

HOOVER PLANS VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA

Hopes Trip Will Foster Better Understanding Between Nations.

Palo Alto, Cal.—A good-will trip to certain Latin-American countries is proposed by Herbert Hoover before he returns to Washington, D. C., for his inauguration on March 4.

Announcement of the intention of the president-elect was made almost simultaneously at the White House in Washington and at the Hoover home here.

"I have had the suggestion of a visit to certain Latin-American countries before me for some days," said the statement issued by the president-elect. "It has been cordially supported by President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg.

The president-elect is hopeful that his visit will bring about a closer understanding of the points of view of the American nations which will work to the natural advantage of all of the countries, both in commercial and diplomatic relations.

The Hoover party will sail from San Diego, Cal., on the battleship Maryland, probably the latter part of next week, for now that arrangements for the trip are nearly completed, the president-elect desires to get under way so that he may have at least a month and a half in the United States before his inauguration.

Present expectations are that he will return to his own country early in January after spending his first Christmas since his election either on the high seas or in South America. He probably will go direct from Havana, Cuba, to Florida, from which state come many pressing invitations to establish his headquarters there in the pre-inauguration period.

BRYAN'S DAUGHTER WINS CONGRESS SEAT

Chicago.—Two of the most outstanding women in the nation opposites in political faith, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, republican, and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, democrat, will sit in the 71st congress in Washington.

Mrs. McCormick, daughter of Mark Hanna, late Ohio political leader, will represent Illinois as a congressman-at-large, and Mrs. Owen, daughter of the late "Commoner," William Jennings Bryan, will represent the Fourth Florida congressional district.

The total feminine representation in the next congress, practically complete returns from the election showed, will be seven. Four women incumbents, Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts, Mrs. Norton of New Jersey, Mrs. Kahn of California and Mrs. Langley of Kentucky, were reelected. Mrs. Ruth Pratt of New York is the seventh.

Old-timers who recall the colorful campaigns in the days Mark Hanna and William Jennings Bryan were foremost among political orators on the "stump" for their respective political parties, rejoiced in the election of the daughters of these two great men.

SMITH RETURNS TO ALBANY

Reports Fail to Draw Him Into Discussion of Issues.

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Smith has returned to his office at the capitol to resume the administration of state affairs. He was asked in his first press conference what he believed would be the future of the issues debated in the campaign.

"Every man, when elected to office, is entitled to a full, fair chance to make good, and Mr. Hoover should have every assistance from every citizen," the governor said.

He replied to their initial question concerning his health by saying that he was "feeling well and haven't lost a thing."

"I'm going to take a little vacation," he said. "We are beginning to look around to see where we are going to live."

"It's like getting married all over again," he added after a moment of silence.

Oil Well Shoots Fire; Heavy Loss.

Whittier, Cal.—With a roar that was heard for miles around, a blast that shattered hundreds of windows, and a 200-foot flash that was visible from Los Angeles, the Bellevue oil well No. 1, in the Santa Fe Springs district, "came in" and 10 minutes later was in flames. Nine wooden derricks and a score of steel rigs crumpled under the scorching heat of the blast and damage mounted to nearly \$500,000 in two hours after the fire started.

Arbitration Treaty Signed by Finland.

Washington, D. C.—Finland has ratified the arbitration and conciliation treaties with the United States signed here last June, the state department announced.

MRS. W. J. WHITING



Mrs. William J. Whiting is the wife of the new secretary of commerce in President Coolidge's cabinet.

M'NARY SAYS QUICK FARM AID POSSIBLE

Washington, D. C.—Chairman McNary of the senate committee on agriculture stated here that he did not think an extra session would be necessary to obtain farm relief legislation.

In the opinion of the Oregon senator it will be possible to pass a farm relief measure acceptable to President Coolidge within a week. He does not believe that the consideration of such a bill would endanger other legislation pending before the short session. He will offer a bill upon the meeting of the senate broadly along the lines of the McNary-Haugen bill with the equalization fee eliminated.

"It is not necessary for us to have more hearings," he explained, adding: "We already have all the information we need as to what should be done and as to what would be acceptable to President Coolidge. We should therefore act promptly and can well afford to put into operation the machinery of a board to handle the exportable surplus, provide funds for financing co-operative associations and other provisions which have also received the approval of President-elect Hoover and let this machinery get into full operation in time to handle the next harvest. Nothing could be gained by postponing action until a special session in the spring. We can get the measure through this winter, and I can see no reason for delaying action."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The Poincare cabinet, which has been in office since July 23, 1926, resigned in a body after four radical socialist ministers offered their resignations.

William McAndrew, formerly superintendent of school at Chicago, was awarded a life membership in the National Education association for services he has rendered the organization.

Mrs. Smoot, wife of Senator Reed Smoot of Provo, Utah, died in Washington, D. C., as the result of a general breakdown which has kept her an invalid for two years. Mrs. Smoot was 62 years old.

President Coolidge accepted the resignation of Owen J. Roberts as one of the two special government oil counsels. Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, co-counsel, will remain to clean up the few legal matters pending.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic candidate for the vice presidency in 1920 and former under secretary of the navy, will be the next governor of New York state. He was elected by a plurality of 27,024 over Albert Ottinger, republican.

Herbert Hoover's vote was 20,812,912, the largest ever polled by any candidate. Alfred E. Smith's total vote was 14,626,803, the biggest vote ever polled by a democratic candidate. Mr. Hoover's plurality on the tabulation of returns was 6,186,109.

Long-Bell Firm Wins Ouster Suit.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Missouri supreme court sustained and adopted the report and recommendations of Fred L. Williams, special commissioner of the court, in the ouster suit filed against the Long-Bell Lumber company by Attorney-General N. T. Gentry in December, 1926. The Williams report, filed last June, recommended the attorney-generals' application for ouster be denied, upholding the activities of the lumber company in the development of the townsite of Longview, Wash.

Haywood Ashes Buried Sunday.

Chicago, Ill.—Half of the ashes of William D. ("Big Bill") Haywood, leader of the I. W. W. movement when it was at its height, were buried here Sunday by the communists' former comrades. Haywood died in Russia last May 18.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Tom Gurdane, veteran peace officer of Umatilla county, was elected sheriff over his younger rival, Charlie Hoskins.

The new Corvallis city ambulance has arrived, is paid for, and was put into official use for the first time November 1.

Receipts of the Salem postoffice for the month ending October 31 were \$18,588.37, or \$1128 in excess of those of the previous month.

Application for a permit for the erection of an oil storage tank of 26,000 gallons capacity in Eugene has been made by the Texas Oil company.

The slaughter house of the Carlton Meat company was entered and robbed of about \$100 worth of meat and hides, the second robbery of the concern within a year.

On just one-half of the trip between Lakeview and Klamath Falls, the state highway department's electro-magnet road sweeper last week picked up 65 pounds of metal.

The death of Mrs. N. B. Griffith as the result of an automobile accident near Phoenix three weeks ago is the seventh automobile fatality in Jackson county this year.

Property owners in road district No. 52 in Umatilla county will hold a special election November 19 for the purpose of voting a special 10-mill tax for road purposes.

W. A. Root of Tigard has been chosen master of the Washington county Pomona grange. Mrs. S. A. D. Meek is grange lecturer and Mrs. G. C. Chase is secretary.

A resume of the Coos county assessment shows a falling off in valuation from \$26,000,000 to \$23,000,000 in the past year, and taxes appear certain to be higher in 1929.

The first carload of bulbs from the Grants Pass section of Oregon was shipped last week by P. H. Jewell to the United States Bulb company at Mount Clemens, Mich.

Five dozen Rhode Island Red and four dozen White Leghorn chickens were stolen from C. E. Shadler, whose poultry farm is on the road between Dayton and Lafayette.

The third annual Klamath potato show was held in Klamath Falls with appropriate ceremonies. The exhibit is designed to promote the interests of the Klamath potato industry.

Robbers a few nights ago broke into the Eskridge hardware store at Sheridan, wheeled the safe from the building and broke into it, obtaining about \$75. Nothing else was missed.

For the 24-week period ending October 20, the capacity of the Cottage Grove lumber mills was 46,228,60 feet, while production was only 22,415,641 feet, or a 49.3 per cent reduction.

Clearing right of way and ditching on the Dayton-Salem market road progressing between the Unionval store and the Lynn Gubser residence where work will terminate for the present.

Grant Conley of Cove has begun farming his 320-acre grain ranch 1 Lower Cove, operating a caterpillar plow daily, with George Coons on the night shift. It is to be seeded to alfalfa.

The golden wedding anniversary of Judge and Mrs. C. G. Gillette was held at Grants Pass recently and was attended by 200 friends of the couple some of whom were at the wedding, 50 years ago.

A 200-horsepower shovel which will throw six yards of earth per minute has been put to work excavating for the canal of the Eugene municipal electric plant on the McKenzie river near Leaburg.

The assessed valuation of property in Clatsop county is placed by the assessor at \$28,067,172, which is nearly two million less than in 1927, due to tax foreclosure sales and a drop in the value of bank stock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Sholes of Cornelius observed their 59th wedding anniversary at their home last week. The members of the family were guests at the anniversary dinner, and were received by the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Kilgore, long-time residents of Cornelius, also observed their 59th wedding anniversary last week.

Sixty-three persons served by the star mail route from Baker to Malheur via Bridgeport have signed a protest against a proposed change of the route which, if made, would have the mail leave Ontario and Vale instead of Baker.

The new steel bridge over Catherine creek, near the S. E. Miller sheep ranch, was completed last week, and adds greatly to the convenience of the farmers in that section of Union county. The old bridge gave way under an overload of stock.

The 1928 Washington county fair ended with a surplus of several hundred dollars, according to a report submitted to the fair board by Mrs. Emma Bryant, secretary.

Roseburg has launched a drive to raise \$6500 for the 1929 community chest budget, and six teams have been named and charged with the responsibility of raising this amount.

A 2,000,000-candlepower revolving aerial beacon is to be erected on the summit of Mount Nebo, just outside the city limits of Roseburg, and there will also be installed a flasher beacon at the Roseburg airport.

J. E. Sommer of the aeronautics division of the federal department of commerce was in Salem during the week inspecting possible sites for the airport for which the city of Salem has voted \$50,000 in bonds.

With six inches of snow at the crater rim, travel over the National Park highway has become dangerous, according to word received at Klamath Falls. Due to the fact that the fall has been open, late tourists enjoyed many trips into the park during October.

Guy R. Mills was elected mayor of Vernonia for the third term at the election Tuesday. Councilmen are Frank Hanson, M. E. McGraw, G. C. Mellinger and J. E. Tapp, and treasurer, J. C. Lindley. These men were all nominated at a caucus and were unopposed.

The assessed valuation of Clackamas county property, on which will be based the tax levy for 1929, is \$28,500,930, according to a summary of the assessment announced by County Assessor Cook. This is an increase of \$259,180 over the assessed valuation of last year.

William Harmon, 17, of West Fir, was drowned in the mill pond of the Western Lumber company at Westfir when his automobile skidded from a roadway and plunged down an embankment 25 feet into the water. He was unable to extricate himself from the car as the side curtains were fastened.

All bids received for the Thanksgiving turkey pool formed by the Douglas County Turkey Growers' association were rejected by the directors in their official board meeting at Oakland. Bids varied from 38 1/2 to 40 1/2 cents per pound and were submitted by representatives of eastern firms. The directors are of the opinion that the coast market will be stronger than that in the east and that higher prices will be received at a later date.

The state treasurer received from the federal forestry department \$171,338.19, representing Oregon's share of the funds received from the rental of forest lands for a year. In 1927 the state received \$189,293.90, while in 1926 the state's share was \$194,287.76. These funds later are apportioned to the counties, based on the proportion which the area of the particular forest reserve within the county bears to the total area of the forest reserve within the state.

Resources of Oregon banks at the close of business October 3, 1928, reached a record total of \$357,417,269, according to a statement issued at Salem by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks. There are 244 banks operating in the state. On October 10, 1927, the resources of the 252 banks then operating aggregated \$352,839,73.87, as against \$300,447,528.81 on September 6, 1921. There were 286 banks operating in Oregon in 1921, according to the report.

Income of the Oregon state game commission during the past fiscal year, which ended September 30, was the largest in the history of the commission, according to a summary made public by Harold Clifford, state game warden. The total income was \$409,85.11, an increase of nearly \$60,000 over the last fiscal year, when the income totaled \$362,119.13. During the year \$390,838.57 was expended in the development of the state's game resources and other expenses, leaving a balance of \$18,746.54, compared with 27.77 left over the year previous.

Fattening a four-point buck deer with cows' milk since last spring, and killing it when the season opened, is told by a Douglas county game warden on Frank Feigh, a rancher on Emigrant creek above Talent. The buck was first seen last spring ranging with Feigh's milk cows and very tame. Later it was discovered that the buck was suckling the cows, helping itself liberally to the milk when hungry. It kept this up all summer unmolested by the rancher, and on the opening of the season Feigh shot the buck in order to save it from other hunters and in order to keep the venison for his own use.

The highway was completed last week at Sweet Home, where the Slate construction crew was at work. Many of the men who were employed on the job have turned their thoughts to farming now, but the ground is almost too wet to put in the crops.

Fred Tedrick, 47, well-known city employe of Medford, died at his home as a result of ptomaine poisoning, believed caused by a glass of grape juice which he drank three hours before. His wife and daughters had refused to drink after noting a moldy taste.

WALTER JOHNSON



Walter Perry Johnson, who recently signed a three-year contract to play for the Washington American league baseball club. Johnson was the star pitcher for the Washington club for 21 years.

LAVA FLOW BURIES ITALIAN VILLAGES

Catania, Sicily.—A wide path of ruin past the villages of Nunziata and Puntalazzo and through the little hamlet of Mascali marked the path of an ever advancing fall of molten lava which flowed from the crater of Mount Etna down the beautiful Pietrafucina-Vallonazzo valley.

Moving forward, crushing houses, vineyards and rich farm lands, the main lava stream joined with several others from the crater and was nearly 14 feet thick and more than a mile wide. Houses crumbled under the intense heat before the lava reached them and trees were withered and destroyed while the stream was still 100 yards away.

The damage will be tremendous and already is estimated to have reached \$10,000,000. Twelve thousand are homeless and little homes of laborers in the district have been obliterated.

WAR CURB PLANNED

Gathering in Washington Next Month Authorized.

Washington, D. C.—Next month representatives of the United States and every Latin-American republic will meet in Washington to participate in what is expected to be the most important conference ever held in this hemisphere for the purpose of making war less probable between American nations.

The object of the meeting, which was called by Secretary Kellogg at the direction of the Pan-American conferences held at Havana last winter, will be the drafting and adoption of appropriate treaties of arbitration and conciliation to supplement similar pacts now in force. Its announced purpose is the formulation of machinery for the pacific settlement of disputes between American nations.

The proposed conference is the direct outcome of a resolution adopted at the Havana conference last February.

Crown Upheld in Mineral Land Claim.

London.—Gold and silver in Hudson's Bay company lands is owned by the crown in the right of the Dominion government, under a ruling of the judicial committee of the privy council. The council dismissed with costs an appeal of the company from the Canadian supreme court's decision in favor of the Dominion.

Trainmen Blamed for S. P. Collision.

Washington, D. C.—Improper flag protection caused the rear end collision between two Southern Pacific passenger trains at Cortena, Cal., on July 29, in which 67 passengers and 53 railway employes were injured, the bureau of safety reported to the interstate commerce commission.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.44; soft white, \$1.15; western white, \$1.15; hard winter, \$1.09 1/2; northern spring, \$1.08 1/2; western red, \$1.09 1/2.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$18@18.50; valley timothy, \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Butterfat—55c. Eggs—Ranch, 28@48c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$12@12.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7@8.75. Lambs—Good to choice, \$11@12.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.16; hard winter, western red, \$1.10; northern spring, \$1.09; bluestem, \$1.46. Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$28. Butterfat—54c.

Eggs—Ranch, 29@45c. Cattle—Prime steers, \$11@11.75. Hogs—Prime, \$9.25@9.35. Lambs—Choice, \$11@11.50.

Spokane

Hogs—Good, and choice, \$9@9.10. Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.25.

REPUBLICANS WILL CONTROL CONGRESS

Gain Seven Seats in the Senate and 30 in the House of Representatives.

Washington, D. C.—Final congressional results have been tabulated, and, although several recounts will be necessary because of close votes in contests for the house, it is shown that the next congress will be made up as follows:

Senate—Republicans 55, democrats 39, farmer-labor 1, vacant 1 (contested Pennsylvania seat).

House—Republicans 237, democrats 165, farmer-labor 1.

The composition of congress was as follows:

Senate—Republicans 47, democrats 46, farmer-labor 1, vacant 2.

House—Republicans 231, democrats 193, farmer-labor 2, socialist 1, vacant 8.

Election to vacancies in the present congress and to fill unexpired terms give the following lineup for the approaching short session, the last of the present congress:

Senate—Republicans 49, democrats 45, farmer-labor 1, vacant 1.

House—Republicans 237, democrats 195, farmer-labor 2, socialist 1.

In the senate republicans filled one of two vacancies and captured democratic seats from the following states: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Missouri, Ohio, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

In the house republicans won democratic seats in the following states: Missouri 7, Kentucky 6, Ohio 3, Virginia 3, New York 2, North Carolina 2, Nebraska 2 and one each in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In addition the republicans won the seat held by the lone socialist, Victor Berger of Wisconsin, and one of the two farmer-labor seats from Minnesota, that held by Representative Carss. Total republican gains 33.

Democrats in the house captured republican seats as follows: One each in Indiana, Rhode Island and West Virginia, total 3. The net republican gain in the house is 30.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE WILL MEET JAN. 2

Washington, D. C.—Herbert Hoover will be elected president of the United States January 2.

On that date the presidential electors named will meet in each state to cast their ballots.

The ballots will be forwarded to the secretary of the United States senate and to the secretary of state, but the actual election under the terms of the federal constitution is completed when the ballots are cast and counted in each state.

The last congress enacted a new law changing the time of the electoral college meeting from the second Monday in January to the first Wednesday, which moves this particular election up from January 14.

AIR MAIL INCREASES

Weight for October 10 Per Cent Over That of September.

Washington, D. C.—Air mail poundage for October, 1928, totaled 476,422—an increase of 10 per cent over September.

For the first time the New York-Chicago double daily service exceeded in poundage the Chicago-San Francisco route on which a single daily flight is scheduled, the postoffice department said. Poundage on the New York-Chicago route was 126,040; on the Chicago-San Francisco route 124,501.

Out of 772,316 miles of service scheduled for September, 749,156 were actually flown. Similar figures for October are not yet available.

The third highest number of pounds for October was shown by the Salt Lake-Los Angeles route with 45,045; the fourth by the Chicago, Dallas route, with 30,750; and the fifth by the New York-Atlanta route, with 19,125.

Canada Asked to Accept Immigrants.

London.—The government is negotiating with Canada to accept British immigrants without stipulating that they be farm workers, Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, secretary for labor, announced in the house of commons. Sir Arthur revealed that it was hoped from 3000 to 4000 urban workers might go to Canada in the next six months. Also, he said, it was hoped to send Canada 5000 to 6000 workers from agricultural training centers in the same period.

Houghton, Defeated, Goes to London.

Washington, D. C.—Alanson B. Houghton, defeated for the United States senatorship from New York, will return to London as ambassador. He made the announcement after a conference with President Coolidge.