

SMITH NOMINATED BY THE DEMOCRATS

United States Senator Robinson of Arkansas Named for Vice President.

Houston, Texas.—Alfred E. Smith, four times governor of New York, was nominated for the presidency by the democratic national convention and Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas was named for vice president.

A single ballot was sufficient to break through the last resistance of the group of candidates opposing Smith. Although at the conclusion of the roll call of the states he was a handful of votes short of the two-thirds needed to nominate, he was so near the mark that state after state broke away from the favorite sons they had been supporting and voiced in a noisy bandwagon rush the desire to be the first to lay their support at his feet.

Official Tabulation 849 2-3
The official tabulation after all chances of votes in favor of the leader had been recorded gave the New Yorker 849 2-3 of the 1100 votes in the convention. He needed only 733 1-3 to nominate.

The nomination of the Arkansas leader, like that of Smith, was never in doubt from the moment the roll call of states was started. The first ballot gave Robinson the imposing total of 1032 1-6 votes, some states switching their original votes after Robinson had piled up more than 900 votes on the first reading of the roll.

Announcement of Smith's nomination was followed by a loud and colorful demonstration on the convention floor, with the Smith people about the hall shouting to the skies their happiness at their victory. In some parts of the hall the bitterness of the contest was carried along by heated arguments among divided southern delegations, but, for the most part, the defeat of the anti-Smith group, forecast for days, was accepted philosophically.

No Platform Fight
The long discussion over prohibition in the platform committee ended in a report pledging the party to strict enforcement of the prohibition amendment and laws, along with all others. Both wets and drys took the speakers stand to ask the convention to accept the plank as submitted, and for the first time in years a democratic platform was approved without a floor fight.

Besides declaring the enforcement of the 18th amendment, the prohibition plank sharply assails the republican administration for what is described as a failure to enforce the dry laws, and also for placing "political hirelings" in enforcement positions, thus making of prohibition a political football.

Farm Relief Pledged.
A pledge to establish a farm relief policy modeled upon the federal reserve system is contained in the democratic farm plank.

Two nub paragraphs on the farm remedy are:
"Creation of a federal farm board to assist the farmer and stock raiser in the marketing of their products as the federal reserve board has done for the banker and business man."
"Credit aid by loans to co-operatives on at least as favorable a basis as government aid to the merchant marine."

A ringing declaration about alleged corruption in government under republican administration also is embodied in the party's 1928 platform and many other subjects, including tariff, taxation, veterans, flood relief, foreign relations and conservation and reclamation.

Dry Law Repeat Petition Checked.
Salem, Or.—Petitions for an initiative measure seeking repeal of all prohibition provisions in the state constitution, and all laws in Oregon having to do with the enforcement of the prohibition statutes, were being checked in the county clerk's office here. It was said that the petitions contained approximately 1000 signatures. The work of checking petitions also is in progress in other counties in the state, officials said.

Postmasters' Age Limit Raised.
Washington, D. C.—An executive order raising the age limit for first, second and third class postmasters from 65 to 68 years has been issued by President Coolidge, the civil service commission announced. Postmaster General New recommended the change, contending that many postmasters are still efficient after reaching the age of 65.

Another Million Paid by Vanderbilt.
Chicago.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. signed a document relinquishing more than \$1,000,000 of his inheritance in another step toward repaying stock holders in his bankrupt publishing enterprises. This is in addition to at least another \$1,000,000 he previously had given up to meet his obligations.

GOV. ALFRED SMITH



Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, who received the democratic nomination for president of the United States.

OPINION GIVEN ON BANCORPORATION

Salem, Or.—Whether the West Coast Bancorporation and the Oregon Bancorporation, with headquarters in Portland, are conducting a banking business and therefore are subject to the supervision of the state banking department, largely is a question of fact rather than law, according to an opinion handed down by the attorney-general.

If the corporations are attempting to conduct a banking business, then they are in violation of the state banking law, he holds.

If, however, they are merely holding companies, owning stock in banking institutions, then they are not violating the state law, his opinion states. It also was held by the attorney-general that the name "Bancorporation" used by the holding companies under consideration is not a violation of the prohibition in section 54 of chapter 205, laws of 1925, against the use of the words "bank," "bankers," etc., as the part of any business name.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Directors of the Pierce Arrow Motor Car company have approved a merger with the Studebaker corporation.

Robert B. Mantell, Shakespearian actor, died at his country home, "Brucewood," in Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

The new democratic national committee met immediately after the close of the convention and decided to formally organize at a meeting in the Democratic club, New York city, on July 11.

John Thomas, of Gooding, Idaho, banker and business man, was appointed United States senator by Governor Baldrige of Idaho. He will fill the recess vacancy caused by the death of Senator Gooding.

Japan will nominate Charles Evans Hughes to world court of international justice if the nation is assured that Mr. Hughes will accept the position, succeeding Dr. John Bassett Moore, says a Geneva announcement.

Two of the largest grain and elevator firms in Minneapolis consolidated when negotiations were completed for the purchase of the controlling interest in the Van Dusen Harrington company by F. H. Peavey & Co.

Fight at Louvain Ended by Hoover.
Louvain, Belgium.—A message from Herbert Hoover apparently has prevented an inscription with the Latin equivalent of "destroyed by Teutonic fury" from appearing on the Louvain library. Whitney Warren, American architect, had argued that the inscription should remain as provided in the library plans, and Monsignor Ladeuze, rector of the university, urged it be eliminated. As chairman of the commission for relief in Belgium Mr. Hoover granted the university full jurisdiction as to the inscription to be placed on the memorial.

Southern Pacific to Build New Line.
San Francisco.—Construction of 97 miles of track to connect Klamath Falls, Or., and Alturas, Cal., and Oregon and northern California, a new line, was announced here by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific. Construction of the project will begin a. o. c.

Good Western Campaign Manager.
Washington, D. C.—Chairman Work of the republican national committee announced that James W. Good of Chicago, pre-convention campaign manager for Secretary Hoover, had been selected as manager of the western division of the party's campaign.

Peace Pact Wins Polish Praise.
Warsaw.—The International Peace congress ended its sessions by strongly emphasizing the conferees' appreciation of the Kellogg proposal to outlaw war. The pact was declared to mark great progress toward the pacification of the world.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The first vacation Bible school ever held in Baker opened last week at the Calvary Baptist church with about 70 pupils in the several departments.

Harvesting of Bing and Tartarian cherries is now under way in the Freewater section and producers expect to ship about 125 cars this year.

Central Oregon's first motorcycle traffic officer began work this week. He is Herbert Hamilton, formerly of Prineville, and will work out of Redmond.

Reports received from the rural districts around Salem indicated that last week's rain proved detrimental to the cherries, which have been ripening for the past week.

Strawberry picking for commercial purposes came to an end in the Lallah Center district last week. Most of the growers are doing much better than they expected.

A trainload of 24 cars of lambs moved out of Douglas county last week for San Francisco. Fourteen of the cars were loaded at Roseburg and 10 at Oakland.

Curtis Payton, graduate in sanitary engineering at Stanford university, has been employed as sanitary inspector by the Marion county child health demonstration.

Construction work on the new bridge over Sutherlin creek at Sutherlin was completed last week and the bridge, which is a most substantial affair, is now open for traffic.

Baker's city commission has unanimously passed an ordinance taxing the telephone company 25 cents per month for each pole which stands on public property in Baker.

The cherry crop now being harvested in The Dalles district is said to be the biggest in the history of the industry. Irrigated orchards are now yielding six to eight tons to the acre.

Packing of strawberries is practically at an end in Salem's canneries, although some hill berries are still coming in and barreling of the product is proceeding at the rate of 100 barrels a day.

The 16th annual Southern Wasco County fair opens at Tygh Valley on Thursday, August 30, and continues for three days. It is expected to be the biggest fair ever staged in Wasco county.

The flying field of the Valley Air Service, northwest of Forest Grove, on the Gales Creek road, has been leased by the chamber of commerce of Forest Grove for a municipal landing field.

The Coos county chamber of commerce will co-operate with the Oregon state chamber of commerce in its program to bring settlers to Oregon, it was announced at a meeting held at Coquille recently.

Work was rushed on the new aviation field at Swim and was completed July 1. This is the first airport in Clackamas county and much interest is taken in the project, which is for forest protection.

The haying season at Sweet Home is open. It commenced the last part of the week here. Many of the farmers are confronted with a problem for the winter's hay supply, as the crop is turning out light.

According to F. F. Wilcox, Jackson county fruit agent, Rogue river valley's fruit crop for 1928 is coming along in fine shape, with the insect pest and tree well in hand with the usual annual remedies applied.

Loganberry picking is on in much earnestness in the Dayton locality. Many women and children are being employed in the various fields. The weather has been ideal for the development of large, well matured fruit.

With an unexpectedly late crop of strawberries, Julie shows brisk buying at Forest Grove. One authority has estimated that strawberry growers in that vicinity have netted from \$60,000 to \$80,000 and a good part of this return was banked and spent there.

The strawberry season will close in the Banks yards this week. Three tons daily have been marketed from these yards from 70 days and about 300 pickers have been quartered in the town on a payroll of \$1000 a day. The average yield was about 300 tons per acre.

Miss Edith Dodge of Ashland has been declared winner of the Gerlinger cup, presented annually to the woman student of the junior class at the University of Oregon who has shown the greatest development in her college work.

Steady though light rains fell last week in the Grande Ronde valley, and farmers rejoiced at the cessation of a long, arid drought. Agriculturists said, however, that the moisture to be of help would have to be more than a day's fall.

A sawmill on Comer creek three miles north of Marquam in Marion county was burned down last week with a loss estimated at \$5000.

Cannery shipments of strawberries in Clackamas county was finished last week. The season, according to the growers, proved fair. The raspberry and loganberry picking has been started and the various canneries of the county will continue their activities for some time.

Hundreds of Medford children participated in the city's first doll buggy parade policed by Boy Scouts, held recently. Many girls and boys between the ages of 7 and 10 wheeled their flower-decorated buggies containing all kinds of dolls and some buggies with cats and dogs.

A district meeting of county agents was held in Pendleton last week, with agents from Umatilla, Wasco, Union, Wallowa, Malheur, Baker and Morrow counties present. Problems of mutual interest were discussed with the state county agent leader and specialists from Oregon State college.

According to R. G. Fowler, Jackson county agent, the grain crops in the Central Point district are coming on fine with the recent cool weather to assist in the filling of the grain. Fall-sown wheat that was downed by recent storms, by careful harvesting may be reclaimed with light losses.

During the month of May there were 40 herds, with an enrollment of 652 cows, tested, according to the report of the Columbia County Cow Testing association. The production was 491,185 pounds of milk and 19,429 pounds of fat, an average of 753 pounds of milk and 29.79 pounds of fat.

The Oregon Electric Railway company has sought permission from the public service commission to discontinue its bus service between Woodburn and West Woodburn. Trains on the Woodburn-West Woodburn line were discontinued more than two years ago, because of insufficient patronage.

Several California puncture vines have been found last week in the stock yards at Ashland by county Agent Fowler. Burrs of this vine get to be extremely hard and the sharp projections will puncture car tires or cows' stomachs. This is the first time that the pest have been reported in southern Oregon.

North Bend and Marshfield, through their councils, have agreed to a 20 per cent increase in water rates for the Oregon-Washington Water company, which a few months ago purchased the Coos Bay Water company system and asked the state public service commission for an advance of 49 per cent in rates.

The three camps of the Oregon-American Lumber company near Vernonia closed for a period of six weeks or more, depending on the fire hazard. The sawmill has a sufficient number of logs on hand to last until the camps reopen but will shut down for 10 days for repairs. The planing mill will close only July 4 and 5.

At a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Tuesday, July 10, bids will be opened on the grading of approximately 1.06 miles of surface on the Reedsport section of the Roosevelt Coast highway in Douglas county and 11 miles on the Anna Springs-Hunter hill section of Fremont highway in Lake county.

Clackamas county court will be asked to appropriate funds for building cribbing in the Sandy river at Brightwood, it is said, as the river is cutting the banks away from three to four feet a month and is endangering summer homes. During the winter freshets the river washed out nearly all the cribbing put in by property owners.

Twelve thousand acres of land in Lake county, Lakeview land district, Oregon, will be opened to homestead and desert land entry by qualified ex-service men July 13, and to general entry October 12. The tract is near the town of Paisley and the nearest railroad towns are Kirk and Klamath Falls. The lands are suitable for grazing, but precipitation is not sufficient in average years for production of grain crops.

According to F. P. Wilcox, county fruit agent, the Talent district fruit crop is coming along in fine shape, with insect pest and tree blight well under control. With the coddling moth taken care of through regular applications of spray and the few evidences of blight stamped out, the season's fruit crop, especially pears, is rounding into form in a manner that looks very promising. Pear picking will begin about August 1 from present indications.

Extension of time for perfecting an organization of the prune growers of the state until July 1, 1929, was authorized at Roseburg recently at a representative meeting of prune growers affiliated with the Douglas County Prune Growers' association.

There are a few heading crews at work in the North Ione country. The recent hot weather has ripened the grain rapidly and it is expected that harvest will be in full swing by July 5. The yield will be below normal owing to the late and dry spring

SENATOR ROBINSON



Senator Robinson of Arkansas, democratic choice for vice-president of the United States.

SUGAR MEN SEEK TO LIMIT IMPORTATION

Washington, D. C.—American cane sugar growers revealed that they not only are collaborating with domestic beet producers to obtain limitation of duty-free admission of Philippine sugar, but that they seek a 300,000 ton maximum instead of the 500,000 ton maximum asked of congress.

Meanwhile both republican and democratic conventions have concluded without any platform reference to the permanence or abandonment of the present free trade relationship between the Philippines and the United States mainland, although representations were made to the platform committees in behalf of both courses.

The situation leaves the domestic sugar men with an unobstructed political field in which to agitate for a change in this relationship, which may become a big issue in the next congress.

RINEHART SETS NEW MARK

Portland Youth in Flight More Than 16½ Hours.

Seaside, Or.—Jimmy Rinehart, young Portland aviator, brought his plane down on the beach here with a world's record to his credit and ten gallons of gasoline left. The official time of the flight was 16 hours 34 minutes 25 2-10 seconds.

Rinehart's feat is the first officially recognized endurance record for a plane of the OX-5 class, the only mark which he had to beat being an unofficial flight of 12½ hours.

Rinehart said that his motor was working perfectly and that he could have stayed in the air longer, but came down with the last of the daylight because, on account of the great crowd gathered on the beach, he feared that he might hit someone if he landed in the dark.

Big Coast Trust Company is Planned.

San Francisco.—Financial leaders here awaited with interest expected developments of a reported plan of Herbert Fleishacker, San Francisco banking power, for the formation of a huge investment trust company to operate on the Pacific coast. Fleishacker's idea, according to persons who conferred with him, is to establish the new investment trust company as the holder of large blocks of stock in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Fresno and San Jose banks.

Pennsylvania Movie Ruling Drastic.

Philadelphia.—The spoken words produced by a motion picture film during a public exhibition first must meet with the approval of the Pennsylvania state board of censors, according to a decision handed down by Judge Martin in the court of common pleas.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.49; soft white, \$1.40; western white, \$1.40; hard winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.31.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$17.50@18; valley timothy \$17.50@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.

Butterfat—46c.

Eggs—Ranch, 26@31c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@12.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.25@11.25.

Lambs—Good to choice, \$11.50@13.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.40; hard winter, \$1.29; western red, \$1.31; northern spring, \$1.30; bluestem, \$1.48; dark northern spring, \$1.46; dark hard winter, \$1.46.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$26; timothy, \$30; P. S., \$24.

Butterfat—46c.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@27c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$11@12.

Hogs—Prime, \$11.35@11.50.

Lambs—Choice, \$11.50@13.

Spokane.

Hogs—Good, and choice, \$10.50.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.50@11.

IMMIGRATION LAW CHANGES EFFECTIVE

Families Now Separated May be Reunited Under the New Plan.

Washington, D. C.—Four years of clamor in behalf of thousands of alien families now separated because of restrictions in the 1924 immigration act was answered when an amendment passed during the last session of congress to modify the preference and non-quota provisions of the law became effective.

Beginning July 1, under the new enactments, one-half of each of the quotas now allotted to the various countries is to be reserved for the parents of American citizens, husbands of American citizens where the marriages took place after May 31 last, and farmers. The second half of each quota will be reserved for the wives and unmarried children under 21 years of age of lawfully-admitted aliens.

The new preference provision serves a double purpose in that it not only hastens the reunion of long divided families by materially shortening the waiting time of persons entitled to preference, but it also serves to defer, in many cases indefinitely, the immigration of those whose admission to the United States would mean the planting of new seed in the country.

Brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and aliens of no relationship whatever are definitely set aside in favor of the wives and minor children of those already here who have become naturalized citizens or have signified their intention of becoming citizens at the earliest possible opportunity.

Under the original law, exemption, or non-quota status, was available only to the wives and unmarried children under 18 years of age of citizens of the United States, while the new law will give non-quota status to American-born women who lost their citizenship by marriage to an alien prior to September 22, 1922, and who have since been widowed, as well as to husbands of American women citizens if married before June 1, 1925, and to the wives and unmarried children under 21 years of age of American citizens.

TREASURY SURPLUS IS \$400,000,000

Washington, D. C.—Uncle Sam closed the 1928 fiscal year Saturday with more than \$400,000,000 to spare, the treasury department announced.

Despite a material reduction in revenue during the year, Secretary Mellon will reduce the public debt substantially \$1,000,000,000.

Income tax collections during June amounted to approximately the \$475,000,000 figure of last June, and for the year will be well over the \$2,000,000,000 mark.

Mellon characterized government finances as in "excellent condition" as the new fiscal year is about to start.

HOOVER WILL RESIGN

Speech Accepting Party Standard Will Be Made in August.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Hoover has determined to resign his cabinet post in order to be unhampered in his campaign as republican candidate for president. He will present his resignation before July 15 personally to President Coolidge at the summer White House in Wisconsin and then will go to his home in California.

Hoover's speech of acceptance will be delivered during the first week of August at Stanford university, Palo Alto, Cal., where his home is located.

The republican campaign will produce two vacancies in the cabinet for the president to fill during his vacation. Secretary Work of the interior department, the new republican national committee chairman, will present his resignation to Mr. Coolidge when he visits the president in Wisconsin.

New Cabinet Approved by Hindenburg

Berlin.—President von Hindenburg gave his final approval to the new cabinet list submitted by the socialist chancellor, Herman Mueller. Dr. Gustave Stresemann holds the portfolio of foreign affairs in the new cabinet. The cabinet includes four socialists and a scattering of members of the centrists, democrats, people's party and Bavarian people's party.

Obregon Will Rule Mexico Once More.

Mexico City.—General Alvaro Obregon was Sunday elected president of Mexico for a six-year term commencing December 1 and during which he has indicated he intends to continue substantially the policies of the present president, General Plutarco Elias Calles. General Obregon was the only candidate for the presidency.