

WOODMEN OFFICERS ASK FOR REHEARING

Guidance Wanted for Coming Head Camp Session —Vote Ruling Sought.

Denver.—Defendant officers of the Woodmen of the World fraternal order with headquarters in Denver petitioned the state supreme court for a rehearing of the case involving the legality of increasing insurance rates for members on authority granted by a "head camp session" of the order.

The court last week held that the session held at Oakland, Cal., in 1928 had adopted new insurance rules without conforming to the provisions of the order's constitution.

The petition recites that adoption was legal because no recall vote had been demanded. It asks modification of the court decree so enactments of the forthcoming special head camp session here January 12 may provide that all members may retain their insurance benefits.

Specifically, counsel for the officers ask the stipulation that any members in good standing April 20, 1926, or those whose insurance may have lapsed since then, be put into the class of members not transferred to the "reserve division," and that beneficiaries of deceased members may collect on insurance by paying up premiums decided upon.

The petitioners added that the supreme court should specify how votes shall be taken on amendments to the constitution and when recalls would be necessary.

The original plaintiffs, now defendants before the court, attacked the legality of the head camp session's action because only a viva-voce vote was taken, and alleged that the officers were attempting to change the fraternal insurance to old line company insurance.

Norblad Seeks Post of Minister to Netherlands

Seconding the effort to land Governor Norblad in the diplomatic corps as the successor of the late Garret J. Diekema as minister to The Netherlands, Senator McNary has endorsed the Oregon executive. Representative Hawley on Friday carried the matter direct to the president.

According to gossip, Governor Norblad is considered a potential candidate for congress in 1932. According to one report, he has considered moving to Portland at the end of his term as governor, with a forward look toward entering congress from the Multnomah district. Another story is that he might try conclusions with Hawley, retaining his residence in Astoria.

Appointment to a foreign mission would transfer the governor to other fields and this is said to be in harmony with his present ambition.

Governor Norblad has been widely discussed as a candidate to run against Hawley in the next primary campaign for congressman from the first Oregon district. Hawley was nearly defeated in the last election, losing his home county, Marion.

Use of Oils Hits Lard, So Light Hogs Favored

Increased use of vegetable oils in cooking has decreased use of lard, and therefore at the present time packers want a 160 to 180 pound hog instead of a 200 to 225 pound hog, says the Oregon Experiment station.

The present day demand resembles the old bacon type hog and it is thought that this type can be put in good market condition (180 pounds) more cheaply than the heavy hog, which would be to the farmers' advantage.

Latest experimental information on feeding this type of hog for market is contained in a new bulletin of the station written by A. W. Oliver, assistant professor of animal husbandry. It is popularly written with condensed results given rather than detailed data.

Long-Missing Filers Found

Missing 15 months when they disappeared in a snowstorm in the wilds of Northern Quebec, two Montreal aviators, Pilot W. F. Bill Cannon and Mechanic Leonce Lisotte have been discovered dead in their plane north of Roberval.

Early Action by Congress On Umatilla Rapids Bill Considered Not Probable

A special to the Morning Oregonian from its Washington, D. C., news bureau says: "When it is considered that the government has had Muscle Shoals 13 years and still doesn't know what to do with it and that Boulder Canyon is in litigation, there is not much prospect for speedy construction of the Umatilla Rapids dam. That the people of Oregon would like to see the Umatilla Rapids project materialize is acknowledged. That the Oregon delegation in congress wants to get action is also granted, but there are plain facts which must be recognized that may not be so palatable.

"The main fact is that congress is slow to act and Umatilla rapids does not come within the scope of emergency. If building such projects was regarded congress would be striving to settle the Muscle Shoals controversy and speed up Boulder Canyon.

"Back of Umatilla rapids is power—hydro-electric power and an unlimited amount. The power question is a very touchy one in congress. The government has not outlined a policy, and before such policy is defined there will be debates which will put those over the league of nations to shame.

"Umatilla Rapids project has been advocated for development of transportation and for irrigation and, incidentally, for power. Of late, however, the power feature has been stressed above the others, which may not be so interesting to congress, regardless of what the Oregon people think of cheap power.

"This is not intended as a wet blanket report, but to paint the picture so Oregon people will see the status of Umatilla rapids with power specialized.

"Congress is not concerned with bringing industries to the Columbia more than it is in fostering industries in Tennessee or California. The argument of power at Umatilla rapids means much in Oregon, but congress has one of the great power plants of the country on its hand and cannot decide what to do with it.

"River transportation, canalization and irrigation are better talking points, it is regarded here, than power, for the latter is a topic as explosive as dynamite.

"As much as the Oregon delegation would like to see the Umatilla Rapids project materialize, they know that the matter cannot be rushed. If \$45,000,000 in gold were available this moment for building the Umatilla project it would be two years at least before the preliminary surveys, studies and soundings could be completed and before contracts could be advertised.

"Building a dam such as will be required at Umatilla is a slow process. It is not to be rushed like road construction, and even when roads are built there are the surveys to be made and studied and the contracts advertised and awarded. This being the case, Umatilla rapids cannot be urged as something to relieve the unemployment situation. In so far as the power phase goes, it may have to wait until a governmental policy is defined.

"Meanwhile, however, the cause of Umatilla is being put forward at every available opportunity and progress is being made."

Appointment of a committee to direct the organization of a state-wide committee in the interest of the Umatilla rapids project was announced by Governor-elect Meier, president of the Umatilla Rapids association. Members of the organization committee are A. H. Devers, H. V. Alward, B. F. Irvine, W. G. Ide, C. H. Brockhagen, George Joseph, Jr., R. J. Benjamin, all of Portland; E. F. Slade, Salem, and William Hanley, Burns.

Five Year Plan Gains

Scores of Soviet factories have reported that they had more than fulfilled the requirements of the special quarter of the five-year industrialization plan. A Stalingrad plant reported that a new tractor was being produced there every 10 minutes. Under the leadership of Joseph Stalin the government hopes to complete the five-year plan in four years.

Memorial Services

Memorial services for Harry M. Cake, Portland attorney who died early this month at Los Angeles of injuries suffered in an automobile accident, will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow January 3, in the courtroom of Presiding Circuit Judge Hewitt at Portland.

OREGON CANNING BIG BERRY CROP

Study Reveals Salient Facts About Various Branches of Berry Industry.

Oregon State College.—Oregon now leads the nation in output of canned berries, with Washington a close second, and the two states together are responsible for 74 per cent of the berries canned in the United States today, according to George Sulerud and Dr. Milton N. Nelson of the agricultural economics department of the Oregon Experiment station, who have just completed a comprehensive study of the small fruit industry of Oregon.

In 1929, the study revealed, Oregon's acreage of raspberries, loganberries, blackberries, gooseberries and strawberries totalled around 19,300 acres, with an estimated value of \$3,800,000. The increase since 1919 has been rapid, and berry production now constitutes one of the most important branches of Oregon horticulture.

The superior quality of the berries grown in Oregon and Washington, together with the fact that much of the berry output of other districts is consumed in the large population centers as fresh fruit were the factors advanced to account for the leading position of these two states in the canned berry industry. A definite and continued shift in the canned berry production from other states to the Pacific northwest has been noted, although nothing was found to indicate that the industry will move elsewhere in the near future.

Oregon and Washington also pack 85 per cent of the nation's frozen strawberries, and an even higher percentage of the other frozen berries, the study shows. A continued growth of the cold pack berry industry is confidently predicted in the report.

This is a Bird Story; and Not a Fish Yarn

Oakland.—If George Helms wasn't chief of the county detective force his latest contribution to the lore of natural history might be classified under the same heading as the story concerning salt and the bird's tail.

However, Helms tells the story best, and the weather man will attest it has been unusually cold in the bay district. Said Helms:

"A few mornings ago a flock of robins arrived to take their usual morning plunge in my bird bath, but found it frozen over. What appeared to be a consultation followed and one of the birds flew away, to return with a woodpecker. Mr. Woodpecker went to work, cracked up the ice and the robins took their bath.

"The process was repeated several mornings, but I guess the woodpecker went on strike. Anyway, I thawed the ice with hot water and now the robins set up a racket at my back door every morning until I produce the hot water.

"I wish this cold spell would quit!"

Pushed Before Speeding Auto Joe Wild Bill, Umatilla Indian is being held in jail at Pendleton, charged with the murder of Peo Sol Louie another Indian. Sol Louie died at St. Anthony's hospital as a result of injuries received when he was pushed in front of a speeding auto by Wild Bill. It is alleged the two Indians were involved in a quarrel on the highway near Mission, and that Wild Bill pushed Louie in front of a car driven by Delbert Doan of Cayuse.

Wild Duck Malady

The mysterious malady popularly called "duck disease" which has killed millions of ducks and other wild waterfowl in the West is a disease of bacterial origin, the United States biological survey announced. The discovery was made after a two-year study by experts of the survey and the bureau of animal industry, both branches of the agriculture department. Originally it had been attributed to alkali poisoning.

Foreclosure Suit Filed

A foreclosure suit was filed in circuit court at Pendleton recently by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company against Herman C. Rosenberg and others, on a note for \$44,500 with costs, interest, unpaid taxes amounting to \$771.76, and attorney's fees of \$5000, and asking for judgment of foreclosure on approximately 913 acres of land north of Pendleton.

Driver Fatally Injured

Ben Scholtens, 34, of Walla Walla, was killed Christmas day when the automobile he was driving overturned, pinning him beneath it. Scholtens' overturned car was seen by a passing auto whose occupants took him to a hospital, where he died shortly afterwards.

Radio Improvements

Scientific progress of only the past few months will yield to the radio listener in the near future a greater variety of programs and less of the squeals and heterodynes that now mar reception, it is predicted by Federal Radio Commissioner Harold A. La Font.

Norblad Refuses to Call a Special Election to Fill Marion County Vacancies

Salem.—Governor Norblad announced that he would refuse to call a special election to select successors to Senator Lloyd Reynolds and Representative W. Carlton Smith, both of Marion county, who died recently. There are now two vacancies in the Marion county delegation, with the 1931 legislature less than three weeks away.

As a result of the governor's announcement the Marion county delegation probably will meet in Salem within the next ten days and recommend successors to Senator Reynolds and Representative Smith. This action would be followed by enactment of Senator Bennett's bill on the first day of the 1931 legislative session providing that vacancies in the legislature shall be filled by appointment by the governor. Senator Marks, whose election as president of the state senate appears assured, has announced that he will hold committee assignments for the new Marion county senator.

It was suggested that the Marion county delegation recommend the appointment of Frank Settlemeier of Woodburn as successor to Senator Reynolds and Mary Paulson of Silverton as successor to Representative Smith. Settlemeier was runner-up in the Marion county senatorial primary election, while Paulson was fifth in the race for representative, with four to elect.

There also was a report that James Mott, representative, would resign in case he was assured the appointment of state senator to succeed Mr. Reynolds. Such a move would give the governor power to appoint two representatives and one senator. These appointments would be made by Governor Meier, under the Bennett bill.

There may be some objection to this proposal, however, for the reason that Representative Loneragan of Portland, candidate for speaker of the house, would be deprived of two votes. Both Smith and Mott were said to have pledged their support to Loneragan. This objection might be removed, however, if the appointments were postponed until after the house is organized.

Double Locking of Cars

Continued activity of automobile thieves over the state has impelled the state traffic division to advise the locking of both transmission and door locks when cars are left unattended. Reports show that thieves have broken through automobile windows and taken cars which were unprotected by transmission or other mechanical safeguards.

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