

## INFANT MORTALITY DECLINES GREATLY

Seattle and Portland Both Have a Very Low Death Rate.

New York.—The infant mortality rate in cities of the United States during 1927 was lower than in any previous year, the American Child Health association announced in its annual report.

The rate last year was 66.4 for each 1000 as compared with 73.7 in 1926 and 100 in 1915, the association announced.

The report covers the 683 in the birth registration areas including states that have records of at least 90 per cent.

"The improvement in the infant death rate was almost universal over the country," said the announcement, "there being but few cities which failed to show a declining rate."

Seattle, Wash., had the lowest rate, 41, among the cities of more than 250,000 population. Portland, Or., and Minneapolis, Minn., were second with rates of 47 each.

## GENERAL FARM WAGES REPORTED DECLINING

Washington, D. C.—The general farm wage average of the country July 1 had dropped to 170 per cent of the pre-war level, as compared to 172 per cent last year, the bureau of agricultural economics announced and "is the lowest July figure since 1925."

Although the index figure of 170 is four points above the April figure of 166, the bureau's report added that this increase is "somewhat less than the usual seasonal rise" and that "wages of all classes of farm labor are below wages of a year ago."

The wage decrease for farm laborers is attributed by the bureau to the natural working of the law of supply and demand, and to an increase in the supply of farm labor made available this year by lowered industrial employment.

Bureau of labor statistics records for the first five months of 1928 show that the monthly index figures for employment in manufacturing industries averaged 85.4, as compared to an average of 90.4 in the first five months of 1927.

## WHEAT ABOVE ESTIMATES

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Yield Will be Close to 85,000,000 Bushels.

Portland, Or.—The wheat crop of the northwest has made substantial improvement since the latest government survey was made and grain men believe the next monthly bulletin will show several million bushels more than was estimated in the July report.

Predictions are now made by the best posted authorities in the grain trade here that the wheat crop of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will total close to 85,000,000 bushels. This is 1,686,000 bushels more than the five-year average, but still far below the record production of 112,500,000 bushels in the three states last year.

Recent rains that were general throughout the wheat belt were of great benefit to spring-sown wheat, which had suffered during many weeks of insufficient moisture.

## Stockyards Act is Declared Void.

Omaha, Neb.—That part of the packers and stockyards act of August 15, 1921, vesting in the secretary of agriculture power to fix commissions of livestock commission firms, was held unconstitutional by B. H. Dunham, special master in chancery. The case, brought originally by three Omaha commission houses, against the government and proper agencies, drew in nearly 90 plaintiffs before it was placed in the master's hands.

## Chile and Peru End Rupture.

Washington, D. C.—Chile and Peru have agreed to resume diplomatic relations after a rupture of 17 years' standing. Secretary of State Kellogg officially announced. The rapprochement, which is expected to facilitate ultimate settlement of the Tacna-Arica controversy between the two countries was brought about through the good offices of the secretary. Both countries have accepted his plan for an accord, Kellogg said.

## Canadian "Export" Liquor Seized.

Windsor, Ontario.—Ontario provincial authorities seized beer and liquor valued at more than \$5,000,000 in two of the largest export warehouses on the border. The move was understood to be the first of a series which will result in seizure of all border warehouses.

## France Approves Anti-War Pact.

Paris.—The text of the French government's acceptance of Secretary Kellogg's outlawry of war pact was handed to Ambassador Herrick.

## HUBERT C. WORK



Dr. Hubert C. Work, secretary of the interior, who was elected chairman of the Republican national committee.

## WILL OFFER HUGHES WORLD COURT PLACE

Geneva.—Charles E. Hughes, former American secretary of state, probably will be elected to succeed John Bassett Moore as American judge on the league of nations' permanent court of international justice at The Hague, it was said in league circles recently.

While the election rests in the hands of the league assembly and the league council, secretariat officials said there is such a world wide movement in favor of Hughes' election that it is virtually a certainty he will receive the necessary majority vote during the September assembly.

It is now certain that Mr. Hughes will be nominated for the judgeship by at least half a dozen of the leading nations of the world, and this fact alone is regarded as almost certain to insure his election.

## HOOVER STARTS WEST

Republican Presidential Candidate Off to California.

Washington, D. C.—Having said farewell to the men with whom he has labored in the commerce department for seven years, Herbert Hoover Saturday turned westward. The first presidential candidate from the Pacific coast was going home to receive the formal notification of his selection as the standard bearer of the republican party.

Closing up of his affairs as commerce secretary occupied his final hours in Washington and his last act was to express to the heads of divisions in the department his appreciation of their co-operation in turning "the arm of commerce away from the narrow channels of business into the great service of public welfare."

## Desert Thirst Conquers Bank Robbers.

Independence, Cal.—Two young robbers, defiant in the face of the deadly rifles and pistols of a posse of upwards of 40 men, had wavered and fallen before the onslaught of a merciless desert country. Without a shot being fired, the two men, Wayne Bland and H. C. Cochran, residents of Owens valley and robbers of the Security bank at Lone Pine near here, surrendered to officers who tracked them after they had escaped with loot estimated at \$1500. The money was recovered intact.

## Idaho Hail Storm Does Big Damage.

Grangeville, Idaho.—Houses were unroofed, hundreds of windows broken and 1000 acres of growing grain wiped out and others damaged when a hail storm swept over the Tolo lake region near here. Damage is estimated at \$300,000 with insurance at about 50 per cent. The region visited by the storm is fine farming country located on the Central Prairie uplands.

## THE MARKETS

**Portland**  
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.43; soft white, western white, \$1.34; hard winter \$1.23; northern spring \$1.28; western red \$1.24.  
Hay—Alfalfa \$16.50@17; valley timothy \$17.50@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.  
Butterfat—46@47c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 27@31c.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.10.  
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10@12.25.  
Lambs—Good to choice, \$11.50@13.  
**Seattle**  
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.33; hard winter western red, northern spring, \$1.24; bluestem, \$1.42; dark northern spring, \$1.30; dark hard winter, \$1.28.  
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$30; P. S., \$24.  
Butterfat—48c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 24@30c.  
Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.25@12.10.  
Hogs—Prime, \$12.50@12.60.  
Lambs—Choice, \$11.50@13.  
**Spokane**  
Hogs—Good, and choice, \$11.35@11.50.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.50@11.0

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

More than 300 delegates attended the Baptist state convention in Eugene.

The new Shelley building in Coquille has been completed at the cost of \$14,000.

Extensive improvements are being made to the Clackamas county fair grounds at Canby.

Ninety-one persons took the annual state bar examination held at the state capitol in Salem.

Fire of undetermined origin caused loss of between \$8000 and \$10,000 on the main street of Dayton.

A contract for the construction of livestock exhibit buildings was let by the Klamath county fair board.

The business district of Glendale was almost totally wiped out by a fire, with a loss estimated at \$200,000.

The Talent grange has decided to have a special Talent exhibit at the Jackson county fair in September.

Work has started on the new Douglas county courthouse. The building is to cost approximately \$275,000.

Another Masonic lodge came into being with the formal installation of Chilquin lodge, with 35 members last week.

The Southern Pacific company has requested authority to extend its motor bus service from Roseburg to Marshfield.

Road signs, giving both directions and mileage, are being erected by Tillamook county at 25 county road intersections.

Albany American Legion band has been selected as the official band to play at the Oregon state fair September 24 to 29.

A carload of carbon bisulphide is being distributed in the Athena wheat sections this week to combat wild morning glory.

A total of 2249 cars of wheat was received and shipped from the Port of Astoria this year, an increase of 631 cars over last year.

Abraham Y. Banta, one of the oldest residents of eastern Oregon, dropped dead at Redmond while visiting at the home of a friend.

Crescent City is preparing to build a cement boulevard 100 feet wide and 3800 feet long paralleling the seashore on Front street.

Hood River will sell a \$25,000 block of bonds, the money to be used in preliminary work on the Cold Springs municipal water project.

About 150 Methodist young people attended the Southern Oregon Epworth league institute on Little river, 30 miles east of Roseburg.

C. Bryant of Moro was reappointed a member of the state board of normal school regents. He has served in this capacity for several years.

The Lincoln county seat fight is again simmering, preliminary steps having been taken for removing the courthouse from Toledo to Newport.

Fire losses in Oregon exclusive of Portland, during the month of June aggregated \$137,188, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal.

The apricot crop of Wasco county this year is estimated at 850 tons, 500 tons of which have been pooled and will be sold through the American Fruit, Inc.

William Jeffries, who killed a small boy on a mountain road near Ashland and then fled heavily armed into the mountains, was captured at Dunsuir, Cal.

Fire of undetermined origin swept lumber yard No. 1 of the Ewauna Box company of Klamath Falls, burning lumber and equipment valued at \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Rogue river fruit has suffered little from blight or any other disease this season, according to Elmer Outman, for more than 15 years fruit inspector for Jackson county.

Lupine weed, commonly known as wild pea, probably was responsible for the death of a large number of cattle and a few horses in eastern Oregon recently, according to investigations conducted by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. Most of the losses were confined to Sherman county.

Barham Brothers of Salem, with a bid of \$94,000, submitted to the board of control the most satisfactory proposal for the general construction of the new state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles. There were 12 bids, the highest being \$120,000.

Ivar Gragladh, chief entomologist of Sweden, is in Klamath Falls to collaborate with Paul Keene, United States entomologist, in attempting to discover some practical method of controlling the pine beetle infestations of the Klamath pine forests.

Many pioneers were included among the 175 ex-residents of Polk county who gathered at their annual picnic in Laurelhurst park in Portland to talk over old times.

Miss Florence E. Miller, daughter of E. C. Miller of Salem, accepted the position as pastor's assistant and church secretary of the First Methodist church of Portland.

Organization of the Linn County Good Roads association, designed to combat legislation inimical to highway development in Oregon, was started at a meeting in Albany.

Crook county potato growers have approximately 900 acres in potatoes this year, a 50 per cent increase over last year, with prospects for the best crop ever grown in the county.

Between 150 and 160 people from all parts of the state climbed Mount Hood under the auspices of Hood River post, American Legion, and guided by the famous Crag rats.

Justice N. J. Sinnott, ex-congressman from the second Oregon district has arrived in his former home town of The Dalles to spend a month in relaxation with old friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Cecile Wiegand, principal of the Salem Heights school, suffered serious injuries when an automobile in which she was returning home from Monmouth left the highway and overturned.

Sheriff Hariburt states that it costs Multnomah county more to collect the personal tax on small business enterprises than the tax collected totals. The present law is not workable in the county, he said.

Income tax collections in Oregon during the fiscal year 1928, which closed June 30, were approximately \$380,000 less than those of the fiscal year 1927, according to figures of the internal revenue bureau.

A percentage of net sales of 18.23 is given as the average total cost of doing business in general merchandise stores of Oregon, according to a bulletin just issued by the Oregon Agricultural college extension service.

The state board of control executed a lease covering approximately 25,000 feet of floor space in the Oregon building in Portland. Twenty-three of the 25 state functions now located in Portland will be housed in the Oregon building. The activities are now widely scattered.

The lives of approximately 10,000 predatory animals in Oregon were snuffed out during the fiscal year ending June 30 by workers of the United States biological survey and cooperating agencies, according to the annual report of Stanley Jewett, in charge for the government.

The 20th state encampment of the Spanish American War veterans opened in McMinnville with attendance estimated at 350. Commander-in-Chief John J. Garrity of Chicago, was the first national commander to visit an Oregon encampment. W. I. Vinton of McMinnville greeted the veterans for the city.

Sam A. Kozor, secretary of state, notified Governor Patterson that he would accept the appointment as director of the state budget, effective September 1. He will resign as secretary of state at that time and take up the work of shaping the next biennial budget preparatory to the 1929 legislative session.

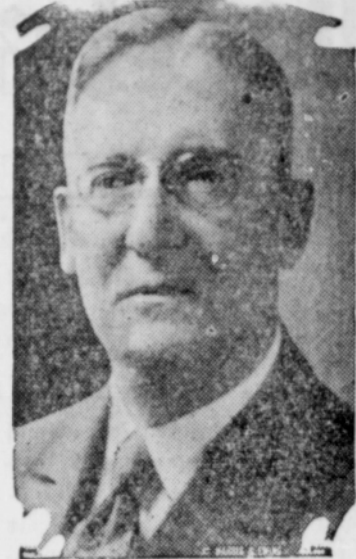
The wild blackberry crop in the Applegate river out from Jacksonville will be the largest this year in the history of the industry. The berry is not the real Oregon wild berry, but the evergreen blackberry imported from Japan to Oregon many years ago, which has spread and became wild and extends for more than 30 miles along the streams in the Applegate valley. Old abandoned hill ranches under mining and irrigation ditches overgrown with the vines have become valuable from a royalty of 15 cents per gallon paid by people who come from all over the country to pick for household purposes and sell to the canneries.

Snow clearing and oiling of state highways must be reduced, declared the highway commission at a meeting in Portland. The financial situation has been so jeopardized by the filing of the Dunne initiative measure, which will be voted on in November, that the road officials are curtailing wherever possible. Even requests for surveys had to be refused, for the commission has laid off the surveying parties, just as it has also laid off some of the minor officials of the organization. The commission is in a quandry over the situation, for not until the people have acted in November will they know what the revenues are likely to be for the coming year.

The Portland city council has started on its way to the November ballot a telephone franchise providing for a 25 per cent cut in rates and for many other radical changes in the relations between the company and the people.

Elwin Van De Walker, state traffic officer, was taken to a hospital Sunday with injuries suffered when a motorcycle he was riding skidded and left the Pacific highway five miles north of Salem. Van De Walker was unconscious when found by a passing motorist.

## RICHARD J. WELCH



Representative Richard J. Welch of California was the author of the bill that gave 135,000 government workers a raise.

## OFFICES BARTERED BY STATE LEADERS

Biloxi, Miss.—Sensational disclosures are expected from the federal grand jury here investigating distribution of federal patronage by state republican leaders following the return of a fourth indictment against a person whom federal officials declined to name pending his arrest. The nature of the charge also was kept secret.

Two men, J. C. Tannehill, ex-United States marshal for the southern district of the state, and E. L. Patton, negro republican leader, already are in custody of federal officers following their arrest in Jackson recently on six indictments charging "purchase and sale of public offices." An announcement from the district attorney's office said immediate trials would be sought for the men after their arraignment here.

A third arrest was made when Deputy United States marshals took into custody William E. Miller, postmaster at Wiggins, Miss., on an indictment charging "purchase and sale of public offices."

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

William F. Varney, Rockville Center, N. Y., was nominated by the prohibition party as its candidate for the presidency.

The surrender of a total of 186 "confessed" Nicaraguan bandits, to United States marine forces at Ocotol, was reported to the navy department.

Senator Moses of New Hampshire was made chairman of the committee to notify Hoover and Senator Fess of Ohio was appointed head of the committee to notify the republican vice presidential nominee.

Colonel William H. Screws, commanding officer of the 12th infantry stationed at Baltimore, was elected president of the Rainbow division veterans at the annual reunion in Columbus, Ohio. The convention voted to hold the 1929 reunion in Baltimore.

Directors of Palmolive-Peet company and Colgate & Co. have agreed upon a plan of merging these two organizations if stockholders approve. This merger will be effective as of July 1, 1928. The name of the new company is to be Colgate Palmolive-Peet company.

## Two Republican Councils Called.

Washington, D. C.—Two conferences of western republican national committee men and committee women were called by Chairman Work, one to be held in Chicago and the second, to include far-western states, to be held in San Francisco. The chairman of the national committee will participate in both meetings, which will be arranged to coincide with his trip to the Pacific coast early in August to attend the notification of Herbert Hoover as the republican presidential nominee.

## Air-Rail Transport Service Promised.

Chicago.—Three northwest railroads—the Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific, and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy—and two air transportation companies entered into an agreement recently to provide air and rail transportation from Chicago to the Pacific coast, via Minneapolis and St. Paul.

## Affirmative Pleas Filed for Measures.

Salem, Or.—Affirmative arguments for eight constitutional amendments and initiative measures which will go on the ballot at the general election in November have been filed with the secretary of state.

## Norris Refuses Third Party Bid.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Norris of Nebraska declined to accept the nomination for president given him by the farmer-labor party at its Chicago convention.

## MEXICAN 'LINDY' IS KILLED IN CRASH

Carranza Believed to Have Met Death in Forced Landing.

New York.—Captain Emilio Carranza lay under the flags of two nations—Mexico and the United States—whose peoples he had sought to unite more closely.

The Mexican aviator's crumpled body had been brought back from the New Jersey berry patch where he crashed soon after starting a flight by which he hoped to demonstrate anew that distances and frontiers mean little in this airplane age. An inquiry at Mount Holly established that Carranza met death in a descent probably forced by mechanical trouble and not by a bolt of lightning as at first was thought by some observers.

The Mexican "Lindy" was on his way from New York to Mexico City on a projected non-stop flight.

At the request of Arturo Elias, consul general at New York, no religious ceremony of any kind will be held in New York or at any point on the route of the funeral train which will bear the body of the Mexican aviator to the capital of his own country.

Plans formulated by American and Mexican army officers provide for the largest military funeral cortege that has ever escorted the body of a soldier through the streets of New York.

## RASKOB TO MANAGE THE SMITH CAMPAIGN

New York.—A leader in the business and industrial world—John J. Raskob of the General Motors corporation, will direct Governor Smith's campaign for the presidency.

Raskob, who never has been active politically and who is listed in "Who's Who" as a republican, was named to succeed Clem Shaver as chairman of the democratic national committee at a meeting of the committee here. He is a close friend of the presidential nominee, who suggested his election.

Given wide powers by the national committee in the conduct of the campaign, Raskob appointed Herbert Lehman, a New York investment banker, as director of finance, succeeding Jesse H. Jones of Houston. He also was authorized to name an advisory committee and without delay announced the selection of Senator Gerry of Rhode Island as its chairman.

Nellie Taylor Ross, ex-governor of Wyoming, was selected by Raskob to take direct charge of all women's activities in the campaign.

## CRUISER NAME WANTED

Tacoma, Portland and Oakland Are After Honor From Navy.

Washington, D. C.—Competition between Pacific coast cities for the honor of having the two remaining light cruisers now under construction bear their names is likely to be keen, it was indicated when Tacoma entered the race with Portland and Oakland for the right to christen one of the vessels.

In naming the first four new naval vessels after Chicago, Houston, Chester, Pa., and Augusta, Ga., the navy department overlooked the west entirely, but officials of the department have indicated that one of the remaining two may be given the name of a Pacific coast city.

## Deputy and Robber Die in Fight.

Eureka, Cal.—Two men were killed and one seriously wounded at Saylor creek, east of here in a gun fight between peace officers and four men who were fleeing after robbing the A. Brizard, Inc., store at Willow creek. The dead were Charles William Carpenter, 40, a deputy sheriff at Willow creek and one of the robbers identified as John W. Bishop, who has a long criminal record. Oscar Hayward, who was assisting Carpenter in an effort to capture the band, was possibly fatally wounded by a shot from one of the fugitives' guns.

## Viglieri Group Saved by Russians.

Rome.—The Citta di Milano sent a radio message stating the Russian ice breaker Krassin had taken aboard the Viglieri group of refugees from Nobile's airship, the Italia. An official announcement of the rescue was made. The Viglieri group consisted of five men. Their rescue brings to eight the number saved from the crew of 16 aboard the Italia. Of the others, Dr. Finn Malmgren and Vincenzo Pomeia are known to be dead.

## Los Angeles Gets Next Elks Meeting.

Miami, Fla.—Murray Hulbert, New York was elected grand exalted ruler, and Los Angeles was selected as the 1929 convention city at the business session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at their 64th annual meeting here.