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JUDGE SPARROW DIES IN K. F.

The Interpreter

The greatest peace-time organization of all time was born last week when President Hoover signed the two billion U.S. finance bill. Both houses passed the bill, and it will release money, establish new credit and result in great expansion in industry, including the railroads. President Hoover said, in part: "I have signed the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act. "It brings into being a powerful organization with adequate resources, able to strengthen weaknesses that may develop in our credit, banking and railway structure, in order to permit business and industry to carry on normal activities free from the fear of unexpected shocks and retarding influences. "Its purpose is to stop deflation in agriculture and industry and thus to increase employment by the restoration of men to their normal jobs. It is not created for the aid of big industries or big banks. Such institutions are amply able to take care of themselves. It is created for the support of the smaller banks and financial institutions, and through rendering their resources liquid to give renewed support to business, industry, and agriculture. It should give opportunity to mobilize the gigantic strength of our country for recovery. "In attaching my signature to this extremely important legislation, I wish to pay tribute to the patriotism of the men in both houses of Congress who have given proof of their devotion to the welfare of their country irrespective of political affiliation."

Gates W. McGarrath, President of the World Bank for International Settlement, is in New York, having arrived from Europe last week. He notes a decided growth of confidence, presaging improvement in conditions before the end of 1932. To a party of business men Mr. McGarrath said: "One thing Americans do not understand—they have got to pay taxes. It may take a year or two before we get back on our feet, but we will do it. "I am strongly in favor of a sales tax. I think it is one of the most just taxes possible. "The country danced two or three years and now must pay the fiddler. I have no worries about the future of America. But we must put our house in order."

Cheering news from the steel industry. The plant at Warren, O., of the Republic Steel Corporation, has increased its pay roll 30 per cent over December. There is nothing that brings about more business than the dinner pail, well filled, for the men who toil. With the coming of warm weather we look for a great change for the better. More work, more money, more activity. America is a great country.

Five students of the University of California have been suspended for giving "wild parties". Misconduct that could not be condoned by the University. The students will be eligible for re-admission to the College in August, provided that they return and conduct themselves like gentlemen, and cut out the booze. In the meantime, the young men will attempt to tell their mothers how the money was fooled away. The boys disgraced, the family in tears, what a failure for these young men.

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Sparrow Friends To Attend Rites Of Former Judge

At the Sparrow home, Kirkland farm, north of Central Point, funeral services will be conducted for Judge Alex Sparrow, Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Wm. B. Hamilton, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will read the service. The many friends of the official throughout the valley will pay their last respects at the rites Friday. Conger's Funeral Parlors are in charge of arrangements. Interment will be in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Thomas Irked At Ruling Of Court

SALEM, Jan. 27.—Congressional action to strip lower federal courts of jurisdiction over state regulatory bodies having to do with public utilities will be sought by Oregon utilities commissioner, supported by other state commissions, it was announced by Commissioner Charles M. Thomas. Such an act is the only remedy for rate making evils now practiced uncontrolled by the many utilities, Thomas said in an interview with newspapermen here today. "State regulation is a farce if the utilities desire to make it so," Thomas said, "and we now have federal court regulation established through erroneous court interpretation of the Fourteenth amendment."

Plan Supported To remedy this Thomas prepared a congressional act and submitted the proposed bill to various commissions for comment. The answers, he said, disclose a universal support of the plan, and a determination to restore state regulation. Under the present system, Thomas continued, the public utilities commission "finds itself in the position that if it hold long and expensive hearings, and makes its record an aggrieved utility may completely evade such record by seeking sanctuary in the lower federal court where such record is not only denied consideration but denied admittance as evidence.

May Enter State Court "On the other hand, if the commission fails to make a record sufficient to justify and sustain its order then the aggrieved utility can appeal to the state courts where trial is based upon the record of the commission, and if the record is found insufficient the order will be declared invalid. The effect of all this is that state regulation, is a farce if the utilities desire to make it so." Thomas referred to the recent decision in the Portland street car case when his order reducing the 10 cent fare to 7 cents was thrown out by Judge O. I. Coshaw, master in chancery, appointed by the federal court after the Portland appeal from the decision to the district court.

Mt. Pitt Rebekahs Hold Card Party At Their Hall

Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge No. 167 held a card party in their hall last Monday night. A good crowd was in attendance. Progressive Bridge and Five Hundred were the principal games of the evening and prizes were won by the following: Bridge, High Scoring Lady, Mrs. Roy Jones; High Scoring Gent, Mr. Roy Jones; Consolation Lady, Mrs. Skyrman; Consolation Gent, Mr. Skyrman; Five Hundred, High Scoring Lady Mrs. L. Damon. High Scoring Gent, O. C. Parkepple. Consolation Lady, Mrs. A. Henderson. Consolation Gent, Mr. H. T. Pankey. Supper was served by the hostess lodge and a very pleasant evening was spent by all. The party followed the regular meeting of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 193, which was well attended, every officer with one exception being present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marine were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stevens of Evans Creek Sunday.

BARNES REPLIES TO CHAPMAN ON SALES TAX

Mr. C. C. Chapman, Oregon Voter, Portland, Ore. Dear Sir:

Relative to your article in Oregon Voter of January 23, issue on shelter value tax exemption:

First, C. C. Hulet always has, and still does, oppose a general sales tax as I always have, and still do, for any purpose except for shelter value tax exemption in homes.

Your second statement is absolutely incorrect. Only state, county and school taxes are exempt. The city owner would still pay taxes for municipal expenses. A man having a property in the country assessed at \$1500, would pay no taxes unless there might be some small levy for road purposes, or special levy. While in the city he would still pay for city conveniences enjoyed. In Medford a property assessed at \$1500 would pay a municipal tax of 19.7 mills or \$29.55. Land settlement would be encouraged.

Your third statement is correct. Your fourth statement is correct, as far as I know.

Your fifth statement regarding 100,000 renters opposing this tax will be determined by debate. The 100,000 renters are not renters from choice, but from necessity. Remove the three obstacles to home ownership, uneconomic taxes, high interest rates and uncertainty of employment and the renter will become a home owner. If a man had shelter value exempted from taxation and a finance plan was worked out by the state or federal government to finance home ownership and home development at a low rate of interest, say 20-year 4 per cent interest plan, then every man could, and would, own his own home. The great industry of home development and land settlement that employs more men than any other industry in the state would again be under way. The forty thousand unemployed men in the state of Oregon would find employment. All industry would be stimulated. We would be out of the tail spin we are now in.

As to your objections: (Too long to restate.) Only state, county and school taxes are exempt in our plan. Special assessments, if voted after our plan is in operation, would then be paid by those who voted these assessments, as our plan would make the great majority of our citizens home owners. Now it is the renters that do not have to pay taxes that are liberal in voting indebtedness. The renter becoming a home owner, would become especially interested in the perpetuation of our government, and would become a stabilizing force. Your 100,000 renters vote now on state and county expenditures. When they become home owners they certainly will not vote less intelligently. As to school expenses: State supervision of schools under a unit system is necessary to economic administration. A state commission to pass on all bond issues similar to the North Carolina plan, I believe should, and will be adopted by our state. Now most of the state and county expenditures are fixed by law. Don't blame the renters. Those laws were made by legislatures at Salem, not by renters.

Your next objection that the tax would be a painless tax; that is correct. No worry about tax paying time. The painless way is the best way and don't worry about the store across the border. If we cannot get a fair hearing in this state, the state across the border will have a sales tax for shelter tax exemption first.

As to the last objection that it would shift the taxes to a narrow minority you are mistaken again. A general sales tax would fall upon everyone spending money in the state. Transients and those who spend money in "excess expenditures," would pay in proportion to money spent, and this money would be redistributed among the families of the state, not according to the amount of money these families

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Injuries in Fall Prove Fatal for Local Official

Death Comes Suddenly after Recovery Appeared Certain Funeral to Be Held at Former Home Tomorrow

Alex Sparrow, county judge and one of Jackson county's leading and beloved first citizens, well known throughout Oregon, died in the Klamath Valley hospital at Klamath Falls Sunday night, January 24, 1932 at 9:15 o'clock. Death was due to injuries to the brain sustained last Thursday afternoon, when he accidentally fell into the furnace pit in the basement of the Hvirit building in Klamath Falls.

Although in a precarious condition from the start, bulletins from the hospital last Saturday gave a measure of hope, an improvement being noted by the attending physicians. At noon his condition was promising. Sunday there came a turn for the worse and life ebbed throughout the late afternoon and early evening. News of the passing came as a previous shock throughout the length and breadth of Jackson county, and cast a pall of sorrow over this city and community.

Faced Trying Times Judge Sparrow was a man of sterling worth and rugged character, with a high sense of fairness and impartiality. He faced the trying period of the past year in this county with firm kindness and honesty. He brought dignity and thoroughness to his official position. The years of army and federal service admirably fitted him for the tasks of the day, aggravated by unwarranted and petty criticism, born of the nation-wide discontent.

In early life, a spirit of adventure carried him to the regular army where he served for 30 years, chiefly in foreign service, in the Philippines and Cuba. He won commendation for meritorious service. As a "top sergeant," he aided in the rehabilitation of the Philippines. He was an intimate acquaintance of William

Howard Taft, former president, General John J. Pershing, and many men high in federal places. He spent 18 years in the island possessions of America.

Was Park Chief After his discharge from the army, he returned to Toronto with the intention of settling down to a life of ease. In less than a month however, he was drafted by the war department as a superintendent of the government construction work on the Celloio locks in the Columbia river, and later was named assistant engineer for road work in Crater Lake national park. He brought to the later post all the natural aggressiveness of his training and placed the scenic wonder on an international basis, with the innovation of many new features.

While still serving as engineer, he was named superintendent of Crater Lake national park by Secretary of the interior Franklin K. Lane, on August 2, 1917. He resigned from that post seven years ago.

Judge Sparrow held within his soul a great love for horses, and was an expert horseman, acquired through years with the cavalry. He was connected with the Kirkland farms, in the Central Point district until the time of his death and was never so happy as when with his cows and horses, and attending to stock farm duties.

Gave Efficient Service Upon the passing of County Judge W. J. Hartzell four years ago, he reluctantly accepted the place being appointed by Gov. I. L. Patterson. Untrained in the way of politics, he gave a business administration. Judge Sparrow was a man of kindly ways and had a great fund of information. (Continued on page four)

Butte Falls To Run for President

By H. ALLEN SMITH United Press Staff Correspondent NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(UP)—With a flourish that many a professional politician would be proud to own, George Edward Stewart, a favorite son of Butte Falls, Ore., today announced that he stands ready to save the nation by running for president.

Stewart is founder, sole owner and lone member of the Whip party and he has adopted as his campaign slogan, "Keep your whip cracking!" He announced his candidacy in a 52-paragraph letter from Butte Falls, stating in unequivocal terms just what he will do, once he is in the White House.

Stewart's voluminous letter states that he will not campaign "for the votes of a hungry nation with my mouth full of food of a banquet table."

"I own," he continues, "a home in the city of Butte Falls for which I can't pay. I have a fine car and no gas. I have a fine radio with old tubes. I have one suit of clothes and thank God for it."

Stewart declares that he will not accept the presidency unless he can have either Hiram Johnson, Newton D. Baker or Gifford Pinchot as his "working vice-president." He will draft into service Segator Borah, Senator Copeland, Senator Norris, Will Rogers, Senator La Follette, Arthur Brisbane, Father Cox and Representative McFadden. He does not mention either Huey Long or Alfalfa Bill Murray.

The Whip candidate will draft General Pershing as secretary of war, he writes, and he will follow

Tree Planting Is Suggested to Honor Father of Country

February 22 of this year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. In honor of the "Father of Our Country," a move was started some time ago to plant individual trees as memorials to him. This was in cooperation with the Washington Bicentennial Commission, which was created by Calvin Coolidge while he was president. The goal of the tree planters is 10,000,000 trees.

Already considerable work has been done throughout the United States. Trees have been planted by boy scouts, women's clubs, 4-H clubs and others. Some work has been done in Oregon but it should be carried on. In this work the forestry department is glad to cooperate and inquiries are welcomed. Various kinds of trees are available for planting and inquiries relative to species, planting and other information should be directed to the state forester. It is desired that the plantings take on the form of reforesting a definite area rather than planting of individual trees.

Washington himself was a lover of trees, for his diary contains repeated references as to their care. He also chose a spot for his home where their beauty is unexcelled.

Reedsport—Local saw mill to start operations about Feb. 1.

Washtucna—J. P. Pomeroy of Portland, received contract for construction of 350-foot steel bridge here on S. P. and S. line to Spokane, to cost about \$50,000.

The teachings of Theodore Roosevelt. "I say to you," says Stewart, "that the platform of my party is a sandwich big enough for everybody to climb onto—with meat in it."

Fruit Growers Postpone Meet To Next Week

E. W. Carlton, president of the Fruit Growers league, announced yesterday that the annual meeting of the league, scheduled for Friday noon of this week, has been postponed one week, on account of the funeral of County Judge Alex Sparrow, which is to be held tomorrow afternoon.

The four speakers who are scheduled to appear at the league session have been notified of the change, and will be in Medford on February 5th, and the session will convene at 1:30 of that date, at the Elks Temple, according to Mr. Carlton.

Meier Says Columbia is Future Key

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—Declaring that power development constitutes the keystone of Oregon's future progress, Governor Julius L. Meier left last night for Washington, D. C. to urge the adoption of a plan to utilize the latent energy in the Columbia river.

Accompanied by Henry M. Hanson, state budget director, and Col. A. E. Clark, representing the state hydroelectric commission, the governor will appear at the hearing before the board of army engineers on February 1, when the Columbia river development is considered. Mrs. Meier accompanied the governor. They are expected to return to Oregon about February 15, after visiting New York. "It is absolutely essential," the governor said last night, "before Oregon can enjoy its full measure of prosperity, that the power possibilities on the Columbia be developed in sufficient magnitude to enable the state to compete with our neighboring states in the south and with Seattle and Tacoma in the north, in cheaper power for industry."

Willard L. Marks, president of the state senate, will be acting governor during Meier's absence.

Oregon Dairymen Meet In February

Members of Oregon's dairy industry from producers to manufacturers will meet in two annual conventions early in February at which the present "state of the nation," as far as dairying is concerned, will be thoroughly considered. The first meeting will be for the producers, who will gather at Clatskanie February 9 and 10 for the 39th annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association.

Soon after the close of this meeting the annual combined convention and short course of the Oregon Butter and Ice Cream Makers' association will be held at Oregon State college February 15 to 18, at which time the men who are responsible for getting much of the dairy products to the consumers in attractive form will spend four days in intensive study of how to better their service to the benefit of all.

The Dairymen's association program is built around three main themes, announces P. M. Brandt, secretary of the group and head of dairy husbandry at the state college. The first day will be devoted to discussion of "Increasing Consumption of Dairy Products." Subjects under this head will include plans of Dairy Protective association, advertising, the Dairy council program, and creating accredited areas. "Reducing Production Costs," is the theme of the forenoon session on the second day. Subjects will deal with cost of milk production, breeding up yield per cow, and better pastures and forage.

Following this, the afternoon will be devoted to "Cooperative Marketing," when speakers will present such phases as the Dairy Cooperative association; the Interstate Associated Creameries; and development among other cooperatives.

M. O. Brown, who has been confined to his home for several months, was able to be down town last week.

EXPERIMENT FARM WORK TO BE TOLD IN GROWERS MEET

Proposed investigational work to be carried on at the Jackson county Experimental farm, under direction of the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, will provide one of the four interesting topics to be presented to the fruit growers of the Rogue River valley on Friday, February 5, when the Fruit Growers League holds its annual meeting at the Elks Temple, beginning at 1:30, according to E. W. Carlton, league president.

This topic will be discussed by W. W. Aldrich, who is now in this district getting the work started. Mr. Aldrich, who is connected with the bureau of plant industry, and has been assigned to this work, has had a wide experience in this particular field of work, and is eminently qualified to present the subjects under discussion to the growers of the district.

Mr. Aldrich is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, holding the degree of bachelor of science in chemistry; he was also granted degrees of master of science and doctor of philosophy from the University of Maryland. His practical experience in the field of horticultural research covered a number of years, including a position of research assistant at the Maryland Agricultural Experiment station. He was also manager of the 450 acre orchard of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., at Sleepy Creek, W. Va., for a period of three years.

The work at the Jackson county experimental farm will include, according to statements by Mr. Aldrich, a study of the factors limiting the pear production per tree, with particular attention given to the use of irrigation. With proper irrigation methods as developed by arch work, it is hoped to increase the number of working hours of the leaves of the trees. With the leaves working more hours daily, there should be more plant food produced by the leaves, and increasing yields per tree can thus be obtained. Fruit produced under the different methods of irrigation will be tested for keeping quality during shipment and storage.

Mr. Aldrich is one of four speakers who will appear on the Fruit Growers League program one week from Friday.

Art of Cooking Vegetables for Nutrition Shown

Representatives of 19 communities in Jackson county were in Medford Wednesday attending the vegetable cooking demonstrations being conducted by Miss Luer Case, nutrition division of Oregon State College.

Meetings were held at the Junior high school Tuesday and were in session at the senior high school yesterday. Another meeting will be held Saturday.

Tuesday's class was devoted to preparation of vegetables with strong flavor and today the red and yellow vegetables are dominating the program.

Communities represented at the meetings are Rogue River, Valley View, Trail, Applegate, Central Point, McLeod, Lost Creek, Jacksonville, Evans Valley and Phoenix.

Thomas Centers Dies at Gold Hill

Thomas M. Centers, a resident of Gold Hill for the past seven years, passed away at the home of his grandson, Roy Centers, in Gold Hill, January 27, at the age of 83 years.

Mr. Centers was born in Linn county, Oregon, April 26, 1848. He resided in Oregon for about 42 years, then moved to Northern California, residing in and near Yreka.

He is survived by one son, a son-in-law, one brother and two grandsons, Frank M. Centers, J. B. m. Alice A. Stimson, eted. Interment and seven great-grandchildren.