PRESIDENT SIGNS **BOULDER DAM BILL**

Six States Must Ratify Action Before it Can Become a Law.

Washington, D. C.-The Boulder canyon dam bill reposes on the statute books of the nation-the newest law of the land. Its long tempestuous journey with days of filibuster and all night sessions was brought to an official end last Friday, when President Coolidge affixed his signature to the

But one step, and that embodied in the new act, now remains to be taken before its provisions are set in motion for the construction of the highest dam ever undertaken. This structure would be placed in the narrow, natural gorge which the swift Colorado river has chiseled for itself at Black canyon, on the Arizona-Nevada line.

The one step remaining to make it effective is the ratification of the Colo rado river compact by six of the seven states in the river basin. Five of these states-Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada and California-have approved the compact which was drafted at Santa Fe, N. M., in 1922. The two is necessary.

The Boulder canyon dam act calls irrigation and power generation.

The dam would be twice as high as estimate would hold in storage ap proposal in charge." proximately 26,000,000 acre feet of

NATIONAL VOTE WAS HEAVIEST IN HISTORY

votes cast in the November election, communications would permit instanthe largest number in the history of taneous connections between the capithe nation, Herbert Hoover received tal and the executive, he pointed out. 21,429,109 and Alfred E. Smith received 15,005,497.

The republican candidate's plurality over that of his democratic opponent was 6,423,612 on the basis of these figures, gathered by the Associated physicians. "General conditions show Press from the election officials of a very slow though favorable course." the 48 states.

Candidates of minor parties received the 364,063 votes aside from those for Hoover or Smith, as follows: Thomas. socialist, 267.835; Foster, workers, 48, 228; Reynolds, socialist-labor, 21,181; Varney, prohibition, 20,101; Webb.

farmer-labor, 6391; scattered, 327. Despite his large plurality, Mr. the plurality of 7,338,513 given Calvin Coolidge over John W. Davis in 1924, but at that time the La Follette-4.822.856 votes. In that year the republican vote was 15,725,016.

While the republicans carried 37 states in 1924, they garnered 40 in the recent election. This represents the tained by the democratic party in the electoral college. Governor Smith's popular vote, however, exceeded by 6,628,994 the 8,386,503 polled in 1924 by Davis.

ADVISE GERMAN SURVEY

President Coolidge Is For Settlement of Reparations.

Wasihngton, D. C .- President Coolidge would be sympathetic to an invitation from European governments to participate in an expert study of the German reparations situation, but so have been received.

Such a study, the president believes, should be made by representatives left free by their governments to exercise their own judgment as to what amount should be paid and what accepted.

Mr. Coolidge feels that the matter of reparations is one involving Europe almost entirely and one which should be settled by the European nations. However, he does not want the United States to shirk its duty.

Earthquake Shock Rocks Philippines. Manila .- A violent earthquake shook the greater part of Mindanao island Wednesday night. One person was killed at Cotabato, capital of the province of that name. Many houses collapsed and fire broke out but it was quickly controlled. An undetermined number of persons were injured. Damage was estimated at \$100,000. The quake also was felt in Zamboanga and Davao, two other provinces of Mindanao, but little damage was done in

Famous Gotham Church Burns.

those areas.

New York .- Firemen battled four hours in sub-freezing temperatures to control a spectacular fire that caused \$1,000,000 damage to a \$4,000,000 church nearing completion on River side Drive to replace the Park Avenue Baptist church.

DR. VICENTE COLINDRES



A recent and especially posed portrait of the new President of Honduras, Dr. Vicente Mejia Colindres.

PORTLAND SEEKS TO BE SUMMER WHITE HOUSE

Washington, D. C. - Portland was remaining states are Utah and Ari- put in the running for the summer zona, and ratification by one of these White House suggested by President Coolidge when Representative Korell placed in the congressional record an for the construction of an estimated urgent request that "the claims of my cost of \$165,000,000 of a high dam for native city, which are great from the the three-fold purpose of flood control, standpoint of health, beauty, convenience and accessibility, shall not be overlooked in connection with any deany now in existence and engineers liberations of the members having this

Representative Korell cited the pro-Atlantic and Pacific coasts as bringing the permanent White House and an eligible site for a part-time executive mansion near Portland more closely together than Washington and sus. Philadelphia were in the days of Presidents Washington, Adams and Washington, D. C .- Of the 36,698,669 Jefferson. At the same time improved

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

"His majesty had a quiet day," says a bulletin issued by King George's

Frank Taberski of Schenectady won the world's pocket billiard championship by crushing Ralph Greenleaf of a long feeding season. New York, 125 to 41, in a playoff match at Orchestra Hall.

The volcanic island of Krakatao has earth tremors and rumblings under by the Bend Hoo Hoo club. ground. Masses of red-hot rock were Hoover failed by 914,901 votes to equal thrown to a height of 200 feet above Lime company at Gold Hill, is making

dissolution of the Tokio municipal paper mills in the Willamette vailey. already caused the loss of a number tribes. Wheeler independent ticket received council because of recent bribery scandals, which involved more than one will be held within three months.

Reduction of unemployment, advance in standards of living and inmost overwhelming defeat ever sus- crease in exports have been reported for the fourth annuity year by commissioners and trustees of the agentgeneral for German reparations. All reports show that payments due under the Dawes plan have been met with promptness by Germany.

Hogs Acquire Big Jag at Prineville.

Prineville, Or.—Thursday was cleanup day at the sheriff's headquarters, and one part of the program called for the dumping of a large quantity of mash. When the stuff was dumped. however, a bunch of hogs, owned by Gilbert Burnet, rallied to the scene far no representations to this effect and proceeded to accumulate pre-holiday jags from the collation, and the arguments put up by the animals were to become a law. ludicrous, to say the least. It is not true, however, as reported, that four to sing "Sweet Adaline."

> Rich California "Hobo" Divorced. Los Angeles, Cal. - James Eads Howe, "millionaire hobo," was divorced by Ingeberg Howe in superior court her colorful husband deserted her in order to be nearer the migratory group of men headquartering at an eastside

Wright Brothers to Be Honored. Washington, D. C .- President Coolidge has signed a measure awarding the distinguished flying cross to Orville Wright and his brother, the late Wilbur Wright. The Wrights were builders of the first airplane to make an actual flight.

Bridge at Arlington, Oregon, Set Washington, D. C .- President Coolidge has signed a bill authorizing the construction of a bridge acros the Columbia river at or near Arlington, Or.

Sarah Bernhardt's Son Dies In Paris. Paris.-Marice Bernhardt, 65, son of the famous actress, Sarah Bernhardt. died here recently.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Property owners at Burns are dis cussing street pavement and an orna mental lighting system.

Contractors have begun work on the West Woodburn airport field, which has been leased by the government.

Lighting of a Christmas candle resulted in the death of Mrs. E. M. Hawkins at the Eugene hospital last week.

A toy factory which ships its products to all parts of western United States is in operation at Bend this richest properties in the district.

An autopsy on dead sheep in Curry county shows that stomach and intestinal worms are the cause of considerable loss among flocks.

Consolidation of the Cow Creek and Umpqua national forest is announced state. by Carl B. Neal, supervisor.

Malheur county's assessed valuation for 1928, including public utilities, is \$11,966,144.09, a decrease from the 1927 assessment of about \$290.635.

An emergency landing field near Ashland is being used during the foggy season, which has made the Medford airport dangerous for landing. New building in Klamath Falls dur-

ing November amounted to \$119,485. bringing the total for the first 11 months of the year to \$930,086. Upper Klamath lake, the largest

body of fresh water west of the Mississippi, is frozen from one end to the posed 24-hour air service between the other and ice skating is now in vogue.

The school census for Yamhill couny just completed shows 6528 children between the ages of 4 and 20 years, an increase of 178 over the 1927 cen-

For the third year in succession Dan Shop at Ashland, has won the prize for the best decorated Christmas win-

Baker county's rate of taxation for ably be higher, according to Assessor Baird.

winter with a feeling of optimism. Weather conditions have been favorable and stockmen are prepared for

gatepost of a corral once used by midstate pioneers in gathering horses and become active again, following severe cattle, is to be preserved and marked

D. N. Littler, head of the Standard arrangements to reopen the plant, hav-The home minister has ordered the ing contracted to supply limestone to ance in Clackamas county, which has

road construction policy by adopting third of its members. New elections the Marion county plan of not building roads unless the owners of abutting property cede the necessary right

> One high-grade Jersey cow was burned to death and another one badly burned in a fire which destroyed a barn and six tons of bay on the J. P. Bates farm, 21/2 miles northwest of Redmond.

> William G. Knighten, one of the most prominent of Oregon pioneers, died last week at his home in Talent. Mr. Knighten crossed the plains in 1847 and had lived 81 years in Jackson county.

> The bill granting permission from the government for the erection of a bridge across the Columbia at Arlington passed the senate last Friday and only awaits the president's signature

Payment of \$58,066.07 to the United States government for operation and of the hogs formed a quartet and tried maintenance charges and future construction charges has been authorized by the board of directors of the Klamath irrigation district.

Smith Brothers, who formerly operated a sawmill on Grizzly mountain. have secured the timber on the Cook here. The suing wife testified that holdings on the upper Ochoco and will at once erect a sawmill there, trucking the lumber to Prineville.

> The Hood River Apple Growers' association distributed to its members last week approximately \$70,000 for tion will be adopted at a later meetcull apples. The distribution is made at the rate of \$7 per ton. No pre-Christmas distribution will be made on the co-operative's packed stock.

The importance to Oregon of a railroad line which would extend east from Bend and skirt the Blue mountains to Burns is pointed out in the brief filed by the city of Bend in the

commerce commission. The McKenna Lumber company. be built over flats which require piling for the track foundation.

J. A. Larson, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, has been asked by Governor Patterson to serve as a member of a statewide committee to make a survey as to the best method of advertising the state.

Slightly less than the usual acreage, but somewhat more than a year ago, appears to be the 1928 fall seeding situation with Oregon winter wheat, says F. L. Kent, statistician, United States department of agriculture.

Tide Creek in Columbia county will within the next few months be the scene of a new furniture factory. The Henry Clay Ross company is planning to establish a plant there for the manufacture of everstuffed furniture.

The first gold reported from the Bohemia district for some time was two bricks brought out recently by Fred J. Bartels, who is in charge of operations at the Evening Star, one of the

The state board of control last week accepted formally the building completed in Salem recently for use of the state printing department and state motor vehicle division. The structure was built by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner and North Umpqua range districts in the D. J. Jarman and is under lease to the

The Ashland city council last week approved an ordinance providing for the minimizing of radio interference through the regulation of the use of certain electrical apparatus. The ordinance prohibits the operation of apparatus generating or causing high frequency oscillations, except under city license.

One of the largest lamb sales of the year has just been consummated with the purchase by M. Erro of Fresno, Cal., of 4500 head of lambs from Pat J. O'Keefe, Hugh O'Connor and Dennis O'Connor of Klamath Falls. They are all ewe lambs and will be used as stock animals. It is understood that the cost was \$10 a head.

George Mayhew, prominent sheepman of Condon, was killed recently and his wife and an unidentified man injured in a head-on collision of two automobiles in a dense fog on the John Day highway. Mr. Mayhew was Kay, proprietor of the Automotive driving one of the machines and the unidentified man, a sewing machine agent, the other.

G. Reiter, now manager of Hillsboro, is to be Bend's first city manager, it but whether they will be able to break 1929 will be 49.5 mills, the highest in was announced recently by George history. The rate for 1930 will prob. Gove, N. R. Gilbert and Dr. J. F. his associates conferees, Representa-Hosch, recently elected commissioners under that city's new managerial sys-Central Oregon stockmen face the tem of government. Formal designation of Mr. Reiter as city manager will be made on January 2.

Fourteen persons were killed and 489 persons were injured in 3063 motor One of Bend's oldest landmarks, the vehicle accidents in Oregon during November, according to a report prepared by T. A. Raffety, chief state traffic officer. Approximately 105 of the accidents were due to excessive speed, while in 370 accidents the drivers failed to give right of way.

Hog cholera has made its appear-Linn county may change its market of high-class animals in the Stafford section. According to one of the vet- attacked Solomon while he was alone erinarians of Oregon City, about 60 in his cabin the first of the week, then head of swine are afflicted with the to have chased Mrs. Joshua, Indian contagious disease. It is believed that woman, into her cabin on the followthe disease is now checked and that about 75 per cent of the swine will be

> A compromise agreement, establishing a single closed season from December 5 to April 15 for commercial fishing on the Umpqua river, abolishing set nets and fixing a permanent deadline at Big Mill creek, was reached at Roseburg at a meeting of groups representing the cannery interests of Reedsport and Gardiner, and the Douglas County Sportmen's and Game Protective association.

The formal opening and inspection of the milk-drying unit of the Mount ciation. The California state fair has Angel Co-operative creamery took place last week. Between 700 and 800 patrons and visitors participated. This institution has grown from a small farmers' creamery with only a handful of patrons at the time of its inception in 1912, to a strictly co-operative concern with \$25,000 capital, having reorganized to conform with the federal co-operative plan last June.

Initial steps in organization of the \$1.12. Columbia County Sheep and Wool Growers' association were taken in Rainier with the forming of a tem-W. Todd and G. E. McDonough, both of Goble, as president and secretary. respectively. By-laws and a constituing in Rainier. The organization followed a meeting of more than 40 men engaged in sheep raising in Columbia county.

There will be no established date set beyond which persons can operate their cars with a 1928 license, accord-"This date already is fixed by law as \$1.101/2. cross-line case before the interstate January 1," said Mr. Hoss, "and it is not in my province to change that date or advance the time when one capitalization \$100,000, will operate on can operate on old plates. All that South slough near North Bend. The this department can do is to assume district will require about three miles that all persons wishing 1929 plates of logging railroad and part of it will have purchased them by January 1. have so instructed the state traffic of ficers "

C. EDSON SMITH



C. Edson Smith, Corvallis, Mont., cup and the title of the world's champion wheat grower at the International Live Stock exposition, Chicago.

VALE PROJECT HELD UP IN CONFERENCE

Washington, D. C .- House and senate conferees on the interior appropriations bill ended their first session with the fate of the \$650,000 appropriation for the Vale reclamation project, replaced in the bill by the senate, still in grave doubt.

Senator Smoot of Utah, chief of the senate conferees, who also include Senator Curtis, vice-president-elect. and Senator Harris of Georgia, reported that they had found Representative Cramton of Michigan, head of the house conferees, obdurate in his opposition to the restoration of the Vale item in its entirety, and refusing to sanction any larger amount than the nominal \$6000 for administrative purposes approved by the house.

The senate conferees are being urged to stand firmly for the appropriation by Senators McNary and Steiwer, down the resistance of Cramton and tives Taylor of Colorado and Murphy of Ohio, is extremely doubtful.

INDIAN KILLED BY COUGAR

Partly Blind Man Victim of Unusual Attack Near Colville.

Spokane, Wash .- A hunger-maddened cougar with two cubs attacked. killed and mutilated George Solomon, Welpinit Indian, a report reaching Colville, Wash., stated.

The aged Indian, who was partly blind, was described as a brother of Coyote Chief, Red Bones and Indian Wilson of the Colville and Spokane

The report stated that the big ca ing day. When she slammed and barred the door the cougar leaped against it, then reared up and peered into the window, according to the Colville report. Indians on the reservation were said to have become terrorized and to have raised a fund of \$100 to be offered as a bounty for the animal.

Oregon State Fair Date Set.

Fresno, Cal.-Dates for the California state fair, the Oregon state fair and various California fairs to be held in 1929 were ratified here recently at a meeting of the Western Fairs assoasked for the week of August 31 to September 9, and the Oregon state fair for September 23 to 29 inclusive

THE MARKETS Portland

Wheat - Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.48; soft white and western white, \$1.161/2; hard winter, \$1.11; northern spring, \$1.10; western red,

Hay-Alfalfa, \$22.50@23 ton; valley timothy, \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21.50@22; clover, \$17@ hay, \$18@18.50.

Butterfat-54@55c. Eggs-Ranch, 33@381/2c.

Cattle-Steers, good, \$11.50@12.50. Hogs - Medium to choice, \$7.25@

Lambs-Good to choice, \$11@12. Seattle

Wheat-Soft white, \$1.18; western white, \$1.17; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.101/2; western red, \$1.13; ate interstate commerce committee afing to Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. bluestem, \$1.49; bulk Montana No. 1,

> Hay-Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$28 Butterfat-54c.

Eggs-Ranch, 22@34c Cattle-Prime steers, \$11@11.50. Hogs-Prime, \$9.30@9.40. Lambs-Choice, \$11@11.50.

Spokane. Hogs-Good and choice, \$8.85@9 Cattle-Steers, good, \$11@12.

SENATE URGED TO **ACT ON FARM RELIEF**

Administration Letter Received Asking Action to Avoid Extra Session.

Washington, D. C .- A letter from President Coolidge's secretary of agriculture, William M. Jardine, indorsing the McNary farm bill before the senate, started a drive for enactment of the legislation at this session. Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee announced he would assemble the committee to consider it during the holiday recess or immediately thereafter.

Seeking to avoid a nearly extra session of congress, which was promised by Herbert Hoover in the event farm relief was not disposed of at this term of congress, a group of congressional leaders, including Senator Watson of who was awarded the championship Indiana, the prospective republican leader of the senate next session, joined in the drive.

The letter was regarded at the capitol as an expression from the Coolidge administration for the new farm bill submitted by Senator McNary and as a desire of the present administration to get the legislation through at this time.

In his letter to Senator McNary the secretary of agriculture indorsed the bill, which would establish a federal farm board with a \$300,000,000 loan fund, and declared: "I believe that it should be passed as early as possible in order to make it applicable to the

HOOVER HAS GREAT BRAZILIAN WELCOME

Rio De Janeiro. - A simple hand clasp by two sharply contrasting figures marked the renewal of bonds of friendship between two great republics of the western world. Bowing and smiling his shy smile. Herbert Hoover, who is to guide the destinies of the United States after March 4, was received and welcomed by President Luis, for the past two years in charge of the administration of the Brazilian government.

Mr. Hoover was as deeply impressed. by the spontaneity of the welcome given by Brazil as he was by the beauty of the capital and the grandeur of the mountains which hem it in on all sides, leaving only a gap of a little more than one hundred yards for the vast flow of commerce to and from

the world. Messages were sent by Ambassador Fletcher from the battleship Utah in behalf of Mr. Hoover to the American ambassadors in Mexico and Cuba and to the American minister in Santo Domingo, expressing the president-elect's regret at his inability to visit those

SALT CREEK OIL TAKEN

Wyoming Output of Oil Is Let To Private Concern.

countries on his goodwill tour.

Washington, D. C .- Secretary West has rejected all bids for government oil from the Salt Creek field, Wyoming, because the highest bidder reused to make bond and give informaion requested by the department, and then entered into a contract with the White Eagle Oil & Refining company and the Texas company for the oil at private sale.

The interior department announced that the sale of the oil to the White Eagle and Texas companies for 21% ents per barrel above the highest posted field price at a private sale was mandatory under the law by which the royalty oil contracts are made. The department had asked Walls for a full statement of his financial ability and the name of an accredited surety company willing to write a three-year bond for \$250,000. Mr. Walls, after further communication with the department, did not satisfy the secretary that his bid should be accepted under the advertisements.

Six New Islands Discovered.

Hatton, N. D.-Discovery of six new islands while making a 1200-mile porary organization and election of J. 17.50; oat, \$16@17; oats and vetcb flight in the south pole region was reported recently by Lieutenant Carl Ben Eielsen, chief pilot of the Wilkins south pole expedition, in a radiogram to his father in Hatton, Ole Eielsen.

Clyde B. Aitchison Wins Victory.

Washington, D. C .- The nomination of Clyde B. Aitchison of Oregon to be a member of the interstate commerce commission, was approved by the senter objection to his confirmation had been withdrawn.

Famous Italian Veteran Dies. Bordighera, Italy.-Count Luigi C. dorna, commander-in-chief of the Italian army during much of the world war, died at his home here. The 78 year old marshal was stricken last

Monday night with a cerebral blood

clot.