The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday....49
Lowest temperature last night....39
Unsettled with rains tonight and Friday; moderate temperature.

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AVIATORS LOST IN BROWNLEE HUNT SAFE

LEAGUE DIRECTORS RAP COUNTY COURT'S POLICY FARMING OUT COLLECTION PERSONAL TAXES

Recommend That Contract Entered Into Be Continued as Work Has Already Started But That Tax Authorities Handle All Delinquencies in the Future.

That the action of the county court in farming out the delinquent personal tax collection on a commission basis was a mistake in policy, and that these taxes should be secured through the regular tax collecting channels and authorities, was the decision reached by the executive board of the Douglas County Taxpayers League in a resolution adopted at the meeting held yesterday evening. The directors in their resolution advised, however, that as long as the contract had already been entered into and collection had started on that basis, that the contract should be maintained, but that in the future the court should compel the tax collecting authorities to "collect the delinquent personal taxes in the manner provided by law at the beginning of their delinquency."

Negligence in collection is blamed for the loss of thousands of dollars of uncollected personal tax now outlawed. The court is further criticized for failure to publish the facts that the contract had been let.

The resolution is full is as follows:

"Whereas the tax rolls of Douglas county show some $50,000 in unpaid and delinquent personal taxes.

"Whereas, much of this delinquency is on property that is moveable or capable of being transported from one location to another, such as fishing equipment, live stock, stocks of goods, etc.

"Whereas considerable of the delinquent personal tax has been permitted to become outlawed on account of the tax collecting authorities failing to use the machinery provided for the collection thereof, and failing to levy on said personal property at the time assessment is made.

"Whereas in order to enforce collection of said personal property tax the county court of Douglas county has deemed it necessary to enter into a contract for the collection of said delinquent taxes on a commission basis, paying twenty five per cent on each item collected with a minimum charge of $5.00 on items of over $10.00 and 50 per cent of each tax item of $10.00 or less.

"Whereas said county court failed to give notice of its intention to let said contract and failed to publish the fact that said contract had been let and several months elapsed before these facts became known to the public. During this period many of the delinquencies have been collected or are in the process of collection.

Allow Contract to Stand

"Whereas the provisions of said contract are such that thirty days notice must be given the contractor in case of cancellation, and a further provision is made that commissioners on all sums collected within ninety days of said cancellation be paid said contractor.

"Whereas the provisions of said contract are such and if said contract was cancelled at this time the contractor would receive his comission on all the easily collected delinquent taxes, or those taxes where no expense is involved in the collection thereof and Douglas county would be left with all those cases where seizure or court action is necessary.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers League here assembled that it is the sense of this meeting that while we believe the county court has made a mistake in the handling of this matter and is probably paying much more for the collection of these delinquent taxes than it should have paid, and that that county court was at fault in not making public its intention of letting said contract, we believe it to the best interest of the county to permit the contract to be completed and have all these delinquent taxes cleaned up at this time.

"Be it further resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the tax collecting authorities be compelled to collect all delinquent personal taxes in the manner provided by law at the beginning of their delinquency. That it was through gross negligence on the part of the tax collecting authorities that said personal taxes were permitted to run for such a period and Douglas county has lost thousands of dollars through this neglect."

Commissions Opposed

In addition to the tax matter several other items of consideration came before the board.

A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution opposing the creation of any new state commissions. Two more commissions are now being proposed and will come before the legislature, one being a building and loan commission to supervise building and loan associations, the other being a new vehicle department. The league directors unanimously voted in opposition to the creation of any new commissions.

The league legislative committee was authorized to encourage the passing of a law which would require property qualifications of all persons voting at a bond or special tax election.

A committee composed of D. N. Busenbark, J. A. Fenn and M. B. Green was appointed to look into the matter of delinquent taxes on real estate and see if any of these delinquencies were in danger of being lost to the county.

A legislative committee composed of R. A. Busenbark, C. H. Bailey, J. A. Fenn, B. F. Nichols and R. A. Hercher was chosen to consider matters coming before the state legislature.

The county office committee will consist of M. B. Green, A. A. Thiele and S. D. Evans. Appointment of other committees was deferred until the next meeting.

A resolution was also ordered opposing the taking over by the state of eastern Oregon irrigation bonds.

In the matter of construction of a new court house building and the financing of the structure was considered, but final action was postponed until next meeting when a detailed plan will be submitted for consideration.

MAN WHO BURNED BRIDGE AND BARN TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Bill Wadkins Former Inmate of Institution Officers Informed—Bridge to Be Repaired.

Bill Wadkins, who was arrested yesterday charged with burning a county bridge at Fair Oaks and destroying a barn on the Jack Francis place in the same community, was taken to the insane asylum last night.

Wadkins, according to information given the officers by his parents, suffered a very severe illness when he was 18 years of age, being forced to quit high school in his second year. His mental condition was affected and for several months he was treated in a Portland sanitarium. His condition failed to improve and he was taken to the state asylum where he spent a year.

About four months ago it was thought that he was recovered sufficiently to be removed from the institution and was taken to the home which his parents had established a few miles east of Sutherlin. There he apparently suffered a relapse and went out Monday night and set fire to the barn on the Francis place, also fired the bridge and started a blaze on the back porch of the Francis' residence.

Upon learning his past history the officers notified the asylum officials and an attendant was sent for him last night.

An investigation of the Fair Oaks bridge reveals that one span must be rebuilt. The county has nailed up the structure and is preparing to start work at once to again make it passable. Temporarily a span will be built inside the damaged truss so that it will not be necessary to hold up traffic for any great length of time. It is estimated that the cost will amount to $1,000 or $1,500.

CRACK TRAIN IS DERAILED; ONE KILLED; 15 HURT

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 6.—(AP).—Mrs. Jacob Gonnerman of Dysart, Iowa, was killed, and 15 others, including Mr. Gonnerman, injured, seriously when seven coaches of the Olympian, crack Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul eastbound train, left the rails at Cyr, 38 miles west of Missoula this morning.

According to the train crew the wreck occurred as the train was rounding a curve near Cyr station.

The motor was derailed but remained upright. One end of the express and mail car was derailed but the baggage car kept to the track. Back of this, every car including the day coach and six sleepers, to the observation car, left the track. The observation car remained upright.

Nearly all the injured were passengers in the day coach railroad officials said.

A broken wheel on one of the coaches, it was decided after an inspection, was responsible for the derailment.

SENATOR EDDY STEP NEARER IN SCHOOL REFORM

One Board of Education to Displace Three Now, Is Committee's Plan.

UP TO LEGISLATURE

Colleagues Are Convinced by Senator's Argument Assailing Courses Now Taught.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—That an act be passed by the legislature providing for the creation of a state board of education of seven members to take the place of three boards now existing, is the recommendation of the special committee on course of study education that was appointed by Governor Pierce under a resolution of the 1925 session. The boards that would be supplanted are the state text book commission, the state board of higher curricula and the present state board of education.

The members of the special investigating committee are Dean George H. Alden, of Willamette University, Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, and Dr. C. L. Smith of Portland. The appointment of the committee was the result of a four-year effort by Senator Eddy to have legislation enacted to force the high school course of study back to fundamentals, which he claimed, were neglected, while subjects that should not be taught in the high schools were put in their place. After the lower house at both the 1923 and the 1925 sessions had defeated Eddy's bill he got through a resolution last session providing for the appointment of the investigation committee. It is said the recommendations of the committee are not all that Eddy wanted, but that he is satisfied. All three members signed the report.

3 Teachers, 4 Laymen

The committee would have three of the seven members of the proposed board of education practical educators who are actually engaged in the teaching profession, and the other four from other walks of life. None would be connected with any supported state educational institution.

It would be the duty of the board to prescribe the course of study for the grade and high school, to select the text books used in all the public schools of the state, supervise private schools, and make and enforce rules and regulations for the improvement of the educational system.

The committee believes the state superintendent should be the executive officer of the board.

In defending its position the committee points out that the present state board of education is composed only of ex officio members, namely, the governor, the

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General Butler, Fighting Foe Of Alcohol, Learns "Fool Volstead Law" Doesn't Apply To Rich Men

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 6.—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, distinguished soldier and foe of illicit alcohol, who spent many months fighting graft and bootleggers as director of public safety of Philadelphia, has changed his mind about the Volstead law.

Speaking before a luncheon club here, the commander of the marines in the Pacific coast denounced the prohibition statute as class legislation, saying it reacted against the poor man and favored the rich one. It's principal demerit, he indicated, is the manner in which enforcement has grown out of it.

General Butler, who won much publicity for having the late Colonel Alexander S. Williams of the San Diego marine base court martialled for serving cocktails at a party at which the general was the guest of honor, declared in his address, which was delivered yesterday, that he originally believed the Volstead act was written to apply to everybody, but that he has discovered that such is not the case.

"There is plenty to supply the demand for vice and corruption in the 'upper crust,' but the poor man is left with nothing," the general asserted. "When the American people give a man the task of enforcing a law, I, as a dyed-in-the-wool marine, conceive it that they mean it shall be enforced. Maybe I didn't finish learning to read before I got into the marine corps, but I have read this fool Volstead act as intended to apply to everybody.

"It appears, however, that all it is supposed to do is to keep liquor away from persons without influence, and doesn't apply at all to those with influence and the money to pay for it. It's a case of enforcing the law in some places and bluffing at enforcement in others."

More of the Butler Idea.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Declaring "cocktails in rich homes and white mule in the dens of the underworld are the only Bolshevik propaganda that we need fear," Raymond Robins, of Chicago, told the Citizens committee of one thousand, meeting here today that "prohibition is the greatest social, economic and moral adventure in the political history of the world."

"Under a few short years of this great adventure, even with miserable enforcement," he declared, "America now leads the world in production and increase of wealth, and the general standards of a better human life."

Although he made no mention of recent deaths in this country from poisoned liquor, Mr. Robins said fatalities from this cause "continue in wet British Columbia." He said the Canadian government liquor sales program has "revived evils of the liquor traffic in those provinces that have overthrown prohibition," and that today the movies and the radio and automobiles had taken the place in the United States of drink, which thirty years ago was the "only outlet for change for many persons."

"To refuse to obey a law because we do not like that law is treason," he asserted. "To choose which law we shall obey and which we shall violate is selective anarchy. If we allow the violation of one law it will end in the violation of all laws."

LIQUOR FINES IN KLAMATH IN 1926 TOTALLED $19,974

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 6—Illicit liquor handlers of Klamath county paid $38,200 in fines in justice court here during the year 1926, this amount being turned into the county coffers. Of this amount, the county retained $19,974, the remainder being turned in to the state prohibition department.

FARM BOARD BILL APPEARS; McNARY BILL IS BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—Senator Curtis of Kansas, the Republican leader, introduced a farm relief bill today which would establish a federal farm board to assist in organizing the industry "effectively for the orderly marketing and for the control and disposition" of surplus commodities. It was sent to committee without discussion.

Immediate consideration of the McNary-Haugen gill to exclusion of all other farm reuef measures was blocked today in the house agricultural committee.

After a heated discussion the committee decided to postpone consideration until January 11 and in the meantime take up the Aswell relief bill which d es not include the equalization fee principle.

THREE MURDERERS ARE ELECTROCUTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BOSTON, Jan. 6—Three men were electrocuted at the state prison today for a single murder.

Edward J. Einlein, John L. Devereaux and John J. McLaughlin, each about 30 years old, went to the chair for the murder of James H. Fernead, aged night watchman, during a holdup in a Waltham car barn on October 25, 1925.

HOUSE OVERRIDES THE NAVY BUDGET

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Overriding the budget, the house today adopted an amendment to the naval supply bill which would provide $200,000 for beginning work on a dirigible to replace the wrecked Shenandoah.

It is estimated that the total cost of the ship which would be three times the size of the Los Angeles, now in commission, would be $4,500,000.

In its recommendation to congress, which bore the approval of President Coolidge, the budget bureau made no provision for the construction of a new dirigible.

A decree of divorce was granted today in the case of John M. Heard and Alzada Heard. Mr. Heard, who was represented by Attorney John T. Long, alleged desertion.

Interstate Commerce Commission Nominee Admits He Owns Stock in Five Railroads, Two Coal Concerns

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Cyrus E. Woods, nominated by President Coolidge for the Interstate Commerce Commission, told a senate committee today that he has holdings of nearly $200,000 in railroad and coal companies.

Replying to Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, Woods listed the following bond holdings:

Pennsylvania railroad $25,000; Norfolk and Western, $25,000; Atchison, $25,000; Union Pacific, $25,000; Northern Pacific, $25,000.

He said he also held 500 shares of Pittsburgh Coal company and about the same number in the West Moreland Coal company, which has holdings in West Virginia.

"Of course, I shall divest myself of all of these bonds and stock holdings as requested by law if I go on the commission," Woods said.

Previously under questioning by Senator Goff, Republican, West Virginia, Mr. Woods had told the committee that he was attorney years ago for the Pittsburgh Coal company and in one instance had been "an attorney of record" for the company in a proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Who owned the Pittsburgh Coal company," Goff asked.

"Oh, there was a diversity of ownership."

"Tell us some of them."

Woods hesitated, and then said it was difficult to recall but did not think "the Mellons had any substantial interest." He explained amid laughter that he mentioned the Mellons because he assumed the question was directed to that.

Turning to Woods' experiences as ambassador to Japan, Senator Goff asked him about the "heroic services" he rendered at the time of the Jananese earthquake. The former ambassador replied that it was embarrassing to talk about that, but Goff said he wanted the committee and the country to know of Woods' splendid service.

Woods then related what was done by the embassy force in relief work, and told of his own narrow escape from death.

The first relief came in under the American flag, he said, and "I never felt so proud of my Americanism."

Asked if he had any experience in the matter of valuation of railroads, Woods said he would go on the commission without "any preconceived ideas on this or any other questions."

IMPERIAL VALLEY AGAIN ROCKED BY SERIES OF QUAKES

CALEXICO, Cal., Jan. 6.—(AP.)—A series of settling earthquakes, including the heaviest shock since the New Year's eve earthquake, which caused havoc in the lower end of the Imperial Valley in the United States and in Mexico, startled residents of Calexico and Mexicali, across the border, here last night and early today.

The heaviest of the series occurred at 8:40 o'clock this morning. Towns throughout the valley reported the tremors, but there were no evidences of any material damage.

Usually hundreds of settling shocks follow a major adjustment on the well defined earthquake faults of California and reports of seismologists indicate that there will be a continuance of these settling tremors, diminishing in intensity.

Reports from El Centro, largest city in the Imperial valley, said three shocks there this morning were moderately heavy, but no damage was reported.

ROADS CANNOT AGREE ON JOINT USER PROPOSAL

Oregon Trunk and Southern Pacific Ask Permits to Build Separately.

STATE ASKS HEARING

Northern Road Insisted on Use of Strahorn Line as Well as Cutoff and Rival Said "No."

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Having failed to agree upon a program of cooperation, railroads interested in conflicting central Oregon construction projects have asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to proceed independently in the building.

The commission has asked the Oregon Public Service commission to advise it upon a course of procedure. Railroads involved are the Oregon Trunk system, owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, and the Southern Pacific.

Heading the chief question at issue has been the application of the Oregon Trunk to build from Bend to Klamath Falls, which line would parallel construction which the Southern Pacific has undertaken and partially completed. The commission in ruling on the subject last summer suggested that the Oregon Trunk should build only part of the line contemplated, and thereafter should use tracks of the Southern Pacific, giving the Southern Pacific some reciprocal right to use Oregon Trunk tracking.

The Stumbling Block

The Oregon Trunk's communication to the commission said that it also desired to use jointly with the Southern Pacific the Strahorn line, a part of the Southern Pacific system which has recently been constructed, and which is not directly involved in the Bend-Klamath Falls controversy. To this the Southern Pacific has sharply objected. The Oregon Trunk added that unless it reached an agreement with the Southern Pacific for joint use of the Strahorn line, as well as for a part of the Southern Pacific trackage between Klamath Falls and Bend, it must ask that its construction proceed.

Oregon Given 15 Days

In writing the Oregon Public Service Commissioner, Commissioner Aitchison said the federal commission desired a representation within fifteen days upon the situation. He added that no further oral argument of hearing was needed, as the commission had a full record on which to act.

It was indicated in correspondence before the commission that while negotiations between the roads had not been flatly broken off the conferees were very far apart.

Fears Halt in Plans

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—Fearing

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OAKLEY KELLY AND CAPTAIN STANLEY FORCED DOWN NEAR LONG CREEK BY SNOW STORM

Plane Not Damaged and Aviators Seek Fresh Supply of Gasoline at Nearby Town—Combing of Mount Hood for Missing Boy Continues Without Result and Hope for Him Is Decreasing.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 6.—A dispatch received from Hood River this afternoon said Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly passed over that town at 12:50 p. m., enroute to Vancouver.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—A message was received at the headquarters of the ninety-first division here from Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly, stating that he had landed at Long Creek, Ore., at dark last night after being forced across the mountains by fog.

The message follows:

"Chief of Staff, 91st division, Portland. Fog and storm closed in on flight around Mt. Hood at 8000 feet forcing flight over fog to Blue mountains. Landed O. K., five miles from Long Creek at dark, but unable to reach phone until 10 a. m. Entire country covered with thick fog, except at this elevation. Trying to secure gasoline today. Captain Stanley requests that commander at Vancouver barracks be notified. (Signed) Kelly."

The telegram was filed at Long Creek at 10:20 a. m. and was received at division headquarters here at 10:58 a. m. Captain Stanley was Lieutenant Kelly's companion on the flight.

Lieutenant Kelly and Captain Stanley were at Hamilton, 50 miles southeast of Heppner, Ore., at noon today, seeking a supply of gasoline for their airplane.

A long distance telephone message to the Portland Telegram said the aviators planned to hop to Pendleton as soon as they could get enough gasoline. The plane was not damaged.

No Trace of Brownlee

With hope shrinking, but with determination to continue, the search for Leslie Brownlee, 20-year-old Portland boy lost on Mount Hood since January 1, went on today. About 65 men were still exploring the snow wastes on the south side of the peak in the hope of picking up some trail that might lead to the boy.

If no trace develops today the force may be cut down to 25 of the most experienced men. Today the searchers were concentrating on four or five districts that had not been combed as thoroughly as others. These were Still creek, a place on Salmon river where snowshoe tracks were found, a district in Bull Run reserve, a section between Sand Canyon and the Little Zig Zag river, and that between the Little Zig Zag and the Big Zig Zag and Paradise creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brownlee, parents of the boy, are at Battle Axe Inn, government camp, still hopeful and maintaining a warm room at the hotel for the boy.

The weather was unfavorable today, with visibility low. Eighteen inches of snow fell during the night.

Battle Silver Thaw.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wn., Jan. 6.—Thirty men of Company A, Seventh Infantry, under command of Captain Fred During, left Vancouver Barracks at 1 o'clock this morning for The Dalles, Ore., to search for Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly and Captain John M. Stanley, who left here yesterday to fly over Mount Hood in the search for Leslie Brownlee.

Lieutenant Kelly and Captain Stanley were traced last night from Bull Run lake on the northwest slope of Mt. Hood eastward to Rock Creek, 14 miles south of Arlington, in eastern Oregon and thence southward toward Condon, where trace was temporarily lost because of silver thaw conditions which had put telephone and telegraph lines out of commission.

Sighted Several Times.

Kelly passed over Bull Run lake about 2:30 yesterday afternoon, according to the gate keeper at Bull Run reservoir. The plane was in no noticeable trouble at that time. The plane was next heard over the south slope of Mt. Hood shortly before 3 o'clock, and apparently was circling about in the search for Leslie Brownlee.

L. A. Nelson of Timberline also saw the plane, which left a heavy trail of smoke behind it.

The plane was next sighted by Colonel Tucker, east of Parkdale, on the northeast slope of Mount Hood, shortly after 4 o'clock. It was flying low and fears were felt that it would not be able to skim over the rim rocks in that district.

At 4:15 Kelly's plane passed over Dufur, east and south of Parkdale. The engine was missing, but it continued and crossed the Deschutes river north of Maupin and 20 miles southeast of Dufur in Wasco county.

The fliers then crossed Sherman Creek flying very low in a fog and shortly before 5 o'clock passed over the Ames ranch near Rock Creek in Gilliam county, according to Mrs. Ames, who phoned this information to her brother, Mayor Wheelhouse of Arlington. The fog was very heavy and the plane was still going eastward.

Apparently Kelly then headed southward in an attempt to get out of the fog, but probably ran

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Jacksonville Bank Crash Victims Join in Petition Asking Pardon of Chester Kubli, Twice Reprieved

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 6—A petition asking for a pardon for Chester C. Kubli, under two years sentence in state prison upon conviction for alleged aiding and abetting in the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville, August 1921, was circulated in Jacksonville and in the Applegate Valley during the Christmas holidays, according to county officials. Kubli is a member of a pioneer Oregon family long prominent in the affairs of southern Oregon, and closely identified with the early day life of Jacksonville.

According to county officials the pitition was freely signed by citizens of Jacksonville, many of whom suffered financial loss by the failure of the bank and also by residents of Applegate, where Kubli lived and farmed for many years.

Kubli last November was granted a reprieve by Governor Pierce until January 16. Whether the petition will be presented to Governor Pierce or to I. L. Patterson when he takes the gubernatorial chair, is not known. Kubli at present is farming in Lane county. He has been granted two reprieves.

C. H. Owens, under two years sentence for his alleged part in the failure of the bank, is expected by local friends and some of his bondsmen to report within a short time. His present whereabouts are unknown. He is at liberty on bonds of $2,500, furnished by Dr. A. J. Helms, Joe Gagnon and Mike Hanley. No steps towards the forfeiture of the bonds of Owens have been taken by the authorities, state or county.

Owens was alleged to have secured loans from the bank when it was insolvent, to the extent of about $20,000.

The Kubli and Owens cases have been hanging fire for over three years. W. H. Johnson, cashier of the bank, was sentenced to serve ten years upon a plea of guilty. He was pardoned about two years ago by Governor Pierce.