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## DEPARTMENT PLANS NETWORK OF AIRWAYS

### Full Freight and Passenger Service From Coast to Coast Contemplated.

Paul Smith's, N. Y. — Plans for blanketing the country with a network of commercial airways were announced by Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce during a visit with President Coolidge.

At the same time, the progress the department is making in supervising the development of commercial aviation was indicated when Mr. Coolidge approved two routes it recommends be laid down, one for a transcontinental airway from New York to the Pacific coast and the other for a southwestern service from Chicago to Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex.

In announcing the action of the president Mr. Hoover expressed the belief that within six months full passenger, express and mail service will be in operation on the transcontinental route.

At the same time he indicated that announcements would be made soon for other commercial airways, providing, in general, lines along the Atlantic coast, in the Mississippi valley, the Great Lakes region, the northwestern states and the Pacific coast, including the far northwest.

Government encouragement and assistance in the development of commercial aviation has been made possible by legislation which grew out of the investigation of the entire aviation situation by the president's air board last winter.

The immediate program contemplates the rendering of the same aid to aircraft that the government now gives to navigation and anticipates the turning over shortly of the transcontinental air mail carriage to private companies.

## UNIFORM GAS LAWS URGED UPON STATES

Salt Lake City, Utah.—States must co-operate in making uniform laws governing taxes on gasoline or, on account of the interstate features involved, there will develop conflicts making it necessary to pass this function over to the federal government.

This represents the consensus of opinion of those who attended the group conference of gas tax administrators from several Western states here.

Group conferences will follow at Atlanta August 20 and Philadelphia September 22, after which the organization will be complete for the national conference to be held probably at St. Louis in November.

Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state for Oregon, and H. E. Crockett, Utah secretary of state, were elected to be vice presidents in the national organization. Mrs. Henrietta Kniest of Jefferson City was elected executive secretary, subject to confirmation by the other groups.

Among the delegates present were James Duca, Colorado; J. W. Walker and A. H. Augstman, Montana; Colburn Russell, New Mexico; F. E. Lukins, Idaho, and F. F. McKinnon, Missouri.

### Pomerene Winner Over Woman Rival.

Columbus, Ohio. — Ohio democrats have nominated former United States Senator Atlee Pomerene to oppose Senator Frank B. Willis, republican, in the November election. Pomerene, who served 12 years in the senate defeated Judge Florence E. Allen by approximately 20,000 votes. Senator Willis was nominated by a plurality of almost 4 to 1 over his nearest opponent.

### New Ruling Hits All Rum Vessels.

Washington, D. C.—The right of the United States government to search and seize American vessels engaged in illicit trade anywhere on the high seas was upheld by the department of justice. Under an opinion by Attorney General Sargent, any vessel of American registry may be seized for violations of the prohibition and customs laws whether or not it is within the territorial waters of the United States.

### Miners Trapped 153 Hours Saved.

Salem, Ky.—Five miners, imprisoned in the Hudson zinc and spar mine for 153 hours, were rescued and brought with them a story of prayer meetings, rather than of human suffering.

## FOUR NEW RESIDENCES IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION

Athena's status as a home-building town is being appreciatively augmented at the present time. Four new residences are in the various stages of construction, and another is in prospect of building, if not this fall, work on it will begin in the spring.

The new residence built by Vic Harris at the corner of Fifth and College streets, which is to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kershaw, ready for occupancy by the first of the coming month. A new garage has also been built on the premises.

On Third street, south of Current, Dunlap & Son contractors, are pouring the concrete for the foundation and basement of the fine bungalow which is to be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hopper. This residence will comprise five rooms, full basement, and all modern conveniences, including a garage.

At the corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets excavation has been completed for the new home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Watts. When completed, this will be one of the finest homes in this part of the county. It will contain seven rooms, all on the ground floor, with full basement and will be modern in every respect. It will be built of pressed brick and stucco.

Just north of the Watts residence, at the corner of Fourth and Adams, W. S. Ferguson is rebuilding and remodeling the big house he recently purchased from Mrs. George Dickson. Excavation is being made for a basement, and material will soon be on the ground for the contractor.

## KILLING WILD MORNING GLORY WITH ACID, SUCCESS

Alex McIntyre and Venard Bell have assembled a machine for boring holes to receive bi-sulphide in the process of eradicating wild morning glory patches in their fields. They have a gasoline engine and generator which furnishes the electric current to the drill, mounted on a motor car. The outfit is rigged up like the machine used by Ralph Allen.

Ralph Allen has completed "shooting" carbon bi-sulphide into the wild morning glory patches on the Charles Williams and Walter Adams farms, south of Athena.

The Weston Leader says Allen is now employed at the Charles Price place near Weston with the device he has invented for killing wild morning glory. It consists of a small gas engine, an electric generator and a drill mounted on a car, and with this he is able to drill holes in the soil for about two feet deep at the rate of four a minute.

Carbon bi-sulphide is poured into the holes and tamped down, with the result that in due time the morning glory is exterminated. The operation is said to have brought good results on various ranches in this part of the county.

The treatment is said to cost only half as much as the salt method and to leave the ground in condition to produce a crop the following year.

## HIGHWAY GARAGE

Robert Cutler and a force of men have been engaged this week in leveling the grounds for the construction of a garage and storage house for the maintenance department of the State Highway, on its Athena property at the corner of Main and Second. A portion of the building material is now on the ground.

## NOW OPEN FOR TRAVEL

The Thornhollow grade is now ready for travel. The grade is now completed more than two thirds of the way down the grade and open to travel. The new grade road is finished to a point where it crosses the old grade road more than two thirds of the way down. All of the grade is now five per cent or less.

## INVITATIONS RECEIVED

Invitations have been received by local friends of Glen Hutton to his marriage to Miss Sylvia Gilfen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Llewellyn Gilfen of Bellingham, Washington. The wedding took place in the First Christian church in Bellingham Wednesday.

## POPULATION OF PEN

The population record at the state penitentiary was broken yesterday when the number of prisoners reached 592.

## ATHENA PIONEER PHYSICIAN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

After a lingering illness of several months, Dr. Leonard Dell, well known pioneer physician of Athena, passed away at St. Mary's hospital, at Walla Walla, August 13, at the ripe age of 88 years, three months and fourteen days.

Born in Green county, Tennessee, April 30, 1838, when a youth he became a resident of Sullivan county, Missouri where he received his education, taught school and later, practiced medicine with a high degree of success. On October 18, 1874, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Moberly, who died in this city September 22, 1913.

Dr. Dell leaves two sons, York and Henry Dell of Athena; two brothers, Seawood Dell and Frank Dell of Missouri; two nieces, the Misses Flossie and Vera Dell of Walla Walla; one nephew, Cecil Dell of Lewiston, Idaho.

For almost 59 years Dr. Dell had been a member of the Masonic order, and for many years was honored with the office of Tyler in Delphi Lodge of Athena. For over 30 years he had been a faithful member of the Christian church of Athena. Funeral services were held there Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and the deceased's Masonic brethren had charge of the services at the grave.

The doctor came to Athena (then Centerville) in 1886, his family arriving here the year following. He was graduate of McDowell Medical College of St. Louis, and retired from practice in 1900. He took active interest in civic affairs, but especially in the schools. He was of a pleasant disposition, a firm friend, especially fond of children, and his happy smile and greetings will be missed in Athena for a long, long while.

## HOOSIERS TO PICNIC

Hoosiers, former residents of Indiana now living in Umatilla county, will gather together Sunday, August 29, at the Joe Remos farm, one-and-a-half miles south of Echo, to celebrate the annual Hoosiers' picnic, says the Stanfield Standard. This year's Hoosier picnic is expected to be much larger than in former years, because its scope formerly of only local extent has been enlarged in an effort to draw all Hoosiers in the county to the celebration. Nearly 50 met together at Hermiston last year.

## DEER ENUMERATED

According to estimates of forest rangers, there are about 59,000 head of deer in the fourteen national forests of Oregon, and over 22,500 in the eight national forests of Washington; a total of approximately 81,500 for the two states.

## FUNDS FOR SHOW

Weston Leader: Of the funds available for agricultural and horticultural exhibits in Umatilla county, the county court has allotted \$300 to the annual Weston potato show.

## DEER WILL BE PLENTIFUL SAYS THE GAME WARDEN

China pheasants are unusually abundant in eastern and western Oregon and deer are plentiful in every section of the state where deer are to be found, according to E. F. Averill, state game warden, in his monthly report.

The report reads in part: "Reports from farmers and others throughout the Willamette valley indicates an abundant supply of Chinese pheasants. This is the more pleasing because many of the birds hatched during the month of May were killed by the cold rains. The otherwise long favorable breeding season has apparently overcome this serious mishap. Malheur, Baker, Union, Umatilla and Morrow Counties all report even more birds than are to be found in the Willamette valley.

"Reports from every section of the state in which deer are to be found seem to indicate bright prospects for a successful deer season. Even in eastern Oregon, where many of the sportsmen were alarmed because of the great number of bucks killed during the fall of 1925, has reported an unusually large crop of fawns.

"This is attributed by some to the mild winter and by others to the fact that the United States Bureau of Biological survey has succeeded in reducing the number of predatory animals which formerly destroyed large numbers of young fawns earlier in the season."

Averill says the three game farms at Pendleton, Corvallis and Eugene are in good condition regardless of the dry weather. A total of 2320 China pheasants were liberated during July and over 23,000 of these birds have been hatched this season.

## PEACH HARVEST IS A MONTH EARLIER IN VALLEY

The coming on of the peach harvest from two weeks to a month earlier than usual will catch many housewives unprepared if they are not watching the markets closely, says the Walla Walla Union. Peaches will be out just that much sooner, say the fruit men and canners should be ready to start immediately if they are to get in on the peaches while they are in season.

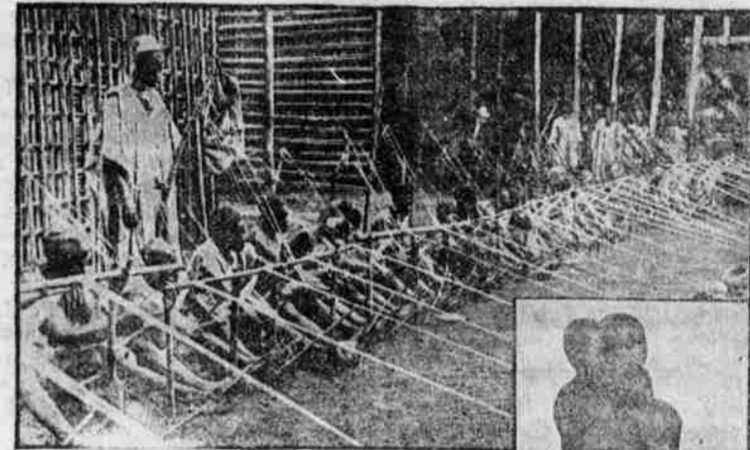
Peaches of all kinds are ripening early and many of them out of the regular order. The Crawford crop is on full force and the Elbertas will be picked much earlier than usual. A large crop of peaches is in prospect and the price is reasonable.

## HARVESTER KILLED

Al Short, pioneer resident of Dayton and Columbia county, was instantly killed when the combine harvester on which he was separator-tender, turned over three times on a steep side hill on the Earl McGee ranch, about 12 miles from Dayton, on which Mr. Short was employed. No one else was seriously injured.

## The Wool Industry in South Africa

(Letter from E. S. Bartlett, Bismarck, O. F. S., Africa)



Underwood & Underwood. Weaving woolens with primitive looms in Africa. Note the Overseers.

The Union of South Africa is rightly classed among the great wool producing countries of the world. Climatic conditions there are admirably adapted to the breeding and raising of the Merino type of sheep with a strong, staple wool.

A large part of this country is suitable only for the raising of sheep, and the government is making progressive and intelligent efforts to improve both the sheep and the manner of preparing the wool for market.

Jackals being a strong menace in South Africa, long-time government loans are extended to sheep owners for the erection of jackal-proof fencing. Government sheep experts are maintained permanently in allotted districts so that their services and advice may be assured at a nominal fee.

The merino sheep of South Africa is the fat-tailed, black-headed Cape—a non-wooled sheep. As no cross-breeding for merino lambs is done, the wools are purely Merino in character.

Progress in this South African industry is particularly noticeable in the harvesting. Despite the fact that Kaffir labor can be secured at the equivalent of \$3.50 American, per month, there is a trend toward the modern shearing machine as against the age-old hand blades, which, even in America, have not been discarded by many otherwise entirely progressive wool raisers.

A study of this fact, however, readily reveals the reason for it. While there is a first cost for the machine, the unskilled black adapts himself to its use much more readily than to the hand blades, and soon does a remarkably smooth job of shearing with the machine.

Once adapted to the use of the machine, its economic value is demonstrated.

Four of a 100, Kaffir children.

Steadily, the science of wool-marketing in South Africa is fast approaching the scientific efficiency of the Australian marketing plan, which is, without doubt, the most practical and efficient in existence today.

Considering that the four provinces, Natal, Transvaal, Orange Free State, and Cape Province, which comprise the Union of South Africa, have 20,000 square miles less of territory than Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming combined, it is surprising to note that they contain two and one-half times as many sheep as our five states named.

This alone, makes that country a strong contender for future leadership in the wool industry. It is interesting to note however, that the bulk of foreign progressive woolmen to American initiative, American implements, and machinery and American ingenuity. The South African wool industry holds true to this in that American methods and American machinery are destined to take a large and important place in the economic progress of the far distant Union of South Africa.

## MEAT MARK HARMLESS

People often wonder whether the purple meat-inspection mark is harmful. The purple dye and all other ingredients of the marking fluid as applied by the Federal meat inspection service are entirely harmless, says the United States department of agriculture.

## LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

The premium list of the Sixteenth Annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition to be held at Portland, Oregon, October 30-November 6, inclusive, has just been received and carries awards from all sources of approximately \$100,000.

## TWIN CITY BAND

The Twin City band has received a contract from the management of the Pendleton Round-Up to play in that city this year.

## BRILLIANT ARMY AVIATOR LOSTS LIFE IN A SPIN

The brilliant career of an army air ace, Lieutenant E. H. Barksdale, who was credited with having bagged half a dozen airplanes during the World War, and who many times escaped death by a hair, was ended at McCook field, Dayton, Ohio, when he jumped from his plane and his parachute failed to open.

Shot down from a high altitude and wounded during the World War, Lieutenant Barksdale merely scoffed when death reached out to him. Time and again he grinned when his motor failed and he was forced to jump and use a parachute to descend to earth from comparatively low altitudes.

Necessity again demanded that he jump. While more than 1,000 feet in the air, in full view of F. Trubee Davison, assistant secretary of war, in charge of aviation, his plane went into a tail spin.

Apparently realizing he would be unable to right the plane, Lieutenant Barksdale jumped. His parachute caught in the fuselage, the plane swung over and over and the officer was seen to fly through the air. He was killed instantly. Barksdale entered the army air service soon after the war was declared, and in a short time his ability in the air attracted attention of his superiors and he was sent to France.

## RODEO WINNERS

Frank Wood, of Ellensburg, Washington won the saddle championship at the Vancouver B. C. rodeo. He was awarded \$1,500. Second and third money was divided among F. E. Studnick, of Stayton, Oregon; Pete Vandermeer, of Alberta, and Mike Stewart, of Tulare, California. Clara Bell, 19-year-old Calgary girl, rode a steer, which was pronounced the wisest at the exhibition.

## A FAMILY GATHERING

Milton Eagle: A gathering of relatives was held at the home of Mrs. Sarah Walden up the Walla Walla river on Sunday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Walden's cousins, John Stevenson, Violet Stevenson, and William Duncan, of Nelson, B. C. Mr. and Mrs. William Potts of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McIntyre and daughters Velma and Wilma; F. A. Cline and family, John Walker and daughter Jennie, all of Athena.

## MEXICAN REBELS ARRESTED IN U. S.

### Federal Agents Get 150 Organized Revolutionists Near Mexican Border.

San Diego, Cal.—Facing charges of plotting a revolution in Mexico, 150 men, headed by General Enrique Estrada, former Mexican secretary of war, were in the county jail here as the result of a widespread round-up.

Along with General Estrada, his chief of staff, General Aurelio Sepulveda and Earle C. Parker, local hardware and arms dealer, also were captured.

Agents of the United States department of justice, aided by city, county and other federal officers, captured what was to have been an armed party of invading insurgents only three miles from the Mexican border. Information gathered by government agents led them to the appointed rendezvous at Dulzura where General Estrada and his staff were concentrating their forces preparatory to a descent upon the towns just below the border.

An armored truck, two 10-ton truck loads of rifles, machine guns and ammunition, other trucks for the transportation of men and supplies, and about 150 Mexicans made up the material and personnel of the captured expedition, while government agents also captured documentary evidence and complete sets of plans for the insurrection.

## FOREIGN CONTROL OF LIQUOR INDICATED

New York.—Immediate organization of a "bureau of foreign control" in the prohibition department, to direct the practical application of the prohibition agreements between this country and foreign nations, was announced here by Brigadier-General Lincoln C. Andrews upon his return from Europe after reaching an agreement with English statesmen on the liquor smuggling situation.

It is even possible, he acknowledged, that the work of this bureau may entail sending prohibition men to foreign ports.

"My first work in Washington," he said, "will be to build up the machinery that will put into practical effect the compacts we now have with Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the European countries, and especially the agreement just consummated with England. I plan to establish a new, small bureau of foreign control, which will have active supervision of this work."

Although he would not disclose details of the agreement with England, General Andrews was highly elated with the result of his trip.

## FAST MAIL IS ROBBED

### Robbers Tie Up Clerks and Rifle Registered Packages.

Green River, Wyo. — Two masked bandits who concealed themselves in a mail car of the westbound fast mail No. 5 of the Union Pacific robbed the registered mail car of an undetermined amount and escaped.

According to the story told here by A. J. Miller and Jack Madigan, the two clerks in the car, the bandits concealed themselves in a car used only for storing mail and in which clerks enter only for sacks, which they take into the "working car" for sorting.

After the train had left Rawlins one of the clerks from the registered "working car" entered the storage car. The two robbers covered him with guns and tied him up. They then went into the "working car" and got the other clerk whom they also bound and brought into the storage car.

## Washington State Protests Grain Rate

Olympia.—Protest against a threatened freight rate reduction on grain and grain products originated in Montana and North Dakota to the eastern seaboard was forwarded by the state department of public works to the interstate commerce commission in Washington, D. C., on the ground that it would disrupt the markets and give the middle west mills undue advantage over the mills of this state.

## Cummins Fortune Left to Daughter.

Des Moines, Ia.—Senator Albert B. Cummins left the principal portion of his estate of \$70,000 to his only child, Mrs. Kate Cummins Rawson of Des Moines.

## Innocence Abroad



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