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HOUSE PASSES NORMAL, ARMORY BILLS

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ALLOWED FOR
SCHOOL HERE

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PLAN IS TO BUILD
ARMORY IN 1927-28

La Grande's Appropriation Will Take Effect If Bill Becomes Law Shortly.

The house of representatives at Salem late yesterday passed an appropriation bill of \$215,000 for an Eastern Oregon normal school in La Grande and also passed the armory appropriation measure, providing \$35,000 armories in Astoria and La Grande and \$25,000 armories in Cottage Grove and Forest Grove.

The normal school appropriation includes \$175,000 for construction and \$40,000 for maintenance. The Associated Press this morning wired that the La Grande and Cottage Grove appropriations will become effective in 1927 and 1928.

EXTRA SESSION LOOMS

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—The 34th session of the legislature will run beyond the 40-day limit, with session next week. Overcoming objections of members from the farther corners of the state who wanted to get home, the house today voted to adjourn this afternoon or evening to Monday.

With but one contest that over the expenditure of \$375,000 for a new library at the University of Oregon, the house yesterday afternoon called through appropriation measures calling for \$1,444,460 for construction and maintenance of new buildings for various institutions of the state. The total of appropriations made during the session was approximately \$7,750,000. They included a sum of \$245,000 provided in house bill 380 for orphanage, foundlings and wayward girls.

The major buildings provided for included the Eastern Oregon normal \$215,000, the Monmouth normal \$296,000, the Southern Oregon normal \$183,210, the Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital, \$224,250, armories at Cottage Grove, Forest Grove, La Grande and Astoria. The armory measure calls for \$25,000 each for La Grande and Astoria and \$25,000 each for Forest Grove and Cottage Grove. The Cottage Grove and La Grande appropriations to take effect this biennium.

Bill authorizing construction of a new state office building at Salem from \$400,000 of funds to be borrowed from the industrial accident compensation passed unanimously.

A slight undercurrent of feeling between the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college marked the debate over the measure authorizing a \$375,000 expenditure for the University of Oregon library. The bill, however, was passed.

House Bills Passed

Among house bills passed by the senate late yesterday were:

H. B. 439, Buchanan—providing dormitories and boarding houses may be built at U. of O. and O. A. C. by means of fees from use of buildings.

H. B. 332, Collier—making it unlawful for state to run at large on certain highways in Klamath county.

The house this morning indefinitely postponed senate bill 137 providing for a change in the method of taxing trucks and buses operating.

IF YOU WERE
INVITED TO
SPEAK

If you were a business man and received an invitation to speak about your business—your goods and your service—before a crowd of twelve or fifteen thousand people in this territory, would you accept?

Maybe you'd be too bashful or stage-struck to speak for yourself, but you'd most certainly see that someone competent did it. It would be too wonderful a mass-sales opportunity to miss. So is it any wonder that the progressive business men of La Grande grasp a similar opportunity and talk daily to the 15,000 readers of "The Observer"—especially when the cost is the lowest to be had?

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Tigers Invade
Round-Up City;
Team Crippled

Basketball Team to Play Walla Walla Saturday—Union Girls Coming on Same Night.

The strong Pendleton basketball team, anxious for revenge for the 22 to 20 defeat here, will entertain the La Grande high Tigers in the Round-Up city tonight in the next to the last game for the local team before the district tournament at Union, which begins next Thursday afternoon.

Pendleton has been without the services of Allen, dusky star, of late because of illness, and the La Grande team is also crippled by the temporary loss of Berry and the illness of Zundel and Newlin. Coach MacKenzie expects to take eight or nine men to Pendleton tonight but is not overconfident of victory.

Tomorrow night the Walla Walla high boys team and the Union girls team will play here, the games to begin at eight o'clock. Doors at the high school will be open at 7:30 o'clock. No general admission seats will be sold.

Sheriff's Party
Raids Cabin at
Midnight Hour

Elmer and Ralph Cullison and C. Stiles were arraigned in the justice court this morning before Judge Hugh E. Brady and pleaded not guilty to a charge of illegal possession of a gun.

Their preliminary hearing was set for next Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 9 o'clock. Bonds for all three were placed at \$500. Stiles was the only one to furnish the bond money and was released. The others were committed to the county jail.

Arrested at Cabin. The three were arrested Wednesday night at about midnight and these barrels of shell and his deputy and Harold Howard raided the cabin in which they were staying at a sheep company's camp along Beaver creek, about a mile and a half from the Grande House.

Although no still was found by the officers they are of the opinion that one had been cached somewhere, and indications were that moonshine operations had been going on there for some time, they reported.

Fined \$150 For
Having Liquor

Clyde Cargile, arrested on charges of possessing liquor, pleaded guilty to the accusation in a police court yesterday and was fined \$150 and costs.

Cargile started serving out the amount at the rate of \$2 a day. Cecil Crawford was fined \$25 for drunkenness. John Gilman and Wayne Neal, both arrested on charges of drunkenness, forfeited \$25 bonds each by failure to appear for trial.

Quarterly Checks
For Company E In

Words that are welcome to a national guardsman—"The ghost will walk Monday night," were sounded by Captain G. L. Dutton, Company E, 188th Infantry, here today.

The pay checks for the last quarter of 1926 have arrived and will be distributed to the members of the company during the regular drill hour Monday night, drill beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Enterprise Sees
'Oh You Mary Jane'

The American Legion play "Oh You Mary Jane" scored another success last evening when the cast and chorus, accompanied by James W. Evans, director, went to Enterprise, where the musical comedy was presented in the high school building there. Although there was only a fair sized crowd it was appreciative.

The presentation of the play last night was the third one, it having been shown here Monday and Tuesday nights at the Arcade theater.

DIES OF INJURIES

ROSEBURG, Feb. 18 (AP)—J. M. Cyrus, gravel plant workman who was injured yesterday when he was whirled violently around a conveyor shafting in which his clothing had become entangled, died at the local hospital early this morning. Internal injuries brought about complications which caused his death suddenly. He is survived by a widow and two small children—a son and daughter. His father resides in California and a brother lives in Grants Pass. The funeral services will probably be held Sunday.

SNODE GIVEN
TWO YEARS IN
OREGON PEN

Circuit Judge Knowles Passes Sentence This Morning

ONE OF SEVEREST
IN COURT CIRCLES

Liquor-Maker Drew Long Term Because He Employed Minors, Is Opinion Many Hold.

Del Snode, arrested by Sheriff Breakmore and his men several weeks ago near North Powder on a liquor charge, was this morning sentenced to serve a maximum term of two years in the state penitentiary. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles passed sentence at 10 a. m.

Snode pleaded guilty to charges of operating a still, which was placed against him following the returning of an indictment by the county grand jury early this week. His still was raided and at the time three boys and Snode were arrested. The three boys, all less than 21 years of age, charged Snode with owning the still and hiring them to run off the liquor, officers say. The boys were released shortly afterwards.

Severe Sentence. The two-year sentence is one of the most severe ever placed upon a liquor violator in the state, it is said. Observers at court believe that one reason for its severity was Snode's employment of minors to assist him in his liquor-making activities.

LOCAL COUNTRY
CLUBMEN ELECT

Board of Directors Chosen and By-Laws for Corporation Adopted

By-laws for the La Grande Country Club corporation were adopted last night when a meeting, called by the corporation committee, of the stockholders was held at the city hall. A. E. Dixon, chairman of the committee, presided.

Besides adopting the by-laws a board of directors for the club were elected, including the same members during the preliminary work of organizing. They are: Charles Bingham, Charles Binner, Chase Bohnenkamp, S. L. Crowe, H. E. Dixon, G. L. Harrison, E. L. Meyers, W. C. Perkins, Dr. W. T. Hilly, Charles Reynolds, Earl Reynolds, Dr. A. L. Richards, William Stogard, A. J. Stange and Elmer Stoddard.

The directors will meet sometime soon, when officers will be elected.

According to the country club members the grass at the new golf course is coming along fine and plans are to have a greenskeeper here sometime soon. Dues in the club will begin March 1, although playing on the course will probably not start until early in the summer.

During the meeting it was voted to accept Walla Walla's invitation for a home and home tournament. It was also voted to accept an invitation from Pendleton for a friendly play there a week from this Sunday, March 27.

Assessor Bill on Senate Calendar;
Minority Report Fails to Kill It

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—House bill 72 which would give assessors and the state tax commission authority to inspect the books of any concern with a view to a more adequate property valuation for tax purposes went on the calendar today in the senate when a minority adverse report failed of adoption.

Senator Union signed the minority report and declared that if the bill passes it will be so unsatisfactory that immense pressure will be brought in two years for its repeal. He declared it wrong in principle.

Senator Miller declared had "for its purpose the correcting of an evil that exists in taxation and the equalization of taxes. He said the bill was basic in the assessment system. It should add \$200,000,000 to the assessed valuation of property in Oregon, he said.

Senator Hall spoke for the bill and against the minority report, declaring it would cure most of the things that are wrong with taxation. "Had it been on the statute books, he said, there would now be no need of an income tax. Hall said it would give the tax commissioner inequitable powers to ascertain the just valuation of property that is now escaping taxation.

Senator Banks said the bill ought to pass as a matter of expediency. He agreed with Hall that if the law had already been in existence there would be no need of an income tax.

Support was given the bill by Senator Klepper who pronounced it one of the most constructive pieces of legislation that has been before the session.

He cited the low assessed valuation of timber property as compared with actual value. Senator Stanger said he liked the bill because it gives the state a master assessor.

Radio Control
Measure Is Up
To President

Coolidge Is Expected to Approve the Bill—Final Congressional Action Is Taken Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Final congressional action on radio control legislation was taken today by the senate with the adoption of the conference report.

The measure which was approved by the senate without a record vote now goes to President Coolidge who is expected to approve it and to send it to the senate before adjournment the names of the five men who are to compose the commission which will have absolute control over radio for one year.

Find Family of
7 Hacked, Dead
Near Utica, N. Y.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 18 (AP)—Seven persons, man, his wife, and their five children, today were found dead in a little frame house here. Their bodies had been hacked with a razor and knife.

The family was last seen last Friday and according to a physician, perhaps had been dead for a week. The dead are: Guy M. Taylor, 35, a welder; his wife, a waitress, and their children, Elizabeth 16; Owen 14; Goldie and Albert and an infant, name unknown. The police are working on the theory that Taylor killed his family while they slept and then committed suicide. He had been out of work since February 4.

Mrs. Clark Dies
At Ailce Home;
Was a Pioneer

Mrs. Thomas Clark, 71, who crossed the plains from Kansas to Oregon in 1872, died late yesterday at her home at Ailce, at the end of an extended illness. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock at the Ailce church. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel.

The decedent, Viola Courtwright 1876, lived at Summerville until 1920 when she and her husband moved to Ailce, where they have since made their home.

She is survived by her widowed husband and four children: Ed Clark, of Union; Bruce Clark, of Ailce; John Clark, of La Grande; and Mrs. Al Hug, of Summerville.

70-Mile Squall
At Fort Crockett

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The Fort Crockett air corps base near Galveston Texas was hit by 70-mile squall today. The tent hangars at the field were destroyed and the airships damaged. A message to the war department gave no estimate of the damage.

SALEM MAN DIES. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—James Gibson, a central resident of the state for 80 years and the last of his name, died at his home at Woodburn this morning at the age of 93. Gibson crossed the plains when 13 and located on the Tualatin plains with his parents in 1847.

MABEL NORMAND BETTER. SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 18 (AP)—Mabel Normand, film actress, ill at a hospital here with bronchial pneumonia, passed a restful night and was on the road to recovery today.

UNION, Feb. 18 (Special)—A serious accident occurred on Main street near the Wright Drug store Tuesday afternoon. A small boy by the name of Hudson was crossing the street when he was struck by a car driven by J. Q. Gilmore, son of Dr. T. M. Gilmore. When the boy was examined later it was found that one leg was broken below the knee, and one of the bones protruded from the flesh. He was also injured about the head, one injury being in the bridge of the nose and one across the head. It was feared at first that the skull was fractured but an X-ray proved that such was not the case.

The boy was taken to his home where he is being given medical care. From the latest reports the injuries were not so serious as at first feared and he is resting well.

Union Boy Struck
by Car; Badly Hurt

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They were found in a little house at Beaverton today by local authorities. They came to Beaverton recently to make some on-foot pictures at a local studio. Shortly after their arrival Theobald came down with sleeping sickness. The wife tried to carry on for a time but influenza interrupted her work and she went to bed.

2 SOUTHERN
STATES HIT
BY TORNADO

Louisiana and Mississippi Count Nearly Two Score Dead Today

CALIFORNIA FLOOD
SITUATION ALARMS

Fury of Five-Day Storm Receding After Killing 22 and Doing \$2,500,000 Property Damage.

STORM TOLL OVER U. S. Tornadoes swept Louisiana and Mississippi, killing nearly two score persons and leaving heavy trail of property damage. Southern California emerging from effects of five-day storm which was fatal to 22 persons and caused property loss of about \$2,500,000. Flood conditions threaten Imperial valley points.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18 (AP)—Tornadoes that swept through parts of Louisiana and Mississippi last night killed at least 33 persons and injured scores as well as leaving a trail of heavy damage. At plantations south of Newellton, in Texas parish, Louisiana, 14 persons were reported killed and at least two score injured.

Nine persons lost their lives and 18 were badly hurt near Pleasant Hill, La., where a tornado struck and eight were killed and several others injured near Rose Hill, Mississippi.

The storm apparently swept into Louisiana near Shreveport and traveled eastward across the northern sections of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Winds Furious. High winds and heavy rains accompanied the storm as it moved eastward with increasing fury. Striking near Pleasant Hill before nightfall, rescue workers were busy searching through the ruins of dwellings when darkness came.

Many of the injured were carried to hospitals at Shreveport. The storm struck first near Pleasant Hill, Sabine parish and next was reported on plantations at Lake Bruin, near St. Joseph, Texas parish, on the line between Louisiana and Mississippi.

50 Houses Levelled. At Pleasant Hill, it was reported that 50 houses had been leveled. One five-year-old boy was killed when the wind lifted him from the ground then hurled him back, crushing him.

Three plantations were hit at Lake Bruin. One negro was killed when his house was blown into the lake.

Nearly all sections of Louisiana and Mississippi reported torrential rains. Baton Rouge reported that the Amity river was rising and that it was probable that all roads would be flooded.

FLOODS THREATENING. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18 (AP)—Southern California today was practically eliminated from the theater of danger as the five-day storm abated, leaving 22 dead and property loss unofficially estimated at \$2,500,000 but Imperial Valley points along the Colorado river were threatened with flood conditions and Northern California coast cities awaited an approaching storm center from the Pacific.

Men and horses were thrown into the fight against high water along the Colorado river near Calexico to protect that district from a flood reported coming down the stream as the result of the recent unprecedented rains. A discharge of 55,000 second feet of water was expected at Imperial and an additional flood was roaring down the Gila river from Arizona.

The Gila river rise will pour into the Colorado.

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MRS. ORMISTON



All the way from Australia came the wife of Kenneth G. Ormiston, famous as a figure in the Alcee Temple McPherson case, to America to sue the radio man for divorce. Here she is coming down the gang plank at San Francisco, just before going to Los Angeles "to talk to my lawyers."

GOFF TESTIFIES
FOR DAUGHTERY

"I Am the Man" He Declares When Questioned by Attorneys

FEDERAL COURT, NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—The defense of Harry M. Daugherty former attorney general and co-defendant with Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, rested this afternoon.

FEDERAL COURT, NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—Senator Guy D. Goff, of West Virginia, took the stand in the Daugherty-Miller trial today and assumed all responsibility for the allowance of the claim for the \$7,000,000 impounded assets of the American Metal company.

In a voice that rang down the court room, Senator Goff declared "I'm the man," in reply to the question "are you the man who passed these claims?"

Senator Goff was an ill man at (Continued on Page 5)

Portland Woman
Wagers She Can
Outswim Young

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 18 (AP)—Announcement was made here today of the receipt of information from Miss Martha Stager of Portland, Ore., that she had sent a telegram to William Wrigley Jr., in Chicago accepting his \$25,000 wager backing George Young, youthful Canadian swimmer, against any challenger for another race across the San Pedro channel from Santa Catalina island to the mainland.

Miss Stager who was one of the contestants of the Wrigley marathon in the channel swim which was won by Young, informed a local newspaper that she had made the only condition of that race that it be made from Avalon, Santa Catalina island to the mainland at Long Beach. She stated she had obtained the financial backing of a Los Angeles oil man.

For the eight days she lived at the St. Francis hotel, Newark, and amazed guests with vivid descriptions of her "escape" from Russia, her knowledge of political intrigues and her ability to converse in various languages.

For over an hour she conversed in French with a woman of French extraction and displayed an accurate knowledge of the French royalty and of the events leading up to the French revolution. Turning the conversation she mentioned that she was somewhat despondent at hotel life as it lacked the glamour and splendor of castles and palaces.

The woman told the manager, who summoned Newark detectives who persuaded them she was a countess.

Her money ran low and she wrote her mother, informing her of her whereabouts and saying she was ready to go home. She was taken home after her mother paid \$30 due on the "royal suite."

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All communication between Shanghai and Hangchow has been severed. At present there are 10,000 of Marshal Sun's troops at various points on the Hangchow-Shanghai railway between Kashi and Sungkiam, indicating the Shanghai war lord will make no further stand in Chekiang province, for which Hangchow is the capital.

With the increasing threat of a battle for possession of Shanghai, the foreign powers continue to increase their forces. A battalion of the second Suffolk regiment, which was stationed temporarily at Hongkong, left for Shanghai this morning. The American transport, en route to Guam with 1200 marines, was ordered to proceed directly here. Twenty-one warships of five foreign nations, the United States, England, Japan, France and Italy, swing at anchor in the river here, their flightmen prepared to go into action if necessary.

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