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## CITY PROPOSES TWO CHANGES IN THE STATE LAWS

Want Legislature to Give Cities the Right to Charge Penalty and Interest.

## TO LICENSE HAWKERS

Bill to Charge Fee to Hawkers on Business Streets Aimed at California Orange Peddlers.

The City of Roseburg is asking the state legislature to pass two measures, which it is believed are needed by the cities of Oregon, and which it is expected will be passed during the present session. The Douglas County delegation has already been advised of the proposals, but the form for the two bills has not yet been submitted, although they will be prepared and submitted within a few days.

The most important is a proposed amendment to the Hancock Bonding Act. This is a law which permits property owners to bond their property for city improvements. When streets are paved, sewers constructed, or such other improvements made, the property owners against whom the cost is assessed, have the right to apply for Hancock bonds. The city then issues improvement bonds, the property being cited as security, and the city's credit is then used to secure the money, through the sale of the bonds, to pay for the improvements. The property owners then redeem the bonds. The payments made annually over a period of years.

The law as it stands at present, does not permit the city to assess penalty and interest in cases of delinquent payments. Where payments are not made, the city must keep them up and take liens against the property. The city can recover the amount of the original assessment by foreclosure, but in that case, interest, not only on the amount paid, but for the use of its money until settlement is made. Some concerns having a large amount of property have taken advantage of this situation and are letting the city carry their payments for them, and the cost is becoming a serious factor in the city government. Mayor Houck as soon as he took office started work on this proposition, and it has now progressed to the point where the state legislature is being asked to amend the law.

If the legislature fails to do so, the city will probably amend its charter so that future losses will be prevented. The amendment will provide that where the payments become delinquent that the city can assess penalty and interest, which can also take the form of a lien after a specific period, and be included in the amount for which the city can foreclose. It will also provide for foreclosure in the Circuit Court so that the city will be able to give a clear title to any property. (Continued on page five)

## Governor Davis's Son Accused of Bribe



GOV. JONATHAN M. DAVIS

Newspapers in Kansas charge that Russell Davis, son of the retiring Governor Jonathan M. Davis, received from Fred W. Pollman, convicted of fraud in a bank failure, \$1,250 for a pardon made out by Governor Davis. The bribe is said to have been paid to the presence of witnesses in a Topeka hotel.

**PORTUNE WILL CONTINUE TO SHINGLE**  
Oregon Historical Society (Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Jan. 22.—Dr. Loren Loren, father of Dr. A. Loren, who committed suicide last night, adding, "If I quit work, I'd die."  
Koenig said the estate would be shared with the remaining children.

## RIDDLE ASKS INVESTIGATION HOME BUDGET

Claims That Statement of Economy Was Padded for Political Purposes.

## CUTS ARE TOO GREAT

False Showing Made for Purpose of Discrediting Administration, Commandant Says.

Judge George W. Riddle, commandant of the Oregon Soldiers Home, has invited the ways and means committee of the state legislature to make a thorough investigation of the state institution before acting upon the budget for the coming year. He charges that the budget filed by Mr. Hendershott, the appointee installed in the home for the latter part of last year by Governor Pierce and State Treasurer Myers, and who was ousted by the board of control following its reorganization, with Tom Kay as a member, was reduced to such an extent that the institution could not be efficiently operated. He also states that Hendershott's statements of economy were padded to the extreme, and that his showings did not constitute a true statement of conditions.

Commandant Riddle maintains that the budget cuts were made in an effort to lay the blame of the institution's financial condition on the part of Hendershott, and discredit the present commandant's administration. Riddle was ousted from the home by Governor Pierce and Jefferson Meyers, then state treasurer, who with Secretary of State Kozier made up the board of control. The change was made over Kozier's objection. When Kay defeated Meyers for state treasurer, he and Kozier immediately voted to remove Hendershott and restore Mr. Riddle as commandant. In the meantime Mr. Hendershott had made a number of arbitrary changes at the home under the plea of economy.

The head nurse at the hospital was discharged and her salary of \$100 added to the economy list. Hendershott also laid off the auto truck driver and brought out the old team and buggy, relics of bygone days, leaving the auto truck in the garage. Cuts were also (Continued on page 8)

## KAY ACCUSES PIERCE AND MYERS OF UNNECESSARILY BOOSTING STATE LEVY BECAUSE INCOME TAX BEATEN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 22.—State Treasurer T. E. Kay, at a meeting of the ways and means committee of the legislature last night, assailed the state budget and state tax commissions who prepared the state's budget and tax levy now in the hands of the legislature. The majority members of these commissions, Governor Pierce and former State Treasurer Jefferson Meyers, were the objects of Kay's attack. Kay asserted that these two officials, in his opinion, had deliberately cut the state tax levy to about 1.9 mills, while all conditions having to do with state finances made necessary a levy of about 3 mills. He expressed the opinion that this had been done deliberately to cripple the state as a sort of revenge for the defeat of the state income tax. Kay asserted that \$2,562,912.53 which the state budget mentions as in excess of estimated revenues is misleading and can be greatly reduced.

## FRANCE GIVEN A REMINDER AFTER DEPUTY'S SPEECH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Deputy Marin's declaration in the French chamber yesterday that it would be a moral iniquity for the United States to compel France to pay her four-billion-dollar debt is regarded by officials of the American debt commission as an isolated explosion rather than an echo of French official opinion.

The French deputy apparently had forgotten, it was pointed out today, that the United States made no claim for German reparations except a small percentage of the cost of the army of occupation and damage claims. This is regarded here as a fact which the French government cannot be allowed to overlook.

## JURY CONVICTS BROTHERS FOR NECKTIE PARTY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
VALE, Ore., Jan. 22.—A verdict of guilty was brought in today in the trial of Bert and Melville Lawrence, charged with assault with intent to kill. The minimum penalty provided by law for the offense is a fine of \$100 and the maximum ten years in the state penitentiary. The defendants will be sentenced Monday.

The defendants admitted they had strung up Ralph Harvey with a rope over the limb of a cottonwood tree October 16, near Ironside, in northern Malheur county, but contended they had done so only once. Harvey testified he had been pulled up three times by the rope about his neck. Harvey said the attack was made upon him to force him to confess that he had informed the district attorney of bootlegging operations, but the defense held the affair was staged in order to scare him into leaving the county because he was continually making advances to Bert Lawrence's wife and had been the cause of a great deal of trouble in his household.

## COSTA RICA BIDS ADIEU TO LEAGUE AFTER PAYING UP

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
GENEVA, Jan. 22.—Costa Rica filed her resignation from the League of Nations today transmitting with her message a check for back dues. No reason was given for the withdrawal, but a league official said it was assumed the resignation was due to criticism of the country for failure to pay her assessments. Costa Rica fixed January 1, as the date of resignation, but as the covenant requires two year's notice of withdrawal, she would not cease to be a member until January 1, 1927. Officials of the league said, however, that they hoped in the meanwhile to induce her to rescind her decision and resume membership. The letter containing notice of resignation will be a check for \$13,770 in payment of back dues for the years 1921-1924 inclusive.

## ALICE IS "EXPECTING"

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth arrived in Chicago today in preparation for an interesting event anticipated for early in February. She was accompanied here from Washington by a woman physician who will remain with her.

## MEASURES TINKERING WITH ELECTION LAWS ARE ADDED TO HOPPER OF LEGISLATURE

One Bill Would Restore Convention Nominating System, Another Bar Unregistered Voters From the Polls—Diamond Lake Inclusion in National Park Opposed by Memorial.

### THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS AT A GLANCE.

The senate passed the Banks bill giving beverage sellers the right of appeal to the circuit court from revocation of licenses by municipalities.

Two memorials to congress were introduced: One opposing the proposed inclusion of Diamond Lake, Douglas county, in the Crater Lake National Park; the other requesting development of Pacific coast ports for the primary purpose of aiding the lumber industry.

Changes in the election laws were proposed in bills to re-establish the old convention nominating system, and to abolish the practice of swearing in unregistered voters at the polls.

Farming interests were represented in the day's grind by a bill to allow advertising of farm products on the state highways by means of billboards, and a memorial from Morrow county farmers asking, in fear of bankruptcy, for financial aid in re-sowing winter wheat destroyed by the recent severe cold spell.

A feature of the bills introduced is one regulating the conduct and morals of dance halls in incorporated towns of under 25,000 population.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 22.—A bill providing for a convention system of nominating candidates and making persons so selected responsible to the party nominating them was introduced in the house by the Jackson county delegation yesterday afternoon. The bill would not conflict with the present primary election laws but would supplement them, according to its sponsor, Cowgill, Jackson county. Present committee members would hold county conventions on the first Tuesday of February starting in 1926. These county conventions would elect 25 per cent of their number as state convention delegates. This system is diametrically opposite to the Mills bill, introduced Tuesday, in that it would provide for a pre-convention system instead of a post-primary scheme. It would not keep independents from being nominated under the existing system of Oregon primaries.

Swearing in of voters at the polls will be prevented under a constitutional amendment proposed in a house joint resolution introduced by Representatives Swan, Collier, Howard, Oakes and North. The bill provides that only persons who have been duly registered may vote.

May Appeal Over City  
The Banks license bill passed the senate yesterday after a bitter fight with 21 favorable votes. It would give the right of appeal to the circuit court to persons whose licenses to operate soft drink establishments, hotels, and the like, have been revoked by a city council.

Senator Brown has introduced a bill which would allow farmers to place advertisements along the state highways relative to farm products for sale. It would exempt such advertising from the law against advertising along the state highways.

Aid Asked For Ports  
A memorial asking congress to take favorable action in appropriating money to develop coast ports to aid lumber industry as requested by a joint conference of Oregon, California and Washington delegates at Portland recently, has been placed in the hands of the house committee on resolutions. The memorial probably will be reported upon within the next two days.

A bill calling for the combining of the offices of dairy and food commissioners was introduced in the house yesterday afternoon by Buchanan, Benton county.

Dance Reform Desired.  
Dance halls of the state would be more thoroughly regulated than at present if a bill by Heindl, Multnomah county, becomes a law. The bill would affect only incorporated cities of less than 25,000 population. Dance halls would be compelled to close at midnight. Minors under 18 years of age would not be permitted to remain in such halls after nine p. m., unless accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. Dances of vulgar nature would be banned.

Boards of regents of normal schools, Oregon state educational institutions, would be authorized to take full advantage of donations by a bill introduced by Senator Dunn.

Would Hold Diamonds Lake  
A game refuge district would be created in certain sections of Klamath and Jackson counties under a house bill introduced yesterday by the game committee. The tract would include about 75,000 acres. The principal object of such a refuge (Continued on page 6)

## ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL OPERA SINGER



CYRENA VAN GORDON, HARRY PRITZGER & JOSEPH CASSELLA (Below)

Cyrena Van Gordon, well known opera star, is shown exhibiting to Harry Pritzger, Assistant State's Attorney of Chicago, one of numerous letters she had received from blackmailers, who demanded that she pay them \$500. Joseph Casella, taxi cab driver, was arrested when he called at her home and declared a woman had ordered him to call for a "package." The blackmail notes threatened Miss Van Gordon with death if she reported the matter to the police.

## UNITED STATES MAY AGAIN SHAKE HAND OF TURKEY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The long pending Lausanne treaty providing for resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey had been brought out of relative obscurity today by a White House dinner conference concerning its position in the senate.

At the invitation of President Coolidge, members of the senate foreign relations committee discussed the treaty at the White House last night with Richard Washburn Child, former ambassador to Italy, who represented the United States in its negotiation. The conference was said to have been devoted largely to a presentation by Mr. Child of his views as to the importance of senate action on the treaty, which has been pending in committee for more than a year.

## ENGLAND MAY BE VIOLATING PACT ON NAVY LIMIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—A new angle has been injected into the growing complexities of the naval situation by a pending senate resolution seeking information from Great Britain as to whether the construction of her two new capital ships violates the provisions of the arms conference treaty. After the senate adoption yesterday of a proposal that it authorize and request President Coolidge to call another arms conference, Senator McKellar, democrat of Tennessee, presented a resolution that would request the president to obtain information as to whether Great Britain had violated the arms covenant in the construction of the Rodney and Nelson. The two ships have been described in the senate as combination battleships and aircraft carriers.

## FAVOR REDUCTION FEES FOR GRAZING

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The National Wood Growers Association in annual convention here today went on record as favoring the Philipps bill now before congress which provides for a reduction of grazing fees on the national forests and which would take the exclusive control of forest lands out of the hands of the forestry bureau.

A number of resolutions, including one urging that Federal intermediate credit banks be required to loan money on the notes of national agricultural credit corporations, were referred to committee for action.

## YOUNG WRIGLEY TO DIRECT MILLIONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Phillip K. Wrigley, not yet 30, will become president of the \$35,000,000 chewing gum corporation, succeeding his father, Wm. Wrigley, Jr., at the annual meeting of the stockholders next month. It is reported the elder Wrigley will be named chairman of the board of directors.

## JURY IN NEW JERSEY LIQUOR TRIAL DISCHARGED AFTER DISAGREEMENT WITH NINE FAVORING CONVICTION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 22.—The jury in the trial of twelve Weehawken and Jersey City police officers and citizens charged with violation of the state prohibition laws, reported this morning that it was unable to agree on a verdict. The judge dismissed the jury. Assistant Prosecutor McMahon announced that the case would be retried, possibly within two weeks.

For the last 15 of the 18 hours and 53 minutes that the jury had been out, H. A. Lausenstein, the jury foreman, reported that nine men had stood for conviction with the remaining three stubbornly refusing to change their acquittal vote. The first ballot was

## MEDFORD MAJORITY AGAINST THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL SITE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 22.—By a vote of 215 no to 257 yes, the bond issue for construction of a new high school on the present site near the Medford business district, as presented by the school board, was defeated yesterday.

## NEW KICK AT C-R PUZZLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
YANKTON, S. D., Jan. 22.—Difficulty in getting passengers to leave the train at their proper destinations because of the absorption in solution of crossword puzzles is reported by a conductor on the Great Northern passenger train running out of Yankton.

## M'NARY-HAUGEN BILL REVIVED AND MODIFIED

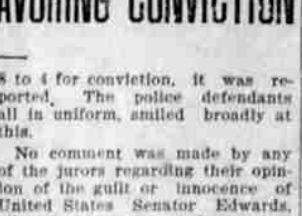
Agricultural Group Still Strives for Relief at Present Session.  
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## EXPORT BODY IS PLAN

Diversion of Produce From Surfeited Home Market to Places Abroad Provided For.  
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## STARMER SAYS CLEAVER MADE PADDED REPORT

State Prohibition Agent Took Credit for Work Done by County Men.

## SHERIFF IS AROUSED

Report "Padded, False and Unfair" Douglas County Officer Tells Legislative Committee.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 22.—When Sam Starmer, sheriff of Douglas county, visited the state house today en route to the convention of sheriffs at Portland, he sought out Senator Eddy of Douglas, one of the extra-dry members of the legislature, and registered a protest against what he contended was "padding" in the report of State Prohibition Commissioner Cleaver.

Senator Eddy is a member of the investigating committee engaged on the prohibition probe. Sheriff Starmer, with a printed copy of Cleaver's report in his fist, informed the senator that Cleaver's report, insofar as Douglas county was concerned, "is padded, false and unfair." The actual work of the state prohibition department in Douglas was far short of the assertions of the report. Sheriff Starmer will submit a written kick to the investigating body.

The state prohibition agent, according to Sheriff Starmer, is endeavoring to obtain the credit for the work done by the county officers during the past year.

Cleaver in his report reported thirteen arrests in Douglas county, 131 gallons of moonshine confiscated, and fines approximating \$4,500. The legislature was given to understand that this was the work of Cleaver's forces.

The real facts show that Cleaver's men did nothing in Douglas county during the year of 1924, except to aid in the prosecution of a few cases which developed the latter part of 1923.

In December of 1923 Cleaver sent two "spotters" into the county, and these two men succeeded in making three arrests. Because of their method of operation Sheriff Starmer refused to work with them, and instructed his deputies to have nothing to do with their work. One was a "gun-flasher" who was constantly making his brags about his ability to "draw", and who used a weapon promiscuously upon the slightest provocation. They were responsible for the arrest of Col. Reed, Earle Jones, and "Sleepy" Howarth, but all of these cases were the latter part of 1923.

During 1924 it is stated by members of the sheriff's force, Cleaver's men did no work in the county, but his report would indicate that an enormous amount of work had been done.

Sheriff Starmer and his deputies during the past year, made (Continued on page six)

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