

SHERMAN COUNTY PRESERVER

Or. Hist. Soc. - Auditorium

Established 1887.

Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, Friday, January 25, 1924

Five Cents

Dr. J. R. Morgan DENTIST

United States Dental Examiner for this district.

Office at
MORO, OREGON

Dr. C. L. POLEY Physician and Surgeon

Office in Residence
MORO - OREGON

W. C. BRYANT Attorney-at-Law

Office Phone Main 93
Moro Oregon

IRA M. PETERSON Attorney-at-Law

Practice in All the Courts of Oregon
Phone Main 541
BANK OF MORO BUILDING
Moro Oregon

D. LINDQUIST JEWELER

Watch Inspector for the O. W. R. & N. Co.
Jewelry and Watch Repairing given special attention
The Dalles, Oregon

Dr. Jos. Sanders V.S. Moro, Oregon

has returned to Sherman county and will practice his profession at Moro and vicinity
Dental Work a Specialty
Headquarters Foss & Co
Terms Strictly Cash

CRANDALL UNDERTAKING COMPANY

THE DALLES, OREGON

Sam Bilabine, Agent
Moro, Oregon

Gilliam and Wheeler Counties STOCK & WHEAT RANCHES FOR SALE

F. T. HURLBURT
Upper Main Street, opp. Garage
Cannon - Oregon

JAMES STEWART SHERMAN COUNTY STOCK AND BRAND INSPECTOR

Moro - Oregon

DEPUTIES: L. Schadewitz, Kent, Oregon; Dr. Jos. Sanders, Moro, Ore.; W. H. Meyer, Wasco, Ore.

LABOR PARTY LEADER NEW BRITISH PREMIER

Baldwin Resigns Post Following Defeat in House of Commons.

London.—The conservative government, headed by Stanley Baldwin, met defeat in the house of commons and for the first time in the history of England a labor government will take office.

The labor amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne was adopted by a vote of 225 to 256.

Prime Minister Baldwin tendered the resignation of his ministers to King George and advised the sovereign to send for James Ramsay MacDonald. The king accepted Baldwin's advice and summoned MacDonald, the labor leader, for an audience. The king invited him to form a government and MacDonald accepted.

MacDonald, it was stated, will combine the foreign office with the premiership.

James Ramsay MacDonald was selected by King George to form a cabinet by virtue of his position as head of the parliamentary labor party, which by its numerical strength in the house of commons has been his majesty's official opposition.

The premier-designate is 57 years old and self-educated. Although the leader of the laborites, he has never been a manual worker, having achieved his position by virtue of his academic knowledge of industrial affairs, gained through close study. As the son of a Scotch peasant, however, he early in life learned the privations of the average laborer's lot.

PARALYTIC STROKE FATAL TO LENINE

Moscow.—Nicholas Lenine, premier of soviet Russia, is dead. The end came at 5:50 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Lenine's death occurred at his country villa near Moscow, where he had been living in retirement. It came after a sudden turn for the worse, culminating in a stroke which paralyzed his respiratory organs.

News of his death, while not unexpected to those who had been closest to him, came unexpectedly to the great majority as the most recent reports had been that he was considerably improved in health. While there has been continued anxiety for his condition since he was stricken in June, 1923, public attention has lately been more directed to the differences among the communist party leaders, and particularly to the status of Leon Trotsky, who, it was recently announced, was in poor health, and had gone away for a rest.

TAXES NEARLY 8 BILLIONS

Government Gets \$29.47 for Each Man, Woman and Child.

Washington, D. C.—An average of \$29.47 for every man, woman and child in the United States was collected in taxes in 1923 by the national, state, county and city governments and all other civil divisions having power to levy and collect taxes. Taxes collected in that year amounted to \$7,433,081,000, the census bureau announced.

Taxes collected by the federal government in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1923, amounted to \$3,204,133,000, which was almost five times the amount collected in 1912. The per capita amount of the government's taxes was \$29.47.

Taxes collected by other than the federal government totaled \$4,228,948,000, or an average of \$38.90 for each person.

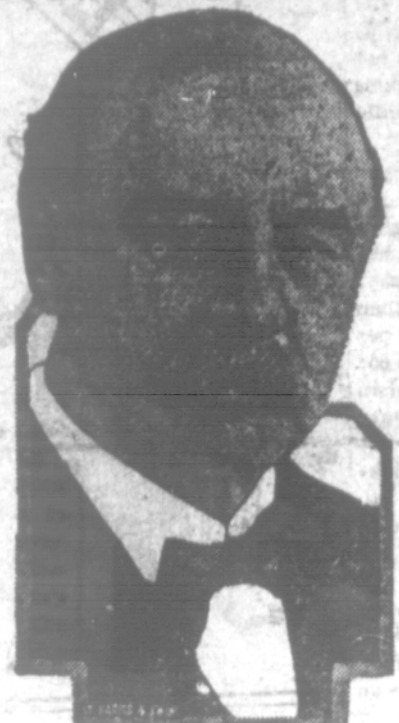
Willamette Water System Projected. Albany, Or.—A gigantic undertaking to provide pure mountain water for all of the valley towns in this section with an outlay of approximately \$7,000,000 was started at a meeting of about a dozen influential business men of Albany. The source of the water is to be at the head of the McKenzie river at Clear lake.

Yenizelos For Greek Republic. Athens.—Premier Venizelos announced his ballot for a republic in the coming referendum to decide the future regime of the country, he told a delegation of republican deputies who visited him.

Harding's Secretary on Trade Body. Washington, D. C.—George B. Christian Jr. of Ohio, formerly secretary to President Harding, was nominated by President Coolidge to be a member of the federal trade commission.

Coolidge Approves Livestock Aid. Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge gave his unqualified indorsement to the Norbeck-Burness bill for government loans to northwestern farmers for purchase of livestock.

SENATOR RALSTON



Senator Ralston of Indiana, who is prominently mentioned as democratic nominee for the presidency.

FREIGHT RATES IN OREGON LOWERED

Salem, Or.—Sweeping reductions in freight rates on grain and grain products, potatoes and onions in intrastate shipment in Oregon, ranging from 10 per cent to as high as 50 per cent, are provided in an order issued by the public service commission and effective February 11.

The new rates, it was stated by members of the commission, would result in great savings to the farmers, shippers and the consuming public. In addition to reducing rates on these commodities, the order eliminates the differential existing on branch lines and makes one scale of rates apply on all lines. Heretofore, it is pointed out, as many as three scales have been in effect on the lines of a single railroad company.

The order also establishes joint rates, whereas shippers have heretofore been subjected to the application of a combination of local rates on shipments moving from the lines of one carrier to another. It is the result of a general investigation initiated by the commission in May of last year after hundreds of notices had been sent to commercial organizations, granges and other farmer organizations throughout the state.

GROWERS ORGANIZE LEAGUE

400 Delegates at Pendleton Indorse Bill for Wheat Subsidy.

Pendleton, Or.—A temporary state organization of the Oregon Export Commission league, patterned on the Washington league, was formed in Pendleton in an enthusiastic meeting attended by more than 400 wheat growers, bankers and business men from five wheat-producing counties of the state.

Delegates attending the gathering pledged themselves to form local organizations, so that the permanent state body can be formed as soon as possible. The meeting unanimously indorsed the plan for stabilizing the price of wheat as embodied in the McNary-Haugen bill introduced in congress, and authorized copies of the resolution to be sent to Oregon representatives in congress and to officers of farmers' organizations who are in Washington working in behalf of the bill.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Seventeen hundred and twenty-seven seagoing vessels entered the Columbia river during the 1923 season of navigation, according to a report issued at the office of the deputy collector of customs at Astoria. This immense fleet represented a net registered tonnage of 2,222,250.

The last of the 1923 wool clip of Lake county was sold a few days ago to Elsmann Brothers at 39 1/4 cents a pound. There were 120,000 pounds of wool in the lot, which included clip belonging to O'Keefe brothers, J. D. Kellaher, J. H. Owen, O'Connor brothers and J. L. Lyon.

Indications of an early spring are seen in many parts of Eugene. Various bulb plants such as hyacinths, daffodils and crocuses are shooting up through the ground, wild flowering currant vines are beginning to show their pink blossoms and lilac bushes are budding and showing green.

The controversy over increase in grazing fees in national forests is temporarily settled with a ruling by the secretary of agriculture against any change, according to George H. Cecil, district forester at Portland. The continued depression of the livestock industry is given as reason for the action.

The Oregon public service commission has occurred with the Idaho public service commission in fixing the valuations of the Idaho Power company for rate making purposes. It was necessary for the two commissions to consider the valuations jointly in that the company operates extensively in both Oregon and Idaho.

Repeal of the law making it possible for the governor to send special prosecutors into counties of the state to supplement district attorneys, or amendment to the present law authorizing an appropriation with which to employ permanently a man for this work, will be submitted to the legislature at its next session by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

Just when Oregon motorists will be held subject to arrest for not equipping their cars with 1924 license plates has not been determined by the secretary of state, according to announcement. Approximately 3000 applications for licenses are being received daily, and it is because of this fact that the secretary of state has been lenient with car owners.

A new kind of pocket gopher is making its appearance in the Willamette valley and threatens to become a serious pest unless it is checked immediately, according to Ira N. Gabrielson, rodent inspector of the United States biological survey. The district south of Oregon City has been visited by the rodents. The gophers are about the size of a mole and are more destructive than the common variety of pocket gopher.

Ralph R. Lewis, poultryman of Odell in Hood River county, received word from the officials of the Puyallup, Wash., laying contest that his entry of five Single Comb Rhode Island Red birds stood second among all entries and first among all heavy breeds for the month of December. The pen laid 133 eggs or about 86 per cent. This is declared to establish a world's record for the breed for one month's laying at a public contest.

REPRESENTATIVE GREEN



Congressman W. R. Green of Iowa, who is chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives.

PROPOSE PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION SYSTEM

Spokane, Wash.—Plans for the creation of a pre-primary convention system are to be submitted to the state central committees of both major parties in the state of Washington at their February 12 meetings, according to announcement of leaders of republican and democratic parties here.

The plan is said to contemplate interference in no way with the present direct primary law, but is advanced for the purpose of strengthening party solidarity and to facilitate the formulation of platforms. If the plan meets the approval of the central committees of both parties, it will be presented to the state conventions of the parties and, with their approval, would be presented for enactment as a law either as an initiative measure or through a joint party petition to the 1925 legislature.

The preamble of the proposed bill authorizes political parties casting more than 10 per cent of the total vote at any election to hold conventions and formulate declarations of principles and recommend two or more candidates for each office to be filled and provides "that nothing in this act shall interfere with the operation of the present direct primary."

Permission to build 32 miles of railroad from Crane to Burns in the Oregon timber section was granted the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company by the interstate commerce commission. The new road already under construction, is being built to bring out the timber in the Malheur national forest in northern Malheur county purchased by Fred Herrick. Mr. Herrick has been conducting grading operations and the work will be carried to completion by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company. The road from Crane to Burns will connect with a logging road of 80 miles from Burns north to Seneca in the heart of the timber to be milled. The 80-mile link is to be a common carrier, and it also is under construction by Mr. Herrick.

Numbering Houses.
Names were first placed on doors in 1790 and numbers on houses in 1794, the ideas starting in London.

OFFICIALS TO STUDY BANKING PROBLEMS

Stringent Credit Situation Will Be Investigated by Government.

Washington, D. C.—The government took a further step toward alleviating the stringent credit situation among banks of the central west, the president designating four officials to study the problem at first hand. A statement from the office of Controller of the Currency Dawes announcing the step said:

"At the suggestion of the president, Mr. Dawes, controller of the currency; George R. James and J. H. Cunningham, members of the federal reserve board, and Eugene Meyer Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, are going to Chicago with the view of studying the western banking situation more closely."

According to information obtained by the reserve board, the war finance corporation and the controller's office, the banks in most need of assistance are of average small capital stock, a majority of them ranging around \$25,000 to \$50,000. Each may require only a small additional credit but in the aggregate, according to Controller Dawes, the amount probably will be large.

Warships Sent to Mexico.

Eight fighting ships under the American flag have been mobilized off Vera Cruz, Mexico, as a grim reminder to Mexican rebel leaders that peaceful American commerce must not be made the plaything of Mexican politics.

Assembling of the fighting ships off Vera Cruz is viewed as a naval demonstration designed to impress Mexican insurrectionist leaders with the idea that the warnings already sent them against interference with American shipping are not to be regarded lightly.

Roosevelt's Son Testifies.

Archie Roosevelt, son of the former president, told the Tea Pot Dome investigating committee that he had severed his connection with the Sinclair oil interests because of what he considered evidence of corruption in connection with oil leases.

The witness quoted G. D. Walberg, also connected with the Sinclair interests, as having told him that he had seen canceled checks for \$65,000, which had been paid over to the foreman of Falls' New Mexico ranch.

Later Walberg took the stand and denied the story, saying that Roosevelt had misunderstood him.

Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy and a brother of Archie Roosevelt, told the committee that his brother had summoned him to New York last week, told of his suspicions and asked his advice. The assistant secretary said he advised him to resign and come to Washington and lay the whole story before the committee.

Senate Questions Bok.

Edward W. Bok, donor of the \$100,000 prize for a world peace plan, repeatedly told the senate propaganda investigating committee that he regarded solely as his own affair the amount of money he has placed in a trust fund to defray the expenses of the contest.

Mr. Bok told the committee he did not know the winner of his award, who wrote a plan for American cooperation with the league of nations. He said he personally had selected Elihu Root to serve on the jury which made the award, but that he was not asked to approve the others.

Tax Study to Be Resumed.

Having concluded its public hearings the house ways and means committee resumed its study of tax reduction. After disposing of some odds and ends of the administrative features of the Mellon bill the committee will devote itself to the tax schedules in an effort to compose differences as to the extent that reductions are to be made.

The senate committee on agriculture started hearings on the McNary-Haugen bill which embodies the American Wheat Growers' association plan for an export corporation to increase the domestic price of agricultural commodities by applying a premium to the price paid for the exportable surplus.

Tariff Body Reversed.

Attorney-General Daugherty has reversed the tariff commission in its first report to the president under flexible provisions of the tariff act.

In an opinion sent to the White House, Mr. Daugherty had ruled that the commission's construction of the section laying import duties on logs of cedar, fir, spruce and western hemlock was incorrect. The president has returned the commission's report, with the opinion, to the commission with instructions to "proceed in accordance therewith."

The commission's action, which was overturned by the department of justice, was taken late in August upon the application of log buying interests of the Pacific northwest.

OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

Medford's fire damage during the last nine months was only \$40,395.72. The general indebtedness of the city of Pendleton was reduced by \$24,000 during 1923.

No automobile show will be held in Eugene this winter or spring, according to a decision of dealers of the city.

A total of 437 accidents in Oregon industries were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending January 17.

One hundred and twenty-five men are now engaged in clearing the right of way for the government section of the Roseburg-Reedsport highway.

A census taken by 25 high school boys under the direction of automobile dealers showed that 944 of 1716 families in Astoria own automobiles.

The January campaign against accidents carried on by the employees of the Crown-Willamette paper mills at Oregon City has proved a big success.

Protest has been made by Willamette valley farmers over the new rail rates on hay from eastern Oregon to Willamette valley and Coos bay points.

The prohibition force for Jackson county, whose expenses have been running from \$850 to \$1500 a month, has been reduced by the county court to three men.

Some movement in hops is again in evidence in the Willamette valley, but, according to dealers, it is in the nature of a flurry and promises no permanent results.

Sam A. Koser, since May 28, 1920, secretary of state, has announced that he will be a candidate for reelection at the republican primary contest to be held May 14.

Crews are being assembled at Dee, where work will be started soon on construction of a new concrete dam across Hood River by the Oregon Lumber company.

Bids for the improvement of approximately 94 miles of road will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland February 4 and 5.

A favorable report has been made by the senate commerce committee on the bill giving the consent of congress to the construction of a bridge across the Columbia at Cascade.

North Powder's financial standing seems to be good. The treasurer and recorder report that the city will be out of debt in a year with the exception of the bonded indebtedness.

H. C. Topping, sheriff of Jefferson county, missing for several weeks following the discovery of a \$2000 shortage in his accounts, has sent his badge and keys to the county seat at Madras.

Stenographers at Salem are addressing more than 70,000 envelopes in which will be enclosed income tax return blanks under the state law enacted at the last session of the legislature and approved by the voters.

Freight and passenger traffic was suspended on the Southern Pacific line between Eugene and Coos Bay when logs rolling from a train in tunnel fifteen at Canby, jammed the tunnel and brought down some of the walls.

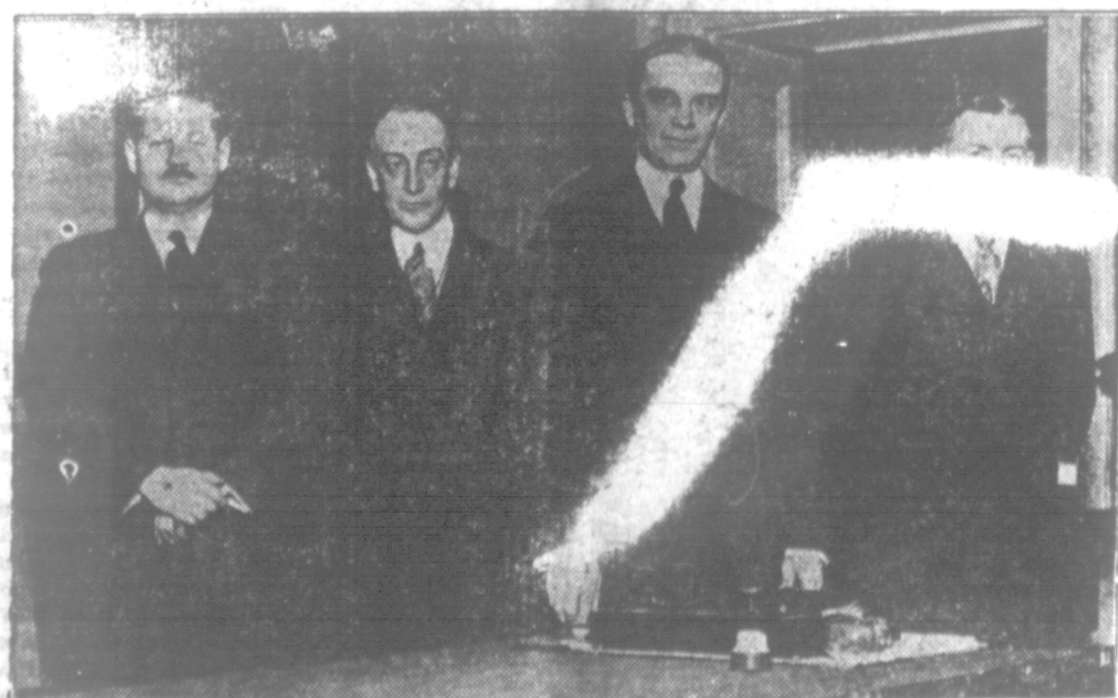
Application for authority to construct a three-mile branch line in Umatilla county, extending from its main line to Upperville, was filed with the interstate commerce commission by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company.

According to the official report issued by Dr. J. F. Rankin, dairy herd and meat inspector, Clatsop county is practically free of bovine tuberculosis. Of the 6813 head of cattle tested by him during 1923, only 1.63 per cent reacted to the tuberculosis test.

Acquisition of between 800,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 feet of timber in the eastern part of Tillamook county by the Shanghai Building company, federally incorporated, with headquarters at Shanghai, China, was announced in Portland. Nearly \$4,000,000 is involved.

Parents of children under eighteen who are allowed to roam the streets after 9 o'clock at night are to be arrested and prosecuted under charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors, it was decided at a conference of all juvenile law enforcement officers in Portland.

The total bonded indebtedness of the state of Oregon on December 31, 1923, was \$60,348,830. According to the annual report of O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, highway bonds top the list with obligations aggregating \$25,395,250. World war veterans state aid bonds total \$20,000,000, district interest bonds \$1,401,500, and rural credit bonds \$450,000.



AMERICA'S COMMITTEE THAT WILL INVESTIGATE GERMANY'S ABILITY TO PAY

Members of the United States Board of Inquiry who are now investigating for the Reparations Commission, Germany's financial conditions. Photographed at the State Department where they were conferring with Secretary Hughes, shortly before departure for Europe.

Left to right: Stuart M. Crocker, secretary of the commission; Rufus B. Dawes, chief of staff of the commission; Owen D. Young, member of the commission, and General Charles G. Dawes, who heads the commission.

The committee has decided that one of the first steps to be taken toward the financial rehabilitation of Germany is the question of a gold bank established with foreign capital, gold reserve and foreign currency and the use of German capital now sequestered in foreign countries.