

HOUSE RULES CAUSE LULL IN TAX TILT

Decision on Manufacturers Sales Tax Proposal Due on Thursday.

BOTH SIDES ARE CLAIMING MARGIN

Vote on Cullen's Amendment to Tax 2.75 Beer at Three Cents a Pint Also Scheduled.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—Secretary Mills today estimated that the Ransmyer amendment increasing estate taxes in the new revenue bill would not yield much more than \$20,000,000 in the fiscal year 1933 and not more than \$135,000,000 in 1933 and 1934.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—House rules which assign each Wednesday's session to action on local bills stayed off a write longer today a decision on the fate of the manufacturers sales tax proposal, the keystone of the billion dollar revenue bill.

Despite victories by the anti-sales tax forces on amendments to the measure, the outcome of the vote is uncertain with both sides claiming sufficient strength to win.

Opponents of the manufacturers tax struck hard at the close of yesterday's session, changing for the fourth time an important section of the measure, to boost the levies on great wealth. By a 190 to 140 vote, estate taxes were raised to a maximum of 45 per cent on amounts above \$10,000,000, as compared to the 20 per cent of existing law. This was only five per cent above the committee recommendation but in voting many of the members thought that they were adding 45 to 50 for a total that would give the federal and state governments sixty-five per cent of everything left by men who die in possession of vast fortunes.

The rates written into the bill taper down to one per cent on estates of \$50,000. The states will continue to share 80 to 20 in the first 20 per cent of each estate, but above that mark the entire amount will come to the federal government.

When the bill is taken up tomorrow.

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ALICEL MAN'S ARM FRACTURED IN COLLISION

Scott Bunton, teacher at Alicel, suffered a broken arm on the highway early in La Grande this morning when his car was sideswiped by a hit-and-run driver, according to Sergeant J. A. Robertson, of the state police. The collision occurred about 4:30 o'clock this morning and officers are attempting to locate the unknown driver, who was operating a truck, at the Weiser spur. The car is believed to have gone through Baker before authorities there learned of the trouble.

According to Mr. Bunton, he was driving toward La Grande in a coupe with two passengers and had his left arm out of the car window. The truck sideswiped the car, damaging both left fenders, and injuring Mr. Bunton's arm. He was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital.

Aviation Groups To Meet Thursday

Following the lease of the McCall tract of land for the La Grande municipal airport, the presidents and the aviation committees of the chamber of commerce, American Legion, Rotary and Lions clubs will meet tomorrow at 12 o'clock at the La Grande hotel. They have been called together to discuss and devise means for immediate development of the airport.

The McCall land is situated near the emergency government airport. The committee of the chamber of commerce also took over Dud Rankin's lease and hangar, which has two years yet to run, with an option to buy.

Mr. Rankin stated today that he intends to remain in La Grande and has plans for a more extensive flying school here this year than in 1931. His headquarters will still be at the La Grande field.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature; fresh to strong south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—36 above.
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 51, minimum 30 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .04 of inch. Range—21 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 23, 1931
Maximum 54, minimum 26 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—28 degrees.

M. B. Strayer, Baker, Files For Office

SALEM, Mar. 23 (AP)—Senator B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, Republican, today filed for reelection to the state senate from Douglas county. His slogan: "I will do my best. My past record shows what I mean."

M. B. Strayer, Democrat of Baker, filed his candidacy with the secretary of state for district attorney of Baker county.

Large Crowd At Opening Despite Spring Showers

La Grande and Nearby Points Represented in Throng — La Grande Band Plays Selections.

In spite of the showers of rain that fell intermittently during the evening, a large crowd attended the annual Spring Opening last night. Adams avenue from Greenwood to Chestnut streets was roped off and furnished a concert hall for the La Grande band which played during the evening, between 7:30 and 9 o'clock. Not only La Grande, but the entire valley was represented in the crowds which gathered for the evening to witness the introduction of the new spring styles in clothing and home furnishings.

The Spring Opening will usher in a new era of buying, merchants believe, and they expended a great deal of effort on attractive window displays and effective advertising of La Grande's industrial possibilities. Practically all of the display windows in the local stores were specially decorated with gay ensembles of wares.

The year of 1932 is especially interesting from the standpoint of fashions since it is a year of striking contrasts in women's styles, more subdued effects for men, while in home furnishings the era of "loud" colors which followed directly on the heels of the drab period of the early

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Four Football Games on E.O.N. Fall Schedule

Four football games, three of them to be played in La Grande, already have been scheduled by the Eastern Oregon Normal school for next fall, it was announced by Bob Quinn, head coach, today. No spring football practice is being attempted by the local institution.

A night game will be played at Caldwell, Idaho, with College of Idaho on Oct. 7. The Gem State team, coached by Anse Cornell, is a Pacific Northwest conference member and incidentally, lost its only grid game with the Mountaineers the first year of the local school's history, 19 to 7.

On Oct. 22 the Albion Normal school of Idaho will come to La Grande for a game. This will be the first athletic meeting of the two institutions.

Ashland Normal school is scheduled to play La Grande here on Oct. 31 and Lewiston Normal school of Idaho

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Prohibition Law Main Topic At W. C. T. U. Meet

A district institute of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held yesterday at the Baptist church and a large group of members, interested in problems of prohibition enforcement, attended. Mrs. Ada Jolley, state president, of Portland, was a guest and, in a series of addresses, presented facts about several phases of prohibition.

The state president was the first speaker on the program at 10 o'clock, and the topic of her address was "Why, When and What About In-stitutes." Rev. A. J. Starmer, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, talked on "Temperance" during the morning session.

Rev. B. M. Godwin, of the Baptist church, was the first speaker of the afternoon, discussing "The Training of Youth for the Tusk." Mrs. Jolley again spoke on the work of the W. C. T. U. in general and answered many questions.

Senator Eberhard Speaks
Senator C. R. Eberhard discussed briefly "Some of the Legal Aspects of the Bone Dry Law" and urged all members of the organization to register their votes. Virgil G. Hinshaw, advance agent for the Allied Campaigners for Prohibition, spoke briefly and announced that he and

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Plaintiffs Given Verdict by Jury

The minor heirs of Leslie V. Spicer, deceased, were awarded the decision of the jury yesterday afternoon in the circuit court, and will receive \$2700 on an accident policy and \$300 attorneys fees from the Benefit Association of Railway Employees. The minor heirs alleged that Mr. Spicer's death was caused by injuries sustained while working on the railroad.

R. J. Kitchen was attorney for the plaintiffs, and Cochran and Eberhard defended the benefit association. After the case went to the jury, Judge J. W. Knowles started the next case, Harold Williams vs. Kate H. Polson. Testimony and arguments were being heard today.

Carlson Speaks At First Aid Meeting

R. E. Carlson, national field representative for the Red Cross, met with the first aid classes conducted by Dr. W. K. Ross and Dr. James J. D. Haun, last night at the La Grande High school. In his talk before the group, Mr. Carlson stressed resuscitation and bandaging.

The Red Cross representative also addressed the students of the La Grande High school yesterday afternoon at 2:15 on principles of first aid and lifesaving.

GETS CHAMBER CUP

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 23 (AP)—A trophy cup for outstanding work as a chamber of commerce secretary during 1931, was awarded here Tuesday to W. C. Harding, of Roseburg, by the State Chamber of Commerce Secretaries association.

Harding was awarded the cup for his work in obtaining the northwest soldiers' home for Roseburg. The presentation was made at the annual conference here.

23,376 Sheep Grazed In Meacham Ranger District During the Year

Meacham district during the past year were: cattle lost from poisonous plants and other causes, 10 head; sheep from poisonous plants, predatory animals and straying, 697 head, 422 of which were lambs. Predatory animals caused by far the greatest loss among the flocks grazed in the national forest range, Mr. Tucker believes. Of the 697 total loss of sheep, 497 were killed by predatory animals.

The controlled grazing of livestock on national forests serves a dual purpose. It is an economic necessity in the scheme of things in the Western United States, the district ranger adds. The economic system and social structure is built on a foundation of agriculture and livestock. A great many of the stockmen are dependent for summer range

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STARVES SELF



As a protest against a general economic situation where a man of his "character and education" is unable to find employment, Dr. Frederic F. Walter (above) of Washington set out to starve himself to death. This picture was taken on the eighteenth day of his fast. Fifty-seven years old, he holds three high scholastic degrees.

NEW RECTOR FOR LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, of Ellensburg, Wash. Dues Here on April 3.

The vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal church today announced the acceptance of their call to Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, of Ellensburg, Wash., to become rector of the La Grande church. The arrival of Mr. Kopp will fill a position that has been vacant for a considerable length of time.

Mr. Kopp comes to La Grande very highly recommended as a clergyman of marked ability in church and community work, a forceful speaker and having a personality that quickly endears him to all with whom he may come in contact, the vestry stated.

He will start his ministry at St. Peter's on Sunday, Apr. 3 with Holy communion at 8 a. m. and morning prayer at 11 a. m. and those interested in these services are cordially invited to attend and welcome him to this parish.

Mr. Kopp's wife and two children will remain at Ellensburg until the

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DECLAMATORY CONTESTS TO BE ON FRIDAY

Leading up to the county finals in the declamatory contest, which will come during the first week of April, zone contests are to be on Friday this week. Schools in the territory contiguous to La Grande will have their meet at the Island City Community church at two o'clock in the afternoon. Schools to participate are the Iowa district school, Lower Cove, Liberty, Ladd Canyon, Hilgard, Perry, Libertale, Mt. Glen, Valeria, Starkey, Kamela and Island City.

Great interest in this project is being displayed all over Union county, it is reported, and the final event promised to be exceedingly interesting. It is announced that the public is invited to attend any or all of the contests.

Dr. Bouvy Speaks At Rotary Lunch

The members of the Rotary club heard an interesting talk by Dr. Lee Bouvy at the luncheon today at the La Grande hotel. Dr. Bouvy explained the complicated method of diagnosing a case of blindness in a small child, and displayed the modern electrical instruments that are used in the examination and treatment of the eyes, ears, nose and throat, as well as the bronchoscopes which is used in examining the lungs and in removing foreign bodies from them.

Hugh Brady, past president of the Rotary club, had charge of the induction ceremony for two new members, Elliott Finlay and Ed Fitzgerald.

Grand Matron To Visit Local Lodge

Mrs. Minnie G. White, of Portland, worthy grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star, will pay her official visit to the La Grande lodge tonight, Miss Stella Bloch, worthy matron, announced this morning. Mrs. White will inspect the program of the order during the regular meeting which will be held following a dinner at the Masonic hall at 6:30.

Mrs. Gene Walker has arranged a program of musical numbers which will follow the meeting.

Mrs. O. May Noyes is chairman of the dinner committee.

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The cattle grazed in the national forest for an average period of seven months and the sheep for four and one-half months, Mr. Tucker adds. The difference in the time they are permitted in the national forest is due to the fact that, on the whole, the sheep allotments are in the higher altitude, and also because the sheep must be kept out on open range in the foothills while the lambs are young in order to avoid the cold wet weather which prevails in the mountains during the spring.

Total losses of livestock in the

BRITISH WILL OPPOSE MOVE BY DE VALERA

Abolishing of Oath and Payment of Annuities to be Combated.

THOMAS EXPLAINS OFFICIAL ACTION

Situation Regarded as Somewhat Critical—Debate Occurs in House of Commons.

LONDON, Mar. 23 (AP)—Great Britain is determined that Ireland shall neither abolish the oath of allegiance to the British crown nor discontinue payment of the Irish land annuities, J. H. Thomas, secretary for dominions, told the house of commons today.

To that end the government has sent a communication to the free state government which will make the British standpoint "clear beyond the possibility of a doubt," he said.

Emmon De Valera, new state president, informed London officially yesterday he intends to abolish the oath, and although there has been no official communication regarding the land annuities, his public statements during the recent Irish election made it clear he intends to discontinue their payment to England.

The British government, said Mr.

PEACE WORK AT SHANGHAI THREATENED

Japanese Prepare to Block Reported Re-entry by Chinese Troops.

CHINESE OFFICER QUITS CONFERENCE

To the North, in Manchuria, Bloody Battle Occurs Between Rebels and Japanese.

By Morris J. Harris (Associated Press Staff Correspondent) SHANGHAI, Mar. 23 (AP)—War clouds again lowered over Shanghai late this afternoon as Japanese army officials announced they were preparing to take strong measures to block a reported re-entry into the 12 1/2 mile zone by Chinese troops.

The Japanese said they were informed by observers that the Chinese had crossed Soochow creek at Chlawangmia, within the zone of evacuation described in General Uyeda's ultimatum of Feb. 20.

Chinese Digging In
Japanese officials asked British consular authorities to request the Chinese to withdraw south of the creek. A spokesman said the Chinese were digging themselves in on the north side of the stream, opposite the Japanese lines, with the apparent intention of remaining.

The pessimistic situation was deepened by the failure of the Nanking government to appoint a military delegate to the peace talks to replace General Chiang Kiang-Nai, who walked out of the conference this morning, complaining that the Japanese had sent General Kenkichi Uyeda, who was only a lieutenant general and beneath his rank.

The prospect tonight was that the

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Governor Expected to Fill Vacancy in Commission by Tomorrow.

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The governor is expected to fill the vacancy today or tomorrow.

In transmitting his resignation to the executive Dana wrote "I do so for the reason that I have offered myself as a candidate for the nomination for United States senator, subject to the Democratic primaries, and feel that neither your administration nor the game commission should be embarrassed by any suggestion of political exploitation of this appointment."

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REV. BRACHER SPEAKER FOR TUESDAY MEET

Rev. Edwin Bracher, pastor of the Zion English Lutheran church, was the speaker at the Baptist church at the Tuesday evening service of the Holy week under the direction of the Ministerial association. Mr. Bracher spoke on the theme "Come Unto Me," using many illustrations depicting the need men have of Christ. Rev. W. H. Hartwig, of the First Methodist church, led in prayer and Rev. A. J. Starmer, of the Methodist Church South, read the scripture. Elliott Finlay sang a solo that fitted appropriately into the theme of the evening service.

Tonight's evening service at 7:30 will be held in the Presbyterian church, with Mr. Starmer, as the speaker. The quartet composed of Mrs. S. B. Morgan, soprano; Mrs. W. E. Bohenkamp Jr., alto; E. E. Hurley, tenor; and W. W. Nussbaum, baritone, will sing the anthem, "He Shall Feed His Flock." Mr. Starmer will deliver an address on "Christ's Kingdom Established Among Men."

Organized Women Opposing Measure For 'Equal Rights'

By Bess Furman WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Organized women—three score strong—invaded the chambers of the house judiciary committee today and ranged themselves on opposite sides of the movement to put an equal rights amendment in the constitution.

All the witnesses were women, excepting Representative Ludlow (D., Ind.) sponsor of the amendment. "The first stronghold taken in the battle was the stronghold of equal suffrage," Ludlow said. "Now they are moving on to capture the second stronghold, which will make their emancipation complete—the strong 'equal rights'."

"It is proposed to sponge out of our state statutes the monstrous falsehood that there should be a double standard of morals with legal escapes for the male delinquent and legal penalties for the woman who is caught in sin."

Lindbergh Plans To Sell His Home

NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (AP)—The Daily News says Col. Charles A. Lindbergh plans to sell the Bourland estate near Hopewell, N. J., as soon as his kidnaped baby is recovered or hope is definitely abandoned.

The place was purchased for its seclusion. Since the kidnapping it has become a center of interest.

Wisconsin Again Approaches Spears

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 23 (AP)—Dr. Clarence W. Spears, head football coach at University of Oregon, said before he left today on a fishing trip on the Umpqua river that friends in Wisconsin have been in communication with him in an attempt to persuade him to reconsider his recent announcement that he will remain in Oregon.

Those who may think declared informed Wisconsin Tuesday that he will not make the change.

Evangelist Must Take "Rest Cure"

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 23 (AP)—Under orders of her physician to refrain from preaching for an extended time, Almee Semple McPherson Hutton, internationally known evangelist and pastor of Angelus Temple, was secluded in the temple parsonage today. The evangelist last week underwent a blood transfusion for a condition described as secondary anemia and which her physician, Dr. C. MacKenzie Jones, said resulted from overwork.

Mrs. Hutton returned to her pulpit Sunday and delivered two sermons. Shortly after she complained of feeling ill and a prolonged rest was ordered for her.

IN GIANT SUIT

One of the largest suits ever filed by the United States government against an individual is now being pressed against E. H. Parrott, above, Tulsa, Okla., oil promoter, who is alleged to owe \$76,000,000 in back income taxes. The government is asking the entire amount. The deficiencies of Parrott and his partner, M. L. Benedum, are alleged to have occurred in 1919.

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Lindbergh Baby Case Clues Are Held Valueless

Police and Underworld Leaders Alike Fail to Find Tot Kidnaped on First of March.

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 23 (AP)—The morning bulletin from police at the Lindbergh home today was a reiteration that the kidnaped Lindbergh baby is still missing and all clues have proved worthless.

S. J. P. in a letter to Norman Schwarzkopf, said that information brought by S. Wallace Caldwell, of Chicago, had been found to have no bearing of value to the case.

He said he had heard nothing of a rumor the baby was held on an island off the Colombian coast.

He minimized the possibility of there being any connection between the kidnaping and the alleged attempt of George Malden to break into the home of J. Seward Johnson.

He said there was no proof one way or the other that a note found on a pigeon's leg in East Stroudsburg, Pa., was a prank.

Concerning a note reported found on a pigeon in South Kent, Conn., he said he had seen neither the pigeon nor the note.

Racketeer's reach, groping for the stolen Lindbergh baby, has proved no longer that of J. Seward Johnson.

Madden Without Results
Orney Madden, whose name looms large in the annals of Manhattan's outlivery, has been working on the mystery 20 days without result. He has made three trips to the Lindbergh estate.

Madden, who once ruled Hell's Kitchen by terror, has been fighting an attempt to return him to Sing Sing prison as a parole violator.

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Wet Goods Arrive As New Era Nears

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Mar. 23 (AP)—Thousands of cases of whiskey are pouring into Finland in preparation for the resumption of the wet era.

The first consignment of 5,600 cases came from Scotland. Sweden contributed 75,000 liters of brandy and 22,000 of punch. The first shipment of cognac from France is due to arrive about April 5, the day the prohibition act lapses.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 23 (AP)—Aggressive buying which developed late today lifted the wheat market about 2 cents a bushel compared with lower prices earlier.

Some late buying was based on expectations that returns were to be looked for, as wheat values of late had suffered a shrinkage of almost 18 per cent. Exporters were represented as good buyers at Winnipeg, presumably because of overseas business. St. Louis mills were reported selling flour to Europe for the first time in six years.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/4 @ 1/2 c above yesterday's finish. Corn unchanged to 1/2 c higher, oats 1/4 c off to 1/2 c up, and provisions varying from 5c decline to an equal advance.

Pianist Favors Censoring Singers

CHICAGO, Mar. 23 (AP)—Mollaysa Boguslawski, the pianist, would discipline the radio crooners.

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University Feud Climaxed When Three Are Shot

COLUMBIA, Mo., Mar. 23 (AP)—Three students of the University of Missouri were shot, and one of them seriously wounded, last night as the aftermath of the "kidnaping" Saturday of a girl student who had been chosen St. Pat's queen for the engineering school's annual dance.

Frank Luckey, of Columbia, was in a critical condition from a bullet wound in the stomach, and Jerry Cebe, of St. Louis, captain-elect of the university wrestling team, was suffering from wounds in an arm and leg. A third student, Bus Love, of Jefferson City, Mo., was slightly wounded by a bullet that grazed his leg. They are all students in the school of engineering.

Burns Frederick, of Union Star Mo., a student in the school of law who was quoted by Prosecuting Attorney Franklin E. Reagan as admitting he fired the shots, also was taken to a hospital suffering from a possible fracture of the skull, inflicted, he said, by a group of students who attacked him near the university campus just before the wounding of the three students.

Climax of Feud
The shooting was the climax of a feud of long standing between students of the engineering and law schools. Last Saturday afternoon,

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WILLAMETTE'S LAW COLLEGE WILL REMAIN

SALEM, Mar. 23 (AP)—The Willamette university college of law will be continued and made to meet requirements of standard law schools immediately. This was the decision of the institution's board of trustees after an all-day session yesterday. Consideration of possible elimination of the college of law was the chief order of business.

A committee consisting of Judge James W. Crawford, Amedeo M. Smith and Merton DeLong of Portland, and Harold Eakin and Paul B. Wallace of Salem was named by the board to outline plans for financing a standard law school at Willamette, to report to the regular June session. The decision to continue and standardize the college of law was unanimous.

Tusko Must Pay Or Stay, Society Says

PORTLAND, Mar. 23 (AP)—The Tusko account is a red entry on the books of the Oregon humane society here, and not until the account is settled will the society permit the removal of the ponderous pachyderm.

Mrs. F. W. Swanton, head of the society, declared today that the bill for food which the society has given for the big animal during the winter will have to be paid before Tusko is taken from the city on the projected tour of the country.

"We don't want Tusko, heaven knows," Mrs. Swanton declared emphatically. "But we do want our money."

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