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NORBLAD'S PLAN IS TURNED DOWN

Flaws In Governor's Proposed Method Noted By the Commission.

Salem.—With business and industrial depression staring the country in the face, and the state groaning under its burden of taxes, Governor Norblad's plan of a \$20,000,000 road bond issue to aid in relief of present unemployment, was turned down by the state highway commission at a conference Tuesday afternoon which had been called by the governor.

Not that the commission was out of sympathy with the governor's concern over the unemployment situation, but, as explained by Chairman Van Duzer, the proposal was impractical from several angles.

To begin with, Van Duzer pointed out, it would require so much time to get any sizable program under way, dispose of the bonds, advertise the contracts and let the bids, that the winter season would be well on its way before any work could be started.

In the second place, under modern methods of highway construction, even the most ambitious road program conceivable would not give employment to a sufficient number of men to make any appreciable difference in the general employment situation.

The commission, however, gave the governor its assurance that it would do everything within its power to give employment to as many men throughout the winter as practical.

This will be done by ferreting out small road jobs, grading jobs in particular, which can be carried out through the winter months and in which man power figures more largely than machine power and by carrying on such work as can be prosecuted at this time of the year without too great an economic waste of funds.

"The commission has anticipated this unemployment situation to some extent," Van Duzer said. "With this situation in view we have speeded up our road program to more than double that of last year.

"If we should even consider the letting of as much as \$20,000,000 in new highway contracts at this time the number of men to which we could give employment this winter would be very small.

"There is, however, a certain type of work which could be done this winter, such as minor grading jobs and road changes which would give employment to some men and the commission will see that this work is gotten under way wherever it is possible."

It was shown by members of the highway commission that in 1928 up to August 11, highway contracts awarded aggregated only \$1,125,998. In 1929 for the same period these contracts amounted to \$2,819,627, and this year to date the commission has let contracts for a total of \$5,110,615 double that of last year and more than four times that of two years ago.

In order to do this it was shown that the commission has obligated its next year's funds to a great extent.

The objection of the highway commission to the issuance of new bonds at this time did not extend to its program, already announced, covering the issuance of \$1,500,000 in new bonds each year for the next three years to meet additional federal aid money.

With a view to providing additional winter work on public highways, an effort will be made to have the federal government switch its aid on the Bend-Burns highway to the Burns-Ontario section on which work can be carried out this winter.

Deer Season Will Open To Hunters September 15

The deer hunting season will open on schedule, September 15, State Forester Lynn F. Cronemiller said Wednesday. Governor Norblad was not in Salem, but Cronemiller said he was able to speak authoritatively. The state forester said that the fire hazard is now entirely eliminated with no large fires burning and with the atmosphere so clear that lookouts can see long distances. The rain, Cronemiller said, is general throughout the state.

Missionary Meeting
The September meeting of the Christian Missionary society was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Boyd with Mrs. Minnie DePeatt assistant hostess. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Louis Keen presided at the meeting and Mrs. C. A. Sias led the devotionals. Mrs. G. R. Gerking had charge of the program which dealt with the Christianizing of the Jews in America. A gift of five dollars was sent to the Weisenberg mission in New York.

Railroads Ask Commission To Reconsider; Western Carriers File Petition

Apparently there is more back of the railroad's claim that more time was needed to arrange rate schedules to conform with the reduction ordered by the interstate commerce commission, for it now transpires that the commission has been asked to reconsider its order.

A Washington dispatch says that a petition asking the commission to reconsider its recent decision granting a general reduction in freight rates on grain and grain products in the west and for export was filed Wednesday by railroads.

The petition, filed by all western carriers, asserted that the decision required rates which would substantially reduce revenue "in the face of a general rate level which at present is and for years past has been insufficient to provide a fair return."

It added the decision was handed down so long after the record in the case was completed that testimony received by the commission no longer applied. The case was argued before the commission early last summer and the decision came last July 1.

The application also charged the reduced rates would deprive the railroads of their property without due process of law in violation of the fifth amendment to the constitution.

The rates are to become effective January 1.

The investigation into grain rates was undertaken by the commission under the provision of the Hoch-Smith resolution requiring the lowest possible rates on agricultural products consistent with service rendered by the carriers. In its decision, however, the commission said it had found the reduced rates were needed entirely aside from the Hoch-Smith resolution.

Indians Ask That Cello Fishing Rights be Observed

Salem.—Protection of Indians, whose tribes for centuries have fished in the Columbia river near Celilo and Three-mile rapids east of The Dalles, against encroachment of white fishermen was urged in a letter received at the executive department here from Andrew Barnhart of The Dalles.

"It has been the practice of the state of Oregon to issue commercial licenses for this same territory, virtually usurping the grounds that have for centuries been used by our people," read Barnhart's letter. "It is impossible for us to secure rights, when our neighbors, the white citizens, are able to procure all the rights to adjacent lands where nets can be set. In view of our treaty rights with the United States government, is this not a violation of such treaty to permit the white people to garner all of these desirable places? Is it not discriminatory against us?"

"Even though the Indian procures a license he is forced to retire before the white man who constantly encroaches further upon what little remains to the Indians under the treaty rights. There seems to be no person sufficiently interested to give us justice."

"The question in my mind is whether the state of Oregon has authority to issue a license to the white man when the issuing of such licenses interferes with the existing Indian treaty governing tribal fishing rights and grounds."

Bank Thugs Flee When Cashier Opens Gun Fire

Medford.—A fusillade of pistol shots and a wild pursuit after bank bandits through the center of town featured an attempt to rob the bank at Central Point, five miles north of here, late Tuesday.

One of the bandits remained at the wheel of a motor car while his companion ordered bank employees to "stick 'em up" and proceeded to stuff money into his shirt. The arrival of customers, however, frightened the robber and he fled into the car.

L. A. Tollefson, cashier, fired several shots at the fleeing bandits, but it is believed none of the bullets took effect. Sheriff's officers were combing the countryside for the men.

Assist Red Cross Work

Now that the cooler weather has arrived the demand for warmer garments has increased and the Umatilla County Chapter has been requested to assist in making these garments. Any one who will assist with this work may have the materials and instructions by writing to Mrs. James Laing, chairman of the production or by sending to the Red Cross headquarters, Pendleton, Oregon.

"Portland Rose" Christened

Yesterday was a gala day for the Union Pacific, first of the transcontinentals to reach the Pacific coast and long associated with the upbuilding of the west, and a gala day as well for Portland. For the new train, "Portland Rose," upon which more than \$1,000,000 has been spent by the Union Pacific, is the first train ever to be dedicated to a city.

Gate-way for 100,000 to State Fair



Ivy-clad entrance to the Oregon State fair, through which more than 100,000 people are expected to pass during the 69th annual exposition at Salem, Sept. 22 to 25. Inset: Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, secretary of the state fair board, whose efforts have placed the Oregon event in the class with the finest fairs of the West.

Blast Sends Rock Hurtling Over Building Roofs

A blast at the county rock quarry in the southwest part of town sprayed warehouse roofs in the Union Pacific yards with stones shortly before noon, Saturday. Several large stones crashed through the roof of a shed in the Tum-a-Lum Lumber yard and also in the warehouse where workers are engaged in making alterations to accommodate the Washington-Idaho Seed company's pea sorting plant.

At the latter place, Jack Calder was lucky to escape injury when a stone grazed him, only missing him but tearing his clothing.

The freak blast was caused when workmen set off an unexploded mine found by them in the progress of their work in getting out material at the quarry for use in constructing shoulders on the highway east of town. The mine had been set by some one but not discharged, and when it went off it proved to be a heavy loaded one with only a few feet of soil and loose rock on the north side of the mine.

When it was set off the full force went out on the shallow side, causing a shower of rocks of all sizes to be thrown with terrific force and some landed several hundred yards from the scene of the blast. Several boys who happened to be in the lumber yard at the time were badly scared, but all fortunately got by safe.

Football Opens With Game With Mac-Hi Sept. 20th

Opening the football season on the home grounds with Mac-Hi for their opponents, "Pike" Miller's eleven will go into the fray Saturday afternoon, September 20, with but little preliminary practice, but with a full grown determination to win.

Eddie Back is directing the Mac-Hi athletes through this season's campaign, having taken the place of Coach Green, who looked over the destinies of the fruitpickers for two very successful seasons.

The Athena team is reported to be exceptionally strong in the line this year, with much to be developed in the backfield positions. However, the scrimmage with Mac-Hi will give an angle on what Athena may expect of her team this year. Well, they're rarin' to go!

The B. B. Club

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Michener were host and hostess to the B. B. club Wednesday evening. A no host dinner was served at 7 p. m., followed by four tables of bridge. High honors went to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garfield and low to Flint Johns. Guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garfield, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Logsdon, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Eager and the host and hostess.

Price Cut In Two

Cattle prices have been whacked right through the middle as compared with last year's market, according to a statement made by John Thompson, well known stockman, who was in Athena Monday. Mr. Thompson had just disposed of some beef cattle to a buyer, who last year paid him just double what he paid this week for the same number at approximately the same weight.

Adopt School Budget

At a meeting of the school board Wednesday evening the matter of adopting the budget for the coming year was discussed and concluded.

Activities To Secure the Umatilla Rapids Project Outlined At a Conference

Portland.—1. Umatilla Rapids project to be launched in vigorous aggressive way at next session of congress.

2. Sentiment in its behalf united on part of Oregon delegation to congress and likewise of people of Oregon and Pacific Northwest.

3. Senator McNary to lead in fight for project at Washington, D. C., with pledged support of Senator Steiwer and Congressman Butler and Korell.

4. Hearings on Umatilla Rapids plan to be jointly conducted by senate and house committee with "adequate time" immediately after the holidays in Washington, D. C.

5. Support of President Hoover for Umatilla Rapids anticipated by Senator McNary, with confidence that Secretary Wilbur of interior department will extend formal approval and that forthcoming report by United States engineers containing general survey of Columbia and its needs will constitute technical confirmation.

6. Commitments by Pacific Northwest communities as possible consumers of Umatilla Rapids power to be added to those already given by Portland, Pendleton, La Grande and other cities.

These were outstanding as conclusions reached by conference at the Benson hotel between Senators McNary and Steiwer and Congressman Butler and Korell, representing the Oregon congressional delegation and the executive committee of the Umatilla Rapids project.

Following the conference, which was executive, Secretary Baer issued a statement declaring that the Umatilla Rapids project has been given outstanding position among the great projects of the United States with every assurance of its ultimate success.

Senator McNary issued a statement which covered the essential facts of the project, his belief that the federal government should undertake the development and that it should be a source of revenue to Oregon and Washington. He said:

"The bill contains a provision of extreme importance to the taxpayers of the state of Oregon and Washington in the matter of creation of a new source of revenue by specifying that 37 1/2 percent of any money collected by the secretary of the interior above the amounts due the government will come to the states of Oregon and Washington in lieu of taxes by virtue of their natural resources being taken for public service."

The bill provides, said Senator McNary, that title to Umatilla Rapids dam, the reservoir plant and incidental works shall forever remain in the United States.

The secretary of the interior need not undertake construction until contracts are made for sale of power.

Foot Badly Cut

While engaged in road work on the highway in the vicinity of Ritter, Grant county, Floyd Arbogast cut his left foot very badly with an ax. He was brought out for surgical attention and arrived at Pendleton several hours after the accident. A deep gash was cut across the foot and six stitches were taken to close the wound. Floyd withstood the ordeal without anaesthetic aid. He was in Athena the first of the week, hopping about on crutches.

For Slaying Bride

A complaint charging Laverne Carter with first-degree murder in connection with the killing of his 24-year-old bride of two months was filed at Klamath Falls by Assistant District Attorney Boivin. A conviction under this charge will mean capital punishment or life imprisonment.

Thirty-Six Men Employed On Extra Work In Athena

A total of thirty-six men are employed at this time on extra work in Athena, a Press reporter found in his rounds, Wednesday.

A force of thirteen carpenters are at work on alterations being made in the interior of the warehouse situated in the Union Pacific railroad yards to accommodate the site for the Washington-Idaho Seed company's pea cleaning and sorting plant, which is later to give employment to some forty women and girls.

At the plant of the Eickhoff Farm Products corporation a part of the bean grading machinery was started up Wednesday, where the first carload shipment of the season was being loaded, six men were employed. When the plant gets to running at full capacity ten men will be employed there. An attachment for stationary motive power transmission from a caterpillar tractor has been utilized for power purposes and is operating satisfactorily.

Fifteen men are employed on the new work which the maintenance department of the state highway commission is carrying on at this time on this division of the Oregon-Washington highway. A steam shovel is operating in the quarry in the lower end of town, and trucks are hauling the material for the new shoulders which will add materially to the width of the highway.

Class Officers Elected At A. H. S. For the Year

The senior class met with Mr. Bloom, class advisor, and elected their officers. The following were elected: Jack Moore, president; Roland Wilson, vice-president; and Myrtle Campbell, secretary-treasurer. Class rings and announcements were discussed.

Autos Come Together

Two cars brushed up together at the intersection of Main and Third streets Monday afternoon, but with only a hub cap knocked off in the way of damage. A Missouri car was coming up Third and was unable to make the turn into Main for the reason that a car was parked too close to the corner. It struck a coupe which veered out almost safely but not quite in time to escape being hit. The heaviest traffic on this division of the Oregon-Washington highway centers in Athena at the point where the accident occurred.

Burns In Auto Wreck

Giles Cheatham of Portland was burned to death in his automobile when it caught fire and burned on the Columbia River highway about 7:30 Monday evening about 17 miles west of Arlington, near the Wild Cat service station. Mrs. Cheatham, who was in the car escaped injury and was taken into Arlington. An ambulance was called from The Dalles and the body was taken back to that city.

Art Display

Mrs. Cornell's art display is now on exhibition in the Mosgrove building, Main street. Numbers of ladies are visiting the exhibition and the articles on display are attracting a great deal of attention.

Fast Horses and Fine Exhibits Will Be At the State Fair Next Week

Salem.—Horses from the finest stables in the west are expected to arrive here next week for last-minute training before the opening of the Oregon State fair program on Monday, September 22.

Nearly 80 entrants are on the list for the stake and class harness races, while more than 100 running horses probably will register here for the special events in which prizes will aggregate \$17,500, according to Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, secretary of the state fair board.

Horse barns have been put into first-class shape, with everything in readiness for the largest influx of championship animals ever entered in an Oregon exposition, she declared today.

Every division of the fair is assured a marked gain in quantity and quality of exhibits, according to members of the state fair board, with insufficient display space now the only problem confronting final plans for the 69th annual event.

Concession and exhibit space already is leased to capacity, while late applicants probably will have difficulty in obtaining proper quarters for their displays.

Even "Pee-wee golf," condemned by scores and played by thousands, has invaded the realm of amusements, and at least one course and an additional trick-shot device will have a place on the entertainment program. Fifteen counties have contracted for individual displays, with booths already being arranged in the rapidly-filling agricultural building.

Gridiron Grind Begins At U. of O. On Next Monday

University of Oregon.—Seventeen letters, including six veterans with two years of service in the Pacific Coast conference, will report to Dr. C. W. Spears next Monday as he starts his first football campaign at Oregon. Considering the number of players at practice last spring, the Webfoots will probably have about forty candidates seeking positions on the varsity.

The eyes of the coast sports world next week will be particularly directed toward Eugene and Seattle, where two newcomers to the West, Spears from Purdue, will begin conditioning grid teams for their initial assaults upon conference rivals. Doc Spears, playing Pacific University here five days after the first day of preliminary work, will quickly bring his eleven under observation. After another few days of practice the Webfoots will meet Willamette on Hayward field in a night game, September 26, and then entrain for Chicago to meet Drake in the country's first inter-sectional battle for the season, October 3.

The six veterans who will play their last season for Oregon are Austin Colbert and Jerry Lillie, guards; George Christinson and Marion Hall, tackles; Johnny Kitzmiller, captain and halfback and John Donahue, quarterback. With the exception of Hall, all of these men were regulars on last year's team. Colbert, who teamed with Christinson at tackle for two years, will be the only man among those veterans moved out of an old position by the new coach.

Rafferty Declines Comeback on Hoss Statements

Salem.—Except to quote from the statement itself of his services as chief of the state traffic force for the past 10 years, T. A. Rafferty, deputy, refused to comment on the explanations given by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, for his removal from office.

"On three or four occasions, the last in the Sunday press of September 7, the secretary of state has been quoted as saying, 'I want to go on record as saying that Chief Rafferty deserves a lot of credit for his past years' work in the state traffic division. He has given nearly 10 years of loyal and efficient service to the state of Oregon.'"

"With this one honest admission by the secretary of state I leave my case with the motoring public and those who know me as a neighbor and citizen."

Buyers City Lots

W. R. Harden has purchased six lots fronting on Second street and north of Jefferson street, Kirk's addition, Athena, from Howard Clemons of Pendleton. A small building was moved from the lots to Mr. Harden's residence property on the west side, where it will be converted into a garage. The six lots will serve as a cow pasture.

First Carload Received

The first carload of the Dayton, Washington, beans for cleaning at the Eickhoff Products corporation plant was received in Athena Monday, over the Union Pacific. The shipment was made from Turner Station.

EMINENT OREGON JURIST IS DEAD

Justice Thomas McBride of Supreme Bench Passes at Salem Home.

Chief Justice McBride of the Oregon supreme court, died at his home in Salem Tuesday night at the age of 83. The justice was well known in Athena where he had a number of personal friends, among whom are Attorney Watts and Mrs. Watts, at whose home the eminent jurist has been entertained. The Associated Press carried the following account of his death:

Justice Thomas Allen McBride, for 21 years a member of the state supreme court and five times its chief justice, died at his home, 1065 South Liberty street, at 11:45 o'clock last night. He would have been 83 years old next November 15, and had been longer in the legal profession than any other man in Oregon.

Justice McBride was stricken with cerebral thrombosis, blood clot on the brain, about two weeks ago, soon after returning to Salem from Foley Springs on the McKenzie river where he spent part of his summer vacation. His left side was paralyzed after the stroke. Before leaving Salem for the mountain resort he spent the earlier part of his vacation at work, and Monday his last opinion was handed down by the supreme court. It was a lengthy document, written in the aged judge's characteristic lucid and entertaining style.

With Justice McBride at the end were Mrs. McBride, his son George A. McBride of Portland; his daughter, Mrs. Mae Newton of Deer Island; and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Laura Baxter of Berkeley. Attending him were Drs. W. B. Morse and Kenneth Power, the former a nephew of Justice McBride.

Justice Thomas A. McBride who served more than two decades as a member of the Oregon supreme court, was himself a pioneer of frontier days. He came of a family that was one of the earliest that pioneered the state. The McBride family bearers established in Oregon more than three-quarters of a century ago. Its members have done conspicuous service to the state. Justice McBride had the distinction of being the oldest lawyer in the state in point of years of continuous service.

Justice McBride was born in Yamhill county, November 15, 1847. His parents were James and Mahala (Miller) McBride, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Missouri. On his father's side, Justice McBride's ancestors came from north of Ireland to America about 1760. James McBride great-grandfather of the justice, served in the revolutionary war as lieutenant in the Virginia regulars. His wife was an aunt of President Andrew Jackson. Their son, a native of Tennessee, was a minister and assisted Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone in organization of the Christian or Campbellite church.

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Biological Survey Reports Predatory Animals Killed

During August, thirty hunters worked all or part time and took 404 coyotes, 24 bobcats, 14 predatory bears, a total of 442 predatory animals. In addition, 44 badgers, 273 porcupines and 22 skunks were taken in the course of the work.

August weather proved ideal for trapping and for the most part were pleased to see the excellent results of the work. During September, each hunter should keep in mind plans for late fall and winter work, advises the Biological Survey. Arrange with stockmen for poison station material, locations for stations, and cooperation with stockmen in getting out trap and poison lines.

From now on, save all furs. Care should be taken to have them well stretched and dried before sending to headquarters.

If you have smelly and buggy scalps on hand, prepare some warm salt brine, soak them all night in it, and dry them before sending in.

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