

HEARING FOR DENNIS BILL IS TONIGHT

Joint Meeting of Assessment and Taxation Board Scheduled.

NARCOTIC MEASURES PASS BOTH HOUSES

Committee on Alcoholic Traffic Voted Down the Amendment Exempting Light Wines and Beers.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Feb. 6.—A public hearing is to be held tonight at the joint meeting of the assessment and taxation committees on the Dennis bill requiring all tax levying bodies in the state to levy tax for 1923 and 1924 at least ten per cent under this year's tax.

The committee on alcoholic traffic voted down the amendment exempting light wines and beer from the enforcement bill.

Narcotic Law Passes

The bills tightening narcotics law and providing for housing addicts and for forfeiture and sale of boats and vehicles transporting liquor, have passed both houses.

The senate today passed a bill requiring suspected insane persons to be housed outside of jails pending examination.

Ellis today introduced a bill empowering the governor to employ a competent educator to survey the courses of the Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon with the view of eliminating duplication.

The house late yesterday killed the Lewis bill for taxing church property.

ONE CENT TAX APPROVED

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Feb. 6.—Upton today attempted to have passed over the governor's veto his bill exempting the Daily estate from an inheritance tax but succeeded only in getting it referred for consideration. The house roads highways committee approved the Gaskin bill levying an additional cent tax on gasoline, making a total of three cents.

TOOL ROBBERY IS FRUSTRATED

Although the robber was not apprehended, an attempt to burglarize the Roesch Motor company building last evening was frustrated by Policeman Joe Warden. A noise was heard overhead by one of the guards employed and the police were promptly notified. Warden arriving on the scene within a very short time. While searching the second floor he sighted the robber and commanded him to stop. Instead he took to his heels and Warden fired the shot at him, which apparently did not take effect, before he made his getaway, supposedly through the basement of the building.

The police believe that the miscreant entered the building on the second floor from a telephone booth, thence to the place where a number of tool kits were kept. He was in the act of burning some of the kits away when Warden first saw him.

Diamond Season Is Not Far Off; Action Needed

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball" may be the case but for some reason the diamond sport, termed the national pastime, hasn't got going in La Grande yet this season. Baseball usually opens about the middle of May and with but about three months to go, no attempt has been made to resurrect the Intermountain League which last year proved so successful.

The same old Intermountain League, that gave the fans in every city in the six-league circuit more than one thrill last season, would go just as big this year. For the first time in many years baseball was a success in La Grande last season financially and in many other cities in Eastern Oregon, the same result was obtained.

Up in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington the fans and players have already inaugurated a six-team league, termed the Blue Mountain League, and are well on their way toward final preparations for the coming season. La Grande, Cove, Baker, Union, Haines, Elgin and the other cities in this section are still dormant with no action taken in any city unless it has been done secretly—which at the least is quite improbable. Should be organized.

Wichita Blaze Is Fatal To Three; Twenty-Seven Are Reported Missing

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 6.—With 27 persons unaccounted for search was continued Monday night for additional victims who may be buried beneath 12 feet of debris within the brick wall skeleton of the four-story Get-to building, consumed by fire early Monday. The death toll stood at three Monday evening. Eight persons were seriously injured. Many received minor injuries.

The origin of the blaze is unknown. Property damage was estimated at upwards of \$100,000.

AD CLUB NOT IN FAVOR OF PARSIMONY

Matter of Levying a Direct Appropriation to the State Universities Is Discussed.

That parsimony is to be avoided in state affairs was the keynote sounded at the Tuesday luncheon of the Ad club today. Attorney E. R. Ringo presided, and from the time the Presbyterian ladies had placed the soup until after one o'clock, matters of local and state importance were thrashed out in rapid order. Through Attorney C. R. Eberhard, Representative Albert Hunter, a member of the Ways and Means committee of the House, now in session, sent word to the Ad club that he sought an opinion from the Ad club upon the matter of levying a direct appropriation to the Oregon Medical School at Portland, and levying a tax to conduct and continue the extension department of O. A. C. After Mr. Eberhard had presented the request, the chairman called upon Frank McKinnon, a local farmer, who lucidly told of the benefits derived from the extension department, and pointed out the thousands of dollars that have been saved or made by local farmers through silos, land plaster, hybrid 128, alfalfa demonstrations and other means. McKinnon explained how the balance in dollars and cents being tremendously greater than the outlay which means about 54 cents out of every \$100.00 paid in taxes by Union county people. His appeal for the extension department was warm and hearty. Dr. R. P. Landis explained how the Medical School is operated, how the students pay heavy tuition fees, but that without state aid this institution, now the biggest medical school west of the Rocky mountains, would be closed and the state's heavy investment previously made thrown into naught. Union county, H. E. Dixon both members received endorsements for reasonable appropriations. T. H. Crawford, a new member of O. A. C. board of regents appealed for support, deprecating parsimony in state affairs, even when times are hard and taxes high.

DOCTOR CONTRACTS SLEEPING SICKNESS

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Dr. Ross Eaton of Oregon City has been for two weeks semi-conscious from sleeping sickness at Emanuel hospital, reports to the city health bureau state.

Earl Hemp, 22, of 688 East Taylor street, is critically ill at his home with the disease, his physicians reported.

THE MARKET

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Cattle were steady, choice steers \$7.50 to \$8.00; calves one quarter higher; hogs, sheep and butter steady, eggs unsettled.

RESISTANCE OF GERMANY IS UNABATED

Policy of Combating the Occupation of the Ruhr Is Steadily Growing.

GERMAN EMBASSY DENIES "LET UP"

Official Statement Is Issued in Washington From the German Ambassador on Ruhr Matter.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Through its embassy here, the German government today denied formally that its policy of resistance to the French occupation of the Ruhr had been modified and declared that, "on the contrary unanimous resistance on the part of Germany is steadily growing."

Frenchmen Advance

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 6.—An Essen dispatch reports the French advanced 25 miles beyond the frontier, occupying Geodellau, in Hesse. The correspondent adds that the Germans are momentarily expecting the occupation of Mannheim.

Germany Still Firm

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Feb. 6.—Chancellor Cuno returned today from a tour of the occupied area, convinced, he said, that the populations determination to resist the French was just as firm today as when the first occupying forces entered Essen.

WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Wheat was \$1.21 to \$1.30.

BULLETINS

SELECTING JURY
(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—The jury is being selected to try John L. Etheridge, former head of Morris Brothers, Inc., on a charge of larceny by embezzlement.

URGES FOREST ECONOMY
(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The president in a letter to Representative Clark, a member of the house agriculture committee, urged legislation for forest conservation.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—The highway commission today began its year's road work, opening bids for forty-three miles of grading and surfacing. Bids for thirty miles will be opened tomorrow.

THE WEATHER
PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Tonight and Wednesday generally fair.

Residents of Windy City May Now Buy 16 Ounces Of Bread For Two Cents

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—A new low record of 2 cents for a 16-ounce loaf of bread was reached Monday in a chain store bread war. Last week one company set a price of 31 cents which was lowered by its competitor Monday.

RUBBISH ON HIGHWAY IS DEPLORABLE

Appearing before the grand jury yesterday afternoon, Judge J. W. Knowles, of the circuit court, called their attention to the statutes regarding the matter of garbage deposits and of rubbish on the highways in the county. Special attention was called to the stretch of road between South La Grande and Gekeler Lane, which the judge stated was in a "most deplorable condition."

The grand jury convened recently and consisted of S. E. Blevins, foreman; B. A. Cotner, George Biggs, L. L. Cross, J. A. Atkins, R. H. Glosson and J. H. Blumenstein.

FARM BLOC IS QUITE ACTIVE

Plans to "Put Spurs" to House and Senate Leaders on Assessment and Taxation Committees.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Feb. 6.—The "farm bloc" of the house of representatives, as one of its over-Sunday activities has shaped up a move to spur up the house and senate committees on assessment and taxation so as to get reported out bills on tax, and kindred matters which have been in committee since January 25, states the Portland press.

An appeal is scheduled to be made on the floor of the house at today's session by Representative A. R. Hunter of Union county as spokesman of the "bloc." He will urge that the assessment and taxation committees either report out the bill with their recommendation, or else return them unrecommended, so that their merits or demerits may be threshed out on the floor of the house.

"The bloc is becoming very impatient," declared Hunter today, "and it proposes to use the prod to get the committees into action on these bills." For a number of nights these committees have been devoting their time to listening to academic discussions on taxation in its various phases, but they don't get the committee anywhere, and the bills introduced in a bunch on January 25 lie unconsidered. If the "farm bloc" can do anything to speed up the machinery it proposes to do so.

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FORMER EAST OREGON BISHOP DIES IN EAST

News of the death Sunday at Lincoln, Neb., of the Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, bishop of the Lincoln diocese of the Roman Catholic church was received here Sunday night by Portland friends, states the Portland press.

Bishop O'Reilly was widely known throughout Oregon, having served as pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church of Portland, one of the leading Roman Catholic churches of the city, after which he was for 15 years bishop of the missionary district of Eastern Oregon, with headquarters at Baker City.

Bishop O'Reilly died at St. Elizabeths hospital, supposedly from hardening of the arteries, from which he had suffered for several years. He was in poor health during his three weeks' visit to the city last August. His death is believed to have been hastened by a fall about two months ago in which he fractured a shoulder bone.

Moves To Portland

Bishop O'Reilly was born January 4, 1860, at St. John, N. G., Canada, took his classical work at St. Joseph's college, Memramcook, N. B., and his clerical degree and Grand seminary, Montreal. Soon after graduation he moved to this city with his parents and taught for a short time at Columbia university. In June, 1890, he was ordained a priest and placed in charge of the mission stations at Oswego and Tigardville, which place he held for four years.

In 1894 he was promoted to the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at Williams avenue and Stanton street (known as St. Marys church), where he remained for nine years, or until he was elevated to the episcopacy on August 25, 1903. The parish boundaries were much larger than those of today, the parish including practically all of north-east Portland.

Named First Bishop

When Eastern Oregon was created a missionary diocese in 1903, Father O'Reilly was named its first bishop. His work in that diocese attracted such attention that he was promoted to the more important see at Lincoln, Neb., succeeding Bishop John Tisen, who was transferred to Colorado. Shortly after going to Lincoln Bishop O'Reilly headed a pilgrimage to Rome, where he was received by the pope.

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Moslems Now May Sign All Peace Terms

President Postpones His Messages to Congress on Debt Funding Settlement

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The president decided today to postpone until tomorrow at least his message to congress asking the modification of the debt funding law to permit the final approval of the funding settlement recently negotiated with Great Britain.

SECOND CANAL MAY BE BUILT ACROSS PANAMA

Hope That the Profit From the Panama Canal May Lead to Construction of Another Canal Is Expressed.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Hope that profits from the Panama canal ultimately may enable the American government to build another waterway across the isthmus of Panama was expressed at the White House today, after the subject had been touched on at the Tuesday cabinet meeting.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The secretary of the Casper, Wyoming, Chamber of Commerce, states the chamber of that place has prepared a bill which will be introduced in the legislature of Wyoming, designating the east and west highway across the state as the Old Oregon Trail.

The Old Oregon Trail will soon be an established monument to the memory of the great migration to the Pacific Northwest. At the same time it will be recognized as the great highway for auto tourists.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD
The funeral of William Sprouts, who passed away in La Grande Sunday, was held this afternoon at the Bohemian chapel at 3 o'clock.

Reverend Mr. O. W. Jones delivered the funeral sermon. The interment took place in the Masonic cemetery.

RAIDERS INVADE BELTUBET
BELFAST, Feb. 6.—Fifty raiders invaded Beltubet village today, bombed the bank and other buildings, assassinated a teacher of Gaelic, killed a store clerk and wounded the clerk's employer.

BAKER MAN, 93 PASSES AWAY

BAKER, Feb. 6.—After a short illness, death called Leonard Farmer, a well known and highly respected citizen of Baker. Mr. Farmer was 93 years old when he passed away yesterday morning at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Voruz, 1505 Valley avenue.

Mr. Farmer was born in Herkimer county, New York, September 4th, 1829 and remained there until about 1875 when he moved to Kansas. After a few years there he came on west to Oregon, settling first near Heppner, where he remained until 14 years ago, when he came to Baker which has been his home since.

Reconstruction of Iron Works Near Completion

The reconstruction of the La Grande Iron Works is now nearing completion. The foundry building has been rebuilt—all the necessary machinery replaced and overhauled and running full blast—a better foundry than ever. Last Saturday a two ton heat was taken off for the Grande Road Lumber company's new boilers and everything found to be working smoothly.

With 24 carpenters swarming over the new machine shop building and the help of about four more of these clear, cold days the building will be so nearly finished that weather conditions will have no bearing on the actual completion. The truss work supporting the line shafting and the roof is so designed that the floor space will be lost with an

Great Britain Is Notified

France States That Turks at Lausanne Agree to Terms.

ISMET PASHA MAY DELAY DEPARTURE

Negotiations Among the Chancelleries at Paris, London and Rome May Cause Action.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 6.—France has notified Great Britain that the Turkish delegation at Lausanne has agreed to sign all peace terms.

(By Associated Press)

LAUSANNE, Feb. 6.—Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation at the Near East conference may be asked by the allies to delay his departure, which is announced for tomorrow.

If negotiations among the chancelleries in Paris, London and Rome result in an agreement to resume negotiations the action above will be taken.

PERRY JOINS HOOP LEAGUE

With Union's withdrawal from the La Grande Amateur Basketball league Perry, who has been wanting to get into the league for some time, is taking their place on the schedule, the remainder of the teams remaining in their respective places.

Tomorrow evening Perry, the baby member, will take on Alcei, who at present has not won a game, and the M. L. A. team, considered one of the strongest in the league, will play the Ramblers. Both games should be interesting and with Perry an unknown quantity, the outcome of both are uncertain.

Both games will be played tomorrow evening in the Y gymnasium.

Brotherhood Meet Is Postponed Week

The meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood which was to have been held at the home of Reverend Mr. and Mrs. William Crosby tomorrow evening of February 8th has been postponed until February 15th.

AUTO AGENCY CHANGES HANDS

M. J. Goss, who will leave this evening for Portland to attend the annual auto show in that city, has taken over the Studebaker agency in this city, now being located at 1115 Washington avenue.

"This is a Studebaker year" states H. A. Biggs, vice-president of the Studebaker Corporation and Mr. Goss agrees with him. He states that "the slogan is not a catch phrase but is a statement of fact, a reflection of condition that the years have not changed."

"Production and sales of Studebakers attracted unusual interest and attention in 1921 because of depression," he continues. "Sales of Studebaker cars were 20 per cent greater than in the preceding year while the total number of cars sold of all other makes, with the exception of the Ford, was forty per cent less than in 1920."

REFUSING THE HURDLE

