

Battle Over Proposed Dam Shaping at Salem

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who deposits \$50 in a bank, then writes a \$2,000 check, and skips out of the state. Under present law, such a crime is only a misdemeanor and a person who writes such a check can't be brought back into the state.

The bill would not apply to a person who innocently overdraws his account, because in that case, there is no intent to defraud.

The House Military Affairs Committee gave its approval to a bill to give veterans \$70 a month educational aid, instead of the \$35 they now get.

Branding Law At Issue

The House got a hot potato when its Agriculture Committee introduced a bill to enact a tougher cattle branding law. The bill is sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, but cattlemen disagree violently over it.

The bill would set up a five-man cattlemen's commission to administer it. The 10 cent per head branding fee would be raised to 25 cents, this being the most controversial feature.

The present branding law is administered by the Department of Agriculture, and does not apply to Western Oregon. The new bill would apply to the whole state.

The committee said the bill would put more teeth in the branding law and provide for more brand inspectors. This would make it harder to steal cattle.

Sen. Frank H. Hilton introduced a bill to permit deduction of medical expenses from state income taxes.

A bill to let cities spend up to \$10,000 a year for advertising was introduced in the Senate. It would double the present amount.

Sales Tax Bill Likely

Sales tax talk is current around the legislative halls, although legislative leaders said they doubted whether the Legislature would pass such a bill. The 1947 Legislature passed one, but the people overwhelmingly turned it down.

But it appeared likely that a sales tax bill will be introduced. Rep. Ralph T. Moore, Coos Bay, House Tax Committee chairman, said he is receiving several letters a week from rural residents who want a sales tax.

But, Moore said, it is doubtful whether it would receive serious consideration. He said his committee is seriously considering the business tax of 1/4 of 1 per cent of gross income.

The joint Ways and Means Committee said it was going to take its time before approving any salary increase for state employees. A \$10 monthly increase is recommended in the budget.

One Bill Slain

The House killed, almost unanimously, a bill which would have prohibited persons under 21 years of age from going into any place where alcoholic beverages are sold.

In the voice vote, only one vote

for the bill could be detected. The measure, by Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland, would have provided a maximum penalty of \$500 fine and six months in jail for any person who knowingly lets a minor enter a place where beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages are served.

The House action came on a recommendation by the House Alcoholic Control Committee that the bill be defeated.

Rep. J. O. Johnson, Portland, committee chairman, said the bill is unnecessary because state Liquor Commission regulations permit minors from being in any place where alcoholic beverages are served.

Rep. Raymond Coulter, Grants Pass, said the bill would keep minors from entering many restaurants, hotels and depots, because many of those establishments serve beer and wine.

Harvey said he would make another attempt later in the session to pass such a bill. He would provide that all persons carry cards with their pictures to prove they are over 21.

But legislative rules forbid introduction of any bill which has been defeated earlier by the same Legislature.

Full Time Board Sought

Legislation to create a full-time state liquor commission might be introduced in the Legislature soon.

The proposed bill has the blessing of the Oregon Tavern Owners Association, whose secretary, Owen R. Campbell, Portland, appeared before the House Alcohol Control Committee.

The bill would provide for three full-time commissioners who would be appointed by the Board of Control. The Board would determine how much money to pay the commissioners.

Liquor commissioners now are appointed by the governor for four-year terms. But any governor can remove a commissioner whenever he wants to. The commissioners now get paid \$10 a day only when they actually work.

Campbell said "fluctuating policies caused by changing personnel on the Commission makes enforcement of Commission rulings doubly difficult."

Campbell said the job is too large for commissioners serving on a part-time basis.

The bill is backed by several House members who plan to introduce it next week.

To Fight Budworm Pest

The Senate Forestry Committee approved a \$125,000 appropriation bill to fight the budworm pest which threatens to ruin Oregon's forests. The bill goes to the

Joint Ways and Means Committee, and speedy legislative approval is expected so that the state forester can begin fighting the pest immediately.

A bill to create an Oregon potato commission and set up standards for them is to be introduced in the House. The nine-member commission would have an \$8,000-a-year administrator. Growers would be taxed 1/2 cents per 100 pounds to finance the program.

Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles, introduced a bill to give each state policeman a \$5,000 term life insurance policy.

Indonesia Independence Demanded by Council

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The United States, China, Cuba and Norway formally proposed today that The Netherlands grant full independence to Indonesia by July 1, 1950.

The four countries made their proposal in a resolution submitted to the U. N. Security Council as the delegates prepared to meet.

Informed quarters expressed belief the measure would get the seven votes necessary for approval.

The resolution called for the establishment of an interim federal government in Indonesia by March 15 this year and the holding of elections by next Oct. 1.

It also proposed: 1. That both the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans cease all hostilities and cooperate in the restoration of peace.

2. That the Dutch release immediately President Soekarno and other Republican leaders.

Bill to Unmask Kluxers Killed in Georgia House

ATLANTA, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Georgia's House of Representatives heard the Ku Klux Klan symbolized yesterday as a "glorious symbol."

The lawmakers also heard it described as made up of "masked gangs that slink through alleys by night."

Then they voted 89 to 65 to let the secret order's members keep on masking themselves with hooded headgear.

Their action, technically, was to kill by postponing indefinitely a measure to outlaw hoods and masks, eerie symbols of the Ku Kluxers.

One of the unmasking bill's opponents was a Baptist minister, Rep. F. H. Sills of Candler County. He said fellow ministers "ought to be preaching the hell out of their young folks instead of trying to get us to preach hell out of the Ku Klux Klan."

Deschutes Dam Plan Meets General Approval

MADRAS, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The proposed Deschutes Dam near this central Oregon town appeared to be meeting with approval from most residents today.

Harold J. Eldemiller, director of the Jefferson Water Conservatory District, said he did not think the dam would interfere with a reservoir which has been proposed for reclamation purposes here.

He said his board had been studying the dam's specifications, and could not see how it would

damage fishing on the Metolius river. The dam would not back up water as far as the Metolius, he said.

Chambers of Commerce in this central Oregon region—though no formal action has been taken—appeared generally in favor of the power project.

Even the sports and wildlife interest groups gave little sign of opposition.

Four Person Die When Auto Rolls Off Dock

CORDOVA, Alaska, Jan. 21.—(AP)—An auto rolled off a dock here last night and the four passengers drowned in 30 feet of water.

They were L. E. (Bud) Townsend of Seattle, Mrs. Genevieve Means, Mrs. Phyllis Davis and her small daughter, Perry Lynn Davis, all of Cordova.

Brakes on the machine apparently failed as it approached the dock.

Townsend was a salesman for H. J. Heinz and Company.

Chiang Kai-shek Goes Into Retirement

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en bloc. It was unknown whether Li accepted.

Chiang and Madame Chiang, who is now in the United States, usually pay a visit to his native home just before the Chinese new year (Jan. 29). This gives Chiang an opportunity to leave Nanking without making a clear break, which many factions are seeking as a prelude to peace with the Reds.

Sizzling Heat, Icy Waves Mark Freakish Winter

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Freakish winter weather has brought hardship to many parts of the earth and unprecedented mildness to others.

Meteorologists said seldom has a winter been so spotty—or, in the southern hemisphere, a summer so sizzling hot.

Extremes of temperature were reported from many regions of North America, where Southern California had rare snow; the Midwest had blizzards of unusual violence and the East experienced almost springlike warmth.

In Russia, where bitter cold is traditional and expected, inhabitants of some sections had not yet changed to the woolly Russian underwear. Some Russian rivers which in normal winters are excellent highways for sleighs and motor traffic were not frozen.

Blockaded Berlin, short of fuel, has so far experienced one of the mildest winters in years. The temperature climbed to 50 degrees Fahrenheit last Tuesday.

Italy, after a touch of cold early this month, has been getting warmer steadily the past two weeks. Typical temperatures yesterday included 62 degrees at Rome, 41 at Milan.

Scandinavian lands and West Europe also were unusually warm.

In the United Kingdom it was

warm, murky and stormy. One of the strangest weather reports came from South Africa, where the summer is just about the hottest ever.

Physicians said it was difficult to take the temperature of patients because the air was much hotter than persons running high fevers.

Public Love 'Education' Pair Face Jail and Fines

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Claude Marsan, who insisted his lectures on love were purely educational, was convicted yesterday on staging an indecent show.

The 39-year-old Frenchman, who demonstrated with a red-haired model at a bar—and later

in court—was convicted on two counts, one of presenting such a show, one of participating.

Also convicted was the scantily-clad model, 24-year-old Barbara Weir.

They face sentences up to six months in jail and \$500 fines on the convictions. Both counts are misdemeanors.

No parrots are native to Europe or to northern Asia.

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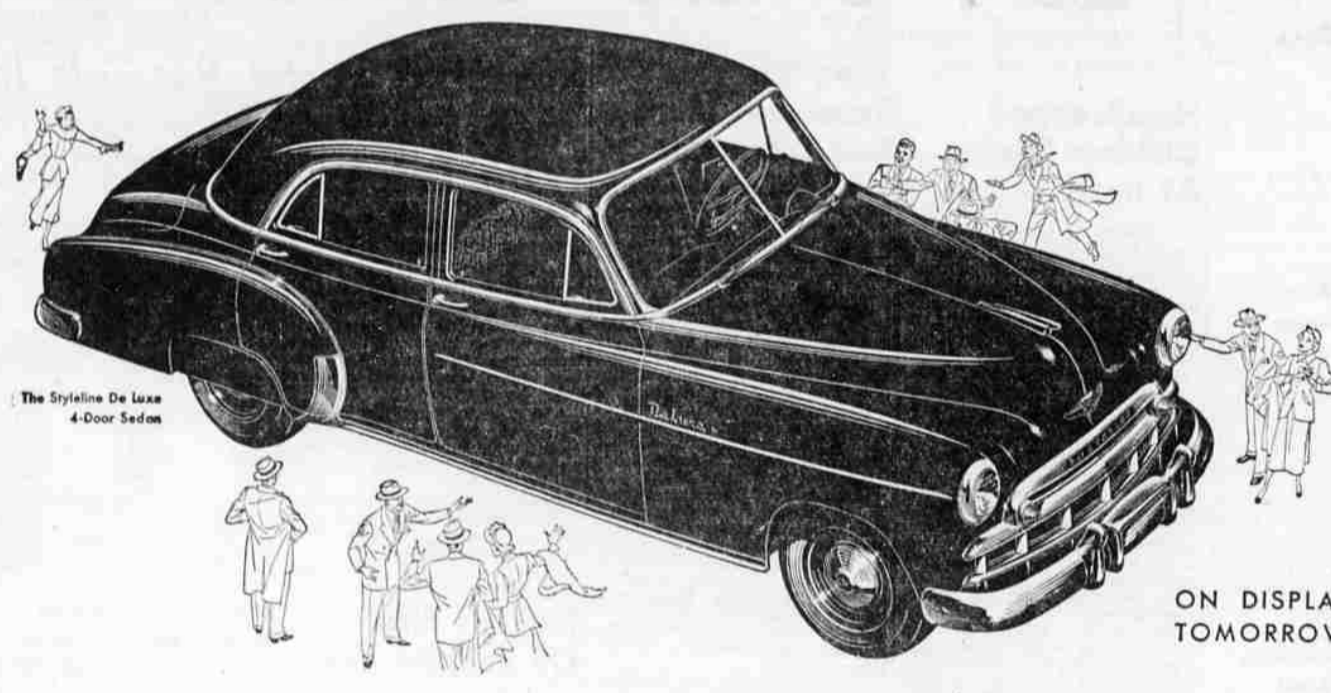
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