

CUBA IS INCLUDED IN HOOVER TOUR

President-Elect Starts on Good Will Visit to Southern Countries.

Palo Alto, Cal.—Cuba has been added to the growing list of countries to be visited by President-elect Hoover and his party during the two months' good-will tour of South and Central America.

Mr. Hoover, it was said at his home, has accepted the invitation of the president of Cuba. This will be the last port for him before departing for the United States. He is expected to cross over to Florida from Havana and to remain there until just before his inauguration.

The comment being made on President Coolidge's Armistice day speech and the efforts to draw some opinion from Mr. Hoover on the policies outlined there have led his advisers to point to the wisdom of his leaving the country at this time and taking himself entirely outside the scope of national politics until he takes control of the government in his own right.

There is no indication that Mr. Hoover disagrees in any way with what President Coolidge had to say recently on national defense or on the agricultural relief program. On the contrary, the Coolidge views seem to be in line with Mr. Hoover's own expressions at various times, but the president-elect wants to remain silent and refrain from it all for the present.

BUREAU WILL AID STANFIELD PROJECT

Washington, D. C.—The federal bureau of reclamation is ready to take over the Stanfield irrigation project in eastern Oregon and to spend approximately \$640,000 in improving it only on condition that state and local interests organize a development corporation which would raise funds to loan settlers, Commissioner Mead has advised Senators McNary and Stetson, who have held a number of conferences with him regarding federal aid for the project.

Commissioner Mead also stipulates that the government must have title to the main irrigation ditch of the project. Mead's proposal is that the development corporation raise about \$60,000 to be loaned settlers in average sums of \$1800 for 60-acre tracts. He suggests that this company could take a mortgage on the lands for security, although such a mortgage would be supplementary to the lien which the government holds for water rights.

Necessary improvements on the project would cost about \$3600 per tract, he estimates, and advises that no settler should be accepted unless he had half that amount. Loans would be repayable in 20 years at six per cent. In return for the local financing of settlers, the reclamation service would spend \$640,000 in enlargement of the main canal and the laterals for increased flow of water, and would furnish water as needed from the McKay creek storage reservoir.

EXPORTS TOTAL BILLIONS

Government Pays Tribute to Modern Sales Methods.

Washington, D. C.—The export of American manufactured goods reached the huge total of \$2,961,000,000 in the last record year and was described by Dr. Julius Klein, director of the commerce department's trade bureau, as the result of modern trade promotion. Business enterprises of this country, enjoying an outgoing sales volume 70 per cent greater than in 1921-22, were described in the annual report of the trade bureau as maintaining an activity greatly responsible for the country's prosperity.

A series of regional studies of trade and production in the United States were described and problems of credit and transportation were sketched for future consideration.

Weddings on Increase in Japan.

London.—The Evening News says that a record number of marriages are expected in Japan during the next six weeks following upon the enthronement ceremonies of the new emperor. Young couples consider it extremely lucky to be married at this time and the enthronement event has hastened many proposals. The Shinto shrines report that marriage reservations already are 50 per cent above normal and are continuing to pour in.

Etna Lava Flow Ebbs; Vesuvius Next

Catania, Sicily.—The worst of Mount Etna's eruption is over, Professor Alessandro Malladra said. He predicted activity, however, on the part of Mount Vesuvius. Malladra, director of the Vesuvius observatory, has been studying the recent eruption of Mount Etna, which destroyed two towns, did thousands of dollars damage.

HUGH O. SMITH



Hugh O. Smith, farmer living in the vicinity of Stronghurst, Ill., has just received a Carnegie hero medal for his feat of saving the lives of Mrs. John Peasley and her four children.

NEW INDICTMENT ACCUSES ASA KEYES

Los Angeles.—Asa Keyes, district attorney, and seven others, were indicted by the Los Angeles county grand jury on charges of conspiracy to give and receive bribes.

The charges were contained in two blanket indictments, the first charging Keyes and the others with ten overt acts in the prosecution of the Julian Petroleum case which collapsed, and the second charging 40 acts in connection with the dismissal of felony charges against A. I. Lasker.

The recent indictments replace those which were returned two weeks ago. The defendants are charged individually instead of as a group.

BIG TUNNEL OPENS SOON

Trains Will Be Run Through Mountains December 28, 1928.

Cashmere, Wash.—What officials consider to be the most important re-alignment work ever undertaken on any of the transcontinental railroads in the United States will be completed, at a cost of around \$25,000,000, when trains run through the new Great Northern eight-mile Cascade tunnel between Scenic and Berne in the Cascade mountains December 28.

C. O. Jenks, vice-president in charge of operations, announced that the new tunnel, the longest railway tunnel in America, would be ready for trains on that date.

About a month ago the main tunnel was holed through, and all that remains to be done is several hundred feet of enlargement and clearing up of sides and walls at the center. This then will be lined with concrete, about a two weeks' job, and the construction of the big tunnel will be complete.

Mrs. Coolidge Christens Big Plane.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge christened the first of the Pan-American Airways passenger planes, which will operate on a daily schedule between Miami and the West Indies. The plane christened was a tri-motor Fokker with 12-passenger capacity and carrying, in addition to two pilots, a radio operator and a steward. Its daily flying schedule is to begin January 8.

State of Illinois Keeps \$3,000,000.

Springfield, Ill.—Circuit Judge Briggie ruled that the state should keep more than \$3,000,000 collected under a gasoline tax law before it was declared unconstitutional. The decision was in the case brought by two score gasoline companies seeking a refund of the money they had paid to the state while the law was operative.

THE MARKETS

Portland: Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.47; soft white, \$1.16 1/2; western white, \$1.16; hard winter, \$1.11 1/2; northern spring, \$1.11; western red, \$1.11 1/2. Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50 ton; valley timothy, \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21; clover, \$14@15; oat, \$15@15.50; oats and vetch hay, \$15@15.50. Butterfat—55c. Eggs—Ranch, 28@49 1/2 c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$12@12.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7@8.75. Lambs—Good to choice, \$11@12. Seattle: Wheat—Soft white, \$1.18; western white, \$1.17; hard winter, \$1.12; western red, \$1.12; northern spring, \$1.11; bluestem, \$1.48. Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$28. Butterfat—54c. Eggs—Ranch, 29@45c. Cattle—Prime steers, \$11@11.75. Hogs—Prime, \$9.50@9.65. Lambs—Choice, \$11@11.50. Spokane: Hogs—Good, and choice, \$9.10@9.25. Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.25@11.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Oregon's total apple crop for 1928 is now estimated at 6,950,000 bushels and the commercial crop at 4,800,000 boxes.

Traffic on The Dalles-California highway has increased from an average of 125 cars per day in 1923 to 400 cars per day in 1928.

The proposed bond issue of \$100,000 for a new Union county courthouse lost at the recent election by a vote of more than six to one.

Motor truck thieves robbed the turkey roost of T. J. Miller, Hood River rancher, of 43 birds being prepared for Thanksgiving demand.

Laura D. Harlow was elected mayor of Troutdale and H. E. Bloys city recorder at the recent city election for the third consecutive term.

At a meeting held recently in Astoria, of the Columbia river packers operating on fall fish, the price of chums was cut from 3 cents to 2 1/2.

The W. M. Barnett bank of Wasco has moved into its new building and the name of the institution has been changed to the Bank of Commerce.

The Rev. W. J. Morrow has been called by Bishop Lowe to leave his pastorate at Bay City and become head of the Methodist church at Cottage Grove.

With five of the seven candidates for city council at Reedsport receiving a total vote ranging from 304 to 312, a recount of the ballots have been decided upon.

A meeting of the Central Oregon Highway association was held in Vale recently, with many visitors present from Harney, Grant, Lake and Deschutes counties.

Survey of the highway between Burns and Lakeview is progressing rapidly and if weather conditions remain favorable will be completed before December 1.

Lausserica & Garay, Frenchmen sheepmen, last week shipped a carload of wethers from Burns to Portland, and sold 916 ewes and lambs to the Johnson ranch at Ize.

Many salmon taken from northern Curry county rivers this fall are of no market value, low water having deterred fish from entering streams until they were in poor condition.

The community chest campaign in Astoria was formally open on the morning of Monday, November 19, and workers set forth to secure in cash and pledges a total of \$20,245.81.

The last concrete in the new Ashland water supply dam was poured last week, marking the completion of the dam and assuring Ashland an ample water supply all next summer.

Albany's city budget of \$64,500.79 was adopted unanimously by the budget board. It is \$1450 less than the 1923 budget and \$2200 less than the 6 per cent limitation permitted.

The Pacific Power & Light company has made a voluntary reduction in its rates that will be of substantial advantage to its customers in Hood River, Wasco, and Umatilla counties.

From nine acres of the Ernest Douglas farm in the Grand Island district 700 bushels of perfectly matured corn of the blood-butcher and gold-dent varieties cross was produced this season.

The Thanksgiving turkey pool of the Douglas County Turkey Growers' association was sold last week to the Jerpe Commission company of Omaha, Neb., for shipment to New York by express.

Last month's report of the Baker County Cow Testing association shows a total of 519 cows enrolled, 141 of which were dry and the remainder producing an average of 40 pounds of fat each month.

The order of the Eastern Star held a county meeting at Union last week. Mrs. Bess Setters of Astoria, worthy grand matron of Oregon, and Mrs. Carrie Jackson of Baker, grand conductress, were present.

Clarence Lee McAlexander, 44, was fatally wounded on Klamath river near Keno when the shotgun of G. C. Taylor discharged accidentally in a boat. Taylor had shoved off from shore and the gun was pointing away from shore but when the boat struck the current the craft whirled around so that it pointed at McAlexander on the bank. A sudden jar discharged the weapon.

Michael Sumerlin, 58, of Bakers Creek, near Myrtle Point, and J. J. Landry, 30, of Portland, were killed when dynamite caps exploded, setting off a box of giant powder. The men had been clearing a logging road near Marshfield.

A petition to secure closing to commercial fishing of streams between the Coquille and Rogue rivers, which include the Elk and Sixes rivers in northern Curry county, is being liberally signed by ranchers living along the streams.

Despite the stormy weather and the lateness of the season, tourists continue to visit Klamath Falls. Up to last Friday afternoon 87 tourists had registered at the chamber of commerce for the month of November.

Application of H. H. Hanseth for permission to construct a broadcasting station at Marshfield, has been approved by federal radio commission. Commissioner Lafount so advised Senator Frederick Steiwer recently.

The fine late autumnal weather prevailing in the Siuslaw section has given flower lovers the happy surprise of gathering rhododendrons twice this year. Second crops of fruits and vegetables are of frequent occurrence.

An engineer of the state board of health looked over the Sandy city water plant recently, made a test, and reports the water 100 per cent pure. Sandy has 105 water users, with monthly collections averaging \$225.

A big crowd gathered on Main street in Baker to see Clint Haynes, police chief of La Grande, trundle Sheriff McKinney of Baker down the street in a wheelbarrow. The La Grande man was accompanied by the La Grande American Legion drum and bugle corps and city officials.

Dry creek, a tributary of the Sixes river, near Port Orford, has been found to be a natural death trap for salmon fry which die in holes when the river sinks below the surface in most places during the dry season. More than a million salmon are estimated lost each year in this stream.

Marshfield is to be awarded a cup for having the best fire prevention record during the past year of any city in the United States under 20,000 population, according to a report of the meeting of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, carried in the last issue of the American City Magazine.

Deschutes county officials plan to place prowler cars on roads in mid-state farming districts to guard flocks of turkeys being fattened for the Thanksgiving market. Plans to take this action were made when reports reached the sheriff's office that turkey thieves are active in all parts of the country.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Long Pine mill, familiarly known as Lorenz mill, six miles east of Bonanza on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway last week. Firefighters were able to prevent the blaze from working into the lumber yard or taking the bunk houses and adjoining buildings.

Home brewers who manufacture their own liquor without payment of a \$50 government tax are subject to a fine of \$500 under laws drafted by the liquor men more than 50 years ago, according to F. A. Hazeltine, federal prohibition investigator, who was the principal speaker at the Salem Klamath club luncheon recently.

Selection of a joint committee of the senate and house of the next Oregon legislature to conduct a study and outline some plan looking to the construction of a new state penitentiary as soon as possible was recommended by Henry W. Meyers, superintendent, in his biennial report filed with the state board of control in Salem.

A test to determine whether rubber can be obtained from a weed known as Irish furze, which has been overrunning the Bandon section, will be made at the laboratories of Thomas A. Edison. The Bandon chamber of commerce is to send the weeds, hoping to obtain valuable by-products, including rubber, from the plants.

More than 3000 No. 1 grade turkeys were shipped from Hermiston last week for the Thanksgiving trade in New York city. Though in other sections of the state 50 per cent of the 1928 turkey crop is being marketed this month, it is estimated that not more than 30 per cent of the Umatilla county birds will be sold now.

In divisions, regiments, companies and platoons, thousands upon thousands of northern geese winged their way into the Klamath basin country the past week, and have stopped over on Tule lake, the biggest public shooting grounds in the west. Saturday night the clarion cry of geese was so loud and persistent that many residents had difficulty in sleeping.

Claims were presented during October to the state game commission for bounties on 27 cougars and one timber wolf, according to Harold Clifford, state game warden. A bounty of \$25 is paid for both cougars and wolves. Thirteen of the cougars were killed in Douglas county, six in Curry, three in Lincoln, one in Jackson, two in Clackamas, one in Lane and one in Josephine. The timber wolf was killed by Wilsie Pruitt in Jackson county.

Sandy district school census for 1928 lists 94 boys and 93 girls that will draw school money, which is the largest number ever listed in Sandy district. The tax valuation for 1927 was \$78,742.58, but will be considerably higher for 1928.

Vernonia's new \$12,000 Masonic temple was dedicated recently. Previous to the dedication ceremony a dinner was served in honor of officials of the grand lodge of Oregon who were present and past masters and present officers of Vernonia lodge.

ASA KEYES



District Attorney Asa Keyes of Los Angeles, Calif., who was indicted by the grand jury on charges of willful misconduct and corruption in connection with the Julian Petroleum company investigation and trial.

AUSTRALIAN FINANCE PLAN IS APPROVED

Melbourne, Australia.—By an overwhelming majority the electors of Australia voted in favor of giving the force of law to the debts and borrowing agreement entered into by the states and commonwealth last year.

The agreement provides for the appointment of a compulsory loan council on which all the states will be represented. In the new scheme of Australian financing, as produced by Premier Bruce at the 1927 conference, the commonwealth government was to take over all the debts of the Australian states and contribute \$37,925,000 in connection therewith.

The federal government was to establish joint sinking funds to provide for the extinction of the debts in 58 years and the extinction of new loans in 53 years. The existing sinking fund redemption and similar funds were to be transferred to a national debt commission, and all future borrowings were to be controlled by the loan council.

The feeling in Australia is that the new finance scheme will raise Australia's credit and prestige in the world's money markets and enable the states to raise loans at a cheaper rate than hitherto.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Dr. George Harding, 85, father of the late President Warren G. Harding, was near death at the home of his sister in Santa Ana, Cal., the victim of a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered recently.

The track and field committee of the American Athletic union recommended that the 1929 national senior and outdoor championship be held at Denver. This meet is held annually on or around July 4.

The United States public health service announced that John Early, 54-year-old North Carolina mountaineer, whose many escapes from leper colonies caused consternation among health officials, had "recovered" from leprosy.

Manuel Chapolio, 106-year-old Indian, has spent 11 years and seven months of a life sentence in Folsom prison, Cal., for first-degree murder committed in San Bernardino. The prison board denied Chapolio's petition for parole.

The Methodist board of foreign missions announced that the Methodist Episcopal church in 1927 gained 34,635 new constituents in mission fields, bringing the number of its overseas adherents to 903,183. More than half the gain was made in India.

U. S. Army Flying Field Has Fire.

Mitchell Field, N. Y.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the engineering building and one hangar at this army aviation field, causing loss which army officers estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Enlisted men, routed out of their quarters at 3:30 A. M., risked their lives to trundle four \$50,000 planes and 15 motor trucks out of both buildings. None of the planes or trucks were lost.

California Singers Win Radio Contest

San Francisco, Cal.—Two California singers, Miss Dove Irene Kilgore, 21-year-old soprano of Oakland, and Donald Novis, 22-year-old tenor of Pasadena, were announced as winners of the far western radio district contest held recently by the Atwater-Kent company, in which singers from nine western states competed.

Haines, Oregon, Without Mayor.

Baker, Or.—G. W. Vanderwall, elected mayor of Haines on the people's ticket at the recent election, has published a notice declaring that he did not consent to serve in such a capacity and does not choose to be mayor.

CONGRESS WILL HAVE TURBULENT SESSION

Special Session of New Body Thought Necessary to Complete Plans.

Washington, D. C.—Controversies on half a dozen or more propositions of major importance promises to keep congress in a turmoil this winter.

Advance indications are that the legislative machinery will become clogged early in the session and that there will be much discussion and comparatively little action.

Despite the efforts of many leaders to avoid a special session, the outlook is that Herbert Hoover, upon his inauguration as president on March 4, will announce the convening of the new congress either during that month or in April.

The final session of the 70th congress convenes two weeks from Monday. In the three months allotted to its work on appropriation, bills for the fiscal year 1930 must be enacted and a large amount of non-controversial legislation which is already on the senate and house calendars disposed of. Such time as remains will be devoted to the big measures of the session which may or may not be acted upon by the time the gavel falls March 4.

Boulder dam legislation has provided filibusters in the past two sessions. As the bill providing for this \$125,000,000 project is the unfinished business before the senate, it offers an opportunity for another filibuster. The Kellogg anti-war treaty is likely to become involved in a filibuster before the session is over and the opponents of the administration naval cruiser bill are planning to use obstructionist tactics to keep it from coming to a vote. Filibusters on these propositions will serve to keep farm relief legislation from enactment and make necessary a special session to carry out the Hoover campaign pledges.

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS ARE 27

Salem, Or.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and 475 were injured in 2780 traffic accidents in Oregon during the month of October, according to a report prepared by Thomas Rafferty, in charge of the state traffic bureau.

More than 1330 of the accidents were due to carelessness on the part of drivers. In 128 accidents the drivers exceeded the speed limit, while in 402 cases the operator responsible for the accident failed to give proper right of way. Failure to give proper signals was responsible for 175 accidents. Forty-two drivers were found to be intoxicated by the officers.

The officers made 489 arrests for traffic violations, issued 6512 warnings and observed 83 accidents. Fines imposed in the various cases aggregated \$5229.50. Delinquent motor vehicle fees in the amount of \$3302.69 were collected during the month.

Union Labor Gains 81,387 Members.

New Orleans—"Double trade union membership in 1929" is the slogan and the job the executive council of the American Federation of Labor put before the 48th annual convention of the federation, which opened in New Orleans, Monday. The council's annual report is a survey of the year's activity in organized labor. It said the paid-up membership for the year ending August, 1928, was 2,893,913, an increase of 81,387 over the previous year. Five hundred thousand members who were on strike or unemployed and for whom no tax was paid to the federation are not included in the membership figures.

National School Group Formed.

Washington, D. C.—Formal organization of the save-our-schools committee, whose purpose is "to help awaken the nation to the grave danger that threatens our schools and colleges by reason of the attempt now being made to use them for propaganda," was announced recently. Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal church of New York city is national chairman of the organization and John Dewey, professor at Columbia university, vice-chairman.

Viscountess Gray Dead in London.

London.—The Daily Mail announced the death of Viscountess Pamela Grey after a sudden illness at her home at Wilsford manor, Salisbury. Her husband, the ex-secretary for foreign affairs, was at his Fallodon estate and was hurriedly summoned. The viscountess, who was the daughter of the late Percy Wyndham, was 57 years old.

Five Lose Lives in Kansas Floods.

Kansas City.—Swirling waters of Kansas and Missouri streams brought to flood stage by continuous rains had claimed the lives of seven persons, according to recent reports.