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COMPROMISE BONUS BILL AGREED UPON

Republicans on House Committee Have Settled Terms

WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE TODAY

Certificate Plan Stands As Originally Agreed Upon; Four Options Carried In Plan.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—The final agreement on the compromise bonus bill was reached today by the house ways and means committee. Republican members, who authorized Chairman Fordney to present the measure to the house before adjournment today.

As finally drawn the bill carried four options with an added provision for the immediate cash payment to those ex-service men entitled to not over \$50 dollars of adjusted pay. There were no changes in the certificate bank loan plan. The other three are vocational training, home and farm loans and land settlement. Chairman Fordney predicted that the house would pass the measure.

GOVERNMENT IS REORGANIZED

(By Associated Press)
MANILA, P. I., Mar. 7.—General reorganization of the insular government by the amalgamation of some of the existing bureaus and offices and the creation of a few new ones; and the creation of an appropriations commission which would look after government finances and compile data for annual appropriations, are recommended in the report of the finance commission which has been at work on the subject for a year. The report of the commission has been submitted to the legislature and is accompanied by the draft of a bill which would make possible the carrying out of the recommendations.

Under the reorganization the number of bureaus in the government would be reduced from thirty-four to twenty-four and the number of employees would also be largely reduced.

Kept Wedding Secret Nearly Half a Year

BAKER, Mar. 7.—The marriage of Miss Hattie Shephard and Jack Olson, both of Baker, which took place at Weiser, Idaho, in October of last year, was kept secret until today when it was announced to their friends here. Miss Florence Bishop of Baker and Miss Margaret O'Dair of Weiser were witnesses to the ceremony. Mrs. Olson is a popular Baker girl and was elected Baker queen at the Labor day celebration held last year in La Grande. Mr. Olson is an employee of the Baker White Pine Lumber company.

Ad Club Directors Are Nominated for the Year

At the noon luncheon of the Ad club today the board of directors for the coming year was nominated by the nominating committee. The directors will each act as chairman of one of the standing committees of the club and in selecting their names the nominating committee had in mind the particular committee that each man could best direct and their election will also automatically elect them to the chairmanship of the committees for which they have been chosen.

The nominating committee was composed of Bruce Cox, C. C. Pennington, E. E. Hagg, William Miller and Robert Eakin. Their selections follow:
Auto Tourist Committee, chairman, Paul Blair; Better Business Bureau, chairman, H. E. Dixon; Ad Club, chairman, W. H. Hagg; County Welfare, chairman, C. J. Blair; Social Welfare, chairman, E. E. Hagg.

Steinmetz Creates Lightning



Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, examines a fragment of a tree struck by lightning created by him. That, by means of a lightning generator which stores up electric energy just as a thunder cloud does.

BOYS SLAIN IN RIOTING IN BELFAST

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Mar. 7.—Rioting in Hanover street this afternoon resulted in firing into a crowd by the military, killing two boys and wounding another. The lord mayor announced that martial law was inevitable.

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Mar. 7.—Gunmen are active today despite efforts of the police and soldiers. A man was shot dead in Perry Hill and a news dealer had part of his right arm shot off.

(By Associated Press)
LIMERICK, Mar. 7.—Tension has been caused here by the presence of three distinct forces. They are British troops, who have not yet evacuated; Free State Republicans and members of the Irish Republican Army. The latter invaded Limerick Sunday and commandeered hotels. Today they are occupying the technical school.

Spuds, Buttermilk and Vegetables to Make a Man Fight

(By Associated Press)
BOSTON, March 7.—Too much buttermilk and Irish stew, with a preponderance of vegetables over meat, is responsible for the fighting Irish nature, according to Dr. Martin Edwards, who spoke before the Boston university school of theology Thursday on diets. Doctor Edwards said for many years the peasants of Ireland had lived largely on vegetables, potatoes and buttermilk, while most of the meat and eggs produced were sent to England. He declared that the British diet, heavy with proteins, was responsible for the English characteristics.

BANDIT USED AMMONIA GUN IN HOLD-UP

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Mar. 7.—Dressed as a woman, armed with a water pistol loaded with ammonia, a bandit fired at Charles Lazaro, a bank messenger, carrying \$15,000, as he alighted from a street car in the business district. Lazaro, although blinded, held to his satchel and grappled with the bandit. A policeman, seeing the struggle, rescued Lazaro and arrested the bandit, who gave his name as Joseph Lindsay.

SUMMERVILLE GIRL DIES

Miss Birda Luena Slack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Slack, of Summerville, passed away at her parents' home on Friday, after a short illness. She was born March 30, 1882, and is survived by three brothers and three sisters and was well known and well liked in her home town. The funeral took place yesterday, the body being interred in the Summerville cemetery.

PORTIONS OF "CONFESSION" MADE PUBLIC

Hand-Written Letter Presumably from Taylor's Slayer May Exonerate Sands.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 7.—A brief part of the 10-page handwritten confession to the murder here February 1, of William Desmond Taylor, film director, mailed to the Los Angeles police department from Atlantic City, N. J., February 27, and received in this city March 4, was made public by Capt. of Detectives David L. Adams.

Paragraphs Made Public.
The part made public read:
"We South Americans always take care of our women. We are hot headed and see that swift justice is meted out to those who wrong us."

"I killed the d— and even this is a mild description of the man who, hiding behind a polished manner, won the regard of many women, only to cast them aside when tired of them, for a new plaything."

The confession, according to Captain Adams, was signed by the name of a man who occupied a prominent place in the motion picture industry and whose wife was a native of South America. It was said the man had left Los Angeles about the time of the murder and that he had previously been considered by the police in connection with the crime.

This is the only part of the document which has been made public and the only part to be read by persons other than officials, Captain Adams stated. He stated a newspaper had been permitted to photograph the section quoted, for the purpose of making comparisons of handwriting.

Detectives were busy Monday checking statements contained in the "confession" from Atlantic City and in another letter received by the police shortly after the slaying.

The previous letter, it was said, and the confession contained identical statements as to persons, times and places and the former was considered from the viewpoint of its apparent correlation to the latter.

An examination by experts of the Atlantic City communication, which was written upon the stationery of a well known hotel in that city, proved it was not written by Edward P. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, it was stated.

This confirmed a previously announced view of the detectives, as Sands so far as known, is not married, while the confession, it was said, stated it was made by a husband whose wife had first engaged in an "affair" with Taylor; only to be "scooped" by him later.

Captain Adams said that when he

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How Can Court House Be Purchased Is The Main Question That Arises

PREMIER EXPECTED TO REMAIN

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Mar. 7.—Lloyd George has deferred his resignation without any pledge as to future action regarding the premiership, according to the most reliable information. It is commonly accepted that he will retain the leadership until the Irish legislature is completed and possibly until the Genoa conference, which he desires to attend.

LIGHT OFFICES ARE RENOVATED

The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company offices on Washington avenue are undergoing a complete renovation this week. The interior is being overhauled and brightened up with a new coat of paint.

The front office has been arranged in a more efficient manner and the workmen are installing private offices for J. B. Brokaw, division manager, and Gene Walker. New furniture and new fixtures are being installed in all the offices. A new furnace is being put in also.

It is expected that the work will be completed within a week's time and the efficiency of the office will be improved to a large extent, as well as the general appearance.

Lostine to Meet Union Champions In Debate

WALLOWA, March 7.—Despite the loss of one point, forfeited by Lostine high school debaters by agreement because of charges that a Lostine debater was aided in a debate with Wallowa, the Lostine trio will represent Wallowa county in the district title debate, meeting the union county champions March 10. The Lostine team stood one point above Wallowa, final standings being Lostine 13, Wallowa 12, Enterprise 8, Joseph 2. Lostine defeated Enterprise 4 to 2, and Wallowa won a 5 to 1 victory over Joseph in the county finals.

APPEAL IS GRANTED TO ATTORNEY

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Mar. 7.—The appeal of Jess Crum, of Elgin, from the decision of the board of bar examiners which withheld his right to practice law after he had passed the bar examination, was granted today in the supreme court in an opinion handed down by Justice Brown. The basis for the board's action toward Crum had based on charges preferred by another Union county attorney, named Denham.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. STULTZ

Had Lived Here Forty Years, Coming Here from Illinois To Make Her Home.

Mrs. Laura Stultz passed on at her residence at 1620 Sixth street on Sunday morning at seven thirty o'clock at the termination of a very brief illness.

The deceased came to the Grande Ronde valley about forty years ago from the place of her birth in Illinois and is well known in La Grande.

She is survived by four sons: Louis, Clarence and Earl, all of Portland, and Clyde, of Jordan Valley, who arrived this morning to attend the funeral; one daughter, Mrs. Thos. Robbs, of La Grande; one sister, Mrs. W. H. Abbot, of La Grande; two brothers, one living in Kansas City and one in California; and eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was fifty-eight years two months and fifteen days old.

The funeral will be held at the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, the interment taking place in the Masonic cemetery.

The remains lie in state in the undertaking parlors of Snodgrass and Zimmerman from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Wednesday.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
KANSAS CITY, Mar. 7.—Four men were killed and nine injured when a compressed air tank at the Kansas Railway company's barn exploded today, tearing out a brick wall and demolishing many cars.

(By Associated Press)
AUGUSTA, Ga., Mar. 7.—Six were killed and scores injured in a tornado today which swept Warrenville, S. C., and Stiletton, S. C. Heavy damage is also reported at Langley, S. C.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Advocating ratification of the four-power Pacific treaty without qualification, Senator Kellogg of Minnesota told the senate today that the pact was so free from entangling commitments as to make reservations sources of embarrassment rather than advantages.

Matter Is Presented from Standpoint of Both City and County Before Ad Club This Noon; Several Solutions Suggested by Members; Numerous Speakers.

While the Ad Club at today's luncheon passed a resolution stating that the county court had failed to exercise an option to purchase the court house from the city and that the city commissioners, as agents for the city, had expressed a desire to have the city receive what money the city actually has in the building, and that it be the will of the Ad Club that the county should buy the court house and the city should sell the court house at a price of \$30,000, which was the price of the option that expired in February, the great question that presented itself at the meeting was how can the county at the present time buy the building at all.

Judge Crawford raised the law point that Union county cannot contract a court house debt, for it will go above the six per cent limitation and therefore would be unconstitutional.

W. D. Grandy, in defining his position on the question, stated that he has no desire to let the matter hang fire, that while he is city commissioner he is also a heavy county taxpayer. But he contended that at every meeting with the county court nothing was mentioned but the price of \$30,000, which the court said it would give, and no more, and that the county admittedly was in no condition to buy, which put the matter in an impossible position. "For," said Mr. Grandy, "I have always found that no matter how badly I wanted anything, and no matter how much of a bargain it was offered at, I could not buy unless it was fixed to buy." Mr. Grandy objected to what he termed as imputed criticism of the city commission because the commission had suggested that the price should be \$37,500 the book value of the building, claiming that as a city official it was his duty not to endorse a financial loss if it could be avoided.

Judge Couch Makes Statement.

County Judge Couch outlined the county's position but objected to the alleged present value of the building, which had been stated at nearly twice the \$30,000 offered. The judge did not think the building is worth anything like that amount of money as the market today; although he did think it was worth \$30,000 and was willing to deal on that basis, provided a legal way could be found to do so.

Walter M. Pierce talked on the danger of a county seat war and told of the scars he still carries from the last one. Judge Knowles advocated the county retaining the present court house, upholding the present site as the ideal location.

Sherwood Williams, the new city commissioner, took the stand that harmony was most essential but it took something more than that to buy anything if it is a question of buying. G. L. Larson suggested a holding company be formed which would purchase the building and in the course of an allotted time turn it over to the county.

David I. Stoddard, another city commissioner, spoke on the question outlining the city's position and stated the commission is ready to make a deal with the county if the way can be found to do so, at the time contending that the price of the building should be what the city actually has invested in it.

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Legion May Organize a County Council Here

At a meeting of the executive committee of La Grande American Legion Post No. 41 held last night many important matters came up.

Plans were made to form a county council with headquarters in La Grande. Each post in the county will have five men as representatives at this council and much is expected from this body. The object of forming such a council is to promote a friendly and co-operative feeling among the various posts in the county and to work as a body on all important events.

On Monday evening at the regular Legion meeting, to be held in Eagle hall at eight o'clock, the matter of the council will be presented to the members.

Another important matter the local post is taking up is the sending of

questionnaires to all ex-service men containing queries on national compensation and data on similar movements. The object is to obtain information on the opinions of the ex-service men on these matters.

The local post calls the attention of the Legion members to the bulletin board that has been erected on the side of the L. & L. Drug Store. Information relative to the Legion work will be posted there from time to time.

