

Governor Meier Signs Liquor and Sales Tax Bills

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NINE LOCAL BURGLARIES SOLVED

STEWART AND TWIDWELL TO SERVE TERMS

Young La Grande Men Are Sentenced to the State Penitentiary.

TRAPPING ARREST CAUSES INQUIRY

Recognition of Rifle Results in Search Warrant and Finding of Stolen Property.

Nine La Grande burglaries have been solved through the co-operation of the city police, the sheriff's department and the state police station here. It was learned today, and two young men have been sentenced to terms in the state penitentiary.

Arlo "Barney" Twidwell, 18, this morning was sentenced to serve two years in prison, upon pleading guilty in circuit court to burglary not in a dwelling. Earlier this week John W. Stewart, 21, pleaded guilty to the same charge and was sentenced to one year.

Clearing up of the nine vexing burglaries came in rapid order following the arrest of the two young men by state police Dec. 8 on a charge of trapping beaver. Later a rifle in their possession was recognized by the police as having come out of a store recently burglarized.

Then Gene Walker accompanied the city police to the Stewart place and Mr. Walker identified some articles found there as having been stolen



WILL ROGERS says:

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 14 — Roscoe Turner and I just breezed here in two hours, 400 miles, to do a little stage acting at a benefit. Roscoe's jokes better be good, for with the Democrats doing all that can be done and the Republicans keeping still, why it don't leave me much to work on, so my little riddles are not so hot.

France handled us 'their yearly laugh. We told 'em it was debt paying time and they just said "yeah." They have even borrowed our English language.

Say, with Jesse Jones offering \$35 an ounce for new gold, every man, woman, or child that could get a burro and a pick have gone to the hills. This country has gone "nugget minded" and if they do what they ought to do and make silver a money instead of just a thing to shoot craps with, why the whole west will boom and we will have the king coming over with a pick and shovel. Yours,

Will Rogers

CHECKS FROM U.S. TREASURY COMING SOON

Wheat Growers Expect Acreage Reduction Returns in Near Future.

Indications that Union county farmers would receive their checks from Uncle Sam, in return for wheat acreage reduction agreements, sometime within the next two or three weeks, were strong today.

The local agreements were forwarded to Washington on Wednesday

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RAIL RATE CUT BRINGS INCREASE IN TRAVEL HERE

With the general reduction of railroad fares since Dec. 1, passenger travel out of La Grande has made an appreciable increase during the last two weeks. It was revealed today by Joe Keeney, Union Pacific agent here. Credit for this increase is given to public appreciation for the new lower rates and, although definite figures are not available as yet, Mr. Keeney believes that revenue will exceed that of the same period last year.

In other words, although the railroad fares cost less, it is believed that the increase in passenger travel has been enough to result in a gain in revenue also.

VEYS AND BOYLEN FACE DAMAGE SUIT

A case of interest to Union county was filed in Pendleton circuit court yesterday, when Mary Pedro, operator of extensive sheep ranches in Umatilla county, sued for \$100,000 damages against Joe Vey, Rita Vey, J. A. Monese and Tom Boylen Jr., alleging they took real and personal property from her "wrongfully and through force of arms."

The property alleged to have been taken, Mrs. Pedro declared, consists of sheep, cattle, farm equipment and land in Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties. The reputed seizure occurred in October, the complaint stated,

result in more convictions and result in less jury disagreements, it is said.

The other measure, which becomes law with the governor's signature, would reduce the defense's peremptory challenges. At present both defense and prosecution are allowed six each in all but capital cases, in which the defense is allowed 12 and the state six. Under the new measure, the defense would have three and the state three challenges in all but capital cases, in which each would have six.

It is believed that Oregon is the first state to sponsor legislation of this kind.

FRED KIDDLE IN CITY ON SHORT VISIT

Will Return to Salem Tomorrow to Become Acting Governor

EXPLAINS WORK OF LEGISLATURE

Says New Sales Tax Law Will Serve as Offset on Property Tax in School Districts.

Back for a day on a flying visit, before returning to Salem tomorrow to be sworn in as governor to act during Governor Meier's absence from the state, Senator Fred E. Kiddle, president of the state senate, was home today. Mrs. Kiddle remained in Salem.

Tonight the senator was to go to Pendleton to speak at a district American Legion meeting and then go on to Salem tomorrow.

Notified that the governor today signed the Knox liquor control bill and the sales tax bill, along with many other measures, Senator Kiddle was interviewed briefly on both acts. He said that until the state liquor control commission sets up stores, it will be unlawful to sell liquor in Oregon, although wines and beer up to 14 per cent may be sold lawfully. Higher percentage liquor must wait until the commission gives the word.

He pointed out that the Knox bill was adopted by an overwhelming vote, with the principal issue whether liquor would be handled by the state or by private interests. The legislators felt that state control should be tried first and if it were not successful, it could be remedied at the next meeting of the legislature in a little more than a year.

Unemployment relief will be gained mainly from expected revenue from the state liquor sales, and it is expected that three million dollars will

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Commander Read Names Heads Of A. L. Committees

Committee heads for the American Legion have been appointed by Commander Fred B. Read. The entertainment committee is divided into two groups, the dance committee headed by E. L. Knight and the show by Raymond O. Williams.

A committee also was appointed to investigate the matter of hiring ex-service men in the C. W. A. work and Chris Palmer is the chairman. Jesse V. Andrews also is a member of the latter committee.

EXPECT 383 MEN WILL BE WORKING SOON

Union County (C. W. A. Projects) to Be Approved, is Word.

CONTINUOUS WORK DURING WINTER

County Board to Continue to Forward Projects to Portland For State Action.

The fact that Union county is near the bottom of the alphabetical list of Oregon counties was the only reason assigned this morning to delay in approving by the state board of local C. W. A. projects.

J. H. Pearce, chairman of the county board, telephoned Portland this morning and received assurance that local projects would be approved, and quickly. Work may be received later today or it may not come until tomorrow, according to reports.

Mr. Pearce also received word that the intention of the C. W. A. is to provide continuous work for the men, and that as soon as one project is completed, another should be started. As a result, the county board will continue to forward applications to Portland. The river drainage plan was approved and forwarded last night.

With Union county's quota now at 383 men, hopes were high here today that all of these would be at work within the next few days. Nearly 165 of them are at work at present.

Since the C. W. A. work was started, the local board has permitted no delay to creep in, sending in projects to the state board usually within a

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Akin's Findings Thrown Out By Port Commission

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP) — The port of Portland commission today formally exonerated several of its employees who had been accused of misconduct in administering affairs of the port. It had been charged the employees were guilty of improper conduct in sale of some port equipment and that some steamship operators had received unwarranted drydock rebates.

W. Frank Akin, special investigator who made a lengthy inquiry into conduct of port affairs, was shot to death in his apartment here several weeks ago, by an unidentified assailant. Today the commission disregarded his findings as not having been sustained or proven.

River Wouldn't Stay Away



Here are flood refugees at Orilla, Wash.: Mrs. Gerhard Molden, left, and Mrs. Elmer Kennedy carrying two children to safety after rising waters drove many from their homes.

DRUM CORPS TO ATTEND LEGION MEET AT BAKER

The American Legion drum corps, members of the Legion post and of the auxiliary plan to go to Baker tomorrow to attend the conference of District No. 7. Cities which will be represented are Union, La Grande, Imbler, Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise, Ontario, Nyssa, Prairie City, John Day, Dayville, Burns and Baker.

A banquet for members of the Legion and auxiliary will be held at the Hotel Baker at noon which time the department president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Dorothy Eakin, of Dallas, Mrs. Vivian Castle, of Baker, president of District No. 7 auxiliary, Mrs. Mable McInturf, of Marshfield, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Hazel Graham, of La Grande, department vice president, and others will be honored. Several high officials in the Legion will also be honored.

Immediately following the banquet business sessions will be held, while in the evening a joint meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the Knights of Pythias hall, followed by a dance. Among those planning to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flanery, Mr. and Mrs. William Koster, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shorb, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Keltley, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Maxam and other members of the drum corps.

BABY SON IS BORN MONDAY

The baby son, born Monday, Dec. 11 at the Grande Ronde hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jordahl, has been given the name Richard David.

GIFT SUGGESTION FOR A CHILD TO HIS FATHER



MRS. WRIGHT, PIONEER OF UNION, DIES

Came to Grande Ronde Valley in 1861—Funeral Probably Will Be Held On Sunday.

UNION (Special) — All Union mourns the passing of Mrs. Bell Malory Wright who slipped away quietly yesterday afternoon at 1:30, following an illness that began last April when she sustained some injuries in a fall at her home.

She had failed gradually since that time and slept much of the time the past few days. She was able to be up and have breakfast with her daughter, Mrs. Play, yesterday morning and her death came quite unexpectedly.

She died as she had lived—courageously and with a smile and the community has lost one of its most beloved pioneers and will miss the happy smile and courageous spirit of one whom all lovingly knew as "Gram."

She was a pioneer in the truest sense, taking an active part in the development of many community interests as long as she was able to get about. She began her pioneer work in the public schools and the church, was a charter member and first worthy matron of the Eastern Star lodge, president of the Woman's club and a tireless worker in the Missionary society and Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church. For more than 25 years she was superintendent of the Sunday school and was treasurer up to the time of her death. Hundreds of people have been touched by her Christian influence. Her many years of devoted service in whatever she undertook endeared her to all who knew her. She loved flowers, music

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QUICK ACTION IN TORCH SLAYING

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP) — A few minutes after the blazing body of a man had been found in a vacant lot police had a suspect in custody today and said he confessed to the slaying.

The victim was John A. Jobb, 53, building caretaker, and the man held as his slayer is Fred Markham, a bill peddler, Lieutenant Oliver Hoffman and Detective James Sullivan said he confessed.

The new laws is comprehensive, simple and effective," Pray said, "I really believe it an excellent piece of legislation and one which the officials back of the plan can well be proud. Because it makes enforcement of the act possible, it will be enforced."

At the same time, however, he approved the principle of the committee's plan. "The house group suggested that instead of the present 4 per cent on the first \$4000 of net income and 8 per cent on the balance."

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat today stood at about 48 1/2 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 67 cents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP) — Renewed liquidation of wheat holdings pulled wheat prices down late today to the lowest level since the R. F. C. started its gold-buying program. Sharp rallies, however, ensued as soon as pressure set up, and the market ended at about the day's high point.

Buying on the part of government-sponsored agencies was responsible for the quick rally of wheat at the finish.

Wheat closed nervous, 1/4 or 1/2c above yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 3/4c lower, oats unchanged to 3/4c off, and provisions unchanged to 10c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

U. S. TARIFF PLAN ADOPTED

TO FORCE HITLER'S HAND

INSULT GIVEN EXTENSION

KNITTERS GET 3-DAY WEEK

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (AP) — The economic commission of the Pan-American conference today unanimously adopted the United States' resolution favoring a lowering of tariffs in the Americas.

PARIS, Dec. 15 (AP) — France and four of her allies agreed today to confront Chancellor Hitler of Germany with a definite disarmament convention through Geneva intended to make Hitler take the responsibility if he refuses to sign. The four allies are Rumania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, composing the Little Entente, and Poland.

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (AP) — The Greek government today granted Samuel In-sull an extension to Jan. 31 in the length of time he will be allowed to remain in this country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — A three-day week for hosiery knitting mills all over the United States was decreed today by the hosiery code authority with the approval of Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — President Roosevelt was said at the treasury today to have ordered the navy to co-operate with the coast guard in stopping rum running off the Pacific coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — The federal alcohol control administration announced today an increase in the temporary quota of French wines for the first quarter of 1934, equal to almost four times that for the current quarter. The increase will be allowed in return for a French government quota on American apples and pears.

SECRETARY URGES REVISION OF U. S. INCOME TAX LAWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Declaring the administration's intention to plug "any loopholes" but hammer business as little as possible, Acting Secretary Morgenthau today recommended drastic revision of the income tax laws before the house ways and means committee.

The treasury head, appearing for the first time before a congressional committee, in that capacity, withheld his recommendation on specific income tax rates. The budget must be completed, he indicated, before the plan is named.

At the same time, however, he approved the principle of the committee's plan. "The house group suggested that instead of the present 4 per cent on the first \$4000 of net income and 8 per cent on the balance."

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KNOX LIQUOR ACT TO BE ENFORCED

SALEM, Dec. 15 (AP) — The Knox liquor control act is capable of enforcement and will be enforced, Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police, said here today when asked the attitude of his organization on the new law which was signed by the governor today and became effective at once.

"The new laws is comprehensive, simple and effective," Pray said, "I really believe it an excellent piece of legislation and one which the officials back of the plan can well be proud. Because it makes enforcement of the act possible, it will be enforced."

At the same time, however, he approved the principle of the committee's plan. "The house group suggested that instead of the present 4 per cent on the first \$4000 of net income and 8 per cent on the balance."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — The entire aspect of trade movements was brightened this week by the expansion on retail sales. The moderate gains in industry and a further rise in employment, Dun and Bradstreet said today in their weekly trade review.

"Reports from all parts of the country reveal that more progress is now being made than at any time in the last three months," said the review, "with a complete reversal of the attitude assumed at this period last year."

"General business trends not only

49 MEASURES ARE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

No Vetoes Issued So Far, With Action on Bills to End Tonight.

LIQUOR CONTROL EFFECTIVE TODAY

Sales Tax Will Not Become Operative For 90 Days — Referendum is Expected Soon.

SALEM, Dec. 15 (AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier today announced he had affixed his signature to 49 house bills in the first group of measures which the executive office released shortly before noon today. Other measures which he has signed will be announced later today, the final day which he is permitted to either sign or veto the bills.

The signatures included those on the Knox liquor control bill and the one and half per cent sales tax to be used for public schools. These are two of the major issues for which the special session of the legislature, which adjourned Saturday night, was called. To date the governor had not issued any vetoes.

With 97 measures in his hands, the governor, with those announced today, had signed 49 bills. The truck and bus act was not included in the list of signatures, nor were any senate bills announced in the new list.

The Knox liquor control bill becomes effective at once, and the commissioners, already named, can now officially get down to business. The sales tax will not become operative for 90 days, or until March 10. It was indicated a referendum on the bill would be filed late today or tomorrow by representatives of the state grange.

Those signed included:

HB 1—By Beckman. The Knox liquor control act.

HB 9—By Huntington. Permitting refunding of unpaid bonds at maturity.

HB 12—By Winslow. Providing

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Lindberghs Land At San Pedro On Way to America

SAN PEDRO, Dominican Republic, Dec. 15 (AP) — Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh landed here at 10:40 a. m. Eastern Standard time, today after a flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Pan-American Airways announced.

San Pedro is on the southern coast of the Dominican Republic, about 225 miles west of San Juan.

They alighted here, Pan-American officials said, because of the good airport and facilities. They planned to stay here today and resume their journey toward Miami and New York tomorrow.

Gary Cooper Weds Society Girl In New York Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — The wedding bells ring today for Gary Cooper, strong, silent man of the talking pictures, and Sandra Shaw, also of the films.

The bride in real life is Veronica Balfe, daughter of the socially prominent Mrs. Paul Shields.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15 (AP) — Confirming reports that he is engaged to Florence Rice, daughter of Grantland Rice, sports writer, Phillips Holmes, screen actor, left by airplane last night for New York where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

are upward, but the betterment in trading on a more stable basis than during the mid-summer upswing. As a result, Christmas buying is attaining the largest proportions in the last three years."

Wholesale markets have kept pace with the demand, the review said and distribution is being maintained nearly at the high levels attained during the Thanksgiving season. The report said increased schedules are becoming more numerous from industrial centers and a number of plants already are planning to open earlier than usual to work on spring orders.

The STORY of Christmas



Then Herod called back before him the Three Wise Men, and inquired at what time the star appeared. And they told him. And the king said to them, Go to Bethlehem and search diligently for the child.

7 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

NEW EXPERIMENT IN CRIMINAL CASE LAWS

Returning Union county legislators report that two measures of far reaching importance as far as the courts are concerned, were passed at the special session which ended the other day.

One will be referred to a vote of the people at the next election, and the other becomes law as soon as the measure is signed by Governor Meier. The first, to be voted on, would allow ten persons on a jury of 12 to reach a verdict in criminal cases. At present a unanimous agreement of the 12 is required, although in civil cases, nine jurors may return a verdict, although the other three agree. Advocates of this bill believe it will