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45th Ballot Sees Decision As Lee Quits

Compromise Made On Committees; Snell's Inauguration Allowed

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Harmony seemed to prevail throughout the Oregon legislature today, as senators on both sides of the bitter controversy over the senate presidency appeared eager to forget their differences and get the wheels greased for a speedy session.

Sen. W. H. Stewer, Fossil, elected senate president on the 45th ballot last night, and Dorothy Lee, Portland, who conceded in his favor to break the deadlock, worked today in appointing committees.

The inauguration of Governor-elect Earl Snell was scheduled for 2 p. m. today, 48 hours delayed by the senate's inability to organize.

The 15 members of the Stewer group were happy today because of their victory. Mrs. Lee's 15 supporters were satisfied by assurances they wouldn't be overlooked in the committee assignments.

The senate president ordinarily appoints the committees, but this year, Stewer and Mrs. Lee are doing the job jointly. In cases of disagreement, Sen. W. H. Strayer, Baker, who supported Mrs. Lee, will act as adviser.

Senators who supported Mrs. Lee agreed that since the fight lasted only two days and because both sides kept their arguments above personalities, there would be no permanent wounds. It had been feared that the two groups might divide on every issue all session.

Steuer Praises Rival In conceding to Stewer last night, Mrs. Lee lost no prestige. The Stewer group, while respecting her ability, objected to choosing a woman for the job in time of war, as she might become governor in case the governor dies, resigns or leaves the office.

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Milk Price Order Promised Soon

An order fixing milk prices for Roseburg area is expected within the next four or five days, Congressman Harris Ellsworth reported today to the local chamber of commerce. Mr. Ellsworth, in a message from Washington, D. C., advised the chamber that he had contacted the officers of the dairy products branch of the OPA and had asked immediate settlement of the milk question and was later advised that the Washington office had held a telephone conversation with the regional office at San Francisco and had been assured that an order would be prepared at once.

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Pension Boost for Needy, Property Tax Reduction, Single Tax Commissioner Listed in Snell's Recommendations

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Governor Earl Snell, who became Oregon's 23rd governor today in inauguration ceremonies at the opening joint session of Oregon's 42nd legislature, asked the lawmakers to provide benefits for veterans of this war, to provide \$40 pensions for needy aged persons, to reduce property taxes, and to provide for a single tax commissioner instead of the present three-man tax commission.

Snell, whose inaugural address appealed for a short session, made 14 recommendations. Charles A. Sprague, whose farewell address as governor immediately preceded Snell's speech, made no recommendations, his message being exclusively a review of the war and Oregon's contribution to it.

The benefits Governor Snell advocated for returning soldiers of world war II should include real estate loan privileges, veterans' preference in employment, educational opportunities and vocational training.

Pensions Only To Needy

In recommending that the old age pension be increased to \$40, the maximum now provided by law, Snell said pensions should still be given only on the basis of need. The average pension now is \$24 a month, but the new budget, prepared by the Sprague administration, would step it up gradually to \$34.

To raise the amount to \$40 would cost the state \$3, as the government would match this amount.

Snell recommended that the state's \$3 be raised by levying the excise tax on public utilities, which are now exempt from this tax.

"I am confident," Snell said, "that we are all agreed, that in view of increased prices and present day costs, \$40 per month is little enough to provide sustenance and reasonable comfort for these elderly citizens."

Would Cut Property Tax

Reduction of property taxes, Snell declared, would relieve and encourage home ownership, and also make it easier to pay high federal taxes. He cautioned, however, against reducing the state income tax, pointing out that big federal taxes, which may be deducted when paying state income taxes, would have the effect of cutting Oregon's income tax by 15 to 30 per cent.

The single tax commissioner, Snell said, would provide more efficient administration, because he would be directly responsible to the governor. The present three-man tax commission, appointed by the board of control, is not responsible to anybody, he added.

Would Abolish Milk Board

The milk control issue, which has caused much oratory in the past few sessions, was dropped in to the legislative lap again when Snell recommended that the milk control board be abolished, and its duties be given to the state department of agriculture. The legislature repeatedly has voted

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Roseburg Postal Receipts Rise to New Record Total

The year just closed proved to be another record year for the Roseburg post office, the receipts being nearly ten per cent higher than 1941, which was the highest previous year. Postmaster L. L. Wimberly reported today. The annual receipts were \$56,340.44, a gain of \$5,069 over 1941. The increase was quite consistent through the year with the last two quarters showing the largest gains. While the December postal receipts were 14 per cent higher than those of last year, the cancellations of outgoing letters and the count of incoming parcels showed a small decrease.

During the year a number of changes in personnel occurred. Carrier J. B. Bailey retired and was replaced by Paul C. McGowan, and upon the death of Alfred Stephens, Lewis A. Miles was named carrier. Norman B. Hess joined the navy last summer and Walter L. Roser was named in his place for the duration. Everett L. Teater was recently appointed regular substitute carrier to replace Miles. Floyd Anglin resigned as fireman-laborer Jan. 1 and was replaced by John C. Sutton. The laborer position formerly occupied by Sutton was filled by Lee G. Merchant, who has served as a substitute for some time.

Under very recent legislation, most of the regular employees will receive additional overtime pay for Saturday work. Other employees will receive a 10 per cent increase in pay and the postoffice will remain open all day on Saturday.

Angell Asks Machinery For Oregon Farmers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Representative Angell (R-Ore.) announced he had urged the war production board to solve as speedily as possible the farm machinery situation, which he said was causing distress among farmers of his state.

He said the farmers of the state had urged him to present to the WPB their difficulties and ask modification of existing orders, so an increase in farm machinery and equipment may be obtained.

Douglas County's High Rank in War Bond Sales Cited; Advertising Under Average

Douglas county's record in war savings bond sales is unequalled in the state of Oregon from the standpoint of unbroken subscriptions of quotas, but is surpassed in some other respects, Ray Conway, administrator of the state war savings staff, reported here Tuesday, speaking at the Kiwanis club luncheon meeting and at the Victory program at the junior high school last night. Mr. Conway expressed appreciation of the cooperation given in Douglas county, particularly by H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county committee, and all of the workers who are assisting him, as well as the individual bond buyers.

Oregon has been the number one state of the nation as an average or typical state, Conway declared. It has remained consistently among the first three states in nearly all breakdowns of sales, and has never been below sixth in any department.

Topped Only by Iowa In per capita sales, Oregon, he reports has been among the first three states every month since bond sales were started. In per capita income invested in bonds it has ranked in second

place throughout the entire year, being topped only by Iowa. It has been among the leaders in maintaining quotas, although the state has the third highest per capita quota in the nation. In view of the fact that Delaware, New York and the District of Columbia with large investments of corporation and governmental department funds are outside the class of the average or typical state, Oregon, which has ranked consistently next to those states, is entitled to the number one spot among those states of average financial set-up, Conway declared.

He pointed out that Douglas county has exceeded its quota every month since sales were started, and is the only county to hold that record. Hood River, although credited with one official lapse, is actually crowding Douglas county and for the particular month in which the county failed to meet its quota on the official records, it actually had sold the required amount, but the sales were made on the last two days of the month, and, therefore, were not reported in time to be credited. Hood River county, he stated, exceeds Douglas county 50 cents per person

Legion Post's Committee Acts on Home

Option Taken on Parrott Building; Remodeling of Top Floor Is Planned

The building committee of Umpqua post, No. 16, American Legion, has taken an option for purchase of the Parrott building, located on Jackson street, just north of the Douglas National bank building, as a permanent Legion hall, it was announced today. The building is a two-story structure, 40 by 100 feet, fronting on Jackson and Main streets. The downstairs quarters are occupied by OPA's music store and the Story Iles store. The upstairs rooms are unoccupied at present and it is the plan of the American Legion to remodel the top floor to provide quarters for the post and auxiliary and other veterans organizations.

Letters are being mailed to members in good standing of both the Legion and auxiliary requesting a final vote of the membership at a meeting at 7:30 p. m., January 19, at the I. O. O. F. hall, Bruce A. Mellis, post commander, reports.

Full details of the committee's plans for purchase, financing and improvements will be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting, Commander Mellis stated. He is urging all members be present to hear the plans and to discuss the project. A detailed drawing of the building, together with sketches of possible improvements, have been prepared to assist members in fully understanding the proposals.

The post commander and the building committee were greatly pleased today to receive a voluntary cash contribution of \$10 from the Pierce Auto Freight lines, the first local firm to send in a donation to the post for the building fund. The purchase of the building is to be financed by individual donations from members and from business firms, and all cash gifts for this com-

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Japs Say Hornet Bore U. S. Planes That Raided Tokyo

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A Japanese broadcast asserted today that the United States aircraft carrier Hornet, identified Monday by the American navy as the aircraft carrier sunk Oct. 26 in the battle of the Santa Cruz islands, was the vessel which carried the planes that raided Tokyo last April 18.

The sinking of the Hornet was "Revenge for the raid," the Tokyo radio said, adding that "our imperial air units have been concentrating on this ship."

OWI commented that Tokyo in this way sought to exploit the Washington announcement of the Hornet's end.

Tokyo also gave some indication of how deeply the Tokyo attack, led by Brig. Gen. (now Maj. Gen.) James H. Doolittle, rankles the Japanese, OWI said. The broadcast said the date of April 18 "can never be forgotten by the 100,000,000 Japanese people."

This broadcast was not on any program beamed to the United States, the monitors said.

Vote Set for Workers Of Mine at Sutherlin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The national labor relations board ordered an employee election at Bonanza Mines, Inc., Sutherlin, Ore., to determine whether the collective bargaining agent shall be the CIO International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers or the AFL Quicksilver Mine workers.

The board said that an AFL contract with the company was no bar to the election because the CIO petition was filed before the time the AFL contract would have been renewed automatically had not the AFL requested negotiation of a new agreement.

The election was ordered held within 90 days.

Builder of Noted San Francisco Park Dies at 96



John McLaren

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—(AP)—John McLaren, superintendent of San Francisco parks, died last night at his home in Golden Gate park, the monument to his horticultural genius.

Fondly known to San Franciscans and other thousands as "Uncle John," McLaren's death at 96 clipped another of the few remaining ties between a modern city he helped to beautify and the old gold-fevered community he first knew as a youth fresh from his native Scotland.

Golden Gate park, San Francisco, stands as a monument to McLaren's vision and ability. It is the world's largest cultivated park and he built it on sand dunes.

McLaren had been superintendent of San Francisco's parks since 1877. When his seventieth birthday approached it appeared his retirement would be forced under the city's retirement and pension law. But this was avoided by amending the law so as to exempt employees receiving more than \$500 a month, then by raising McLaren's salary above that figure.

Luck, Radio Save Blinded Aviator

SPOKANE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Thanks largely to luck, a lumberman, his radio transmitter and several hundred soldiers and police officers who took part in a 22-hour search, 1st Lieut. Ross E. White of Dallas, Texas, was safe, warm and well-fed today after surviving an airplane crash.

Luck was both with and against the lieutenant when the light plane he was ferrying from Helena, Mont., to Felt's field here crashed into the side of Mount Spokane, 35 miles northeast of the city Monday evening.

He bumped his face so sharply both eyes swelled shut and he could not make his way alone to safety. Luckily, White's radio functioned and his message for help started the search.

The lumberman, a Mr. Zimmerman, heard the crash but could not hunt for the plane because of darkness and had no telephone in his isolated home. Yesterday morning Zimmerman walked to the nearest phone to report and then guided a searching party into the wooded area of the mountain.

Both men were civilian pilot trainees and were engaged in a routine night training flight, officials said.

Grimshaw is a former Oregon State college student.

Robber Loses Nerve, Drops Gun in Flight

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A timid robber lost face, his breath and his gun in an attempted holdup here.

Police said this is how it happened.

A masked man walked into the home of Mrs. Dorothy Netch, flourished a gun and demanded money.

She refused, flatly. He pondered that, then hit her. Surprised at his own boldness, he fled pell-mell, dropping his gun as he ran.

Maxwell was "barking up the wrong tree," said Hauskins, secretary of the local union, for meat packers of this area are sending meat to the army and logging camps as well as partially supplying Redding.

Reds Score Fresh Gains In Caucasus

Nazis' Stiffened Defense Fails to Stem Russians; 10 More Towns Taken

MOSCOW, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Germans threw tanks and warplanes into a stiffening stand in the Caucasus today in a desperate attempt to cover their forces holding the Maikop oilfields and the Black sea coast farther west, but the Russians reported further gains and more villages recaptured.

Red Star, mouthpiece of the Russian army, said the battle was becoming more violent, particularly along the rail line toward Rostov from recaptured Mine-rnye Vody.

Battlefront dispatches said the Russians were maintaining their pressure along a whole 100-mile front from deep in the Caucasus to the lower Kalmuck steppe, while other forces just to the north bore down on the Nazi Sal river line in preparation for the siege of Salsk, another milestone on the road to Rostov.

Strong German counterattacks were reported on the lower Don front as well as in the Caucasus. L'zvestia, the government newspaper, said one such attack in the lower Don threatened an important Russian line of communications but was repelled by army reserves moved up nearly 40 miles overnight. The Germans were forced to retreat, L'zvestia reported.

Snow Slows Progress.

The Don offensive was hampered by the cold wind which

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Training Plane Crash Kills 1, Injures Another

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Sol Gold, 27, San Francisco, was killed instantly, and Ray M. Grimshaw, 22, Portland, Ore., was injured critically when their civilian training plane crashed just north of the Mather field boundaries at 12:13 a. m. today, Mather field officials announced.

Both men were civilian pilot trainees and were engaged in a routine night training flight, officials said.

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Child Puts Spikes On Tracks, Wrecks Train

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A locomotive overturned, two Southern Pacific freight cars were derailed and the main Southern Pacific line was tied up yesterday for six hours by a child at play.

That's what railroad agents said after investigating the accident, which they blamed on a dozen spikes left on the tracks by a youngster.

Crewmen suffered only light bruises in the mishap.

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RAF Strikes In Burma Burma—RAF bombers ranged far into Japanese-conquered Burma yesterday without encountering any opposition from the enemy, attacking railway transportation and river and coastal shipping.

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RAF Pounds Enemy From Another Side

Axis Land Transports, Bases on Three Islands Also Undergo Blasting

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 13.—(AP)—United States warplanes destroyed 34 Nazi aircraft in the air and on the ground in a raid yesterday on Castel Benito airfield, 10 miles south of Tripoli, it was announced today.

Flying Fortresses which led the attack into Tripolitania from the west, knocked out 20 planes on the ground and bombed 14 more during a blazing 75-mile running battle high in the air, a spokesman said.

It was the heaviest blow yet struck by allied forces from the west against Marshall Rommel's defenders of Tripolitania.

An allied headquarters' communique which announced the raid identified the 14 planes shot down as Messerschmitts.

(This was the deepest reported penetration into Libya by P-51 Mustangs based in the west. Other American bombers made an attack last Saturday against an airbase 10 miles from Tripoli, possibly the same field.)

Apparently instructed to stop the Fortresses at any cost, the Germans avoided the escort of Lockheed Lightnings and raced into the concentrated fire of the big four-engine bombers.

Despite the enemy efforts, 11 of the American planes returned to their base although one plane came home on only two motors two hours after the others.

Air activity dominated day and night warfare, as reports from the ground fronts indicated only patrolling in areas of northern Tunisia.

RAF Also Strikes The RAF Bisleys attacked the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE on the west coast, we can't help listening first for news from the south Pacific. Recent developments there are reassuring.

THE Jap Armada we have been hearing about for a week is being roughly handled.

It left Rabaul last Wednesday, and was immediately pounced upon by American planes. Three big transports were definitely sunk in the first two days and another badly damaged. It then took refuge at Lae.

Lae proved to be no refuge, for our planes continued to attack the Japs there. One transport was hit six times and left burning, another was hit three times and a third was set afire after being beached.

Finding Lae harbor too hot to stay in, the battered remnant of the Jap convoy pulled out and started back for Rabaul, and two more of their ships were hit on the way back. In all, 138 Jap planes were shot down or crippled.

It looks like a shining example of what happens when surface ships attempt to operate among the islands against land-based aircraft.

EST we become too cocky, here's the other side of the picture: The same thing is apt to happen to US if and when WE

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