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Oregon Political Bees Start Buzzing

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Summer time brings out sandwiches, iced tea and bees. In Salem the latter are often political bees. A week such as the last, which brought the great and near great of the state for highway matters, gave ample opportunity for the bees to buzz.

Most of the talk centers about the first congressional district in Congress and Mr. Hawley's chances of retaining his position there. Hawley has been in the limelight so long he has accumulated a number of political enemies for a variety of reasons, one of which is the simple fact that he has held his job through thick and thin against all comers.

For some months anti-Hawley republicans have centered their hopes on Senator Willard Marks of Albany as the man to beat Hawley. But Marks does not choose to run. He was in Salem as governor for a day during the week and while he would make no definite statement, Marks indicated very plainly that as far as going to congress was concerned he preferred to be in Albany.

Marks Not Joyous Over Prospect
Marks is a careful thinker. As a lawyer and will-drawer he realizes the uncertainties of life and as a successful office-holder he realizes the uncertainties of election, especially when it is necessary every two years. Furthermore Marks is not overjoyed at the prospect, even if attainable, of sitting year after year in Washington along with 434 other congressmen: "glorified office boys" as he terms them.

So Marks can be counted on as an opponent to Hawley. Marks would like the governorship, provided he didn't have to go out of his way to obtain it, but even that office, if it meant the loss of his legal business would not be a goal for the Albany lawyer, senate president and at times, governor.

The aspirations of ex-Governor Norblad and Corporation Commissioner Mott are not to be settled so easily. These are the eternal-hope candidates for congress. Both want to sit among the 435 so badly they can hear the speaker's gavel pounding.

Norblad States He's Not Certain
Norblad gave out a press statement this week that his race would depend on whether or not he could see his son Walter well established in the law practice at Astoria. If he does, Norblad will run. Otherwise he would be reluctant to leave his business and try the perilous route to Washington. His close friends, such as Hal D. Patton of Salem, say Norblad will not run because of business reasons which make it wise for him to keep at his desk, but Norblad wants to go to congress, and if that field is clear against Hawley, he may try his strength.

Mr. Mott's plans are more definite. He has not announced himself as a candidate but it's sure he will run as it is that Mr. Marks will not. Mott has had his eye on that Republican seat in congress for years and he'll not be deterred in his campaign. Mott has been building his fences for years. His move to Salem was to put him in the center of the political pie. His candidacy for the legislature in this county was calculated as a forerunner of bigger stakes. His advocacy of such vote-getting bills as the pension law, the tax penalty abolition and interest cut on delinquent taxes all were calculated as means of winning voters' favor. Mott will run, full field or few entries.

Delzell in Front in Bourbon Move
The demons are already getting in horse and saddle with Delzell well out to the front and some dark horses probably willing to oppose him for the nomination.

Mr. Hawley himself spent an important week as far as the 1932 election is concerned. He concentrated his efforts on the Roseburg home situation and announced Friday that he was more confident than ever that the prize would go as he desired it. General Hines, desultory inspection of sites in Oregon, his statement that he would be approved by President Hoover. Hoover's support of Roseburg and his known desire to conserve his narrow republican majority in congress—which means Mr. Hawley, et al—

point toward the location of the home in Roseburg. This will be a signal but a necessary victory for Mr. Hawley. He can rightfully claim much credit for the location of the home in this state together with sufficient influence to place the home in the city where he first stated it should go.

With the home question settled, Hawley has a prize package to display about the state next spring; without it, his political position would be as embarrassing as a bridegroom at a wedding where the bride didn't appear.

Talk Governor as Senate Aspirant
Around the statehouse the questions most often appearing are: Will Meier run for senator? Who will oppose Holman next spring? Will the governor and his bullfrog party put a candidate in the field to spill Hoss?

A circuitous answer is needed for the first inquiry. The facts come from that "source close to the governor" which for newsmen is about as authentic as the tales told at a ladies' aid meeting. Nevertheless, this "source"—and it has the air of authority—says that three months ago Mr. Meier had the bug to be United States senator. For some reason just now the idea is less attractive and if he were to decide now, the governor would stick by his knitting under the capitol dome.

Should Meier run for United States senator against Mr. Stelwer he would need to call off Bert Haney of Portland who is going to seek public favor. If Meier does not run, if he does not run the interesting question arises: will support Haney? Haney, a democrat, a law partner of the late George W. Joseph and is a close friend of the governor. If Meier supports him, the bull-frog party he heads may swing to the democrats; if he supports Stelwer he will need to desert his boon friend. Haney is a sure candidate if Meier does not enter the lists for the Portland lawyer, defeated six years ago by Stelwer, feels sure 1932 is to be his year of victory. He has several clubs behind his back which he plans to swing: "Hoover prosperity," utility "steals" as he will indicate in the Portland telephone case, together with the personal ability of Mr. Haney which he will not be ashamed to point out to the voters.

Holman Candidate to Succeed Self
Mr. Holman is to be a candidate for state treasurer. There has never been any doubt of that in anyone's mind from the day Mr. Holman arrived in Salem. He loves public office. He likes its contacts, its publicity, its chances to be boss. Holman has been a consistent Meier man; he told the public a few days ago that he was as much responsible for Meier's election as Meier was for Holman's treasurership. Holman is needed to keep the Meier machine control on the board of control. All these considerations make him a candidate already and his frequent public appearances, such as his speech before the grange in Medford a week ago, clearly indicate he is talking politically even eight months before the primaries.

Such men as Sam Kozer, an ex-officerholder, and Lynn McCready, Eugene banker, have been talked as opponents of Holman but with the impetus of the Meier machine behind him, Holman need not fear these men. As long as Meier continues in power, Holman will come booking along with him.

Equally certain is the candidacy of Mr. Hoss for re-election. Less certain is his clear field when he runs again. The Meier machine may put a man in to oppose Hoss but to date there has been no inking whom this would be. With the state traffic force taken away from Hoss and with his vote on the board of control worth about as much as a Peruvian bond, the need to put a man up against Hoss is not very apparent to the governor. About the only reason would be a desire to punish Hoss further for talking in

ENGLAND SEEKS 1932 ARMS CUT BY CONFERENCE

Moral Pressure to Be Used by Mother Country and Dominions to Secure Reduction of Armament.

GENEVA, Aug. 8.—(UP)—England and the dominions have brought a fresh moral pressure to bear upon other Leagueurs for an actual reduction of armaments at the 1932 disarmament conference.

In notes addressed to the secretariat both by the mother country and the various dominions who are independent members of the League, notice has been given that they cannot accept the necessary amendments to the covenant to bring it into harmony with the Kellogg Pact until the bringing into force of a general treaty for the reduction and limitation of armaments.

The question of harmonizing the two documents is one of vital importance to the smaller members of the League, who count on the incorporation into the covenant of the Kellogg Pact abolishing war as constituting for them one of the greatest guarantees of security.

Great Difficulty
The question of harmonizing the covenant and Kellogg Pact was on the agenda of last year's assembly and after great difficulty necessary amendments to the covenant were found which it was believed would be acceptable to the members of the League as a whole.

The question was accordingly placed again on the agenda of this year's assembly, at which time it was confidently hoped the necessary changes in the covenant could be made.

The notification just given, however, by England and the dominions makes it evident that the necessary unanimity for the covenant amendments cannot be secured unless the rest of the nations agree to an actual reduction in armaments.

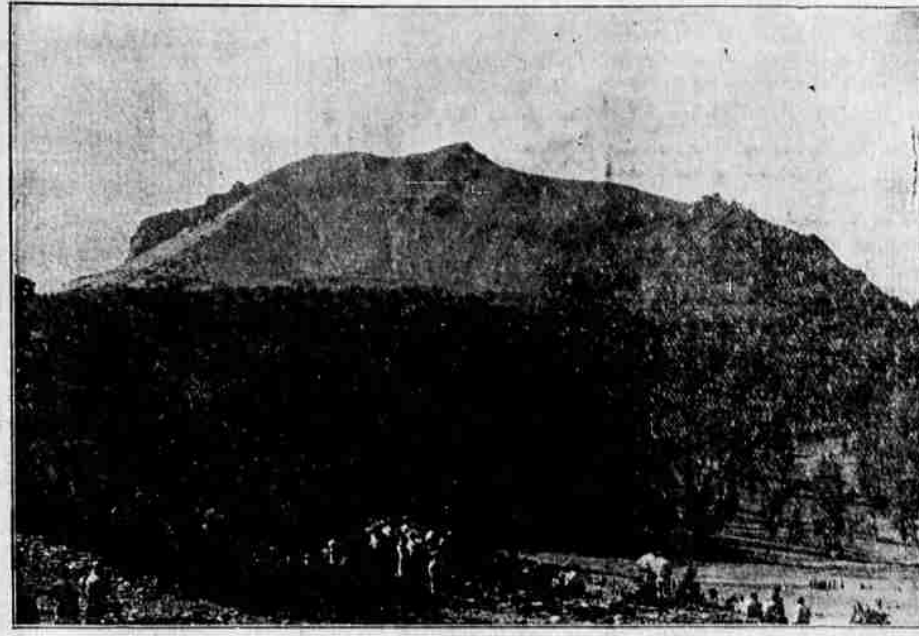
In the meantime, France also has taken an almost identical attitude. French Argument
In a note she points out that while favoring fully the harmonizing of the covenant with the Kellogg Pact, it is quite apparent that this never can be done until a successful disarmament conference has been held.

However, as she always has insisted that if war is to be abolished as a means of settling international disputes some other means must be substituted, she urges that the League in the meantime concentrate all its efforts on securing the most universal ratification possible of the League's general act of arbitration. The latter, which is the League's last word towards obligatory arbitration, has been ratified to date by fifteen nations.

U. S. Fish Farm Industry Big
WASHINGTON (AP)—This country's fish farm industry annually markets products valued at \$2,038,144, comprising the three classifications of gold fish, trout and pond-fish.

Meeting and for refusing at various intervals to get into the Meier band wagon. The governor may wish to defeat Hoss; but if so he has not so indicated his desires as yet.

MAN MADE ERUPTION OPENS NEW NATIONAL PARK



Mt. Lassen, only semi-active volcano in the United States, was the scene of an artificial eruption at Lassen National Park, Cal., was opened. A brisk wind blew the smoke clouds away.

HINDY GODFATHER TO 14,000 BABES

BERLIN (AP)—To be godfather of more than 14,000 "Gretchen" and "Prizes" is the pride of President Paul von Hindenburg.

By time-honored custom the head of the German nation becomes godfather to the seventh living child of a family. Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II never declined to become godfather.

Since his induction into office in 1925, Germany's aged soldier-president has been sponsor more than 14,000 times.

But Hindenburg likes children and takes the trouble of writing a few congratulatory words each time to the happy parents as well as sending a christening-gift.

In each case, the gift is \$5, paid from government funds. Thus, President Hindenburg has spent \$70,000 in six years to maintain this tradition.

TEXAS SALT DEPOSITS MAY PRODUCE AGAIN

ODESSA, Tex.—(UP)—An industry practiced by west Texas pioneers 40 years ago and by Mexicans hundreds of years before will be revived here with the leasing of a 1,189-acre salt lake in Crane county by Max Omo of Chicago.

Omo has taken a 20-year lease on the property and plans to install a plant for commercial production of salt.

It will be the first attempt in many years to commercialize the huge salt deposits of west Texas, which were used in earlier days by Mexicans and Indians and later by white settlers.

U. S. Develops Great Water Power
WASHINGTON (AP)—At the end of last year this country had developed water power of 14,865,000 horsepower out of an estimated potential capacity of 38,000,000 horsepower.

LOS ANGELES LAYS PETTY CRIME WAVE TO ECONOMIC ILLS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—(UP)—Although an increase in crime of 13 per cent—which is 10 per cent above normal—has been reported here by the police department, authorities are inclined to minimize the advance.

The fact that officials are not worried over the increase is because they place the blame upon economic conditions. An increase in number of petty crimes, rather than in felonies, is evident.

Twelve months of crime cost citizens approximately \$3,000,000, according to Mrs. Rhoda Cross, police statistician, in addition to the money they spent in taxes toward the upkeep of a force of clerks.

Economic Depression
The economic depression has brought a good many dubious characters here, police said, with the idea of obtaining a living by petty crime. Thus the arrests for vagrancy and begging show an increase of 77 per cent for the former and 27 per cent for the latter.

No reason was given for the decrease in major crimes. Murders numbered 81 against 70 for the year previous, 374 felonious assaults against 380, and drunken driver arrests, 835 against 1089.

Coincident with the announcement of the fiscal year's crime report, Chief of Police Roy E. Steckel declared the force was still virtually the same size it was six years ago, in spite of the city's growth to 1,376,000 and the increase of crime.

Army Worm Moths Thick
URBANA, Ill.—(AP)—Heavy flight of army worm moths and favorable egg-laying conditions have led to fears in central Illinois that the insect, one of the most destructive pests of cereal and forage crops, may break out in heavy stands of bluegrass, timothy, wheat or oats.

CAREER OF 'MOP' ENDED BY BULLET

PITTSBURGH (UP)—A policeman's bullet has killed "The Mop" after six years of harried existence since the order was issued against him to "shoot to kill on sight."

"The Mop" was one of those delinquents whose ancestry is never questioned. He could spot a police uniform four blocks away and disappear in a flash. He drifted into West Homestead seven years ago and made friends with the children. But successive weeks increased his untidy appearance and even the youngsters frowned when he sidled up to them.

Then the police laid for him and "Mop" led a dog's life. After six years a cop on a motorcycle surprised him and a bullet through the head ended the career of "the dirtiest dog in the Monongahela Valley," once a prized French poodle.

New English Shore Line
BRIGHTON (AP)—All electric trains will run from London to this sea-side town every ten minutes in 1933. The 51-mile line cost more than \$13,000,000.

CONVICTS MOAN AT AUBURN O'ER DE LUXE CELLS

Wash Basins and Radios in Every Cell, and the 'Big House Ain't What It Used to Be' at Auburn.

AUBURN, N. Y., Aug. 8.—(UP)—Old Auburn prison "ain't what it used to be," prisoners agreed as they prepared to move into the newly finished building.

Airy cells complete with wash-bowls, toilets and running water, as well as radio connections, awaited them.

No lead pipes will be valuable to bash guards, however. Architects have designed the cells in such a way that all plumbing is concealed; the wash-bowls are even set into the walls and the pipes enclosed in steel. Each cell is eight feet by ten feet.

Civilians employed in building the new north wing daily look down into the "crow's nest" where offenders against prison discipline march in circles for their exercise. Perched on top of the south wing, surrounded by high walls, the only view available to the marchers is the sky. At the end of their prescribed "turkey strut" they are herded back into the new isolation cells. Here they look across the hundred foot alleyway toward the 425 de luxe" cells of their fellow prisoners.

PENNSYLVANIA 'U' HAS SHAKESPEARE'S GLOVES

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Shakespeare's gloves are in Philadelphia. The long leather gauntlets which the Bard of Avon wore as an actor are among the host of priceless Shakespeareiana which have come into the possession of the University of Pennsylvania, as bequest from Dr. Horace Howard Furness, Jr.

The gloves, said to be the only authentic article worn by the great dramatist still existing, cannot be seen by visitors until the university has completed an addition to the library to house the Furness collection.

CALIFORNIA CAMPS AID BEGGARS

Los Angeles Shuts Off Stream for Indigent and Shiftless—Unhappy Bilk Public Charity

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—(UP)—No Los Angeles is a paradise for the indigent.

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approximately 40 per cent of its income to the upkeep of county charities.

Investigation on investigation now being made to determine the actual number of persons living off the county and particularly those who are dependent on the county for their support.

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