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FEDERAL DRY FORCE MAY BE ENLARGED

State, County and Municipal Officers May Get Federal Authority.

Washington, D. C.—An order by President Coolidge authorizing the appointment of state, county and municipal police as federal prohibition officers aroused immediate and bitter opposition in the senate.

Its constitutionality was attacked by both republican and democratic senators.

Application of the executive order will be confined at present to California, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews announced.

Applying the order to the whole country has not been considered as yet and whether it will be extended eastward will be determined by the California test, the dry czar said.

The appointment of dry agents holding state, county and municipal positions would be confined probably to rural districts when the program is extended, he said. There is no intention on the part of Andrews to appoint entire police forces in large cities as dry sleuths.

Andrews said the order was legal and constitutional. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables in the states have been eligible to hold assistant United States marshal jobs since 1873, he said, explaining that authority for a state officer to hold a federal commission was not a new deal at all.

ACCUSED RUM RING MEMBERS DISAPPEAR

Seattle.—More than 120 out of 200 persons indicted in a group of prohibition cases here have fled, it was reported as the result of an investigation of a federal grand jury leak. They were accused in 26 indictments with ramifications in the United States navy, Canada and several eastern states, as well as involving the coast guard, state and city peace officers, according to current reports.

Statements of federal officials that many of the persons indicted had learned they were accused and had left the United States before the jury had completed its work, gave substance to a reported leak.

Included among those arrested are three commanders of United States coast guard vessels; a county sheriff and several deputies; Roy Olmstead, convicted leader of Pacific northwest rum runners; a Seattle police captain, the head of the police dry squad, and a civil service employe who had charge of issuing government alcohol permits.

WAGER STARTLES TEXAS

Ma Ferguson Bets Governor's Office On Primary Vote

Dallas, Tex.—Texas politics is agog over developments in the gubernatorial campaign, climaxed by a unique challenge thrown out by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to one of her opponents in the race, and the other's acceptance.

In her opening campaign speech at Sulphur Springs, the woman governor declared that "if Mr. Moody leads me one vote in the primary, I will immediately resign without waiting until next year, if he will agree that if I lead him 25,000 votes in the primary on July 24, he will immediately resign." Hardly had the newspapers disseminated Governor Ferguson's challenge before Attorney-General Moody countered with an acceptance in an address at San Antonio.

Abd-el-Krim Flees as Targuist Falls Fez, Morocco.—Targuist, Abd-el-Krim's capital, and all the adjacent territory, was occupied by the French without a struggle. Krim, foreseeing the wholesale defection of his tribes in the region as they began negotiating with the French command, fled to the northwestward with his family and such belongings as he could transport and his exact whereabouts is not known.

Oregon Man Wins at Oratorical Meet

Moscow, Idaho.—Ralph Bailey of the University of Oregon won the annual northwest oratorical contest here. His subject was "Heroes in the Battle of Life." The other contestants were Lawrence Seltzer of the University of Washington and Don Carey Smith of the University of Idaho. The winner received the \$100 prize.

CARBON-BISULPHIDE KILLS MORNING GLORY GROWTH

The use of Carbon-Bisulphide, introduced last year in the Athena wheat district by F. S. LeGrow of the First National Bank, and tried out successfully on the Richard Thompson and Sam Pambrun farms in the eradication of wild morning glory growth, is to be used more extensively this year.

A carload of Carbon-Bisulphide will be received in the near future, reports county agent Fred Bennion, the First National Bank of Athena cooperating with the farmers.

In checking up the results obtained by the use of the liquid on the Thompson and Pambrun farms, the county agent found that soil fertility has not been destroyed in the least, as in the case where the salting method is used, but to the contrary, on the Thompson place where the new treatment was used, grain is so heavy this year that it is actually falling down.

Mr. Bennion reports that on the Pambrun place last year more of the ground was treated by this method than any other place and according to Mr. Pambrun, figuring the cost of labor, which is the big item in this method, at \$3 a day the cost of eradication is less than half as compared with the salt method.

In addition to this cost where salt is applied the land ceases to become productive for a period of 15 to 20 years.

In order to make the holes for the use of carbon bisulphide the right distance apart and cover all affected ground the holes are driven in with an iron stake 18 inches deep and from two to three feet apart depending on the character of the soil. In a dry light soil the holes need not be so close together as where the soil is heavier.

On the Thompson and Pambrun places the holes were placed two feet apart. Four ounces of carbon-bisulphide in liquid form is placed in each hole and the hole covered up. The carbon-bisulphide forms a gas and works through the soil killing all life within a distance of one and a half feet.

Other methods are being tried out in a number of cases of getting rid of the pest which has become a serious menace to farmers. There is no question but what clean cultivation is the most practical method in these instances. Sims Dickenson of Athena, S. R. Thompson of Pendleton, Will Steen of Milton and others have used this method successfully. L. L. Rogers, it is reported is making good progress using sodium-arsenite spray. A. Sorrey of Helix and Arnold Wood of Athena are trying sunflowers as a smother crop.

WALLA WALLA PIONEER PASSES AT 94 YEARS

Centrel Randolph Frazier, 94, died about noon Monday at his home in Walla Walla. Mr. Frazier was a pioneer of the west, coming to California in 1853 and to the Walla Walla valley in 1864.

He was widely noted for the interest he had taken in raising of fruit and nut trees.

Practically all the walnut, hickory, butternut and other hardwood trees in the Walla Walla valley had their source in the Frazier planting, for he had been engaged in the work since 1865.

W. C. T. U. RECEPTION

The ladies of the local W. C. T. U. were very pleasing hostesses last Thursday, when they entertained in the Christian church reception room. Mrs. Cowan president, introduced Mrs. A. F. May, of Pendleton, who gave a short talk. A program consisting of music and readings included solos by Mrs. Otha Reeder and Mrs. D. T. Stone, reading by Betty Eager and pantomime by Margaret Lee and drill by a group of girls, led in patriotic songs by Mrs. Halph Haynie of Bend. Mrs. Stone was accompanied by Mrs. O. O. Stephens, while Mrs. Reeder was her own accompanist. Later, at a prettily appointed table, Mrs. M. L. Watts served ices, and Mrs. H. H. Hill poured coffee.

WILL GROW ROSES

A lot, 80 by 150 feet has been set aside at the Veterans' hospital at Walla Walla for a flower garden to be used largely for the culture of roses. The American Legion auxiliary at Toppenish has just sent a shipment of plants valued at \$92.

THE NIGHTS ARE COLDER THAN THOSE OF LAST YEAR

The Walla Walla Union gives data which shows that the nights of this spring have been colder than those of last. The Union says:

In spite of the fact that no commercial damage was done in the the Walla Walla valley this spring by frost, the mean temperature for cold nights was lower than it was last spring when a large percentage of damage was done by frosts. The reason for this apparent discrepancy is that the cold nights came earlier spring than they did last year and the fruit was in an earlier and less-affected stage of development.

The figures are based on the nights on which the temperature somewhere in the district fell to 32 degrees or lower. Last year there were fourteen such nights while this year there were but twelve. The period in which the observations were taken by government observer H. A. Rathbone began March 23 and extended until May 24. The first cold night in this period came on March 24.

In speaking of the condition this spring Mr. Rathbone said, "Generally speaking, stations on the Washington side of the state line averaged slightly colder this year than last, while the Oregon side was considerably warmer." The key station, for which the minimum forecast was made averaged seven-tenths of a degree colder this year than last. The Washington stations averaged one degree colder and the Oregon stations one and one-half degrees warmer than last year.

Considering only the cold nights, the fourteen stations last year had a mean temperature of 31.0 degrees, while this year the fourteen stations gave a mean of 31.4 degrees, making the differences in the means four-tenths of one degree.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. W. O. Reed Wednesday afternoon. The attractive rooms were decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. The devotional services were concluded with songs. It was the day for "mite box" opening and it was found that goodly offerings had been made. The social converse was pleasantly interrupted by the appearance of refreshments, both bountiful and delicious. The refreshments were served in two courses. Those who assisted the hostess were: Mesdames W. McPherson, J. E. Fromm, Fred Gross and Miss Gladys McLeod. Twenty-one ladies were present.

NEW WATER PIPE LAID

The laying of the new eight inch water main across the flat, and connection with the pumping station, has been completed. The old pipe was found to be in bad condition, and much of the water in the city's water system was being lost at that point.

WILLIAM H. REEDER DIED WEDNESDAY AT TACOMA

W. H. Reeder, formerly a prominent wheatraiser of the Athena district, but of late years retired and residing at Tacoma, died at his home in that city, Wednesday of this week. His son, Otho Reeder in response to a summons left Athena Monday for his father's bedside. Funeral services will be held at Tacoma, probably today, and the body will be placed to rest beside that of the deceased's son Claude, who died several years ago, in the Reeder mausoleum at Tacoma.

Mr. Reeder is survived by his widow, one daughter, residing near Tacoma, and one son, O. H. Reeder of Athena.

The owner of a large tract of wheat land west of Athena, Mr. Reeder leaves property interests at and near Tacoma also, and the Reeder estate is an extensive one. He was long a member of the Christian church, and was esteemed by a large circle of friends.

An infection in one of his feet made it necessary for amputation of the leg about one year ago. Previous to that and since Mr. Reeder has been in declining health.

MRS. JOHN PIERCE DEAD FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY

Mrs. John Pierce died at the family home south of Athena, Tuesday morning, aged 45 years. Mrs. Pierce had been in declining health for the past two years, but the end came after a serious illness of a few days. Besides the husband, three sons and two daughters are left.

Mrs. Pierce was formerly Miss Mattie Lynn, and with her parents was residing in Athena when she was married to Mr. Pierce some twenty-three years ago.

The funeral was held from Miller's funeral parlor yesterday afternoon at 1:30, interment taking place in Athena cemetery.

TWO FINE PICTURES

Two especially fine pictures are runners up on the Standard Theatre program for tomorrow night and Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week. Tomorrow night Zane Grey's "The Light of Western Stars" will be shown. Sunday night Paramount presents "Not So Long Ago." Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week Sally O'Neil comes in the picture that has been lately smashing theatre attendance records everywhere, "Mike." "The Sea Beast" will be shown at the Standard Theatre Friday and Saturday evenings, June 25 and 26.

A FROSTY NIGHT

Frost visited some sections of the Athena district Monday night. Vegetation in the low places, especially potato plants were nipped to some extent. No serious damage has been reported.

CHARLOTTE GROSS BECOMES BRIDE OF CLAUD DICKENSON

A most impressive, though simple ceremony, united in marriage Miss Charlotte Gross, and Claud Dickenson at high noon Saturday.

The spacious rooms of the Fred Gross home on Fifth street were attractively adorned with vari-colored spring flowers.

The bride, who was unattended was charming in a quaint taffeta frock in tones of gold and blue with full skirt, embellished with lace and bows-knots of velvet ribbon. She wore a corsage of sweet peas and rosebuds.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Fenn of Weston and the guests included the immediate families of the participants.

A luncheon was served immediately after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson spent the week end in Walla Walla returning here to reside in the Gross home, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gross having moved to the farm. The young couple is well known here having lived in this community from childhood, and are held in high esteem by their many friends.

HAUGEN BILL DEFEATED IN THE LOWER HOUSE

Farm relief legislation received a setback in the house Friday with the defeat, 212 to 167, of the Haugen price stabilization bill.

This action cleared the calendar of all farm proposals, as the two other bills, the Tinscher credit plan and the Curtis-Aswell commodity marketing measure, were withdrawn by their authors.

After the adverse vote on the Haugen bill, Representative Tilson, the republican leader, announced that the next move was up to the agriculture committee.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Following are the three-month loan books received by the Athena branch library from the county library: Aldrich—Mother Mason. Alexander—Fang of the Forest. Ames—Lone Hand. Benefield—Chicken-Wagon Family. Bojer—Pilgrimage. Boyd—Samuel Drummond. Chapman—John Crewe. Dawson—Old Youth. Ertz—Afternoon. Fedden—Peacock's Tail. Grayson—Adventures in Understanding. Harrison—Andrew Bride of Paris. Oskinson—Wild Harvest.

AT THE PICNIC

Athena will be represented at the Pioneer picnic at Weston June fifth, when Ralph McEwen Jr. will give a reading "Fa Cranks the Ford" and Edwin McEwen will give an exhibition of the Charleston. The Etude club will furnish a trio "There Little Girl, Don't Cry" by Mrs. David Stone, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton and Mrs. Ralph McEwen. Mrs. Stone and Mrs. McEwen will sing duets, "Where My Caravan Has Rested" and "Gray Days" and Mrs. Stone will sing a solo.

THE OREGON ROAD FUND NOW TOTALS \$1,067,077

A Washington special to the Morning Oregonian says that Oregon will receive a larger share of the \$7,500,000 fund appropriated by congress for road construction in national forests during the fiscal year 1927 than any other state except Idaho, the United States forestry service has announced.

The Oregon allotment is \$1,097,077 of the whole sum, of which \$580,591 is to be devoted to highways and \$516,486 to road development. The corresponding apportionments to Idaho are \$510,637 and \$631,776, respectively, or \$1,142,413 in all.

The portions usable for the highways are to be spent on roads of primary importance to the states, while the amounts for road development go to construction of roads or trails of primary importance for the protection and utilization of the forests themselves.

California is to receive \$1,089,385, including \$681,222 for highways and \$408,164 for road development, while Washington's share is \$577,170, divided into \$326,755 for highways and \$250,415 for roads and trails. Of the whole \$7,500,000 \$1,275,000 is actually appropriated, the remainder being authorized for appropriation.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS IN EAST END OF COUNTY

A series of three automobile accidents in the east end of the county last week, resulted in the death of one, and injury to three others. A car driven by Henry Anderson, got beyond control when the brakes failed to work on the grade south of Milton, and went into the ditch. Mr. Anderson died as the result of injuries received and Mrs. Anderson was severely bruised.

A car went over the embankment near the George Winn place on Dry Creek, seriously injuring the driver, Norman McEwen and Miss Bethel Miller, of Milton.

D. F. Crane was hit by an inter-urban car at Milton. He suffered a severe scalp wound, bruises and shock. His car was badly wrecked. Cars driven by W. S. Munsell and Miss Elsie Kimbrell of Milton, collided and their machines were damaged.

MRS. LANNER HONORED

Centered with roses, a daintily appointed luncheon table surrounded with a group of friends of Mrs. Mollie Danner, Wednesday, at one o'clock, at the home of Mrs. M. M. Johns, in honor of Mrs. Danner's birthday. The guests comprised the members of Loyal Berean class of the Christian Sunday school, and a few invited from other towns. They were: Mrs. A. M. Johnson, Mrs. E. A. Dudley, Mrs. Charles Dudley, Mrs. Mollie Danner, Mrs. William Booher, Mrs. Jane Harden, Mrs. James Potts, Mrs. George R. Gerking, Mrs. William Pinkerton, Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton of Milton, Mrs. Nellie Taylor and Mrs. M. L. Leeper of Pendleton, Mrs. Barbara Willaby, Mrs. Minnie Willaby, Mrs. D. H. Sanders, Mrs. Mina Kirkland, Mrs. F. B. Boyd, Mrs. Minnie DePeatt, Mrs. Jerry Stone and Mrs. Johnston. Mrs. Stone, whose birthday occurred the day previous, was also honored. Assisting the hostess in serving, were Mrs. Fred Kershaw and Mrs. Flint Johns, and in the cooking of the delicious viands, she was assisted by Mrs. Minnie DePeatt and Mrs. E. A. Dudley. A handsome shopping bag was presented to Mrs. Danner by the class.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Eager Tuesday, Miss Betty Eager was hostess at a birthday party, it being her 12th anniversary. Twelve of her friends were present and games and fun were enjoyed by those present. A delicious cake on which were candles numbering her age, was served with ice cream. The honoree received many attractive gifts. Those present were, Marjorie Douglas, Marjorie Montague, Lucile Barrett, Goldie Miller, Arlene Myrick, Leland Jenkins, Howard Reeder, George Pitman, Roland Wilson, Emory Rogers and Robert Lee.

Wayne Banister who was hurt when his wheel on which he was riding struck a car, a couple of weeks ago, is reported to be improving rapidly.

FARM AID FRIENDS TURN TO SENATE

Westerners Will Keep Up Their Efforts to Help Agriculture.

Washington, D. C.—Friends of the farm relief legislation have turned their eyes toward the senate as offering the chief hope for salvage of any of the wreckage wrought in the house by defeat of the Haugen price stabilization measure.

Western senators said the house action would not deter their efforts for a farm relief bill at this session, and that steps would be taken to bring some order out of the present legislative chaos.

House administration leaders were of the opinion that the defeat of the Haugen bill, 212 to 167, and the defeat two years ago of the McNary-Haugen bill, 224 to 154, placed the house on record as once and for all definitely disapproving of such legislation. They asserted both bills were similar in principle and that the house had demonstrated conclusively it would not pass any measure embodying an equalization fee to be levied on basic farm commodities.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott of the eastern Oregon district voted in favor of the bill.

Representative M. E. Crumpacker of the Portland district and W. C. Hawley, whose district comprises the Willamette valley and coast counties, voted against the bill. The Washington delegation gave only one vote to kill the bill, this being cast by Representative Albert Johnson. The other four, Miller, Hadley, Summers and Hill, supported the measure.

Idaho's two members, French and Smith, stood together in favoring the bill, so the three northwest states as a whole gave seven votes for it and three against.

INSURGENTS SUPPORT CAMPAIGN INQUIRY

Washington, D. C.—In a revival of their old alliance, the belligerent insurgent bloc of the senate joined hands with the democratic minority to prosecute a searching investigation of "slush fund" expenditures in every senatorial primary this summer, and all general elections next fall.

The beginning of the investigation, which at the outset probably will deal with expenditures in the Pennsylvania and Illinois republican primaries, will be deferred until after the adjournment of congress, perhaps a month from now. The work will be carried through the summer and the fall until the November elections.

Senator Charles L. McNary, republican of Oregon, was appointed to the senate's "slush fund" investigating committee by Vice President Dawes to succeed Senator Fernald, republican of Maine, who resigned. Fernald was the fourth senator to decline service on the committee.

APPLE GROWERS AROUSED

Activities of Agricultural Department Said to Prevent Sales.

Washington, D. C.—Apple growers in the northwest have complained to the department of agriculture that the activities of the department in preventing sale of apples alleged to contain an injurious amount of arsenical spray residues was damaging the market for their crop, of which a large surplus remains unsold.

New York and Washington dealers receiving shipments of apples from the northwest recently were notified by the department that there was too much arsenic on the fruit and that unless it was wiped clean its sale would not be permitted.

Washington, D. C.—Associate Justice McCoy refused the injunction asked for by the Puget Sound-Oriental line against the United States shipping board in connection with the sale of ships to the Dollar interests. The effect of the injunction would have been to hold up the sale of the liners to the Dollar interests.

Coolidge Opens Tacoma Power Plant

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge Monday pressed a button in the White House which set into motion the new power plant at Lake Cushman, Wash.

Memorial Day

