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BURBANK LOSES LONG BATTLE FOR LIFE

Plant Wizard Dies at California Home After Two Weeks' Illness.

Santa Rosa, Cal.—Luther Burbank, noted plant culturist, died here at 12:13 A. M. Sunday. For two weeks the distinguished scientist had been ill at his home, with intermittent rales and relapses. Nervous exhaustion complicated by a heart attack caused his death.

Burbank was born at Lancaster, Mass., March 7, 1849, son of Samuel W. and Olive (Ross), of English and Scotch ancestry. He was the thirteenth of 15 children born on his father's 200-acre farm. He attended the Lancaster academy, from which he was an honor graduate.

Next to the potato, the accomplishment which brought first fame to Burbank was the spineless cactus, whereby he turned a worthless desert growth into a valuable forage and fruiting plant. In recognition of this work he received in 1912 a United States grant, congress under special act turning over 7680 acres of non-irrigable land to be located either in California, Nevada or Arizona.

It has been estimated that Burbank's 100,000 or more experiments with plant life involved the planting, pollination, observation and propagation or destruction of a billion individual vegetable growths. From this vast number, however, only 385 were selected and recommended by him as of value to humanity. Some of these were under his observation for 25 years before being given to the world.

SENATE UNSEATS BROOKHART 45-41

Washington, D. C.—Senator Smith W. Brookhart, republican insurgent of Iowa, was unseated in the senate in favor of Daniel F. Steck, democrat, by a margin of four votes. The vote, 45 to 41, came after a week of debate.

Until the very hour of the roll-call the result was in doubt, but 16 republicans joined with 29 democrats in voting to unseat Brookhart, overwhelming the nine democrats, 31 republicans and the one farmer-labor senator who supported him.

Immediately after the result was announced, Steck was escorted to the rostrum by Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, and sworn in by Vice-President Dawes.

The unseating of Senator Brookhart injects a new issue into Iowa politics, as he is expected to run against Senator Cummins in the approaching primary. He plans formally to announce his candidacy soon. For this reason Senator Cummins declined to vote on the contest.

Borah and Gooding of Idaho, Stanford and McNary of Oregon and Dill and Jones of Washington all voted in favor of Brookhart.

ATTACK LONG-BELL CHARTER

Stockholder Opposed to City-Building Activities.

Kansas City.—A quo warranto proceeding in the Missouri supreme court asking that the Long-Bell Lumber company's charter be revoked, or that it be ordered to cease its city-building activities in Longview, Wash., has been approved by North T. Gentry, attorney-general of Missouri.

Attorneys for Mrs. F. J. Bannister, the stockholder who is objecting to the company's activities which she charges are not authorized by its charter, and attorneys for the company were notified of Attorney-General Gentry's decision, necessary before the plaintiff can start the proceedings.

The attorney-general's decision comes after extended hearings on the complaint of Mrs. Bannister.

Dollar Bid Accepted by Ship Board.

Washington, D. C.—The United States shipping board voted to accept the \$4,500,000 bid of the Stanley Dollar interests for the Admiral-Oriental steamship line, which operates from Puget Sound to the Orient.

New York Presbytery For Dry Law.

New York.—The New York Presbytery, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution affirming that the Presbyterian church "stands by the letter and spirit of the prohibition law."

SECTIONAL TRACK MEET IS ON TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The annual sectional track meet will be held in Athena tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

The schools of Helix, Weston, Adams and Athena will be represented in this meet.

Mr. King of Helix, who is sectional director, expects to be in Athena Saturday morning to assist in putting the track in shape.

Athena High school will be represented by the following athletes: Granville Cannon, Dalbreth Taylor, Arthur Taylor, Ray Dudley and Armand Bell.

Those who will compete from the Athena grades are as follows: Division A—George Pittman, Robert Lee, Lowell Jenkins, Maxine Moore, Fern Carstens, Mary Jane Miller and Marjorie Montague.

Division B—Roland Wilson, Emery Rogers, Leland Jenkins, Arleen Myrick, Ralph Moore, Lenore Volwiler and Betty Eager.

Division C—Wayne Pittman, Arthur Crowley, Jack Moore, George Green, Marguerite Moore and Goldie Miller.

Division D—Lawrence Knight, Eldon Myrick, Harold Kirk, James Wilson, Thelma Schrimpf and Virgie Moore. The relay team will be composed of Lawrence Knight, Eldon Myrick, Harold Kirk and Wayne Pittman.

The winners in this meet will be eligible to compete in the county meet to be held in Pendleton May first.

JOSEPH N. SCOTT FILES FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph N. Scott has filed as a candidate for Joint Representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Joseph Scott is a native of Umatilla county, a wheat grower and a land owner and taxpayer in both Umatilla and Morrow counties.

He submits the following platform for the consideration of the voters of this district:

"If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, work for the best interests of this district and the State of Oregon.

"I favor a State income tax with a property tax off-set.

"I stand for law observance, impartial enforcement of all laws, and honesty in public life.

"I believe that the Humane Society has power under present laws to deal with any abuse of animals and I shall oppose legislation designed to hamper the Pendleton Round-Up."

ARMY CRAFT SOUGHT

The National Aero-nautical association will make vigorous efforts to obtain resumption of service on the Pasco-Elko air mail route in less time than the 60 days that the private mail contractor has said would be required to put disabled planes in condition for flight. The present plan, according to Valentine Gephart of Seattle, governor of the association for the state of Washington, is to secure temporary use, through lease or loan of some of the many available military craft, and at the same time to do everything possible to speed the contractor in the work of repair.

BARBER SHOP SOLD

Last week announcement was made of the sale of Russell's barber shop to Lee Whitehead, of Walla Walla. This week Penn Harris purchased James Haworth's interest in the Haworth-Harris shop, and will conduct it hereafter as sole owner. Mr. Harris, accompanied by his father, will leave next Monday on a motor trip to Tennessee. Returning from the South this fall, Mr. Harris contemplates locating on the coast, probably at Marshfield.

MUST REGISTER TO VOTE

Persons who have reached their twenty-first birthday since the last election, those who have changed precincts since that time, newcomers and women who have married since the last election must register to vote at the nominating primaries to be held May 21. Registration books close April 20.

WOOL DAYS HERE

With wool shearing on in Eastern Oregon buyers are flocking to the Echo, Arlington and Pilot Rock sections. Sales so far, however, have been limited. One clip of 35,000 pounds is reported sold at a price of 30 cents.

FIRE DESTROYS PACKING PLANT WORTH \$175,000

Damage caused by fire at the Pendleton Provision & Packing company plant early Sunday morning, was placed at \$175,000 says the East Oregonian. Insurance to the amount of \$100,000 was carried on building, contents and equipment.

Pendleton's fire department was called to the plant Sunday morning at 3:20 o'clock by a boy who saw the flames from the Columbia River highway, who said that at that time flames were leaping high into the air and the entire building seemed to be afire. Efforts to get at the flames from the packing plant fire plug was impossible as this was but twenty feet from the burning building.

Cause of the fire has not yet been determined. Center of the fire and the starting point, fire officials said, they believed was either in the office or in the store room immediately under the office where considerable paper, packing cases and other material of this nature was stored.

Plans for rebuilding the plant, will depend upon the stockholders of the company. A meeting of these stockholders will be held probably in ten days. A call for a stockholders meeting will be sent out and this will require several days. Four or five days will be necessary for the fire insurance adjusters to complete their surveys.

The building covered approximately 150 square feet of ground space and was filled almost to capacity at the time of the fire with meats. Monday morning the main packing room in the center of the building was still smoldering and fireman said they believed several days would elapse before it was entirely out.

Fire Chief W. E. Ringold and twenty-five volunteer and paid firemen fought the blaze for approximately five hours but were unable to save the main building which burned fast owing to the inflammable character of its contents.

It was the largest and hardest to control fire in the twelve years Chief Ringold has had charge of the fire department, and lack of water pressure did much to prevent saving part of the building.

HOSPITAL DAY PLANS

A committee recently named at Walla Walla for the purpose of working on plans for observance of Hospital Day at U. S. Veterans' Hospital. The day, which is an annual event, falls on May 12. Quite an elaborate program is being prepared for the occasion, including a number of addresses. Plans are also being made to take care of the visitors who always attend the affair.

POTATOES HIGH

Potatoes were declared to have reached the highest price for this time of the year the Chicago marketers have ever known. Wholesale merchants are now paying from \$5.50 to \$5.75 per hundred pounds for the remainder of the fall crop.

DEMOCRATS COME TO THE FRONT WITH FULL TICKET

Umatilla county democrats will be in the field with a full ticket at the coming primary election, for the first time in many years. Heretofore the democrats have had vacant places on their ticket, and especially has this been so in the legislative column.

But this year it's different. The unwashed and untrifled are coming up with a bang, seasoned with all sorts of enthusiasm.

Uncle Henry Taylor, who at first thought he wouldn't make the race for joint senator, changed his mind to succeed himself, and is in the race to win.

J. N. Scott is an avowed democratic candidate for joint representative and E. C. Prestbye, Athena lawyer has announced his candidacy for senator from Umatilla county.

James S. Johns of Pendleton, and C. L. McFadden of Athena, have announced their candidacy on the democratic legislative ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election. Mr. Johns is a well known business man of Pendleton, and Mr. McFadden is the proprietor of the drug store here. He served overseas in the world war, has been commander of the local Legion Post, and a member of the Athena city council.

Mr. Prestbye's entrance makes a complete democratic legislative ticket.

And listen. E. C. McCook, a Pendleton democrat, adds fuel under the boiling pot with the announcement of his candidacy for the office of County Judge. Opposing Mr. McCook in the democratic primaries, is another Jeffersonian, T. G. Smith, of Echo. So there you have a whiff of some really old-time democratic campaign spirit.

Bert E. Haney, former member of the United States shipping board, is a candidate for the democratic senatorial nomination. He unexpectedly announced his intention of entering the race for the senatorship at the conclusion of his address Tuesday night before a group of prominent democrats gathered for the Jefferson day banquet, at Portland.

AT PROMOTORY, UTAH

Writing from Promotory, Utah Ray Logan greets his Athena friends with his usual hello. Ray is foreman of a Western Union construction crew. He is engaged in reconstructing the telegraph line along the shore of Salt Lake. Where he is camped, the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads were connected on May 10, 1868, and near there Central Pacific forces laid ten miles of track in one day.

HERMAN ILL

Binger Herman, ex-congressman from Oregon, and former commissioner of the United States general land office, is critically ill at Mercy hospital in Roseburg. Mr. Herman is 83 years of age.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY "THE THREE LIVE GHOSTS"

"Three Live Ghosts" a comedy in three acts was the vehicle chosen by the Athena High school dramatic department Tuesday night at the auditorium.

Credit is due Miss Eva Randall director, who made the selection of both the play and the cast. The comedy lives up to its name and the audience was in a roar the entire evening.

The characters were all well taken. Miss Juanita Woodruff as Mrs. Gubbins, the cockney English mother of one of the "ghosts" was perfect in her part. Miss Woodruff is well known to Athena audiences and lived up to her former brilliant performances.

Miss Belle Anderson, who has played the lead in several high school plays appeared to advantage as Peggy Woofers, while Miss Rose-namie Read as the attractive Rose Gordon was ideal in her part. Miss Lois McIntyre was a charming English lady and Spoofo found no difficulty in making love to her.

The three live ghosts, characterized by Ray Dudley, Melvin Coppock and Granville Cannon were a particularly happy selection. Ray Dudley as Jimmie Gubbins asserted his masterful tendencies and saved several critical crises by his "treat 'em rough" style.

Granville Cannon carried his part well, while Melvin Coppock as the poor shell-shocked "Spoofo" was a scream.

Detectives who lived up to their requisites were efficiently played by Fred Radtke, William Coppock and Clifford Wood.

The play in the opinion of the severest critics, is said to have been the best ever presented by a high school class here and far above the average amateur presentations.

The auditorium was packed with an appreciative audience, a large number being out of town people. Between acts a style show was presented by a group of girls including Helen Hodgen, Roma Charlton, Genevieve Rogers, Genevieve Baker, Kathryn McIntyre and Dorothy Lee, while Edna DePreece and Lois Johnson furnished appropriate music. The gowns displayed were furnished by Pilcher and company of Pendleton and were most attractive.

An exhibition of the Charleston was made by Edwin McEwen and proved very popular with the audience as he received a hearty encore. Phyllis Hodgen accompanied him at the piano.

EX-MAYOR IN FIELD

J. S. Norvell, well-known merchant of Helix, announced that he has entered the field for the republican nomination for representative from Umatilla county. Mr. Norvell is a former mayor of the city of Helix.

WORTHLESS CHECKS

Three youths are being held for passing worthless checks on Milton Freewater and Walla Walla merchants. They were apprehended at Pomeroy, Washington.

WINTER WHEAT PROSPECT IS FOUND TO BE GOOD

The present high condition of winter wheat with practically no winter killing of the acreage last fall indicates the probability of a very excellent wheat crop for the Oregon 1926 harvest, says F. L. Kent of the United States department of agriculture.

March weather was favorable to the growth of all fall seeded crops and pasture, as well as permitting considerable spring seeding, says the Oregonian. March rainfall was less than 20 per cent of the normal precipitation for the month. There was little frost and much sunshine, with the result that the spring season is variously estimated to be from two to four weeks earlier than normal. Rain was reported to be needed in some sections, but rain and snow early in April relieved the situation over a large part of the state.

Due to dry weather last fall, much of the winter wheat was seeded late in the season and went into the winter in rather poor shape. However, with good moisture and very little freezing weather all over the Oregon wheat growing areas, the crop made a good showing during the winter and is now close to average condition for this time of the year with the growth considerably ahead of an average season. While a close check has not yet been made on winter killing, it is known to be very light, as there was no severe cold weather anywhere in the state's wheat growing regions and no excessive moisture to "drown out" fall seeded grain in the western part of the state.

Condition of the Oregon winter wheat crop on April 1, 1926, was estimated at 96 per cent, compared with 55 per cent on the acreage remaining after the severe winter kill of a year ago, and the ten-year average condition of 87 per cent.

The United States winter wheat condition on April 1 was estimated at 84.1 per cent, compared with 68.7 per cent reported a year ago and the ten year average April 1 condition of 79.2 per cent.

Four private crop reporting agencies estimated the April 1 condition of winter wheat at 87.6 per cent, 85.4 per cent, 85 per cent and 87.1 per cent respectively. These same estimators placed the probable production for the United States based on April 1 condition at 540,000,000 to 589,000,000 bushels, compared with the final estimate for 1925 of 398,000,000 bushels.

AT CONVENTION

Manager Charles Dudley of the local J. C. Penney company store, left yesterday to attend the spring regional buying convention of managers of the organization which will convene at Portland, today. Daily sessions will be held for ten days. Resident managers of over one hundred stores from this and adjoining states will be in attendance. The first two days will be devoted to formal discussions by executives and managers of the company's affairs and a banquet will be held tomorrow evening at the Hotel Multnomah. Then will follow eight days of buying goods for the fall and holiday trade.

GRAIN MOVEMENT SLOW

Over a million bushels of wheat produced in Walla Walla county during 1925, approximately 25 per cent of the season's crop, still remains to be marketed, according to grain dealers. This fact, together with another upon which all are agreed that very little grain is being marketed at the present time, was revealed, relative to the present status of the local market.

BEST FOR SENATOR

Dr. J. A. Best of Pendleton, is opposing L. L. Mann for state senator, in the republican primaries. Dr. Best formerly resided at Weston, but has been a resident of Pendleton for 23 years. He has served Pendleton as mayor and was in the medical corps during the world war, six months service in France.

WON THE PRIZES

Holders of the lucky tickets, drawing the prizes at Steve's Grocery Saturday night, were: First prize, 58 assortment canned goods, Floyd Pinkerton, ticket No. 012947; second prize, set of dishes, Art Douglas, ticket No. 014544; third prize, 25 lb sack sugar and 50 lb sack White Diamond flour, William Pinkerton, ticket No. 11607.

WETS END DRIVE ON VOLSTEAD ACT

Canadian ex-Officials Tell of Improved Status Under Restricted License.

Washington, D. C.—The first week's drive against the Volstead act before a senate committee was wound up by the wets with the testimony of Canadian ex-officials as to improved conditions in provinces which have turned away from prohibition, and with further demand of labor leaders for legalized beer.

Sir William Stavert of Montreal, ex-member of the Quebec liquor commission, declared that province had "banished the bootlegger" by returning to restricted license and had increased temperance.

Describing conditions in Manitoba, since prohibition was voted out, Francis William Russell, president of the Moderation league of that province, said there was an increasing purchase of beer and wine and a falling off in hard liquor consumption and that conditions as to temperance had improved.

Demands for legalized beer were presented to the committee by Mathew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and John Sullivan, president of the New York State Federation of Labor.

Modification of the Volstead act would be a good thing for prohibition enforcement, District Attorney Emery Buckner of New York told the senate prohibition investigating committee.

Interrupting the presentation of the case of the wets, a corps of 65 delegates from civic, temperance and other women's organizations passed before the senate prohibition committee Monday urging enforcement of the Volstead act and opposing any modification of the national dry laws.

"We represent the homes, the church and the school," was the slogan contained in the testimony of the first witness, Mrs. Henry M. Peabody of Beverly, Mass., chairman of the Woman's National Conference for Law Enforcement, which is meeting here. "We stand for enforcement and no modification. We have a strong feeling that the women ought to be represented by the men who hold our views."

ASK ALASKAN RULE CHANGE

Secretaries Work, Jardine and Hoover Urge Reforms in North.

Washington, D. C.—Complete reorganization of federal government activities in Alaska was recommended by Secretaries Work, Jardine and Hoover in joint letters to the chairman of the house and senate territories committees.

They submitted a bill which would place all Alaskan activities of the departments of agriculture, interior and commerce under a single administrative head in each case. A federal constabulary for Alaska was suggested and the secretary of the interior would be directed to inquire into its feasibility. The constabulary would take over the enforcement of all federal laws in Alaska.

Two Enter Lists for Gooding Rega.

Boise, Idaho.—The formal announcement of Attorney-General Conner that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator against Senator Gooding gives to the senatorial situation a three-cornered effect because Joseph H. Peterson of Pocatello, ex-attorney-general, has made it known that he could not refuse the toga. Both Conner and Peterson indicate that they stand with Senator Borah on the world court issue.

Miami, Fla.—A daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan will seek a seat in the national house of representatives, where once her father served. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen announced that she would seek the democratic nomination for the Fourth Florida district at the primary on June 8.

Oil Law Peace With Mexico Near.

Washington, D. C.—Distinct progress toward removal of foreseen probable causes of friction between Mexico and the United States over application of Mexico's new petroleum and anti-alien land laws to American nationals is disclosed in the voluminous correspondence between the two governments on the subject during the last five months, made public by mutual agreement.

Home Traffic Signals

The illustration shows a street scene with a traffic signal pole. A sign on the pole says "STOP". A person is walking towards a door. Another sign says "CLEAN". The scene is set in a residential area with a sidewalk and a street.