

LOCAL NEWS

Hood River Folk Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. A. Middleton, residents of Hood River, were in this city on business over yesterday.

Seattle Visitor Leaves—

R. Allen, Jr., of Seattle, a visitor here during yesterday to look after business affairs, left last evening for Eugene.

Mr. Assam In—

Fred Assam, resident of Glendale, was in Roseburg attending to business matters and trading Wednesday afternoon.

Dillard Visitor—

Roy Rice was here from Dillard during yesterday afternoon attending to business matters and trading.

Mr. Reynolds Visits—

George Reynolds, rancher of Cleveland, was in town yesterday afternoon trading and attending to other business affairs.

McLains in Wednesday—

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLain were here from Myrtle Creek for several hours Wednesday attending to business matters and shopping.

In Cottage Grove Visiting—

Mrs. Charles Ritzman and son, Jimmy, of this city went to Cottage Grove Wednesday to remain until Sunday visiting with friends.

Harry Pargater in Medford—

Harry Pargater of the Douglas Abstract company went to Medford Wednesday afternoon and will be there a brief time on business.

Back From Bay Region—

Tom Scott, postmaster at Medford, has returned home following a trip to San Francisco where he enjoyed a visit with relatives and friends.

Visitor Leaves For Minnesota—

Mrs. Ed. Marlinson, who has been here visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Pearson, left last night for her home at Battle Lake, Minnesota.

Takes Prisoner to Salem—

Deputy Sheriff Percy Webb left yesterday evening with J. S. Myatt, who was sentenced to a term of 10 years in the state prison, for Salem to turn his charge over to the authorities.

Commissioner Back From Meet—

Huron Clough of Canyonville, county commissioner, returned to this city yesterday afternoon from Portland, where he has been attending a meeting of the state highway commission.

Enroute From Washington—

Miss May Young, teacher at Myrtle Point, arrived here yesterday afternoon and visited before leaving for Coos county. She has been at Bremerton navy yard, Washington, being called there by the death of an aunt, and while there contracted influenza, from which she has been recovering the past week.

Two Families Leave for South—

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Booth and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chapman left this morning by auto on a trip to southern points. They plan to travel to Bandon and the coast route to Eureka and then visit San Diego, Los Angeles, travel through the Imperial Valley, and later visiting Yuma, and Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Booth's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Booth, and Mrs. Frederick K. Davis, of Eugene, passed through Roseburg Monday, also motoring south. They will be at Palm Springs, a winter resort in the south, and will be met there by the Roseburg party. Mr. and Mrs. Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Chapman plan to be away a fortnight or three weeks.

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From Southern Oregon—

S. Rowell, Grants Pass man, was a visitor in this city over yesterday.

Eugene Here—

A. E. Sims of Eugene was in this city over Wednesday attending to business matters.

John Batey III—

John Batey, a well known resident of North Roseburg, is reported to be critically ill at his home.

From Canyonville—

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bollenbaugh were here from Canyonville over Wednesday visiting and on business.

Canyonville Visitors—

A. J. Cross, from the World War Veterans' State Aid commission, is here today from Salem attending to official matters.

From Coast—

A. Mandery, resident of Marshfield, was a Roseburg visitor over Wednesday to look after business affairs.

Mrs. Rand Visits—

Mrs. Walter C. Rand of Myrtle Creek was in this city yesterday afternoon visiting with friends and shopping.

Mrs. Coleman in Eugene—

Mrs. E. Coleman of this city went to Eugene last evening to remain a few days visiting at the home of her mother.

Visitor Wednesday—

Mrs. O. M. Hopple returned to Coos Bay Junction last evening after spending the day here trading and visiting with friends.

From State Aid Commission—

A. J. Cross, from the World War Veterans' State Aid commission, is here today from Salem attending to official matters.

Chief of Agents Here—

Maurice L. Cottrell, chief of special agents of the Southern Pacific company, was here from Portland last evening and today on business.

Dollar Line Representative Here—

Eugene Schrader, traveling passenger agent for the American Mail line, the Dollar Steamship line, was a visitor here from Portland offices yesterday.

Miss Reed Better—

Miss Blanche Reed, deputy county clerk, who has been quite ill for the past few days, is considerably improved today and was able to be at the office for a short time.

Divorce Granted—

George L. Sovrens has been granted a divorce in the circuit court of Lane county from Elaine L. Sovrens, according to Eugene papers. Both are well known in Roseburg.

Nurses Are Gone—

Miss Evelyn Nelson, county health nurse, left this morning for Redwood to spend several days on official business. Miss Helen Atwood, also of the health unit, went to Salem with an emergency case for the state hospital.

Visiting Parents—

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Parker of Sacramento are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Parker of Wilbur and C. T. Bennett of Roseburg. They expect to return home in about a week.

Father Curley Here—

Rev. D. P. Curley, associate pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church in Eugene, and Rev. Francis P. Leipzig, pastor, arrived here yesterday afternoon from the Lane county seat. Rev. Curley will enter Sisters of Mercy hospital here, having been ill for about a week.

Visitors Go North—

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mecum and daughter, Miss Edith Mecum, of Portland, were visitors here for a brief time Wednesday. They were enroute to their home in the metropolis following a visit at Bridge. Mr. Mecum is a cousin of Harold R. Adams, of the local flying school.

Condition Improved—

County Clerk Roy Agree, who has been ill at Mercy hospital for several weeks, suffering from a severe attack of influenza, is reported to be somewhat improved. He will be able to leave the hospital as soon as weather conditions improve so that he will run no risk of exposure.

GORDON NOT HER SON, SUPPOSED MOTHER STATES

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fused to call her. The only way I can show her to be one of the biggest liars—

Judge Freeman silenced him and struck his remark from the court record.

On Stand Himself—Northcott withdrew Mrs. Northcott from the stand and took the witness chair himself.

Northcott asked himself questions and answered them on the stand. He described his trip across the line from Canada, handcuffed to James R. Quinn, at that time special investigator from Riverside county.

"The first words Mr. Quinn said to me was that I did not look like a murderer," Northcott said. "He asked if I was guilty. I answered I knew nothing of it, and he laughed and said they were going to prove me guilty anyway."

Later, Northcott said, nearing Seattle, Quinn questioned him continually in the back seat of an automobile.

"I had my hands twisted in the handcuffs until they were swollen when we reached Seattle."

"Who did that?" Special Prosecutor Loyal C. Kelly demanded.

"Mr. Quinn did, and why? Because I wouldn't then admit murdering the boys."

Protection Asked—RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 31.—Under a court grant of special protection against violent officials, asserted were "municipal" persons, Northcott was removed to take the witness stand today to "tell the truth" about alleged slayings of small boys by her son, Gordon, at his Winifred chicken ranch.

"Of course you may have the protection of the court," Judge George R. Freeman informed Northcott after the 22-year-old Canadian dramatically had taken the stand to testify that both he and his mother were in "deadly fear."

Judge Freeman declared officials in whose custody both the accused youth and his mother remain were instructed to treat them in the same manner as other prisoners.

"If they overstep this they will be dealt with severely," stated the judge, "but I do not apprehend that they will."

Father Tries to Shield—Yesterday's court session was replete with dramatic situations resulting from a second unsuccessful effort of Cyrus Northcott, 61-year-old father of Gordon, to repudiate previous damning statements and shield his son to the singular spectacle of the accused slayer grilling his chief prosecutor, regarding confessions he himself made to him.

Northcott insisted that Chief Deputy District Attorney Earle C. Redwine go into minutest details of stories he had told him of the slaying of an unidentified Mexican, the murder of 10-year-old Nelson and 12-year-old Lewis Winslow, the killing of Walter Collins, the alleged slaying of another boy which Redwine said he never had found any evidence to suspect, and an attempted killing by Northcott of the aged Cyrus himself.

Confession Recited—"The defendant told me," Redwine said, detailing a confession made to him on board train from Canada on Nov. 29, 1928, "that he took the Mexican to the chicken house, and left him in the kitchen while he went out to care for his baby chicks. He was only outside a few minutes when Sanford Clark ran out and said the Mexican was growing around the house. The defendant told Sanford to watch at the front door while he went in the back. He said Sanford grabbed a 22 calibre rifle which was leaning against the house and carried it with him to the front door, pumping a shell into the magazine as he went."

The defendant said he went in the back door and saw a Mexican in the front room with a pocket book in one hand and money in the other. The Mexican grabbed a butcher knife and the defendant took a 28 calibre revolver out of a box in the kitchen. He said "drop that knife and behave yourself." The Mexican backed against the wall as he approached, he said, and threw the knife, missing his head a foot. And then, he said, "I shot him. I am a good shot and I knew I would not miss."

Mexican Hard to Slay—"The Mexican fell against a bed and the defendant went outside. He came back and said 'That Mexican is still alive.' So he walked up and shot him four times in the head. Then he went outside and reloaded the gun, and when he came back the Mexican was still alive

and groaning. He walked up and shot him four more times in the head and that didn't kill him. At that point Sanford said 'He is still alive, we must do something,' and Sanford shot him through the body with a rifle. He said he and Sanford lifted the Mexican off the bed onto the floor, but he was still making a noise. There was a big axe there with a long handle, Sanford Clark picked the axe up, he said, and hit the Mexican over the head. He was still groaning so the defendant turned on the radio, took the axe from Sanford, and said, 'Good God! I must put him out of his misery.' So he hit him over the head."

The defendant said he got the idea it would be well to cut the Mexican's head off so he could not be identified, so he went out and got a handsaw. "You'd be surprised," he said, "how easy it is to saw a head off. It only took five strokes of the saw to do it. I started to do it, but after two strokes I almost fainted and fell back and Sanford took the saw and finished the job."

Farm Notes

STATE MARKET AGENT'S LETTER

(By Seymour Jones)

The poultry and egg business has become one of the large important industries of the nation and as such is now demanding serious consideration in tariff matters. The following table shows that the present tariff is what is demanded by the poultry organizations:

	Present	Demand
Shell eggs, doz.	8c	11c
Frozen eggs, doz.	6c	15c
Dried eggs, lb.	18c	45c
Live poultry, lb.	3c	10c
Dressed poultry, lb.	6c	15c

Under the present tariff twenty-four million dozen of shell eggs alone are imported into this country annually.

Reducing Potato Acreage—A reduction of 9 per cent in potato acreage as compared with last year's acreage in the 35 late potato states is indicated by reports to the bureau of agricultural economics. If these reports correctly indicate the intentions of all farmers, as has been the case during the past two years, and if there is about the same loss in acreage from blight, flood, etc., the acreage left for harvest next year would be 3,644,000 acres, compared with 3,981,000 acres grown in 1928 in the 35 states. An inquiry in December in the southern states indicated an intention to reduce acreage there between 25 and 30 per cent.

Apply Shipments to Europe—For the week ending January 12th there were 125,425 boxes of apples shipped from Portland to European points, distributed as follows: Liverpool, 25,133; Rotterdam, 7,572; Glasgow, 27,322; Southampton, 756; Hamburg, 25,133; Rotterdam, 14,806; Copenhagen, 1,956; Sweden, 756; Finland, 1,512; miscellaneous, 2,715. The total exports of apples from all points in the United States for the entire season to date are 2,609,855 barrels and 7,239,672 boxes. Mid-Columbia fruit shippers have decided to quit shipping C-grade apples and will sell them to canneries, which looks like a sensible move.

Demanding Freight Reduction—The interstate commerce commission has been asked to reduce the freight rates on fruits from Oregon to eastern points, in a petition filed recently by the Oregon public service commission, joined by the Hood River Traffic league and the Medford Chamber of Commerce. Freight rates on apples, pears and other fresh fruits from Medford and Hood River have increased 45 to 47 per cent since 1918 and are higher than the rates on a number of other commodities.

Regulating Milk Business—Milk dealers all over Oregon will be subjected to the same sanitary regulations as are now in operation in Portland and Salem, if the decision of the food and dairy products committee of the legislature is enacted into law. A bill has been formulated under the direction of Commissioner J. D. Mickle which classifies milk according to grade and provides for sterilization of containers. Penalties of fine and imprisonment are prescribed in case of violation.

The Carrier's Responsibility—In a Texas case, the court of appeals recently decided that in one the initial carrier gives a

APPROPRIATION BILLS FALL IN HOUSE HOPPER

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can be competition in any line of utilities, H. H. Weatherspoon, representative from Union county, declared before the revision of laws committee Wednesday night, that this action throttles development in Oregon.

Representatives of many small utilities in Oregon opposed Weatherspoon before the committee meeting. They argued that as the public service commission set limits the amount that can be earned by public utilities, it should also have the certificate of necessity clause to protect the utility investment.

H. H. Corey of the public service commission said the certificate of necessity in utilities and prevented competition that eventually would mean increased rates to users, he says. Forty states of the union have the certificate of public necessity clause in their public service commission acts, it was argued.

For State Cabinet

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—Hector MacPherson's plan for the reorganization of the state government into a cabinet form of government was presented for consideration of the house Wednesday afternoon in the form of house joint resolution 7.

Under MacPherson's plan the constitution of the state would be amended to provide that after July 1, 1931, the administrative and executive functions of the state government shall be performed by the governor with the assistance of the following nine departments: Of agriculture; of labor and industry; of finance; of commerce; of education; of the department of public welfare; of public health; of public safety and military affairs; and the department of legal affairs. Provision is also made for a department of state in charge of the secretary of state.

Details of Plan—All executive and administrative offices, boards, and commissions of the state, except the offices of governor and secretary of state, would be abolished July 1, 1931, under MacPherson's plan. Each department, except the department of education would be in charge of an officer to be known as the director of his department. The governor would be director of the department of state police and military affairs and the department of education in charge of a board of nine directors to be known as the state board of education.

All department directors would be appointed by the governor, according to safeguards established by law, and would serve during his pleasure, thus being responsible only to him.

The resolution provides that the proposed amendment establishing the cabinet form be submitted to the voters at the next special or general election.

Submission of the resolution followed a number of meetings of the house committee on administration and reorganization as to the best means of securing a consolidation or reorganization of state government.

Deficits Allowed—SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—Between the state board of control, which insists that appropriations for state institutions and departments should be in a lump sum, and certain ways and means committee members who insist they should be item classifications, a compromise was reached at the committee session last night. Three heads will be used instead of five. These will be salaries and wages, general expenses and capital outlay.

The committee went into executive session and took final action on 22 appropriations. Also deficiency appropriations made since the 1927 session were approved, totaling \$14,840.82.

Measures Favored—Representative Angell and Senator Kiddle, as a majority of a subcommittee investigating bills to make the state dairy and food department self-sustaining, recommended favorably on the bills.

Favorable reports were heard from subcommittees on the House of the Good Shepherd, the Salvation Army White Shield Home, the Louise home, the Florence Crittenton Refuge home and the Patton House for the Friendless all state-aided charitable homes in or near Portland. Senator Mann and Representatives Potter and Collier reported.

It is probable that a bill will be prepared increasing from \$6 to \$10 the registration fee of resident students at Oregon normal schools and from \$6 to \$20 the fee for non-resident students, but first the committee will confer with the board of regents. There are four registrations each year.

Getting down to final action on appropriations the committee cut \$5400 from the salary request of the attorney general's office, reducing the approved total from \$67,500 to \$62,100.

Over the protest of Senator Kiddle and Representative Angell the committee, at the instance of Senator Strayer, clipped \$500 from the \$24,987 asked by the child welfare commission, leaving a total appropriation of \$23,387.

The committee allowed the full \$8,000 asked by the Americanization commission, but over the negative votes of Senators Bell and Strayer and Representatives Collier and Johnson.

Money Allotted—Without protest appropriations in the full requested amounts were allowed as follows: Governor's office, \$35,840; secretary of state, \$56,750; state treasurer, \$51,250; transportation of insane aliens, \$42,639; emergency

through bill of lading it thereby obligates itself to deliver the shipment at destination and becomes liable for all damages that may accrue while in transit over the lines of connecting carriers.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON PLEADS NOT GUILTY

(Associated Press Local Wire)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 31.—Henry H. Johnston, suspended governor of Oklahoma, today pleaded not guilty to eight impeachment articles and announced himself ready for immediate trial. The announcement was made in the senate court of impeachment by Thomas H. Owen of Oklahoma City, one of Johnston's attorneys. Trial on all of the eleven charges returned against him by the house of representatives was set for February 11.

board, \$200; supreme court, \$125,000; supreme court library, \$25,000; board of inspectors of child labor, \$80,000; industrial welfare commission, \$100,000; board of conciliation, \$550; state board of health, \$65,940; bureau of nursing and child hygiene, \$24,500; board of pilot commissioners, \$2400; seal of weights and measures, \$8,900; Monmouth normal school, \$142,194; Southern Oregon normal school, \$68,534; state superintendent of schools, \$53,215; text-book commission, \$1300; board of higher curricula, \$530.

License Switch Favored—SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—The senate roads and highways committee will today report out favorably Senator Bennett's bill to make the expiration date of motor vehicle licenses June 30 instead of December 31.

The committee held a hearing on the bill Wednesday afternoon and found even Robert Sawyer, member of the highway commission, and J. M. Deers, its attorney, favorable to the measure. Ben Osborne, executive secretary, and William Cooper, president of the state federation of labor, and Tom Sweeney of Portland spoke for it.

Sawyer said the only objections he could see were that it might interfere with the financial set-up of some of the counties and with the semi-annual turnover of motor vehicle revenues from the state to the counties, also the dates for payment of principal and interest on highway bonds. A suggestion by Secretary of State Hoss, with which Sawyer agreed, was that a monthly or quarterly turnover would solve this. Carl D. Gabrielson, superintendent of the motor vehicle division, said the change could be made without much inconvenience to his office after the first year.

Sensors Bailey, Fisher and Upton were appointed a subcommittee to iron out various difficulties. The senate yesterday killed by indefinite postponement Senator Bailey's bill to regulate sales of merchandise in bulk.

A PLANE STRONG MAN—MOSCOW.—A Jugo-Slav super-athlete has performed a seemingly impossible feat of strength. With a passenger plane tied to his right hand and a sport plane to his left, he held the two from moving when their engines were going full power. Onlookers expected him to be torn asunder, but he didn't budge under the terrific strain.

WILD FERNS OF OREGON FLOURISH IN GARDENS

Most wild ferns in Oregon may be used to add to the attractiveness of home gardens. If properly handled. Special care is needed in transplanting to get all the roots possible and retain a large ball of dirt, says the landscape gardening section of the state college. Maiden hair fern is best taken with a section of the turf. Transplanting is done during the dormant period, from the first of November to the last of March.

Ferns flourish best in an eastern exposure, with partial shade. It is well to place them in an environment as much as possible like the one from which they are taken. A cool damp atmosphere and "drainage are essential in most cases."

The soil also should be of the same type as that in which they originally grew. A compost of rough peat, loam, leaf mold and coarse sand has been recommended, adding extra leaf mold for vigorous growing kinds sandy peat for delicate, and a small amount of old mortar for limestone-loving ferns.

With all these precautions, failure is still possible if the soil is packed too firmly around the fern roots, or if they are planted too deep, which causes crown rot.

Ferns do better if not watered with a full supply. The best practice is to turn a small stream around the base of the fern. Weeds, grasses and over-zealous species are thinned out, and in the fall, the roots of the ferns may be preserved by packing the old fronds over them, or covering with leaves.

Scale and worms attack ferns, often with disastrous results. Worm infestation may be avoided by using a poison dust, or if worms are already present, the poison may be applied as a solution. For scale a spray of soap and water is effective.

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