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## FARM BOARD AND TARIFF THE ISSUES

### Hoover's First State Paper Read At the Special Session.

In his first message to congress, in its special session, President Hoover specifically informed the senate and house that he favored creation of a federal farm board with resources to remedy agricultural ills; a limited tariff revision; suspension of the national origins clause of the immigration act; legislation for the taking of the 1930 census and the re-apportionment of congressional representation. The message in part, follows:

I have called this special session of congress to redeem two pledges given in the last election—farm relief and limited changes in the tariff.

The difficulties of the agricultural industry arise out of a multitude of causes. A heavy indebtedness was inherited by the industry from the deflation processes of 1920. Disorderly and wasted methods of marketing have developed. The growing specialization in the industry has for years been increasing the proportion of products that now leave the farm and, in consequence, prices have been unduly depressed by congested marketing at the harvest or by the occasional climatic surpluses. Railway rates have necessarily increased. There has been a growth of competition in the world markets from countries that enjoy cheaper labor or more nearly virgin soils. There was a great expansion of production from our marginal lands during the war, and upon these profitable enterprises under normal conditions cannot be maintained. Meanwhile their continued output tends to aggravate the situation. Local taxes have doubled and in some cases tripled. Work animals have been steadily replaced by mechanical appliances, thereby decreasing the consumption of farm products. There are many other contributing causes.

The general result has been that our agricultural industry has not kept pace in prosperity or standards of living with other lines of industry.

There being no disagreement as to the need of farm relief, the problem before us becomes one of method by which relief may be most successfully brought about. Because of the multitude of causes and because agriculture is not one industry, but a score of industries; we are confronted not with a single problem alone but a great number of problems. Therefore there is no single plan of principle that can be generally applied. Some of the forces working to the detriment of agriculture can be greatly mitigated by improving our waterway transportation; some of them by readjustment of the tariff; some by better understanding and adjustment of production needs; and some by improvement in the methods of marketing.

An effective tariff upon agricultural products, that will compensate the farmer's higher costs and higher standards of living, has a dual purpose. Such a tariff not only protects the farmer in our domestic market but it also stimulates him to diversify his crops and to grow products that he could not otherwise produce, and thus lessens his dependence upon exports to foreign markets. The great expansion of production abroad under the conditions I have mentioned renders foreign competition in our export markets increasingly serious. It seems but natural, therefore, that the American farmer, having been greatly handicapped in his foreign market by such competition from the younger countries, should ask that foreign access to our domestic market should be regulated by taking into account the differences in our costs of production.

The government has a special mandate from the recent election, not only to further develop our waterways and revise the agricultural tariff, but also to extend systematic relief in other directions.

I have long held that the multiplicity of causes of agricultural depression could only be met by the creation of a great instrumentality clothed with sufficient authority and resources to assist our farmers to meet these problems, each upon its own merits. The creation of such an agency would at once transfer the agricultural question from the field of politics into the realm of economics and would result in constructive action. The administration is pledged to create an instrumentality that will investigate the causes, find sound remedies, and have the authority and resources to apply those remedies.

## Death Claims John Harden at the Age of Eighty-six Years

John Harden died at his home in Athena Monday evening at the age of 86 years, ten months and 13 days, after an illness of only a few hours, heart failure directly causing his demise. Mr. Harden had spent the declining years of his life in comparatively good health, and the morning preceding his death apparently felt better than usual. Without his cane he walked about the premises, but shortly before noon he was stricken and at six o'clock passed away.

Mr. Harden was a native of Kentucky, where he was born June 2, 1842. At the age of 16 he went to California, where on the 9th day of September, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Hale. Seven children were born to the union all of whom, with the mother, survive. They are W. R. Harden of Athena; Mary McKay of Athena; Mrs. Kate McCollough of Tekoa, Wash.; Mrs. Anna Cartano of Pendleton; Mrs. Jessie Schick of Walla Walla; Jasper Harden of Salem; Mrs. Edna Kilgore of Athena. There are eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Harden came to the Willamette valley in 1876, moving to Athena in 1890, where they have lived since. For many years they engaged in the hotel business here, and their hospitality was long appreciated by the traveling public, as well as the community which they served so long and well.

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Christian church, Dr. Meredith officiating.

## BEANS SEEN AS SOIL BUILDERS

### Kasten Tells Lions How Beans May Revolution- ize Farming.

Belief that Walla Walla and Umatilla counties can be made one of the great bean producing areas of the country because of climatic conditions, was expressed by County Agent A. W. Kasten, speaking before the Lions club at their luncheon meeting at the Grand Hotel in Walla Walla Thursday, says the Union.

Mr. Kasten declared that the raising of beans as proposed by the large canning concern represented by the Eickhoff company, will be an important factor in the revolutionizing of agriculture in the foothills district acting to make it more permanent by soil building.

The advantage of raising beans, the speaker said, are a double return on the land, a replenishing of soil nitrogen, and a profitable summer fallow crop, besides bringing a premium for wheat of high protein content. Mr. Kasten advised dividing the land between beans, sweet clover, alfalfa and wheat with the addition of sufficient livestock to handle the extra stock food.

Touching on the market possibilities, he said that the estimated cost for an ordinary farm to add equipment for raising beans is about \$300. Northern Idaho and the Palouse district are estimating returns at four cents per pound on an 800-pound yield per acre, which with a cost of \$11, over and above the summer fallowing, will yield about \$21.

### Mrs. Louis Stewart Seriously Injured

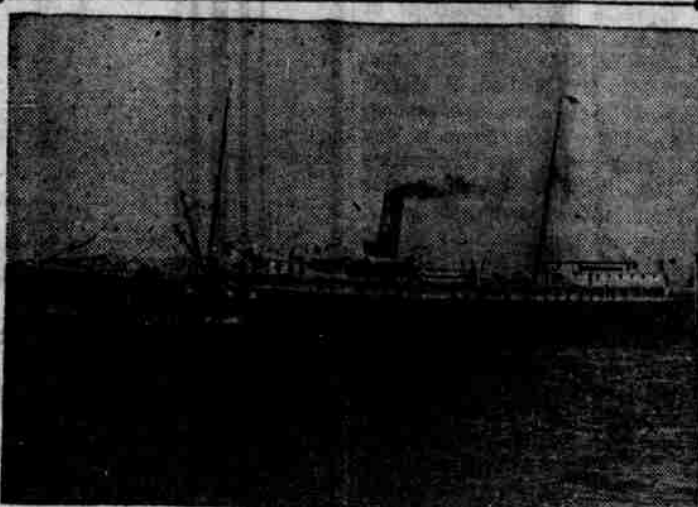
Mrs. Louis Stewart was seriously injured Saturday morning at her farm home north of Athena, when she was kicked in the back of the head and neck by one of the horses or mules which were passing her at the gate of the barn lot.

The Stewart family were ill with the flu, and Herman Hoffman was doing the chores until such a time as Mr. Stewart recovered and was able to look after his work. Saturday morning he was at the Stewart place and Mrs. Stewart went to the farm lot to open a gate, when as above stated one of the work animals kicked her. She was unconscious when Mr. Hoffman reached her side.

Dr. Sharp of Athena, and Dr. Flower of Milton were called, and after examination, it fortunately developed that no fractures had resulted, and aside from bruises and soreness, Mrs. Stewart will be free from further injury.

**Miss Luckenbill Dead**  
Miss Nadine Luckenbill, who formerly resided in Athena and attended the public schools here, died last week at her home in Bend. The remains were taken to Walla Walla for burial.

## University of Oregon's Floating School



Steamship Queen of Admirals line which will be used to take students on tour to Alaska.

Arrangements have now practically been completed for the first summer school "floating university," which will be held August 7 to 21 under the direction of the University of Oregon. It is announced by Alfred Powers, in charge of summer sessions. Selection of faculty is now going on, and the complete personnel will soon be ready. The S. S. Queen of the Admirals line will carry the students to Alaska.

Three educators of outstanding qualifications for such a project have already been named. Mr. Powers says these are J. Duncan Spaeth, professor of English of Princeton, who will give courses in literature; Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the department of geology of the university, who will give courses in geology, anthropology and other sciences, and Noland B. Zane, professor of art, who in addition to giving practical courses in this field, will offer instruction in history and appreciation of art.

A faculty of 15 will be taken on the cruise, which will have accommodations for 185 students. Courses in botany, biology, journalism, and other subjects will be offered. Lectures and practical field work will take up the time on the cruise, and the students will then return to the Eugene campus where the final two weeks will be spent in further study and examinations.

The itinerary of the trip shows that many places of interest will be visited. The students will leave Eugene Wednesday, August 7, by special train, and will leave Seattle on the S. S. Queen the following morning. The vessel

will go via Puget sound, Strait of Juan De Fuca, Georgia Strait, Seymour Narrows, Johnstone Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound, Millbank Sound, Grenville Channel, and British Columbia Inlets, arriving at Ketchikan on Saturday. After a four hour stop, the ship will go on to Wrangell, where another stop will be made. From here, via Sumner Straits and Wrangell Narrows, the party will go on to Petersburg, where they will remain five hours. The next stop will be at Taku Glacier, on Monday, where the vessel will lay to for three hours.

From the Glacier the ship will go to Juneau, where nearly an entire day will be spent. From Juneau the ship will proceed to Skagway, stopping at Douglas, Haines and Chilkoot en route. The party will arrive at Sitka at noon Wednesday, and will remain here until 9 a. m. Thursday. It will then start back, stopping again at Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan. The ship will dock in Seattle the following Tuesday at 10 o'clock, and students will take a special train for Eugene.

The S. S. Queen is one of the favorite ships in Alaskan service. It has a speed of 14 knots, has a length of 348 feet, breadth of 33 feet and a gross tonnage of 2727. On the A deck are 28 rooms with 58 berths, on B deck 44 rooms with 121 berths and on C deck 10 rooms with 20 berths. All accommodations are first class, and the cost for the entire trip, including fare from Eugene to Seattle and return, university fees and boat fare is but \$140. Full details will be furnished by Alfred Powers, director of summer sessions, University of Oregon, Eugene.

### Nard Jones Has Novel Accepted

Walla Walla.—Word that the first novel of Nard Jones, graduate of Whitman college as a writer and as an actor in amateur dramatics, will be published in the spring of 1930 was received here yesterday. The title of the book is "Oregon Detour" and it was accepted for publication by Payson and Clark, Ltd., of New York and London.

The novel, written in a realistic manner, has as its setting Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Washington. In a letter to the author, William Rose Bennett, assistant editor of the Saturday Review of Literature and known as one of the outstanding literary critics of America, declared that it was one of the most promising first novels he has read for some time.

The author, who is well known here, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson H. Jones of Weston, Oregon. He has advanced considerably in the literary scale during the past few years, having had many stories and articles published in national periodicals since he was a junior at Whitman. At present he is editor of a northwest trade journal.

### Open Fishing Season

The fishing season opened Monday and a few Athena anglers went to the Umatilla for the day. Fred Radtke and Billy Pinkerton tried their luck in the river, with poor success. E. A. Dudley and Glenn Dudley made a fair catch at Bingham Springs and Ryan creek. Water in the river was high as a result of Saturday's rain and melting snow in the mountains. Reports are that the best fishing is on Meacham Creek. Three Pendleton anglers took the limit there.

### Masonic Hall Repairs

Workmen have erected scaffolds in preparation for the dismantling and rebuilding the front of Masonic hall on Main street. Repairs to the building were found necessary some weeks ago, when cracks, caused through settling of the walls were discovered, and the structure was deemed to be in an unsafe condition. At that time the front was boarded up and braced, as a precautionary measure.

### Roy Ogilvy Dies

Roy Ogilvy, a veteran of the World War, and formerly of Pilot Rock, died Saturday at Tucson, Arizona, his death being caused by tuberculosis. He was a brother of Mrs. Lew Kretzer formerly of Athena, now a resident of The Dalles.

### Heart Disease Causes Death of Worthington

W. B. Worthington, brother of H. O. Worthington of Pendleton, and well known in Athena, died Sunday afternoon at his home near Thorn Hollow, after a few hours illness from heart disease.

Mr. Worthington was in Athena in company with his wife last week, and was apparently in his usual good health, and Saturday evening retired feeling as well as usual.

He was born in Green county, Tennessee, October 13, 1868, and since coming to Oregon in 1882, had resided almost continuously in Umatilla county, where until in recent years he had followed painting as a trade. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Molly Robie; one brother, H. O. Worthington, of Pendleton; a sister, Mrs. Emma Miller, of Seattle.

Funeral services were held at the Miller undertaking parlors at 10 a. m. Tuesday. Rev. Dow of the Baptist church preached the sermon. Mrs. Otho Reeder and Mrs. Lloyd Michener sang. Interment took place in the Weston cemetery.

### The Cougar's Prey

The cougar, the deer's most deadly enemy, first devours the lungs, liver and tongue of his kill, according to Fred Arzner, hunter for the state game commission. Often times these are the only parts taken from the carcass of a deer. Mr. Arzner, who spends his entire time hunting predatory animals in the Cow creek game refuge, has made a close study of the habits of the cougar and has accounted for hundreds of them with his rifle and trained dogs. He complains to the game commission that heavy rains this winter have destroyed signs and hindered the trailing of cougar, lynx and other animals.

### Junior Base Ball Teams

American Legion Posts throughout the state are forming junior base ball teams. The Pendleton post will put a team in the field. All boys between the ages of 12 and 17 years are eligible. Legion posts of Pendleton, Athena-Weston, Hermiston and Milton-Freewater are in District No. 8 of the Department of Oregon of the American Legion, and it is expected that posts of these towns will sponsor a junior team.

### Pioneer Picnic

Dates selected by the committee for the Pioneer Picnic at Weston this year have been announced. May 31 and June 1 are the dates selected.

### Pays 15th Visit



Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, who has just paid his fifteenth annual consecutive visit to the University of Oregon campus, where he interviewed students and old friends. The youth of today is not wild but merely unconventional, Bishop Sumner said in an interview while on the campus.

### Junior Leaders of the Boy Scouts to Meet

Pendleton Boy Scouts will be hosts to Scouts from 20 towns in the Blue Mountain council, when the Junior Scout Leaders council meets there April 19, 20 and 21, says the East Oregonian.

The junior leaders will include all troop officers below rank of assistant scoutmaster. Scoutmasters may delegate scouts they wish to attend.

The conference will start with a banquet at 6:30 p. m., Friday, April 19, in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Pendleton. Each community represented will be asked to respond to the welcoming speech of World Jamboree Delegate Crommelin.

Pendleton homes will be opened to out-of-town delegates for beds and breakfasts. Room assignments will be made at the banquet. The conference fee will be 75c. This pays cost of banquet, conference badges, printing and other expenses. Visiting Scouts are expected to bring funds for three extra meals.

### Bids Are Opened For Building Athena Roads

Construction work on the Athena loup market road will begin in the near future. As soon as the bids are approved and accepted by the county court, equipment will be assembled and crews put to work.

Bids for constructing the Athena Weyland road, a distance of five miles, and a road on Gerking flat for a similar distance were opened at the court house Friday and referred to the roadmaster for consideration, says the East Oregonian.

Joslyn & McCallister were awarded contracts for building the Athena-Weyland road and five miles of work on Gerking flat. The bid on the Athena road was \$29,159.04 and on the other contract \$21,687.51. Both projects are in the same road district and the people of the district voted a 10 mill tax that will raise \$18,000 towards paying for the work. The county is obliged to match the fund and will provide enough to make up the remainder needed. The work is to start at once and be completed by August 1. The roads will be graded and surfaced.

### Execution Stayed

A stay of execution of R. L. Wilkins, sentenced to death for the murder of Attorney John W. Brooks, was ordered by Judge John L. Sharpstein, pending Wilkins' appeal of his conviction to the state supreme court. An order was also filed directing the court reporter to prepare a transcript of the proceedings of the trial to send to the state court.

### Weston Team Disbands

Athena high school base ball team was all dolled up Friday afternoon, with no place to go. A game had been scheduled with Weston Hi on the local grounds. When Weston did not show up, it developed after investigation that the Weston team had disbanded. The Athena team put in the afternoon practicing.

### Hermiston Wins

Rain prevented the Adams-Indian game in the county league at Adams Sunday. At Pendleton, Hermiston put up a good game to defeat the Eagles by the score of 5 to 3.

### Suit To Collect

Suit to collect the sums of \$4,606.75 and \$2,236.66, both alleged due on notes together with \$670 attorneys fees, was filed today in the circuit court here by John D. Ankeny against Louis Bergevin, et al.

## Athena High School Basketball Teams En- tained By M. I. Millers

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Miller was the scene of much pleasure and gaiety Friday evening, when the Athena coach and his estimable wife entertained the members of the Athena high school boys and girls' basketball teams.

The evening was spent at cards and other games. Again proving their ability as leaders, the two captains, Thelma Schrimpf and Eldon Myrick, led their team mates in scoring, to win the first prizes, while James Wilson and Goldie Miller were awarded the consolations.

In a contest of composing poetry concerning someone present, Frances Cannon captured the prize for being the best guesser in the group.

At midnight dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Douglas and Mrs. Harold Fredrick. The selection of partners involved an interesting and merry procedure, when each boy and girl was required to draw a slip of paper on which was written some question pertaining to basketball. The answer was to be found written on place cards, and in this manner partners were seated at the table.

### Pendleton Boy Killed

Urban Schwarz, aged 20, formerly of Pendleton, was killed in an automobile accident in Portland Saturday night. His companion, Miss Bertha Monese of Pendleton, was seriously injured. The couple stepped from the curb to enter a street car, when they were struck by a machine driven by H. L. Gilman of Tillamook. Gilman was exonerated from blame. The body of Schwarz was brought to Pendleton for burial.

## A CANNERY PLAN IS WELL RECEIVED

### Milton-Freewater Men Of- fer Proposition To Walla Walla.

Walla Walla.—A definite and concrete plan for a cannery to be constructed in Milton-Freewater which will be amply financed and well managed, was put up to the Chamber of Commerce at its weekly luncheon yesterday and was well received by the business men. Ten Milton-Freewater men came and the matter was presented by C. B. (Det) Harris, who said that it is proposed to capitalize the company for \$125,000 of which \$35,000 was to be raised in the Milton-Freewater district and \$25,000 in Walla Walla, while the remainder would be pledged by fruit and vegetable growers, who would agree to turn in \$65,000 worth of products in five years, taking in pay stock in the company. The Milton-Freewater men interested would see to the management, he said.

More than one cannery will be needed here, he stated, for the valley can produce enough stuff for five or six, but the first one should be operated by a corporation rather than a co-operative. A capitalization of \$125,000 will take care of a cannery with an annual output of 200,000 cases.

The causes of cannery failures are, Mr. Harris stated, under financing and lack of proper management. Seventy five per cent of the failures are due to lack of financing and 25 per cent to poor management.

"For this cannery we plan a board of managers made up of business men who will give close supervision, and will hire the best man obtainable as manager. At Milton-Freewater we have plenty of labor, cheap fuel and power."

"We are asking Walla Walla to subscribe \$25,000 but not as a gift for it will be an investment which will pay dividends."

### Boy Scout's Funeral Held At Chewelah

Chewelah, Wash.—The mangled body of Scout Harold Stiffinson, who plunged hundreds of feet to his death Friday when the edge of Quartzite peak, on the outskirts of the town, crumbled, was laid to rest in the biggest funeral ever witnessed by Chewelah. Meantime, five boy scouts members of Harold's hapless patrol, who fell to a ledge where they spent the night in freezing temperature, showed no ill effects from the experience. Don Hutchinson, scout master, who was forced to cling to the face of the cliff for hours, is said to be suffering from his ordeal and the shock of losing young Stiffinson.

### Guests From Pendleton

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sticker of Pendleton, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dudley.

## ATHENA HI ENTERS AT WESTON MEET

### High School Better Prepar- ed For Events Than the Graders.

Athena high school and the graders, captained by coach "Pike" Miller trooped over to Weston, where this forenoon they will enter the different events of the district track meet. Miller expects his bunch of entries to uphold the athletic traditions of the local school with honors, notwithstanding that but little attention has been given track for the last two years.

He expects the grades to take care of themselves in the different events, and is pinning his hopes on Kirk, the two McEwen boys, Jim and Mike Wilson, Myrick, Pinkerton, Michener, Crowley, Rogers and Hansell, to bring home a good slice of bacon for Athena Hi.

Bill King, Helix mentor and well-known promoter of school athletics, will have charge of the meet in his capacity as sectional director, which is a guarantee that courtesy and fairness will prevail throughout. The following events have been scheduled:

### Grade Meet

10:30 A. M. Dashes, Boys Div. A, Girls Div. A; High Jump, Boys Div. C; Broad Jump, Boys Div. B; Ball Throwing, Shot Boys D. Girls Div. D. 10:45 A. M. Dashes, Boys Div. B, Girls Div. B; High Jump, Boys Div. D; Broad Jump, Boys Div. C; Ball Throwing, Girls Div. B. 11:15 A. M. Dashes, Boys Div. D; Girls Div. C. 11:00 A. M. Dashes, Boys Div. C, Girls Div. C; High Jump, Boys Div. B; Broad Jump, Boys Div. D; Ball Throwing, Girls Div. A, Boys Div. A. 11:30 A. M. Broad Jump, Boys Div. C. Relay at 12:00 o'clock sharp.

### High School Meet

2:00 P. M. Half-Mile Run; High and Broad Jump. 2:10 P. M. 100 yard Dash; Shot Put. 2:20 P. M. 100 yard Hurdles; Pole Vault. 2:40 P. M. 440 yard Dash, Mile Run, 220 yard Dash, 120 yard Hurdles, Javelin, Discus.

An admission of 25 cents will be charged adults attending the meet.

### Car In Ditch, Two Are Slightly Injured

Otho Reeder had an exciting experience Monday, when his car plunged into the ditch on the road west of town, turned over and slightly injured Mr. Reeder and Mrs. Stanfield, cook at the Reeder farm. Howard Reeder escaped without injury. The road was rough and Mr. Reeder does not know whether the steering gear broke when he attempted to avoid a rut or whether it was broken in the smashup. Anyway it was found broken when inventory of damages to the car, which includes broken front springs and twisted frame, was made.

Mr. Reeder emerged with a discolored eye and bruises. Mrs. Stanfield was bruised on her ankle and when the car crashed over she struck some part of its interior with her throat. She was en route to Walla Walla, and her nephew, M. I. Miller took her there after the accident to the Reeder car.

The wrecker from the Athena Garage, brought the Reeder car to town for repairs.

### Weston Hi "Vodvil"

Weston high school is preparing to entertain the public with an interesting vaudeville program, which will include the "Harmonica Five"—"Famous Huskie Trio"—"The Family Takes an Auto Ride"—"I Ain't Goin' to Cry no More"—"Fashion Show"—"Pigmy Franks"—"And the Lamp went out"—"Just Knosense Kids"—"Evolution of Courtship"—"The Sailor's Dream." The school is entering its efforts on making this entertainment a success in every particular, and a cordial invitation is given the Athena public to attend on Thursday evening, April 25, at Weston high school auditorium, announces Laurence McBride, manager of the presentation.

### Chickens Bother Them

Complaint has been made to the city marshal that chickens in some parts of the city are allowed to run at large, contrary to ordinance which prohibits owners from letting their fowls interfere with other people's gardens. The marshal has a notice in today's Press which deals with the chicken nuisance.

### On New Grand Jury

Three Athena men have been drawn to serve on the new grand jury at Pendleton. They are Forrest Zerba, Ernest Bell and Dean Dudley.