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ABE MARTIN



Scientists are a little late promissin' to make wood edible, for I know folks right now that would eat a croquet ball if it had vinegar on it. Ike Soles is still confined to his bed with flu, but Bootlegger Ike Lark reports that he's taperin' off fine and will be back at the sawmill in a few days.

Here and There In Legislature

(Oregon Voter Service) SALEM, Jan. 29.—Three men in the house of representatives answer yea or nay when the name Johnson is called. From widely separated parts of the state, it is curious that these three men all derive their living from the soil, and in the main their chief interests are the same. Unknown to each other until the first meeting of the 1929 session of the legislature now in session at Salem, these men have cast their votes for the same side every time but one. They deny having talked matters over before hand, and if there is a "Johnson bloc" it is not with conscious intent.

The first to answer the roll call is Bert W. Johnson, of Monroe, representative for Benton county. He is the manager of an apple orchard and owner of farm lands. He is followed on the roll by Mark J. Johnson, of Astoria who stands for Clatsop county. This Mr. Johnson is one of the leading dairymen in the state and is found to "know his stuff" very well indeed along such lines. Completing the Johnson roll-call is T. G. Johnson, of Wallowa, member for Union and Wallowa counties. He also is a dairymen and a farmer.

Keyes Trial Now In Fourth Week

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP)—The trial of Asa Keyes, former district attorney, Ben Getzoff and EJ Rosenberg, charged with bribery and conspiracy, was in its fourth week today. Superior Judge Edwin I. Butler announced that night sessions may be held in order to finish it early next week.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—Defeat of Senator J. G. Bailey's bill to repeal the state office building act was forecast after a public hearing last night before the joint public buildings committee of the house and senate.

The senate chamber was jammed to the window-sills by a crowd eager to hear debated the question whether \$400,000 of the state industrial accident funds should be borrowed for construction of the building. The crowd, mainly Salem townspeople, stood solidly with

SPEECH WITHOUT USE OF LUNGS OR CORDS IS SHOWN POSSIBLE



R. R. Hiesse (above) of the Bell Telephone laboratories, is shown demonstrating artificial lung power, supplied by the bellows under his arm. This is an addition to the artificial larynx, or voice box, which makes it unnecessary for a speaker to use either his throat or lungs to talk. Hiesse, who has a normal voice, learned artificial speech to further study of voice reproduction. The artificial larynx or voice box is shown just above his left hand.

Preacher, 54, Weds Girl, 11



Charged with bigamy and perjury Joseph M. Benton, 54-year-old blind Pentecostal preacher, was jailed at Herritt, Ill., after his marriage to Sarah Glendora, 11 years old, whose age had been misrepresented as 21. It was also charged that Benton had a wife in Arkansas. About age Benton said his child bride, who has gone back to her parents, Rev. Benton obtained the parents' consent to the wedding when he told them he had had a vision which directed that the little girl become his wife.

Governs Swiss



Here is Robert Haab, the new Swiss president for 1929. He was chosen in the recent elections

the proponents of the building act, and speakers on that side of the question were applauded frequently.

In the course of his remarks Senator Bailey averred that Kay had 24 of the 29 senators pledged to vote against his repeal bill. This remark was the basis for the predicted defeat of the bill.

Both the moral and the legal aspects of the case were discussed, the proponents of the building act declaring that inasmuch as the act had been upheld by the Oregon supreme court and the United States supreme court the legal questions had been settled.

"A peculiar situation in this case," said Mr. Kay, addressing his remarks to his opponents, "is that the act was passed with only one vote of the whole 1927 legislature against it. You went to court with it, and appealed it to the United States supreme court and were beaten. Now your lawyers appeal it to this committee of eight men, all of whom are laymen but one lone attorney. After you have been beaten by the highest court in the land it seems to me you are damn poor sports if you can't abide by that decision."

The state reclamation commission yesterday received for deposit \$12,000 in bonds of the Grants Pass Irrigation district, thereby taking another step towards reorganization and refinancing of the district. More than 82 per cent of the bondholders, or those holding \$1,250,000 of the bonds, have now accepted the plan of reorganization.

The district has been in default since January 1, 1928, but will be able to resume interest payments as soon as the reorganization plan has been accepted by a sufficient number of bondholders. No reduction in the bonded indebtedness is contemplated, but a reduction to 2 per cent in the interest rate for the first five years and 4 per cent after five years are contemplated.

Over a fight waged by Senator Bennett, who challenged the sponsors of the proposal to group all of their anticipated increase measures into one and submit them to a vote of the people of Multnomah county to determine whether he or they are right in their contentions, the Multnomah county delegation bill to increase the salary of the comptroller for that district from \$200 to \$275 a month was approved by the senate Monday afternoon. Senators Brown, Butt, Jones and Strayer joined Bailey in voting against the bill.

Willingness of the highway commission to agree to the issuance of state highway bonds to the extent of \$1,000,000 a year for new construction was made known about the legislative halls last night following conferences between C. E. Gates and Robert Sawyer, members of the commission, with Governor Patterson and members of the legislature over the proposal that the commission be directed by the legislature to issue bonds to the constitutional limit, which would increase the present outstanding road bond indebtedness by \$12,000,000. The commissioners qualified their agreement with the statement that they must be shown where revenues to carry the additional bond load are coming from, however.

Representative Carlin, chairman of the property tax relief commission, announced at a meeting of the committee on assessment and taxation last evening that the commission's excise tax bill, which had been scheduled for introduction Monday, had been dropped for minor revisions but would drop into the hopper this morning. Aside from discussing the general scope of the tax reduction and readjustment measures sponsored by the tax commission the committee took no action.

House Bill 157, introduced by Scott of Umatilla, which would have raised the age of consent of females from 16 to 17 years was lost.

House bill 175 which eliminated clerks of election in elections in water districts and provides for boards of election of three members, was passed. Chairman of Josephine introduced 158 bill. Tompkins bill, H. B. 179, requiring a coroner to get certain permission before an autopsy may be held, was taken from the table and re-referred to the committee on judiciary.

That all the policing of motor vehicle traffic, including that of trucks and buses, be lodged with the secretary of state's office, will be one of the recommendations of the special senate committee on motor vehicle licenses. Another will be removal of the per mile seat tax on buses and establishing instead of a flat tax of \$25 per passenger seat. This is in addition to the increase in the regular li-

cense fee to be paid the state, which as now proposed, will be from \$97 to a maximum of about \$160.

It was voted to recommend a flat tax of \$1 instead of \$5, first proposed, for small trailers such as are used by farmers.

FRIED CALLED TO CAPITAL NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—Captain George Fried of the rescue ship America has been called to Washington and when the liner sails for Europe tomorrow she will be in command of Chief Officer Harry Manning, who was in charge of the lifeboat that saved the Florida's crew it was learned today.

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