

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME XXVI

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA GRANDE, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1923.

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

NUMBER 80

PERCE BECOMES GOVERNOR

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES NAMED TODAY

Senator Bruce Dennis, of La Grande, Heads Auditing Committee

EDDY CHAIRMAN OF ALCOHOLIC BOARD

First Test of House Organization Will Be on Woodward Bill and Suffrage Bill.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The senate's brief session this morning received a report of the auditing committee, of which Bruce Dennis, of La Grande, was chairman.

President Upton announced the committee and Robertson, who engineered Upton's victory, received important assignments.

Eddy's only chairmanship was on the committee on alcoholic traffic.

Hall was again appointed chairman of the roads and highways committee and Smith, of Joseph, was named chairman of the ways and means committee.

Indications were that the first test of strength of the house organization would be on the Woodward bill for free text books for primary schools and the extending of suffrage to all voters at school elections.

Lady Brings First Bill (By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—Twenty bills were introduced in the house today.

Mrs. Simmons, Multnomah, being the first to introduce a bill. Two bills were introduced in the senate, the first by Strayer designating the east-west highway through Oregon as the Old Oregon Trail. The bill provides that the name Columbia River highway would not be eliminated.

PIERCE MAKES FORMAL SPEECH LAST EVENING

SALEM, Jan. 9.—Emphasis upon the need of economy in the administration of the state's public affairs, and suggested changes in the state's tax laws, to be made with the understanding that any new taxes should be created solely as a means of redistributing and equalizing the present burden of taxation, and not as an excuse for increasing that burden by new and additional expenditures of state money, feature the inaugural message of Gov. Walter M. Pierce to the Thirty-second legislative assembly delivered today.

Governor Pierce advised that the legislature "should provide means of lifting at least one-half of the present state tax from farms and homes by enacting an income tax modeled after the federal income tax law. He recommended that no further appropriations be made for tourist associations, for the state buildings, for the World War Veterans' State Aid commission.

He recommended consolidation of state departments in the interest of economy, and declared his opposition to any salary increases.

"Deep concern" over the state highway program was expressed in the message, especially over the extent of the state's highway bond issues, and recommendation is made that a solid highway commission be provided for, so that the members could devote their entire time to the work. The governor recommended that the old quarter mill road tax be retained.

(Continued on Page Five.)

Snowslide at Cornucopia Buries House; Three Dead

BAKED, Jan. 9.—A snowslide at Cornucopia at 8 o'clock Sunday evening covered the bungalow of Harry Fisher in Mayflower gulch, killing Mrs. Fisher and two children, a boy 7, and a girl 9 years of age, who were asleep in bed. Fisher was thrown against a hot stove but while he is seriously hurt, he may live.

A fire truck on duty at the time of the slide, standing at the intersection of the main highway and the gulch, was reported from that section, one wrecking the tramway of the Queen of the West mine which will close down until summer. Two men were in a bucket at the time but were not seriously injured. Eight men are manning at the mine until they can get out a snowslide.

WATERS ARE RECEDING IN WEST OREGON

Flood Conditions Are Much Better Today; Highway Between Corvallis and Eugene Still Closed.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Flood conditions in the Willamette and Hood River valleys are reported much improved today with the waters receding. Railroads, corporations and highway bodies are repairing the damage. The Pacific Highway is still impassable between Corvallis and Eugene.

W. S. ALLISON PASSES AWAY

Prominent La Grande Business Man Dies After Relapse; Was Convalescing from Operation.

William S. Allison, one of La Grande's prominent business men, passed on last evening at 9:40 o'clock after suffering a relapse when convalescing from an operation for appendicitis which he underwent a few days ago. Friends were hopeful of his recovery from the operation and his death came as a sorrowful shock to his host of friends.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Bohlenkamp Chapel at 2:30 o'clock and his remains will be forwarded to Jefferson, Iowa, this evening where the interment will be held.

William S. Allison was born in Benton, Wisconsin, in 1866 and moved to Jefferson, Iowa, when but a child. Left an orphan when at the age of twelve he made Jefferson his home, until 1902 when he moved to the Grande Ronde valley. While in Iowa he was in the agricultural business until 1891 then going into the grocery and bakery business.

He was united in marriage to Fannie Bell Peters on February 29, 1888, and to this union was born one child, now Mrs. Donald Meyers of La Grande, who survives him. In the Grande Ronde valley he was manager of the La Grande Flouring Mills for four years and has since that time been actively engaged in retail grocery business.

Mr. Allison was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the B. P. O. E. and is survived by his widow and only daughter, and by Emma Allison, of Jefferson, Ia., who has been with him during his illness, by Jennie Wilcox of Grass Valley, George Allison of Portland and several nieces and nephews.

Fred H. Kiddle, who has been associated with him since boyhood, will accompany his remains to Portland.

FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE WOMAN FROM EXECUTION FAILS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters were executed today for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson, who was stabbed to death on a dark street October 4th, while on his way home with his wife.

Letters showed evidence of a love affair between the woman and Bywaters and told of attempts the woman had made to kill her husband.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters will pay the extreme penalty by hanging for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson. A dramatic last hour effort was made on Mrs. Thompson's behalf by her solicitor, Mr. Stern, who hurried by automobile Sunday night to the Shropshire country home of the secretary for home affairs, William C. Bridgeman, in an endeavor to obtain a stay of execution, but without avail.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters will pay the extreme penalty by hanging for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson. A dramatic last hour effort was made on Mrs. Thompson's behalf by her solicitor, Mr. Stern, who hurried by automobile Sunday night to the Shropshire country home of the secretary for home affairs, William C. Bridgeman, in an endeavor to obtain a stay of execution, but without avail.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters will pay the extreme penalty by hanging for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson. A dramatic last hour effort was made on Mrs. Thompson's behalf by her solicitor, Mr. Stern, who hurried by automobile Sunday night to the Shropshire country home of the secretary for home affairs, William C. Bridgeman, in an endeavor to obtain a stay of execution, but without avail.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters will pay the extreme penalty by hanging for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson. A dramatic last hour effort was made on Mrs. Thompson's behalf by her solicitor, Mr. Stern, who hurried by automobile Sunday night to the Shropshire country home of the secretary for home affairs, William C. Bridgeman, in an endeavor to obtain a stay of execution, but without avail.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters will pay the extreme penalty by hanging for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson. A dramatic last hour effort was made on Mrs. Thompson's behalf by her solicitor, Mr. Stern, who hurried by automobile Sunday night to the Shropshire country home of the secretary for home affairs, William C. Bridgeman, in an endeavor to obtain a stay of execution, but without avail.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters will pay the extreme penalty by hanging for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson. A dramatic last hour effort was made on Mrs. Thompson's behalf by her solicitor, Mr. Stern, who hurried by automobile Sunday night to the Shropshire country home of the secretary for home affairs, William C. Bridgeman, in an endeavor to obtain a stay of execution, but without avail.

FRENCH ARMY ADVANCING IN GERMANY

Troops Advance, Largely Equipped with Technical Equipment.

COMMISSION VOTE IS GERMANY IN DEFAULT

French Army Reaches Kettwig, Near Essen; Many Points Half Covered by French Troops.

(By Associated Press) ESSEN, Germany, Jan. 9.—The advance troops of the French army, largely with technical equipment, already have reached the neighboring town of Kettwig, and the section between Dusseldorf and Essen is half covered by French troops.

(By Associated Press) BRUSSELS, Jan. 9.—Premier Theunis announced to chamber deputies today that the Belgian government's determination to "stand beside France" in the occupation of the Ruhr district still stands.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 9.—The reparations commission today voted Germany in willful default of coal deliveries, voted three to one. Sir John Bradbury, British member, cast the negative vote.

ARTISTS WILL GET OVATION

The coming joint musical recital, featuring Emil Eyer, tenor, and Umberto Martini, pianist and accompanist, is producing much anticipation among the music-loving population of Union county. Scheduled to appear at the Star theater on Thursday evening, the two artists, standing near the top in their musical interpretation and execution, are sure to receive a great ovation.

The reserved seat tickets, which went on sale at the Eastern Oregon Music commission today, are going rapidly at \$1.00 and indications are that the theatre will be crowded Thursday evening. Very rarely do the people of La Grande get a chance to hear artists of their premier standing.

(Continued on page four)

OLCOTT BIDS STATE GOOD-BYE

Makes His Farewell Speech Last Evening Preliminary to Inaugural Address of Governor Pierce.

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Bidding affectionate farewell to the public service of the state of Oregon with which he has been connected for twelve years, Ben W. Olcott, retiring governor, today addressed a message to the state legislators in which he offered a few suggestions.

He stressed the importance of giving attention to the soldiers' loan act, declaring that the law "should be revised or supplemented whereby the purposes of the legislation and the interests of both beneficiaries and the state may be fully protected by adequately safeguarding the stupendous sums involved."

The legislature is urged by the retiring governor to do nothing to decrease the efficiency of the state institutions, which he said are managed on a business basis, and should continue with necessary funds for the administration.

Mr. Olcott suggested that pioneers should be honored by designating the great road they followed through the state as the Oregon Trail.

He advised legislation against the illegal use of narcotics should be made drastic and effective and that third offenders should receive penitentiary sentences. He also proposed that a constitutional amendment should be submitted to the people providing that special sessions of the legislature be confined to the subject matter contained in the legislative call.

The message in full follows: To the Members of the Oregon Legislature: For twelve years I have been connected with public life in Oregon. I now lay down those years without qualms or regrets. To be granted serious and great responsibilities by your fellow men is a high honor, as well as a sacred trust. I would be conscious of my duty and cherish to my conscience if I failed in my warm regards to those who have given me the privilege of service to my utmost capacity, to make those treasured memories. To those who have given me their confidence, to those I have endeavored to serve to my utmost capacity, to the people of this magnificent state, I can offer nothing but the expressions of a grateful heart for the long years during which I have had intimate association with their public affairs.

I sincerely trust that you will give most careful thought and attention to the soldiers' loan act. The successful administration of the duties imposed by this law has been a matter of great concern to the commission delegated to carry out its provisions.

(Continued on page four)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

(Continued on page eight)

LAW IS BAR TO SETTLING OF QUESTION

The Preliminary Negotiations With British Debt Commission Today.

WHITE HOUSE PLAN UNDERSTOOD GIVEN

The American Commissioners Would Recommend Tentative Plans and Then Seek Congress' Approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission has convinced the administration that no settlement of the debt question can be made under the law as it now exists. President Harding is convinced, it was stated at the White House, that American commissioners must recommend tentative plans for settlement with each European nation that is a debtor without regard for the present law and these plans must be presented to congress for approval.

FARM HAND TO GOVERNOR IS PIERCE'S RISE

Oregon's Seventeenth Governor Makes Humble Beginning; Climb to Heights Has Been Rapid.

WALTER M. PIERCE

Walter M. Pierce, who takes office as the seventeenth governor of the state of Oregon today, was born on a young man in 1855, and his first work in the state was as a farm hand. In the intervening 40 years, however, he has been engaged in many activities, school teacher, lawyer, county clerk of Umatilla county, state senator and farmer.

He was born on a farm in Illinois in 1851, his parents being substantial citizens of their community. Settling in Umatilla county, Oregon, in 1882, young Pierce started to work on a farm, and to increase his income in a small way, he taught school. Later, in 1886, he was elected superintendent of schools of Umatilla county, and was re-elected in 1888. In 1890 he was elected county clerk of Umatilla county and was re-elected in 1892.

He became state senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, in 1902. In 1908 he was elected state senator for Union and Walla Walla counties.

Pierce had been admitted to the bar in Oregon in 1895, and in 1896 to complete his legal education he took a course in the Northwestern university law school at Chicago.

Before his high position of the Taxpayers' League of Oregon began its organization, and has been a regular of Oregon Agricultural college since 1905.

For several years he has operated a farm in the Grande Ronde Valley in Eastern Oregon. In 1915 he was a candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket.

He was married in the early nineties to Miss Laura Hodge, a daughter of pioneer parents. They have six children, five daughters and one son.

SALEM, Jan. 9.—The supreme court decisions today included the case of the State versus Harris, appealed from Walla Walla county asking a reversal of the decision of Judge J. W. Knowles. The appeal was from conviction of the crime of having intoxicating liquor in possession, carrying a sentence of six months imprisonment and a fine of \$500.

Errors assigned as to the refusal of the lower court to grant certain instructions to the jury were overruled and the jury was held properly instructed. The judgment of Judge Knowles was affirmed, the opinion being given by Justice Rand.

THE WEATHER PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Tonight and Wednesday, rain. Fresh southeasterly gales.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Wheat is \$1.20 to \$1.45.

GRAND JURY SESSION LONG The grand jury, which convened on January 5th, and has been in session since then, completed their work and it is understood that they will make their report to the authorities this afternoon. They are spending the afternoon inspecting conditions in the courthouse.

McNARY INTRODUCES BILL (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—McNary introduced a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the reconstruction of Astoria's sewer and water system and for public improvements destroyed by fire.

W. G. Sawyer Elected to Bank Board of Directors The stockholders of the United National bank met this morning and W. G. Sawyer, a prominent La Grande business man, was elected to the board of directors. The remaining directors are J. C. Bennington, J. H. E. Coslidge, H. S. Brownston, A. R. Hunter, and J. G. Snodgrass. The stockholders of the United States National bank are meeting this afternoon at three o'clock for the purpose of electing directors for the coming year.

GOVERNMENT OF OREGON NOW FORMED

Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, Inaugurated As Governor.

UPTON BECOMES THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Pierce's Inaugural Address Follows Olcott's Farewell Speech; Inauguration Last Night.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 9.—The government of Oregon today, formally headed by Walter M. Pierce, who was inaugurated last night after the senate had organized by electing Jay H. Upton president, became completed. Upton received sixteen votes, Eddy thirteen. Eddy cast a complimentary vote for Mrs. Kinney, Astoria, the only woman senator.

Pierce delivered his inaugural address following the farewell address of Olcott.