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PROGRAM FOR OPENING DAY IS ROUTINE

THIRTY-FIRST BIENNIAL SESSION OF OREGON LEGISLATURE CONVENES TODAY.

ROY W. RITNER IS SENATE PRESIDENT

Representatives Louis E. Bean of Eugene is Unopposed for Speaker of the House—Senate Has 25 Republicans, 1 Democrat—House Has 58 Republicans, 2 Democrats.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—The thirty-first biennial session of the Oregon legislature opened here today. In the senate there are 27 republicans, one democrat and two independents. The membership of the house is composed of 58 republicans and two democrats.

Senator Roy W. Ritner, of Pendleton, was the selection for president of the senate, made some time ago, when Senator E. L. Eddy, of Roseburg withdrew from the race.

Mr. Ritner was nominated by Senator Eddy. Representative Louis E. Bean, of Eugene, was unopposed for speaker of the house, having been nominated by Representative Gordon of Multnomah county, who will head the ways and means committee. The Governor's message was not delivered today, but it is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow.

The program for the opening day consisted of organization of both houses, and the scheduled delivery of the message of Gov. Ben W. Olcott.

Among important measures to be proposed during the session, according to forecasts made by members before the opening of the legislature today, will be legislation dealing with the Japanese situation, bills for \$10,000,000 more bonds for highway construction, regulations for highway traffic, reorganizing the fish commission one body and the game commission another, measure for consolidating the Portland city and port commission, an amendment changing the tenure of office for Portland school teachers, protection for bond investors, payments to soldiers and marines for service during the world war, promoting the tourist trade, and amending the syndicalism and workmen's compensation laws.

FORMER IMBLER GIRL PASSES ON

BIVA CONKLIN DIES AT PARENTS' HOME IN ASTORIA.

Has Been Ill For Some Time With Complications Following An Attack of Influenza.

Word has been received in the city of the death of Miss Elva Conklin, former Imbler and La Grande resident, at the home of her parents in Astoria, Saturday morning. Miss Conklin has been ill for a long time with a complication of ailments following an attack of influenza.

The deceased is a native of Kansas and 34 years of age. She graduated from the La Grande high school in the class of 1915, having taken the teachers' training course. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conklin, of Astoria; two brothers and one sister, they being Harvey, Eldon and Wilma Conklin, of Imbler.

Funeral services will be held in Astoria, and the body will be shipped to Imbler for interment.

OLD WILLIAMS PLACE IS SOLD

The old Williams place just south of town was sold today to Joe Clarke and S. M. Morgan, both of La Grande, for the sum of \$4,500.

The farm belonged to the Williams estate and has been quite a landmark about La Grande for the past several years. There are 60 acres in the place and the land is said to be exceptionally fertile. The deal was consummated through the La Grande Investment Co.

RAILROADS HAVE BROKEN FAITH

B. M. Jewell Declares They Have Not Kept Their Word With the American Public.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—"The railroads have broken faith with the public," said B. M. Jewell of the American Federation of Labor railroad employees department, before a here today on the demand of the railroad labor board at a hearing railroad brotherhoods that the national board of adjustment be re-established and representatives of the railroads to hold that the agreements of standardization working conditions made under the government control should not be continued.

THREE PROGRAMS ARE OUTLINED

LUNCHEON FOR TOMORROW HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

Next Three Meetings, However, Will Be Of Interest To A Large Number.

The regular weekly luncheon of the Union County Ad Club has almost become a thing of the past, for the luncheon for tomorrow has been postponed, according to a report from C. B. Miller, secretary.

However, beginning with the luncheon a week from tomorrow, the meetings will again become regular. During this intermission, a program for the remainder of the season has been outlined. A week from tomorrow, the subject will be "Poultry," the week following, "Farmers' Week," and the week following that, the topic will be "Dairy Week."

PETTY CROOKS SELL JEWELRY

INSTRUMENTS TO MAKE CHEAP JEWELRY EXPENSIVE.

One Legged Man, Ring Leader, Said to Have Two Accomplices Who Sell the Jewelry.

"Petty grafters are in La Grande," Chief of Police Roy Flexer said this morning, "and if La Grande does not watch out she will snatch at the same things that Modford did."

Last Saturday night two men, one a one legged man who gave the name of F. Smith and the other a rather young man who calls himself Harry Thorne, were picked up by a night policeman. They had in their possession a number of small tools that when investigated proved to be very helpful in making cheap jewelry expensive.

A short time ago these two men were picked up in Modford for stealing twelve dozen rings from the Woolworth Company there. After the goods were recovered and a fine inflicted, the petty crooks were released. They were said to be aided by a young girl about 19 years of age who had fluffy brown hair and wore a dark coat, no hat and a pink waist with a huge brilliant bar pin at the throat of the low cut neck. She was not picked up with the men and no one has been able to tell where she is at present.

Chief Flexer explained the use of the two small tools found on the possession of the two men. Both were small steel pieces with one round end and one tapered. On the tapered end of one was a small perfectly round hole, on the tapered end of the other was a straight line, very small, these had been pressed on the inside of the cheap ring and by placing the piece with the little hole on the end twice on the ring it formed the number eight and by placing the lined instrument before this it gave the appearance of being "18" and the rings were sold on the street corners as 18 carat rings.

It is only one of the forms of grafting which is brought to light every day in the local police court.

GAS FUMES DISLIKED

Patrons on Sleeper Make Complaint About Fuel Used.

PRINEVILLE, Jan. 10.—As a result of complaints made by passengers using the night train between Portland and Bend, anthracite coal will be used from now on in heating the cars. Gas fumes resulting from the use of soft coal had been complained of as causing much discomfort to those using the sleeping car service.

CHARGES U. S. WITH MAKING DEEP THREATS

DECLARES STATE DEPARTMENT IS THREATENING THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

THREAT MADE IN ORDER TO PREVENT CABLE LANDING

Frederick Roy Martin, Acting General Manager of the Associated Press, Says Increase in Facilities Would Aid Dissemination of American News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Charges that the state department was "making threats against the Cuban government" in order to prevent the issuance of permits for the Western Union cable landings on the island were made before the senate committee by Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union today.

Frederick Roy Martin, acting general manager of the Associated Press, told the committee that any increase in communication facilities aided the dissemination of American news. He said that the Associated Press was furnishing its reports to Porto Rico, Alaska, and Mexico and has gone extensively into South America. The reports on the Pacific are sent by radio and are incidentally copied for free distribution to Japan and China. "This is an unprofitable field," he said, "and we are keeping it up for patriotic motives in order to maintain a connection between the United States and her possessions." The South American readers desired news from the United States, said Mr. Martin, and the only difficulty is the lack of cable facilities.

LA GRANDE MAN IS ELECTED

A. H. Lea Is Chosen Secretary and Will Make a Definite Decision Next Monday.

SALEM, Jan. 10.—A. C. Marsters, of Corvallis, was elected president of the state fair board this afternoon, succeeding W. H. Savage, of Corvallis.

J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande, was elected vice-president, succeeding Marsters. A. H. Lea, secretary, was re-elected, and said he would decide next Monday whether he will accept the position, which, some time ago, he intimated that he would not accept for another year. A. N. Bush, of Salem, was re-elected treasurer.

One Man Burned To Death When The City Hall Is Destroyed

MOOSEJAW, Sask., Jan. 10.—One man was burned to death today when fire destroyed the City Hall at Swift Current. According to the reports received here, the flame is menacing the entire city.

State Senate Effects Permanent Organization

SALEM, Jan. 10.—During the early hours of the afternoon, the state senate perfected a permanent organization. John P. Hunt, of Woodburn, was made chief clerk, with Miss Rosina Miller, of McMinnville, assistant chief clerk.

Albert G. Goddard, of Umatilla county, is calendar clerk; Walter L. Toole, reading clerk; Col. W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene, sergeant-at-arms; H. T. Bruce, of Multnomah, doorkeeper; R. S. McLaughlin, of Multnomah, assistant doorkeeper; and Leonard T. Brown, of Douglas county, reading clerk.

Roy Ritner, of Pendleton, was elected president unanimously, except that he, by courtesy, voted for Senator Eddy, of Roseburg, who was, at first, mentioned for the office, but withdrew several weeks ago in favor of Ritner. Fred Drager was elected temporary chief of the clerkhouse and it is expected that he will be made permanent clerk. His assistant will probably be J. D. Bedford, of Douglas county. Elbert Rode is expected to be made house reading clerk, Joe Singer, sergeant-at-arms; Fred Maindel, calendar clerk and C. A. Naden, of Marion, doorkeeper.

M. B. BARRATT WILL SUCCEED KIDDLE

Morrow County Man Is Chosen As Highway Commissioner After Dobbin Declines.

SALEM, Jan. 10.—W. B. Barratt, prominent farmer and sheep grower of Heppner, Morrow county, Saturday was appointed by Governor Olcott to serve as a member of the state highway commission, to succeed E. E. Kiddle, who died recently at Island City.

"Mr. Barratt is widely known throughout Oregon," said Governor Olcott in announcing the appointment. "He is one of the leading farmers and sheep growers of his section, is past president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, was previously mayor of Heppner and, at the present time is a member of the state livestock sanitary board."

"He always has been an advocate of good roads and has taken an active interest in all matters relating to the development of Oregon."

JAY B. HOUGH DID NOT KEEP SUICIDE PACT

ALLEGED OPERATIONS OF JOHN B. MILHOLLAND AND JAY B. HOUGH BROUGHT OUT.

MILLIONAIRE MINING MAN IS DEFRAUDED

Arrival Today of James F. Callahan, of Wallace, Idaho, Who Was Defrauded of \$350,000, May Shed Some Light on Strange Embezzlement Tragedy in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Jan. 10.—The arrival today of James F. Callahan, millionaire mining operator of Wallace, Idaho, is expected to shed additional light on the alleged operations of John B. Milholland and Jay B. Hough, by which, according to the confession of Hough, made yesterday to the authorities, Callahan was defrauded of \$353,000 through the forgery of bonds. Milholland shot himself to death last night.

Hough has been arrested, as Milholland ended his life in a suicide pact with Hough, who disregarded the pact and revealed the alleged embezzlement.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Tuesday, fair, with continued cold.

HARRY BLAKLEY PASSES AWAY

PROMINENT FARMER DIES AFTER YEAR'S ILLNESS.

Body Will Be Taken To Zella, Wash., Tonight for Burial—Leaves Wife and Family.

Harry Blakely died at Hot Lake Sanitarium last night following an illness which lasted a year. Death is said to be caused by the combination of bright disease and dropsy. Mr. Blakely was brought to Hot Lake from Zella, Wash., November 18, in a critical condition. Hopes for his recovery had been abandoned.

He was born in Chanute, Kansas, and was 32 years old. Up to the date of his illness he was a prominent farmer near Zella, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Blakely, two children, Florence and Clyde, his mother, Mrs. W. Hunt of Kansas City, Kansas, a brother, Charles of Kansas and a sister, Mrs. J. A. Miller, of Kansas City and numerous other relatives.

The remains were brought to the J. C. Henry parlors last night and will be shipped to Washington tonight for burial.

LUMBER ACTIVITY IS INVESTIGATED

Department of Justice is Making Extensive Investigation Following Senate Committee Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—An extensive investigation into the activities of the lumber manufacturers through the national and regional organizations is being made by the Department of Justice with the assistance of the federal trade commission. This was disclosed in a report to Congress by the commission in connection with an inquiry which is being conducted by the senate committee on housing and reconstruction. The report, the commission says, is designed to show the activities of manufacturers and the attitude toward the "national legislation," amendments to revenue laws, elimination of competitive woods, control of prices and production, the restriction of reforestation and other matters.

TIMBER SALES BRING IN MONEY

EUGENE, Jan. 10.—A report on timber sales within the Cascade national forest during the six months between July 1 and December 31, shows that a total of \$2330 was received by the federal government from the timber.

The report of the supervisor, N. F. Macduff, shows that there was a total of 19 sales and that they amounted to 649,000 feet, board measure.

The material sold consisted of cordwood, hop trellis poles and pilings, one order being for 3013 of the hop trellis poles, each 20 feet long.

INDOOR TRACK MEET IS FUN

GIRLS OF HIGH SCHOOL SHOW GREAT ABILITY IN SPORTS.

Junior Class Wins the Meet, While Marjorie O'Brien Takes Individual Honors.

The girls' indoor track meet given by the Associated Girl Students in the High School gymnasium Saturday night was a decided success. The juniors won the meet, their final score being 26, while the seniors followed second with 19 points, the freshmen third with 17, and the sophomores fourth with 6 points.

Marjorie O'Brien took individual honors, winning 10 points. Norma Mayger and Winona Lyman tied for second place with 7 points each, and Alladene Scroggin followed them with 5 points. At the close of the track meet, medals were distributed to the winners of the various events.

Food, served in bottles was served at the close of the evening and everyone departed reporting a very good time and hoping to meet again in the near future in a similar manner.

The "A. G. S." is a new organization in the local high school. As the name indicates, it is an association of all girl students; the purpose of being to create a closer union of all women students, to promote school spirit and social activities—in short, to bring a greater spirit of friendliness and co-operation among the women students in the La Grande High School.

The plan and in a large measure the success of this commendable organization is due to Miss Jessie Harris who is the chairman of the faculty committee on "A. G. S."

Following are the events and the names of those taking first, second, and third places in the track meet events.

Fifty yard dash—Alladene Scroggin, Senior, first; Ruth Hill, Junior, second; and Winona Lyman, Junior, third.

High Jump—Marjorie O'Brien, Junior, first, 3 ft. 10 in.; Norma Mayger, Senior, second, 3 ft. 9 in.; and Fern Wells, Freshman, third, 3 ft. 8 in.

Broad Jump—Marjorie O'Brien, Junior, first, 11 ft. 3 in.; Winona Lyman, Junior, second, 11 ft.; and Norma Mayger, Senior, third, 10 ft. 2 in.

Relay race—Juniors first, Sophomores second and Freshmen third.

Sack race—Winona Lyman, Freshman, first; Winona Lyman, Junior, second and Frieda Kleppenstein, third.

Rooster Fight—Carris Burbridge, Freshman, first; Norma Mayger, Senior, second.

Suit Case Race—Freshmen, first; Seniors, second and Juniors, third.

REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES FOLLOWED

SENATOR BRUCE DENNIS INTRODUCES FIRST BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS IN SENATE.

La Grande Man Is Author of Joint Memorial Asking Congress to Pass, As Early As Possible, the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill for Protection of Farmers and Stock Raisers.

SALEM, Jan. 10.—Following the Republican principles, the state senate of Oregon, after electing officers, adopted the following joint memorial resolution, introduced by Bruce Dennis, of Union and Walla Walla counties, which was the first business transaction of the present session:

"Senate Joint Memorial No. 1."

"Whereas, this country is being flooded with foreign products which are destroying the home markets for the produce from the American farm, thereby causing financial disaster to our farmers and stock raisers and, in this way, destroy the very foundation of American prosperity; Therefore be it resolved by the senate of the State of Oregon, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby memorialized to pass, at the earliest possible moment, the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill. Be it further resolved, that the congress of the United States is hereby further memorialized to enact a comprehensive protective tariff bill protecting American labor, American products and American industry. Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transmit, by telegraph, one copy of this resolution to each Senator representative in Congress from Oregon."

ATTEMPT WAS FOILED

Doors are Locked When Bottle Of Evidence Found Missing.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 10.—"Lock the doors; the evidence has been stolen!" This cry from Frank D. Haley of the Law and Order society broke up a hearing in disorder here. There was a rush for the door, but Prohibition Director Boyce "bucked the line," in football style and slammed the door before any could escape.

While the officers were preparing to search the crowd, the missing bottle, which had been produced in evidence against four men, charged with being bootleggers, was found on the opposite side of the room, where the purloiner had placed it when he found he would not be able to get away with it.

SKATING IS NOW IN ORDER

"BIG DUTCH" IS SCENE OF FLYING SKATES THESE DAYS.

Snow Has Made Ice A Little Rough, But Pond Will Be Flooded To Make Smooth Ice.

The first skating of the season has been reported on the municipal pond, or "Big Dutch," as it has been called for many years. Although the snow has made the ice somewhat rough, it is the expectation that, if the freezing weather continues, the pond will be flooded late this evening so as to be smooth for the remainder of the week.

For those who have never had the joy of skating on "Dutch," and desire to do so, they may find the pond by going west on Adams to Cedar, north on Cedar three blocks, to Palmer; west one-half block, and north one-half block.

CONFERENCE BROKEN OFF

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The peace conference of Lloyd George and Pader O'Hanigan, acting with the president of the Sinn Fein, is broken off. Negotiations are not altogether ended, says the Daily Mail, but O'Hanigan will not be a party to further exchanges.

