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Highest Yesterday 73
Lowest Last Night 44
Partly cloudy and cooler to night, Tuesday cloudy.

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JUDGE WOLVERTON TITLES TO TRACTS IN COOS BAY WAGON ROAD GRANT VALID

Another Chapter Added to Long Legal Battle to Secure Possession of Lands—Decision Throws Out Claims of Homestead Entrymen.

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PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2.—Another chapter in the legal battle to secure possession of lands granted the Coos Bay Wagon Road company transpired today when Judge Wolverton ruled that tax titles to tracts in this grant held by A. J. Mays, of Marshfield, are good.
This throws out the homestead claims of two entrymen, S. L. Leatherman and Otto E. Parry of Coos county. The case is expected to be appealed.
The decision comes within a day of the fifty sixth anniversary of giving a tract of more than 200,000 acres of valuable land in southern Oregon to the company building a military wagon road from Roseburg to Coos bay. The grant was made March 3, 1859.
There were three provisions made by the government—that the land should be sold only to bona fide settlers, that the lands in this grant should be sold in tracts not larger than 160 acres each, and that the price to these settlers should be \$2.50 an acre.
Having secured the grant, the wagon road company is alleged to have paid no heed to government conditions. Suits and counter suits filed against this company would fill a large library if the paper were collected in book form.
The most famous of these many cases was brought by the federal government in the United States district court here in 1915, when suit filed to forfeit the grant for alleged violations of conditions.
Judge Wolverton decided that the company had held possession of the grant but at the same time issued an injunction forbidding it to sell any more land until congress could legislate concerning the disposition of the grant.
Judge Wolverton's decision was given July 12, 1915.

ROSEBURG AND EUGENE TO DEBATE

The debate championship of the Southern Willamette District will be decided Tuesday evening when the teams of Eugene and Roseburg high schools meet tomorrow evening. The Eugene affirmative team will meet the local negative team, composed of Eldred Judd and Paul Geddes, in the high school auditorium at 7:30. The local affirmative team, composed of Edith Starrett and Norman Heas will debate the Eugene negative team at Eugene. The question to be discussed is, Resolved, That the Japanese should be admitted to the U. S. under the quota terms of the general immigration laws.
A lively discussion of this question is anticipated. Eugene has defeated the representatives of Coberg and the University high school. Roseburg's teams have successfully met the teams from Camas Valley, Riddle and Walker high schools.
The people of Roseburg are urged to hear this debate tomorrow night as it means much to the success of the debate.

MRS. SARVER DIES SUNDAY

Mrs. George Sarver passed away at her home on Winchester street, Sunday night at about 8 o'clock, at the age of 42 years. Mrs. Sarver was born in London, England, May 24, 1883, and moved to Canada in 1910. She was Jesse Lee before her marriage to George Sarver at Spokane, Washington, April 10, 1919. The couple moved to Southern California, from Washington, and then came to Roseburg to locate. Mrs. Sarver has been a resident here for the past number of years, and leaves many friends and neighbors to grieve at her death. She leaves no surviving relatives in the United States beside her husband. Her father survives in England. Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Roseburg Undertaking Chapel. Rev. Caldwell of the Baptist church will officiate and interment will be held at the Odd Fellows cemetery.

TO STUDY MUSCLE SHOALS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—By an overwhelming vote the house today adopted a resolution declaring its "sense" that President Coolidge should appoint a commission to study the Muscle Shoals problem.

PRE-ADJOURNMENT JAM IN CONGRESS IS STARTED TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The pre-adjournment jam in congress has swung to its crest today as the session entered its last 48 hours. As usual, the principal crush was in the senate, and as soon as that body convened, members were on their feet all over the chamber seeking unanimous consent for consideration of pet measures. Objections were immediate and vociferous.
So much disorder resulted that Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, asked that the sergeant-at-arms be brought into the chamber and kept there until Wednesday noon to maintain order. President Cummins stopped proceedings until semblance of decorum had been restored.

R. R. OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS MEET

Will Work Out Plans for National Defense to Co-ordinate Endeavors.
RAILWAYS NEEDED
Secretary Weeks Emphasizes Need of Transportation Facilities During War.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Rail transportation officials and business leaders met today to work out plans for national defense by which war time endeavors of business, transportation and government may be co-ordinated in a workable unit.
The gathering was addressed by Secretary Weeks and Major-General John L. Hines, chief of staff, who outlined the defense plans tentatively mapped out by the department and the part assigned to transportation and business agencies.
Secretary Weeks emphasized the vital need of transportation to the national defense and explained that armed force depended for its effectiveness upon movement.
"If our armed forces should be compelled at some future date to defend the continental territory of the United States, the railways of the United States would assume prime importance," the secretary said. "You know as well as I, that it will not be possible for the railroads and army to co-operate effectively immediately upon the occurrence of an unfortunate emergency unless they spend some time together preparing and developing plans for such co-operation. That is why we have asked you to be here."
General Hines described more in detail what services to national defense and army expected the transportation lines to render in an emergency and pointed out something of how they would be expected to function.
"Our field service regulations," General Hines said, "now definitely assigns the operation and maintenance of railroads in the theater of operations under the control of the commander in chief to the railway engineer corps. On the other hand it is proposed that the actual operation of the railroads in the zone of the interior shall be in charge of the railroads themselves under such a plan for unified control as shall be agreed upon by the railroads and the government. How the railroads in the zone of the interior should be operated, you gentlemen will have to determine in study of your side of the plan."
"We intend that in time of emergency all regulations on the railroads in the zone of the interior shall emanate from a single unit of our organization, namely the transportation corps. The officials of that body will be vested with sole authority to call for equipment to meet the demands for the movement of men, animals and material. Competition among army shippers will be eliminated."

QUAKES IN QUEBEC.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
QUEBEC, March 2.—Three persons died, scores of homes damaged by tremor and fire, one church collapsed and general consternation among residents of the St. Lawrence and Saguenay valleys are the known result of the earthquake of last Saturday night and Sunday morning.

CAN SEARCH CARS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Prohibition law enforcement agents can lawfully stop and search an auto without a warrant, the supreme court decided today in a case from Michigan.
The decision, which upheld the ruling of the lower courts, was on an appeal brought by George Carroll and John Kiro.

FIVE ARE DROWNED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BOSTON, Mar. 2.—Captain Mosher of Providence, R. I., his 16 year old daughter, a crew of 3 men were lost when the coal barge James M. Hudson, Norfolk, for Boston, foundered off Boston light late last night. The bodies of two of the crew were recovered.
Mrs. Melvin Ellison resumed her duties at the offices of Dr. B. R. Shoemaker this morning, after being absent for several days last week with tonsillitis.
Arehie Ruecker, formerly of this city, returned to Dunsmuir, California, this morning, after spending several days here visiting with his parents and friends.

PIERCE SIGNS TAX LAW ON TOBACCO.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., March 2.—Oregon's tobacco tax law, passed during the closing hours of the legislative session and signed by the governor yesterday, will become operative May 27 or 28, according to unofficial calculations made here today.
It goes into effect 90 days after adjournment of the legislature, and the Attorney-General will be asked to definitely determine the date.
Among bills signed by Governor Pierce are:
S. B. 274, by game commission—providing for protection of bear in Crater Lake park.
H. B. 238, by game commission—relating to protection of game birds.
H. B. 405 by Pierce—fish and game.
S. B. 245 by Senator Upton and Representative Burdick—increasing salaries of Klamath county officials.
S. B. 206 by Eddy—for the payment of a reward of \$1,000 to captors of Dr. R. M. Brumfield.
Governor Pierce and Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the democratic state central committee yesterday considered various appropriation bills yet to be disposed of. Important among these bills is the one appropriating \$175,000 for the re-opening of the state normal school at Ashland.
If there is sufficient money in sight to meet the demands of the state, the governor has indicated that he will sign the normal school bill.

BATTLE FLEET WILL MANEUVER FOR 2 MONTHS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NAVAL BASE, San Pedro, Cal., Mar. 2.—The United States battle fleet today weighed anchor and slipped out in the Pacific in the role of an enemy invader. Its identity now is the "Black Fleet". Decks are cleared for action, battle orders are in the hands of all units, radars are silenced and the ships and crews are ready for one of the greatest peace time maneuvers in American history.
The California, flagship of Admiral Samuel S. Robinson, was in the van of the nine steel dreadnaughts that moved majestically out of the harbor in alignment as perfect as if they were tied together by cables. The West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland, Idaho, Mississippi, Arizona, Oakland and Nevada followed.
Thirty destroyers under the leadership of their flagship, the cruiser Omaha, were under steam at San Diego to join the battleships at the mobilization point off Coronado Islands. The aircraft tenders Langley, Aroostook and Gannett, the former housing 14 airplanes for use in the maneuvers likewise were under steam at the southern point.
The machine force of the "Black fleet" included the flagship Urocyon, the repair ship Medusa, the others Cuyamaca and Canawaha, the hospital ship Relief, and the mine sweepers Brant, Kingfisher, Partidge and Tern.
This force embarks upon a mission to attack the Pacific fleet at a point off lower California, which will be defended by the "Blue fleet." It left the Panama canal several days ago. Its main line force is composed of eight new first line cruisers, the Richmond, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Trenton, Marchwood, Detroit, Raleigh and Concord, the latter being flagship of the destroyer squadrons.
There are 24 destroyers and a destroyer tender, the Dobbin. Twelve submarines of the "S" class are included, with three submarine tenders the Savannah, Camden and Bushnell. And there is a mine squadron, three mine layers and four mine sweepers.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUGHES PRESIDES FOR LAST TIME AS CHAIRMAN PAN-AMERICAN UNION

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Secretary Hughes, appearing today for the last time as chairman of the governing board of the Pan-American Institute of International Law for the codification of international law, as affecting this hemisphere. The projects will be transmitted by the members of the board to their respective governments and will form the basis of discussions at the forthcoming international congress of jurists in Rio De Janeiro.
Secretary Hughes, asserting the projects mark a definite step toward the formulation of an "American international law," declared that "thanks to American initiative we are on the threshold of accomplishment in the most important endeavor of the human race to lift itself out of the anarchy of strife into the domain of law breathing the spirit of amity and justice."
The thirty one projects were described by the secretary as embracing a "declaration of the rights and duties of nations, statements of the fundamental rights of the American republics and the formulation of rules with respect to jurisdiction international rights and duties and the pacific settlement of international disputes." He pointed out that the recommendations besides including "the law universal, contain not a few 'rules of American origin and adapted to American exigencies.'"
Mr. Hughes explained that the projects or draft conventions were not submitted to the governing board, "either for approval or for criticism at this time."
"On expressing our gratification we are not dealing with texts or

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PEKING, March 2.—Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, South China leader, who has been critically ill here for more than a month, was in an unchanged condition today.

PRES. SIGNS BILL

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—President Coolidge signed today the bill authorizing the state of Washington to construct a bridge across the Columbia river near Chelan Falls.

TO RESTRICT LIQUOR.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The right of the government to restrict physicians in prescribing liquor for patients will be decided by the Supreme Court. Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, a practicing physician of New York City today docketed an appeal from the court of appeals decision sustaining the Volstead act in limiting liquor prescriptions. Dr. Lambert had won in the district court, but lost in the circuit court.

MR. AND MRS. FISHER RETURN FROM LEGISLATURE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fisher returned Sunday evening from Salem, where they have been during the full sessions of the legislature. They also spent a few days in Portland before returning to this city. Mr. Fisher was interested in several of the bills in the sessions, and brought a number before the house, among them being the bill on the foreclosure of city liens, an appropriation bill for the Soldiers' Home cemetery and several others. Mr. Fisher and R. A. Hercher also worked together on several bills. Mr. Fisher states that there was a great deal of correspondence, especially from Douglas county people, who were interested in certain bills, which helped them in their work of preparing the measures. However, many of the requests were sent at the end of the session and were unable to be given due consideration.

MR. AND MRS. CARR RETURN FROM EASTERN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Carr, proprietors of the Carr's Variety Store in this city, returned to Roseburg this morning after spending the past month in the east. Mr. and Mrs. Carr took the southern route east, stopping over at Los Angeles and New Orleans. They also spent a short time in Washington, D. C. They spent about a week or ten days in New York City doing their spring and fall buying for the toy department. The returned home by way of the northern route, stopping over at Buffalo, Chicago, and spending a few days at the home town of Mr. Carr, Aberdeen, South Dakota, which he had not visited for 17 years, and visited with his parents. They spent a few days in Seattle visiting at the home of Mrs. Carr's parents.
They state that they had a splendid trip, and missed all the extreme cold weather, which the east had just before their arrival. Mr. Carr states that business is just starting to pick up in the eastern cities, and that the outlook is favorable for spring.

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