

FARM BELT LEADERS MEET IN CHICAGO

Committee Named to Draft Resolutions for Republican Convention.

Chicago.—A committee was named at a meeting here of prominent republicans interested in farm relief to prepare resolutions to be submitted to a second meeting of farm relief advocates at Kansas City June 9.

If the resolutions are approved at the second meeting they will be taken before the republican national committee and a request will be made that whatever action is decided on be incorporated in the republican platform.

The committee to prepare the resolutions is composed of Senator Watson of Indiana, Governor McMullen of Nebraska and George Peek of Moline, Ill., who represented farm organizations at Washington sponsoring the McNary-Haugen bill vetoed by the president.

M. J. Tobin of Vinton, Ia., presided at the meeting, which was attended by about 50 republican leaders from the corn belt states, including Senator Nye of North Dakota and several national and state chairmen.

Mr. Tobin described the purpose of the meeting as called to take action to convince eastern delegates that farm relief is necessary.

At the same time the meeting was in progress here, farmers from a dozen Illinois counties were gathering at Dekalb to adopt resolutions calling for relief and to protest the veto of the McNary-Haugen bill. Many of these farmers, at the beginning of the open-air meeting, expressed the intention of going to the Kansas City convention.

COOLIDGE VACATION TO BE IN WISCONSIN

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has selected a summer White House on the Brule river, 39 miles from Superior, Wis.

Mr. Coolidge accepted the offer of the heirs of Henry Clay Pierce to occupy Cedar Island lodge, situated about six miles from Brule. The summer White House will be about 12 hours from Chicago.

The estate surrounding the summer White House comprises several thousand acres, mostly wooded, but the actual living quarters of the president will be situated on a small island little more than an acre in area, reached from the mainland by a narrow foot-bridge.

The island is at an approximate altitude of 1000 feet. It commanded itself to Mr. Coolidge, it is understood, for the good fishing that is reported in the Brule river. In addition, the temperature is cool.

Although woods cover most of the estate, a garden is available close to the bungalows on the mainland.

SIGN LIQUOR TREATY

Japan and United States Agree On Rules Against Illegal Imports.

Washington, D. C.—A treaty between the United States and Japan was signed by Secretary Kellogg and the Japanese ambassador, Tsuneo Matsudaira, to prevent the illegal importation into the United States of intoxicating liquors. The compact is similar to those already negotiated between the United States and Great Britain and other countries.

Handshake Breaks Man's Arm.

Longview, Wash.—H. L. Copeland, Longview architect, was the victim of an unusual accident at Kalama. His right arm was fractured above the elbow while shaking hands with Mayor Roake of Castle Rock. Both had come to attend the meeting of the Lower Columbia Associated Chambers of Commerce.

High Masons to Meet in Portland.

Portland, Or.—Preparations are well advanced for the entertainment of the supreme council of the 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry for the southern jurisdiction, which will hold its session in Portland June 20, 21 and 23. Some 300 delegates will attend the meeting.

Banker and Woman Aide Sentenced.

Kansas City, Mo.—Walter Cravens, head of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land bank, was sentenced to six years in the federal penitentiary and fined \$25,000, and Miss Alice Todd, secretary of the bank, received a year and a day, both having been convicted of misappropriation of funds of the institution.

Italians Beat Air Duration Record.

Rome.—The Italian aviators, Major Ferrarin and Captain Del Prete broke the world's record for a duration flight. They were in the air for 58 hours and 37 minutes.

NATALIE HAMMOND



Miss Natalie Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond of Washington, has received word of her election to the famed Royal Miniature society of London. Miss Hammond received this much coveted honor by having four of her art exhibits accepted by the society.

BAKER APPOINTED TO THE WORLD COURT

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has appointed Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, secretary of war in the Wilson cabinet, as the fourth United States member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague. Secretary Kellogg, in announcing the appointment, said Mr. Baker has accepted.

The president appointed Mr. Baker with the idea of having two democrats and two republicans as members of the permanent court which was established under the convention signed at The Hague in 1899. The other United States members are Elihu Root, John Bassett Moore and Charles Evans Hughes. Their appointments are for six years and are renewable.

CANADA APPROVES OFFER

Will Become Party to War Renunciation Treaty.

Washington, D. C.—Canada is the latest of the British dominions to accept the American invitation to become a party to the proposed "renunciation of war" treaty.

In a note which was in reply to the invitation sent May 22, Canada endorsed the war renunciation principle as affording "to the peoples of the world a new and notable opportunity of ensuring lasting peace," and said it would "have pleasure in cooperating in future negotiations with a view to becoming a signatory to a treaty such as is proposed" by the United States.

Nyssa Celebrates Opening of Bids.

Nyssa, Or.—Plans are practically completed for a big celebration in Nyssa June 9 to commemorate the opening of the bids for construction of the Owyhee irrigation dam, which is destined to be the largest of its kind in the world. Waters from this great reservoir will irrigate 140,000 acres of land, lying in her immediate vicinity in Malheur county and in Idaho. The dam will be of gravity arch type of construction, 850 feet in length, 390 feet high.

Washington Hurdler Equals Record.

Missoula, Mont.—Steve Anderson, University of Washington, equalled the world's record in the high hurdles at the Pacific Coast conference meet Saturday, with a mark of 14.14 seconds.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—B. B. bluestem, hard white, \$1.53; soft white, western white, \$1.44; hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.34.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50; valley timothy, \$19@19.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.
Butterfat—44@45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 22@26c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@12.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8.50@9.50.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$12.50@13.
Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.44; hard winter, western red, northern spring, \$1.34; bluestem, dark hard winter, \$1.53; dark northern spring, \$1.54.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$23; P. S., \$24.
Butterfat—46c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23@31c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$10.75@11.75.
Hogs—Prime, \$9.50@9.85.
Lamb—Choice, \$11.50@13.
Spokane
Hogs—Good, and choice, \$9@9.10.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.50@11.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The seventh annual Jackson county school day was held at Ashland Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Rose Bonebrake, 93, Coos Bay resident since 1862, died at Marshfield last week.

Between 75 and 80 applicants will take the annual bar examination to be held in Salem July 10 and 11.

Police officers of Marshfield have served notice on all poolhalls and card rooms that gambling is prohibited.

Albany business men will raise a fund of \$5000 to compile an industrial survey of Albany and to promote industries.

A six-ton hoist, brought to Ashland from Portland, has been taken to the Reeder Gulch dam to expedite excavating work.

A trip over the Roosevelt highway from Coquille to the California boundary shows the road to be in fine shape for travel.

The possibility of an airplane service, passenger and freight, between Baker, LaGrande and Pendleton is being considered.

A large crop of apples and pears is predicted for the season in southern Oregon by Professor Brown of the Oregon State college.

A heavy increase in travel to Rockaway and other Tillamook beaches has been noted. The highway to Barview has been open for a week.

The new mill of the Balsley-Elkhorn mine, one of the oldest and best known producers in eastern Oregon, was opened at Baker last week.

If the federal forest lands in Lane county were on the tax roll it would mean a tax of approximately \$160,000, according to Assessor Keeney.

The first steelhead ever reported caught in Camas creek is causing interest in Pendleton. It was caught by Joe Pedro and is 26 inches long.

While the spring wheat in the Umatilla county needs rain the fall wheat is not suffering yet. Harvesting will begin on the high lands about July 10.

The state land department has turned over to the state treasurer during May, \$102,248.91, according to a report of the clerk of the state land board.

Wild turkeys of stock planted on the lower Rogue river two years ago have survived. Broods of young turkeys were seen near Agnes and other places.

Material evidence of the many city improvements at Salem is in the form of the new garbage incinerator in South Salem and the new fire engine house in East Salem.

Increasing its reservoir storage capacity in Klamath Falls to 1,750,000 gallons, the Copco company has begun construction of a new reservoir in North Klamath Falls.

Deschutes county Pomona grange and six of the seven subordinate granges in the county have decided to purchase a moving picture projector for use in grange educational work.

Premium lists of the Columbia county fair, which will be held near St. Helens September 12 to 15, are being mailed and show that more than \$3000 cash prizes will be awarded.

The public service commission has approved a schedule for the operation of busses between Marshfield and Reedsport over the newly completed sections of the Roosevelt highway.

With the wildest stampede in all the history of stampedes, Haines celebrated the annual event last week. The program included bucking, roping, racing and other events dear to rodeo fans.

Mrs. C. M. Manchester, early resident of The Dalles, suffered burns that may prove fatal when her dress caught fire as she was attempting to move a blazing woodbox from the kitchen of her home.

Six hundred and eighty crates of freshly picked strawberries, destined for a Salem packing plant, failed to reach their destination when a truck, bringing them to the city turned over on a curve south of there early Thursday. Nearly four tons of luscious berries were scattered over the highway, to be salvaged by residents of that section.

Mrs. Edna Chestnut, recently appointed postmaster of the newly created office at Willowdale, which will serve about 80 patrons in the Trout creek and Lyle Gap sections of Jefferson county, took the oath of office last week.

A 45-car train bearing the first detachment of Oregon national guardsmen arrived at Camp Clatsop last week in command of Major Leo Pironi. The men are busy making ready for the annual guard encampment to begin June 13.

Three projects now under way at Salem will give a new direct route from the heart of the city to the state fair grounds, provide adequate automobile parking, and relieve congestion on the streets.

Sweet Home began to liven up more than ever last week after the news of electricity for the city spread. Officials of the Mountain States company recently were there to get a franchise for a power line.

A total of 752 industrial accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending May 31, according to a report prepared by the commission. There were no fatalities.

Processing of strawberries has started at virtually all of the Salem canneries. Receipts have been heavy for the past few days. Buyers predicted that the tonnage would reach its peak early next week.

Barring some unexpected accident, Miss Winifred Hickox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. F. Hickox of Eugene, will have made the extremely unusual record of having gone through the grades and high school without ever being absent or tardy.

C. C. Hall, supervisor of the Santiam national forest, announced last Thursday that provisions and appropriations for the Santiam, aggregating \$43,930, are the most liberal in the history of the forest, the budget being received in Albany last week.

A sham battle will be staged during Eugene's three-day Fourth of July celebration, it was announced by the American Legion committee in charge of the event. National guard units will attack a group of ex-service men entrenched on Skinner's butte.

Phyllis and Marie Peters, aged 6 and 4 years, respectively, narrowly escaped death in a burning barn on the ranch of their mother, Mrs. Hazel Peters, in Sprague river valley last week. They found eggs in the hayloft and started a fire to cook the eggs.

Bids for construction of the Owyhee dam will be opened at Nyssa June 7 with many officials of the reclamation department present and available for interview. This will be the most important event in the history of the Owyhee project and will be celebrated June 9.

Receipts of the Portland postoffice showed a gain for May, 1928, over that month in 1927, according to figures released by John M. Jones, postmaster. Receipts for May, 1927, were \$248,524.80, while for May, 1928, they were \$251,060.25, showing an increase of \$2535.25.

A big motor truck, laden with four tons of canned clams belonging to the Pioneer Packing company, plunged into the Columbia river as it was leaving the trans-Columbia river ferry Tourist. Breaking of one of the supports of the ferry slip dropped the slip and truck into the river.

The Union County Dairy Development association was organized recently with 41 members from the districts of Elgin, Cove, La Grande, Imbler, Union, Hot Lake and Allice. Six hundred and thirty cows are being tested each month, and separators adjusted to do perfect skimming.

Strawberry growers of the Salem district are alarmed at the scarcity of pickers. Pay of 1 1/2 cents a pound, with a half cent bonus for pickers who stay until the job is finished, is being offered. The Salem government bureau is flooded with demands for pickers, but so far the supply is far too short.

A group of loganberry growers held a meeting in Salem last week and voted to maintain the minimum price of the berries this year at 5 cents a pound. The meeting was called by the officers of the North Pacific Co-operative Prune exchange. Approximately 75 per cent of the loganberry crop already has been contracted.

Licenses issued by the state game commission during May reached the unprecedented total of \$53,432. This is over 100 per cent increase over May, 1927, and does not take into account the licenses issued by the various county clerks, which have not yet been reported. The biggest previous amount for May was \$50,000 in 1925.

The senate adopted the McNary resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$125,000 for the construction of a memorial building to commemorate the winning of the Oregon country for the United States at Champoux. The resolution provides that the building shall not be constructed until Oregon has made provisions for its care, and has \$125,000 available to be used by Secretary of War Davis in construction of the building.

According to information just received by L. J. Cooper, forest ranger of the Powers district of the Siskiyou national forest in Oregon, this locality is to receive more than ordinary consideration this year through allotments made for the district. Four thousand dollars is to be expended on the Elk river trail between Powers and the Elk river country, with the miners in that locality co-operating. Special allotments have been made for the Mt. Blivar lookout house and a new ranger station near Powers.

MAJ. GEN. F. T. AUSTIN



Maj. Gen. Fred T. Austin is the new chief of field artillery of the United States army. He succeeds Maj. Gen. William J. Snow.

APPROPRIATIONS BY CONGRESS HEAVY

Washington, D. C.—The cost of federal government has gotten back to a better than a \$4,500,000,000 basis, the 70th congress having appropriated the staggering total of \$4,642,293,897 to carry on affairs in the next fiscal year. This exceeded the appropriations for this year by \$627,304,961.

Of the grand total \$1,388,753,735 will go to cover annual fixed charges, such as interest on the public debt, leaving \$3,253,540,162 for carrying on the active departments and agencies of the government. Of this sum, however, \$200,936,668 represent deficiencies which occurred this year, the urgent deficiency bill having failed in the filibuster which marked the close of the last session of the 69th congress.

Despite this increase in expenditures, congress has slashed federal taxes \$22,495,000 for next year, with corporations getting the bulk of the reduction. This sum is slightly in excess of what Secretary Mellon said was a safe reduction based on present estimates of revenue, plus the added costs that must come with the working out of the Mississippi river flood control program, extending naval construction and other added government activities.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

While the republican national convention determines the fate of his candidacy for the presidential nomination, Frank O. Lowden, Illinois ex-governor, will be in a Kansas City hotel.

The Irish Free State and New Zealand have accepted Secretary Kellogg's invitation to participate in the negotiation and to become original signatories of the proposed treaty for the renunciation of war.

Observance of Memorial day in France this year proved that it has become definitely an international manifestation. There were more French than Americans present at the numerous ceremonies.

United States Senator Guy D. Goff of West Virginia, republican, and Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, democrat, won over Hoover and Reed in the West Virginia primaries for presidential preference.

Directors of the Chrysler corporation have approved a plan to acquire the entire property of Dodge Brothers corporation, including its subsidiaries in this country and abroad, through an exchange of stock.

Speaker Carkin to "Run" Oregon

Salem, Or.—Henry L. Cobrett, president of the state senate, became governor of Oregon when Governor Patterson crossed the state line into Idaho Wednesday morning. Senator Cobrett will serve as governor until June 10, when he leaves for England. The duties of governor then will be taken up by John Carkin, speaker of the house of representatives, who will serve until the return of Governor Patterson, June 20.

Chinese Protest Japanese Invasion.

Geneva.—A protest from commercial, banking and press organizations of China against the "Japanese invasion" of sections of that country was filed here with the league of nations. The protest came on the eve of the 50th session of the council of the league, which opens under the presidency of Aguerro Bethancourt of Cuba.

Farm Bill Veto Pleases Stockmen.

Ogallala, Neb.—The Nebraska Stock Growers' association has adopted a special resolution heartily commending President Coolidge for his veto of the McNary-Haugen bill.

CONTESTS INVOLVE MANY DELEGATES

Disputed Seats in Republican Convention All in the South.

Washington, D. C.—Contests affecting 73 seats in the Kansas City convention have been recognized by the republican national committee, with the probability that those involving six will not be pressed.

The committee met in Kansas City Monday, eight days before the start of the convention, to pass on the disputes which in all but one case, Porto Rico, have arisen in southern states. Ex-Senator Pepper, retiring national committeeman from Pennsylvania, will be in charge of the hearings, and those who are not satisfied with rulings have the right of appeal to the credentials committee, to be named after the convention organizes.

The entire delegations from three states—Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas—are in contest, as are nine of ten Florida seats, the two from Porto Rico, three from Georgia, two from Kentucky, four from South Carolina and three from Tennessee.

This year, for the first time since the historic contests of 1912 between the Taft and Roosevelt delegates, the quadrennial fights may conceivably have an important bearing on the nomination. Hoover delegates are involved in nearly every one of the 69 contests. Should these delegates lose out to any appreciable degree the effect may be all important, for the Hoover managers have had to take a lot of things for granted in making their claims of a nomination within three ballots.

SOUTHERN CROSS REACHES HAWAII

Honolulu.—Four intrepid crusaders of the air alighted here from the giant monoplane Southern Cross, triumphant in the first stage of their adventurous flight from Oakland, Cal., to Sydney, Australia.

It took 27 hours and 28 minutes to cover the 2400 miles between here and its starting point.

In the pilots' cockpit were Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, commander, and Lieutenant Charles Ulm, pilots. Aft of them were the two Americans—Harry W. Lyon, navigator, and James Warner, both of San Francisco.

Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, leader of the expedition, announced that the 7800-mile flight would be resumed as soon as the party had rested and the Southern Cross had been overhauled.

Suva, in the Fiji Islands, 3138 miles away, was their next objective.

PEKIN DICTATOR QUILTS

War Lord Chang Leaves Capital for Manchuria.

Pekin, China.—Chang Tso-Lin, for two years ruler of Pekin and northern China, renounced his power and left the ancient capital. He departed on a special train which had his old stronghold at Mukden, Manchuria, for its destination.

He left behind a committee of elders in charge of the city and issued a farewell message expressing the hope that China would survive the civil war and threat of bolshevism.

The city was orderly and the committee of elders said that satisfactory arrangements had been made for handing over control to the victorious leaders of the nationalist, or south China, armies.

Illinois Burial Mound Yields 79.

Browning, Ill.—Seventy-nine skeletons of a prehistoric race not yet identified have been found in one of three burial mounds on land near here. Archaeologists who examined the skeletons and relics announced no similarity to any other known tribe or race has been discovered.

C. M. Howell to Nominate Reed.

Washington, D. C.—Charles M. Howell, a Kansas City, Mo., lawyer, was designated by Senator Reed of Missouri to make the speech placing his name in nomination for the democratic presidential nomination at the Houston convention.

O. F. Glenn to Nominate Lowden.

Chicago.—Former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois will be placed in nomination for the presidency at the national republican convention at Kansas City by Otis F. Glenn, republican nominee for United States senator.

Air Mail Rate to Be Reduced.

Washington, D. C.—A new 5-cent air mail postage rate, to be effective August 1, was announced by Postmaster General New. New said he expected the cut in rates to increase air mail business 100 to 300 per cent.