

COMMISSION TO BE CHECKED UP

Authority for Increase in Membership Questioned By Legislators

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—The property tax relief commission, which has prepared a program of tax reform for this session of the legislature, is to be checked up in the matter of its expenditures before the ways and means committee decides to approve its bill of some \$12,000.

When this figure was made known at the committee meeting last night there was considerable murmuring, and some questioning as to what authority the committee had to increase its membership from the five provided by the legislative resolution two years ago to more than 20 members. Senator Jones and Representative Collier and Potter were appointed a sub-committee to investigate.

Senator Bell, though he believed the committee's expenses were reasonable under the circumstances, urged that the committee discourage activities between legislative sessions by special committees from only one house of the legislature.

Bills Attacked
Representatives Norvell, Smith, Weatherpoon and Potter and Senators Strayer and Jones attacked the bills designed to make the state labor department self-supporting. One bill would increase the license fee of master plumbers from \$5 to \$25, another the license of electrical dealers from \$5 to \$25 and another would provide for a boiler inspection fee of \$5 and unfired pressure vessel inspection fee of \$7.

Norvell said he couldn't see the justice in a plumber doing \$1500 worth of business in a year paying the same fee as one doing a \$50,000 business. He favored a graduated scale. Representative Smith, of Multnomah county, opposed the bills in principle as building up bureaucracy. "The license proposed is more in the interest of the bureau than of the people paying the fee," said Smith.

Strayer Objects
Representative Angell, chairman of a sub-committee on the bills, had recommended that they be introduced as committee measures, to this Senator Strayer objected, declaring he wanted to examine them personally before deciding whether he would support them. Representative Potter was of the same opinion. Representative Weatherpoon branded them as subterfuges, but Senator Bell defended them, declaring that freedom generally was to be restored. Senator Jones made a motion which caused them to be tabled until further notice. The members of the committee, \$25,000. The committee did not pass on any appropriations. Dr. Frederick H. Stecker, secretary of the state board of health, appeared for that office, which asks an appropriation of \$65,240, also for the state bureau of nursing and Child Hygiene, which seeks \$24,500. Dr. Stecker told the committee that Oregon has the lowest child death rate in the United States, but that preventable diseases cost the state \$40,000,000 annually.

J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, who hopes to make his department self-sustaining by a fee imposed on restaurants, estimated that a \$10 fee

would raise \$22,000. Representatives Angell and Smith and Senator Kettle were appointed as a sub-committee to work with Mickle in preparing the bill. A sub-committee headed by Representative Steward reported on state-aided baby homes in Portland. All were given a clean bill except the Waverly home where it is said that many babies were sick, and that one of the nurses informed the committee that a fire would be sure to cause loss of life. Lack of help at the institution was blamed mainly for the condition. A resolution was introduced yesterday asking the state fire marshal to inspect the home.

Prairie Landers
The management of President J. S. Landers of the Monmouth normal school was lauded by a sub-committee headed by Representative Smith that visited the school. The expenditure of funds was judicious, the committee said. It found a serious need of more class room, and recommended higher tuition fees for non-resident students. The same committee pointed to needs at the University of Oregon, particularly the need of an infirmary. President Hall will be summoned before committee.

Detective Slain At Home; Police Officers Puzzled

WILLIAMETTE, Conn., Jan. 29 (AP)—The slaying of County Detective William E. Jackson, widely known criminal investigator and former tough rider, puzzled the police today.

The body was found by his wife and daughter when they returned from a store half a mile away last night less than 40 minutes after they had left him sitting at the kitchen table reading the evening paper.

A bullet which entered his head on the right side, directly under the right cheek bone, apparently found its way to his brain. Death was said by examining physicians to have been instantaneous. No powder burns or marks were found on his face or clothing, indicating that the bullet was fired from a distance of more than four feet.

Arrested Diamond Brothers
Detective Jackson figured prominently in the investigation resulting in the arrest of the Diamond brothers of New York who were electrocuted at Sing Sing for killing a bank teller. He was one of the chief witnesses for the state in the recent trial of the so-called "Ice Box Bandits," Roland L. Larson and Albert G. Raymond of Rochester, Mass., who are now serving life terms in Westchester prison for the murder of state trooper Irving H. Nelson.

Police today were looking into the major cases upon which Jackson had worked for the middle 27 years of the men for whose conviction he was responsible had been released from jail. At the time of his death Jackson was working on the case of Thomas Magala, who is now in the Brooklyn, Conn., jail awaiting trial on an indictment charging him with the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rosario Lorella early in January. The Lorella woman was gassed and choked to death.

Reconstruct Crime
Jackson had evidently prepared to reconstruct the crime at the rear of the house to milk his two cows in he was wearing a corduroy coat

and flannel boots. A pair of heavy gloves was found beside the body. Police believed Jackson had been called to the door by his slayer and shot down as he bucked into the kitchen.

After the Spanish war Jackson entered the employ of the Erie railroad as a division detective. He was one of the four criminal members of the Connecticut state police. He was formerly an aide-man of Williamatic and had been New London county detective since 1917.

OREGON BRIDGE APPROVED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The war department has approved plans of the Oregon state highway commission for a bridge across Haynes slough, about nine miles north of Marshfield, Ore., under authority of the state laws.

It is proposed to make false teeth from steel. Suppose now all the dentists will be installing riveting hammers.

TO HOLD HEARING

SALZM, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—The insurance committee of the senate and house will hold a joint public hearing next Monday night on insurance measures coming before the legislature.

Hawaiian Holidays

New Year's, Washington's birth day, Good Friday, Decemban day, Kamehameha day, American anniversary (July 4), Labor day, Regatta day, Armistice day, Thanksgiving day, and Christmas are the Hawaiian holidays. All except Good Friday and Thanksgiving day are established by law.

Great Russian Fair

The Peter Paul fair is the greatest of the fairs held at Nizhni-Novgorod, Russia. It continues from the first week in August until the last of September. This city on the Volga is celebrated for its fairs.

LAST OF BANDIT GANG SHOT DOWN

West Palm Beach Officers in Gun Battle With Ashley Gang Member

WEST PALM BEACH, Jan. 29 (AP)—When Haywood Register fell mortally wounded yesterday under a leaden hail from an ambuscade of officers, Sheriff "Bob" Baker finished a job he undertook four years ago when he set out to exterminate the notorious Ashley gang.

Register died with his boots on in best approved outlaw fashion, with gun blazing defiance at the officers who attempted to return him to the state penitentiary and a life sentence for murder. The last member of the gang

of desperadoes who from their hidden retreats deep in the swamps of the Everglades preyed for years on the villages along the Florida coast, escaped last December 2 from the state penitentiary at Raiford, where he had been serving concurrent life sentences for murder and an additional 15-year term for highway robbery.

Walks Into Ambush
Yesterday he walked into an ambush, arranged with the aid of a friend of Register whom the outlaw last Saturday held up and relieved of \$2,000. The friend pleaded for the return of his money, and Register agreed on the condition that he be furnished transportation to West End, in the Bahamas Islands.

The victim conferred with Sheriff Baker, and yesterday when he went to keep his rendezvous with Register near a canal at Boynton, 17 miles south of here, he was followed by Baker and his deputies. Baker, hidden behind a bush, called

on Register to "throw up your hands."

Instead, Register whirled, a blazing pistol in each hand. He emptied three pistols at the five officers and was attempting to draw a knife when four bullets from the posse's pistols took effect.

Terrorized Coast

"The Ashley gang terrorized the lower east coast for many years, committing highway robberies and holding up banks, until four years ago, when Sheriff Baker and his deputies surprised the outlaws at the Sebastian bridge near here. In the gun battle that ensued four of the gang were killed and several captured.

Register, who assumed leadership on the death of John Ashley, Hanford Mobley, Ray Lynn and shortly Middleton, was captured later, convicted of murder and robbery and sentenced to the state prison for life.

Bob Ashley, another member of the gang, was killed some time later in a pistol duel with Miami of-

icers and Ed and Frank Ashley went to sea and disappeared. Joe Tracy, another of the outlaws, is serving a life sentence at Raiford.

Laura Uphogrove reputed sweetheart of various members of the gang, committed suicide three years ago by drinking poison.

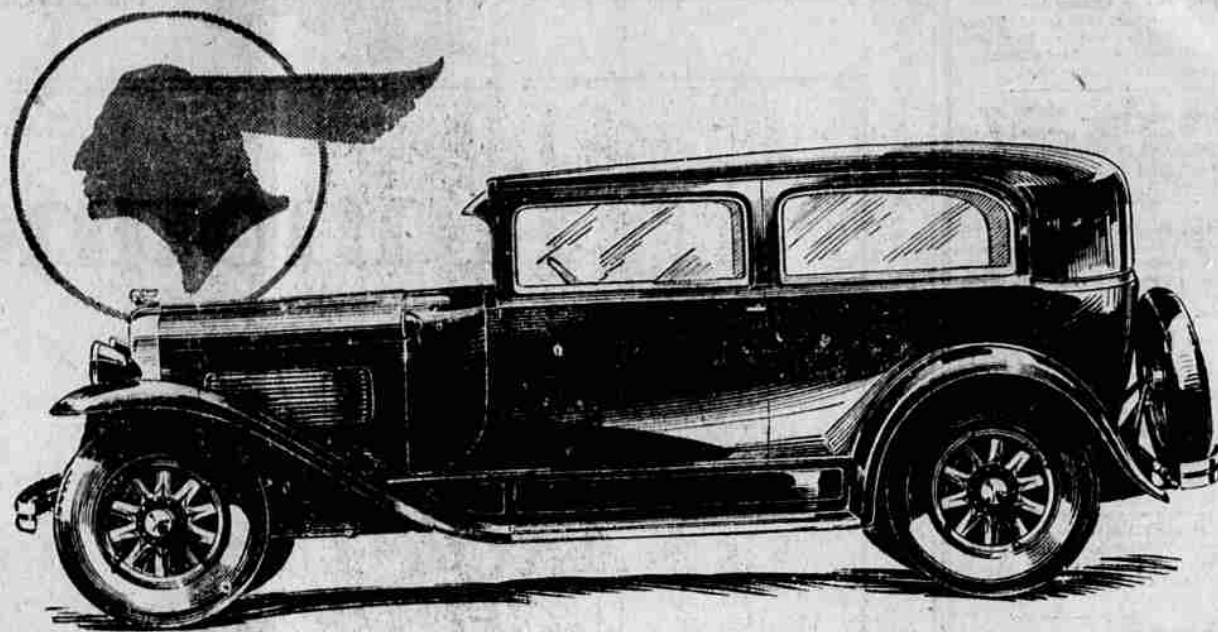
"Companionate Marriage"

It is thought that the term "companionate marriage" was first employed by Doctor Knight of Barnard college in an article published in 1924.

Custom Is Old One

There is evidence of the custom of saying grace before meals being observed as early as the third century.

Brain operations were resorted to the other day to cure two boys of criminal tendencies. The early spring poetry crop is expected to be undiminished, however.



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tant step up in the quality of their cars. The New Pontiac Big Six was designed for them.

These up-and-coming Americans are continually on the lookout for new, more arresting style. The Pontiac Big Six comes to them entirely new in appearance. Stunning new bodies by Fisher contribute to the big car beauty and big car style presented by the car as a whole.

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It is a six, but more than just a six. It is a six with the added power of a larger L-head engine and the added smoothness imparted by a dynamically balanced, counter-weighted crankshaft and the famous Harmonic Bal-

ancer. It is a six with the added efficiency and silence achieved by means of the G-M-R cylinder head. It is a six with the added cold-weather advantages provided by the cross-flow radiator, thermostatically controlled.

From fan to rear axle, its "line of drive" is in accurate dynamic balance. Its new brakes are of the internal-expanding four-wheel type which neither mud nor rain nor ice can prevent from operating efficiently.

As for its performance, you can drive it at express train speed. You can watch it accelerate alongside the finest cars on the road. You can test its power under any conditions, confident of its ability to pull through. Meanwhile it continues to provide that unmatched dependability for which every Pontiac since the first one has been famed.

Only a few highlights in its construction have been mentioned. Just enough to prove that the Pontiac Big Six is entirely new and capable of meeting progressive Americans' demand. But the amazing thing about it is that it gives so much big car luxury, style and performance at prices which come within practically everyone's reach!

Prices, \$745 and up, f. o. b. factory, plus delivery charges. Bumpers and rear fender guards regular equipment at slight extra cost. Check Oakland-Pontiac delivered prices—they include lowest handling charges. General Motors Time Payment Plan available at minimum rate.

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Kansas City Airport Makes Girl Hostess at \$100 a Week Salary



Ruth Haviland, pretty 20-year-old aviatrix, is hostess at Fairfax airport, Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Ruth Haviland, pretty 20-year-old aviatrix, is hostess at Fairfax airport.

It is her duty to welcome all persons who arrive at the landing field, and she receives \$100 a week.

Miss Haviland has been working for the airport since she was 16. She is the only woman in the city, American or foreign, who is paid for her job.

"She won the college prize" says Miss G. W. Smith, president of the airport board, "because of her charming personality and

courteous reception of transient and commercial plane passengers."

Miss Haviland is a licensed airplane pilot. She started at the bottom in aviation after a futile attempt to start at the top in a large Atlantic flight. She was the persistent young woman who kept the airport open with telegrams to Colonel Richard D. Byrd when he was preparing for the flight to France. Her perseverance was rewarded by the return from the flight of a young woman who had been missing for several days.