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## Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Removal of any possible local obstacles to the program of special tax levies by which it is proposed to pull the state out of the red is contained in a proposal to repeal of the six per cent limitation contained in the constitution. The measure has been drafted and is understood to be in the hands of Representative Carkin, chairman of the property tax relief commission and sponsor for amending at least two of the revenue bills. Its existence became known at a meeting of the house committee on taxation and revenue when Representative Mervady suggested repeal of the six per cent limitation. Carkin said that he had a bill in that end in his desk, and that if the committee desired to sponsor it he would join in supporting the proposal. Hasset, Anvelt and McCready were unanimously agreed that the six per cent limitation had cost the state millions of dollars and pointed out that only one other state in the union has such a limitation.

Among the 14 house bills passed by the house Monday afternoon was Mark Johnson's bill to establish a cream grading system under regulation of the state dairy and food commission.

House members cast a unanimous vote in favor of the house joint memorial providing for a congressional telephone investigation. Judge Potter, of Linn, one of the sponsors of the memorial with Hasset and Carkin, took the floor in support of the memorial as "the first step toward a national investigation of the interlocking utilities."

Carkin of Jackson county asked support of house members for the house memorial as a "living memorial." According to Carkin a "similar memorial introduced by the senate by Senator Joe Dianne is tied up with the Johnson bill in congress which is now a dead bill."

House members also passed house joint memorial asking for federal aid in investigating undiagnosed malaria in stock in Eastern Oregon. Other house joint resolutions, including certain state officers was also passed by the house.

Bills passed by the house Monday afternoon were:

H. R. 218—by Chidaren—authorizing the board allowed for the killing of livestock by the proper officers in the eradication of contagious diseases, from \$15 to \$15 for any grade cow or heifer and \$25 to \$25 for a vaccinated animal.

H. R. 212—by Robinson—providing for maintenance of parental homes by women who are married.

H. R. 217—by McAllister—providing that taxes collected shall be deposited as the taxes of the year in which they are collected instead of the year in which they are assessed.

H. R. 215—by Potter—providing that bonds on public works shall never claim for compensation due the state.

H. R. 219—by Potter—providing for the additional requirement that the survey bonds on public work shall also cover claims for contributions due to the state accident fund.

H. R. 245—by McCort—providing principal stock commission on sales basis as private stock operators in the payment of exchange fees, allowing only part commission of Portland and Astoria.

H. R. 245—by Brown—providing saving clause adopted in chapter 42, criminal laws, 1917.

H. R. 275—by Brown—clarifying statutes regarding state department of Americanization.

H. R. 245—by Oak rated commission—fixing compensation of commission, deputies and clerical assistants.

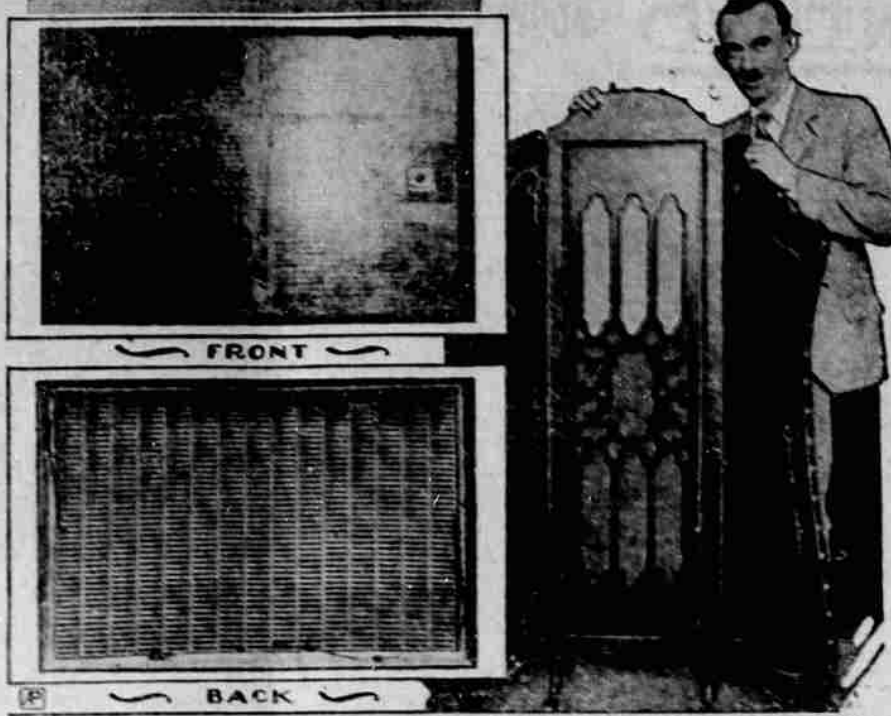
H. R. 265—by Johnson of Walla Walla—increasing terms of appeal court in Walla Walla county.

H. R. 245—by Johnson of Clatsop—establishing a cream grading system.

H. R. 245—by Walla Walla delegation—increasing salary of the state court clerk in Walla Walla county from \$2400 to \$3200 per year.

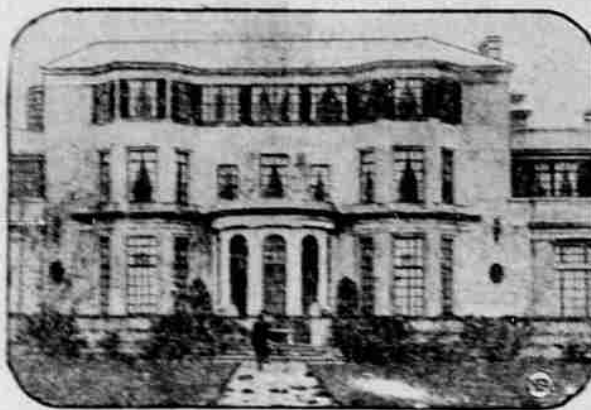
H. R. 245—by Anvelt—amended.

## New Speaker Functions As Huge Condenser



Colin Kyle, San Francisco school teacher, has made practical the condenser type loud speaker, partly through the development of a new diaphragm. He is shown standing beside a screen containing such a speaker. At the left are front and rear views of the speaker units, each reproducing containing from three to six.

## Where King George Is Recuperating



From dozens of country manors offered for the use of King George while he recovers the strength lost during his long illness, he has chosen this one. It is Craigwell House near Dunbar, a small resort on the Sussex coast. Sir Arthur de Crox, its owner, has spent half a million dollars in modernizing the mansion. It now contains a motion picture theater, ballroom and two pipe smoking sections relating to condensation of steam for street and other purposes.

H. R. 238—by Anvelt—relating to hearing and order of sale of real property by an executor or administrator.

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H. R. 41—requiring Multnomah county officers to make deposits of moneys received with county treasurer at end of each day.

H. R. 42—Relating to auditor in Multnomah county.

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The following house bills were introduced yesterday:

H. R. 468 gives a mortgagee a right to protect his lien by paying taxes, insurance premiums, etc., when such payments are not so made by mortgagor.

H. R. 443 provides that surplus funds of counties, school districts, and municipalities may be invested in certain specific securities bringing a higher rate of interest.

H. R. 476 attempts to correct defects in chattel lien statutes.

Robinson of Clatsop introduced H. R. 471 raises minimum rate of interest from two to three per cent on moneys deposited in national banks in the state by the state treasurer. Collier and Norton introduced H. R. 472 which provides that any drainage district constituting a road district may levy a tax in addition to other taxes of \$1 an acre for road purposes.

Hamilton introduced H. R. 473 which provides that all text books used in the grade and high schools for the state of Oregon shall be purchased by the superintendent of public instruction and distributed by him to various school districts in the state. The charge to be made for said books shall include the wholesale price plus a reasonable amount to cover distribution. The effective date of this act is January 1, 1920.

ROME, Feb. 12 (AP)—Pope Pius XI today signaled settlement of the historic Roman question between Italy and the Vatican and the seventh anniversary of his coronation as pontiff, by appearing on the balcony outside of the Basilica of St. Peter's and blessing a great crowd beneath.

## POPE BLESSES CROWD

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