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## FARMERS TO FIGHT FOR TAX REFORM

Tacoma, Wash.—The county farm bureaus of Washington will formulate a programme of legislation which they want passed at the next legislature and will attempt to finance a fight for its needed laws, it was decided here at a meeting of representatives of county farm bureaus. A second meeting, at which a programme will be submitted and discussed, was set for September 19 at Yakima.

Taxation reform is one of the greatest needs of the farmers of the state, it was agreed by the representatives. O. A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon state farm bureau and a national figure in the farm bureau movement, made an address to the gathering, declaring that co-operation is the salvation of the farmers and that when the farmers learn to use their united power, as in the farm bloc movement in congress, they can get what legislation they need.

**Gasoline Chiefs Wanted in Probe.**  
Washington, D. C.—Decision to call head officials of many of the greater oil companies who can "talk about the inside of the oil industry," was reached by acting Chairman McNary of the senate manufactures committee as the next step in the senate investigation of the gasoline price situation. Senator McNary said he was determined to have relevant facts instead of side issues in the committee record.

**17 Arrested After Night Rifle Fight.**  
Las Vegas, Nev.—Seventeen strikers of the Union Pacific railroad were arrested here by officers led by Governor Emmet D. Boyle of Nevada as a result of a shooting affray between strikers and strikebreakers. The governor and officials declared that preliminary investigation indicated the fuellade of bullets which created panic among residents near the yards was fired from within the stockade.

**Trainmen's Strike Unauthorized.**  
Cleveland, O.—Members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen who went on strike on the Santa Fe railroad have been ordered to return to work, President D. G. Lee announced, declaring their walkout was unauthorized.

**Intelligent Caddy.**  
"What is considered a good score on these links?" "Well," replied the youthful caddy solemnly, "most of the gentles tries to do it in as few strokes as they can, but it ain't really takes some more."—London Winesor

THOS. DEWITT CUYLER.



Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, who is chairman of the American Railway Executives association.

## SHIP SUBSIDY BILL MAY WAIT

Washington, D. C.—Reconvening of the house Tuesday found the republican leaders as reluctant to press the administration ship subsidy bill as they were when the recess was taken. Although it was understood when the recess was consented to by President Harding that the subsidy bill, which is on the house calendar would be taken up at once upon the return to work, no plans have been made for going ahead with it.

That the administration has taken no steps to obtain action on the subsidy bill at this time is officially explained as being due to the fact that the president has been engrossed with the serious situation resulting from the railroad and coal strikes.

President Harding's threat some months ago that he would convene congress in special session in case it failed to act upon the ship subsidy bill is not likely to be a factor in the situation. Congress long ago gave up hopes of an early adjournment. The present session will continue until the tariff bill is enacted into law, which may be some time in October. When adjournment is finally taken not more than a few weeks will remain before the regular December session.

## HALL ABANDONS ELECTION CONTEST

Salem, Or.—The contest on behalf of Charles Hall for the republican nomination for governor against Ben W. Olcott was abandoned Monday when W. S. U'Ren, of counsel for the contestant, announced that in the face of the rulings of the court with relation to the introduction of testimony and the apparent erroneous information received from contestant's informants that it had been decided to abandon further prosecution of the case.

The court ruling which resulted in abandonment of the proceedings followed the offering of testimony by John Theodore Brentano, a resident of the St. Paul precinct in Marion county. Mr. Brentano refused to name the gubernatorial candidate for whom he voted and the principles and reasons which prompted him to change his party affiliations at the polls from democratic to republican, and was sustained by the court.

The court held that a legal voter who changed his party affiliations in good faith at the polls at the primary election, even though accused of casting his ballot illegally, cannot be compelled to testify as to the identity of the candidates for whom he voted at any election or point out specifically the principles and reasons which prompted him to change his party affiliations.

## WAR VETERANS MEET

Portland Man to Preside Over Convention at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.—Former service men from all parts of the country gathered in Seattle Monday to attend the 23d annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Robert G. Woodside, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who was en route here from Pittsburgh, was forced to turn back at Chicago on account of strike disturbances in his district. In his absence the convention was presided over by John Walker Jones of Portland, Or., senior vice commander.

The convention will last until Sunday night. Oper a Star Merce Harold McCormick Paris.—Harold P. McCormick of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee of the International Harvester company, and Mrs. Alexander Smith Cochran, known to the musical world as Madame Ganna Walska, were married quietly in the city hall of the select Passy district of Paris.

## OBSERVATIONS OF A MINISTER ON HIS SUMMER VACATION

By Rev. Henry G. Hanson, Presbyterian Pastor, Moro, Oregon

### Travelog No. 1. Synod at Corvallis.

The time having come for my annual vacation, I left Moro bright and early Monday morning, July 10th, for Corvallis, by way of the Columbia river highway. The flivver purred with unusual satisfaction all forenoon, except when brief stops were made, to get a delayed breakfast at Hood River, a privileged outlook over the Columbia gorge from the Vista House, and to make a pause at my former stamping grounds at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Portland.

By noon the car, carrying four passengers, Marguerite Foss and Elsie Bourhill, on their way to the Presbyterian young people's conference at Hillsboro, and Mrs. B. T. Smith and son LeRoy, on their way home from a visit in Moro, in addition to myself, had left the Columbia river and Portland behind, and was speeding thru the Willamette valley. Leaving passengers and car behind, I hurried to Corvallis in the afternoon, arriving there in time for the evening session of the Synod. Here I heard a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. J. R. Lamb of Sutherlin, and also a splendid message from Rev. Calvin C. Hays, D. D., of Johnston, Pa., the moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly this summer.

The next four days were busy ones. Some of the preachers were on the tennis courts by 5 and others by 6 o'clock a. m. and worked up an appetite for breakfast. I had brought my appetite along with me, so contented myself with getting in line for breakfast at 7:15, served in Waldo Hall of O. A. C. The delegates, together with their wives and children, were entertained this year at Cauthorn Hall, at the extreme end of the campus. This did not decrease appetites when mealtime arrived. At 8 o'clock devotional exercises for fifteen minutes took place, followed by a 45-minute lecture on the life of Jesus, by Dr. J. A. Vance, a noted minister from Detroit, Michigan.

From 9 to 11 o'clock, the Synod was in business session, and then the summer school students filed in and the combined body listened to a university lecture. Dr. Edward T. Devine, of the "Survey" staff, a large man in body, mind, and sympathy, and who has an appropriate voice to deliver his thoughts, led the two sessions. From 12 to 1 o'clock those who had any energy left after four hours of steady sitting and deliberation were asked to attend one of the four classes then convening, pertaining respectively to religious education, missions, church publicity, and men's work. The afternoons were supposed to be for recreation and acquaintance, but in reality were taken up with postponed business, or sandwiched in presbytery meetings or work on committees.

mittee reports. The evening session at Synod was a popular one, held in the Presbyterian church. Four days of Synod reveals that it is no place to spend a vacation. But this is the way Presbyterians do when they go to Synod to have a good time.

There were exactly 100 delegates at Synod, besides an unusual number of ministers' wives, and a few children. The women had a meeting all of their own one day, but usually listened to the general deliberations. Rev. B. F. Harper of Milton, known to Moro people, was honored with the moderatorship, and Rev. W. H. Boddy of Hood River was appointed vice-moderator. There was a fine spirit all thru the meetings, keen differences on occasions, but with the spirit of brotherhood manifest, and the majority decided and ruled. Oregon Synod now has 146 churches, 176 ministers, 17,800 members, and about 19,600 members in its Sunday Schools. During the past year \$310,000 were spent locally as congregational expenses, while over \$93,000 were given to the various benevolent objects of the church.

The various reports indicating the progress of the church were interesting, but perhaps special mention should be made of the work of the student pastor at Corvallis. In mentioning this it should be stated that a similar work is being done at Eugene for the students at the state university. President Kerr of O. A. C. is a Presbyterian elder, and always takes a keen interest in anything that deals with the moral and spiritual welfare of the students, as well as the agricultural progress of the state. The Presbyterians have for three years had a student pastor give all his time to religious work among the students. During the past 14 months a student pastor house costing \$4000 has been acquired and paid for. This house is on the edge of the campus and is the rendezvous of Presbyterian students especially, but is open to all comers.

Rev. L. Myron Booser, who for the past two years has been student pastor, and who now, to the sorrow of Synod and students, has resigned to take up other work, gives the following as a sample of his work for a month: "Wrote 115 letters; held 141 personal conferences; attended 16 social meetings; gave 17 sermons or addresses; took part in 35 religious services; and entertained 166 students in the home." The influence of such a center cannot be estimated in figures. Synod adjourned Friday afternoon, July 14th, with a communion service, and will meet again next summer at Eugene, in connection with the University summer school.

**Editor's Note**—This is the first of a series of articles written by Reverend Hanson about his recent trip to California. Next week he will tell about San Francisco.

### Brief General News

The British ratified copy of the Washington treaties has been signed by King George.

Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein and one of the signers of the Anglo-Irish peace treaty, died from heart failure Saturday in Dublin.

Deaths in the typhoon of August 2 at Swatow, a seaport 25 miles northeast of Hongkong now are estimated at 50,000, the American consul at Swatow has reported.

The American Bar association convention held in San Francisco elected John W. Davis of West Virginia, former ambassador to Great Britain, president of the association.

A horizontal increase in the salaries of Episcopal clergymen during the past two years, ranging from 10 to 35 per cent, was noted in the report of the nation-wide campaign department of the church just made public.

Official proof of the friendship of the United States for the new German republic, together with wishes for its peace, happiness and prosperity, was given by President Harding when he sent a cablegram of felicitations to President Ebert on the occasion of the third anniversary of the establishment of the government now headed by Herr Ebert.

**Oil Refinery Blast Injures Nine Men.**  
Los Angeles, Cal.—An explosion of unknown origin at the refinery of the Union Oil company, located in the harbor district, seriously injured nine workmen, one of them probably fatally. The explosion occurred in the still plant of the refinery and was followed by a fire which was extinguished with but slight damage to the plant.

**Mexican Oil Ruling Criticized.**  
Washington, D. C.—Formal announcement that recent oil land decisions of the Mexican supreme court do not, in the opinion of officials here, effectively protect the rights of American land owners, is made in a statement issued by the state department.

### CLATSOP SHERIFF LOSES

Unofficial Returns Show Harley J. Slusher Elected.

Astoria, Or.—Returns from the special election in Clatsop county show that Sheriff Nelson was recalled by a majority of 421. Harley J. Slusher was elected sheriff by a majority of 438 to serve during the remainder of the term which will expire January 1, 1925.

The total vote cast in the sheriff contest was 4682, practically equal to that for governor at the primary election.

**Severed Love's Tie.**

One day a young man whom I had admired for some time, but who was keeping steady company with another girl, asked to take me to a party. I was overjoyed, thinking that he had left her and had come to me, only to learn later that she didn't think that she could come, and, wanting to take some girl, he had asked me. When he arrived at the party he found his old sweetheart there and turned all his attention to her. Worst of all, I had to walk home alone. That was my first and last time with him.—Chicago Journal.

**Farm Loan Board Member Confirmed.**

Washington, D. C.—John H. Gull Jr. was confirmed by the senate as a member of the federal farm loan board. This is the position for which Senator McNary recommended George Mansfield of Medford, president of the Oregon farm bureau.

**WHAT A MAN SEES.**

What a man seeks through his education is to get to know himself and the world; next, that for his knowledge it is before all things necessary that he acquaint himself with the best which has been thought and said in the world; finally, that of this best the classics of Greece and Rome form a very chief portion, and the portion most entirely satisfactory. With these conclusions lodged safe in one's mind, one is staunch on the side of humanity.—Matthew Arnold.

## HARDING ABANDONS STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Government to Back Railroads in Endeavors to Operate Properties.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding having abandoned all efforts at mediation of the rail strike, was declared by his advisers to have virtually decided to inform the railroad executives of the country that in the operation of trains they will be given the full protection and aid of the government.

The president, it was stated, was determined that the only course the government now could pursue was the path it followed in the coal strike—extension of an invitation to the employers to operate their properties and the federal government with the co-operation of the states would stand behind them in their efforts so far as they are directed to the serving of the public.

Leaders of the railroad labor organizations made public their rejection of President Harding's final offer for settlement of the national strike of shop craftsmen, but declared that attempts to mediate the difficulty by direct dealings between railroad executives and heads of the four brotherhoods were still in progress.

The union leaders, after a conference, also made public a statement declaring that the railroad executives by their responses to the president's final offer had also "declined to accept the president's proposition," and had "not even agreed to permit all employees now on strike to return to work."

The announcement came after the president had conferred on the strike situation with his cabinet and with leaders in congress.

## S. P. ROUNDHOUSE DAMAGED BY BOMBS

Roseville, Cal.—Five bombs thrown into the Southern Pacific railroad yards here shook the yards, tore huge holes in the ground and broke window panes when they exploded in front of roundhouse No. 1 and at the Pacific Fruit Express company icehouse.

Deputy United States Marshal Sullivan and state police officer Costa were slightly wounded by lead from a shotgun when they ran outside the railroad property in an effort to apprehend the bomb thrower and were fired upon from across the street.

Although an immediate search was instituted no trace of the bombers was found, and they are believed to have all escaped in automobiles.

The bombs were of the black powder type, and exploded with heavy detonations. A deputy United States marshal expressed the belief that some of the bombs contained shrapnel because of the manner in which roundhouse windows were shattered.

### SOFT COAL STRIKE ENDS

Operators and Miners Ratify Agreement to Bring About Settlement.

Cleveland, O.—Both operators and miners Tuesday ratified an agreement to bring about settlement of the soft coal strike.

The settlement provides that the miners shall be returned to work at the same scale of wages that were in effect when they went on strike; the new contract is to continue in force until next April 1; the agreement also provides for appointment of an advisory fact finding commission, a part of its duties to consider future settlements of disputes in the coal industry.

**Lord Northcliffe Dies in London.**

London.—Viscount Northcliffe, noted British publicist, died Sunday. Viscount Northcliffe, who was the son of an Irish barrister, was publisher of the London Times and Daily Mail. He was a man of powerful influence in the making and unmaking of British cabinets and, with David Lloyd George, contributed in a great measure to arousing England to a more vigorous action in the war.

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