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COMPROMISE ON MALHEUR ACT SOUGHT

Special Committee Favors Compromise With the Federal Government.

STATE COULD FINISH IRRIGATION PLANS

Government Would Have Right to Use Portion of Malheur Lake Lands for Bird Reserve.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 24.—A compromise of the dispute between the Federal government and the state over the Malheur lake lands, and a modification of the 1921 legislative act affirming that the states had a right to bid on all lakes in the state which had special reference to the Malheur lands, are recommended in a report by a special committee given out today to be considered Friday by the state land board. The rights of squatters within the meander lines were recognized in the report of the committee which was composed of L. A. Liljequist, of the attorney general's staff, Secretary McAllister, state desert land board, and State Engineer Capper. Under the compromise the state could proceed with the irrigation plans and the government would be ceded part of the Malheur lake for a bird reserve.

CONSOLIDATION APPROVED

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 24.—The majority senate committee approved the bill consolidation bill. Johnson, the author of the bill, with Carlin, of another consolidation bill, will file the minority report. The bill has been slightly amended while in the hands of the committee.

Solons Visit Corvallis

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 24.—The senate committee will report favorably on the sterilization bill. The members of both houses visited Corvallis today.

FAST GAMES ON TONIGHT

Beginning at 8 o'clock, a basketball game will be played at the Y gym this evening with Imbler vs. the M. I. A. participating in the second series of the official La Grande Amateur Basketball League contests. Imbler has not appeared officially as yet, the only games having been played that have a balance on the schedule being the two between the Clerks and Union and the M. I. A. and Albia.

Idaho Boy, Sixteen, Is Charged With Killing of His Father on Train

(By Associated Press) BOCATILLA, Idaho, Jan. 21.—A charge of murder in the first degree has been filed in district court by County Attorney R. J. Hogan against Floyd Sandusky, 16, who is being held in the Bannock county jail for the slaying of his father, Charles Sandusky, which occurred on east-bound train No. 4 near McCammon last Thursday evening.

At an inquest conducted by County Attorney Hogan and County Coroner Arthur W. Hall, the verdict returned was that Charles Sandusky came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by Floyd Sandusky, who is also known as Floyd Harris.

High School Invited to Typewriter Contests

COBVALUIS, Jan. 24.—The Oregon Agricultural college has invited the La Grande high school to send its best students in typing to compete in the special contest at the O. A. C. Business show, March 30 and 31. Contests will be held for the state typing championship among the high schools, and high schools all over the state are sending students to compete.

WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION MEETS TODAY

(By Associated Press) SPOKANE, Jan. 24.—The belief that the Harding administration "has done or will soon finish doing all it can to help us" was expressed by president Frank J. Hallgarth before the annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association, opening here today. "The government has and will furnish us with tools and with facilities for profitable work," he said, "but if cannot make us efficient and economical. We must do that ourselves and in days when the sun is shining we must not forget that it will soon rain."

BASTROP CASE MAY END TODAY

Attorney General Covo Announces Conclusion of the Trial; Klan Leaders Name Figures.

(By Associated Press) BASTROP, La., Jan. 24.—It was officially announced Tuesday night by Attorney General A. V. Covo, who has personally conducted the state's open hearing here into masked band activities in Moshouse parish, that the hearing would be concluded Wednesday.

(By Associated Press) BASTROP, La., Jan. 24.—The name of Capt. J. K. Skipwith, exalted cyclops of the Moshouse parish Ku Klux Klan, again figured prominently in testimony given at the state's open hearing into operations of masked men in the parish, which culminated August 24 in the kidnappings of Watt Daniel and T. H. Richard, whose bodies were found December 23 in Lake La Fourche.

Miss Lillian Weltonman, a telephone operator in the Bastrop exchange, testified that Captain Skipwith had requested her not to handle any calls between Bastrop and Mer Rouge but she could not remember the date of the request, she said.

RUSSIAN SHIPS BELIEVED LOST

(By Associated Press) MANILA, Jan. 24.—Fear is expressed here that seven Russian refugee ships with more than 500 persons aboard, have been lost in the China sea on route from Shanghai to the Philippines as part of Admiral Stark's fleet of Vladivostok exiles, five of which are anchored near here. The missing vessels have not been heard of since January 10. Admiral Stark is with the ships.

BAKER LUMBER MEN FEAR TAX

BAKER, Jan. 24.—Lumber men in this part of the state are becoming alarmed over the proposed timber tax. They feel that the measure, if passed, would place Oregon at a great disadvantage when competing with other states in making any solid head. Morris Shelton, timber man, who has just returned from Portland and Salem, predicts that the proposed bill will find great opposition.

NEWSPAPERMAN DIES IN EAST

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Addison C. Thomas, who a quarter of a century ago was one of the most widely known newspaper men in the United States, died Tuesday in a hospital here. The cause of his death was a stomach ailment which had recently prevented his recovery.

YANKS HAUL DOWN BANNER IN GERMANY

Americans in Egerbreitstein Make Ready for Departure.

CUNO COMPLIMENTS AMERICAN TROOPS

Doughboys Terminate Their "Watch on the Rhine"; To Make Last March Out of Coblenz.

(By Associated Press) EGERBREITSTEIN, Ger., Jan. 24.—The American flag was hauled down here today at noon, preparatory to the departure of the American forces from the Rhine. The women and children started for Antwerp today and will be followed by the troops on their last march out of Coblenz.

Huns Compliment Yanks. (By Associated Press) COBLENZ, Jan. 24.—Major General Allen received a letter from Chancellor Cuno with the compliments of the German government on the occasion of the departure of the American troops, which asserted that their conduct has been exemplary.

MEXICO SEES PROHI BILL

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24.—The "wet" are breathing a little easier now that it is impossible for a "bone dry" bill to be considered by the present regular session of congress, which adjourned sine die December 30. Although there was small fear that such a measure would pass the lower house it was expected in many quarters that the "dry" element, receiving inspiration from certain high government officials, would attempt to have such a bill at least brought up for discussion. But other legislation intervened, and a new liquor law was forgotten.

It is now considered likely that when congress meets in regular session next May, a prohibition bill will be introduced and the various organizations in the Republic dealing with the manufacture and sale of intoxicants are already conducting a vigorous campaign to counteract the "dry" propaganda. A "bone dry" Mexico is not generally considered here as even a remoteness possibility, but it is believed that drastic regulation of the low continent will be undertaken. These reports are frequently by the poor classes, who obtain a murderous drink known as pulque for a few cents a quart. Pulque has frequently been described as the "curse of Mexico," and legislation to restrict its sale is regarded necessary.

EXTRA

PRESS BUILDING COLLAPSES (By Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 24.—Twenty persons are reported killed, many seriously injured by the collapse of the top story of the Tageblatt building today. The editorial and mechanical departments of the newspaper were badly damaged.

Pendleton Has New Boxing Commission

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—A new city boxing commission, appointed by Mayor James A. Foe of the new administration, consists of R. D. Sayres, enthusiastic sport backer; E. B. Aldrich, editor of the East Oregonian; and Dr. C. O. Wainwright, medical member. The commission has jurisdiction over all boxing and wrestling matches in Pendleton. J. H. Estes, William Sheehan and Dr. Fred A. Lieualten were the members of the old commission, resigning with the passing of the old city administration. They did not hire a promoter, but did the match-making themselves. This commission found the duty burdensome and because of financial difficulty no bouts have been scheduled so far this year. It is not known definitely what the attitude of the new commission will be, but it is believed a match-maker will be employed.

X-Ray Now Installed By Dr. Verne Johnson

Dr. Verne Johnson has recently installed in his office a Ritter X-ray machine of the latest type, one of the most modern and efficient that is on the market today. The machine, which is used to diagnose and in very serious dental cases, will take pictures through bone, being much more powerful than the usual machine.

BULLETINS

NORBECK BILL FAVORED (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The senate agricultural committee reported favorably on the Norbeck bill for \$250,000,000 appropriation for credits in Europe for the purchase of American agricultural products.

WAGE AGREEMENT SIGNED (By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Bituminous operators and unions today signed a wage agreement for the Ohio, Illinois and Indiana fields. The agreement is to be based for the remainder of the bituminous territory.

SANFORD NOMINATED (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Edward T. Sanford, United States district judge of the eastern and middle districts since 1903, was nominated today by the president as associate justice of the supreme court filling the vacancy caused by the retiring of Justice Pitney.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Tonight cloudy in the north; rain or snow in the south. Moderate northerly winds.

WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Wheat was \$1.21 to \$1.28.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Livestock steady, eggs weak, but or three cents higher, extra cubes 46 cents, prints fifty-one.

KLAN ISSUE IS DRAGGED INTO TRIAL

Herbert L. Law, Formerly On the Pendleton Tribune, Gives Testimony

PENDLETON LIBEL CASE PROCEEDING

W. R. Taylor, Plaintiff, Goes on the Stand; Exhibits Introduced Including Letter and Papers.

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—That Harry L. Kueck told him that he believed W. R. Taylor, chief of police, Robert Sinclair, former special state agent, and E. L. Keator, district attorney of Umatilla county, were all members of the Ku Klux Klan and that he wanted to drive them out of office was the high light in the testimony presented Tuesday in the damage suit for alleged libel. That testimony was given by Herbert L. Law, former advertising manager of the Tribune, when he was called by the plaintiff yesterday morning, according to the East Oregonian of Pendleton.

Law was asked only about a half dozen questions on his direct examination. When examined by the counsel for the defense on cross examination, Law admitted that he was hurt in the hand before he left Pendleton, that he was often in and out of the city hall and in conversation with the plaintiff in the case and that he is not friendly toward Kueck. He denied that he was fired and he told the jury that he left Pendleton the latter part of January, 1922.

Taylor Completes Testimony

The testimony of Law followed the conclusion of the story told on the witness stand by the plaintiff who was recalled. During the greater part of the time the plaintiff was on the stand yesterday, exhibits were being introduced by his counsel for identification. The exhibits included several copies of the Tribune, a letter written by Harry L. Kueck, to former governor Dean W. Olcott, and a report which Taylor said he and Robert Sinclair made to the governor on the work done by them for a part of the year 1922 while they were special agents in law enforcement work. The exhibits were not read at this time.

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LEGISLATURE IS HAVING A BUSY WEEK

(By Bruce Dennis) STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 22. (By Mail)—The prediction came true for today the session met with more seriousness than could be staked on Table Mountain. Hardly had the gavel fell in either house until old timers began introducing bills and before nightfall there was sufficient bills on assessment and taxation to stock the state for years to come. The writer sent in the bill to force all political units of the state to levy a ten per cent less tax in 1923 and 1924 than was levied in 1922, excepting only in cases of money to be raised for paying bonded debt and interest heretofore contracted and salaries fixed by law. This means that every political unit would be required to spend ten per cent less money than in 1922. It will mean if it passes that there is real economy on in Oregon and instead of the legislator making plans for remodeling every department to suit a lesser appropriation, that it is up to every tax-spending body to adjust itself to ten per cent less income and that the taxpayers of the state will be called to pay ten per cent less taxes than they are paying this year.

Has it opposition? Just wait and see. You bet it has, but as yet the opposition is waiting to grasp the full moment of the measure.

Another important document, or at least it seems so to us, is the joint resolution which we, with Representative Hunter, introduced today to require that no constitutional amendment can be declared adopted unless it receives a vote equal to a majority of the registered voters in the election upon which it is voted. It will be remembered that constitutional amendments have been carried in this state by as low as a seven-per cent vote of the register vote, and if the people will accept the constitutional amendment offered today the time for easily amending the Oregon constitution will have passed.

In the House work is going good today. Besides beating nearly all the measures voted upon the House has adopted some very sane and constructive methods which stick out in prominence and act as a warning to the introducer of bills who seeks to clutter up the calendar or seeks to put over some catch bill.

The plan to force county courts to advertise for bids on every piece of business transacted is almost sure to meet defeat for behind it is seen not a desire for fairness but a desire to punish. It is therefore not looked upon with favor.

Consolidation is one of the slogans of the session but no bill has yet appeared that offers much in the way of consolidation. To create more pay, chair jobs is not the mission of us down here and the bills introduced tend that way.

Governor Pierre is chafing a little but today he is happier for in went a line of taxation bills that he is interested in and from now this session of the legislature will be busy. What will be accomplished remains to be seen, but there is plenty of work for every member at least 18 hours a day if he will but do it.

CAR STOLEN FROM GARAGE

A Velle car, of the five passenger, 1920 model, is missing from the abandoned place in the Roebuck Motor company that belonged to Charles McCrary. No trace has been found of the missing auto and Mr. McCrary in a statement today, believes "that it was taken from the garage some time last week." He discovered that it was missing today. The matter was reported to the police.

The car, which was formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, was reported to have been seen on Washington avenue on Monday going up the avenue towards the western section of town.

M. R. Hanson, alias, E. M. Hanson, was arrested last evening by police on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and will appear before Justice Arthur Williams this afternoon in the justice of peace court to answer the charges.

According to information received from the police, Hanson came here a few days ago and drew a check on a Portland bank for \$100.00 cashing it at the United States National Bank, then depositing the amount as a savings account. Shortly afterwards he drew \$25 by check, whereupon the local bank wired to Portland to ascertain if his check was good. The reply came back that he had no funds in the bank in Portland.

Identification District. The police department was promptly notified and a search was made of the

COAL MINERS END STRIKES IN 2 MINES

Twenty-Four-Hour Protest Ends in Order to Supply Germany.

SIX INDUSTRIALISTS CONVICTED TODAY

Fritz Thyssen and Five Other Germans Found Guilty of Non-Co-operation; Are Punished With Fines.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 24.—After a 24-hour protest the striking workers in the Ruhr resumed work today "in order to continue the production of coal for unoccupied Germany" it was announced.

Six Found Guilty. MAYENCE, Jan. 24.—Fritz Thyssen and five other German industrialists were convicted by court martial today of refusing to cooperate with French plans for the delivery of reparations coal. Fines were imposed.

LINDGREN TO COACH TRACK

A. V. Lindgren, of the University of Michigan, will coach the La Grande track team.

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and the surrounding territory by jabs, they will have one of the largest.

The Legion is growing all the time and is accomplishing some wonderful things in the way of aid for the disabled and for their families. One post in Michigan has established a home for the children of soldiers who died in the service.

The Legion and the Auxiliary have have combined and they are having some fine times together at their meetings the first Wednesday in the month at the K. P. hall.

The county council and the 45 Hommes at Chevanus will hold their first meeting of 1923 next Monday night.

Check Slicker Caught By La Grande Police

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