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Equalization Fee Is Bone of Contention

Western Senators Seem to be Divided on Views of the Question.

Washington, D. C.—Discussions both at the White House and in the ranks of western republican senators, failed to throw much light on a solution to the vexing farm relief problem, an outstanding issue in republican party circles.

President Coolidge went over the farm relief question with Senator Borah of Idaho, one of the leaders of the newly-organized group of republican senators from the west, and at the White House it was said that Mr. Coolidge hoped for some sound legislation at this session, but that he was not prepared to discuss any new program.

The controversial equalization fee provision of the recent McNary-Haugen bill seems to be the stumbling block of an agreement among western republicans. All feel certain that the president has not modified his opposition to it.

This point developed sharp differences also among the western senators who had planned a meeting with a hope of reconciling their views on this provision. Senator Borah has served notice that he is opposed to it, and while Senator Brookhart of Iowa, a member of the group, was prepared also to abandon this point in a new plan, Senators Nye and Frasier of North Dakota and Senator Norris of Nebraska announced that they were not ready to give up the equalization fee as a means of raising funds to meet the cost of market-surplus crops. They would like to substitute, they said, but added that an adequate substitute had not been put forward.

14 CONVICTED IN SEATTLE BOOZE CASE

Seattle, Wash.—Fourteen defendants in the "second Olmsted case" were convicted and 22 acquitted in the federal court here.

Seventy-seven persons originally were indicted. Roy Olmsted, alleged ringleader and principal defendant, and Prosper L. Craigie, speedboat operator, disappeared just before the trial began.

The testimony of Alfred M. Hubbard, dry agent, who accused various public officers of accepting bribes, was disregarded by the jury.

Those found not guilty were Captain E. L. Hedges of the Seattle police department; Sheriff William Gookins of Island county; all members of the coast guard; Deputy Sheriff Ray Murphy; Wilbur E. Dow, Seattle customs broker; all of the harbor patrolmen with the exception of Roy Mills, and various tugboat captains implicated by Hubbard's testimony.

INDIANS WILL PROTEST

State Imposes Fishing Laws That Chafe Cowlitz Tribe.

Chehalis, Wash.—A meeting has been called to be held in Chehalis October 31 of members of the Upper Cowlitz Indian tribe of which John Ike is chief. Purpose of the gathering is to formulate an organized protest against the hunting and fishing regulations that have been imposed on the Indians as being contrary to agreements made originally with them by Governor Stevens in the early days.

The Indians are chafing under the license and license fee restriction. They feel that by previous right of possession the regulations are not fair to them. Lewis Castoma of Clatsop is president of the council, Sam Eyley of Nesika vice-president, Peter Thomas of route 2, Chehalis, secretary.

Rumania Put Under Martial Law.
Bucharest.—Martial law has been declared throughout Rumania as the result of the government's discovery of a plot to bring about the return of former Crown Prince Carol, who renounced his rights to the throne.

Kenneth Shigley Dies at His Home Here After Short Illness

Kenneth, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shigley, died Wednesday noon after a short illness. The lad passed away in convulsions, having taken sick Tuesday morning. Physicians do not state positively the cause of death, which resulted possibly from meningitis.

Last week Kenneth was on a trip with his parents at Portland. The family returned home Sunday, and Monday Kenneth attended school. Tuesday morning he complained of not feeling well and remained at home. He complained of his chest hurting him, and the mother gave him the usual household remedies for a cold.

Wednesday morning the lad said he felt better. During the afternoon he felt worse again and about noon Mr. Shigley went after Dr. Sharp, and before the doctor arrived at the Shigley home, the lad had passed away in convulsions.

At this writing funeral arrangements have not been made. The funeral services which will be private, will be held at the home on Current street.

Three Good Pictures on Standard Program

Over the week end and for its mid-week presentation, the Standard Theatre offers three good feature pictures in addition to its comedy, news and review reels.

Tomorrow night the Reginald Barker production, "Body and Soul" adapted to the screen from "The Branding Iron," featuring Norman Kerry, Aileen Pringle and Lionel Barrymore, in the vivid and picturesque romance of the Alps, will be played.

Sunday night, Gene Stratton-Porter's powerful story, "The Magic Garden," with beautiful Margaret Morris and handsome Raymond Keane in the leading roles, will be the attraction.

Wednesday night, the screen's greatest comedians, Charles Murray and Chester Conklin, will appear in First National's big super-comedy, "McFadden's Flats," at regular admission prices.

Tropical Water Lilies

The flower garden at the Samuel Pambrun farm home south of Athena, was never more beautiful than it has been this season. Rare plants blooming in profusion, lends a riot of colors to the lawn and surroundings. This year Mr. Pambrun has been very successful in the propagation of tropical water lilies. He constructed a special pond for growing the plants, and has been rewarded with many beautiful blooms, one in particular on the editor's desk at this writing, measures 17 inches in circumference.

O. D. O. Club

Fifteen members of the O. D. O. club, together with four visitors, met at the home of Mrs. Jesse Smith last Friday afternoon. The time was very pleasantly spent with needle work and conversation. At four o'clock the hostess, assisted by her two daughters, served substantial refreshments. The next meeting of the club will be held on November 4 at the home of Mrs. Clifford Walker.

Will Move to Montana

Grant Prestbye is here from Kalispell, Montana, on a visit to his family. He informs the Press that he will return to Montana shortly to engage in the stock business, his family moving there about the first of the year. Mr. Prestbye was employed at Glacier National Park, in Montana, during the tourist season.

Knights of Pythias

Pythian Lodge, No. 29, K. of P. will open its first regular meeting for the fall, winter and spring months, next Thursday evening, November 3. Work in the Rank of Page will take place and a full attendance of members of the order is desired.

Installs a Pump

Bert Logsdon has installed a gasoline tank and pump at the rear of his Athena Market, for private use.

Hermiston Pioneer

J. F. McNaught, pioneer of Umatilla project, died at Hermiston, Thursday of last week.

Mr. Crowley is again with his cement mixer on the M. L. Watts property, laying concrete driveways.

Infantile Paralysis Epidemic Declines

There is No Reason for Getting Excited Over Conditions.

There is no reason for getting excited over reports of the presence of infantile paralysis in various parts of the state. This is on the assurance of the state board of health, which to counteract greatly exaggerated reports of conditions and to allay unnecessary alarm issued the following statement from its meeting in Portland Friday.

"Infantile paralysis is present in many counties of the state, as our weekly reports indicate, but there is no occasion for the public to become panicky. A careful study of the reports seems to indicate that the number of cases is decreasing. There are certain facts regarding the disease that should be known by the general public in order that they may assist in controlling this disease. Infantile paralysis is much dreaded, for the reason that it is often fatal and because it leaves so many children with crippled bodies.

"From the virus of infantile paralysis being found in the secretions of the nose and throat and also the stools, it is evident that the patient should be quarantined and all the discharges from the nose and throat and intestinal tract should be disinfected. As the virus may be carried by flies, the room in which the patient is quarantined should be screened.

"As the virus has been found in the dust of rooms in which patients with infantile paralysis have been confined, the room should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected when the period of quarantine has expired.

"There is no justification for the hysteria which prevails in times of epidemics which moreover compared with the number of children in the community is very small. It is foolish to quarantine towns and cities and close the schools. Promiscuous kissing and spitting should however be stopped and care should be taken that the hands are washed before eating. These are reasonable precautions because they prevent contagion from the secretions of the nose and throat and the discharges. There is of course less chance of contracting the disease in a community in which there are no cases than one in which it is prevalent.

"Well children ought not therefore to be deliberately brought into such a community. It is however un-

DR. LEO M. MAYER



Dr. Leo M. Mayer of New York City, who was elected president of the American Optometric association at the annual convention in Washington.

The Etude Club Pleasantly Entertained

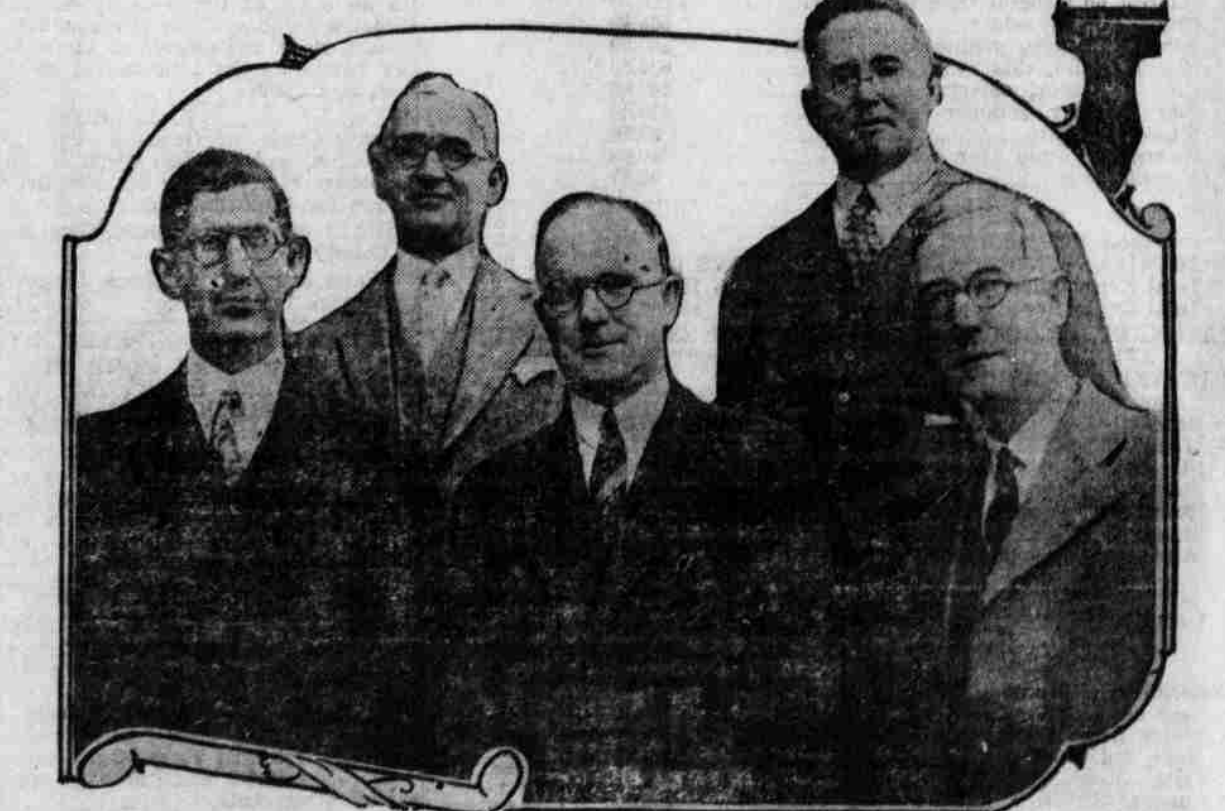
The Etude club was entertained by Mesdames Hopper and Michener at Mrs. Ames' home Thursday afternoon. Seventeen members were present. The office of director was declared vacant and Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton was elected for the ensuing year. A program as follows was rendered:

Piano duet, Marche, Mrs. Max Hopper and Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton; Musical reading, Little Jammy Face, Mrs. C. M. Eager; Vocal solo, The End of Another Day, Mrs. Reeder; Reading by local composer, It Can Be Done, Mrs. Lloyd Michener; Vocal solo, Dawn, Mrs. D. T. Stone; Vocal solo, Kentucky Babe, Mrs. Michener. Little Bobby Hopper and Velma McIntyre then presented Mrs. James Cresswell and Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton with a wagon load of gifts they being the honor guests of the day.

Refreshments were served by the committee, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Hopper and Mrs. Michener.

necessary to take children away from such a community as the children are likely to be exposed during the journey away from home and in the places to which they are taken as at home. "It is impossible to lay down arbitrary rules which may be used with assurance in the control of this disease."

Noted Educators Study Better Teaching Methods



Prominent educators who met in Portland recently to study diagnostic teaching. Left to right, bottom row: J. O. McLaughlin, superintendent of schools, Corvallis; Worth M. Glue, Seattle, noted authority on testing; E. W. DeBunk, professor of education, University of Oregon. Top row: Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon; Dr. C. L. Huffaker, professor of education and head of the University educational service bureau.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. —A state-wide movement in education, centering on diagnostic testing in elementary and high schools, is now on, it was brought out at the session of diagnostic testing which was held at the Portland Public Library last week under the auspices of the University of Oregon educational bureau.

At the session, which was attended by more than 150 principals and teachers from all parts of the state, it was learned that diagnostic tests are already being used in 17 school districts

outside of Portland and Eugene, and that pupils are actually being taught according to test results. This was shown by statistics presented by J. O. McLaughlin, superintendent of schools, Corvallis.

Methods of testing according to the diagnostic system differ greatly from the old form of "examinations." Under the new method students are given examinations first, their weaknesses and strong points ascertained, and then taught accordingly. Repeated tests not only show the progress but also places where students are weak,

County to Foreclose Tax Lien Property

Auction Sale Covers Liens for 1920 and 1922 Taxes.

The county has foreclosed its tax lien for 1920 and 1922 taxes, and all lands included in said foreclosures will be sold by the Sheriff at public auction on the 29th day of October, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at the west door of the county court house, Pendleton, Oregon.

Inasmuch as the notices posted at three public places in the county, as required by law, will not give sufficient publicity to the foreclosures and sale, the district attorney's office has called upon the newspapers of the county to publish the following:

The lands included in the foreclosures are from all parts of the county, and a great many people who have property embraced in these foreclosures are anxious to come in and pay their taxes before the sale and save their property and desire to know the date of the sale.

All those who fail to pay their taxes before it is sold October 29th may lose their lands, as after it is sold and a deed issued, they cannot redeem. I do not wish any one to lose his lands by reason of his failure to pay if he so desires, and therefore feel that any publicity you might give this notice might keep some neglectful soul from having his home sold out from under him. We have had several instances where valuable farms have been sold at these sales, because the owners neglected to pay their taxes before the sale, and they sweat blood to get their lands back, as well as paid dearly for their neglect.

Thanking you for any notice you can give this, I am
Very truly yours,
C. C. PROEBSTEL,
District Attorney.

The Daddy 'em All
Indications point to the winning of the prize fishing rod down at Rogers & Goodman's store, by Jinks Dudley, who landed a 20-inch Rainbow trout at Bingham Springs that weighed four pounds. Jinks had the time of his fishing season in landing the big fellow, which after being worn out snapped the leader when brought to the edge of the water. Jinks scooped the fish out of the shallow water with his hands. This one beats Clarence Gagnon's catch earlier in the season by one half inch.

Will Fertilize

A carload of nitrogen phosphorus fertilizer from the Swift Packing company arrived in Athena yesterday, consigned to local farmers. The fertilizer will be used on ground for spring grain and will cost approximately \$6.10 per acre. W. O. Read, will fertilize 80 acres, Mr. Ferguson 40 acres, and Flint Johns and Sim Culley and others will use the fertilizer for spring crop.

Concrete Sidewalks

Concrete sidewalks have recently taken the place of boardwalks adjoining two sides of the city lots east of the school building, at Elmer Merritts place and the Charles Downing residence on Third street. New walks will also be placed in front of the Andy Rothrock place, the R. A. Thompson home and the Winship property.

Two Robbers Nabbed

Two men giving their names and ages as J. Kentworth, 20, and Henry Flynn, 18, are in the county jail at Pendleton charged with breaking into the Modern Garage at Milton early Tuesday morning and stealing a cash register containing money and checks and making away with several automobile tires.

Fog Sets in Early

The first appearance of Columbia river fog greeted Athenaites Tuesday afternoon, when all else was screened with the chilly vapor. The visitation of fog came earlier in the season than usual, and dispelled the pleasant glow of fall in this vicinage.

Saturday, November 5, the last half of your 1926 taxes may be paid without becoming delinquent, and penalty charges added. Payment may be made at the First National Bank of Athena. Remember the date, Saturday, November 5.

A Fine Riding Horse

Mrs. Dean Dudley is the proud possessor of a fine saddle horse, a recent present from her husband. The horse is gaited for easy riding, and has been named "White Sox" by its new owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blackard are in the city from Longview. Mr. Blackard is a painter, and is working with E. A. Bennett.

An Alleged Shortage in Books of Sheriff and Justice of Peace

The East Oregonian reports alleged shortages in the books of the county sheriff and justice of the peace for the Pendleton district. The Pendleton paper said in part:

"The alleged shortages are said to have been revealed by an audit made of the county books by J. W. Witherell, certified public accountant, and include both 1925 and 1926. "Proebstel's affidavit accompanying the motion to the court follows in part:

"That the official audit of county books by J. W. Witherell reveals an apparent shortage and many irregularities in the accounts of said sheriff and justice of the peace in the prohibition fund, and in the release of prisoners duly committed to custody. That from said reports an investigation should be held by the grand jury, and to report into court its finding after deliberation and investigation thereof."

"Sheriff Cookingham when advised of the action said he would welcome an opportunity to present his records and books to the grand jury, and would be glad to appear before them in person."

Granville Cannon is a Beaver Knight

O. A. C., Corvallis—Granville Cannon of Athena has been pledged to the Beaver Knights. This national underclassmen's honorary organization acts as "pep and tradition" committee for the college.

Its objects are to instruct freshmen in the songs, yells and traditions of the college, to instill into them real "Beaver pep," to receive and entertain visiting teams and to function as guides at all college activities such as athletic contests and convocations.

Representatives are selected from each fraternity and club. Cannon is the representative of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The pledges will take an active part in the duties of the order and will be voted on for membership during the winter quarter.

Earthquake Shakes Western Alaska

Seattle, Wash.—Earthquake shocks of considerable intensity shook southeastern Alaska Monday, severing cables maintained by the United States army signal corps between Ketchikan and Wrangell and between Juneau, Haines and Skagway, breaking dishes and windows and stopping clocks.

Dr. Perry Byerly, seismologist of the University of California, reported from Berkeley that the chart of his seismograph indicated the disturbance centered 1650 miles northwest of Berkeley.

Reports from Petersburg, Alaska, said that the Ketchikan-Wrangell cable had broken near Wrangell, where the shock was believed to be severe. Cordova, Alaska, several hundred miles west and north of Juneau, reported pictures hanging on the walls swayed slightly, but the phenomenon was not identified as an earthquake until dispatches telling of the disturbance in southeastern Alaska were received. No tremors were felt in Seward, 125 miles west of Cordova.

NEW VETERANS' PAY PLAN

Director Hines Considers Idea of Coupon Books.

Washington, D. C.—The veterans of American wars are better cared for than those of any country in the world, Director Hines of the veterans bureau declared after a call on President Coolidge. He gave the president a detailed report of his visit with the American Legion in France. Mr. Hines said he had under consideration the adoption of the French system of paying compensation to world war veterans under which coupon books are issued which may be presented at post-offices or national banks for payment periodically.

Canadian Grain Records Broken.

Winnipeg.—Breaking all previous records, a total of 4,356,000 bushels of grain was weighed into the elevators of the Canadian Pacific railway in one day. The previous record was made in 1925, when 3,559,000 bushels were hauled to elevators on November 20.

Bankers Kidnaped by Shanghai Reds.

Shanghai, China.—A reign of terror has swept the wealthy Chinese districts of the international settlement as the result of 20 kidnappings of rich Chinese merchants, bankers and professional men.

2080 Killed by Autos Last Month.

Chicago, Ill.—A daily toll of 70 lives was taken by automobile accidents last month, the National Safety council announced. It was estimated that 2080 men, women and children were killed in September.