

U. S. Will Not Take Advantage of State Laws Against Purchase of Liquor, Says Commissioner Doran

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (U.P.)—The federal government will not seek to take advantage of state laws which make buyers as well as sellers of liquor liable, Prohibition Commissioner Doran said today, commenting on the successful test of Alabama's law affecting purchasers of intoxicants.

Major liquor offenders apprehended by federal officers will continue to be tried under the Volstead law, Doran said.

Encouraged by the Alabama decision, Senator Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, prepared to ask the senate judiciary committee to act on his bill to incorporate the word "purchase" in the Volstead law with the words "sale" and "possession."

Sheppard pointed out the number of recent court decisions holding liquor can be purchased under existing state law. "They all add weight to my position," he said.

The Texas senator believes there already is efficient authority in the law to prosecute purchasers of liquor. He has asked the department

Engineers' Auxiliary Elects Mrs. Harmon

Mrs. Harney A. Harmon was elected president of the auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Thursday evening.

The other officers selected are as follows:

Vice president, Josie Thompson; secretary, Minerva Hanford; treasurer, Kate Martin; ins. secretary, Florence McIntock; chaplain, Minnie Willett; guide, Carrie Cook; sentinel, Helen Scott; delegate, Anna Peiffer; alternate, Minerva Hanford.

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RECORD BOAT TRIP IS MADE TO RESCUE VICTIM OF FALL

Seniors Capture H. S. Grid Title

Howard Wadsen Scores Two Touchdowns in Champ Game; Clyde Kay Scores For Sophs.

Howard Wadsen scores two touchdowns in the high school inter-class championship game yesterday. Howard Wadsen, senior fullback, made the scores which won his class the title.

Bill Montgomery, senior fullback co-starred with Wadsen, and Clyde Kay, sophomore fullback, made the lone touchdown for the sophomores, runners-up for the title. The game ended 12-6, both sides failing to convert the try-for-point.

Kay, Chavez and Croal carried the ball for the sophomores' biggest gains.

The senior lineup was as follows: Howard Wadsen, fullback; Bill Montgomery and Jack Lacy, halfbacks; Angus Hicks, quarterback; Wayne Stewart, center; Hal Roberts and Charlie Hicks, guards; Elson Gibson and Bruce Christenson, ends; and Winston Merrill and Dimock, tackles.

A record boat trip was made yesterday to get Harvey Wells, Los Angeles, aqueduct surveyor, from a camp 24 miles down the river from Cashman's landing after he had been rescued from the side of the cliff following a fifty-foot fall Wednesday afternoon, according to Jim Cashman.

Paul Schwartz, manager of the Boulder Grand Canyon Navigation company, with two other men, made the twenty-four mile trip down the river and 24 mile trip back in four hours and fifteen minutes, according to Jim Cashman of the company.

And thus Wells, with a sprained ankle and internal injuries, was brought out to civilization, being now under care of Doctor Midren at the Las Vegas hospital.

Wells fell on the cliff over his camp and overlooking the Colorado at about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Injured by the fall, he was unable to move and had to be reached by his four partners, by a five hour roundabout trip from the camp up the cliff.

It was one o'clock that night before they got him to their camp on the bank of the river. And then a 24 mile hike was necessary before the boat could be sent to the rescue.

During that time a day and a night and a half, Wells lay in the little camp suffering from his injuries.

At last, yesterday, the boat heaved into sight and he knew several more hours would see him in civilization again.

"It's a wonder some of us haven't fallen before," he said yesterday. "It's wild old country, and we've been scaling all over it for weeks."

The camp in which the five had been staying will be removed today, Wells said yesterday, his four partners to join the remainder of the crew in their camp several miles toward the landing from the fork in the highways to the landing and to Searchlight.

Prisoner Gets Insurance FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 6. (U.P.)—Granville W. Johnson, serving a life sentence in the Arizona state prison for the murder of his wife in 1926, has won a legal battle for the dead woman's insurance and possible freedom.

Attorney L. C. McNabb of Phoenix had entered suit to collect from the Kansas City Life Insurance company the \$5,000 policy carried by Mrs. Hazel E. Johnson before she was found dead in an automobile camp in Williams, Ariz., three years ago.

A jury in Judge E. I. Green's court here ordered that the sum be paid to the prisoner. The verdict will be used by his attorney in an effort to obtain a pardon.

Nine of the jurors stoned "no" to a question asking if they believed Johnson killed his wife.

The University of Texas library claims to have more than twice as many books as any other college library in the south.

Wandering Powder River Plays Tricks BROADUS, Mont., Dec. 6. (U.P.)—The temperamental Powder river which already has left two bridges high and dry is acting up again. This time the wandering river vented its spite on the Moorhead road, it sliced off a goodly chunk of highway, necessitating a detail.

This past summer the "bad boy" stream threatened to change its channel again and, for a third time, leave a steel span on dry land with nothing to bridge. Only strenuous efforts of farmers prevented the occurrence.

Bankruptcy Rate Lower "Farm mortgage debt on January 1, 1928, was estimated at \$9,468,526,000, as compared with estimated totals of \$9,360,620,000 in 1925 and \$7,857,700,000 in 1927. On the other hand, the farm bankruptcy rate was considerably lower in 1928 than in any year since 1922."

Protection of agriculture in general at the close of the crop season 1928-29 was better than at the close of the preceding year, and there are prospects of continued improvement, Hyde said. The crop season of the present year began with rising prices, and with only moderate supplies of the principal crops in prospect.

"These circumstances, joined to the expectation that benefit will accrue to agriculture from the operation of the Federal Farm board under the new farm marketing act, warrant confidence that better times are in store," the report added.

Machinery established under the new agricultural marketing act, Hyde said, was more effective in agriculture's needs than any other remedy for agriculture's ills that has ever before been possible.

While co-operative marketing of farm products has markedly increased in recent years, Hyde said, it was still true that more than 80 per cent of the associations now functioning are independent, local bodies having little contact with their co-operatives.

Taking an example of present wasteful marketing methods, Hyde said, more than 300 associations market potatoes, causing keen competition and delaying adjustment of production to the probable demand. Centralized co-operatives such as now being formed by the Federal Farm board were declared necessary if full advantage is to be taken of the farm relief act.

Tariff protection for farm products has come to be recognized, Hyde added, as a necessary part of a sound, national agricultural policy. Although American farm prices are still largely determined by the export value, Hyde said it can profit increasingly from tariff protection.

"This nation is committed to the protective principle," Hyde said. "The tariff legislation in prospect, coupled with the trend in our foreign trade, promises to make that principle more effective for agriculture. Agriculture benefits substantially from existing duties, and can use increased protection. The tariff conspicuously assists producers of flax, cans and beet sugar, fruit,

Improved Farming Outlook Seen By Secretary Hyde in Annual Report to Hoover

Average Farm Income Increases During The Year And Movement From Country to Town Declines—Relief Act Is Outstanding Event for Agriculture.

(By CECIL OWEN)
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (U.P.)—An improved outlook for farming was foreseen today by Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde who reviewed outstanding events of the year in his annual report to President Hoover.

Favorable items cited by Secretary Hyde included an average farm income for the crop season 1928-29 higher than for any recent year excepting 1925-26. Movement of population from country to town declined, and there was a decrease also in rate of depreciation in farm land values.

The outstanding agricultural event of the year was passage of the administration farm relief act which created the Federal Farm board and carried a revolving fund for farm loans of \$300,000,000, of which \$150,000,000 was appropriated.

"Much further improvement will be necessary before the situation can be considered satisfactory," Hyde said. "Since the war, agriculture has suffered grave disabilities which the farmers by their own efforts have not been able to remove. In consequence, they are still overburdened with debt.

The tariff can be effective also, Hyde said, on corn and wheat, although United States imports of these crops are small. Duties on corn can protect the coast markets against Argentine corn and, he explained, tariff protection is effective on wheat when the Canadian crop is large and the United States spring wheat crop is short.

"Even our cotton industry can be benefited by a protective policy though we export half our cotton," the secretary added. "Protection against importation of long-staple cotton would strengthen the domestic market for the longer American staples. In short, agriculture is by no means on a world-market basis exclusively, but is well placed to share the benefits of our protective system."

States can aid materially, Hyde continued, in the making available to farmers of ample credit at reasonable interest rates by closer supervision of existing banking facilities.

Living standards are deficient on a large proportion of the smaller farms of the nation, the report pointed out, and Hyde said effective action to raise these standards is necessary. These farms were described as a source of population as well as food supply of value to the welfare of the nation.

Low Farm Population United States farm population at the end of 1928 was the smallest in more than 20 years. While the aggregate movement of persons from farm to city was smaller in 1928 than in the two preceding years, it comprised the formidable total of 1,950,000 persons. This figure was largely offset, Hyde said, by the movement from cities of 1,362,000 persons, leaving a net transfer of 588,000 persons from farms to cities.

The federal government faces a serious problem, Hyde declared, in the proper utilization of its land resources now cultivated. He urged formulation of a new public policy for the most effective utilization of land.

Additional funds for forestry work and prevention of forest fires were urged by Hyde who said conservation of existing forest lands is of vital importance to the economic welfare of the nation.

Ravages of the Mediterranean fruit fly in Florida during the past year were extensively discussed by Hyde, who reviewed the department's eradication program, and requested more funds for its extension. He said eradication of the fruit fly is possible, according to expert opinion, and added that substantial amounts would be necessary to carry forward the work already outlined.

Stella Belle Gordon, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gordon, went to Riverside Friday evening to spend the week end with an aunt.

Dr. George W. Frasier of the Union Pacific hospital left Thursday for Los Angeles on business. He will return in about a week.

Warren L. Heap planned to leave yesterday or today for Washington, D. C., where he will remain until around New Year's, at which time he plans to return to Las Vegas.

Misses Barbara and Shirley Ferron left last evening for Los Angeles. They will return Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Yates have returned from a motor trip to San Bernardino.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. McNamee have returned from a trip to Carson City, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Coach Frank Butcher and friends of the team enjoyed the evening with the boys.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Ferguson have returned from Los Angeles where they purchased the fittings for their new hospital.

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NEVADA STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From Upstate Dispatches and Exchanges

Fallon Squad Has Good Record
The Fallon high school football squad came through the past season with an excellent record, having defeated all comers with the exception of one, the Lovelock squad.

During the season Fallon ran up a total of 118 points to nine scored by opponents.

The second's record follows:

Fallon	36	Virginia	6
Fallon	20	Winemucca	2
Fallon	0	Lovelock	0
Fallon	13	Carson	9
Fallon	19	Yerington	7
Fallon	12	Sparks	0
Fallon	6	Reno	0
Fallon	12	Las Vegas	0

Railroads Pay Nevada Taxes Under Protest
Laying the basis for a suit in the federal court to have the valuations placed on their property by the Nevada tax commission reduced to the valuations of 1928, the Central Pacific, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, Nevada Northern and Western Pacific railroad companies, have paid the first installment of their 1929 taxes under protest, according to the Reno Evening Gazette.

The Nevada tax commission increased the valuation of the railroad properties by \$3,892,120 over the 1928 valuations for taxation purposes. A rehearing before the commission was ordered and the commission sustained its first order placing the valuation on the railroad properties of the four companies, exclusive of land holdings, at \$77,633,044. The 1928 valuation of the same properties was \$73,740,924.

At the time the rehearing was held before the tax commission in September, the railroads gave notice that suits would be filed in the federal court to have the valuations reduced to the 1928 level.

Lands owned by the railroad companies were assessed at \$7,733,572 in 1928 and the tax commission made no change in the valuations. Taxes on the lands have been paid without protest.

The valuation of the railroad properties, exclusive of the land holdings as fixed by the tax commission in 1928 and 1929 follows:

	1928	1929
Gen. Pacific	\$43,142,905	\$45,749,985
Los. & S. L.	11,597,590	12,051,500
Nev. North	3,474,969	3,542,400
West. Pac.	15,615,850	16,289,350
Total	\$73,740,920	\$77,633,350

Nye County Girl Is Scalded
Miss Bessie Scuffie, 16, of Smokey Valley, is under the care of Dr. P. D. McLeod, of Tonopah, at the Mizpah hotel, for serious burns caused by the upsetting of a pot of boiling water at the home of her parents.

Miss Scuffie was engaged in preparing the family meal when she knocked over the pot and received the contents on her lower limbs, scalding them from the knees to the ankles. Dr. McLeod says the girl will be able to get around in the course of four or five days as the cuts she suffered, causing intense pain that yielded to treatment.

Reno Doctor Takes Own Life
Dr. J. E. Toogood, for the last several years a resident of Reno, shot himself to death in a second hand store on Lake street late Monday afternoon.

The doctor has practiced in Reno on and off for several years. He was formerly a resident of Virginia City. He is survived by a widow.

Citizens Start Cleanup of Ely Red-Light
A clean up campaign to rid the district of undesirable has been started at Ely, Nev., with the formation of a citizen's committee and unusual efforts on the part of the police.

As a step in the campaign the county officials have instituted proceedings to abate the red-light district.

For some weeks Ely has been the scene of much pilfering, and in some cases the occupants of homes have been mistreated when they were present as marauders have entered the premises.

Many undesirables are being given the opportunity to leave the district or going to work on the county rock pile, and it is reported that those that are placed on that pile are fed in accordance with the amount of work that they do.

PASADENA, Dec. 6. (U.P.)—The University of Pittsburgh and the University of Southern California, who have played outstanding football for many years, will meet for the first time in the historic Rose Bowl January 1.

The announcement that Pitt, undefeated, was to be the Eastern team came today a little more than 24 hours after U. S. C., technical leader of the Pacific Coast, had accepted the invitation.

The naming of the Panthers and Trojans as the contestants ended speculation that had included most of the best teams all over the country.

St. Mary's and California had been talked, and Purdue, Notre Dame, Tennessee, Pitt and others as the opponents.

NEIL SCOTT ELIGIBLE FOR WOLF PACK CAPTAINCY
Election of captain of the 1930 Wolf Pack will not take place until next week as the list of new letter men has not yet been approved by the Plock N society and the athletic committee. Election of the new football manager will also take place at this time.

Those eligible for the captaincy are: Jack Wathen, center; Buck Jones, guard; Earl Handley, halfback; Walt Linehan, tackle; Neil Scott, guard, and Les Tomley, end.

The men who have worked out on the football managerial staff for two years and are now eligible to fill the position left vacant by Al Lombard, this year's manager, are: George Adamson, El Leonard, Freddy La Vigne and Ed Cantlon, U. of N. Saebrush.

Gets Sentence Review
PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 6. (U.P.)—The death watch placed before the cell of Richard Nash Burrows, 19-year-old Chicago youth, sentenced to hang Friday, Dec. 13, for the murder of Jack Martin, Mesa, Ariz., has been halted by an appeal on file in the state supreme court today.

The action was based on a slight omission in state statutes discovered by Burrows' attorney. It now becomes necessary for the Arizona supreme court to review the case, which resulted in a death sentence when tried in the superior court.

Six of nine members of the first graduating class at the University of Arkansas in 1876 are still living.

More than 80,000 short tons of lime, valued at more than \$750,000, were produced in Texas last year.

An oak tree having a trunk 11 feet 9 inches in diameter and 36 feet in circumference recently fell near King City, Calif.

Mothers Give Banquet For Football Squad
The runners-up for the state high school grid championship, Las Vegas' squad, enjoyed a banquet last evening at the Boulder Drug store as guests of their motherly Coach Frank Butcher and friends of the team enjoyed the evening with the boys.

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