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## BASIN PROPOSAL TO GO BEFORE CONGRESS

### Hoover Declares Support of Other States Needed for Development.

Seattle, Wash.—Construction of the Columbia basin irrigation project, which would water 1,750,000 acres of land in central and eastern Washington should be placed before congress at its next session, it was voted here by the Columbia Basin Irrigation league during its fifth annual session.

The league accepted Secretary of Commerce Hoover's suggestion that "completion of the project no longer involves engineering problems, for they all have been met."

Mr. Hoover, on his arrival in Seattle had completed a tour of 3000 square miles of land included in the Columbia basin project.

"I have been deeply impressed with the serious purpose of the Columbia basin irrigation league," he said. "But this project is only one of many that are being urged and no one of these can succeed standing alone. For example, it is doubtful whether in congress this Columbia basin project would have the support of any state other than Washington and perhaps Oregon. The Big Boulder canyon project would have the support only of the little group of states that are interested in the Colorado river development; all the rest would be against it. So of any project that might be named.

"But if the efforts of all states can be co-ordinated on a definite national program of water utilization, the strife and jealousies that now stand in the way of development can be removed."

Mr. Hoover predicted a strong lumber market for the next six months.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC VALUATION STANDS

Olympia, Wash. — Judgment of the Thurston county superior court in dismissing the suit brought by the Northern Pacific Railway company to secure, through a writ of review, a revision of the action of the state board of equalization in fixing the base valuation of the operating properties of the company in Washington at \$128,460,000 for taxing purposes for 1925, was affirmed by the state supreme court.

The board raised the valuation from the base of \$120,132,315 as fixed by the former supervisor of taxation, the figures being accepted by the tax commission later. The Northern Pacific case, it was held, will determine similar suits brought by other large railroads in this state.

The supreme court ruled that the courts could not properly review the action of the board of equalization after the board had completed its sittings for 1925 and had adjourned.

## BOY BANDIT IS SHOT DOWN

Brother, 21, Admits Holdups and Receives 20 to 30 Years.

Pueblo, Colo.—The crime career of Pueblo's "Baby bandits," Forest and Lester Gonze, age 19 and 14, respectively, came to a dramatic end when Lester was shot and probably fatally wounded by Deputy Sheriff Fiscuss in the heart of the downtown section here.

Forest was captured, unarmed and pleaded guilty to two charges of highway robbery. He was sentenced to 20 to 30 years in prison.

"The reign of terror" conducted by the lads began about three weeks ago when they escaped from the state industrial school at Golden, Colo. This was followed by robberies, gun battles with officers, escapes from prisons and the climax of the shooting of Lester and the arrest of Forest.

## Greek Dictator is Ousted.

Athens.—Greece has another dictator. Theodoros Pangalos has been overthrown in a bloodless coup d'etat, and General Condylis, once a corporal in the Greek army, has taken over the reins of government. Moving as swiftly as did Pangalos when last year he ousted Admiral Condouriotis from the provisional presidency of Greece and set himself up at the head of the government, General Condylis had Pangalos arrested Sunday morning on the island of Spetses, where he was on vacation. He was put on the destroyer Pergamos to be brought to Athens. At the same time all the ministers were taken into custody.

## TWO LARGE PROJECTS ARE TO BE BUILT IN OREGON

An irrigation construction program involving expenditure of \$22,000,000 and reclamation of 118,000 acres of arid land is about to be undertaken in Eastern Oregon by the federal government, so E. C. Van Petten, president of the Ontario, Oregon, chamber of commerce, informs the Morning Oregonian.

Preliminary details have finally been disposed of, after four years of negotiations; the two projects involved, known as the Owyhee and the Vale projects, have won the approval of Secretary Work and Dr. Elwood Mead, director of reclamation; funds to begin the work are available, and dirt will be flying soon.

In addition to the 118,000 acres of arid land which will be brought under cultivation, 46,000 acres of land already reclaimed but costly to irrigate because of necessity of pumping water from the Snake river, will be brought under the new gravity system.

Both the Owyhee and Vale projects lie almost wholly in Malheur county, although a small portion of the Owyhee project is across the state line in Idaho.

The highest dam ever constructed by reclamation engineers will be built at a location 30 miles up the Owyhee river. The dam site is at a place known in Malheur county as "the hole in the ground"—the name being descriptive of the basin-like formation of the region where it is proposed to construct the dam.

The dam will be nearly 600 feet high. Its width will be around 300 feet.

It will be an arch-type structure banking the estimated 100,000 tons of material, which will be used in its construction, against the 595,000 acre feet of water which it will impound.

Some idea of its size may be gained by the fact that it will impound more than twice as much water as the government's great Arrow Rock dam near Boise, Idaho. Two thousand carloads of material will be required to build it.

The impounded water will form a huge reservoir extending back 40 miles from the dam.

## TROUT LURES HIM BACK TO OLD NEWBERG HOME

Herbert A. Hoover, secretary of commerce in the cabinet of President Coolidge, former food administrator and director of Belgium relief, has returned to Oregon to settle once and for all a perplexing problem of great consequence, says the Morning Oregonian.

He admitted frankly, as he sat talking Sunday to old friends on the terrace of the W. B. Ayer's home. His hearers gave him respectful attention, and waited for a new insight into the difficulties of reclamation, hydro-electric development, or waterway transportation. The face of the man ordinarily so genial was grave, and the pleasant eyes were thoughtful. Surely he was about to slash through the invisible knot of radio entanglements.

"I came here to discover if the surviving relatives of the fish I used to catch so easily with a worm will be as obliging about rising to an artificial fly.

And immediately the secretary of commerce became enthusiastic.

"Fishing is where democracy comes in for its final test. All men are equal before fish. I'm going back to the streams I used to fish in as a boy around Newberg, and try out these modern appliances. Honestly, I believe I'd rather do it like I used to, with a worm, but they tell me fish have changed too. They are accustomed to modern conveniences now. They have been educated and refined and along with all the rest of us, they've got away from the simple life of their ancestors.

"Mr. Ayer says there are as many fish as ever in those streams but they are too wise, that's all. I guess it's unsportsmanlike to use a worm, but I'd like to. Still, I'm told no self-respecting fish would consider a moment taking anything except the very latest tackle."

## DIED AT HOME OF SON

J. W. Allen, 70, of Corvallis, died Thursday morning of last week at the home of his son, Ralph Allen, west of Athens, of pneumonia. The deceased in company with his wife and daughter, had come for a visit at the Allen home. Burial took place at Corvallis.

## ATHENA SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Athens Union High school and the grade schools of District No. 29, will open for the current year's school work, on Monday, September 6.

The corps of teachers will arrive in Athens next week, after having spent their time in taking courses at summer schools and in spending a portion of their time at their respective homes.

New members of the faculty for this year are Ralph M. Stolzeise, Miss Mildred Bateman and Mary Jane Cornelison, in the high school department; Evelyn B. Sellars, in the grade schools.

The faculty comprises the following: For the union high school, O. C. Hadley, superintendent; Ralph M. Stolzeise of Salem, Oregon, assistant principal and coach; Mildred Bateman, Milton, Oregon, and Mary Jane Cornelison, Walla Walla, Washington, instructors.

For the grades, O. C. Hadley, superintendent; Milton I. Miller, seventh and eighth grades; Dorothy J. Rodman, fifth and sixth grades; Miss M. L. Terry, third and fourth grades; Evelyn B. Sellars, first and second grades.

## ANNUAL HAPPY CANYON DANCE, ON SEPTEMBER 1

Pendleton—Round-Up season will be open with the biggest and most colorful dance of the year at Happy Canyon, September 1.

Plans are well under way to open the Round-Up season in characteristic style at the annual dance. Cowboy costumes will prevail at the affair, and a seven-piece orchestra has been signed to furnish the music. The floor is now being sanded to put it in excellent condition for the occasion.

The September 1st dance is always one of the best of the season in Pendleton, and this year's affair promises to be better even than former opening dances.

## OLD TIMERS COMING

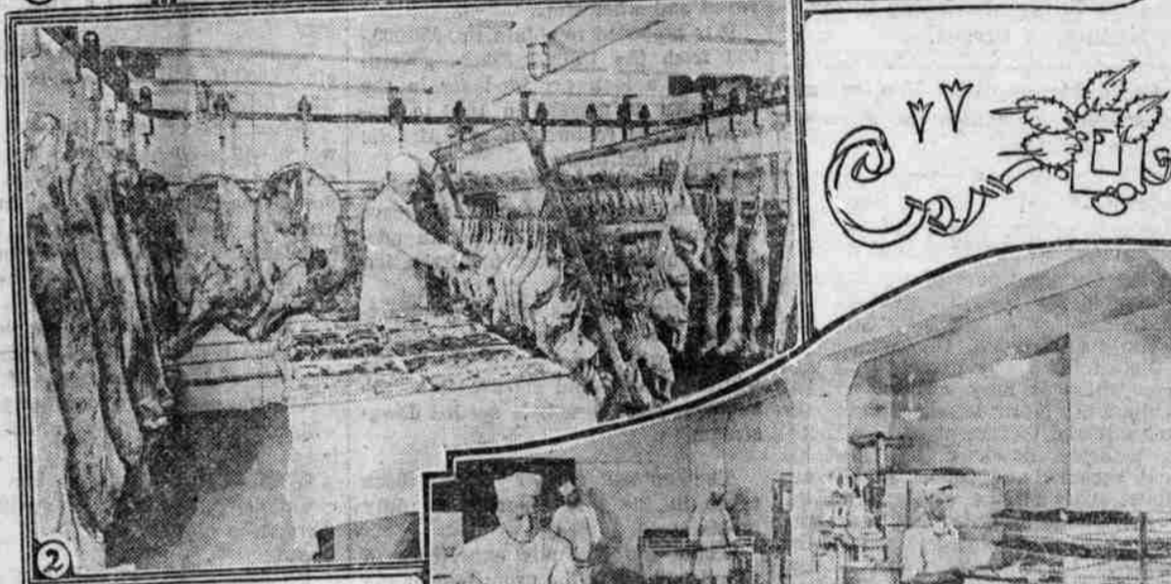
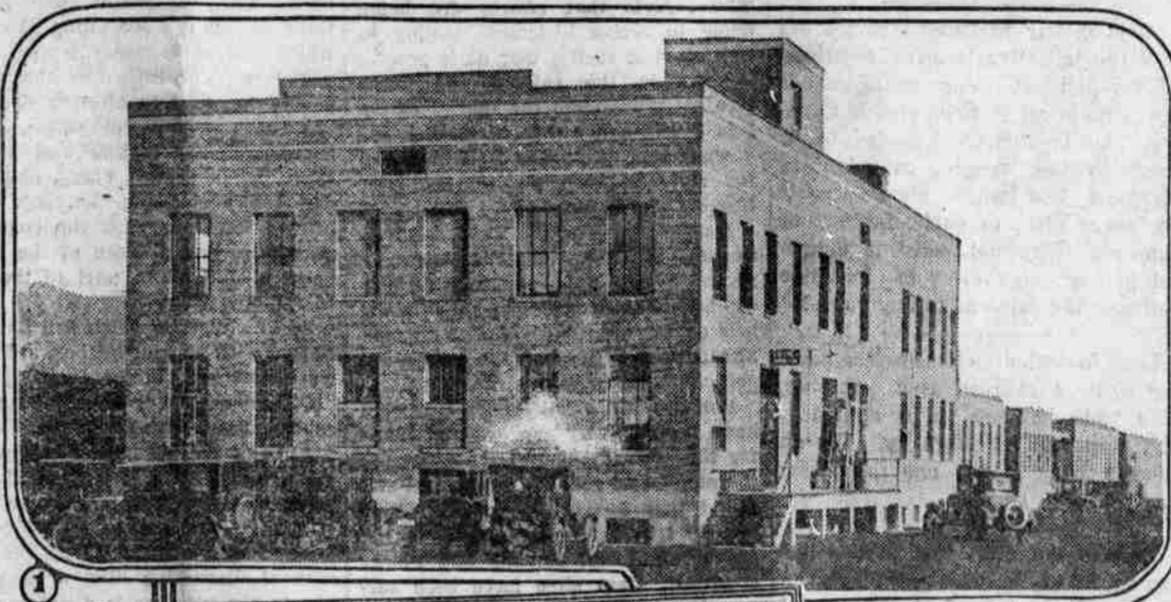
A fine array of riding talent, bucking livestock and steers are expected at the 1926 Pendleton Round-Up, September 15-18. Many racing string familiar to Round-Up fans again will be in the spotlight. The Irwin and Drumheller strings will be present, fresh from victories on the Tijuana race course, also the McCarty and Trickey strings. Mabel and Hugo Strickland will be there again to compete.

## A BIRTHDAY DINNER

A birthday dinner was given recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rothrock in honor of Mrs. Fern Smith. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fern Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Redford, and son Laurence, and L. C. Rothrock.

Mrs. Fred Kershaw and Miss Fredrica were in Walla Walla, Tuesday.

## Northern Pacific Opens Modern Commissary



1—At a cost of \$200,000, the Northern Pacific Railway recently completed this new commissary in St. Paul. Railroad men agree that it is the most complete plant of its kind in America.

2—In this automatically controlled refrigerator is prepared the meat that goes into the Northern Pacific dining cars. Nothing has been left undone to make this room as sanitary as science can provide.

3—From great electric ovens, with 100 square feet of baking area, come the toothsome delicacies that sate the hunger of the traveler. The very latest ideas are incorporated in the various devices used in this light and airy room.

## A BENEFIT LAWN SOCIAL FOR TOMORROW EVENING

The B. Y. P. U. of the Athena Baptist church will give a benefit social on the M. L. Watts lawn, tomorrow evening, beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

There will be a musical program consisting of both vocal and instrumental numbers, by Athena's leading talent.

Mrs. David Stone will sing "The Gypsy's Warning," which will be pantomimed. The little gypsy lassies will serve you with pie a la mode coffee, cake, ice cream and the fancier frozen dishes.

Should the weather not permit of tables on the lawn, the crowd will be hospitably entertained indoors at the Watts home, where the same refreshments will be served and the program rendered.

## THE GYPSY PRINCESS, D' LA VOLGA, WILL BE PRESENT TO TELL YOU OF YOUR FUTURE BY READING THE LINES IN YOUR HANDS AND TELLING YOU OF THE PLANETARY INFLUENCE UPON YOUR LIFE.

## OFFICERS STAGE FAKE SHOW

Staging a fake show at Pendleton, District Attorney Proebstel and Sheriff Cockingham and deputies, with the aid of a stool pigeon, captured six men and two women and recovered 105 gallons of booze, which ostensibly was being stored to be sold during the show at which the principal feature of entertainment was advertised to be the high diving horse, "Pinto." The horse never showed up, but the officers did and they captured Dan Downey, Emmett Graham, T. R. Sweet, John Barnes, John Spencer, Joe Berry, Mrs. Thelma Hughes and Mrs. Hazel Dodson.

## MAKES CONFESSION OF AUTO THEFT TO FEDERAL MAN

Tom Word of the federal department of justice, and Joe Keller of the auto theft depart, came to Athena Saturday from Portland, in quest of one Harvey Coyle, wanted in connection with the theft of an automobile recently from the Serell place near Pendleton.

No one in town appeared to know who Coyle was, but the officers became wise to the fact that a fellow going under the name of R. B. Williams, and staying at a private house here was the man they were after, and he was soon under arrest.

The officers obtained a complete confession from Coyle, who implicated Young Audett, who had until recently been living with relatives in this city. The officers made the arrest just in time, as Coyle was planning to leave for Alberta.

Adroit questioning from the officers brought out the statement that he with Audett, alias T. A. Elders, stole the car the night of August 1, crossed the Columbia river at Biggs, and then recrossed at Vancouver, going to McMinnville, where the car was traded and later found by officers Audett was later arrested and held in Portland.

## CHARLES H. CARTER DEAD

Charles H. Carter, former Pendleton attorney, died Saturday at San Pedro, California, where he was taken several weeks ago, in hopes that his health might be benefited. Mr. Carter was widely known throughout the state. He practiced law for a time in Portland, and went to Pendleton in 1884. He is survived by his widow. Funeral services were held in Los Angeles under auspices of the Masonic order of which he was a prominent member.

## POLLUTION OF STREAMS

The problem of the pollution of the creeks and rivers of Oregon will be considered in detail this fall by the state board of health, according to announcement made by Dr. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake, president of the organization. The first step in the program will be taken September 10th, when the board of health has invited representatives of such communities as the state highway and the fish and game, to meet with its members in Salem.

## HEARINGS HELD ON SAND ISLAND DISPUTE

### Group of Senators Investigating Title to Valuable Fishing Grounds.

Portland, Or.—Whether the United States is going to give Sand Island, valuable seining ground in the lower Columbia, back to the state of Oregon, or will return some \$350,000 paid by fishermen to the government in past years, is to be determined in large part through hearings held at Astoria and Ilwaco, Monday and Tuesday by the subcommittee of the public lands committee of the senate.

Years ago the state ceded Sand Island to the federal government for military uses. The government never put the island to the use intended in the act of cession, but, in time and as the salmon fishing industry grew, leased the island to sealers. The annual lease rental is now approximately \$40,000. Altogether the government has received some \$350,000 for such rentals.

Recently a controversy grew up between the states of Oregon and Washington as to whether the island was within the boundaries of Washington or of this state, and the supreme court of the United States held it to be within the Oregon boundaries.

Two bills are pending in the senate at this time, alternate in terms, one requiring that the United States return to Oregon the rentals received, not having used the island for military purposes. The other provides that the government convey title to the state, though retaining the right of military use in case of necessity.

The subcommittee of the senate public lands committee, of which Senator Stanfield is chairman, was directed to conduct hearings and report as to which of these measures should be enacted. This committee consists of Senators Stanfield of Oregon, Ditt of Washington, Norbeck of South Dakota, Cameron and Ashurst of Arizona. Three will be present at the hearings, Senators Norbeck and Cameron having been compelled to return to their homes.

## RUDOLPH VALENTINO DIES

### Death Occurs at New York Hospital from Infection Following Operation

New York, N. Y.—Rudolph Valentino, original "sheik" of the movies, died here Monday.

Valentino came east several weeks ago to attend the Broadway premiere of his latest picture and to bid farewell to his brother, who was returning to his home in Italy after a visit.

He collapsed in his apartment here a week ago Sunday afternoon and was rushed to the hospital, where an immediate operation was decided upon. Local peritonitis set in shortly after the operation.

Valentino came to this country as an emigrant gardener and rose to the heights of fame as an actor.

Humbly born, the son of a farmer in Italy, he died with four skilled physicians at his bedside and with the country waiting each word from his sickroom almost as if it was the word from the sickroom of a president.

## Mexican Peace Effort Fails.

Mexico City.—Hopes for a speedy settlement of the religious controversy were crushed when the Roman Catholic episcopate unanimously decided not to resume church services for the present. The situation as regards the church and the government remains the same as before the conference held Saturday night between President Calles and the representatives of the episcopate. The boycott will continue, and in the meantime the Catholic church leaders will discuss plans for a congressional campaign with the object of amending the constitution.

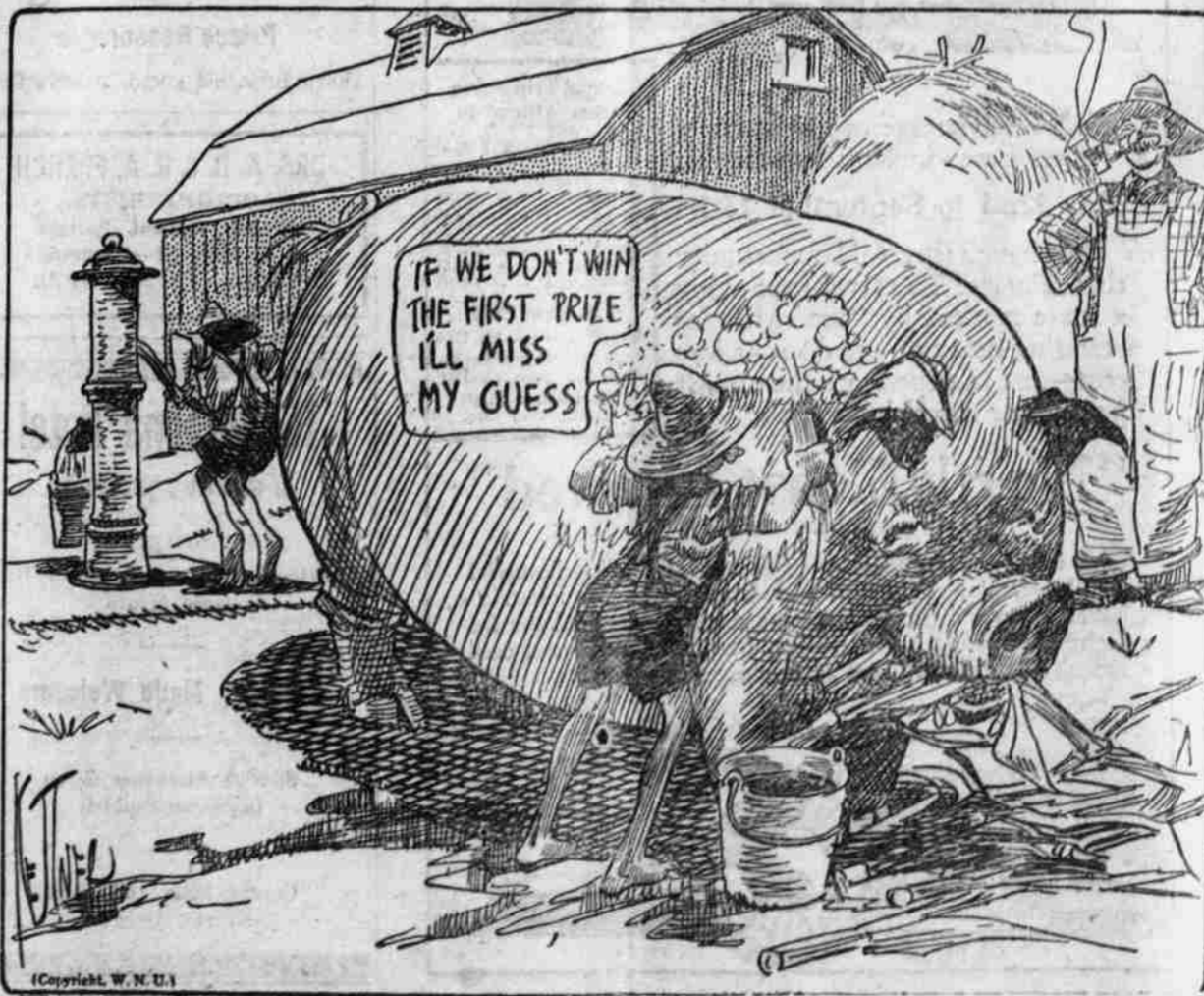
## Fokker, Would be U. S. Citizen.

New York, N. Y.—A. H. G. Fokker, Dutch airplane manufacturer, has applied for American citizenship. Speaking at a dinner given by the Wright Aeronautical company in honor of Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd and Pilot Floyd Bennett, North Pole fliers, Fokker said he intended to devote his talents and ability toward making this country the world's leader in aviation.

## Dr. Charles Eliot Dies at Maine Home.

Northeast Harbor, Me.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university died at his summer home here. He was 92 years old.

## Preparing for the Big Show



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