

## Today

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### Why Farmers Laugh. A Touch of Bolshevism. Henry Ford and Moses—Immortal? For How Long?

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Tears and laughter afford relief. Loud laughter, violent weeping, cause the mind to rest and bring temporary relief.

There will be farm relief laughter in news that railroads have consented to lower freight rates on wheat flour from the Middle West to the Atlantic.

The notion that farmers will get more for their wheat when flour mills pay lower freight bills will make the saddest farmer laugh.

Relief for flour manufacturers is welcome. They are having a hard time with chain stores regulating their profits.

But charging them 10 cents less, a barrel, for shipping flour will not cause them to give farmers 2 cents a bushel more for wheat.

Relief for farmers and for many others will come from generally increased prosperity, and especially from sharing national wealth more widely.

American farmers once sold corn for less than the amount of the tariff now proposed.

It is certainly bolshevism, almost anarchy to suggest it, but government ownership and exploitation of natural monopolies, will eventually come, no matter how many newspapers the power gentlemen may buy.

Wise finance will tell you "The government does not know how to run business. Only private enterprise can do that well." What about Canada? Sir George Trevelyan, member of the British parliament, gives us food for meditation in these statements:

A few years ago Canada had three railroads, privately owned, on which gigantic sums of public and private capital had been spent. They paid no profit, and "there was a great likelihood that they would close down."

Trevelyan says "Canada took over those railroads, nationalized them and in a couple of years they were beginning to pay and have paid ever since. They are being run successfully and there is not a tory in Canada who would dream of handing them back to private enterprise."

Business men that buy power in America are interested in another part of Trevelyan's statement:

"In Toronto there is a great electrical undertaking which gets its power from the British half of Niagara Falls.

That undertaking belongs to the state of Ontario and is a nationalized concern. The other half of the Niagara Falls works a private enterprise on this side and pays good dividends to those who have capital in it."

Now comes the point for those who are familiar with Canada's prosperity and know that cheap power is the basis of industrial success.

"Interesting thing is that on the Ontario side, the nationalized undertaking pays a regular and large sum in profits to the community. Not only so, but it gives light and power to the people of Ontario at NOT LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE PRICE THAT THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CHARGES FOR LIGHT AND POWER IN AMERICA."

Power trust editors will rise and say that Trevelyan does not know

## NEUNER IS URGED AS GOVERNOR

### Federal Prosecutor in Receptive Mood—Klan Candidate in 1922 to Enter Primary and Attract The Women Voters—Patterson Expected to Seek Re-Election.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—The Oregonian will say tomorrow that two more prospective candidates for the gubernatorial chair in the refurbished executive office in the Salem statehouse have appeared on the political horizon in the form of George Neuner, United States district attorney for Oregon and Charles Hall, chain banker and member of the state senate from Coos and Curry counties.

"Neuner," the Oregonian will say, "frankly admits he doesn't know what he will do concerning the nomination. He has received many letters suggesting that he submit his name and this encouragement has come from many sections of the state."

"The ins and outs of legislation are familiar to Neuner for he has served in the house of representatives besides other clerical duties. His services as United States attorney have been so satisfactory that he was recently appointed for another term and last year Major Walker Whitcomb offered him a special position at Washington, D. C., Chicago or in Representative Korrell, Oregon, in Washington.

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"Part of Hall's campaign is to attract the support of the women voters.

"There was a bitter campaign when Hall sought the nomination in 1922 and in the general election as a result of the split in republican ranks, Walter M. Pierce, democrat, was elected. The issues of 1922 have been forgotten. Hall can be expected to hold his former support and as he was a co-sponsor of an income tax bill in the past two sessions of the legislature he might find favor with advocates of that method of taxation.

"Unless something unforeseen happens, Governor Patterson will see another term. His statement at Medford that he would be a candidate and his denial of the statement at Eugene are not seriously considered. All prospective aspirants for governor are working on the theory that Patterson's name will be on the ballot."

## GUNPLAY ENDS 'BADGER GAME' IN METROPOLIS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—With a bullet in his skull which may cause death, Harry Nichols, 23, Seattle, was in a hospital tonight, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paulin were held by police after a shooting scrape in a west side hotel room.

Paulin stumbled through the hotel lobby with a gun in his hand and leaped into a taxi. In another hotel two blocks away he surrendered to officers.

## AIR MAIL INAUGURATES NIGHT FLYING SCHEDULE



Ray Little, (inset) Boeing pilot who flew the first eastbound air mail from San Francisco bay on Sept. 8, 1920, was chosen to start the new program, which cuts the time to 32 hours between Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Map indicates territory flown nights and days respectively.

## PROTEST BLIMP BASE GRAB BY SISTER STATE

### Confining of Selection to Southern California Under Fire, and Position Taken North Pacific Area Entitled to Consideration.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—The Oregonian will say tomorrow that the navy department's plan to confine its search for a Pacific coast dirigible base to the Los Angeles-San Diego area drew fire today from Senator McNary and Representative Korrell, Oregon, in Washington.

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## HEAVY FIRE LOSS FOR STATE DURING APRIL

SALEM, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—Fire losses in Oregon outside of Portland during April aggregated \$194,544, says the monthly report of Clarence A. Lee, state insurance commissioner. Two of the 81 fires reported were said to have been of incendiary origin. The heaviest loss was at Myrtle Creek where a school house was burned with a damage of \$50,000.

## PORTLAND TO SEATTLE AIR SERVICE DOUBLED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—Two-way passenger service between Seattle and Portland was inaugurated today by the West Coast Air Transport company. A biplane plane carrying four passengers, left Portland at 10 a. m. today, to return at 4 p. m.

## LOVER OF 'WEE NIP' TAKES DRY PLEDGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 11.—(AP)—Bridget McCarthy, 81, who admitted in court that she appreciated a "wee nip in the morning" today took the pledge as a means of escaping a sentence to the state industrial farm at Lansing.

Found guilty on three counts of possession of liquor and maintaining a nuisance, Bridget today was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence and fined \$100. Then she took an oath she would neither drink nor sell liquor and was paroled.

## PRAIRIE WIFE SLAYS 5 TOTS; THEN HERSELF

### Felt She Was Unworthy of Husband, Note Reveals—Worry Goaded Wife Enacts Grim Tragedy—Oldest Girl Choked With Bare Hands.

SASKATOON, Sask., May 11.—(AP)—Mrs. Muriel Wilson took the lives of her four children and then committed suicide because she felt herself unworthy of her husband, it was discovered today when a searching party came upon the five bodies.

An all-night hunt had been conducted for Mrs. Wilson, who was 35 years old. She left her home early yesterday with her children in the family motor car. The husband, W. A. Wilson, upon returning home last night found a note from his wife stating her intention of killing the children and herself.

The bodies were found two miles from the home on the bank of the Saskatchewan river. The children had been strangled to death and Mrs. Wilson had hanged herself from a tree.

The mother used her hands in choking her oldest children, Laura, 9 years old, and Louis 4 1/2. She tied scarfs around the necks of Marjory, 5, and Glen William, five months old, to strangle them. Laura had put up a struggle it was evident from the condition in which her body was found.

Mrs. Wilson had stood on a box and later kicked it from under her after tying a rope around her neck.

Wilson is a salesman for the Prairie Oil company, the note he found from his wife asked forgiveness and stated that she felt herself unworthy of him.

## ROMANCE FADED; SUICIDE TRIED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—Death of the woman to whom he was betrothed was given by friends tonight as the reason for the suicide of Archie Kincaid at Corbett, Ore., today. Kincaid was found unconscious near his Corbett cabin by a resident of the village and was taken to a Portland hospital.

He had shot himself through the head.

## HAIRCUTS WILL COST 65¢ EASTERN OREGON

LA GRANDE, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—It was learned here today that barbers of eastern Oregon are to meet soon to discuss a uniform, revised schedule of prices. La Grande barbers recently announced such a revision, effective May 15. The rates specify a charge of 25 cents for a shave "without neck clip"; haircut, 45 cents; children's haircut, 25 cents.

Baker, Wallawa and Union county barbers already favoring uniform rates, are to approach Pendleton barbers on the subject.

## ESPEE COUNSEL RAPS NEW HILL LINE IN SOUTH

### Ben Dey Tells Civic Meet at Grants Pass Public Offered Burden of Unnecessary Investment—Citizens Council of Sacramento visit Lower Rogue.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—The Sacramento region citizens council, civic body made up of members from the counties of North central California, met here today with the chamber of commerce and other leading civic organizations of Grants Pass.

Representatives from practically every county covered by the council attended the meeting.

The principal speaker was Ben C. Dey, general attorney for the Southern Pacific company, who outlined his company's attitude on the proposed extension of the Great Northern railway into California, which would operate in conjunction with the Western Pacific.

"As a line for handling through traffic, the proposed road offers the public nothing but an additional and tremendous burden of unnecessary investment," he declared.

## JEFFERSON HIGH BAND IS VICTOR ROSE CITY TESTS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—The colorful Jefferson high school band of Portland won in class A of the state band concert held at Grant high school today. The Jefferson band was snappy in appearance and this combined with its ability to play, won a score of 93.2-3, the highest score of the day.

Corvallis high school was second in class A and Grant high of Portland third. Four schools competed in this class, the other being Salem.

Albany high school won first place in class B and West Linn second. Klamath Falls won first place in class C and Irrigon second. Irrigon has only 60 students in its grades and high school and 30 of them are in the band.

Winners in class A and class B are eligible to enter the national band contest at Denver, Colo., later this month.

## SMART ALECK TO GET SALEM CELL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—Henry M. Kirk, 22, cucumber farmer, stole an automobile and a calf and needs a lesson.

Henry, convicted on a theft charge, stood before a circuit judge today and asked, as a favor, to be sent to prison.

## DEBENTURE SENTIMENT INCREASES

### Mid-West Bloc and Democrats Unite to Put Motion In Tariff Bill—Think President Can Prevent Deadlock—Farm Sections Active.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—A stiffening in the ranks of the senate group which favors the export debenture plan gave administration leaders considerable concern today as to what effect an attempt to incorporate this proposal into the tariff bill might have, should it finally fail to be included in the farm relief bill as a result of opposition in the house.

Plans have been formulated by the debenture group in the senate to attempt to tack that proposal onto the tariff measure if the house declines to receive the senate farm bill after it passes. It has been suggested the house might take such action based on the contention that the debenture section constitutes revenue legislation and therefore cannot constitutionally be initiated by the senate.

Republican leaders have acknowledged that a combination of democrats and middle western republicans in the house might present a formidable threat to their plans for restricting consideration of the tariff bill, but they still are of the opinion that such a coalition could not command enough support to be actually dangerous.

The problem is believed to have become more acute because sentiment for the debenture plan in the senate is considered to have extended rather than diminished since that proposal was written into the farm bill over the objections of President Hoover. Administration leaders have said that the plan, if offered as a rider to the tariff bill, would receive two or three more votes on the senate roll call than it did on being retained in the farm bill.

Some members of congress noted today that, along with information being circulated in the agricultural sections of the country with respect to the effect of the debenture plan, a number of house republicans from those sections are believed to be looking more favorably upon the proposal than they were earlier in the session.

In addition the democrats have taken up the plan. Representative Garner of Texas, the democratic leader, having declared that, if the house is given an opportunity to vote on the question, an almost solid democratic lineup will be presented in its favor.

However, the opinion of the administration leaders is that even a strong coalition of democrats and middle western republicans would be offset by the house refusal to accept the substantial administration majority. They also look to President Hoover to take a hand in the negotiations and are hopeful that his influence will prove beneficial in preventing a serious deadlock.

A showdown concerning debentures between the house and senate is expected to materialize next week after the senate passes the farm relief bill, and sends it over to the house. Present indications are that the house will refuse to accept it because it contains the debenture section and if this should happen, a warm discussion over constitutional jurisdiction is predicted.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, and other administration senators, contend the house ought to accept the farm bill, disagree to the senate's amendments and permit it to go to a conference of senate and house members. The republican leader has been conferring with house leaders but so far no agreement has been reached. Watson intends to negotiate further over the weekend and is hopeful that the views of senate leaders may prevail.

## UPSTATE EDITOR CALLED BY DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—Fred L. Boat, 53, for many years editor of the Portland News and recently appointed assistant to R. H. Canfield, general manager of the Scripps-Canfield chain of Pacific coast newspapers, died tonight at his home from complications brought on by a severe attack of influenza.

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## DECISION BARS CARKIN AS TAX BOARD MEMBER

### Opinion Requested By Governor Handed Down By Attorney-General Eliminates Local Man—Findings Based On Strict Letter Constitutional Law.

SALEM, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—John H. Carkin, Medford, is not eligible to serve as a member of the state tax commission of three paid members authorized by the 1922 legislature, Attorney General Van Winkle ruled today. The opinion was requested by Governor Patterson.

It was held in the opinion of the attorney general that Carkin was ineligible to serve as a member under that portion of the constitution which provides that no senator or representative shall, during the time for which he may have been elected, be eligible to any office the election of which is vested in the legislative body.

## ALICE KELLOGG CLASS WINNER, POPPY ESSAYS

BAKER, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—Selection of the eighteen best compositions in the poppy essay contest conducted in grade schools of Oregon by the American Legion Auxiliary of Oregon, was announced here today by Mrs. William C. Kelly, president. The essays, divided into three groups, were graded here by a clearing house committee and will be sent to C. A. Howard, superintendent of schools, who will select the winning composition from each group.

Those selected were: First group: First second and third grades, Helen Steiner, North Bend; Celene Harding, Irvington, Portland; James Grogan, Russellville school, Portland; Mignon Denham, Prairie City; Margaret Turner, Baker; Winifred Hill, Antelope.

Second group: Fourth, fifth, sixth grades, Betty Savage, Marshfield; Cleo Hiatt, Heppner, Lillian Young, Cottage Grove; Laurita Lowe, The Dalles; Charles Shaw, Vale; Virginia McGreer, Reed, Portland.

Third group: Seventh, eighth grades, Wilmer Lankford, The Dalles; Alice Kellogg, Medford; Anna Henriksen, Hermiston; Lloyd Counts, Cottage Grove; Jane French, Grass Valley; Barbara Shimp, Ontario; Gladys Roberts, La Grands.

The directors also recommended a report fixing the weight of poppy boxes for the Comice and D'Anjou varieties at 52 pounds, and for all other varieties at 53 pounds. It was contended that at this weight the boxes would reach the eastern auction markets in first class condition, and unbranded, as now. The report urged that the packing houses install scales for the weighing of the boxes, to keep them within the prescribed limits, and that growers check the weights. It was also recommended that the D'Anjou, Comice and other winter varieties of pears be advertised in the east in an extensive campaign.

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Sweet, an old friend of J. C. Barnes, is visiting him for a few days. For 15 years Barnes has been sending Mr. Sweet a box of Bose pears. The former Rocky mountain state official paid a high tribute to the Roses as a toothsome dainty, and said that he always ate too many of them when available.

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The directors also voted to use their best efforts in the securing of a \$300,000 appropriation for the extension of frost protection work. This sum would be used chiefly in securing reports from distant points, enabling more complete and accurate forecasts, and to enable the growers to be prepared with ample oil supplies. It is hoped to have the appropriation in the 1931 federal budget.

## MR. HAWLEY TO EXPLAIN A SLEEP-UP

### Fruitmen Wonder Why No Tariff on Bananas and Send Wires—Fruitgrowers League For Farm Bill Sans Debenture—Recommend Pear Box Weights.

The directors of the Fruitgrowers League, at a meeting Saturday afternoon, instructed their president, Albert Burch, to wire Congressman W. C. Hawley, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, asking him why no provisions for placing banana imports in the new tariff bill, had been made. The organization joined with other fruit interests of the land in requesting the banana tariff.

A wire was sent Senator Steiwer asking him to introduce an amendment providing for a tariff on bananas when the bill comes to the senate.

The text of the message sent Congressman Hawley reads: "Hon. W. C. Hawley, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

"Can you explain failure of ways and means committee to report bill including tariff upon bananas which was advocated by the fruit growers of United States, including ourselves, when in the same week a duty of 50 cents per bunch was imposed by Canada on bananas not produced in British possessions, notwithstanding the fact that Canada produces no bananas and comparatively little competing fruit."

The directors also moved to wire the Oregon congressional delegation that they favored the farm relief, with the debenture plan excluded, holding that the debenture would be detrimental, particularly to the apple growers of eastern Washington.

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Steps were also taken for the posting of pear sales and prices where they would be available for growers.

The following telegram was read on the securing of an irrigation and drainage survey of the Rogue River valley: Washington, D. C., May 6. A. S. V. Carpenter, Fruitgrowers League, Medford, Oregon. Chief of Bureau of Public Roads T. H. McDonald advised (Continued on Page Eight.)