

G. O. P. NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETS

Senator Fess of Ohio Delivers the Keynote Address.

Kansas City—Chairman Butler of the republican national committee capped the gavel, formally opening the quadrennial meeting to select candidates for president and vice president at 11 o'clock, central standard time, Tuesday morning.

Tuesday and Wednesday were given over to the time-honored procedure of setting up tentative and then permanent organizations.

Senator Fess of Ohio held the spotlight on the opening day, which was devoted largely to the delivery of his keynote address. The Ohio senator serves as temporary chairman and by that right delivers the keynote.

Senator Fess called the convention to order Wednesday, when the permanent organization was set up. Senator Moses of New Hampshire was selected for permanent chairman. With the reception of reports of the committees, including the presentation of a platform by the resolutions committee, headed by Senator Smoot of Utah, the convention was ready for business.

Rivals of Herbert Hoover for the republican presidential nomination, pooling their resources, got together under a single command, determined to bring about his defeat for the nomination.

A series of meetings attended by the representatives of all other candidates culminated in the formation of an anti-Hoover board of strategy, consisting of five—Senator James E. Watkins, Indiana's favorite son candidate; Senator Charles E. Curtis, Kansas' favorite son; Senator Guy D. Goff, West Virginia's candidate; Louis L. Emerson of Illinois, and Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, widow of the late Illinois senator and a candidate for congress in her own right.

FARM VALUES ARE REPORTED IMPROVED

Washington, D. C.—The bottom of depression in farm values has passed, the federal farm loan board declared in its annual report.

"Indications are seen of a turn in the tide and farm values are gradually improving," the report said.

While admitting that some of the farm banks had been mismanaged, with the result that three of them were thrown into the hands of receivers during the last year, the board said that the farm loan system had demonstrated its soundness and usefulness.

"The mistakes of the past must serve as lessons for the future," the report added. "Banks of the system that have been efficiently managed and have observed the law and regulations have been compensated by absence of real trouble. Banks that have departed from sound policies and practice have learned much by costly experience that should serve the purpose of reform.

"Banks that have not entertained proper respect for the law and sound policies and practices, or have made loans from the point of view of volume without proper regard for quality, in order to swell the amounts of apparent earnings, have suffered, and three of them have fallen into receivership."

AIR MAIL SHOWS GROWTH

Marked Increase in Business in the Northwest is Reported.

Washington, D. C.—The publicity campaign carried on in behalf of the air-mail service during May resulted in increases of approximately 40 per cent in the amounts of mail carried over routes serving the Pacific northwest, according to comparative figures obtained from the postoffice department.

The Salt Lake-Pasco planes carried 7471 pounds of mail last month, compared with 4304 pounds in May, 1927, and the Seattle-Los Angeles line carried 8111 pounds, against 5325 pounds a year ago.

Italy's Gift Accepted

Philadelphia.—A gift by Italy to the United States, a reproduction of the "Fountain of Seahorses," was accepted by Secretary Kellogg. The sculpture was presented to the United States to commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Pacific Halibut Facing Extinction.

Washington, D. C.—The seasonal catch of halibut in Pacific waters has become so large that the stock is in danger of depletion, according to a report of the international fisheries commission. Strict regulation of halibut fishermen is suggested.

DR. J. J. DURETT



Dr. J. J. Durett of Memphis, Tenn., head of the food, drug and insecticide control division of the Department of Agriculture.

NATIONALISTS TAKE CITY OF PEKIN

Pekin.—Pekin was taken over by the nationalist armies. Complete order prevailed.

The formal entry of the nationalist troops into Peking, historical capital of China, marks one of the most dramatic events of the civil war that has been raging in China ever since the nationalists began a drive to the north from Canton two years ago.

Of the 400,000,000 souls estimated to inhabit all of China, including Manchuria, Mongolia, Tibet and Sinkiang, about 375,000,000 persons live in the region now actually or nominally under the control of the nationalists and their allies. There are about 20,000,000 persons in Manchuria, which is still under control of Chang Tso-Lin.

While a unified China thus appears to have been achieved in great measure, the question which is being watched with the utmost attention by the nations which have interests there is whether the unity can be maintained and whether the nationalists and their allies can succeed in adjusting themselves to their new relations and set up a powerful central government which will receive recognition as the mouthpiece for the Chinese people in foreign affairs.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

A threatened strike of 11,000 Pullman car porters and maids has been indefinitely postponed.

The Latvian parliament has ratified a treaty of friendship and commerce with the United States.

Ex-United States senator for California John D. Works, 81, died in Los Angeles where he made his home.

Harry K. Thaw, who has figured in American front pages for the last 20 years, was refused entrance to England.

Frank C. Dailey of Indianapolis, an attorney, was nominated as the democratic candidate for governor of Indiana at the state convention.

Patrick B. Farrell of the District of Columbia was given a recess appointment to be a member of the interstate commerce commission by President Coolidge.

County Improves Roads for Coolidge.

Superior, Wis.—Douglas county believes the best is none too good for a president. The county board has appropriated \$25,000 for improvement of county highways to make the Brule country in which Mr. Coolidge will spend the summer weeks, easily accessible by motor. The board also added \$5000 to the Superior fund for giving proper welcome to the president. The Superior high school is being converted rapidly into a summer capitol.

Convict Riot Leaders Must Die.

Sacramento, Cal.—Folsom's Thanksgiving day riot leaders were sentenced to death on the gallows, with their execution dates all set for Friday, August 17. The death penalty was meted out for the killing of George Baker, a convict trusty during the uprising. The men were Anthony Brown, ringleader; Roy E. Stokes, James H. Gregg, Eugene Crosby, Walter E. Burke and Albert M. Stewart.

Gale Hits National Capital Air Field.

Washington, D. C.—A gale of tornado-like character swept through the northeastern and southeastern sections of Washington. At the Bolling aviation field, it toppled over and smashed up ten airplanes standing on the field, causing an estimated loss of \$200,000. Sixteen persons were injured and scores of others were bruised and cut.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The international convention of Naturopathic physicians will be held in Portland, July 11 to 14.

The state convention of the P. E. O. sisterhood closed its annual meeting in Corvallis last week.

For the second time this year the Albany Garden club put on a flower show at the city hall last week.

Gold mining operations are getting under way all over Baker county, and the outlook is the best in years.

Wind uprooted an old tree near Tillamook Sunday and killed three valuable cows belonging to Alfred Boquist.

A two-story frame building at the corner of First and Howard streets in Newberg was destroyed by fire early Thursday.

Mrs. Roy Thomas died at Myrtle Point on the date of her 35th birthday. Her mother also died on the date of her 35th birthday.

Walter Meacham of Baker is in charge of a drive to raise a \$15,000 prize fund for the Redwood highway marathon, beginning June 14.

Start of bus service between Coquille and Portland, over the Roosevelt highway, via Reedsport and Drain, was announced last week.

The Royal Anne cherry crop in Lane county will be better than last year, notwithstanding the late cold rains, said C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector.

The government will establish a four months' labor bureau at The Dalles. The community will pay for one month's salary and the government for three.

Golf fans of southwest Oregon are waiting with interest the opening of Westmost golf course, near Coquille, the most westerly links on the Pacific coast.

Operation of the Burns brick plant began this week under the supervision of A. J. Hoover of Portland. It is planned to manufacture 200,000 brick this summer.

May closed with the Columbia river salmon pack far below normal and very disappointing. The yield ran 60,000 cases short of the production in May, 1927.

Farmers of Jefferson county believe they will harvest in 1928 one of the best wheat crops in recent years. Both fall and spring wheat is looking unusually good.

Commencement exercises in Portland high schools will be held this week. Diplomats will be presented 1360 students, of whom 573 are boys and 787 are girls.

George Fish Round, soldier, writer, teacher and minister, died last week at Canyon City, aged 88. He served during the Civil war as a chaplain in the confederate army.

Sheep owners driving their bands from Baker to beyond Sumpter for summer grazing have suffered severe losses from some form of poisoning within the last few days.

Marshfield was decorated gaily last week for the eighth annual convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs, which was held there. More than 200 chiefs and firemen attended the convention.

Two baby deer found near Coquille by four Coquille boys were brought to town where members of the sheriff's force helped feed them milk from a whisky bottle through a nipple.

Nyssa celebrated the start of work on the irrigation project to be built by the government. Water sports, a baseball game and aviation stunts were among the features of the day.

Following a meeting of growers held in Salem recently, contracts were signed whereby canners agreed to pay 5 cents per pound for loganberries delivered at their plants this season.

One hundred and fifty-seven eighth grade pupils in the Tillamook county schools were awarded common school diplomas last week, according to G. B. Lamb, county school superintendent.

The Tillamook county fair will be held September 12 to 15 and the second day, September 13, has been set aside as Grange day, the grange having charge of the entire program that day.

The Medford city council has passed an ordinance, to go into effect in ten days, and aimed at the business district especially, prohibiting any person from sweeping dirt or refuse, or placing litter of any kind into a street or gutter.

Kenneth Annin, age 8, of Leneve, Coos county, had a narrow escape from death recently. He became wedged in the center of a hollow stump and was held there for two hours before workmen found and extricated him.

Davidson brothers have begun the summer run at their sawmill, west of Primeville, with a crew of nearly 50 men employed and eight trucks bringing logs from the McKay watershed to the mill.

Sparks from a passing locomotive caused a fire that damaged several hundred acres of land north of Hermiston last week. It destroyed a barn and hay derrick and considerable alfalfa hay.

Construction of a swimming pool at the newly established Boy Scout camp near the head of Neal creek in the Santiam national forest was started Monday by a group of Albany and Corvallis men.

A strange dog killed 20 young turkeys of L. S. Lafferty of Arago, Coos county, while he was telephoning the sheriff for permission to kill the animal. The dog returned the same night and killed 40 more.

C. P. Talent, state traffic officer, was arrested Monday at Jacksonville for an infringement of parking regulations of that city. According to report Talent parked his car on the wrong side of the street.

George Cate, Hood River youth, recently caught a fish while on his motorcycle. He rode his machine over a submerged road and when he reached high ground he found a 14-inch carp caught fast in the gearing.

State prohibition operatives participated in 127 arrests for violations of the liquor laws during May, according to a report of George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines imposed aggregated \$8265, with jail sentences totaling 1177 days.

The Owen-Oregon Lumber company cut a tall fir tree near one of its logging camps which has been transported to the Medford children's playground to serve as a flag pole. It is 200 feet long and only 18 inches in diameter at the butt.

Strawberries are yielding well and the weather continues ideal for the development of unsurpassed quality and all crops are thriving in the Dayton locality. Fall-sown grain is now at good height and heading, and fall-sown barley will soon be ripe.

Announcement was made at La Grande recently of the sale of the Home Independent Telephone company, providing telephone service through the greater part of Union and Wallowa counties to independent men residing in Oregon and Washington.

The Douglas county court has announced that bids will be received for the construction of Douglas county's proposed new courthouse on Thursday, June 28. The building is to be 140 by 80 feet in size and four stories high, with the jail on the top floor. It will cost about \$200,000.

The Sturgis placer and lode mine, four miles out from Jacksonville on Forest creek, famous for its old-time production of gold, has passed to George Maxwell, an Alaskan miner of Jacksonville, and California associates, who have commenced operation to reopen both the placer and lode diggings.

More than half the milking cows on test by the Coquille Valley Cow Testing association produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat in May. Of 1121 tested, 552 went over the 40-pound mark. The average fat production of the entire 1121 was 39.50 pounds. The high cow produced 88.1 pounds fat.

Entertaining hundreds of families from neighboring districts, Hood River observed its second annual summer fiesta. The chief feature of the festival was a children's and pets' parade, which brought out scores of children and live animals and birds all the way from canaries and pollywogs to donkeys.

Reports reached Newport recently that a large sea animal was being pounded to death on the reefs off the Monterey beach, three miles north of there. Harry H. Hines, John Olson and five other men found a small whale inshore making a desperate effort to get back to sea. They lassoed the big fish and used their cars to tow it ashore and brought it to Newport.

A huge delegation of Roseburg business men appeared before the Douglas county court recently asking the court to make an appropriation to be used in securing a survey of the unfinished portion of the North Umpqua road. There remains only a 22-mile section to be graded in order to open the North Umpqua road through to Diamond lake, connecting with eastern Oregon roads, and it is desired to obtain a survey in order that an estimate of cost may be secured.

Sheep shearing will be about finished in Wallowa county this week. More sheep were shorn in the uplands of Wallowa county than for years, as flockmasters have returned somewhat to old custom of shearing near the summer range.

Cutting of hay is well in progress in the McMinnville vicinity, particularly in clover fields, where the first cutting is used for hay, and a second crop is grown for seed. Warm, dry weather during May has made the crop grow rapidly.

MRS. M. STORTS ALLEN



Mrs. Maria Storts Allen of New Lexington, Ohio, eighty-six years old, the only surviving real daughter of the American Revolution. Mrs. Allen's father, John Jacob Storts, at the age of eleven enlisted to take his father's place in the Continental army.

BENSON AND TELLER OFF SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, D. C.—Two members who retired from the shipping board removed from the body the last of the opposition to the administration's policy of placing the shipping business in private hands.

The retiring members—Admiral W. S. Benson of Washington, ex-chairman and the last member appointed by President Wilson on the board, and Philip S. Teller of San Francisco, have opposed certain sales of government ships to private interests.

They will be succeeded by Rear-Admiral Hutch L. Cone, retired, of Florida, replacing Benson, and Samuel S. Sandberg of Los Angeles in Teller's post. Both of the new members, together with the other remaining five members, are understood to be in accord with the administration's policy of private shipping ownership.

URGE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Club Women Adopt Resolution at San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex.—In the face of active opposition from the floor of the convention, the General Federation of Women's clubs has adopted a resolution urging all members to attempt to introduce the study of the Bible into public school curriculums.

It was the first question that caused any debate during the convention and almost the last one considered in the ten-day session. The resolution was introduced by the Tennessee delegation and urged the teaching of the Bible to combat the spread of atheism among children.

Pocket Veto Kills Muscle Shoals Bill. Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge exercised his prerogative of a pocket veto on the Muscle Shoals bill by his failure to sign the measure before the ten-day period in which he had to sign the bill, expired.

Coxey Would Be Ohio Senator.

Columbus, O.—Jacob Eechler Coxey Sr., of Massillon, has filed his declaration of candidacy for the republican nomination of United States senator. He was the leader of the famous Coxey's army.

Burton Seeks Senate Seat.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Burton, republican of Ohio, announced that he would be a candidate for the senate to succeed the late Senator Willis.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.49; soft white, western white, \$1.42; hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.33.
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, \$10.75@12.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8.50@9.55.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$12.50@13.
Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.42; hard winter, western red, northern spring, \$1.33; bluestem, \$1.49; dark northern spring, dark hard winter, \$1.50.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S. \$24.
Butterfat—46c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23@27c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$10.75@11.75.
Hogs—Prime, \$8.90@9.90.
Lamb—Choice, \$11.50@13.
Spokane
Hogs—Good, and choice, \$9@9.10.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.50@11.

SOUTHERN CROSS REACHES AUSTRALIA

Flight from California Accomplished in Less Than Ten Days.

Sydney, Australia.—The 7800-mile flight of the monoplane Southern Cross across the Pacific ocean from Oakland, Cal., to Sydney, was completed when the plane and its crew of four arrived here Saturday.

The plane covered the last leg of its epochal air journey, 500 miles from Brisbane, Australia, on schedule time, landing at the local field after following the coast line of Australia for 5 hours and 8 minutes.

The arrival of the two Australians and two Americans, Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, Charles Ulm, Harry W. Lyon, and James Warner, was marked by wild enthusiasm on the part of thousands of persons who had watched and hoped as the high tri-motored craft fought its way through storms and hours along the 7800-mile path over the sea.

The flight from California to Sydney was accomplished in less than ten days.

Tanned to mahogany by their 7800-mile flight through tropic sun and storm from Oakland, Cal., the four aviators who navigated the Southern Cross here were tired in body, but as undaunted in spirit as when they maneuvered their Fokker through Pacific squalls.

The aviators announced their intention to continue the flight around the world, and plan to take off from Sydney within the next few days.

NOBILE AND CREW HAVE BEEN LOCATED

Kings Bay, Spitzbergen.—General Umberto Nobile and his 15 men of the Italia are alive on Northeastland, across Henlopen strait from Spitzbergen, a radio message to the supply ship Citra di Milano said.

As the message was cracked out through the Arctic air at noon Saturday, it was accepted as a fact here that the Italia's crew had been located finally, 15 days after the big ship's disappearance and 18 days after she left for a 40-hour cruise to the North pole. The message was explicit.

After its first vital news that the Italia's crew was alive, the message added that the exact position of Nobile and his crew was 80 degrees 15 minutes north latitude, 22 degrees east longitude.

This position is at the extreme tip of a little cape of land sticking out from the central shore of Wide Brandy bay, on the north coast of Northeastland. It means that the Italia's crew is actually on land, according to carefully plotted charts here.

WOULD DISBAR LINDSEY

Colorado Attorney-General Charges Judge With Illegal Practices.

Denver, Colo.—A suit to disbar Ben Lindsey, former judge of Denver's juvenile court and internationally known lecturer, from practicing law in Colorado, was filed in the supreme court by Attorney General W. L. Boatwright. The attorney general charges Lindsey with illegal practices in connection with making the two children of Helen Elwood Stokes and the late W. E. D. Stokes, New York millionaire hotel man, wards of the juvenile court several years ago.

The disbarment suit is said to involve the contested will of the New York turfman.

Boatwright alleges that Lindsey and "certain other persons" received about \$45,000 in fees from Mrs. Stokes and Samuel Untermyer, her New York lawyer, to which he was not entitled.

National Told to Adjust Differences.

Geneva.—The 50th session of the council of the league of nations took the stand that the various member countries should not rush to the league with every little problem between them. The position of the council was that not every little difficulty between countries endangers world peace and that nations should abstain from abusing the privilege of appealing for league intervention on matters of comparatively minor importance.

Balkan Powers Warned by League.

Geneva.—The council of the league of nations washed its hands of the Hungarian-Rumanian dispute over lands sequestered by Rumania in Transylvania by adopting a resolution that the quarrel between the two nations must be settled by direct negotiation.

Under-Secretary of State Olds Resigns

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has accepted the resignation of Robert E. Olds from the under-secretaryship of state, effective next July 1.