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## LONG SESSION FACING CONGRESS

### Farm Crops Is Most Troublesome Problem Confronting Leaders.

Washington, D. C.—With the Christmas recess behind it, congress reassembled Monday to remain continuously in session for probably six months. All of the major problems which faced it when it first met a month ago still are to be solved and new ones are yet to be met.

While the world court is the unfinished business before the senate and appropriation bills are the order of business in the house, the most troublesome problem confronting administration leaders is that of working out some means of handling surplus farm crops.

Conferences looking to this end have been called for this month by Secretary Jardine, but meanwhile members of the Iowa congressional delegation will introduce surplus crop bills and seek immediate hearings before the house agriculture committee.

Although the world court has right of way in the senate, it probably will be displaced temporarily by the Nye case, in which is involved the legal right of the governor of North Dakota to fill a senate vacancy by appointment.

After disposing of the treasury and postoffice appropriation bill the house will take up a resolution proposing the appointment of a joint congressional commission to receive bids for the Muscle Shoals power and nitrate plant.

An investigation which is expected to have far-reaching consequences will be started during the week by the house interstate commerce commission. It will center around a resolution alleging manipulation of crude rubber by the British colonial governments.

At the same time the senate interstate commerce commission will begin hearings on the Gooding bill, which would prohibit railroads from making a greater charge for a short haul than for a long haul.

Just before the polo match one of the players was talking to a lady friend who sat in the enclosure.

"Have you ever seen a polo match before?" he inquired.

"No, never," she replied, "but I'm sure I shall enjoy it, and I wish you'd hurry up and begin, for I'm just dying to see those beautiful ponies kick the ball about."

## ROMANCE OF THE WAR CULMINATES IN MARRIAGE

A wedding which was the culmination of a romance started during the war, was that of Miss Florence Gagnon, who was married to George M. Roller, at the home of the bride's aunt Mrs. Perry in Seattle, December twenty-eighth.

Mrs. Roller who has made her home in this vicinity since childhood has made many warm friends both in a social and business way.

Mr. Roller has just returned from South America where he has spent the past three years in the employment of the Standard Oil company. He has accepted a responsible position with the same company in Los Angeles where he will serve as manager of drilling operations.

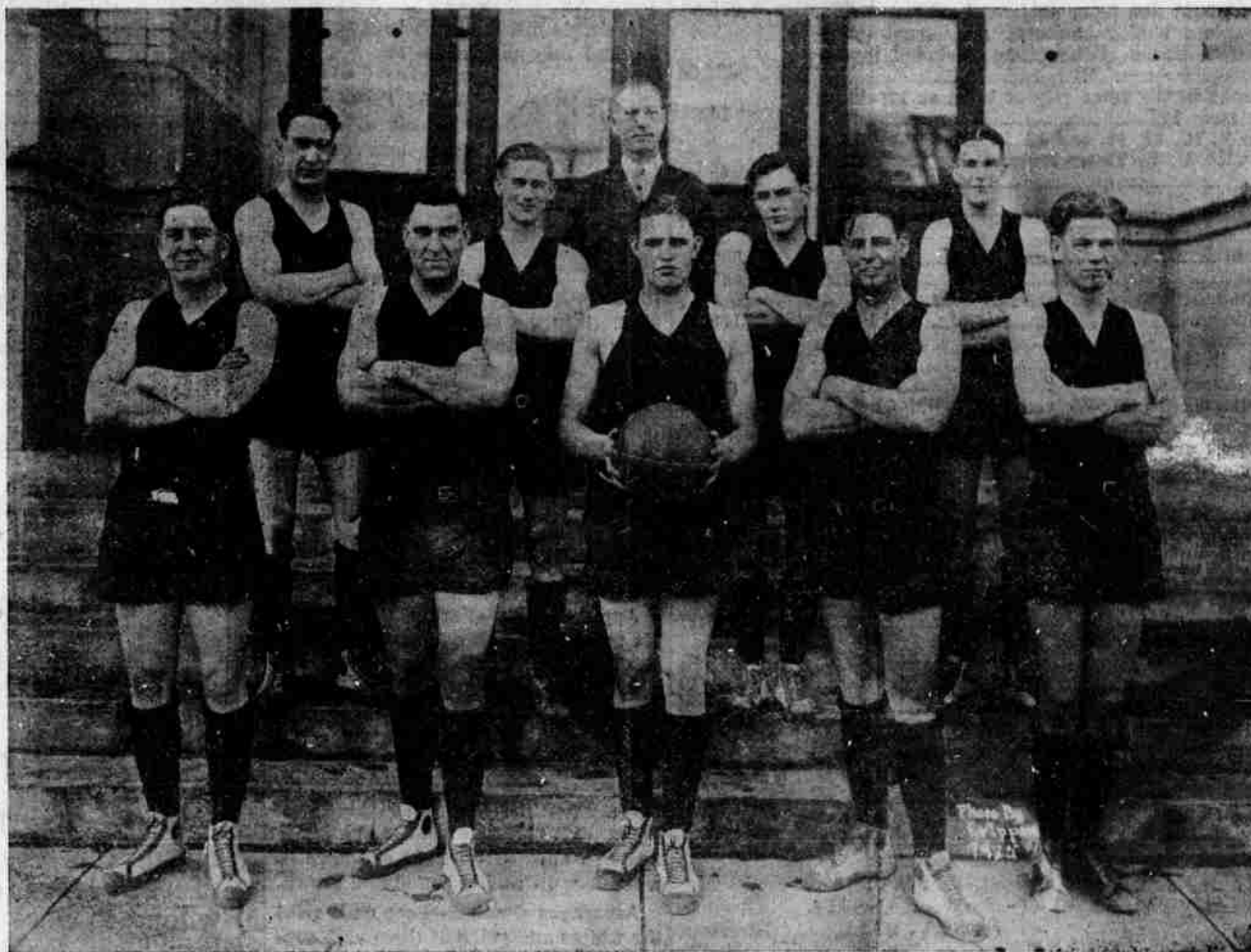
The couple is at present visiting relatives and friends here and will leave shortly for Los Angeles, where they will make their home.

A group of Athena friends motored at the home of the bride's father Lucien Gagnon Tuesday night when they indulged in an old-fashioned charivari, following which they repaired to the Legion Hall in Athena when dancing was enjoyed. Music was furnished by H. J. Cunningham's radio which he generously loaned for the occasion. Mr. Roller proved himself equal to the occasion when he invited the entire gathering to the Athena Restaurant, where he ordered refreshments served to all.

## WILL TAKE HIS TIME

Weston Leader: Charles L. May, who recently sold his fine farm on Weston mountain to Harry Eaves, was heard to say that he would take his time in hunting a new location, and might not even leave the Weston country. The members of Mr. May's family are occupying the Frank Taylor residence on South Broad street, and will make their home in Weston at all events until the close of school.

## Athena Champion League Basketball Team



ATHENA CHAMPIONS OF THE UMATILLA COUNTY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

which will play the Helix Red Devils on the Athena floor Tuesday evening. The Helix quintet, captained by Bill King, ex-Washington State college star, is going strong, and recently held the Whitman college team to an exciting and close game. Manager Stephens of the Athena team, is looking forward to what he considers will be one of the hardest contests played on the local floor this season. His team is in fine condition to meet the Helix invaders, and from the time the game starts at 8 o'clock to the end, the fans are sure to be entertained every minute of the way. Thursday night, the Athena team goes to Helix, where another scheduled league game will be played. Saturday night January 16, the Willamette University team will play Athena here.

## WALLA WALLA DEALER IS OPTIMISTIC OVER PRICES

Two dollar wheat was forecast by John A. Cameron, Walla Walla grain dealer, in speaking of the wheat situation throughout the country, says the Union. "I wouldn't be surprised to see wheat selling at \$2 a bushel before another crop is harvested," said Mr. Cameron.

"The visible crop is now 49,000,000 bushels as compared with 94,000,000 bushels last year at this time. The Canadian visible is quoted at \$4,000,000 bushels as compared with 52,000,000 bushels last year.

"Canada owns the world's available surplus and the Canadians know it," continued Mr. Cameron. "They won't be inclined to give it away. The shifting market is going to be a prime influence.

"The amount of wheat in passage is much smaller than it was last season. There is none being shipped from Russia or the Black Sea countries. Both the Brazilian and Argentine crops are below the calculated amounts.

"This has potentialities for considerably higher prices but there will probably be rough fluctuations in the working out of the prices. St. Louis wheat, based on a 58 pound per bushel wheat test, is now \$1.91 for bulk wheat."

Mr. Cameron attributed the apparent shortage of grain largely to the fact that there was generally less wheat produced in 1925 throughout the world than there was the preceding year.

While most dealers refuse to guess as to the future they hint at probable activity in a short time and content themselves with saying that reports show the U. S. crop is already 25 million bushels over exported.

Dealers estimate that of the five million bushel crop of wheat in Walla Walla county, sixty per cent, or three million bushels, have been sold, leaving approximately two million bushels, which at a price of about a dollar and a half means about three million dollars worth of wheat in the hands of the growers.

Of the wheat which has been sold much of it is yet to be shipped. The vessels which will carry the grain to other lands are due in Portland and at Sound points this month and the grain is to be delivered in time for loading. Probably 250,000 bushels is a low estimate of the amount of grain sold and still not shipped.

## RAIN AND CHINOOK

A heavy rain soaked this part of the county Monday night, and while the rain was falling here a chinook wind caused the snow to vanish from the mountains, back to timber line.

## CIVIC CLUB CENTERS ON COMMUNITY HOUSE

The first civic club meeting of the New Year was held Tuesday afternoon in the new Commercial club rooms with a good number in attendance.

Enthusiasm for the raising of funds for a community house was much in evidence. The president Mrs. H. I. Watts appointed several committees to make plans for increasing the fund. Mrs. C. M. Eager, Mrs. I. L. Michener and Mrs. R. B. McEwen were appointed to arrange for an entertainment to be given shortly. Mrs. M. L. Watts, Mrs. F. S. LeGrow and Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn compose a committee to oversee a supper or sale.

The dance committee reported the receipt of twenty-one dollars instead of five as stated in last week's Press. This was due to the generosity of the American Legion in regard to rental of the hall, which is much appreciated by the club.

## VALLEY PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

John G. Paine, 84, pioneer business man of Walla Walla county, died Saturday night at St. Mary's hospital after a short illness caused

## by pneumonia.

Mr. Paine was born at Mercer, Maine in 1842 and came to Walla Walla in 1865. He was first engaged as a salesman in the mercantile store of Baker and Boyer. In 1868 he became associated with his brother F. W. Paine in a general store, and in 1871 he took over the management of a branch store in Dayton, and also served as cashier of the Columbia National Bank.

He also took up the development of large tracts of wheat land which the firm had acquired. In later years he took up the development of alfalfa land, which has become a great crop in the southeastern section of the state.

## NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Miss Betty Jane Eager and Miss Marjorie Douglas were hostesses at the Eager residence New Year's eve when they entertained a group of their friends from seven till ten. Games of all kinds were played followed by a delicious supper served at small tables. Guests included Myrtle Campbell, Arleen Myrick, Mary Bond, Marjorie Montague, Goldie Miller, Virginia Eager, Oral Michener, George Pittman, Kelland Jenkins, Robert Lee, Emery Rogers, Aaron Douglas and Lowell Jenkins.

## KLAMATH SHEEP MAN IS BITTEN BY RABBIT COYOTE

Attacked and bitten by a coyote, crazed by rabies, was the experience of Tim O'Keefe, well known Klamath sheep man. O'Keefe immediately took the anti-rabies treatment which if taken in time will save him from the dreaded hydrophobia.

O'Keefe was tending his sheep in the lower Klamath lake grazing land. Suddenly a mad coyote appeared and immediately attacked him. O'Keefe, unarmed, defended himself as well as possible. Finally he ran toward a fence several yards away, grasped a stick and in two well placed blows killed the animal. But the blows came too late, the animal had leaped and his fangs, capable of transmitting rabies to man or beast, had ripped open O'Keefe's left index finger. The head of the animal was shipped in a sealed container to the state health department.

The Christian Missionary society held their meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Boyd. Mrs. H. H. Hill led the program and Mrs. Mitchell assisted in serving refreshments.

## Barred !!



## PORTLAND INVENTION THAT MAY CURE BLOOD PRESSURE

Physicians and scientists have sought through the generations to invent or develop apparatus capable of controlling organic matter, always without success. It has remained for a Portland man, Joe H. Pos, a civil engineer who has carried on scientific research work for years, says the Oregonian, to produce apparatus which, according to several of Portland's reputable physicians, has actual merit.

The apparatus, known as the Pos blood pressure regulator, is operated on the electric-radio principle, and was built by the inventor in three days primarily to demonstrate two principles: First, that it is possible to control the activities of organic matter and cellular life in the human body; second, that energy can be directed to a predetermined physical body without requiring any physical connection between the apparatus and the body.

Drs. Cathey and a group of Portland physicians, have had the apparatus in use for about four months, carrying out in that time numerous treatments on patients with decidedly high or decidedly low blood pressure. The regulator, according to Mr. Pos, is capable not only of reducing but also increasing blood pressure.

In discussing the merits of the apparatus, Drs. Cathey reported that it undoubtedly did reduce blood pressure. Records of experiments carried out in their own offices were referred to, showing that every patient showed some reaction, and that more than 75 per cent of them were decidedly improved. Not only was blood pressure improved but general health benefited. Sleep came easier; manual effort produced less fatigue; mental attitudes were improved.

The apparatus is of utmost simplicity. It resembles in appearance almost any tube-type radio receiving set, except that it has mounted upon it two electrodes, or metallic fingers. When a patient is to be treated he merely is seated before the apparatus, one electrode directed at the nerve center at the base of the skull, the other at the solar plexus. There is no physical contact between the patient and the apparatus; in fact, according to Mr. Pos, lead sheets or other impediments could be placed between the patient and the machine without impairing treatment.

The inventor is a civil engineer, with little knowledge of medicine. He makes no claims other than that he can influence organic matter.

Knowing that blood pressure can be fairly accurately determined, he decided to prove his theory by building a machine that would produce a change in blood pressure and thereby prove that he was able to influence organic matter. At the present he is satisfied merely to prove the theory. He does not claim to be able to cure anything, but has hopes of opening a new field for research if he can convince the profession that his theory is sound.

## GRANGE GOAL IS FORTY

The newly-organized Weston Mountain grange will hold its first regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 6, and an effort is being made to bring the membership up to forty at this gathering, says the Leader. Invitations have gone out to the Freewater granges to send delegates, and a representative of the State Grange Extension service will also be in attendance. Roy Hyatt, master of the new organization, will have his committees appointed and ready for work by that time. Umatilla county now has five granges, and it is said by Mr. Gokeler that at least two more will be organized in the county this winter.

## EASTERN BROOK TROUT

According to E. F. Averill, state game warden, half a million eastern brook eggs were recently taken to the Bingham springs hatchery where they will be hatched and cared for. The eastern brook will be out of the way by the time the rainbow eggs are received. Heretofore eastern brook fingerlings have not been planted extensively in the streams and lakes of eastern Oregon, but Matt Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries, has made a careful study of results secured where plantings have been made, and he has expressed the belief that more of them should be placed in streams in this part of the state.

## GRAIN CROP VALUE BELOW THAT OF 1924

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000 Less.

Washington, D. C.—Despite increased production of grain in the United States in 1925, the gross value of the crop was \$708,000,000 less than in 1924, the agricultural department announced.

The gross value of grain crops for 1925 was \$3,810,713,000, compared with \$4,518,716,000 the previous year.

The largest decrease was in corn. While 2,900,581,000 bushels were produced, compared with 2,332,525,000 the previous year, the estimated gross value was only \$1,956,326,000 compared with \$2,270,564,000 in 1924.

Winter wheat production was nearly 200,000,000 bushels less than in 1924 and although the December 1 price was somewhat higher in 1925 than in 1924, the gross value of the crop was \$589,504,000 as compared with \$776,227,000 in the previous year.

Spring wheat, on the other hand, showed an increase in gross value, being estimated at \$358,489,000 last year and \$344,560,000 in 1924.

All other grain crops, including oats, barley, rye, buckwheat and flax, but not including rice, showed decreases in gross value ranging from \$515,000,000 on buckwheat to \$168,000,000 on oats.

Potatoes were the outstanding exception where values were greatly above 1924.

The potato crop was 100,000,000 bushels less than in 1924, but its value was estimated at \$605,327,000, compared with \$226,047,000 in 1924.

Other crops which showed increased values include clover seed, dry beans, sweet potatoes, hops, apples, pears, oranges and cotton seed.

## COOLIDGE FAVORS GENEVA CONFERENCE

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge requested congress to appropriate \$50,000 to cover the expense of participation by the United States in the league of nations preliminary disarmament discussions.

"Participation in the work of the preparatory commission," the president said in a special message, "involves no commitment with respect to attendance upon any future conference or conference on reduction in limitation of armaments, and the attitude of this government in that regard cannot be defined in advance of the calling of such meetings."

He added that "whether the conditions and circumstances will prove such as to make it desirable for the United States to attend any conference or conference which may eventually take place as a result of the labors of the preparatory commission or otherwise is a question which need not now be considered."

"It is my judgment," he said, "that so far as this preliminary inquiry is concerned we ought to give our aid and co-operation to the fullest extent, consistent with the policies which we have adopted."

## WISE RESIGNATION REJECTED

Executive Committee Affirms Its Faith in Rabbi.

New York.—The executive committee of the United Palestine appeal rejected the proffered resignation of Dr. Stephen S. Wise of the Free Synagogue, as its chairman.

The retention of Dr. Wise as chairman was voted by the committee despite the intense opposition of orthodox rabbis who denounced Dr. Wise as a heretic because of a sermon December 20, in which he said that Jesus was "a man, not a myth." The appeals committee rejected the resolution by a vote of 59 to 9 after a session lasting 12 hours. The committee affirmed its faith in Dr. Wise's Judaism, rejecting the charges of the orthodox rabbis that his stand on the question of Jesus' authenticity as a man and a Jew would tend to lead the conversion of Jews to Christianity.

Countess Karolyi Sues Kellogg. Washington, D. C.—Countess Katherine Karolyi of Hungary filed suit against Secretary of State Kellogg in District of Columbia supreme court, asking a mandamus to compel Kellogg to instruct the United States consul at Paris to visit her passport to allow her to enter this country.