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The Senate Approves The Farm Relief Bill

McNary-Haugen Measure Is Adopted By a Vote of 47 to 39.

Washington, D. C.—The McNary-Haugen farm stabilization bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 47 to 39.

Virtually the same senate that defeated the measure, 45 to 39, last session, adopted the bill, which the farm bloc believes will materially reduce the troubles of farmers by a system of government loans to enable them to withhold surplus products from the open market until "a fair price" can be obtained.

Favorable action in the house was anticipated by both proponents and opponents, but there was uncertainty as to the attitude of President Coolidge.

Oregon and Washington senators gave a solid vote for the McNary-Haugen farm bill in the senate. Borah of Idaho voted against the bill and Gooding of that state for it. The manner in which the farm relief bill would affect the product of the farmer is described as follows:

Whenever a surplus of wheat, swine, corn, cotton, rice or tobacco exists, a federal farm board, to be selected by the president, would declare an emergency to exist in the market of the specified product.

Then this board would authorize the lending of any necessary amount from the \$250,000,000 federal revolving fund to cooperative organizations of farmers throughout the country. With this loan, bearing 4 per cent interest, the cooperative organization would be empowered to pay the farmer a certain fair price for his product, regardless of the market price. The cooperative organization would hold the product from the market until the price came back to the fair price level.

For this guarantee of a fair price the farmer would pay a certain percentage of his product as delivered, to the cooperative organization. This percentage is called an equalization fee and would reimburse the government with interest for the loans and also pay the operating expenses of the cooperative organization.

SENATE TABLES COURT PROPOSAL

Washington, D. C.—The senate voted overwhelmingly against reconsidering the questions of American adherence to the world court.

A motion by Senator Trammell, democrat of Florida, to discharge the senate foreign relations committee from further action on its resolution withdrawing the United States from the court, was tabled by a vote of 53 to 10. The action of tabling in the senate kills any proposal so treated.

The British reply on the American world court reservations was received at the state department and was reported to be virtually a rejection of the fifth American reservation. At the Geneva conference last year the signatory powers accepted the first four reservations, but rejected the last, through which America refused without its consent to permit an advisory opinion by the court on matters in which the United States has or claims an interest.

LIQUOR BILL IS SUBMITTED

Measure Would Control Distribution of Medicinal Rum.

Washington, D. C.—Some important changes in the treasury plan for manufacture of medicinal spirits, to be sold on prescription in those states which permit druggists to handle liquor, are proposed in a new bill submitted to the house by Representative Hawley of Oregon, who is chairman of a sub-committee of the ways and means committee delegated to work out legislation under which the provisions of the Volstead act regarding medicinal whisky can be applied.

Hawley's bill would authorize the organization of a corporation to buy up all existing liquor now in government warehouses. This corporation, which would be controlled by the secretaries of treasury and commerce and the surgeon general of the public health service, would also regulate distribution of medicinal spirits and engage in manufacture of new whisky to replenish the present dwindling stocks.

The Milton-Freewater Prune Growers Will Promote the Industry

The Milton-Freewater district prune growers' cooperative organization, which includes the growers of all the Walla Walla valley, has started out under most auspicious circumstances according to R. H. Kipp, manager of the marketing department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who has returned to Portland from the organization meeting at Milton-Freewater. Kipp drew the plan with a committee of nine appointed for the purpose by the growers.

The Walla Walla Valley Traffic association will do the distributing, and H. J. Arnett, secretary of the Pacific Northwest regional board, and representative of the American Railway association, told the growers that his organization is ready to keep its part of the agreement to finance the overhead of the market arrangement with the Traffic association, and that if the growers sign up 85 per cent of the tonnage of the district, the regional board will consider immediate advertising plans.

Arnett told the meeting, said Kipp, that the plan of cooperative organization has been presented to the fresh prune growers of Idaho, and that they expected to form an association similar to it to work in conjunction with the Milton-Freewater body. Yakima is expected to organize likewise, and Lee Lampson, manager of the Three River Cooperative Vegetable association of Kennewick, Washington, said Kennewick also expected to get in on the market arrangement and to stand its share of an advertising campaign.

Jack Holt Comes In "The Enchanted Hill"

Jack Holt and Florence Vidor will be seen in "The Enchanted Hill" Peter B. Kyne's fine Western story, at the Standard Theatre, tomorrow night. This photoplay has a fine cast and is from one of Kyne's best stories.

Sunday night James Kirkwood and Betty Compton will be seen in "The Wise Guy." The story has to do with the old Indian medicine company game, and Kirkwood has the part of the gentleman grafter, aided by a gang of country fair crooks, who turn missionaries when he assumes the role of a preacher.

"The Red Mill," featuring Marion Davies will be seen at the Standard Theatre Saturday evening, February 26.

Superintendent of Schools

In all probability a superintendent for the Athena schools for the coming year will be elected by the board within the next few weeks. Prof. Lee Meyer, principal of the high school at Marshfield, Oregon, spent the last week end in Athena and conferred with board members and a number of school patrons. It is understood that Prof. M. E. Miller, for five years superintendent of the Endicott, Washington, schools and at present head of the St. John, Washington, high school, has made formal application for the Athena position, and will come here shortly to meet with the board and citizens.

Tax Migratory Stock

Members of the Wenaha Wool growers association at their annual meeting at Walla Walla adopted resolutions urging the legislatures of Idaho, Oregon and Washington to appoint committees to work out a plan for taxing migratory stock, apportioning the amount each state is to receive according to the length of time the stock spends in the state. They also asked a salaried hunter on the ranges.

Athena-Weston Grade Teams

Athena and Weston grade basket ball teams played their second games of the season in the Weston gym Wednesday evening, the Athens boys winning 14 to 8. An over time period was required to decide the issue between the girls' teams. In the extra period the Athena girls won, 12 to 10. In the first game, played February 10, Athena won from Weston, boys 23 to 9; girls 12 to 4. Tonight the grade teams will motor to Helix for games to be played there.

Funeral of Mrs. Vert

The funeral of Mrs. John Vert, who died at Portland last week, was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in Pendleton, with Rev. George Bruce, pastor, officiating.

Guns Were Turned On The Governor's Plan

Hall and Joseph Lead Raid On Program to Defeat the Measure.

Plans to wreck the governor's financial program were under way in the senate Monday.

Two movements were involved—first, to kill the tithing bill, and second to make it an argument for increasing the present low rates in the administration income tax bill.

Chiefs of the anti-administration program are Senator Hall and Joseph. They believed that they had 17 votes lined up to defeat the tithing measure, and they waited for hours for a favorable opportunity to begin their attack.

Hall and Joseph are opposed to the administration income tax bill, which passed the house last week with only nine dissenting votes. Senator Hall is, with Representative King, sponsor for an income tax bill which is still asleep in committee in the house.

They refused to withdraw this joint bill at the request of Speaker Carkin, although other revenue bills were withdrawn out of courtesy to Governor Patterson's plan to re-establish the state on a cash basis.

Lobbying for votes, Hall and Joseph were busy all day, following up a movement to organize against the governor which started last week. They have been trying to collect enough votes to kill the tithing bill, which is not overly popular, anyway, but has been accepted by the house of representatives as an emergency measure.

It seemed as though they had mustered a sufficient number and the intention was to drag the bill from the hands of the committees on assessment and taxation, get it to the floor and slaughter it. They wanted to act quickly, for anything may happen to cause defections in their ranks.

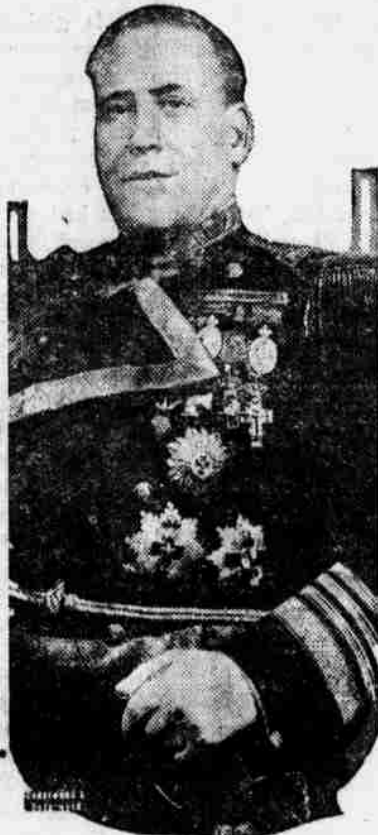
Barrett Awarded \$3326

A verdict for the plaintiff, Henry Barrett, in the sum of \$3326 was brought in by the jury in the Barrett vs. Martin case late Friday afternoon in the Walla Walla superior court. This case, which began Monday before Judge Sharpstein, involved ownership of a band of sheep. A large number of witnesses testified during the trial.

A Bad Leak

A leak in the main on Third street at the Rogers & Goodman store was of such magnitude that it required the work of three men from three o'clock Monday afternoon until midnight to make repairs, city service being shut off during that time. The pavement had to be removed from over the broken main for 16 feet in length by five feet wide.

COM. A. H. DE SOLAS



An especially posed portrait of Commander Adolphe H. de Solas of the royal Spanish navy, Spanish naval attache in the United States.

Athena Again Played Mac-Hi School to Real Standstill Score 15-10

Fans who attended the second game between Athena and MacLaughlin basketball teams at Milton, Friday evening were well repaid for their trip, for they saw the light Athena team again play Mac-Hi to a standstill, though this time losing by the score of 15-10. Athena took the first game from Mac-Hi 23 to 19, and ends the season's schedule 50-50.

Through the first three periods of the game Friday evening Athena held her own with the fast Mac-Hi quintet, leading at the end of the third period 10 to 9. In the last period Mac-Hi pulled ahead to win, 15 to 10.

Athena exhibited a complete reversal of form Monday night, when she was defeated by Adams in the Adams gym, 20 to 12. Tonight Athena plays her last game before the tournament to be held at Pendleton next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when the Stanfield boys and girls' teams play here.

Cranking Motor Breaks Arm

Joe Adams, working for Alex McIntyre, had the misfortune to have both bones of the right arm broken above the wrist, while cranking a motor which backfired. Joe was in such pain that anesthetics were administered by Dr. Cowan when the

Blue Mountain League

Plans for organizing the Blue Mountain baseball league for the 1927 season are under way. Pendleton enthusiasts are preparing to put a team in the field again this year.

Patterson's Income Tax Measure Carries

Plan Finally Goes Through As Governor Wrote It, Vote 27 to 3.

A Salem special to the Oregonian says only three votes were cast against the administration state income tax bill in the senate Wednesday afternoon. There were 27 votes in favor of the measure, which has already passed the house of representatives.

For more than two hours there was a skirmish between opponents of the administration bill and its defenders, but in the end practically all opposition flattened out and the three irreconcilable and last-ditchers were Senators Banks, Klepper and Upton.

The attack on the administration bill was confined principally to the rates and exemptions, the charge being made that the bill would catch the little stenographer and so many people of small incomes would be affected that the bill would not be approved by the electorate. There was also criticism that the governor should sponsor the bill.

In reply the statement was made that the governor was within his rights in suggesting his financial program and that he did not take this step until after the legislature had been in session for several weeks without getting anywhere on a concrete financial plan.

Opponents of the Patterson income tax bill sought to have the senate resolve itself into a committee of the whole and then undertake to revise the rates and exemptions upward. It was over this motion that two hours were consumed in debate and argument. The motion was lost by a vote of 21 to 9. The vote on the motion cleared the atmosphere and indicated that the bill would go through "as is." The actual passage of the bill required less than 15 minutes only a few remarks were made pro and con.

Officials Re-Elected

Officials of the Wenaha Woolgrower's association at their annual convention held at Walla Walla last week were all re-elected, as follows: Frank Sloan, Stanfield, president; Ralph Jackson, Dayton, Washington, vice president; Elmer D. Bryson, Walla Walla, secretary; James Grant, Walla Walla, treasurer; advisory board, Frank Sloan, Ralph Jackson, C. A. Hales, Waitsburg, J. L. Jackson, Dayton, S. V. Davin, Walla Walla.

Pendleton Pioneers Pass

Virgil F. Moore, aged 74, a pioneer wheat farmer of this county died at his home in Pendleton Sunday, after a long illness. Also L. S. (Cap) Kidd, aged 80, died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lelia Taylor, in Pendleton.

"Once In a Blue Moon" Pleases Large Audience At School Auditorium

The operetta, "Once In a Blue Moon," a musical romance, presented by the Athena Etude club at high school auditorium Tuesday evening more than pleased the large audience. Applause was liberal in the extreme, and in one or two instances was so spontaneous that climaxes of the play were interrupted.

"Once In a Blue Moon," in the opinion of this writer did not have so much to offer the efficient direction of Mrs. Loren Basler and the splendid talent of her cast as did either "The Gypsy Rover" or "The Belle of Barcelona," past performances she has directed in Athena.

But nevertheless Tuesday night's presentation went over well and greatly pleased all who saw it. The chorus and principal characters were splendidly costumed, Bond Brothers company of Pendleton, having complete charge of this important detail. The settings were good and the scenic effects fitted well with the plot.

The principals were in good voice, singing and speaking their lines with evidence of careful study and preparation. The chorus numbers blended into their parts almost perfectly and the orchestra selections and piano accompaniment rounded a very creditable presentation of "Once In a Blue Moon."

Interspersed between acts, the Misses Erma and Lucille Beck of Pendleton, delighted the audience with clog and Russian dances, and Bond Brothers company gave a real style show. The Gross proceeds totaled \$213.50.

The members of the Etude club are grateful for the splendid patronage given by the public. They greatly appreciate the assistance of the Jolly Joy-Maker's Orchestra, the members of which donated their services for the evening, and to all others who kindly helped in every way to make the production a success.

A Candy Dance

The regular Saturday night dance will take place at Legion Hall tomorrow night. For Saturday night, February 26, the Legion Post announces a special candy dance. The novelty of this dance is made possible by arrangement made with Steve's Pure Food Grocery and the Burbee Candy company of Walla Walla. Candy bars will contain corresponding numbers which will designate partners at the dance. Also one number will win the prize, a big box of candy. The Jolly Joy-Maker's Orchestra will furnish the music for both dances.

Operations Resumed

Excavating operations have been resumed at the city well, since the installation of an electrically driven centrifugal pump to keep the surplus water lowered. The pumping plant that is being utilized is the old equipment used at the city well up to a few years ago.

Dr. Coe Dead

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, prominent Portland man who died Tuesday in Glendale, California, was closely identified with the development of the Stanfield region of Umatilla county almost two decades ago, being the colonizer for the Furnish project, now the Stanfield project.

Record Sold Again

The latest sale of the Pilot Rock Record is recorded this week. Charles A. Adsit of Walla Walla, has purchased the Pilot Rock weekly from J. T. Arneson. Mr. Arneson is conducting a commercial printing plant at Pendleton.

Lodge Has All Day Meet

The Integrity lodge of Rebekahs at Freewater held an all-day meeting in their hall last Friday. They devoted their time to working on comforts, one to be for sale and the other for the Odd Fellows home at Portland.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. C. L. McFadden, next Wednesday afternoon, February 23. All members and others interested are invited to be present at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley

formerly of Athena, who now make their home at Goldendale, Washington and who have charge of the J. C. Penney Store of that place, are visiting friends and relatives in Athena.

Plans For Railway Merger Are Made

Great Northern and N. P. Consolidation is Ready For Approval.

New York.—Merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies was decided upon definitely by the committee which has been considering the deal and a complete plan for effecting the unification has been drawn up for submission to the Interstate commerce commission and the stockholders of both roads.

This was announced Monday night by the committee in charge of the merger, composed of George F. Baker, chairman; Arthur Curtis James, deputy chairman; J. P. Morgan, Louis W. Hill and Howard Elliott.

The merger plan recommended by the committee provides for the creation of a new company which will lease the properties of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company and operate all three lines as one system. The consolidation also includes the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, now owned jointly by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

The committee proposes that the new company shall lease the lines involved in the merger and exchange its stock share for share for stock of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern. As soon as sufficient deposits on stock have been made, the committee will apply to the interstate commerce commission for approval of the leases and of the acquisition by the new operating company of the stocks of the two northern companies.

The plan is considerably simplified owing to the fact that each of the northern companies has outstanding only one class of stock. Under the plan the shares of each company are given equal treatment in their exchange share for share for stock in the new company. The stock in the new company will have voting rights.

HUGH D'AUTREMONT CAUGHT IN MANILA

Manila.—Arrested without resistance as he was at target practice with his company of the 31st Infantry at Los Banos, Private James C. Price was positively identified by army authorities as Hugh D'Autremont, one of the three D'Autremont brothers, hunted since October 11, 1923, for the hold-up of a Southern Pacific train in southern Oregon and the murder of three trainmen and a mail clerk.

D'Autremont was found as a private in B company, 31st Infantry, at Los Banos, near Manila. He was serving under the alias of James C. Price. He enlisted in Chicago on April 22, 1924, and arrived in the Philippines early in 1925. His military record has been excellent. His age is about 20.

The three men are charged with both first degree murder and robbery of United States mail near Ashland, Ore., on October 11, 1923. The men killed were C. O. Johnson, Ashland, brakeman; C. F. Daughtrey, Portland, mail clerk; Sidney L. Bates, Dunsmuir, Cal., engineer, and Marvin Sang, Ashland, fireman.

Bates and Sang were shot to death as the bandits stopped the train. Daughtrey died in the explosion as they blasted the safe and Johnson was killed in a hand-to-hand fight.

Washington, D. C.—Less than half an hour after it was called up, the house passed the Green bill to enable world war veterans to obtain loans direct from the veterans' bureau on adjusted service certificates. The measure was sent to the senate without a record vote.

House Votes to Investigate Judge

Washington, D. C.—The house directed its judiciary committee to proceed with the investigation of impeachment charges brought against Frank Cooper, federal judge of the northern New York district. The judge is charged with having conspired with prohibition agents to entrap persons into law violations.

Confab on Apple Spray Bogie Dated

Washington, D. C.—A conference of officials of the western apple-growing states with department of agriculture representatives to discuss the spray residue problem has been called for Salt Lake City February 21.

Washington the Surveyor



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