotel Man, Held for Ransom, Found.

Chicago.—Kidnaped and held a week for \$100,000 ransom, Thomas Kaynor, rich automobile dealer and hotel owner, was rescued by Chicago detectives, who captured four of the alleged kidnapers.

Gaynor was seized by three men as he walked from a garage to his home. He was taken to Schoen's roadhouse, near Dundee, and held there until his captors, learning they had been betrayed by one of their men, bundled Gaynor into an automobile and drove 40 miles to Crystal Lake.

Confessions obtained by police from three of the seven men arrested in connection with the kidnaping of the wealthy automobile dealer and hotel owner, showed the gang had definite plans for abducting a score or more Chicagoans for ransoms totaling \$1,000,000.

German Sets Mark for Glider Planes.

Berlin.—Ferdinand Schulz Sunday established a new world gliding record, ascending 1758 feet in a 45-minute flight in a motorless airplane utilizing air currents.

Japan Favors Ban on War.

Tokyo.—Japan would welcome participation in a multi-lateral treaty to outlaw war, it was announced at the foreign office.

MISS CORNELIA ADAIR



Miss Cornelia S. Adair, a native of West Virginia, is the new president of the National Education association.

GOVERNMENT STARTS TEAPOT DOME TRIAL

Washington, D. C.—The story of the formation of the Continental Trading company, which government prosecutors sought to bring out at previous trials of Harry F. Sinclair, wealthy oil operator, may not be touched upon during the Sinclair trial which opened Monday.

The oil man, it is said will admit that he gave ex-Secretary of the Interior Fall \$233,000, part in bonds of the Continental company, purchased with oil profits, and will insist that the payment was for one-third interest in Fall's Tres Ritos Cattle and Land company in New Mexico.

Sinclair will maintain that the source of the bonds is not material to the government charges against him of conspiring to defraud the government in the Teapot Dome oil lease. The prosecution contends that Sinclair gave the bonds to Fall as a bribe after the latter signed the lease giving the oil man the naval reserve.

That the government is ready to go into the Continental deal, should it find it necessary, is indicated by the calling of Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana as a witness. Stewart, with Sinclair, James E. O'Neill and H. M. Blackmar, guaranteed to the late A. E. Humphreys of Denver the performance of the contract through which the Continental company purchased 33,000,000 barrels of oil from him.

More than 80 witnesses have been summoned to be in court when Sinclair goes on trial next week. Two cabinet officers, Secretaries Wilbur and Work, and two ex-cabinet officers, Edwin Denby and Harry M. Daugherty, have been subpoenaed. Another prominent witness is Theodore Roosevelt, ex-assistant secretary of the navy.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Henry Ford is visiting in England for the first time in 12 years.

The unveiling of the mounted statue of General Robert E. Lee on Stone Mountain took place Monday, the anniversary of Appomattox.

Chile has offered Commander Richard E. Byrd the co-operation of that government in forwarding the work of his south pole expedition.

A belated winter snowstorm accompanied by rapidly tumbling temperatures swept over Kansas, Nebraska and southwestern Iowa Saturday, isolating several cities, including Omaha.

Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, has announced a budget of \$90,000,000 for improvements and maintenance this year. This is \$5,000,000 in excess of the 1927 budget.

The latest report concerning Leon Trotsky, once leader of Russian red army but of late months exile in the farthest reaches of soviet Russia, says he and his wife are in Latvia. Recent rumors that Trotsky had been assassinated are scouted by the Moscow government.

Canada Removes Tourist Goods Ban.

Victoria, B. C.—Customs regulations have been revised to permit tourists to enter Canada from the United States with golf clubs and other sporting equipment without making a money deposit on such paraphernalia. The ruling calling for a deposit on such goods while the tourist was in the country caused much irritation in Victoria and strong protests were made to the Ottawa government.

Pasco Free Bridge Movement On.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Movement for a free bridge over the Columbia river has started and petitions here are ready for circulation this week, asking that the state take over the Pasco-Kennewick span which, since its building several years ago, has been a toll structure.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Wasco County Pioneer association will hold their seventh annual reunion in The Dalles Thursday, May 3.

The state board of control obtained deeds to approximately 20 acres of land which will be made a part of Champeog park.

Voters of Hood River on April 20 will be asked to approve a bond issue of \$850,000 for construction of a gravity water system.

William McVay, Coos county rancher, suffered two broken arms Sunday while attempting to save cattle from a barn destroyed in a storm.

Salem's annual blossom day has been set for April 15, according to announcement made by King Bing Quisenberry of the Salem Chertians.

A new postoffice for Klamath Falls to cost not more than \$225,000 is recommended in the final report to congress of the budget bureau, last week.

School directors and clerks of Columbia county will meet April 14 at St. Helens in the new high school auditorium and perfect an organization.

Forest rangers report three feet of snow at Toll Gate in the Blue mountains. New snow has augmented the depth slightly since the report was made.

Post office receipts at Portland in March aggregated \$266,000, the post-office department announced recently, increasing 2.04 per cent over March of last year.

The government forest service has appropriated about \$30,000 to be used on a new road into the forest above Estacada. This road will connect with the Garfield road.

A check for \$34,247.52, representing the county's share of receipts from sales of government timber during 1927, has been received by the treasurer of Klamath county.

S. A. Blakely, logging superintendent of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company of Bend, was elected president of the Deschutes-Jefferson Forest Protective association.

The train on the Sumpter Valley railroad was derailed Saturday. The engine left the track three times and finally rolled down an embankment, but no one was seriously injured.

C. E. Linton, president of the Oregon Beaches Roosevelt Highway association, has set April 14 as the date on which that association will hold its semi-annual meeting in Waldport.

While Ike Dunford, Jackson county jailer, was eating his breakfast Sunday morning, a thief entered the office in the basement of the courthouse and took \$200 from the jailer's desk.

Automobile thieves stole Patrolman John Skelly's car in front of the police station at The Dalles. Telephone calls to adjoining towns failed to reveal any trace of the automobile.

Henry William Hagemann, prominent farmer and pruner-grower of Logan, in Clackamas county, was killed instantly last week. His neck was broken when he fell from a load of straw.

A total of 2500 baby chicks have been presented to the Children's Farm Home of Corvallis by friends of the institution. This is the beginning of the poultry industry for the Farm Home.

The 35th session of the Willamette valley chautauqua at Gladstone park near Oregon City will be held from July 10 to 22. New features and revival of some of former years are planned.

The O. W. R. & N. unit of the Union Pacific system spent in Portland last year an average of \$34,360 for every business day of the year, according to annual reports just compiled by the company.

The 2,300,000 young silverside salmon reared at the Klaskanine river hatchery for the past 16 months were given their freedom last week, when they were released into the stream by L. W. Hickey, superintendent.

Three and a half miles of logging road, to tap a big stand of virgin timber, is to be built from Coquille to beyond the Al Powers operations on Yellow creek. Engineering forces are on hand, and the road is to be completed by August, it is said.

One hundred feet from shore and safety two Garibaldi mill hands released their hold on their capsize skiff, attempted swim in and were drowned in the storm-tossed waters of Tillamook bay off Garibaldi last week.

Members of three Bend civic organizations last week voted to place on the ballot, probably for the primary election, the question of changing from the present common council form of city government to the managerial system.

A union high school district, to be formed of 16 districts in the southern part of Tillamook county, was authorized at an election held last Saturday, when resident voters of the districts voted 252 in favor and 107 opposed to the formation of the district.

Elwyn Miller, 14, of Gold Beach, thought quickly when a cow charged him as he was crossing a field, sprang at the animal, wrapped his arms about her horns and hung on. The cow charged down a gully, where her burden dropped off into a creek.

Following a heavy hail storm last week a gale tore trees and shrubs from the ground and turned over two automobiles in the district a mile and a half west of Umatilla. Farmers in the Helix district reported their wheat blanketed under a two-inch fall of snow.

Joe Poulsen, about 15, and a pupil of the Wallowa school, is at the hospital in a serious condition as a result of being shot by a fellow pupil at the close of a play rehearsal. A revolver had been used for some part in the play and had been loaded with a piece of soap.

Representatives from the Scappoose commercial club, the Vernonia chamber of commerce and the Clatskanie commercial club met in St. Helens with representatives of the St. Helens chamber of commerce last week and formed a Columbia county chamber of commerce.

There were two fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending April 5, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Hugh Harbison, Falsetz, logger, and Ernest J. Fowler, Portland, brick mason.

The Lane County Credit association, made up principally of Eugene merchants and professional men, unanimously adopted a resolution last week asking the city council to place upon the ballot at a special city election the question of allowing the theaters to operate in Eugene on Sunday.

The city of Myrtle Point will lay 1000 feet of new water main in the south part of town. The new main will be four inches in diameter and will replace two-inch pipe, which has been found inadequate for fire protection or for giving to the residents of that district sufficient supply.

At a meeting of directors of the Klamath Falls school board last week an election was authorized to be held April 26 to decide whether the school district shall issue bonds of \$105,000. Of this amount it is proposed that \$80,000 be expended in the construction of an eight-room elementary school.

A retail credit men's association for Union and Wallowa counties was organized in La Grande recently when 52 business men met in La Grande. A board of directors made up of La Grande business men was elected. The association has as its purpose the co-operation of credit and commercial interests.

"The egg business needs to be advertised," H. E. Cosby, Oregon Agricultural college poultry specialist, told central Oregon poultry men at a meeting in Redmond. "No one daily manufacturer of a perishable product leaves the matter of consumption up to the buyer so much as the egg producer."

One hundred and fifty disc maps for use of forest service fire lookouts throughout the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington are being prepared by the Portland forest service offices under the direction of F. H. Brundage, chief of fire control. The maps will be sent to the various forest offices this week.

It will be the policy of the state highway commission in the future to construct paved roads 20 feet wide, instead of 18 and 16 feet as has been the practice in the past, according to announcement made at Salem recently by Roy Klein, state highway engineer. Mr. Klein said the new highways would be constructed on the basis of 10-foot units, so that in case of widening operations it would not be necessary to disturb the entire width of the highway.

Banking resources in Oregon increased \$3,377,628.26 in the period between the bank call of February 28 and March 28, 1927, according to the abstract report of A. A. Schram, state superintendent of banks. The report shows a gain of \$3,738,263 in resources of the Portland banks, indicating a loss in resources of the banks outside of the city. Deposits in banks of the state increased from \$284,952,425 on March 28, 1927, to \$292,175,338 on February 28, a gain of \$7,222,912.

Glenn Morrison post of the American Legion was installed at Kerby last Wednesday by State Commander George E. Love of Eugene. This is the second post to be organized in Josephine county. Don R. Morrison is commander.

The windstorm at Corvallis Monday lifted the roof off a business structure and threw it partially over an adjoining building. Chimneys fell and windows in business buildings and structures on the Oregon State college campus were blown in.

PRINCE ALBRECHT



Prince Joachim Albrecht, cousin of the former German kaiser, who is in this country to conduct orchestral concerts.

RECLAMATION BILLS TO BE CROWDED OUT

Washington, D. C.—Legislation authorizing construction of the Deschutes reclamation project and the Umatilla rapids power project, apparently is destined to get nowhere at this session of congress.

Both bills has been favorably reported in the house by the committee on reclamation and irrigation, but the opposition of Representative Cramton and several of his allies, coupled with unfavorable reports from the department of interior, seems too great an obstacle to be surmounted at this time.

The fate of the Umatilla rapids project, which has not yet been given a favorable committee report in the senate, is inextricably bound up with that of Muscle Shoals and Boulder dam. If the congress votes to have the government undertake development of those projects, there is hope of the Umatilla rapids power bill in its present form, but not until then.

AUTO THEFT IS HARDER

More and More Cars Are Recovered By the Police.

Chicago.—Stealing an automobile and "getting away with it" is becoming harder every year, according to C. A. Vane of the National Automobile Dealers' association in announcing the result of a survey of automobile thefts in 28 American cities.

A total of 95,083 cars were stolen in the 28 cities last year, but of this number 87,186, or 91.7 per cent, were recovered.

Newport, R. I., had the only perfect record of all the cities. Thirty-six cars were stolen and 36 recovered. Detroit led the list of cities in both the numbers of cars stolen and the number recovered. The figures were 12,336 stolen and 11,000 recovered.

Award Made for Lumber Slogan.

Washington, D. C.—James E. Noble Jr., Sanatorium, Miss., was announced as the winner of the first prize of \$5000 in the "Slogan for Wood" contest conducted by the National Lumber Manufacturers' association. His slogan was: "Certified by Centuries of Service." Six other grand prizes were awarded and 50 state and regional awards of \$1000 each were made. The total prize money was \$15,000. Approximately 400,000 persons entered the contest.

Pacific Northwest Dams to be Viewed.

Washington, D. C.—Storage dams in the Pacific northwest under jurisdiction of the interior department will be inspected immediately by army engineer officers, under an arrangement between the secretaries of war and interior.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.53; hard white, federation, soft white, western white, \$1.43; hard winter, \$1.34; northern spring, \$1.35 1/2; western red, \$1.34; Hay — Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Butterfat—45c.

Eggs—Ranch, 19@24c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@12.35.

Hogs — Medium to choice, \$7.90@9.25.

Lams—Medium to choice, \$13@15.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.44 1/2; hard winter, \$1.34; western red, \$1.36; northern spring, \$1.38; bluestem, \$1.53 1/2; dark northern spring, \$1.54; dark hard winter, \$1.51.

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

Butterfat—46c.

Eggs—Ranch, 22@25c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11@12.

Hogs—Prime, \$9.25@9.35.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@11.60.

Hogs—Good, \$9@9.10.

FARM RELIEF BILL AGAIN FACES VETO

President Believed to be Still Opposed to Equalization Fee.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge and farm leaders in congress apparently are still at odds on farm relief, and despite a significant conference between the president and Senator McNary, author of the pending senate measure, those close to the White House believe another veto inevitable if the controversial equalization fee is retained in the legislation.

However, there were some who believed Mr. Coolidge would give his approval of most of the other provisions of the pending legislation, and if he returned another McNary-Haugen bill he would do so with the suggestion that it be repassed without the equalization fee.

Passage of the pending agricultural measure, with the equalization fee, is confidently predicted by its sponsors. Furthermore, Senator McNary announced after the White House parley that he was "standing pat" on the bill's provisions. What luck he had in his conversation with the president about the bill was not revealed.

Friends of the president believe he cannot go behind the ruling of Attorney-General Sargent last year that the equalization fee is unconstitutional. The modified McNary-Haugen bill now before both the senate and house still would resort to this fee as an alternative proposition for raising funds by a tax on commodities to market the surplus which might develop for any commodity.

President Coolidge is said to entertain serious objections to the Jones-Reid flood control measure. His objections are two-fold, namely, against having the federal government bear the whole cost and against the situation which would compel the federal government to buy at elaborate prices large tracts of land along the flood zone.

HOOVER AND SMITH AHEAD IN CONTEST

Washington, D. C.—The political cross-winds of April are sweeping away some of the clouds that have made it difficult to size up the trend of the presidential campaign, but conditions still are too unsettled for accurate June forecasts.

Two-thirds of the republicans who will hold credentials at Kansas City nine weeks hence, and 75 per cent of the delegates to the Houston convention two weeks later, remain to be selected—and this factor adds to the uncertainty.

As it stands now among republican contenders, Hoover is out ahead with 164 instructed and claimed delegates. Lowden, in the lead until this week, has an even 100, Curtis, 23 and Norris 16, with the preference of 56 in doubt.

Of the democrats, Smith is far to the front, with 186 instructed and claimed convention votes. Reed of Missouri has 36 and George of Georgia 28, with 38 in doubt.

Generally it is agreed that, barring upsets, Hoover will go into the republican convention with the most delegates, and that the New York governor will be in the same position at Houston.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW BURIED

Famous Citizen Now Rests in Village Where He Was Born.

New York.—Bustling New York paused in its activities Saturday to pay its final tribute to the memory of one of its oldest and most beloved citizens, Chauncey M. Depew, "the man without an enemy."

Fifth avenue was hushed in the vicinity of Fifty-third street as the funeral services were held at St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal church, just around the corner from the brownstone mansion where the 93-year-old statesman, railroad executive, wit and orator died.

Following the church ceremonies the funeral cortege, escorted by police, proceeded uptown and through the Hudson river towns to Peekskill, his birthplace, for interment in the family mausoleum just outside the village. Peekskill suspended all activities during the interment.

Multi-Lateral Pact Given Powers.

Washington, D. C.—The United States' proposal for a multi-lateral treaty among world powers renouncing war will be submitted formally to Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Japan, state department officials disclosed.

Bond Total \$64,750,310

Salem, Or.—Outstanding bonds issued by Oregon now aggregate \$64,750,310, according to a statement issued by the state treasurer here.