

GASOLINE IS FAVORED AS FAIR GOAT

Financing May Be Done By Increasing Present Tax.

FIVE BILLS ARE IN HOUSE ON MERITS

Kubli Bill has Been Amended and Some Predict Its Passage in Both Houses.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—An amended bill incorporating an increased gasoline tax with the general provisions of the Kubli bill is being considered today by the leaders planning to finance the exposition. The senate and house leaders asserted that the gasoline tax measure is the most feasible and predicted its passage.

Five bills on the financing of the exposition are before the house today on their merits. Seven emergency bills have been referred back to the legislature as worthy of consideration, among them being the bill to enable Multnomah county to pay the present salaries to deputy sheriffs and the Norblad bill appropriating funds for the continued transportation of 20,000 school children from outlying areas into school districts. Three bills have been reported unfavorably, including Smith's bill providing that all millage tax bills be suspended.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—After a brisk debate the house this noon by an overwhelming majority, laid on the table the motion by Bennett of Coos to postpone indefinitely the direct property tax bill, and as result this measure along with the gasoline and income tax bills will be considered by the house this afternoon.

The vote indicated that the house is practically a unit for the Oregon 1925 exposition, the only question being as to the best method for financing. The senate passed over the veto of the governor the Moser bill of the last regular session providing for the regulation of motor bus lines by the public service commission.

Senator Eddy has obtained a promise from the exposition leaders to put into the gasoline tax bill a provision that out of three million raised, 10 per cent shall go to the counties according to their proportion of the sales of gasoline for preparing county exhibits at the exposition.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—Two bills relating to irrigation measures vetoed by the governor following the last session of the legislature were passed by the house today. Senate bill no. 275, introduced by Senator Upton, allows irrigation districts to make a cash bond or security bond. Under the present entry law entry cannot be made until condemnation proceedings have been instituted and a court judgment reached reimbursing the land owners.

The new law provides payment for land to be taken out of cash or security bond after condemnation proceedings, but will allow districts to develop projects without waiting until litigation is settled.

Under provisions of house bill 117, introduced by Representative Iowd to change the date of Overturf, directors of irrigation districts are allowed to change the date of their annual meeting from January to October. The bill also provides that interest charges arising from delinquent irrigation taxes shall be returned to the irrigation districts instead of the general fund of the county.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The senate sustained the veto of the governor on house bill 319 of the regular session, introduced by the Union and Walla Walla county delegations to create a circuit judgeship for Walla Walla county. There was no opposition, Senator Colon R. Eberhard explaining that it was not emergency legislation.

Delinquent Taxes Are Being Collected Rapidly

The delinquent tax collections are in proportion to the amount of taxes being collected on practically the same ratio as last year. At present about \$55,000 is yet to be collected against \$200,000 for last year, but on the other hand the taxes amounted to \$688,000 this year to only \$580,000 for last year. Since the middle of October, when the taxes became delinquent, about \$42,000 has been collected and the taxpayers are still coming through.

REPARATIONS QUESTION IS TALKED OVER

Little Progress Reported from Meeting of Premiers Being Held in London.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Not much progress has been made thus far, it was learned Tuesday night, in the conversations between Premiers Briand of France and Lloyd George of Great Britain on German reparations and kindred questions.

Talking to the Associated Press Tuesday night, Mr. Briand said he was unable to give any details of the conversations, which ranged over a wide field, including reparations and the intentions of France should Germany fail to meet her financial obligations due January 15. He emphasized that his conversations with Mr. Lloyd George did not constitute a conference, which could be called only after an accord had been reached in an exchange of views.

M. Briand complained somewhat bitterly of what he termed the suspicion with which certain quarters had judged France's defensive naval measures.

ARTIST COMES INTO HIS OWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Benjamin West, obscure pioneer in American art, though he later became painter to the King of England, at last has come into his own in his native land.

For the first time in the century and more since he was laid to rest in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, alongside Barry, Reynolds and Van Dyke, a comprehensive public exhibit of West's work is being held in Philadelphia near the place of his birth, by the Philadelphia Art Alliance.

The exhibit comprises twenty-eight selections, paintings and drawings and, according to Albert Rosenthal secretary of the committee in charge, presents a full view of West's power and versatility.

"From painting portraits in Philadelphia for a mere subsistence, to become painter to the King of England, standing with Reynolds and Lawrence in his profession, one of the founders of the Royal Academy and its second president, succeeding Reynolds, seems a bit of romance rather than a statement of fact," Mr. Rosenthal said. "But such are the facts."

West was born in the Quaker community of Springfield, now Swarthmore, Pa., October 10, 1738.

He began his career as an artist at seven, with a pencil drawing of his sister's baby, inspired when he saw the infant smile in its sleep. At eighteen he set up in Philadelphia as a portrait painter, moving on two years later to New York and again, two years later, to Italy, where he worked for three years.

Next he invaded London, with a series of historic and religious paintings appearing as one of the leaders of the revolt against the current imitation of classic art. King George III quickly became interested in West and took him under his special patronage, appointing him in 1772 historic painter to the King.

He was one of the four artists who presented to King George the plan for a Royal Academy, was one of its founders and, at the death of Sir Joshua Reynolds, became its second president.

Five Receive Their Naturalization Papers

Five men were given their citizenship papers last week. They are David Eric Johansen and Peter Henry Holmberg, natives of Sweden; Elias Adaskin and Alfred Johannes Andersen Brodskift, natives of Norway; and Carl Johanson, native of Finland.

"MOONSHINE" HORSE SOLD. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 20.—"Moonshine," a horse that had cost the government \$672, was sold at auction Saturday for \$25. The old gray mare which was seized by prohibition agents 15 months ago in a raid at Mattapoisett, had piled up the \$672 board bill since.

Women Who Stopped Work in Kansas Coal Mines



Women carrying babes in their arms, were common among the 6000 soldiers of the feminine army that took up the cause of their striking husbands and fathers in the mine fields, near Pittsburgh, Kansas.

VETERANS AIDED BY FIRST BILL

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The first bill passed by the senate was a measure providing that money received under the bonus act shall not be applied to payments on debts contracted before the receipt of the bonus.

The senate yesterday sustained the governor's veto of six measures passed at the last regular session. Hot words were exchanged at the hearing last night of the house roads committee between Arthur Spencer, Union Pacific attorney, and John F. Logan, representing the motor bus association, over provisions which Spencer said would make impossible the granting of exclusive franchises to the bus lines.

Anti-Bloc Measure Introduced Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A bill prohibiting the formation of a "bloc" in congress, based upon particular pursuits or geographical locations for the purpose of "in any way affecting legislation" was introduced today by Representative Ansoorge, Republican New York.

Sensors and representatives would be subjected to a fine of \$5,000 if it was proved that they belonged to a "bloc."

ANCIENT ARROWHEAD

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 21.—An arrowhead shot into a huge fir tree near here many years ago was recently discovered in a log cut by a local lumber company. The rings above the arrowhead were counted and they showed 175 years of growth.

The arrowhead was of blue flint and well formed. Historians here believe it was made by a member of the Chinook or Chehalis tribes, who occupied this section at the time it is thought the arrow was sent into the tree?

TALLEST PALM

VISALIA, Calif., Dec. 21.—Old Faithful, said to have been the tallest Spanish palm in California, has been felled. The palm was planted in the Tulare county court house park here 14 years ago and grew to a height of 81 feet. Woodpecker perforated its trunk and it was considered dangerous.

CONSOLIDATION BEGINS.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 21.—Governor General Wood has announced that he already has begun work on plans to consolidate certain government activities on an economical basis, in order to obtain sufficient funds for the care of lepers and the insane, and for education, public works and public welfare work in general.

"This does not mean, however," said the Governor-general, "that the services of certain officials or employees will have to be dispensed with in the government. We want all the officials we need, but we do not want the unnecessary ones."

Self-Execution Is Asked of Farmers in Legislative Bodies

Useless Special Session is Marked by Absence of Usual Enthusiasm as Thought of More Taxes for Portland's Tinsel Show Looms.

SALEM, Oreg., Dec. 19th.—The entirely useless extra session of the Oregon Legislature was called to order by the presiding officers in each house this morning at 11:30. The senate and the house jointly met to listen to Governor Olcott read his message, the principal features of which have been so thoroughly discussed in the press that they need no mention here. When the governor entered the hall, a slight ripple of applause was heard, but there was no vigorous appreciative sentiment on the part of any member, due probably to the fact that everyone was thinking of home and Christmas. Merchants had been called away from the very heart of their holiday trade, attorneys had been called to sit in a useless session of the legislature at a time when the year's work was gradually being rounded up; farmers had been called, and you might say, appointed as self-executioners for they had been asked to come to vote a further property tax on their possessions which already have shrunk in value to an extent which is positively alarming. Even the small number of employees, and it must be admitted that this session is running with very few, failed to acclaim the greatness of the governor as he marched to the speaker's desk and in his genteel manner, delivered to the people of Oregon what will go down in history as the most useless document ever issued from the executive office.

Hardly had the governor got fairly started upon his message when the whispered conversation throughout the representative hall told the story of 56 "outlaws" in the house having signed their names to a Round Robin pledging to fight to the last ditch to prevent the Portland aggregation from further mortgaging the real estate of Oregon in order to hold a tinsel show. The governor dealt with the 1921 Exposition at length, and then he drifted into the road question, claiming that it was necessary to call the legislature in extraordinary session in order that sufficient law might be passed to regulate trucks which had already done hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damage to our forty million dollar highway system. Had one not zone through the last session and been familiar with the legislation that was passed, had one not attended committee meeting after committee meeting of the roads and highways, waded through data from other states in order to finally write on the statutes of Oregon restrictive measures on trucks and heavy loads on pavements, the governor's message relative to the highway situation might have carried some weight, but to those familiar with these things, his message showed some remarkable ignorance or intense hypocrisy. It is well known to every high school student that the governor is the executive head

TWENTY-SEVEN WANT TO BE TEACHERS NOW

At the teachers' examinations held today by Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, twenty-seven applicants arrived to take the exams. The majority of the applicants are striving for one-year certificates, while the rest are endeavoring to secure five-year certificates and life certificates.

This examination is not disturbing the regular routine of the city schools although several of the county schools are closed until it is done with. Every part of the county is represented.

NEGRO ROBBER BOUND OVER

Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock the police station received news of a robbery at Lott's Rooming house. A gold watch had been taken and several minor articles. A few minutes later, Tasi Davis, a Negro, was arrested and the evidence was found on his person. He has been bound over to the grand jury.

SUGAR REFINERS ASK FOR MORE PROTECTION

Tariff Wanted on Cuban Sugar to Save the Industry from Destruction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—American beet and Porto Rican cane sugar interests asked the senate finance committee Tuesday for a duty of 2 cents a pound on Cuban raw sugar, while Louisiana cane producers and manufacturers urged that the duty be made 2.5 cents a pound. The rate proposed in the Fordney bill is 1.5 cents a pound, an increase of six-tenths of 1 cent over the Underwood law duty, and the same rate in force under the emergency tariff act.

Spokesmen for the American beet and cane interests, in concluding presentation of their case, declared that their industries were threatened with destruction if the present duty were continued, his would leave the American field open to the Cuban cane industry, they said, adding that events last year, when raw sugar went to 22½ cents a pound, indicated what would happen to American consumers under such a condition.

Jap Chandler Passed Away at His Home in Elgin Tuesday

ELGIN, Dec. 21.—All Elgin and the surrounding community feels a deep sympathy for the family of Jap Chandler. Mr. Chandler died early Tuesday morning from a paralytic stroke. He had been a sufferer from the disease for several months but was only confined to his bed for about the past two weeks. He had long been a resident of Elgin and was a friend to everyone. Very few indeed are the people who will not feel a distinct personal loss in the death of Mr. Chandler. He was, for a number of years, associated with his brother, Warren Chandler, of La Grande, in buying and shipping livestock.

MANY GRADS ARE TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Elgin, December 20.—Two hundred and seventy-seven teachers in the high schools of the state are graduates of the University of Oregon, according to information contained in the directory issued by the office of the state superintendent.

That pedagogy has a diminishing appeal for masculine graduate is indicated by the fact that only 66, or less than a fourth of the total number, are men. These are engaged in administrative school work as principals and superintendents. The highest annual salary received is \$4550. The next highest is \$4100. Six receive \$3000 or more, while 24 receive from \$2000 to \$2750. Few men graduates of the University are teaching in the high schools for less than \$1800 a year.

The salaries of the women range lower—from \$125 a month to \$2100 a year, with a considerable number at the latter figure. The highest paid woman among the University teaching graduates is a principal of a Western Oregon high school who is receiving \$2500 a year.

PITCHER'S DAUGHTER DIES

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 21.—Elliott, 3-year-old daughter of Walter Johnson, pitcher of the Washington American league baseball team, died at the family home here Sunday.

Wrecks, Storms and Old Santa Mixed Up in Plot

At this season of the year Santa Claus holds sway and makes his influence show in many ways. Like many other estimable gentlemen he sometimes travels in poor society. Today he has been discovered in a plot in which the other influences with which he is cooperating are the winter storms and a railroad wreck. The ultimate aim of the three is to disrupt train service and to some extent success has been met with but the railroad operating officials have succeeded in preventing a delay of more than several hours in La Grande.

A freight wreck near The Dalles last night, in which several cars were wrecked, but no one was injured, delayed the arrival of No. 21 today and storms resulted in minor delays with the heavy express and mails due to the holiday rush resulted in other minor delays to both eastbound and westbound trains. The second division of the O. W. has succeeded in keeping the regular running time over the mountains although a mild storm has been raging.

HOPE FOR AN EARLY CLOSE IS GONE NOW

British Delegation to Arms Conference Cancel Reservations.

INTERPRETATION OF TREATY IS VARIED

Parleys over Shantung have Been Brought to a Close and Settlement Rests with Tokio.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The British delegation today cancelled reservations on a steamer leaving December 31, satisfied that there is little chance of finishing the arms conference before the middle of January.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A difference in view as to the application of the new four-power Pacific treaty has arisen between President Harding and the American arms delegates, but the president announced in a statement Tuesday night that it would not be permitted to embarrass the work of the conference.

In the president's personal opinion as outlined Tuesday to newspaper men, the principal island of the Japanese empire are not to be regarded as included among insular territories to which the treaty applies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Settlement of the Shantung controversy now rests with Tokio.

Conversations between the Japanese and Chinese delegates, which have been proceeding for three weeks outside the conference, under the "good offices" of Arthur J. Balfour of Great Britain and Mr. Hughes, late Treasury came to a sudden halt with both delegations far apart over the payment for and administration of the Tsingtao-Tsinanfu railway, the heart of the dispute.

After a session lasting more than three hours and a half, the Japanese delegates announced they could go no further without instructions from Tokio. The meeting then adjourned "sine die" without agreeing on the major issues.

"We got to the point where we could not proceed," said Dr. Koo of the Chinese delegation.

BULLETINS

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Opposition to referring the Anglo-Irish treaty to the Irish electorate was voiced by George Gavan Duffy today. He is one of the treaty negotiators who argued before the Dail Eireann for ratification today.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Cattle were steady today on the local market and hogs up from 10 to 25 cents higher. Prime lights were \$8.50 to \$8.75. Sheep were 25 cents lower, best value ylambs being \$8.25 to \$8.75. Eggs were firm and butter steady.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The anti-trust suit begun by the government against the American Sugar Refining company in 1910 is to be disposed of by a decree approved by Attorney General Daugherty, who announced that the company is no longer a monopoly.

Weather

Tonight and Thursday rain or snow.