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## HEARING ON CUTOFF ROAD IS CONTINUED

WORD FROM WASHINGTON IS SOUGHT BY BODIES

Federal Man Says Toll Job May Keep Government From Lending Aid Toward Construction.

In the midst of an argument for a franchise to build a toll road between Umatilla and Wallula, before the highway commission Tuesday, W. H. Lynch, representing the United States bureau of public roads, interrupted and said that, while the bureau wants this cut-off built, it wants the states of Washington and Oregon to build it, and that if a toll road was constructed it would probably deprive the highway department of federal aid. Right there the commission suspended the hearing, and nothing more will be done about the private toll road until information is received from Washington, D. C., as to the effect such a road will have on the much needed federal aid, according to a news story in Wednesday's Portland Oregonian.

For years the Wallula cut-off has been on the approved map of the state and government, placed there over strenuous opposition from Pendleton. The cut-off would save for instance, 200 miles between Yellowstone park and Portland. It would be a big saving between Spokane and Portland and from way points. Such a cut-off has been opposed by Pendleton, because it would enable traffic to save mileage by not going through the Round-Up town. The length of the cut-off is 26 miles, of which 20 are on the Oregon side and six on the Washington side of the line.

Applicants for the franchise said they had been offered a 100-foot right of way on the Washington end and much of the Oregon right of way will be donated. The plan called for a 24-foot macadamized and oiled road. The estimated cost is \$520,000. The financial set-up is some bonds, but mostly preferred stock and common stock. The promoters figure that the road may pay itself out in ten years or less. They suggested that \$1.00 toll might be sufficient. They explained that "Bill" Switzer's ferry, which traffic now uses to cross the Umatilla river, takes in between \$200 and \$300 a day. This ferry pays Umatilla county only \$50 for a five-year permit. The toll gate would have to be on the Oregon side, as toll gates are no longer permitted in Washington. Residents along the road would use it without charge, the tolls coming from interstate traffic.

An overhead crossing at Umatilla would be built by the toll road company—half a dozen railroad representatives were present to inquire about grade crossings—and when the road had paid for itself, the promoters promised to turn it back to the respective states.

### Painting Is Done

Painters working for the Union Oil Co. were here last week to paint buildings occupied by those concerns that retail the company's products. The Norton Cash Grocery building received paint, and the front of the Kellogg Auto Co. building was also painted.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Seitz left Monday afternoon for Portland where they expect to locate. Mr. Seitz has been here for several months as an associate of E. P. Dodd in the real estate business.

JOHN J. RASKOB



John J. Raskob of Delaware and New York, who was elected chairman of the Democratic national committee and is directing the Smith-Robinson campaign. He was head of the financial committee of the General Motors corporation.

## RADIO-MOVIE TEST PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A radio utopia, when motion pictures will be sent through the air to homes in all parts of the world, was visioned by radio's most conspicuous leaders when "radio movies" were sent for the first time in history during a demonstration at the East Pittsburgh plant of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company.

Leaders in the radio world and newspaper men attended the demonstration and saw the movies sent through the air to a screen 30 feet from the transmitting apparatus.

While still in the laboratory stage, the process was described as successful and having great possibilities. It was pointed out by engineers that although the movies were sent only a short distance, the engineering principle is the same and they could be sent across the continent just as easily.

## AMUNDSEN BELIEVED ALIVE

Krassin to Be Repaired and to Continue Search.

Stavanger, Norway.—The Russian ice-breaker Krassin arrived here to undergo repairs preparatory to resumption of the search for Roald Amundsen and the five men missing with him in the arctic.

Professor Samolovitch, head of the expedition, declared his firm belief that the Amundsen party are all alive. He was almost equally optimistic about the six missing members of the crew of the dirigible Italia.

"If they are alive, we will find them," said Professor Samolovitch.

He said the search would be continued until the end of September. The efforts of the vessel are to be supplemented by scouting flights which will be made by Lieutenant Chukhnoyev.

### Gene Tunney Engaged to Marry.

South Bristol, Me.—Gene Tunney, whose retirement as heavy-weight champion was announced recently, is to marry the granddaughter of one of the early Pittsburgh millionaires. His engagement to Miss Mary Josephine Lauder, one of the organizers of the Carnegie Steel company and a cousin of Andrew Carnegie, was announced by Mrs. George Lauder, Jr., his fiancée's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ott and family were among those from Hermiston who saw the circus in Pendleton Friday and also ate the free flying dust that was part of the show.

## TURKEY GROWERS GET BID TO PICNIC

ALL DAY SESSION TO BE HELD AT PILOT ROCK

August 25 Is Date Set for First Annual Meeting; Local Folk Receive Invitation.

The first annual turkey growers picnic will be held in the Pilot Rock grove on Saturday, August 25, 1928, when the entire day will be devoted to recreation and a suitable program, according to a news story in the Pilot Rock Record that has been received here as a part of the invitation to local growers to participate in the day's activities.

Turkey growers of Pilot Rock, Ukiah, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione and the John Day country are to be invited to take part in the picnic.

The local turkey growers' association, the White Eagle grange and the Pilot Rock commercial association will join in arrangements.

A general meeting of turkey growers is to be held in the morning and at that time problems of the industry will be under discussion. Mr. Brent of the Idaho turkey growers' association is expected to be present at the morning meeting.

At noon a pot luck lunch will be served and at 1 P. M. there will be an amusement program and addresses. Mr. Cosby of Oregon Agricultural will discuss marketing and George Angell of the Oregon Farmer is also expected to be present and speak.

Mrs. Knotts will be in charge of entertainment of the children and the present plan is that two instructors from Pendleton will be here to direct the playground activity of the youngsters.

The committee in charge will serve coffee and ice cream at noon and the plans are for a supply for 500 people. Those attending the picnic will provide the major portion of their lunches and instructions are to be "bring enough for yourselves and a little besides."

## SHEEP MEN BUY HAY FOR WINTER FEEDING SEASON

Three big crops of alfalfa hay on Butter creek have been contracted for by big sheep outfits to be fed this winter, according to Lee Savely. The price agreed on in the three deals was \$11 per ton, according to Mr. Savely.

"A big Montana sheep company has had representatives here figuring on the cost of wintering several thousand head of sheep on Butter creek this winter and next spring," he said. "This outfit's summer range adjoins the range of another sheep man who lams across the river from us in Washington. The Montana range won't permit of lambing before May 1, and the lams born on the lower warmer ranges mature earlier and go onto a stronger market, and the Montana outfit has about decided to come here and change their plans of operation."

### Watermelons Move Fast

The watermelon harvest is on in full blast now out at the C. M. Jackson place where several acres are devoted to the crop. During the first three days of this week four tons were harvested. Pendleton and Echo are proving to be good markets for the melons, and quite a few are sold at the ranch.

F. A. Baker of Stanfield transacted business in Hermiston Tuesday.

## CREAM WAR CONCLUDED AND PRICES SLIP TO NORMAL

The cream war that has been on here for a couple of weeks was terminated Wednesday morning, and prices took a drop of four cents per pound. The prices paid by Hermiston buyers on that day was 47 cents, and buyers who run routes are reported to have paid 46 cents at the producer's door.

## PLANS ARE COMPLETED FOR THREE I. AND O. PICNIC

Former Residents of Four States, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Ohio to Meet Here.

Food that will include watermelon and ice cream as trimmings and a lot of other good things that are prepared for special occasions will be available at Columbia park, Sunday, August 26, when the annual Three I and O picnic and reunion is held. The organization will provide ice cream and coffee for the big dinner, but the rest of the food will be brought by the families attending.

The organization includes former residents of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa and Ohio now living in Umatilla county. Until a year ago the reunion was for all former Hoosiers, but the ex-Indiana folk decided to enlarge their circle to include residents of neighboring states.

The program will be informal and as follows:

During the morning those in attendance will renew old acquaintance and form new ones. Then the big dinner will be served at 1 o'clock.

Immediately following President Charles Kellar will give an address of welcome, and other informal talks probably will be made. Mrs. Martha Mumma will give a reading.

Athletic competition will be held. For the boys Russell and Wesley Blessing and Donald De Moss will have charge, and a special committee will conduct the events for older people.

A prize for the oldest person present formerly residing in any of the four mid-western states will be awarded.

"We want local people having watermelons to bring a good supply," said N. W. Bloom, a member of the committee on arrangements. "We also expect to have use of extra dishes and would appreciate it if local people will put in a few more than they themselves will need."

## LOW FEED PRICES SEEM LIKELY, BARNARD SAYS

"It looks now as if feed prices this winter will be low," was the comment one day this week of S. H. Barnard, manager of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston. "Government reports indicate a bigger barley yield than usual, a heavy wheat crop and a big yield of corn. Prices have been down and do not seem to be stabilized yet."

The local concern is buying just enough wheat to supply its immediate needs, the manager said. The price paid Tuesday was \$1.05, basis No. 1, which is eight cents less than Portland and a higher price than prevails in Pendleton.

"If the price of butter fat keeps up somewhere near what it has been so far this season, the future looks good for project farmers," Mr. Barnard said. "Eggs and poultry prices appear to promise some profits this fall and winter, and turkeys are expected to bring good prices."

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Belscamper were Pendleton visitors Wednesday.

COL. H. H. LEHMAN



Col. Herbert H. Lehman, a New York banker, was elected director of finances of the Democratic national committee, succeeding Jesse Jones of Houston.

## KELLOGG PACT SENT LEAGUE BY ENGLAND

Geneva, Switzerland.—The Kellogg outlawry-of-war pact was brought officially to the attention of the league of nations by Great Britain as a "matter which is evidently one of general interest to all league members."

League officials expressed satisfaction at the action of the British foreign office, which makes it possible for any member of the league to initiate discussion of the pact at the September assembly.

These league officials deem any move connected with peace plans valuable as an adjunct to the peace efforts of the league itself. They added that they regarded the Kellogg proposals, like the Dawes plan reorganizing reparations and the Washington naval conference, although negotiated outside of the league, as all helpful to the policy of harmony, conciliation and outlawry of war for which the league stands.

Britain, in its covering note to the league submitted with the notes which it has sent to Washington in answer to the proposal, said that in considering the American proposal it had been at great pains, in view of the provision of article 20 of the league covenant, to assure itself that acceptance "would not involve any inconsistency with obligations resulting from the covenant."

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Canada's population is now estimated by bureau of statistics as 9,658,000, showing increase of 139,000 over estimate of last year.

The nominees for United States senator from Missouri, Roscoe C. Patterson of Springfield, republican, and Charles M. Hay, St. Louis, democrat, are both dry.

Margaret and Mary Gibb, 17-year-old "Siamese twins" of Holyoke, Mass., are in a private hospital in New York waiting to undergo an operation to separate them.

Chauncey B. Little, Olathe lawyer and ex-representative in congress, was nominated for governor by democrats of Kansas, and Clyde M. Reed, Parsons publisher, is the republican nominee.

Eight hundred miners embarked at Liverpool for Canada, the first contingent of 10,000 volunteers from ranks of unemployed in various mining districts, for agricultural work in the dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leathers were visitors in Pendleton Friday and Saturday of last week.

## FAIR BOARD PLANS LOWER ADMITTANCE

GATE FEES EXPECTED TO BE REDUCED THIS YEAR

Sale of Space to Exhibitors of Wares and Machines Planned By Project Fair.

A trend that has recently become pronounced in conducting agricultural and livestock shows, that of paying the cost of putting on the shows by selling concession space to dealers who have goods of various kinds to display and reducing, or eliminating, admittance fees at the gate, probably will be tried out on an experimental scale this year at the Umatilla Project fair, according to developments at a meeting of the fair board Monday evening.

In the last year or two the demand for space by dealers in various kinds of machines and implements, including automobiles, have shown a gradual increase, even without any active solicitation on the part of the management of the show, and board members have decided to investigate the possibilities of actively soliciting such business in an effort to increase attendance and interest.

The board members were inclined to the belief that it would probably not be advisable to remove the admittance fee entirely, but an effort is to be made to reduce it if sufficient income from display space can be sold.

The board also plans to have every department of the fair housed on the grounds this year. In the past the women's department has had to be displayed in some building away from the grounds, due to the fact that adequate housing facilities for the exhibits have been lacking on the grounds.

To provide the needed space so all of the departments may be on the fair grounds a big hay palace is being planned. The final decision as to size and location have not yet been made, but the big structure probably will be 80 by 30 feet. Big tarpaulins will be used for the roof, and bales of hay will be utilized as shelving. Approximately 30 tons of baled hay will be required to erect the palace, according to estimates made by board members at the meeting.

The premium list is about ready for the printer. The cash prizes to be offered this year will exceed \$750. Slight increases of premium money will be offered in a majority of departments. The premium list will be larger than ever before, and the board has decided to sell display advertising space in the booklet to help in defraying expenses.

Work is being planned in all of the departments so the show will be well organized in advance. The dates this year will be October 5 and 6.

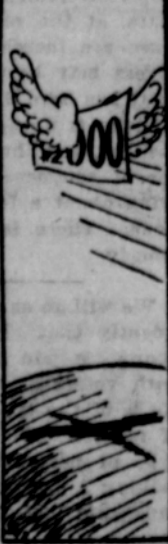
## LIFE SAVING LESSONS

FAIL TO ATTRACT CROWD

The life saving lessons, announced at Umatilla for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of this week, under the auspices of the county chapter of the Red Cross, failed to attract crowds. Harold Hatton, instructor, was unable to get to the beach Sunday afternoon on account of car trouble. He appeared Monday and Tuesday afternoons but had no crowds, and after an investigation by the Red Cross of the lack of interest he did not return Wednesday afternoon.

## THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



## Felix Didn't Read Far Enough