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## BROOKHART WINS IOWA NOMINATION

### Defeats Senator Cummins by Big Plurality for Iowa Senate Seat.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Iowa republicans want Colonel Smith W. Brookhart in the United States senate, and since he cannot sit in the seat for which they nominated him in 1924, he is to succeed as the party's nominee, Albert Baird Cummins, senate veteran of 18 years' service.

By a vote close to a majority over all four of his opponents, Brookhart was returned to preferment by his party a scant two months after his deposition from the senate in favor of Dan F. Steck, democrat, who contested his election in 1924.

Rising for the third time as the emissary of the party which both in Iowa and in the arena of his senate activities has disavowed him, Brookhart's looming figure cast across the capitol a shadowed symbol of displeasure in Iowa at congressional dalliance with farm relief, of reinforcement for the senate insurgent group of which he became, in less than four years, a vociferous and valued member.

Read out of his party in 1924 by the state central committee of Iowa and in 1925 by the Republican senate caucus, assailed by his colleagues after his denunciation in the 1924 campaign of Charles G. Dawes as the party's vice presidential nominee and his support of La Follette for the presidency, Brookhart won by a vote approximating the extreme claims of his adherents.

## PANAMA CANAL IS PAYING NICE PROFIT

Washington, D. C.—With another good year's record in sight, the Panama canal apparently has reached a basis that will yield Uncle Sam's treasury \$15,000,000 or more each year.

The steady growth of traffic through the big ditch joining the Atlantic and Pacific leads canal zone officials to declare that in time the canal not only will pay for itself but will rank as one of the best investments of the government.

The business of the canal has increased six-fold since the first fiscal year which ended June 30, 1915, the net tonnage passing through the canal rising from 3,792,572 to 22,855,151 tons. Intercoastal shipping now constitutes almost half the entire business.

American shipping has gradually gained ascendancy in transportation through the canal.

## MYERS SUCCEEDS HANEY

Washington, D. C.—Jefferson Myers of Oregon was nominated by President Coolidge to be a member of the shipping board.

Myers, a democrat, is a resident of Portland and a former state treasurer of Oregon.

He was presented to the president by Senator McNary, republican, of Oregon, to succeed Bert E. Haney, democrat, who resigned recently.

Myers, a former state treasurer and former state senator of Oregon, is a democrat. He was accompanied to the White House also by O. L. Price of Portland and Phil Metschan, chairman of the Oregon republican state committee. It was indicated also that he had heavy democratic support from his state.

## Idaho Will Use 80,000 Car Plates.

Boise, Ida.—Eighty thousand motor vehicle license plates for 1927 will be purchased from the state penitentiary of Washington at Walla Walla, it was announced by Commissioner F. A. Jeter of the department of law enforcement.

## Federal Buildings to Cost \$165,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—Sixty federal buildings will be started throughout the country this year under the authorization in the public buildings bill just passed by congress, the federal building commission of the treasury and postoffice departments announced. The measure provided \$115,000,000 for construction work outside Washington, and \$50,000,000 for buildings in the district.

## RURAL MAIL CARRIERS ARE TO MAKE SWINE SURVEYS

The pig surveys made semi-annually the past four years through the cooperation of the Post Office Department with the Department of Agriculture have been of such inestimable value to intelligent farmers in planning future production and in marketing current supplies that it is desired to make another survey as of June 1, 1926.

To the earnest efforts of the postmasters and rural carriers much of the credit is due for the accuracy of the reports and high percentage of returns secured, the accuracy of the results being borne out by check upon subsequent receipts at various markets.

Postmaster Barrett has been informed that the Department is very anxious to lend its support again in making this new survey, which is of so much benefit to rural people. In addition to questions on swine production, inquiries are included relating to sheep production.

From the tabulations of these returns from sheep producers, it will be possible to determine the size of the lamb crop raised in each state and the United States. Since sheep production is increasing in most areas, it is highly desirable that producers have such information as a basis for planning their current marketings and future breeding activities.

Questionnaire cards to be used in this survey are now at the local post office.

## HOME DYNAMITED

Percy Cane, ex-husband of Mrs. Helen Cane, was held for investigation following the explosion at Cottage Grove of a huge charge of dynamite or powder that wrecked the home of A. W. Milne and caused the injury of Mrs. Milne and her daughter, Mrs. Cane. Search started immediately for Cane, who appeared in the morning and surrendered himself to the police, although he stoutly denied any knowledge of the explosion. Cane was questioned by police and was then removed to Hillsboro by the sheriff.

## HERMISTON GETS WATER

A settlement has been made by the Hermiston irrigation district and the federal government under which settlers on the project will not have to pay their delinquent 1923 water charges at this time. Irrigation water, which was shut off from settlers has been turned on again. The basis of settlement is that the settlers either take the project over on July 1 and operate it, or else pay the expense of operating for the remainder of the year.

## FROM CAYUSES TO FERRY

Bill Switzler, who used to range hundreds of horses in the Horse Heaven country, north of Umatilla, has harkened to the call of the flivver, and purchased a \$15,000 ferry, which he is operating between Umatilla and the Washington side of the Columbia. Bill's tub accommodates 14 cars at one time, and it is said that he is carrying them over in clusters, and letting the cayuse take care of itself.

## FAMILY REUNION

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crabill Sunday May 30 a surprise reunion was held. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sid Crabill, Helix; Mr. and Mrs. Olin McFeron and children, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Hara and son, Weston; Robert Sleeman, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McFeron and children, Portland; Miss Rachael Barnes and Bud Crabill Pendleton; Mrs. Janet Sleeman and John Hoyer Athens.

## BALL KILLS BOY

Sabin Rich, pitching for the post-office team in the twilight league at Walla Walla threw a curve ball which hit 19-year-old Robert Summers, playing on the Jensen team, in the head. The boy died as the result of a fractured skull. Rich has been coach at Walla Walla high school, and has refereed basket ball games in Athens.

## BAPTIST PARSONAGE

Members of the Baptist church of Athens have purchased the M. L. Watts home on the corner of Third and Jefferson streets and will use the property as a parsonage taking possession some time this summer. Mr. Watts will build a modern bungalow on his property at Fourth and Jefferson streets.

## OREGON LAND SETTLEMENT BECKONS TO EASTERNERS

One hundred twenty-nine new settlers were reported to the Land Settlement Department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, cooperating with the State Chamber, during the period from February 1 to May 31. These new residents are valuable economic units in the state for they have invested over \$375,000.

During the month of May the Portland office received signed statements from 102 families who declared their intention of coming to Oregon bringing an investment of no less than \$240,000. Thirty-one others indicated in their letters their expectation to come to this state.

The department operations continue active in correspondence with new inquirers as well as with those who have extended their exchange of letters over a year or more.

## PHOTOPLAY PROGRAM

The Standard opens its week's photoplay program tomorrow night by presenting Colleen Moore in "The Desert Flower," a sparkling western picture, with a supporting cast of well known players. Sunday night Bebe Daniels comes in one of her best pictures of the year, "Wild, Wild Susan." Wednesday night, William Fox's "The Dixie Merchant," is the topline on the program.

## OSCAR EDWARDS ILL

Oscar Edwards, brother of Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Athena, is critically ill in a Portland hospital with heart trouble, and but slight hope is held for his recovery. Mrs. Thompson is at the bedside of her brother. Mr. Edwards is a prominent Odd Fellow, a member of the Heppner lodge, and has been a frequent visitor here.

## INCORPORATED FOR \$75,000

The Western Dehydrating company, which has taken over the dehydrating plant at Milton, established last year by the Milton fruit growers co-operative union, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$75,000. Incorporators of the company are Andrew Koerner, Clarence Young and George L. Buland.

## THE ATHENIAN

The Athenian, Athena high school paper for 1926, is off the press. It comprises twenty-three pages of illustrations and interesting reading matter, covering class activities, athletic events, and matters of general school interest.

## BOYS TO PICNIC

Approximately 250 boys, between the ages of 10 and 16 years will attend the annual Pendleton Rotary club boys' picnic to be held at Bingham springs Tuesday, June 15. Forty cars have been called for.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Sunday scores in the Blue Mountain league were, Pendleton 11, Indians 0; Walla Walla 18, Pasco 0.

## ATHENA-WESTON SECTION ONLY AT NORMAL STAGE

Inland Empire crop reports would indicate that only the Athena-Weston section and the foothill lands of Walla Walla and Whitman counties are giving prospects of normal wheat production, and unless rain and cooler weather comes to the acreage in the light soil districts, crop damage will be general from continued drought.

On the heavy lands, such as the Umatilla reservation, Helix, Adams and the Athena country, the crop will be normal with from 40 to 60 bushels an acre harvested. Lack of rain last fall did much to cut down the light land prospects, growers declare. Lack of rain kept fall-planted wheat from germinating and allowed weeds to get a start over wheat, which resulted in grain being hampered in growth when it did start.

A special review of crop conditions as wired out of Spokane the fore part of the week, comparing conditions with a month ago for the Inland Empire, are a little less promising, although one good rain in the next two weeks would pull the yield up to the average.

All north Idaho, especially Camas prairie will have its average crop of winter wheat. Conditions surrounding north Idaho spring wheat are still problematical, but heat has not hurt the grain there or in eastern Washington as yet. In nearly all regions heat will not materially affect winter wheat. Eastern Washington prospects are given below:

In the Marlin region wheat farms are better, due to rain two weeks ago, and prospects are good. Last year the Ephrata region averaged ten bushels an acre.

The wheat crop in Franklin county promises to be about the same as in 1925. Late sown spring wheat in some sections will not be cut at all.

Due to several hard frosts in the last ten days, prospects for a good crop in Lincoln county are not favorable. Farmers estimate that the spring wheat yield was reduced from a fourth to a third by frost. Rain within a few days would help the grain.

Farmers are not enthusiastic over the wheat outlook in Douglas county. Snow last winter was light. Less than an inch of rain has fallen in three months.

Winter wheat is heading out and hard winds the last ten days have done damage to the growing crop. Summer fallow has blown and the sand drifted onto fields of grain. The winds sapped much of the moisture from the ground. A good rain must come in two weeks to assure a moderate crop.

Crop conditions in the Ritzville territory are much better than at this time last year. Cool weather the last few days has been beneficial. Rain, however, is needed badly. The straw is short and winter wheat is headed and spring wheat is in the boot. Estimate by grain dealers is that

## Your Sheep Deserve Attention



Flock of sheep give two crops each year—lambs and wool.

As time goes on, progressive farmers are placing a higher valuation on the variety of sheep they raise and the care they are given. It is generally realized that a sheep raiser secures two crops per year—the lambs and the wool. All indications point to a well sustained price for lambs and mutton due to the fact that consumption has at last overtaken production and prices being paid for wool, mutton and lambs are, even now, most inviting.

Compared with other live stock, sheep raising provides a profitable source of cash income. Early lambs can be made ready for market by June and when the wool is harvested and sold in June and July, this revenue is received at a season when most needed by the average farmer. There are many instances where farm flocks of sheep have kept farmers out of debt. In one instance, 50 ewes produced 65 lambs which when marketed averaged 66 pounds at 15c per pound or a total of \$68.37. The wool clipped from the 50 ewes averaged a price

over seven pounds per head and brought well over a \$100.00 or a total of almost \$300.00 from the flock of only 50 ewes.

Such a harvest, however, is not possible without a return by the owner. He must lay the foundation by securing a desirable ram and must have good basic value in the breed of sheep he is raising.

While there are more than 40,000,000 sheep in the United States, only 453,504 of these are pure bred. Annually the number of pure bred sheep increase in proportion to the total number of sheep, which is a favorable indication for a continuance of quality for years to come. The sheep owner realizes that only on quality may he build a permanently profitable business in sheep raising.

A close study of breeds most suitable to existing conditions and most advanced methods of feeding and care, always carries with it a large dividend in results obtained. Your sheep deserve good attention.

ing due to the prevalence of weeds in the field. A normal crop for this country is about 5,000,000 bushels. Prospects are a little better than they were a month ago, because the growing conditions have been favorable, cool weather giving wheat a chance to develop in spite of the shortage of rainfall.

Recent frosts have done considerable damage to wheat and alfalfa in Baker county, according to Paul Carpenter, agricultural agent. Due to the wide variation in altitude and exposure, the injury ranges from very light to reduction of wheat yield prospects by 50 per cent. In the vicinity of Haines, a number of fields of wheat are being turned to fallow.

## AND THE MULES SAW HIM

Homer Watts attempted to take up the burden of driving a binder out on the Watts ranch, for a little while Monday. One of the mules looked around when he climbed to the seat, whispered something to the other mules in the team, and away they went pell-mell across the field, throwing "ish" off when the machine tipped over, stopped and took their time in crossing a ditch, the same as other mules would have done, ran again and stopped short up against a fence, when they found that Mr. Watts wasn't in that part of the field. The binder was cracked up somewhat.

## INSPECTION SERVICE

The State Grain Inspection Department, under the State Market Agent, will soon have a branch inspection station established at Pendleton for the benefit of the grain growers of central and eastern Oregon. The service will be ready about the 20th of June. With this service the wheat growers can have their samples graded in Pendleton before shipment. It is thought this experiment will work out for the advantage of the grain growers.

## MOTHER SEEKS BABY

Karine Williams has instituted suit in the Umatilla county courts seeking the return of her infant daughter from Mrs. J. T. Thorne, to whom it is alleged she gave the baby when it was seven weeks of age. Eighteen months ago, the complaint alleges, Mrs. Williams went to California and since that time has married and is now able to take care of her daughter, who was born July 29, 1923.

## LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

The sixteenth annual Pacific International Exposition will be held at Portland October 30 to November 6, inclusive. Preparations for the greatest livestock show ever held on the Pacific coast are under way.

## HADLEYS AT PORTLAND

Superintendent O. C. Hadley of the Athena schools, with his wife and young son are at Portland, where they have taken up their summer residence.

## COMMITTEE OPPOSES REFERENDUM ON RUM

### Wets in Congress Propose to Fight Enforcement of Law Hereafter.

Washington, D. C.—Short shrift was made by the senate prohibition committee of the proposals for a national referendum on the wet and dry issue and for modification of the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act.

Three of the five members of the committee, which recently held lengthy public hearings on the measures, quickly adopted a report recommending that the bills be indefinitely postponed.

A report holding that President Coolidge's executive prohibition order was of "harmless" legal import—and no more than an expression of policy—was submitted to the senate judiciary subcommittee studying the question.

The wets in congress have decided to abandon their policy of co-operating with the administration to adopt enforcement legislation, and from now on they will fight.

Since enactment of the 18th amendment, the wets have staged no serious protest against the expenditure of money or advancement of legislation to enforce the law. Their policy has been to give enforcement all possible leeway.

Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, leader of the senate wet bloc, and Bruce, democrat, Maryland, his right-hand man, announced that, in view of President Coolidge's executive order and the drastic provisions of the proposed Goff enforcement bill, the wets had decided that the time had come for resistance.

## REJECTS COMMISSION; MIDDY IS ARRESTED

Washington, D. C.—The navy appeared divided into two camps over the strange case of Earl B. Zirkle, the young Kansan, who started officials at the naval academy by refusing to accept his commission upon graduation because he "had no taste" for navy life.

Secretary of the Navy Wilbur ordered Zirkle's arrest, and he is being carried on the midsummer cruise as a midshipman against his wishes, while other members of the graduating class scattered to their homes on annual leave.

Wilbur's order was predicated on the now established policy of compelling academy graduates to serve at least two years before leaving the service, by way of compensating the government for about \$12,000 expense to send a boy through Annapolis.

Those who criticize the secretary's policy, however, pointed out that he himself is an academy graduate and retired from the service upon receiving his diploma, just as Zirkle tried to do.

## TO PROBE GASOLINE PRICE

### Senate Resolution Asks Federal Trade Commission to Investigate.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution directing the federal trade commission to investigate the increased price of gasoline and other petroleum products was adopted by the senate without a record vote.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Trammell, democrat, Florida, requires the commission to report to the senate at the next session of congress whether the increases were "arbitrarily made and unwarranted."

The commission is further directed to determine if there are any agreements between oil companies to raise or depress prices or if competition is restricted by conditions of ownership of oil properties, refineries or marketing facilities.

The resolution is effective without house concurrence or presidential approval. A majority of the commission several months ago declared an unwillingness to act on resolutions for investigation adopted by only one branch of congress, unless violations of the anti-trust act were involved.

## Mouth Disease Is Entirely Wiped Out.

Washington, D. C.—Foot and mouth disease among livestock has been completely eradicated in the United States, and, effective June 10, all domestic quarantines on foot and mouth disease will be lifted, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine announces.

## School's Out

