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Lowest last night 43
Tonight fair, Tuesday
probably fair.

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LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION TODAY

Program for Session Outlined
by Leaders of Both
Houses

DEADLOCK APPARENT

Followers of Senator Eddy
Refuse to Sanction Election
of Upton as President
of Senate

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SALEM, Jan. 8.—Enough senators were mustered at 10:50 o'clock today to call the senate to order, which was done by Farrel of Multnomah.

Senator Eddy of Roseburg was married at Albany and several supporters of Eddy for senate president remained out. In a brief speech he pleaded for the senators to drop political differences and work for harmony in the session. The following were strongly opposed to Eddy: Upton of Prineville, they said. The house was ready to effect permanent organization, with K. K. Hill as speaker.

SALEM, Jan. 8.—The organization of the state legislature was temporarily blocked, due to the absence of senators Eddy and Smith. The Eddy followers will not join the Upton contingent for organization until Eddy arrives. The inauguration of Governor Pierce was delayed as a result of the fact that the senate will probably not take place until tomorrow, when he will deliver his message. He cannot be sworn in until the two houses are organized and the vote on the governor is canvassed.

SALEM, Jan. 8.—(By U. P.)—Impediment at the delay, 17 senators convened in session for temporary organization at 11 o'clock this morning. Senator Eddy was chosen as temporary chairman. An adjournment was taken at noon, following the hearing in the new members by Chief Justice McBride. The committee on credentials found all the new members eligible. This committee's report was adopted, as were those of the committees on permanent organization and order of business. The house also effected a temporary organization.

(By United Press.)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—With a moderate governor and a republican legislature going into action today, Oregon's attention turned toward the state house and the nation's battle which will be waged there starting today with the organization of both houses of legislature. Four major problems have presented themselves to the state legislature for solution. Chief among these is the lighting of the state's debt. Governor Walter Pierce made his campaign on a platform of going to reduce their taxes for the government by various means. He will go about this with the aid of the most interesting features of the current session.

WALTER PIERCE

Will be Oregon's
real chief for the
next four years. Tax
revision will be principal
aim of eastern Oregon
man. Has vast program
which he hopes to accom-
plish during his terms of
office.



Walter M. Pierce, who takes office as the seventeenth governor of the state of Oregon today, is a young man in 1893 (and his first work in the state was as a farm hand. In the intervening 40 years, however, he has been engaged in many activities, school teacher, lawyer, county clerk of Umatilla county, state senator and farmer.

He was born on a farm in 1861, his parents being substantial citizens of their community. Settling in Umatilla county, Oregon in 1863, young Pierce started to work on a farm, and to increase his income in a small way he was elected superintendent of schools of Umatilla county, and was re-elected in 1888. In 1890 he was elected county clerk of Umatilla county, and was re-elected in 1892.

He became state senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties in 1902. In 1916 he was elected state senator for Union and Walla Walla counties. Pierce had been admitted to the Oregon bar in 1895, and in 1896, to complete his legal education he took a course in Northwestern University law school at Chicago.

He has been president of the Tax Payers League since its organization, and has been a regent of Oregon Agricultural College since 1905. For several years he has operated a farm in the Grande Ronde valley, in Eastern Oregon. In 1918 he was a candidate for governor on the democratic ticket.

He was married in the early nineties to Miss Laura Dudge, a daughter of pioneer parents. They have six children, five daughters and one son.

the state in an embarrassing position. Ways and means of providing for the retirement of these indebtednesses will be considered by the legislature.

Governor Pierce has dedicated himself to the completion of the state highway system and intends to institute new methods of such as the abrogation of the volunteer commission, substituting for it a paid commission appointed by the governor. This is the second of the legislature's great problems.

Another reform which the governor intends to make is the inauguration of the cabinet form of government similar to that of Washington, Idaho, Illinois and other states. Under the proposed system several commissions would be eliminated their duties performed by bureaus under department heads to be appointed by the governor, and ratified by the legislature.

Such a drastic change in the state governmental machinery would require a constitutional amendment and as the people would have the final authority through the referendum, it is doubtful that the present legislature can effect much progress along this line.

New educational legislation touching the recently passed compulsory graded school law, the enfranchisement of all voters on school elections instead of only tax-payers as at present, and a reorganization of the text book system with an ultimate goal of free text books will undoubtedly be attempted in whole or in part.

Several new methods of taxation have been worked out by Pierce, who is an expert on Oregon's tax problems, and will be presented to the legislature. They include a graduated income tax, upon timber and mine products taken from government land, and other methods. Governor Pierce believes he can add over a million dollars annually with these taxes, which would relieve the property owner now carrying an excessive burden.

Many other problems will be con-

RANCHER OF KENT D. J. STEWART NORTH UMPQUA CREEK WOUNDED DIES SUDDENLY IN FLOOD STAGE

Accidental Discharge of Gun
Held in Hands of Neighbor
Causes Wound

INJURY NOT SERIOUS CAME HERE FROM IOWA

Shell Left in Magazine of
Shotgun Explodes When
Owner Is Preparing to
Join Varmint Hunt

Charles Voltella, a rancher of the Kent Creek district, received several painful flesh wounds Sunday morning when he was shot in the legs and arm by the accidental discharge of a 12-gauge shot gun in the hands of his neighbor, W. C. Simmons. A number of the residents of that section gathered at Mr. Simmons' cabin early in the morning for a varmint hunt. Mr. Simmons has a well trained dog which the other men of that community desire to use in training their own dogs. They were preparing to start out and Mr. Simmons went to procure his gun. He first intended to take a small caliber rifle as he intended to ride a pony which is a trifle gun shy, but changed his mind and picked up the shot gun.

He always procured his shells from a box which he had upon a table and he counted these to be sure that none were in the gun. He also opened the breech to see that no shells were in the chamber. However, at some previous time, some person had evidently borrowed the gun when he was away from home and had used some other shells which he had been using as weights in the melon house. The person using the gun evidently failed to entirely empty the magazine and when Mr. Simmons opened the breech of the gun, the one shell remaining in the magazine slipped into the chamber and as he dropped the weapon to his side it exploded.

Voltella was in the adjoining room putting some apples in his pocket; the shot from the gun tore through the wall, shattering a mirror, and struck him in the leg and one arm. The flattened shot tore ugly holes in his flesh making painful although not serious wounds. He was rushed to this city and his injuries given attention by Dr. Melvin, who found the shot lodged against the bones. The injury is not necessarily serious, but will cause Voltella considerable pain for several days.

ATTORNEY JONES LEAVING FOR EAST

Attorney George P. Jones, who for the past few months has been in the law partnership with Attorney O. P. Coshaw, is leaving within the next three days for St. Cloud, Minn., where he is to reside permanently. The local law partnership has been dissolved and Mr. Jones will go into the law business in Minnesota with an old friend and acquaintance. Judge Jones, came to Douglas County only a short time ago, having been district judge in Montana where he formerly resided. He states that he is greatly pleased with Roseburg and vicinity and has enjoyed his sojourn here to the fullest extent. He will engage in the law practice in Minnesota with his old friend, Attorney J. R. Bennett, Jr., who has a large practice in St. Cloud. Mr. Jones states that he would not leave this community except for the opportunity of business betterment.

Mrs. Jones left this morning for Creswell to visit her parents for a couple of days before starting east.

BURT HEADS FARM BUREAU EXCHANGE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Douglas County farm bureau exchange, was held at the Douglas National bank Saturday afternoon. The report of the manager was received and the quarterly dividend of two per cent was declared. It was decided to reduce the number of directors from nine to five and G. W. Burt, of Roseburg; D. N. Busenbark, of Kelso; W. A. Davidson, of Oakland; and D. H. Lamb, of Oakland, were elected. The directors chose G. W. Burt to serve for another term as president. V. E. Chase was appointed secretary. Claude E. Banning remains in charge as manager.

Rev. L. G. Hall of McMinnville, who delivered a very pleasing lecture-recital at Green last Friday, using the poems of James Whitcomb Riley, will speak tonight at Melrose.

Former County Judge and
Mayor Passes Away at
Home in This City

INJURY NOT SERIOUS CAME HERE FROM IOWA

Gets Almost Unanimous Vote
for Mayor of Roseburg—
Was Also Chosen as
County Judge

D. J. Stewart, ex-county judge of Douglas County and former mayor of the City of Roseburg, died yesterday morning at his home. Although he has been in poor health for the past two years, and has been confined to his home for the past two months, he was still able to be up and about the house. He was walking about the house yesterday morning at about 7:30 when he suddenly collapsed, death being immediate.

Mr. Stewart came to Roseburg in the year 1910, having incorporated his business in Iowa in order that he might retire from active business life. He was immediately recognized in this community as a man of unusual executive ability and in 1918 was urged to accept the position of mayor of the city. He consented to take the position if elected and in the vote taken on November 5, 1918 was chosen almost unanimously as the chief officer of the city.

His ability in this position was quickly recognized and when County Judge R. W. Marsters resigned during the following year he was appointed county judge by Governor Olcott who made the appointment upon the recommendation of a large number of the leading citizens of the county. He assumed the county office in August of 1919 and for several months served in an efficient

D. J. STEWART



Hon. D. J. Stewart, ex-county judge and former mayor, whose death occurred yesterday morning.

and thorough manner. He was chosen for the position again at the following election receiving a big majority. The duties of the office coupled with poor health, however, resulted in a complete breakdown and after a few months in office he was compelled to resign because of ill health.

Following that time he never fully recovered his strength and during the past few weeks his condition became more serious, although he appeared to be improving during the few days before his death.

The deceased was born in Oregon, Ill., July 26, 1855. He moved to Iowa, when 18 years of age and immediately entered the mercantile business. Going into business for himself he made a decided success and his business interests spread out until he was deeply engaged. While in Mason City, Iowa, he was entrusted with many public duties and served for a long period of time as one of the councilmen of that city.

He at last decided to retire from active life and incorporated his business and moved to Roseburg in 1910. Soon after coming here he sold his interests and confined his investments largely to this community.

He is survived by his widow, and son Dr. E. B. Stewart, of this city. He also leaves two brothers, E. A. Stewart in Rockford, Ill., and W. J. Stewart in Mason City, Iowa, also a sister, Mrs. Sarah Gosner, in Minneapolis. In fraternal circles he was connected with the Elk, Masonic, and Odd Fellows lodges.

He was a man of great worth to the community and one in whom all were willing to impose the complete trust. He was a man of sterling

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Considerable Damage Done
by High Water—Garden
Valley Land Flooded

LIVESTOCK IS SAVED

Wires Cut and Farmers Wade
Waist Deep in Water,
Taking Cattle to Place
of Safety

Chinook winds and warm rains over the snow-crowned peaks of the Cascade range, combined to bring about high water in the North Umpqua, and the peak of the flood was reached Saturday evening, when the water reached the highest point in fifteen years or longer. A lot of the false work at the new highway bridge over the North Umpqua at Winchester went out with the flood, and car loads of this material, liberally mixed with all sorts of debris from the up-river section, is piled in a heterogeneous mass along the river frontage of the Lee Love ranch, where it added in below the rocky point and was left when the water receded. It is estimated that it will require a month of steady work to salvage this material that adorns the landscape there, besides the cost of getting it back for use, in case the contractors want to dig it out of the drift.

Below the Love ranch the water flooded the road and swept over the pasture of adjoining ranches, but no damage was done, the new grade standing the freshet in excellent manner, only was left in a boggy condition. Bridge planks were floated in from some source and partially blocked the roadway at one or two points. That portion of the new grade that was graveled was undamaged, and in a day or two will be quite passable again. Horses and cattle in the pasture at the Wood ranch were rescued from the danger of being swept down stream when S. E. Darby and Arthur Burro, water nearly waist deep, and after cutting the wire fence at advantageous points, led the animals through the swirling and eddy current to higher ground. These men state that the water was rising with alarming rapidity when the stock was rescued, and they got through with their work just at dark.

Trees and debris of every sort were floating down stream in the main channel, and those who witnessed the scene allege that the main channel was filled with drift which was going seaward at tremendous speed. They state that the current was moving much faster than a man could run, and when at flood peak was a magnificent sight.

At Winchester the swirling current swept up over the end of the new highway bridge being built there and demolished a hoisting tower and turned the heavy concrete mixer into the river. The falsework from beneath the first span was torn away but as the concrete has been poured there for several weeks it was able to stand the strain and the damage caused will not affect the finished bridge in any way.

The force of the current is shown by the fact that driftwood swept downstream was not even hindered in its course by the iron reinforcement bars in the bridge piers, but bent the bars over as if they were light willow twigs. The piers which were constructed during the low water season, were completely covered by the high water and the reinforcement bars which were standing upright before the flood were flattened almost to the surface of the concrete.

On the third pier, where a portion of the falsework is in place, a large quantity of driftwood was caught and held and some work in clearing it will be necessitated.

The foresight of the foreman in bracing the trusses for which the forms are now being built, was a factor resulting in the saving of many hundreds of dollars, for the heavy trusses that all of the forms remained in place and alignment.

In spite of the hardest efforts of the light and power company, the power plant was unable to supply only a limited amount of electrical energy. Twenty men worked all Saturday night raking leaves off the gates, but the waters piled up below the dam until the head of water over the dam amounted to practically nothing. Huge logs churned in the fall and their grinding and crashing set up a noise which could be heard for miles.

city was supplied with light and some of the street lamps were lighted.

Saturday night and Sunday trains from the north were all delayed and Roseburg residents were denied the Sunday comics for the Sunday papers from Portland did not arrive until this morning. A bridge washout and soft track in the Willamette valley was responsible for this condition, and forced south-bound trains to be made up in stub form at Eugene and Roseburg, the first through train getting in from the north at 9 o'clock this morning.

Wires were reported to be down throughout the state and there was no wire connections between Portland and Roseburg. All messages were relayed by way of San Francisco but communication was in such a congested condition today that it was very difficult to send or receive messages to the metropolis.

SITUATION IN EUROPE SERIOUS

France Threatens Invasion of
Ruhr District Without
Further Delay

EXPLANATION IS ASKED

Germany Must Satisfactorily
Explain Her Failure to Fill
Allied Coal Demands to
Avert Military Action

(By United Press.)
The European situation is extremely grave today.

France's Ruhr invasion depends upon the reparations commission's action today.

If Germany satisfactorily explains her failure to fill the allied coal demands, the situation may be relieved. If she fails, the French troops already in the vicinity of Coblenz and Essen will move forward. Thousands of infantry, artillery and cavalry are ready for action.

Occupation Is Slated

PARIS, Jan. 9.—(A. P.)—The occupation of Essen by a small French force, accompanying the engineers and customs officers, is now slated for Thursday morning. The Belgian and French engineers and technical experts will accompany the French.

Plan Is Transmitted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(A. P.)—The plan for the settlement of the controversy between France and England, outlined by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven address, has been communicated to the French government officially.

ROAD PROPOSAL MADE TO COURT

Forest Supervisor Presents
Plan for Construction of
North Umpqua Road

FIRST LAP ESTIMATED

County's Share of Work on
Rock Creek-Boundary
Section Would Be
Near \$17,500

A proposal to start work on the North Umpqua highway during the summer of this year was made today to the county court by Forest Supervisor Carl B. Neal. Mr. Neal states that he believes forest funds will be available if the county will cooperate on a 50-50 basis between Rock Creek and the forest boundary and on a 25 per cent basis from Boundary to Steamboat. The first lap, from Rock Creek to Boundary would cost about \$35,000 according to an estimate made by Engineer Flynn of the forest service who accompanied the forest supervisor in presenting the matter to the court. Of this amount the county's share would be \$17,500. The road would be ten feet in width with turn outs.

Although the county has only a limited amount of road money available this year the road plan is under consideration. It had been expected that the residents of that part of the country would vote a special tax and the county has been working on the belief that the residents and taxpayers who would be chiefly benefited by the road would assist in building the road. However,

GETS BROKEN LEG EVADING ARREST

Alleged Bootlegger Receives
Heavy Sentence in
Court Today

CONFISCATE HIS STILL

Officers Find Well Made Still
in Garret of R. L. Morrow,
Resident of Riddle
Vicinity

A five hundred dollar fine, 60 days in jail, and a broken leg, is the price R. L. Morrow, alleged moonshiner and bootlegger, is required to pay for the five quarts of liquor which the officers found in his possession at the dance at Canyonville Saturday night. Morrow attempted to resist arrest and in the scuffle received a compound fracture of the ankle. His jail sentence is to start as soon as his physical condition will permit, the court ordered.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Hopkins and two special deputies arrived at the dance early in the evening and hid themselves nearby. They state that Morrow came in his car and they saw him secrete several bottles in a rocky depression a short distance away. After he had entered the dance hall, Hopkins also went in, while the two special officers hid themselves near the cache.

While Deputy Sheriff Hopkins was present Morrow did not come near the liquor but as soon as the deputy and his wife started away in their car Morrow came outside and before they were out of sight started loading his pockets with the bottles. When he had placed five quarts in his pockets, the special deputies stepped out from their hiding place and started to place him under arrest.

Morrow is said to have broken one of the bottles and drew another from his pocket, making a move as if to strike one of the deputies with it. The officer hit Morrow who dodged backward and stepped into the rocky depression. His leg turned under him as he fell, breaking his ankle in two places.

He was immediately rushed to the hospital in this city and Dr. Wade called to attend him. A search warrant was procured at once and the officers returned to his home about two miles from Riddle. After an exhaustive search they located one of the most complete stills ever found in the country. It was cleverly hidden in the garret and no way was found 100 gallons of mash which would soon have been ready for the run-off. Water was piped for about 700 feet while the apparatus was cleverly built and capable of producing a good quality of moonshine.

The entire outfit was confiscated and brought to Roseburg and added to the collection now held in the county jail.

Morrow was brought over from the hospital this morning and carried to the justice court where he entered his plea of guilty, the court announcing that the jail sentence would start as soon as his injury had healed sufficiently to allow him to stand confinement.

SEVEN PERSONS DEAD

(United Press.)
PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Seven persons are dead and millions of dollars damages are due to the rain and snow storms and high waters in the Columbia basin. Two men and boys are believed lost at Moton Washington. An unidentified man was killed Saturday in the Columbia Gorge. Mrs. Harry Fisher and two young children were killed by a snow-alide near Baker. Her communication between Portland and the south has been severed.

ever, at a recent road meeting the special tax proposal met defeat and if the cooperative plan is adopted the money must come from the general road fund or from the market road fund, both of which are quite low.

However, the construction of this road is of much importance to the entire county. It means the ultimate completion of a road direct through from the coast to Eastern Oregon and will give the county a road the full length of the Umpqua river. Because of the fact that the road is of much more importance to the county at large than to the district it does not appear to be right to hold up the construction because the district is not ready to help.

The court will probably consider the matter quite thoroughly before acting upon the proposal of the forest supervisor.