

CRATER BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

HOUSE TO VOTE ON IT TOMORROW

Prospect for Passage is Growing Brighter—Has Been Changed to Four Yearly Payments

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—The house voted to accept the report of the ways and means committee this afternoon and made the bill the special order of the day to be considered Friday at 1:30 p. m.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—After two weeks' consideration, the house committee on ways and means today reported favorably on the Crater lake road bill, the only alteration from the original measure being a clause making the money available in four equal annual payments of \$25,000 each instead of in two payments of \$50,000 each.

Come Up Late Today. The measure will come up for a vote late today or on Friday. The calendar is blocked by a large number of senate bills which are causing lengthy debates which prevent rapid action.

TWENTY-SIX ARRESTED FOR LAND FRAUDS IN OKLAHOMA

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 11.—Indictments against 26 representatives of big corporations, charging them with having stolen valuable timber from segregated land in Oklahoma, have been returned by the federal grand jury.

Judge Campbell issued strict orders that no names be given out until the indicted persons have been arrested. For years the government has been harassed by timber thieves representing big corporations capitalized in the east, which have been stealing from segregated Indian lands on the Sugar Land, Backbone, Winding Stair and other mountains, millions of dollars' worth of pine, walnut, oak and other valuable timber.

Finally United States District Attorney Gregg grew tired of this way of handling the thieves and the indictments returned today are the result. Government inspectors have special agents collecting evidence.

FERRY STEAMER BURNS AND THREE MEN PERISH

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 11.—The ferry steamer running between Willoughby street and Old Point Comfort was burned at her pier today. Three of her crew were burned to death in their bunks.

DANCE PLANNED FOR EVENING OF FEBRUARY 18

The ladies of St. Ann's society are planning an enjoyable dance on the evening of February 18 at the Angle opera house. The dances given by these ladies are always most enjoyable and a large attendance is assured. The arrangements are in the hands of a most capable committee.

ENGLAND IS ON TRIAL IN SHANGHAI

Political Possibilities Attend Conference of Opium Commission in the Orient

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 11.—Before the representatives of the world powers of occident and orient together with representatives from the drug cursed isles of remote Oceania, constituting the international opium commission, which is in session in this city, England, the mother of the atrocious opium traffic, is standing trial, charged with one of the most heinous crimes ever perpetrated against humanity.

Eliminating the great moral equation involved in this world movement to free millions of slaves from the drug habit, through the prohibition of the exportation or importation of opium except for medicinal purposes, political possibilities attend the findings of the commission, which are holding the attention of the cabinets of those powers with far eastern interests.

The responsibility for the introduction of the drug to China and the extension of its vicious influence over the peoples of the east is chargeable to England, and the determined members of the court now in session have indicated their intention of demanding expiation of the offense, though it threatens the dismemberment of Britain's eastern empire.

That the surrender of England to the demand for opium prohibition under pressure from the other powers, which are practically committed to giving official aid in carrying out the recommendations of the commission, will develop an immediate crisis in turbulent India, is acknowledged to be inevitable.

The History of It. A brief reference to the history of the opium traffic, in view of the desperate position England occupies today, justifies the belief in the law of ultimate compensation. In 1834, Commissioner Lin of the Chinese government destroyed an enormous quantity of opium stored in Canton and an imperial edict was issued concurrently prohibiting the importation of the drug.

The destroyed opium had been imported from India. England realizing that the heavy export tax collected in India on the drug would be lost to her colonial treasury if the edict was made operative, charged China with destroying the property of English citizens, and dispatched a military and naval force against the helpless empire.

At the conclusion of the war thus inaugurated China was forced to pay an indemnity of \$27,000,000 and to give official sanction to the importation of opium from India and finally to cede Hongkong to the English.

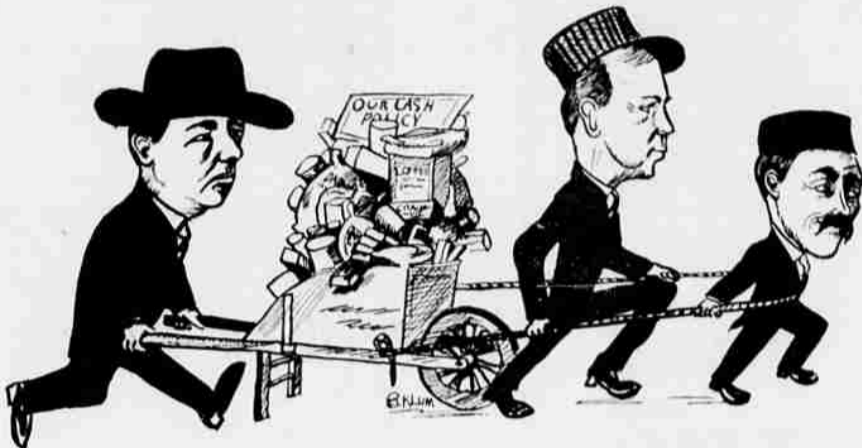
At this time there was not a poppy plant in China, and not until England had made drug fiends of millions of the Chinese was the cultivation of the plant undertaken in China.

In 1879 the export tax collected on opium in India amounted to \$30,000,000 and today over \$50,000,000 is pouring into the colonial treasury from the same source.

This stupendous sum pays the entire expense of maintaining the British garrisons in India, and a large part of the administrative expenses of the colony.

Loss Much Revenue. The prohibition of the opium traffic would wipe out practically this entire revenue with no other source of revenue available.

AS THE CARTOONIST CAUGHT THE REX GROCERY COMPANY MOVING TO THEIR NEW HOME



They were crowded in their quarters; business growing every day. And the customers kept coming, with their little cash to pay. 'Tis an awful thing for grocers, in the heavy, midday rush, to be crowded in their store space—passing each day through a crush. 'Tis an awful thing to work there, in a little tiny groove, so Miller went to Ewhank, saying: "See here, William, we must move."

Now the brand new Mission was a distance down the street. And a store room was for rent there, so they went and had a peep. No sooner had they seen it than they took the whole shebang; then the drags were got together, and all night the pavement rang. Rang out with exultation, for cramped quarters were no more. In an up-to-date location now is found their grocery store.

LINCOLN TO BE REMEMBERED

From All Over Country Comes Word of Monster Celebration of Birth Day

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Reports received here indicate that tomorrow will be almost universally observed as a holiday throughout the country, in honor of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

President Roosevelt has left for Kentucky, Lincoln's birthplace, where he will deliver the principal address at the dedication of the monument that has been erected on the site of the old log cabin in which Lincoln was born. The farm surrounding the cabin is to be purchased by the subscription of citizens and a museum erected which will serve to preserve not only the log cabin itself, but other interesting historical relics of Lincoln and the pioneer days.

In this city the day will be observed as a general holiday and senators and representatives, regardless of party, will do honor to "Honest Abe." In Chicago a monster celebration will be held, with President Woodrow of Princeton as the orator of the day. Springfield, Ill., where Lincoln was so well known will observe the centenary with a great banquet. New York city's observance will include four large mass meetings and numerous small gatherings of the admirers of Lincoln.

President-elect Taft is expected to arrive in New Orleans, and the program of reception arranged in his honor will doubtless include a tribute to the memory of Lincoln.

TEACHERS TAKE EXAMINATIONS

Many Visit County Seat in Endeavor to Obtain Permits to Teach

Jacksonville has been a lively place during the past few days, owing to the large number of teachers and would-be teachers who have been taking their examinations.

The county applicants are: Gladys Shaw, Jacksonville; Bertha Dittsworth, Peyton; Stella Purkeypile, Central Point; Margaret L. Shuck, Central Point; Mrs. H. R. Reacher, Woodville; M. Maud O'Brien, Applegate; Bossie Phippen, Rock Point; H. R. Beachert, Woodville; Ray Oscar Whitely, Prospect; Peter Joseph Kingery, Medford; L. M. Kinraid, Medford; Sadie Elizabeth Ninninger, Sams Valley; Mabel Pearl Scott, Sams Valley; Grace Rappholz, Medford; Mrs. T. K. Roberts, Medford; Esther Agnes Murphy, Medford; Emma Wendt, Jacksonville; Mildred McNeil, Jacksonville; Ellen E. Ainsie Fox, Ashland; Emma Haseltine Allen, Medford; Minnie Erta Ring, Gold Hill; Lowell Wright, Battle Falls; Melvina Fox, Lake Creek; Ethel Bruner, Ashland; Mae Bush, Ashland; Willie Oliver Wheeler, Ashland; Florence E. Mims, Central Point; Mrs. Elizabeth Halm, Eagle Point; Mary P. Bigham, Eagle Point; Estella Criswell, Jacksonville; Mabel Mahan, Central Point; Esther Parker, Central Point; Mabel Vibe Libby, Phoenix; Mrs. Ada L. Stanard, Phoenix; Ethel Shaffer, Phoenix.

The state applicants are: Minnie Lewis, Nellie Crocker, Jeannette Allen, Edith McQuinn, Gertrude Eastman, George M. Whyte, Vivian Johnson, Amy Paekett, Beulah Wagner, Beulah Caldwell, Elizabeth May Bower, Mabel Rifner, Francis L. Allen, all of Ashland, and Ada Wolek, Central Point.

NEIL GETS A SALARY RAISED

Was Dug From its Grave In Senate and Passed This Morning

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—The bill increasing the salary of County Judge Neil from \$1200 a year to \$1800 a year, which was put to sleep in the senate last week, was reconsidered by the senate this morning and passed.

JEALOUS LOVER MAY HAVE MURDERED SINGER

OTTUMWA, Ill., Feb. 11.—With the release for lack of evidence of Joe Hopkins, the negro government meat inspector, charged with the murder of Clara Rosen, a white girl, the police are now working up a new clue. A button, evidently torn from an overcoat, was found in the abandoned cellar where the unfortunate girl was thrown. The chief of police asserts that they may be able to connect this button with a suspected person. Hopkins was released upon the motion of the county attorney upon the grounds of lack of evidence to hold him. The release of the various alleged suspects dispels the theory of a vicious assailant, and the mystery now being worked upon is plain robbery and profanity upon the part of some disappointed lover.

SENATE MAY LET GO OF COAL AND STEEL MERGER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—It is not probable that the Senate committee on judiciary will pursue its inquiry into the merger of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company and the United States Steel Corporation. Since hearing the statement of Grant B. Shiley of New York, who managed the affair for the party of financiers who sought control of a majority of the stock of the Tennessee concern and later sold it to the steel company with the sanction of President Roosevelt, no decision has been reached to call other witnesses.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Senator Price today abandoned his efforts to have the nomination of W. D. Crum, the negro reappointed as collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., confirmed at the present session.

JAPANESE QUESTION IS BURIED

California Legislature is Disgusted With Whole Affair—May do Something Else Now

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 11.—In view of the action taken by the house yesterday in killing Johnson's anti-Japanese bill, it is doubtful today if the question will be seriously mentioned again this session. Most of the members of the house are disgusted with the whole affair. They state that there is too much world fighting for them with President Roosevelt, Governor Gillett and Speaker Stanton against them.

The senate this morning refused to take any interest in the question. On reconsideration yesterday afternoon Johnson's anti-Japanese school bill was defeated by a vote of 41 to 27. Grove L. Johnson then took up the defense of his bill. "I do not see," said Johnson, "why this assembly should back down. Shall we accede to the orders of some one who is 3000 miles away from here, or shall we vote as we desire? I believe we should all vote as we see fit. I think this body is perfectly competent to decide this matter without the aid of telegrams from the president or messages from the governor."

He warned the younger members of the house who voted for his measure last week that they would make a mistake if they changed their minds and stood for reconsideration. Johnson told of what had taken place two years ago, when anti-Japanese bills were pending before the legislature. He said that then he favored postponing action because of the promises made by Roosevelt.

PLANNING BIG REFORMS IN FIRE REGULATIONS

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Sweeping reforms in administrative measures and the protection of property and the saving of lives from fires are forehanded in Mayor Busse's proposed ordinance transferring enforcement of fire regulations in buildings from the building to the fire department. If the change is authorized by the city council, Fire Chief Horan promises an overhaul of building conditions that will reduce materially Chicago's heavy annual toll of fire damages. The antiquated type of fire escape is doomed if the fire chief obtains authority to enforce what he considers proper regulations. Not only will it be obligatory to install stairway fire escapes on new buildings, but owners will be compelled to tear down the ladders and put in the stairway type. The chief also would abolish the outside standpipes, which generally is frozen up in winter. He would require standpipes to be provided inside of all tall buildings.

SAYS WEATHER MAKES AMERICANS ENERGETIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—According to Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, Americans owe their spirit and enterprise to the ever-changing weather conditions in this country. Mr. Moore made this assertion while delivering a lecture on "Storms and Weather Forecasting" at Columbia university yesterday afternoon.

NEW YORK'S "FINEST" WILL NOT TAKE PART

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—In view of the attitude of the board of aldermen, as evidenced at yesterday's meeting, it seems to be definitely settled that none of New York's "finest" will go to Washington on March 1 to participate in the inaugural parade of W. H. Taft. Public-spirited citizens had agreed to subscribe \$8000 to defray the expense of sending a contingent of 150 mounted policemen for the ceremony, but the corporation counsel has decided that it would be illegal to remove the horses and that the aldermen nor any other city official has the power to do so. Accordingly a resolution asking that a three-days' leave of absence be granted to the men was sent to the committee on rules, where it will probably rest.

LIBEL CASE VS. PUTNAM IS IN COURT

Arrangements Are Being Heard by Highest Tribunal of State—Smith and Mulkey Appear

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—Arguments in the case of the state vs. Putnam are being made in the supreme court by Attorney Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass and the state by District Attorney R. E. Mulkey.

This case has attracted state-wide attention. The defendant was tried and convicted at the December, 1907, term of the circuit court of Jackson county of the crime of libel. From the judgment and sentence of the court the defendant appealed, claiming the court erred at the trial in receiving and refusing evidence and in giving and refusing certain instructions, which were duly excepted to in the progress of the trial. The offense charged in the indictment grew out of an article published in the Medford Tribune, of which the defendant was editor and manager, commenting upon the work of the grand jury in investigating a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon made by one W. S. Barum upon J. F. Reddy.

Barum had been held to answer to the grand jury by a justice of the peace, and the grand jury on examination of the case returned not a true bill. Upon the trial the defendant offered to prove the truthfulness of the article published and set out in the indictment, and for that purpose offered evidence to show that W. S. Barum had committed a murderous assault upon J. F. Reddy, and that the grand jury did not make a proper investigation of the offense committed. The trial court held that the defendant had no right under the law to go into the question of the manner of investigation by the grand jury, or to offer any evidence concerning the nature of the assault made upon Reddy by Barum.

COLORADO MAN SAYS HE ONCE SPANKED TEDDY

GREELEY, Col., Feb. 11.—Ernest Minewitz, formerly chemist in the Wind sor sugar factory, enjoys the distinction of being the only man in Colorado who spanked Theodore Roosevelt when the latter was a boy. He says that when Roosevelt was 14 years old his mother placed him in the Minewitz family at Dresden, Germany, to learn German. One day young Roosevelt put on some boxing gloves and gave the German lad a punch, saying: "This is the way we do it in America," whereupon the stout German lad, who was a few years the elder of the future president, took him across his knees and administered a spanking, saying: "This is the way we do it in Germany."

AIDS WOMAN; IS CHARGED WITH STEALING PURSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—After assisting a woman whom he saw struggling along the street, Dr. James A. Stewart was arrested last night on the complaint of a bystander, who said that the physician had taken the woman's purse. Dr. Stewart, who lives in West 109th street, was accompanied by his wife and three children at the time. At the police station he declared that a great mistake had been made. The purse contained only \$3.51. The physician's wife was greatly excited, and left her husband at the station house to procure bail. Dr. Stewart said that he was a graduate of Chicago Medical college, and that he was born in that city. One of the bystanders who witnessed the scene declared that he had seen Dr. Stewart take the purse, but that he probably took it for safe keeping.

CALIFORNIA RAINS BEGIN TO STOP; DANGER OVER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 11.—According to reports received by the weather bureau today, clearing weather prevails over the entire state, except in the northern portion, where light rains continue to fall. The recent storm has passed eastward, and no further damage from floods is anticipated. Railroad communication has practically been restored to a normal basis. All lines of the Southern Pacific are open today except the stretch between Woodland and Marysville, which will require two weeks more to repair.