

PROPOSAL TO TAX BEER IS VOTED DOWN

Count By Tellers in House Shows 216 Against, 132 For Measure.

BITTER DEBATE PRECEDES ACTION

Opponents Contended it Was in Violation of the Constitution in Objecting to Question.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—A proposal to tax 2.75 per cent beer which would be made under permits from the treasury was rejected today by the house.

The vote was 216 to 132, on a count by tellers under procedure that did not permit a roll call. The proposed amendment would have assessed a tax of three cents a pint against beer.

Representative Cullen, Democrat, New York, who sponsored the amendment argued that it would produce from \$250,000,000 to \$450,000,000 of revenue annually and would go far toward relieving unemployment.

Opponents contended it was in violation of the constitution and argued that the country could not drink itself into prosperity.

The vote came after bitter debate that threw the house into disorder at times.

Opponents of the amendment had objected to the question being put to a vote on the contention that the house should not ballot on the question of assessing a tax on an article which they argued was forbidden by the constitution, but their objections were overruled.

Announcement of the result

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PIERCE SEES 1932 AS YEAR FOR DEMOCRATS

PORTLAND, Mar. 25 (AP)—This is a Democratic year, believes Walter M. Pierce, former governor of Oregon, who was in Portland Thursday on his way to Salem where he said he will file for the Democratic nomination for representative from the second congressional district.

"Bread and butter is the issue," Pierce said, "not prohibition."

"This is a Democratic year," he said in a luncheon address. "The country cannot come out of the depression by following Hoover policies. There must be a change."

FILES PETITIONS

SALEM, March 25 (AP)—Walter M. Pierce, former governor of Oregon, filed his completed petitions for the Democratic nomination for congress from the second Oregon district late yesterday. It was announced by the state department. Pierce filed his candidacy sometime ago when he presented his formal notice. Four hundred names were placed on his petition.

Fruitdale, Union Select Winners

Declaratory contests held yesterday in the Fruitdale school resulted in the following winners: grades 3, 4 and 5: humorous—Evelyn Carbine; non-humorous—Phyllis Simmons; grades 6, 7 and 8: humorous—Lynn Skildred; non-humorous—Verona Dyal.

UNION HOLDS CONTEST
By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special)—In the try-out at the declaratory contest held yesterday afternoon, Maxine Jory, of the eighth grade, placed first with her humorous selection, "Yackoo Strauss" and Lucia Bassett, also of the eighth grade, won first in the non-humorous group with "Limpy Tim." The 3rd division will be represented in the declaratory contest by Donna Ackley, of the 4th grade, with "Mary Ann" and David Baum will give a non-humorous selection, "Little Johnnie's Next Door Neighbor." The district contest will be held at the gymnasium tonight at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday but cloudy at times. In the west: cooler in the east tonight; moderate to fresh northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—39 above.
Minimum: 37 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 54, minimum 36 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, rain .02 of inch. Range—18 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 25, 1931

Maximum 42, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Cloudy. Range—13 degrees.

Senator Kiddle Active Candidate For Senate Post

Island City Legislator Assured of Considerable Support Over the State at Present.

Questioned here today as to his candidacy for the presidency of the state senate, Fred E. Kiddle, of Island City, hold-over senator from Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, stated to an Observer reporter that he is an active candidate for the position and that he has been conducting his campaign since the adjournment of the last legislature.

Senator Kiddle, who has been assured of considerable support in Western Oregon and Multnomah county in addition to Eastern Oregon.

Senator Kiddle is now serving his second term in the senate and has been active in sponsoring many measures, including several in reference to highways and ex-service men. He is a past state commander of the American Legion and served as President Hoover's Oregon campaign manager in 1928.

Mr. Sayre Files Petitions

E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, goes on the records as the first candidate for office in Union county to complete the filing of his nominating petitions. Mr. Sayre, a Democrat and aspiring to a third term in office, filed his petitions yesterday. He filed his declaration of candidacy earlier in the month. County Clerk C. K. McCormick reports.

Mr. Sayre's ballot slogan will be: "Present incumbent, a taxpayer."

His statement follows: "If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, discharge my duties in a fair and impartial manner, ever keeping in mind the school laws of the state of Oregon."

"I will continue to encourage 4-H club work and such other activities as are of the best interest of the boys and girls in our schools."

Two Holy Week Services Held Thursday Night

Thursday evening at the Lutheran church, Rev. Edwin Bracher, pastor, held the fourth evening service of Holy Week, as arranged by the Ministerial association. Rev. Paul De Mortimer, brought a helpful message dealing with "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." He said "The way of the cross is not an easy way. It leads up rugged mountain sides to Calvary. The would be follower of Christ must be willing to ascend with Him."

At the Methodist Church South, Rev. W. H. Hertzog, of the First Methodist Episcopal church, preached the sermon on the subject "Christ Re-

Order Closing Lake to June 15 To Be Rescinded

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Good news for Wallowa county fishermen and their visitors, too, who like to wield the rod and reel. Last week notice was published of the order given by the state game commission closing Wallowa lake to the fishermen until June 15 instead of April 15, as is usually the case. Immediately a chorus of protest arose at the action of the commission and Deputy Game Warden George Rogers wrote an urgent letter telling of conditions here and that the closing until June 15 would deprive the enthusiastic of their great sport of fishing for yanks (land-locked salmon). These yanks run in May and each season many visitors come from outside points to participate in this type of fishing.

Monday Mr. Rogers received word that the action in regard to Wallowa lake will be rescinded and fishermen

Return Verdict For Defendant

A verdict in favor of the defendant was returned by the jury in the case of Harold Williams vs. Kate Polson et al in an action for damages arising from an automobile accident yesterday in circuit court. Mr. Williams will receive no money from the action.

Judge J. W. Knowles, circuit judge, began hearing the case of the U. S. National bank of La Grande vs. B. P. Young et al, an action to collect money, after the jury retired to decide the damage case of Williams vs. Polson, and testimony is being taken in the case today.

Cochran and Eberhard represented the plaintiffs in both cases, while Hallock, Donald and Banta represented Kate Polson, and Green and Hess and H. E. Dixon are attorneys for B. P. Young.

Rains Result In River Going Higher

Warm rains of Wednesday evening caused the Grande Ronde river to rise to within three feet of the high level reached last Friday and Saturday. S. B. Morgan, county road engineer, stated this morning. Colder weather has removed the danger of another flood, however, and the water was receding today.

STATE GAME COMMISSION COMING HERE

Visit Scheduled For April 4—Plans Under Way For Local Meeting.

MEETING TO BE HELD AT BAKER

Besides Gathering Here, Party of Local Sportsmen Will Accompany Officials South.

Representatives of the state game commission will be in La Grande on April 4, and plans are under way for a meeting of the La Grande Gun club, according to club officials. They will meet in Baker on April 5 to discuss fish and game problems, and that will be in the form of a special game commission meeting, the first to be held in Baker.

A party of local sportsmen plan to attend the Baker meeting in response to invitations sent to various organizations in Union, Wallowa, Malheur and Grant counties.

Subjects to be discussed at the meeting are: plans for planting of fish in the various lakes and streams, establishment and distribution of fish food, screening of irrigation ditches, propagation and distribution of Chinese pheasants, winter feeding of deer, fish and game law enforcement, and cooperation of the various agencies with the game commission in its work of propagation, development and protection of wild life resources of this region.

Members of the state game commission who are expected to make the trip are N. F. Corrigan, McMinville; Dr. Irvine, Ashland; Dr. J. C. Vandervort, Bend; Dr. L. E. Hubbard, Burns, and Carl D. Silven, of Baker. They will be accompanied by Art Fish, director of research; Ralph Cowgill, department engineer; Harvey Mooreland, acting state game supervisor, and Ernest L. Crockett, director of education for the commission.

HOPES ARE HELD FOR FAIR EASTER

Weather Man Forecasts Clear Weather Tonight and Saturday in Oregon

The hope that Easter Sunday would be fair in La Grande and this section of Eastern Oregon was buoyed up a bit today by the weather forecast, which—while it did not predict Sunday's weather—forecast fair weather for tonight and Saturday in the eastern section of the state, with cooler weather scheduled for tonight.

Yesterday and today were typical March days in La Grande, with everything from sunshine to hail on the hill. This valley escaped most of the fury of the wind storm that centered at Pasco and Kennewick yesterday, although the wind was quite severe at times yesterday afternoon and evening. Reports here

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MR. ECKSTEIN PASSES AWAY EARLY TODAY

Funeral services for William Eckstein will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmelman mortuary at 1 p. m. on Sunday with Rev. Mr. Wayne Ham, of Elgin, officiating. The Elgin grangers will have charge at the grave.

William Eckstein passed away at the Grande Ronde hospital early this morning, his death being caused by cancer.

Mr. Eckstein was born at Elgin, Ill., in 1874, and was 56 years, 11 months and 18 days of age. He came to Oregon in 1906 and lived in and near La Grande and Elgin for the last 26 years.

He leaves his widow, Jennie Eckstein, and five sons and daughters: Clarence and Jack, of Palmer Junction; Ernest, of Boulder City, Nev.; Mrs. Clara Barlow, of Elgin, and Bessie Eckstein, 11. One child died in infancy.

Boise State House Janitor Held On Charge of Attempted Extortion

BOISE, Idaho, Mar. 25 (AP)—Roger V. Gull, 23-year-old state house janitor, was held on a charge of attempted extortion today in the office of the chief justice of the supreme court today for his arrest in connection with the attempt to extort \$10,000 from William V. Regan, wealthy Boise resident.

Gull, said also to go occasionally by the name of Reppens was arrested yesterday by police when he appeared at the statehouse to go to work. He was taken into the office of Chief Justice T. Bailey Lee, where Regan had determined before hand that this extortion note was written.

The text of the note was dictated to Gull and he wrote it on the typewriter, making essentially the same mistakes, police said, that were contained in the original extortion note. The original note was received last Thursday by Regan. It demanded that he put \$10,000 in a box to be

General Aviation Committee Named

A general aviation committee, representing each of the civic organizations of the city, was appointed yesterday when the aviation bodies of the Lions, Rotary, American Legion and chamber of commerce met at 12 o'clock at the La Grande hotel. The meeting followed the leasing by the chamber of commerce of the McCall tract southeast of town for airport site.

The members of the general committee will confer with their separate organizations after which they will call a meeting to start definite plans for improving the airport.

W. C. Perkins, representing the chamber of commerce, is general chairman, and the other members are Dr. C. L. Giletrap from the Lions club, Dr. L. T. Ingle from the American Legion, Dr. Mark T. Phyl from the Rotary club, and Gene Walker from the chamber of commerce.

G.O.P. Senators May Ask Inquiry Of Smith Drive

Consider Investigation of Charges of Fraudulent Financing of 1928 Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—Some senate Republicans are weighing the possibility of seeking senate inquiry into the charges of fraudulent financing of the 1928 Smith presidential campaign.

Senator Dickinson (R., Ia.) the author of a resolution for investigation of 1932 presidential expenditures, said today he believed this inquiry, if authorized, would have authority to go into the allegations by Patrick J. Kenny regarding a bank note to finance Alfred E. Smith's campaign.

"I have no personal interest in the matter," said Dickinson, "and I have not enough facts to ask for the investigation of 1928 but I do believe if my resolution were adopted we could go into the Kenny charges."

MARA REPLIES TO RANSOM

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP)—Timothy J. Mara, sports promoter and one of a group of defendants from whom the County Trust company is attempting to collect on personal

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Good Friday Is Commemorated in Rome Churches

ROME, Mar. 25 (AP)—Prone at the altars of Rome's 400 churches, black-robed Catholic priests today commemorated Good Friday, the anniversary of the death of Christ.

In America, Europe, Asia and Africa, priests and bishops and churchmen of the highest rank prostrated themselves at that point in the ritual which recorded the death of their spiritual leader.

Processions of the faithful here went this morning to the churches of St. Peter, St. John, and Holy Cross, where relics of Christ's passion and death were on display.

Thousands crowded the holy stairs next to St. John Lateran church. These they believed were the stairs Christ ascended in Pontius Pilate's house after he had been crowned with thorns. Tradition has it that St. Peter, mother of the first Christian emperor, of Rome, Constantine, brought them to Rome from Jerusalem.

The worshippers ascended the steps only on their knees, stopping on each step to recite a prayer. At the top of the stairs they knelt before a little chapel containing a painting of Christ supposed to have been made by St. Luke on wood.

Bells, Organs Silent

Organs and church bells were silent today. Principal parts of the masses were announced to the congregations by wooden clappers shaken by altar boys. At one point in the ceremonies, priests took off their shoes, knelt and kissed a large crucifix on the altar steps.

Between noon and 3 p. m., the hours when Christ hung on the cross, Rome was like a dead city, most every one being either at church or at home.

In Trapania, Sicily, in accordance with an ancient custom, there were carried through the streets in an enormous procession 20 life-sized carved wood statues of the characters in Christ's passion. They were more than 800 years old, and represented the 16th century instead of Biblical times.

Tonight all theatres, movies and dance halls throughout Italy will be closed.

Three Killed At Crossing At Canby, Ore.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—Three persons were killed at a Canby railroad station shortly before midnight when their automobile was struck by a southbound Southern Pacific train.

They were Earl Bowley, 62, night officer at Canby; Mrs. Frank Patch, 67, and her daughter, Miss Grace Patch, 42, both of Canby.

The three were returning from a lodge meeting. They approached the grade crossing from the west and failed to see the approaching southbound train.

Bowley and Mrs. Patch were killed instantly. The younger woman died a few minutes later.

Easter Programs And Church News On Page 6 Today

With the completion of Good Friday services in churches and their congregations of the La Grande community turn to the annual Easter Sunday services, which this year are more inspiring than ever.

In connection with the Easter services, the Observer today is devoting page 6 of this edition to the churches and the Easter day, following its usual custom.

Snipers Busy But Peace Work Lags

By Morris J. Harris
(Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (AP)—Sino-Japanese peace negotiations lagged perceptibly today, while armies of the two nations engaged in sniping and skirmishing a few miles outside Shanghai.

Each blamed the other for a clash between outposts near Kating and neither had an official explanation of sniping between troops in the vicinity of Chiawangmiao, incidents which added to the general uneasiness.

The Chinese defied the 12 1/2 mile limit ultimatum of the Japanese when they occupied Chiawangmiao recently, and they have shown no disposition to retire across Soochow creek as the Japanese have demanded.

Farmers May Use Loans For Water

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NEW LEAD IN KIDNAP CASE INSIGNIFICANT

At Least Police Announce That Lindbergh Holds That Belief.

NORFOLK MEN IN HOPEFUL ATTITUDE

Dean Dobson-Peacock Optimistic That World's Most Famous Baby Will Be Returned.

HOPEWELL, N. J., Mar. 25 (AP)—Police at the Lindbergh home announced today that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh himself had come to the conclusion that information brought by three citizens of Norfolk, Va., had "no specific significance" in the investigation of the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby.

When Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, superintendent of state police, was first told yesterday of the report the Norfolk men had information indicating the baby might be on a yacht in Chesapeake bay he said it was "absolutely untrue."

In his night bulletin from the Lindbergh home he modified this statement. He said then that the Norfolk men had been to the Lindbergh house Tuesday and their information had been investigated and found to have no "specific significance."

It was generally supposed this was simply Schwarzkopf's own conclusion, but today the police chief announced he had been speaking for Col. Lindbergh, that Col. Lindbergh had had the investigation made, and that Col. Lindbergh still believed the information from Virginia to have no "specific significance."

By Frank E. Taylor
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

NORFOLK, Va., Mar. 25 (AP)—Hope for the safe return of the kidnapped Lindbergh baby today centered largely upon negotiations reported to be under way between the kidnapers and three residents of Norfolk.

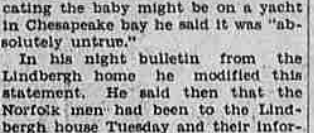
Serving as the intermediaries were Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, retired Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired and John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk boat manufacturer.

Optimism that the world's most famous baby reported to be safe, would soon be recovered was expressed by Dean Dobson-Peacock.

"We are very optimistic," Dean Dobson-Peacock said, "We hope that"

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DE VALERA



New president of the Irish Free State, Eamon De Valera, triumphantly over William T. Cosgrave in the recent election, here is shown arriving at the opening of the Dail, or Irish Parliament, in Dublin.

'KIDNAPED' WOMAN RETURNS TO HOME

Authorities Doubt Her Story; Washington, D. C. Has Kidnap Scare.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., March 25 (AP)—Miss Laurel Morrison, 30-year-old Aurora beauty parlor operator, was back home with her parents here today, after being missing two days. She told authorities she had been kidnapped and held captive in Lincoln.

George Gohde, operator of a Lincoln cosmetology school, told police there, however, that Miss Morrison had been attending classes at the school and that he recognized her from pictures published in Lincoln newspapers.

Sheriff J. H. Mohr of Merrick county said he planned to question her later. He said he would turn over a \$1000 ransom note, which was not complied with, to postal authorities after he had photostatic copies of it made.

CAPITAL HAS SCARE

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A kidnap scare swept the capital today after police disclosed that extortion notes, accompanied by threats, had been received by Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Sir Willmot Lewis, the London Times correspondent, Ben Lyon, of the movies, and others.

Police, however, predicted an early arrest. They were working on the theory that one man was responsible for several if not all of the threats, which involved promise of kidnapping Sir Willmot's young son unless \$1500 were paid.

A police guard was placed at his home, and detectives also are watching Mrs. Longworth's. She too was

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Tax Reduction On Property In Oregon 14.4 Pct.

Citizens Saved \$7,243,429 By Action, State Tax Commission Announces Thursday.



SALEM, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—A property tax reduction for 1932 in Oregon amounting to 14.4 per cent for all state, county and local purposes, and aggregating \$7,243,429, was announced Thursday by the state tax commission.

The reduction was said to be the most substantial accomplishment of tax retrenchment in the history of the state. The commission said "it is believed no other state has made a better showing."

The cut is accounted for by elimination of the state property tax and to retrenchment in county and local districts. Not one county in the state reported an increase in expenses. In 13 counties the reduction exceeds 20 per cent; in 9 it ranges from 15 to 20 per cent; in 10 counties the reduction was from 10 to 15 per cent, while in four it was less than 10 per cent.

The property tax levied in Oregon for 1932 on the 1931 tax rolls amounts to \$42,970,176, the commission said. The decrease of 14.4 per cent is for the state as a unit, but a wide difference of the cut is accomplished in the various counties was noted.

Of the total saving in which property owners will participate this year, the commission announced, \$4,592,626, or more than one-half is accounted for by elimination of the state property tax, and \$2,650,801 is

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Child Welfare Bureau Accused Of Extravagance

PORTLAND, Mar. 25 (AP)—The charge that the policies of the state child welfare commission are extravagant and lacking in feeling for the unfortunate, was made by representatives of the child care federation of Oregon in a report issued here Thursday.

Manipulation of state funds by salaried social workers to the detriment of dependent children was alleged. Extravagant office service is said to eat up funds needed elsewhere.

Criticism of the welfare commission was made privately last week by a commission appointed by Governor Meier. The report issued yesterday was drawn following a meeting of the representatives of the federation. The governor's committee has not yet reported.

One item of reported extravagance was the paying of "executive secretaries" for history and record service, and employment of field secretaries for supervision. The report said these secretaries find reasons or pretexts for denying state aid to children entitled to aid.

Another charge was that the commission places too much confidence in the moral upbringing of children without observation. It accused commission workers of being "overly anxious" to commit children to the state institution for the feeble minded.

Members of the governor's committee detailed to investigate conditions in the welfare commission, said today they regretted that the allegations of the child care federation have been given publicity at a time when the committee is trying to iron out difficulties and restore harmony. The child care federation includes some eleven privately endowed institutions receiving state aid.

Hundred Men Seek Body of Lost Boy

ROSEBURG, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—A hundred men were probing for flood waters of Cow creek 12 miles east of Glendale today for the body of Edward Shaw, four years old, who is believed to have drowned in the stream Thursday. A cap found in the creek a half mile from the boy's house indicated he had lost his life in the stream. He is the son of Mrs. Esther Damsedown Shaw.

The search for the boy started when he failed to return home for dinner. It was believed, however, he had strayed from the neighborhood. His cap was found in the creek just before dusk. Boats were obtained immediately and the waters dragged until darkness prevented further work.

The water in Cow creek is at flood level, due to heavy rain and melting snow in the mountains. The creek is extremely muddy.

Californian Faces Kidnaping Charge

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—Accused by Ed Talbott, Yamhill county rancher, of kidnapping him and robbing him of \$31,000, Thomas Bosworth, 34, is held in the Yamhill county jail here following his return from San Diego by a deputy sheriff. Talbott declares Bosworth and another man accompanied him to Nevada in 1929 to purchase sheep from a man Bosworth reputedly represented. Upon arrival Talbott said he deposited a certified check for \$31,000 in a bank. He later withdrew the money and two days later two masked men robbed him and gave him a drugged drink. He said he regained consciousness 20 hours later in Montague, Cal., to find himself in an automobile with three men, one of whom was Bosworth. Talbott declared the three men ejected him from the car near Salem.

Stanford Swimmer Sets New Record

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Mar. 25 (AP)—Austin Clapp, of Stanford university, established a new American record of 20:03 1-5 second to win the 1500 meter swim, first event of the national intercollegiate swimming meet today. The old record of 20:06 2-5 was set by Buster Crabbe of Southern California in 1930.

BEND VOTES SALARY CUT

BEND, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—A salary cut reducing teachers wages 15 per cent below the contracted salaries paid this year, was voted at a joint meeting of the school board and budget board of Bend last night, effective the next school year. The vote was 6 to 4.

NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE ARE SOUGHT

Sub-committee Appointed to Draft Proposals to Replace Sales Tax.

LID IS OFF, CRISP INFORMS MEMBERS

Neither Doughton Nor Rainey Named—Hawley, of Oregon, is on Sub-Committee.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—President Hoover today expressed confidence that both political parties together could legislate for a balanced budget, but said unless this is done "the depression" will be "prolonged indefinitely."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—The house ways and means committee today appointed a sub-committee to draft proposals designed to bring in about \$600,000,000 of revenue to replace the amount stricken out of the new tax yesterday when the house rejected the sales levy.

Acting Chairman Crisp announced after an executive session of the committee it was hoped the sub-group would be able to lay the proposals before the full committee not later than Monday.

"The bridge is off, and the sub-committee can recommend anything it desires including items in the original Hoover-Mellon-Kills program," Crisp said.

Hawley on Committee

Representative Ragon, Arkansas Democrat, was designated as the chairman. Other members are Representatives Vinson, of Kentucky and Canfield, of Indiana, Democrats; Hawley, of Oregon, and Treadway, of Massachusetts, Republicans.

Crisp did not expect Representative Doughton, of North Carolina, the Democratic leader of the insurgents who yesterday forced the sales levy out of the revenue bill.

Doughton declined to take over the responsibility of handling the bill, advising Crisp he preferred the ways and means committee to continue in control of the measure.

Neither was Representative Rainey, Illinois, Democratic member and an advocate of the sales tax, appointed on the sub-committee. He and Doughton are members of the ways and means committee.

Crisp Explains Himself

After the executive meeting today, Crisp said:

"I have no spleen of bitterness but I want to try to get something to raise this enormous amount of revenue needed to balance the budget. I hope by Monday the sub-committee will have a copious plan to submit to the full committee. The members promised to work day and night and Sunday if necessary in order to prepare their recommendations."

Crisp said he thought that with the defeat of the sales tax, the temper of the house would cool off rapidly.

He thought that each item recommended as a substitute would be considered individually.

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WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY WILL START LOGGING

TACOMA, Wash., Mar. 25 (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company will start logging operations in their camp at Vale, in Thurston county on April 1, after an extended shutdown. Minot Davis, manager of the woods and logging department of the company announced today.

About 300 of the company's old employees will be given work on this project, which, Mr. Davis said, is being undertaken largely out of consideration for the needs for employment of the men. Only former employees of the company can be taken care of and there is a long list available.

Logging companies report that log supplies in this district have shrunk gradually during the winter while many camps were down. The demand remains comparatively light as saw mills are operating at not to exceed 25 per cent capacity, but logging operations are increasing slightly to take care of this shrinkage.

The price of logs remains unchanged from quotations that have prevailed for weeks.

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The senators explained the production loans were those provided for in the \$200,000,000 agriculture fund of the reconstruction finance corporation and would be available for farmers in all irrigation projects, whether federal or private.

PRICE-FIXING ADVOCATED BY REP. ANDRESEN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—Federal price-fixing for basic agricultural products was advocated today by Representative Andrew J. Andresen, Republican, Minnesota, a member of the house agriculture committee.

In a statement he said:

"I have introduced a bill which fixes a minimum price on certain basic agricultural products. If its provisions are properly administered by the secretary of agriculture, it will not take long before prosperity is again restored in this country."

"I have established the following prices: Wheat at \$1.25 per bushel; cotton at .15 per pound; corn at .75 per bushel; rye at .70 per bushel; barley at .95 per bushel; hogs and cattle at .10 per pound, and butter at .32 per pound."

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