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ABE MARTIN



A feller has to be mighty ornery or mighty great to be missed these days. Dr. Brisbane has withdrawn from the King George case.

HOME RUN KING'S WIFE IS BURNED

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together for the last three years. During that time I have seldom met her. I have done all that I can to comply with her wishes.

But Ruth, through his friend and legal adviser, John P. Feeney, of Boston, immediately took steps to see that a new certificate was issued that the dead woman might be buried as Mrs. Ruth rather than as Mrs. Kinder.

Feeney and members of Mrs. Ruth's family decided to go to Wellesley, where the Babe's nine-year-old daughter Dorothy is a student in a private academy, and break the news of her mother's death.

Picture Leads to Discovery
The discovery that the supposed dentist's wife was Mrs. Ruth came with the publication last week of a picture of the woman found in the house.

Kinder, who was attending a boxing exhibition last Friday when his house caught fire, was paged at the show and returned to identify the dead woman as his wife and to make funeral arrangements.

The dentist's father, William F. Kinder, and a brother, William F. Kinder, Jr., said they believed the couple had been married in Montreal about two years ago.

Late in 1915 or early in 1916 they were married and in September, 1922, they announced that 18 months previously a daughter had been born but they had decided not to announce it earlier.

The brother explained that Dr. Kinder had asked him to collect the papers because he was too much upset by the tragedy.

Fire officials announced that the cause of the blaze probably was an overloading of the wires in the living room coupled with badly worn insulation.

TWO KILLED IN PORTLAND CRASH

Young Man Held on Manslaughter Charge—Accident Toll Four

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Lyle Wilson, 20, was in jail here today charged with involuntary manslaughter, a girl and a youth were dead, and three others were in hospitals, the result of an automobile fire following a week-end dancing party.

Mrs. Bernice Seymour, 21, and Theodore Buskohl, 21, were killed. The injured were: Effie Gibson, 17; Catherine Patrick, 18; Walter Lord, 15. All suffered broken legs, cuts and bruises.

Police said Wilson had been drinking.

FOUR KILLED AT CROSSING BALTIMORE, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Four members of a family of five are dead and the sole survivor, a child, was seriously injured when their automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad train near Parkton, Baltimore county, early this morning.

Mrs. Diamond Hannigan and two children, Robert, 6, and Diamond, 4, were killed outright; the husband, Diamond Hannigan, a Baltimore policeman, was fatally injured and died a few hours later at Mercy hospital where physicians said that Edith, 9 years, was in a critical condition.

FOUR INJURED IN WRECK MAISHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Four persons were injured on the Empire road near Bangor last night when their automobile slipped from the grade on "Dead-man's Curve."

Those injured were: Frank Flick and Hughes Hamilton, abrasions and bruises; Inez Gaedecke, cut leg and head; Gladys Gordon, possible fractured pelvis.

La Granders Help In Entertainment
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—When several hundred high school students representing the cream of secondary institutions of learning from all parts of Oregon, poured into Eugene Thursday afternoon for the ninth annual High School Conference, January 11 and 12, university students from La Grande had an active part in welcoming and directing the guests.

These guests, Miss Dorothy Eberhard, sophomore and member of Pi Beta Phi, social sorority, was a member of the general conference committee, being chairman of registration, and directed a crew of some 50 campus men and women in that capacity.

Franklin Eberhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Eberhard, of La Grande, and brother of Dorothy, was the only delegate from the La Grande high school. He was a guest at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Problems of high school student body organizations, girls' leagues and daily, monthly and annual publications, were taken up in the three divisions of the conference, with speakers including state leaders in the several fields.

Lodging was provided at living quarters on the campus. Social entertainment featured luncheons, a banquet and musical and feature programs.

TAX TROUBLE PUT BEFORE LEGISLATORS

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able state revenues for the biennium. Of these appropriations I vetoed bills providing for one million, three hundred thousand dollars, leaving a deficit of more than two million dollars which I hoped might be taken care of by the income tax measure passed by the legislature and referred to the electorate.

"The income tax measure was defeated, and, as a result, the revenues of the general fund will be insufficient by approximately two million dollars to meet the obligations thereon for the biennium ended Dec. 31, 1928."

"No provision has been made to liquidate the existing deficit, and it has been necessary to eliminate practically all requests for substantial capital outlay, despite the fact that many such requests were for legitimate and necessary improvements which should be cared for now and which must be provided in the near future if Oregon is to maintain her standing as a progressive and forward moving commonwealth."

Reads Constitution
In view of this situation Governor Patterson called to the attention of the legislature section two of Article Nine of the constitution which provides that "The legislature annually shall provide for raising revenue sufficient to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal year, and also a sufficient sum to pay the interest on the state debt, if there be any."

He called to their attention, further, section six of the same article, saying: "Whenever the expenses of any fiscal year shall exceed the income, the legislative assembly shall provide for levying a tax for the ensuing fiscal year, sufficient, with other sources of income, to pay the deficiency, as well as the estimated expense of the ensuing fiscal year."

Discusses Penitentiary
In discussing the status of the state penitentiary Governor Patterson said, "for the first time in the history of the institution, every man who is physically able is at work every day."

In his recommendations in connection with the prison, the governor said: "It is absolutely essential that additional quarters be provided immediately to care for prisoners. I have recommended in the budget an appropriation of \$35,000 for the purpose of remodeling the former training school (for boys) building to house forty men and also to care for the women prisoners."

"A fair taxation" on cut-over lands during the growing period of the timber was recommended by the governor. This, he said, should be in addition to "a fair annual tax, a yield tax when the timber is cut."

Touches on Reclamation
In discussing reclamation, Governor Patterson suggested that the legislature submit to the electorate a constitutional amendment repealing article XI-b of the state constitution which authorizes the payment by the state of reclamation and drainage district bond interest.

These bonds, the governor said, are widely scattered and there is no adequate record of their ownership.

In discussing water power, Governor Patterson said: "The present law provides that all applications for permits to appropriate water for beneficial use shall be approved by the state engineer when made in proper form, unless the appropriation will constitute a menace to safety and welfare of the public."

Ask Amendment
In that event the state engineer may deny the application if, after a full hearing, the public welfare demands. His authority to deny applications under this statute has NOT been passed on by the courts, but in order to protect the public interests, this section should be amended in a manner which will more fully define the duties of the state engineer and the grounds upon which applications may be denied.

on which applications may be denied. Authority over appropriation of water for beneficial use similar to that of the federal power commission relative to leasing public lands which are used in power development should be given."

Closing Remarks
In concluding, the governor said: "On the subjects discussed in this message or on any other matters pertaining to state governmental activities, I shall be happy at any time to confer with the members of the thirty-fifth legislative assembly."

"My experience during the past two years has strengthened my deep interest in the welfare of the state of Oregon."

"Recognizing that a progressive body of laws is a vital factor in the development and prosperity of any state, I offer you my fullest cooperation and support in all undertakings which promise to promote the best interests of our commonwealth and the well-being of her people."

LEGISLATURE IS UNDER WAY TODAY IN STATE HOUSE

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Eberhard, Jones, Marks, Miller, Schuler, Miller, Kiddle, Carson, G. W. Dunn, Hall, Kuck, Moser, Horticulture—G. W. Dunn, Elliott, Reynolds.

Industries—Butt, J. O. Bailey, Corbett, Joe Dunne, Marks, Eberhard, Marks, Moser.

Irrigation—Mann, Billingsley, Brown, Carson, Corbett, Miller, Strayer.

Judiciary—Moser, Klepper, J. O. Bailey, Eberhard, Eddy, Jones, Lpton.

Livestock—Billingsley, Carson, Joe Dunne, Elliott.

Medicine, Pharmacy and dentistry—Jones, Joe Dunne, J. O. Bailey, Fisher, Staples.

Military affairs—Kiddle, Ed Bailey, Jones, Klepper, Staples.

Mining—Strayer, G. W. Dunn, Miller.

Municipal affairs—Joe Dunne, Brown, Bennett, Eberhard, Hall.

Penal institutions—Reynolds, Joe Dunne, Billingsley, Brown, Hall.

Printing—Kuck, Bennett, Klepper.

Public buildings—Reynolds, Joe Dunne, Elliott.

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KODAKS
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NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP

John Coolidge, so we read recently in dispatches from New England, has been elevated to the rank of major in the state militia, special action being taken in his case to insure a proper grade for the son of a president and the future son-in-law of a governor of Massachusetts for some state function. If there are no other considerations, such action puts both state officials and young Coolidge in a ridiculous light. Even though the rank is nothing more than a title, it is a sad commentary on our modern democracy. If John Coolidge has done anything worthy of special reward or recognition beyond being the son of a mediocre president, we have yet to discover it. He has, we are glad to say, been properly modest in the past. It is a quality he can well cultivate in the future.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT

The report of the Property Tax Relief Commission, which has just been printed and which will be put before the governor and the legislature, shows a comprehensive study of those subjects related to taxes on real property. Further, it makes its recommendations on the basis of that study and on the basis of what similar laws have accomplished in other states throughout the nation.

Provided for by the last legislature, the commission was headed by John Carkin of Medford, speaker of the house, and included thirty-five representative citizens of the state who gave of their time and energy for two years that an intelligent survey might be accomplished. There were business men and farmers, lawyers and lumber men, laboring men and home owners, newspaper men and manufacturers—every activity of the state capably represented.

The recommendations of the commission fell in eight classifications, all specifically related, not to the question of new revenue or other angles of taxation, but to the subject of property tax relief. The commission stuck to the job for which it was created. It considered and discarded far more than it finally recommends. It did not propose any one cure—all but, very practically, proposed a readjustment in eight different phases of property taxation as the only workable means of accomplishing the commission's purpose. The outline of the report indicates its comprehensive quality:

- I. Equalization: (a) Centralized Control of Assessment; (b) Full Time State Tax Commission.
II. Improved Budgets and Uniform Accounting: (a) State Accounting and Budgets; (b) Local Accounting and Budgets.
III. Reduction of State Taxes on Real Property: (a) Support of State by Indirect Sources; (b) Reduction of State Expenditures; (c) Consolidation of State Government.
IV. Reduction of Local Taxes on Real Property: (a) Improved County Government; (b) Abolishing Local and Super-local Districts; (c) Applying 25% Motor License Refund to Pay off County Bonds.
V. Control of New Bond Issues and Tax Levies: (a) The Oregon Plan of Control; (b) Prohibiting Voting of Bonds by Minorities; (c) Limitation of Bond Issues.
VI. Excise Tax on Banks and Corporations.
VII. Taxation of Intangibles, Income, etc.
VIII. Forest Taxation: (a) Logged Off Lands; (b) Federal Forest Lands.

As Chairman Carkin says, the remarkable thing about the commission's work and this report is that the recommendations are the unanimous opinion of the members with the single exception of the income tax section. That there was almost perfect accord indicates the amount of study and investigation that was required. It indicates the practical nature of the report in a majority of its subjects. And it should lend significant emphasis to the need for a revision and improvement in Oregon's laws on property taxation. The legislature can well give much time and attention to this report.

Fight Blaze On The 55th Floor

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—Six sightseers, one a young woman, were marooned in the observatory tower of the Woolworth building for ten minutes yesterday, their escape cut off by the highest blaze that the New York fire department was ever called upon to fight.

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