

## CONFEREES AGREE ON FARM AND SHIP BILLS

Both Measures Whipped Into Final Form for Presenting to President.

Washington, D. C.—Two more outstanding pieces of legislation troubling congress this season—farm relief and merchant marine development—have been whipped into final form for presenting to President Coolidge.

Both measures are regarded as more or less in conflict with the administration program, although modifications finally made in the senate government ownership shipping bill are believed to make it acceptable at the White House. Little hope is held, however, for presidential approval of the McNary-Haugen farm bill.

Conferees of the senate and house on the Jones-White bill for development of the merchant marine, agreed to almost all revisions by the house, which went further than the senate and made provision for encouragement of a privately owned merchant marine.

There was little serious controversy between the senate and house on farm relief. The bills of Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, and Representative Haugen, republican, Iowa, were in agreement on the equalization fee, providing that it should be imposed to raise funds when necessary for marketing of surplus crops. That is what President Coolidge regards as unconstitutional, and it seems destined to draw another veto for the bill.

The conference accepted the senate provision for exemption of fruits and fresh vegetables from terms of the equalization fee. These, however, are the only commodities exempted from the fee.

## NANKIN PROTESTS AGAINST JAPANESE

Geneva.—The Nanking nationalist government made a political stroke against Japan by appealing to the league of nations in a protest against the activities of the Japanese in the province of Shantung.

The nationalist protest characterized Japan's movements as acts of war against China, and urges the league to request cessation of hostilities by Japanese troops and their immediate withdrawal from Shantung.

The nationalist appeal for a league investigation into the situation apparently was carried out without the knowledge of the Pekin or northern government.

Whether the league can entertain the nationalist protest depends largely on whether Cheng Loh and his chief, Chang Tso-Lin, at Pekin will support the appeal of the southerners.

## CHINA CABLES COOLIDGE

Japanese Crisis Brought to Attention of President.

Shanghai.—The Chinese-Japanese crisis has been formally brought to the attention of the United States government at Washington, D. C., by the nationalist government council of China.

While making no specific request for intervention, the nationalist council announced that a cablegram had been dispatched to President Coolidge formally calling the president's attention to the recent clash at Tsinan and asking the attitude of the United States "toward this grave situation created by Japan."

This action follows closely on the heels of the formal protest made to the league of nations by the nationalist government last week in which it was claimed that Japan had violated China's integrity and independence.

## House Approves Officers' Relief

Washington, D. C.—The house Friday passed the Tyson-Fitzgerald emergency officers' retirement bill in the same form in which it was passed by the senate. The measure gives 3200 men who served as emergency army officers during the World war the same allowances for disabilities as regular army officers receive.

## Trainmen Indorse 6-Hour Work Day.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Establishment of a six-hour working day on the railroads of America was recommended in a resolution passed here by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Passage of the resolution was interpreted here as a general move in which the other three members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods will join.

## Civil War Widows Pensions Increased

Washington, D. C.—An increase in the pension allowed widows of Civil war veterans from \$40 to \$50 a month is provided in a house bill passed by the senate. The widows would have to be 72 years old and have been married prior to June 27, 1905, to receive the benefits.

## MAJOR FITZMAURICE



Major Fitzmaurice of the Irish Free State air forces, who flew across the Atlantic with Baron Von Hueneman and Capt. Koehi in the plane Bremen.

## METHODISTS INDORSE CHURCH UNIFICATION

Kansas City, Mo.—The Methodist-Episcopal church, in its quadrennial general conference, ratified the idea of church unification and announced itself ready to receive and extend overtures for closer co-operation and union with like-minded denominations.

A single commission of 37 members was approved to represent the church in all unification discussions. The personnel of 7 bishops, 15 ministers and 15 laymen is to be announced by the board of bishops by May 21. Expenses of the commission were ordered paid by the general conference.

The action was taken by vote of 852 to 3.

Prime significance was attached to the church's declaration because like proposals will be made before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America at Tulsa, Okla., May 24 to 30.

## ORDER CAB SHIELDS

Northern Railroads Must Protect Engine Crews in Winter.

Washington, D. C.—Railroads operating in northern and some western states were ordered in the interstate commerce commission to install curtains on locomotive cabs for the protection of firemen and engineers from November to April in each year. Railroads operating in the following states are among those affected: Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and California north of Oroville and Trinidad.

In addition railroads operating in the more northerly sector of the territory described must install a hood curtain closing the opening between the locomotive and tender. Railroads in California were excluded from the terms of the order as to the hood curtains.

## Italy Limits Political Parties

Rome.—The senate, after a speech by Premier Mussolini, has adopted the new electoral law, making Italy a one-party constituency, by a vote of 741 to 45. The chamber of deputies has approved the measure.

## Coolidge to Sign Flood Control Bill.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge expects to sign the Mississippi flood control bill, it is said authoritatively at the White House.

## Moline, Ill., Man Heads Trade Body.

Washington, D. C.—Directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce elected as president William Butler Worth, Moline, Ill.

## THE MARKETS

**Portland**  
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.54; soft white, western white, \$1.43; hard winter, \$1.34; northern spring, \$1.35; western red, \$1.34.  
Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50; valley timothy, \$19@19.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.  
Butterfat—44@45c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 20@25c.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.50.  
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9@10.50.  
Lamb—Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.00.  
**Seattle.**  
Wheat—Soft white, \$1.48; western white, \$1.47; hard winter, \$1.36; western red, \$1.38; northern spring, \$1.40; bluestem, \$1.58; dark northern spring, \$1.59; dark hard winter, \$1.56.  
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$24.  
Butterfat—45c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 22@25c.  
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11@12.25.  
Hogs—Prime, \$10.40@10.60.  
**Spokane.**  
Hogs—Good, \$10.50@10.60.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.25.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Rockaway-Garibaldi section of the Roosevelt highway was thrown open to traffic last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ellen Snedden, 84, pioneer resident of Coos Bay for 57 years, died at her home in Marshfield last week.

The government has closed a deal for a 15-year lease to 60 acres of the Virgil Wells farm west of Woodburn for an airway.

La Grande high school will graduate 91 seniors this week, the largest class in its history, and, it is believed, the largest in eastern Oregon history.

Winfield Scott Chapman, 78, Portland's oldest employe in point of service, and one time city engineer, died at his home last week from heart disease.

Fitzhugh C. Lee was nominated by President Coolidge as postmaster at Junction City; James W. Dunn at Saint Benedict and William C. Foster at Tillamook.

A provisional estimate of the census bureau places the population of Oregon at the present time at 902,000 as against the census figures of January 1, 1920, of 783,389.

The \$375,000 appropriated for Jetty work on the north side of the Umpqua river will keep the crew employed for two and a half years. The work requires about 50 men.

Wallace Wintlar of the Bank of Commerce of Eugene has been appointed Boy Scout commissioner of Lane county to take the place of Lyle Kelling, who has resigned.

The Burns Chamber of Commerce, with 32 charter members, was organized recently at a meeting in that city. A. A. Bardwell is president and H. B. Snowden secretary.

The Union county cherry crop is estimated worth about \$70,000 or more a normal year and the outlook for a record crop and good prices this year is said to be excellent.

A new 5200-acre refuge and breeding ground for birds and wild animals has been set aside by executive order of President Coolidge near the upper end of Upper Klamath lake.

The annual "All Girls' Week" of The Dalles high school was held last week at the local school auditorium, with delegates from 35 schools in surrounding towns in attendance.

The monthly report of Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, relative to April fire losses, shows that the loss outside of Portland was \$259,547, and the total number of fires was 73.

The Schofield River road being constructed out of Reedsport will connect that city with the North Ten Mile Lake district. The road has been completed nearly to the Ten Mile section.

Willamette valley fruitgrowers report considerable damage to Italian prunes as a result of the recent heavy rains. The Date and Petite prunes appear to have escaped serious damage.

A. N. Davis, Odell rancher, sheared his flock of 50 sheep last Tuesday. When he was ready to haul the wool to market he discovered that thieves had visited his barn and stolen the wool.

The Baker county court has signed an order requesting the state highway commission to make surveys for construction of market roads between Richland and Newbridge and between Halfway and Carson.

The Greater Medford Highway association has been formed by 22 business men of Medford. Its object is to secure the straightening of the Pacific highway and routing it through Main street in Medford.

Mrs. Martha Carothers McBride, 82, a resident of Oregon for the past 75 years, died at her home in Albany Tuesday. She crossed the plains to Oregon from Illinois in 1853 and settled in the Shedd neighborhood.

Reductions ranging from 20 to 25 per cent for electrical energy furnished by the West Coast Power company (Peoples West Coast Hydro-Electric corporation) were announced in an order handed down by the public service commission at Salem last week. Cities and towns benefitting include Toledo, Newport, Waldport, Reedsport, Clatskanie, Florence, Cascade Locks, Prairie City, Burns and Lakeview.

Latest reports are that the apple and pear blooms in Hood River valley this year are the heaviest and most regular for several years and that a splendid fruit crop is in prospect, says Seymour Jones, state market agent, in his weekly bulletin.

Bringing the record price of 70 cents per pound, the Toledo mohair pool was sold last week to the Oregon Wool & Mohair company of Salem. It totaled 15,000 pounds, and because of the heavy percentage of kid hair, was considered top quality.

Automobile liability, property damage and collision losses paid by insurance companies operating in Oregon during the year 1927 aggregated \$947,297.25, according to the annual report of the state insurance commissioner.

The 1928 crop of prunes, cherries and pears in Marion county will be far below normal, according to reports received from the growers. The unsatisfactory crop conditions were said to be due to the recent rains and lack of sunshine.

Salem showed a building gain last month over April of 1927. There was a 5 per cent gain over April of 1927 and a 19 per cent gain over March, 1928. A total of 66 building permits were issued in Salem last month for \$260,118 worth of new buildings.

Roses are in blossom at Seaside as a result of the fine weather. The ocean has been very rough and a strange variety of sea animal has been cast on the beach. The huge monster has been attracting much attention. Many shrimp have been washed ashore.

Work of grubbing and excavating on the site of new Northwestern Pulp & Paper company pulp mill at Astoria has been put under way by Peterson & Scott who have the excavation contract. The plant is to be erected by the Austin Construction company and will cost about \$2,000,000.

The annual report of Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, made public recently, shows that new life insurance policies totaling \$91,938,418.67 were written in Oregon during 1927. At the end of the year foreign life policies in the state totaled \$525,513,366.04, as against \$493,618,476.10 the previous year.

Oregon and the Pacific northwest appear to have been especially favored in the matter of damage to fall sown wheat during the past winter. In fact, Oregon shows the lowest percentage of abandonment of any of the principal wheat producing states, says F. L. Kent, statistician, United States department of agriculture.

C. M. Good of Forest Grove died suddenly last Tuesday evening. He phoned his wife early in the evening that he was starting home on account of feeling ill. A few minutes later the information was brought to her that the car in which he was riding had crashed into a telephone pole and that Good had passed away.

A special election, at which Forest Grove voters will be asked to authorize the opening of motion picture theatres on Sunday, has been set for June 13 by action of the city council. A city ordinance now restrains operation of theaters on Sunday, and it is for permission to amend this measure the council calls upon voters.

Stockmen from half a dozen eastern Oregon counties gathered at John Day, in the heart of the cattle country, Monday, for the first of a series of five meetings held by officers of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association to swell the membership of the organization before its annual meeting at Enterprise July 2 and 3.

Robert McKim, 15, junior in the Baker high school, died as a result of injuries received in the junior-senior flag rush at the school grounds last week. The boy was caught under a mass of students fighting over possession of the flag and trampled. He was taken to the hospital, paralyzed from the neck down, and died within a few hours.

The total registration in Oregon for the May 18 primary election is 817,491, according to a compilation of registration returns from the several counties prepared by Secretary of State Koser. The republican registration is 222,139, the democratic 83,304, progressives 571, prohibitionists 926, socialists 1316 and miscellaneous registrations 1335.

The report of the Pine-Eagle Dairy-men's Cooperative association, covering the period between June 1, 1927, and March 31, 1928, shows that 477,510 pounds of butter fat were purchased for \$211,530. This report was read at the third annual meeting of the association held in Halfway last week, which was attended by more than 600 members.

Highway workers blasting the route for a road west of Wapinitia, in southern Wasco county, have uncovered a veritable army of snakes. To date 75 rattlesnakes and a great number of bull snakes have been killed, and the workers expect to dig out several hundred more. Contrary to popular belief, rattlers and bull snakes were found living together in perfect harmony.

The highest herd average ever recorded in Coos county was filed recently with Harvey S. Hale, Coos county agricultural agent, showing Ben Monson's herd of 14 cows producing an average of 1340 pounds of milk and 60.1 pounds of butterfat.

Construction five miles from Klamath Falls of what is expected to be the largest lumber manufacturing plant in Oregon will begin before June 15, it was announced recently. July 1 next year is the date planned for first operation of the mill.

## FRANCIS E. BUSH



Francis E. Bush, in his ninety-sixth year, postmaster at Standing Rock, Pa., claims to be the oldest active postmaster in the United States, having been first commissioned in 1875.

## GRADUATED TAX ON CORPORATION INCOME

Washington, D. C.—The senate adopted an amendment to the tax reduction bill providing a graduated 5 to 12 per cent tax on the first \$15,000 of corporation income.

Senator Simmons, North Carolina, minority tax leader, proposed the amendment, which was adopted 40 to 38.

Instead of the flat rate of 12½ per cent in the place of 13½, as proposed by the senate finance committee, the amendment provides for a rate of 5 per cent on the first \$5000, 7 per cent on the second \$5000 and 12 per cent on the third \$5000, after which a flat rate will be charged.

Democrats argued the plan, adopted by the house, but rejected by the senate committee, would relieve small corporations.

The senate adopted 40 to 34, the finance committee proposal for a 12½ per cent tax on corporation income over \$15,000.

The house bill provides an 11½ per cent rate, and the present rate is 13½ per cent.

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Judge Walter H. Sanborn of the United States circuit court of appeals, died suddenly in his apartment in St. Paul.

The senate approved the new arbitration treaties with Germany and Italy and the supplemental conciliation treaty with Germany.

Walter Hagen succeeded Bobby Jones as British open golf champion, winning the title for the third time with a splendid aggregate of 292.

Mrs. W. T. Hobart, American Methodist missionary at Tsinan, has been murdered by Chinese troops, the American legation at Pekin was advised.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. made public correspondence revealing that he had asked Colonel Robert W. Stewart to resign as chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana. Complete but unofficial figures on results of the Indiana primary fixed Senator Watson's majority over Herbert Hoover at 24,067, in the race for the republican presidential preference.

## U. S. Becomes Foremost Lender.

Washington, D. C.—American investors in the last seven years have effectively displaced Great Britain from its standing as the world's greatest lending nation. The commerce department, taking British compilations of that country's foreign investments from 1920 to 1927, inclusive, has set the total at \$4,121,000,000. Foreign capital issues financed in the United States during the same period had a total value of \$6,836,000,000.

## Coolidge Signs Highway Measure

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has signed a highway measure. It requests him to direct all governmental agencies to co-operate in the consideration, preparation of plans, and actual construction of an inter-American highway connecting all nations of the western hemisphere.

## Stage Driver Who Drove Lincoln Dies.

The Dalles.—W. N. Wiley, 89-year-old Oregon pioneer who drove the stage coach which took Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas over a 400 mile trip during their electioneering days, died here Saturday. Wiley was born in Wisconsin in May, 1839. He came to Oregon across the plains in 1860.

## Senate Would Investigate Chain Stores

Washington, D. C.—The senate adopted the Brookhart resolution which directs the federal trade commission to inquire into the chain store system of merchandising.

## CLAIMS OF RIVAL CANDIDATES CONFLICT

Hoover and Smith Lead in Battle for Convention Delegates.

Washington, D. C.—Political rivalries, growing in intensity as the June national conventions draw near, are bringing to the surface in rapidly multiplying numbers conflicting and confusing claims as to the strength of the various candidates for the republican and democratic nominations.

Hoover and Smith are bearing the brunt of the grand offensives and will culminate at Kansas City and Houston. The commerce secretary particularly is challenged by a well-organized opposition.

While Hoover's managers have not yet claimed he has bagged enough delegates to go over, they contend that all signs point to victory for him when the republicans select their standard bearer. His foes, however, insist they will have the votes in convention to block his nomination.

Smith, in one way, has a harder row to hoe, but his supporters claim a big advantage in that his opposition appears scattered. The two-thirds nominating rule which the democrats adhere to makes it necessary for the winner at Houston to capture at least 733½ of the 1100 delegates. At Kansas City only a bare majority, 545 votes, is needed for the nomination.

With the opposition to the New York governor concentrating on a drive to build up a block of votes large enough to head off his nomination, republicans lined up against Hoover are overlooking no opportunities to do damage to his cause.

An increasing number of republican delegates are being selected, particularly in southern states, to contest the right of Hoover supporters to sit in the Kansas City convention, and it is a certainty that the republican national committee, when it comes to sifting these claims, will have as much work on its hands as it did in 1920 just before the Chicago convention and its battle royal for the nomination.

The republican convention will get under way four weeks from Tuesday. The democrats will assemble at Houston two weeks later.

Before the end of the month the republicans will select the 219 delegates who remain to be chosen, while the last of the democratic convention representatives will not be named until a few days before the Houston meeting.

Of the 870 republican delegates actually selected at the end of last week, Hoover's managers are laying claim to 446, of which 184 are in dispute. A total of 252 is claimed for Lowden, with his foes refusing to allot him 68 of that number.

In the democratic camp, the claims in behalf of Smith totaled 554½, or slightly more than half the delegate convention strength. Of this total, however, his claims to 79½ are challenged by opponents. Reed is runner-up on the basis of the 774 delegates named thus far, with a claimed strength of 117, of which 81 are in dispute.

## CAMPAIGN INQUIRY ON

Senate Committee Questions Presidential Candidates About Expenses.

Washington, D. C.—The senate campaign funds committee in its investigation of expenditures of various candidates tried an innovation—the candidates themselves being called before the committee. In all 13 men, whose names have figured in discussions of presidential possibilities, have been questioned.

A number of the candidates reported that they had spent little or nothing. Expenditures in behalf of Smith were listed around \$100,000, while the committee was informed that Hoover's pre-convention campaign expenditures probably could be held within \$250,000.

Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, told the senate campaign investigating committee his Chicago headquarters had collected \$64,700 and spent \$60,000. Lowden said his personal books indicated he personally had advanced \$12,500, although his campaign managers' books indicated he gave \$15,000.

## Labor Head Hits Seattle School Board.

Washington, D. C.—President William Green of the American Federation of labor in a telegram to Secretary Charles Doyle of the Seattle Central Trades council condemned the action of the Seattle school board in demanding that all school teachers sign contracts declaring they are not members of the American Teachers' federation.

## Coolidge Approves Gold Lindy Medal.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge signed the joint resolution providing for \$1500 for the coinage of a gold medal for Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.