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ANDREWS PROPOSES PROHIBITION STUDY

Assistant Secretary Believes Time Has Come For Thorough Investigation.

Washington, D. C.—Creation of a commission to study the general prohibition question in all its aspects was proposed by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, in charge of dry law enforcement.

With both senate and house preparing to take steps to inquire into conditions under prohibition and with wet and dry organizations engaged in bitter controversy over it, Andrews declared he believed the time had come for a thorough study of the question in its economic, social and other phases.

Secretary Mellon took an opposite view on the proposal of his chief enforcement officer, however, expressing the opinion that the public has made up its mind either for or against prohibition and such an investigation would be of little help.

Mapping out plans for its study of the effect of the operation of the 18th amendment, the house committee decided to call Mr. Andrews as its first witness. Chairman Hudson indicated that the proposal of the assistant secretary might be endorsed after a preliminary inquiry by the committee.

The senate judiciary committee has decided to hear the proposals of Senators Edge, republican, and Edwards, democrat, of New Jersey, and Bruce, democrat, Maryland, for amendment of the Volstead act.

SEATING OF SMALL NATIONS OPPOSED

Berlin.—A deadlock in the coming League of Nations council session would follow any insistence by Brazil, Spain and Poland upon their claims to permanent seating in the council, according to a German government spokesman.

It was revealed that Sweden, Holland, Switzerland and Lithuania are prepared to support the German position that only Germany at present should gain a permanent seat. Germany would abandon her opposition in event of a postponement until fall of insistence on the Brazilian, Spanish and Polish claims, it was suggested by informed quarters, but she would force the issue against the trio if they stand pat now, it was said.

WILL BUY BONDS DIRECT

Secretary Mellon Announces Government to Eliminate Broker

Washington, D. C.—An offer to purchase \$100,000,000 of third liberty loan bonds direct from holders was announced by Secretary Mellon in connection with the program for the regular quarterly financing operations of the government.

This is the second time the government will deal directly with holders of its securities, the treasury announcing that the first attempt in the last quarter had proved successful. Brokers will be eliminated in the proposed transaction, the bond owners dealing with the government through authorized banks or dealers.

Washington State Alfalfa Ban Illegal

Washington.—The Washington state alfalfa quarantine law is illegal, the United States supreme court ruled.

This reversed a state court decision upholding an order by the state director of agriculture prohibiting the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company from bringing into the state alfalfa hay from territory said to be infested with alfalfa weevil.

Drive on Congress For Farm Aid

Washington, D. C.—Farm organization leaders at a conference completed plans for the long-heralded drive upon congress for agricultural relief legislation with the opening by the house agriculture committee of hearings on a number of farm relief bills, including the Dickinson surplus measure.

House Passes New Rail Labor Bill

Washington, D. C.—The house by a vote of 351 to 13 passed and sent to the senate the Watson-Parker bill, which would abolish the railroad labor board and set up new machinery for voluntary adjustment of disputes in the industry.

E. O. PATTERSON



E. O. Patterson of South Dakota, who has been appointed solicitor of the Department of the Interior by President Coolidge.

BERT HANEY RESIGNS FROM SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, D. C.—Bert E. Haney, democrat, of Portland, Or., resigned Tuesday as a member of the shipping board, effective March 1.

The action brings to a head a troublesome situation which has existed since last August when President Coolidge requested Haney's resignation on the ground that by proposing to remove Leigh C. Palmer as president of the Fleet corporation, the commissioner had run "contrary to the understanding I had with you when I reappointed you."

Haney declined to resign on any such grounds, denied any knowledge of an understanding with the president to support Palmer, asserted that the chief executive knew of his opposition to Palmer and declared that to accede to the president's request for his resignation "would carry an implication which I cannot permit."

In his letter of resignation, the commissioner said he could properly end his service now as three months had elapsed since congress convened and Coolidge had stated that he would not be reappointed.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

An avalanche of snow wiped out a part of Bingham Canyon, Utah, and took a toll of 39 known dead.

Unfired farmers of Alberta, Canada, voted at a conference in Calgary against acquisition of elevator facilities by the Alberta wheat pool at the present time.

Each man, woman and child in the United States cost the federal and state governments approximately \$58 in 1923, according to figures of the national industrial conference board.

Jean Borotra, French tennis champion, defeated William T. Tilden, the American ace, two straight sets in the American indoor championship play in New York. The scores were 13-11 and 6-3.

A ruling of the internal revenue bureau of the treasury department exempts the president's salary from taxation inasmuch as congress has fixed the salary of the president at \$75,000 a year he is entitled to the full amount.

Apple Growers May Advertise

Seattle, Wash.—Financing and other plans for a nationwide campaign to advertise Washington apples were the topics for a meeting of growers and shippers here. A levy of 1 cent on every box of apples shipped, to raise about \$250,000 was suggested.

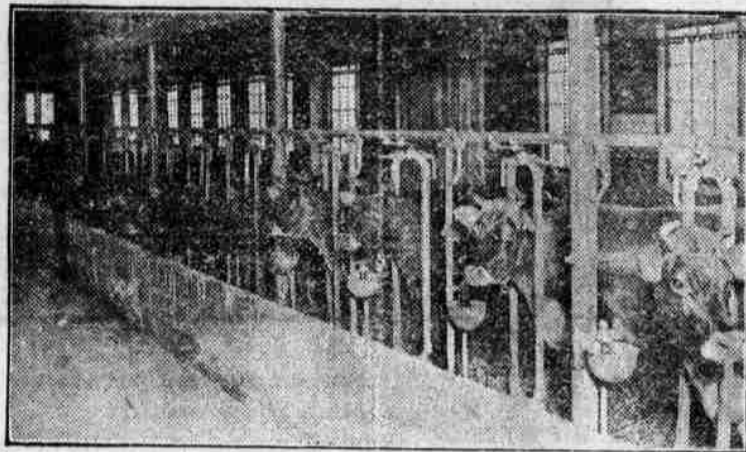
Governor Pierce to Run for Re-election

Eugene, Or.—Formal announcement that he would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor was made by Governor Pierce here Saturday. The governor came to attend an old-time dance and fiddler's contest being given for the benefit of the Lane county cottage of the Children's Farm home at Corvallis.

Committee For Inauguration Change

Washington, D. C.—By unanimous vote the house committee on election of president and vice president reported favorably the Norris resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for inauguration of the president the first Monday in January and the convening of congress two weeks later.

Cow Testing Associations Invaluable Aid to Milk Production



Elimination of non-productive cows from milk herds increases net profits.

Getting more milk from fewer cows is the aim of the cow testing association. Hundreds of cases have demonstrated in a most striking manner that the weeding out of non-productive milk cows and better care for the producing members of the milk herd pay big dividends.

This point was strongly stressed in an exhibit at the International Dairy Exposition held at Indianapolis last October. An actual instance was given which disclosed the following facts.

A milk producer had a herd of six milk cows producing 27,000 pounds of milk annually. He joined a cow testing association. The first step taken was to weed out the non-productive cows, that is, those cows yielding insufficient milk to net a profitable income over and above feed cost.

The weeding out process left only four cows in the milk herd. But these remaining cows were fed according to their individual requirements. No sanitary or beneficial feeding measure was neglected. During stable months, they were given plenty of clean bedding; stables were kept clean; the long hair on flanks and udders were kept clipped. The

cows were brushed or wiped with a damp cloth before each milking. Utensils were sterilized. The stable was well ventilated and plenty of clean, pure water was given the cows.

A year from the time the member joined the association, his records showed an increase in milk to more than 25,000 pounds from the four cows as compared to 27,000 pounds from six cows prior to this period. There was more than a corresponding increase in butterfat.

The cow testing association consists of about twenty-six farmers who co-operate and employ a trained tester to test their cows for economical production of milk and butterfat. The tester spends one day a month on each farm and obtains a complete record of each cow's milk and butterfat production, feed consumed, feed cost, growth, and income, and income over feed.

The first cow testing association in the United States was that organized at Newaygo County, Michigan, in 1905. Since then, there has been a fairly constant growth until 1925 shows a tally of 732 cow testing associations with excellent prospects of the number doubling within the next three years.

The Eugene chamber of commerce sent a telegram to Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, in which it was stated that the business men of Eugene were eager for a favorable reply to the invitation to become president of the University of Oregon.

Vayle Taylor was shot and killed in the Wild Bear Creek section of Crook county by C. C. McBride, state dry agent, who declared that his pistol was discharged accidentally while the agent and his partner were raiding a dugout in which it was alleged that Taylor was operating a still.

Ernest Pulliam of Boise and Hubert Mock of Sardinia, O., were killed instantly when the automobile in which they and two companions were riding went over a grade on the Old Oregon trail near Unity station, about 20 miles southwest of Baker. Bradley Poston and Charles Smith were injured.

Authorization for the expenditure of \$25,000 from federal highway funds for location surveys on four Oregon projects has been given by the secretary of agriculture. The highways affected are Canyon City to Burns, Sand creek to Crater lake park boundary, Wapinitia to Mount Hood national forest boundary and Heppner to Spray.

A cancer survey of Oregon is to be made in the near future to determine whether or not the state has sufficient hospitals to care for incurable diseases. The decision to start this survey was reached by the state board of health at its annual meeting at Hot Lake.

Bridge operations planned by the state highway department during the present year include the construction of several spans on the route of the Roosevelt coast highway, according to announcement made by C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer for the department.

Because ill health would prevent her from any longer having personal charge of the historic Brunner building in Jacksonville, Mrs. Alice Applegate Sargent decided that structure and her collection of relics contained therein to the Native Daughters' organization of Jacksonville.

Hearing of transportation rates on livestock in Oregon has been set for March 10 in Portland, the public service commission has announced. The application for the hearing was filed by the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, Portland Livestock exchange and Northwestern Shippers' Traffic league, and involves virtually all railroads operating in this state.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

An epidemic of influenza is affecting almost every home in Westport.

Fire destroyed the plant and stock of the Cottage Grove Packing company at Cottage Grove.

Walter Dismond, 36, a logger at Maxville, was struck by a falling tree and died from his injuries.

With over 100 dairymen in attendance, the Oregon dairymen's annual convention was held at Astoria.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church at Phoenix has decided to build at once a new church edifice.

More than 100 editors, publishers and printers throughout the state attended the eighth Oregon newspaper conference at Eugene.

Corvallis was selected for the 1927 convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, which held its 22d annual meeting at Eugene.

James, the 5-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwillim of Riverton, near Marshfield, was burned to death when the family home caught fire.

George E. Griffith of Oregon City was reappointed a member of the state board of barber's examiners. His commission covers a period of four years.

Binger Herman, ex-representative from Oregon and ex-commissioner of the United States general land office, observed his 83d birthday anniversary at Roseburg Friday.

The annual convention of the Willamette Valley Cleaners and Dyers, an organization embracing firms all the way from Salem to Roseburg, will be held in Eugene Wednesday.

Some of the citizens of Harrisburg want the new trans-Willamette bridge on the Pacific highway at that town called "John B. Yeon," in honor of the ex-member of the highway commission.

Trinity Episcopal church, located at the head of Wall street, New York, is to finance the construction of a church at the head of Wall street in Bend, to be known as Trinity church it is announced.

At an election held for creation of a super-road district, with the object eventually of building a highway from Medford to the Oregon caves, the project was decisively beaten by a vote of 688 to 1000.

Yeggmen blew the safe of the Brookfield Quarry & Towing company at Astoria and escaped with the strong box containing \$7655.12 in cash, checks and negotiable securities, besides a number of papers.

A petition was filed with Governor Pierce urging that Henry R. Crawford of Marion county be appointed a member of the Oregon state fair board to succeed Wayne Stuart of Albany, who has left the state.

MARY SIMPSON



Miss Mary Simpson of Cratsbury, Vt., who has been appointed by Senator Dale of that state to be journal clerk in the United States capitol, is the first woman to hold this important position.

FOUR ARRESTED FOR BLOWING STORE SAFE

Tillamook, Or.—Four men are in jail here charged with dynamiting the safe of the Cloverdale Mercantile company at Cloverdale, escaping with \$100 in cash, checks for about \$2000 and notes aggregating about \$2000.

They have been identified as: Charles Griffin, Wallace Wretzel, James Bloomer, George Welch.

Early Sunday morning the four drove to the store and while one of their number kept the engine of the car going the other three gained entrance to the store and with a charge of nitroglycerin blew the safe.

The blast was heard by H. P. Kraner, who lives across the street from the store. Kraner notified Sheriff Ashim here, and he in turn called Sheriff Manning at McMinnville, who drove toward Tillamook and waited for the men after deputizing William Martin to assist him. Manning forced the fleeing men to abandon their automobile and take to the brush after they had fired two shots at him. He overtook and arrested the four without a struggle.

NEW FOOD IS DEVELOPED

Apple Flakes Manufactured Under College Professor's Plan.

Corvallis, Or.—Manufacture of a new breakfast food, designated "apple flakes," is being developed by Dr. Floyd L. Rowland, professor of industrial chemistry at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Apples are passed through a strainer after having been ground and skins and seeds removed. The paste is run over steam rollers, dried and cut into flake form. The flakes, baked in a vacuum at 45 degrees, come out crisp and have a highly concentrated apple flavor.

Culled apples may be used in making of "apple flakes."

Valuable Lincoln Relics Are Found.

Lincoln, Ill.—A veritable historical gold mine of original Abraham Lincoln documents, made out in his hand writing, and heretofore believed to have been burned in a courthouse fire in 1857, was uncovered by P. M. Angle, investigator for the Lincoln Centennial association, from the dusty files of the Logan county circuit court of 1857 to 1860.

Business of the Lane County Farmer's Co-operative Warehouse company at Eugene was better in 1925 than it had been during any previous year, according to the annual report of the manager, made at a meeting of stockholders. Total sales during the year were \$387,808.17.

The condition of Representative Willis C. Hawley of Salem is reported considerably improved and it is expected that he will be back at his desk in the house soon. Representative Hawley is one of the victims of the influenza epidemic which swept congress last week.

The Tillamook Game Protective association at a meeting in Tillamook opposed any movement to close either the Big or Little Nestucca rivers to commercial fishing. The action of the club was in opposition to efforts of Willamette valley sportsmen to have the streams closed.

CONGRESS SLOWLY CLEARING UP WORK

Foreign Debt Settlements and Annual Appropriation Bill Principal Items Left.

Washington, D. C.—Although moving along in more or less leisurely fashion congress is gradually cleaning up its slate and should be able to get away within two months at the latest.

The foreign debt settlements and the annual appropriation bill are the principal items left on the calendar outside of farm relief and railroad legislation. The senate has three election contests to settle, but once these reach the floor they are not expected to consume a great deal of time.

The house is expected to pass the Watson-Parker railroad labor bill and it will be taken up in the senate in the near future.

Muscle Shoals probably will occupy much of the time of the senate as leaders are determined to have action on the house resolution creating a congressional commission to release the great wartime nitrate and power plant on the Tennessee river.

Chairman Smoot of the finance committee plans to ask early action on the Italian debt settlement, the only one of the six pending debt settlements on which there is a serious contest. All of these settlements already have been approved by the house.

Hearings on farm relief legislation will be resumed by the house agriculture committee.

The most prominent measure to be taken up is the Dickinson bill, designed to take care of the export surplus of the principal farm products.

The house already has passed the administration co-operative marketing measure but the senate agriculture committee is to hold hearings on this and several score other measures designed to aid the agriculture industry.

AGRICULTURAL BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, D. C.—The \$129,370,000 agricultural appropriation bill passed the senate in record time after only 90 minutes of debate. The measure carried \$2,266,940 more than the house appropriation and will go to conference for adjustment of differences.

The principal increase was the addition of \$1,905,000 to the appropriation of fighting bovine tuberculosis.

Other increases included \$15,000 for a forest fire weather warning service; \$12,000 for the dairy field stations at Woodward, Okla.; \$120,475 for the investigation of plant and crop diseases; \$53,000 for the forestry service; \$190,000 for new investigations of fertilizers; \$390,000 for spraying cotton crops by airplane, and \$13,780 for an investigation of tobacco production methods.

FARM PROFITS DECLINE

Survey of U. S. Reveals but \$600 Average Earnings

New York, N. Y.—The National Industrial conference board has completed an agricultural survey of the United States in which it finds that farm profits are steadily declining, production is lagging in inverse ratio to the growth of population, and that the farmer's expenses rise faster than the prices he gets for his products.

The average annual farm return, it was pointed out, in the last five years was \$600 after allowing a nominal return on capital invested, including food, fuel and shelter.

The increase in the cost of living has reduced the farmer's income to 4 per cent below that of 1914.

Noted Lutheran Church Leader Dies

Gettysburg, Pa.—Dr. J. A. Singmaster, president of the Lutheran Theological seminary and one of the most important ministers of the United Lutheran church, died here from the effects of an apoplectic stroke. Dr. Singmaster was 73 years old.

Jonastice Talmadge Becomes Bride

San Mateo, Cal.—Before a small audience, including chiefly members of the bride's family, Constance Talmadge, winsome screen comedienne, and Alastair William Mackintosh, former British army captain, were married here.

Whirl of March Winds

