

### OREGON URGED TO MAKE MOST OF AIR PORTS

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Aviation is due for an era of progress and prosperity in Oregon, and this state, due to its position, will greatly benefit by an extensive commercial air program. It was declared at a Thursday session of the secretaries of chambers of commerce, meeting here for their eighth annual short course under the direction of the school of business administration of the University of Oregon.

The construction of airports, on a strictly business basis, was outlined by J. O. (Tex) Hankin, head of the Hankin flying service of Portland, Oregon, and especially Portland, are already known throughout the nation as leaders on the Pacific coast in aviation, said Mr. Hankin. Technical construction from the viewpoint of an aviator on how to prepare fields, what improvement is necessary and other points, were outlined by Mr. Hankin in his talk.

W. H. Polhemus, of Portland, gave further details on airport construction.

A complete survey of airport facilities in Oregon was given by A. L. Lomax, professor of business administration at the University of Oregon. Swan Island port in Portland was given high praise and progress made by other cities in Oregon was described. Baker and Pendleton, in eastern Oregon, both have promising fields and the people are interested in developing them, he said.

Medford has had an airport since 1924, and it has been steadily improved. Salem is a well situated port, convenient to the city, for which the community is now raising \$50,000. Silverton has a promising location which should put it on the map in this line. Grants Pass, LaGrande, Lebanon, Lakeview and other cities were mentioned as being interested in airport development and great progress in this field is predicted for these cities.

Astoria, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Bend, Marshfield and several other cities were noted as excellent locations for fields and the prediction was made that developments would be under way in these localities in the near future.

Air routes in Oregon will prove to be especially valuable for interesting prospective settlers in the country, declared Mr. Lomax. A farmer from the east could take a trip from Eugene, Salem, Albany or other state point, and in an hour or two get an accurate idea of the lay of the agricultural land for many miles. Tourists could also take these trips for pleasure, he pointed out, and a substantial business in this line is predicted.

Aviation costs were discussed by C. L. Kelly, professor of business administration.

### LOCAL BUILDING PERMITS JUMP

Building of new dwellings and larger structures, and the making of repairs, because of the recent fine weather prevailing, is much on the up grade, as is shown by the daily permits issued by the city building department.

Permits were issued today for the construction of two dwellings on Glen Oak street, No. 15 to cost \$4100, to G. W. Oliver, and the other at No. 24 to cost \$2500, to J. S. Rosecrans. Other permits were for a \$4025 dwelling on North Holly street, issued to the Medford school district, and for the repairing of a home at No. 15 Vancouver street, to E. N. Anderson.

A permit was issued yesterday to W. H. Merrill for the construction of a \$10,000 apartment house at 311 South Holly street, which will be known as the Finley apartments.

### LEGION ENTERTAINS TWO OUTSIDE TOWNS

Butte Falls and Eagle Point veterans will be well represented at next Monday night's meeting of the American Legion, large delegations being expected from both of these communities, as well as other outside points. A special program of stunts and entertainment is being arranged for their enjoyment, and a feed by the auxiliary will follow the meeting. This is the last meeting before the end of the big membership contest, and every member is urged to bring a new member to put Medford post "over the top." Every ex-service man in Jackson county is urged to attend whether a member of Medford post or not.

Legion Membership Over 500,000

A letter just received by Post Commander Horace Bromley of Medford post from National Commander Edward Spafford states that the national membership of the American Legion has already passed the half million mark. This is the best record for this time of year in the history of the Legion, and gives promise of a record-breaking membership for 1928. The total a year ago was 398,410, over 100,000 less than the present showing. The excellent showing made by the local post in beating last year's membership by over 100 was instrumental in helping put over this splendid national record.

### EAST IS SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE FROM MEXICO

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Earthquake shocks of the heaviest intensity ever noted on the seismograph at Peabody institute were recorded last night.

Starting at 11:23 p. m. the shocks lasted for more than an hour, reaching a maximum at 11:42 and throwing the needle off one of the drums of the instrument.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Mar. 22.—(AP)—This section of the state, which since early in the winter has been the center of disturbances characterized as earth shocks, was given another shaking today.

The first shock, which was felt at 8:30 a. m., lasted several seconds and many said it was the most severe disturbance of the season. Five or six shocks followed during the next ten minutes.

No damage was reported, although the shocks were violent enough to cause dishes and windows to rattle.

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Earth shocks of unusual intensity were recorded on the seismograph at Gonzaga university between 8:41 and 10:20 last night.

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 22.—(AP)—A strong earthquake, perceptible for seven minutes in Mexico City, struck Mexico at 12:02 last night. Five persons were injured in the capital by stones which crumbled from houses and numerous casualties were reported in special dispatches from Oaxaca.

Audiences in the theatres became panic stricken and rushed wildly to the streets, many women fainting.

Although the seismograph at the Taubaya observatory was first reported thrown out of order by the shocks, the observatory today issued a bulletin stating that the earthquake lasted 27 minutes 43 seconds, during which the tremor was perceptible for seven minutes. The bulletin placed the quake at about 300 miles southwest of Mexico City.

Special dispatches from Oaxaca said that several houses were destroyed with numerous casualties, the number of which is not known. The quake also was felt in the city of Vera Cruz and in Puebla, but no damage was reported in those cities.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Salade of Seven Oaks returned yesterday from San Diego, Calif., where they spent the winter.

### RESIGNATION OF MELLON PASSED UP BY SENATE VOTE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—(AP)—After provoking two hours of sharp debate today in the senate, the Couzens resolution proposing the resignation of Secretary Mellon was sent to the calendar committee automatically under the rules and it may be days, if not weeks, before it can again be brought up.

Before this occurred, Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, close personal friend of the treasury head, moved to refer the resolution to the finance committee for consideration and report and demanded a roll call vote. Before the roll call could be called, however, several senators were on their feet and a vote was prevented.

Taking the floor soon after indications had come from the treasury that Mr. Mellon would not resign, regardless of the outcome of the senate vote, unless requested to do so by the president, the Michigan senator said Mellon had been appealed to by Will H. Hays, former chairman of the republican national committee to help "conceal" part of the Harry K. Sinclair \$150,000 contribution to the republican 1920 campaign deficit.

He recalled that Mellon had declined to accept the \$50,000 Sinclair bonds brought to him by Hays to be exchanged for a campaign contribution but that the secretary had refused to tell of the incident.

"Only death finally forced him to talk," Couzens said. "A note on a paper of a dead man, Mr. Mellon had been tendered these bonds."

The Michigan senator who had quarreled with the treasury for years on tax matters, then went into a detailed discussion of Mr. Mellon's testimony recently before the senate oil committee.

Saves Five People

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 22.—(AP)—George Northup, state representative of Jefferson county, saved five people from disaster yesterday when the cable of Quetsa river ferry snapped under the strain of a freshet, drifting down the river toward Fisher rapids. Northup leaped into the water with a rope, swam ashore and secured the rope to a tree, bringing the ferry into the bank.

Klamath Falls—General Petroleum will build distribution plant here.

Oswego lets contract for \$65,000 school.

### LEGION MEETING GETS FINE HELP

A fine spirit of co-operation has been shown by the business men of Medford in underwriting the Legion state convention to be held here in August, according to a report of the budget committee made last night. The Legion convention commission has received nearly 100 per cent co-operation from local merchants to date and, with only a few left to be heard from, the success of the financing plan is practically assured.

With every Legion committee working on a strict budget basis and expenditures limited to actual needs, there is no question as to the judicious investment of convention funds. Furthermore, no purchases can be made without a requisition signed by either the general chairman or secretary of the convention commission as well as the chairman of the committee making the purchase. Every effort will be made by the local Legionnaires to stage this big convention, which means so much to Medford in coast-wide advertising, at a minimum expense to the community.

At last night's meeting of the convention commission it was decided to appoint a coordinating committee of local business men to work with the commission in promoting the biggest and best Legion convention in the history of the state. This committee will work with the Legion in arranging the three-day program with a view to securing the utmost benefit for the community from the thousands of visitors who will attend the convention next August.

The personnel of the business men's committee is named as follows: J. D. Russell, president of Medford Chamber of Commerce; Dan Orr, president Medford Merchants' Assn.; Mayor Alenderfer, Vernon Vawter, J. C. Mann, Jack Thompson and C. E. Gates.

CALL FOR BIDS ON N. CALIFORNIA ROADS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Bids for highway work aggregating nearly a half million dollars were called for today by the state division of highways. The bids will be opened April 18. The projects include:

Surfacing with crushed rock 23 miles of the Redwood highway and construction of four timber bridges between the Klamath river and Wilson creek, Del Norte county.

Surfacing with crushed rock and oiling of 35.3 miles between South river and the Oregon line.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The following is the program of the local teachers institute, which will be held Saturday in the Ruch district, where at noon a luncheon will be served by the ladies of the district:

9:30—Singing presentation.

10:00—Primary reading—Miss Lillian Nickelson, supervisor of teaching, Southern Oregon Normal school.

10:30—Intermediate Arithmetic—Miss Edith L. Bork, supervisor of teaching, Southern Oregon Normal school.

11:30—Open conference.

Noon luncheon. Served by ladies of the Ruch district.

1:15—Songs for music convention. Leader to be selected.

1:30—Geography, Intermediate grades—Miss Bork.

2:00—Seat work—Miss Nickelson.

2:30—Reading—Miss Bork.

3:00—Round table discussion.

BARBER COMMITTS SUICIDE

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acquaintances in the city, while the family was prostrated by the tragedy. A brother, William Barker, of Eugene, Ore., said today:

"We are stunned and mystified. We can assign no reason for the act. The financial affairs of my brother were in good shape, and he was in good health. We can find no cause."

George W. Barker was born in Astoria, Ore., April 17, 1881, being 47 years of age at the time of his death. He began his banking career with the Astoria National bank, and later was connected with banking institutions in Bellingham, Wash., Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco. He had been president and cashier of the Pine Belt bank of Butte Falls for about 20 years. He was a member of the Medford lodge of Elks, and was well known throughout Jackson county. Recently he moved to this city to make his home, purchasing the former residence of James Owen in Siskiyou heights.

Mr. Barker is survived by his wife and two daughters, Eleanor and Lorraine, and one son, Frederick, also by two brothers, William Barker of Eugene, and Major Frederick Barker, a staff officer of the regular army, now stationed at Camp Lewis, Wash., and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barker, of Vancouver, B. C., who have been spending a few months in Arizona.

His parents are expected to arrive Friday evening, and fu-

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