## SENATORS CONFER ON EXTRA SESSION

President Ritner Presides at Portland Parley.

SHORT TERM IS FAVORED

Leaders Make Effort to Restrict Business to Fair Legislation and Highway Regulation.

Urging the shortest time possible for the special session of the legislature, and consideration only of the subjects designated by the governor-1925 exposition taxation and high-way regulation—Roy Ritner, presi-dent of the state senate, held a con-ference in Portland yesterday with

thought developing relative to the session. One is to complete the work the week of December 19, and adjourn; the other is to hold a divided session, meeting December 19 and adjourning to meet after New Years. In the matter of legislation there are also two programmes suggested, the first being to limit action exclusively to the exposition and the highway legislation; the other is to consider any other measures of merit

sider any other measures of merit which may be presented. From the foregoing it is apparent that the legislators are, not unani-mous. There is a strong demand for the exposition and there are several plans proposed for the financing of

Prospective Legislation Rises, Aiready there is a formidable array of prospective legislation being ac-cumulated. Here are some of the subjects on which there is a prospect of one or more measures being intro-

acknowledgment which banks will accept as security.

Increasing penalty for selling narcoices, in order to curb this activity.

Appropriation to bring the battleship Oregon to the Columbia river and maintain it. About \$10,000.

Abolition of trolling and prohibition of all "outside" fishing; that is, fishing in the open sea outside the mouth of the Oregon rivers.

Of organizations, among which are the Daughters of American Revolution. Derthick Musical club, King's Daughters of St. Paul's Episcopal church and Baker County Increases.

LA GRANE, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)

November broke all circulation reconds of the La Grande public library, an average of 149 books a day, or 36si books during the month, having been partment at the 1

Curative legislation to correct er-rors made in a number of bills passed in the regular 1921 session. These errors were made in copying the bills

Welfare Measure Included. Appropriations to cover items incurred by the state emergency board. Bill to authorize the federal gov-ernment to give \$19,000 to Oregon for indigent children. This is to comply with the federal appropriation passed the past few weeks.

The foregoing are only a few of the measures now being discussed and they are a forerunner of what can be expected if the bars are once let down. There were 100 hills in the special session of 1920, all dumped into the legislative mill in its six days of grinding, and very few of the 100 measures were given consideration and careful thought.

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Up-state senators predominated at the conference held by President Ritner and in addition to those present several others telegraphed and still several others telegraphed and still several others telegraphed and still several others. others had given their proxy.

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The president of the senate advised a short session, cleaning everything up in a week. Considerable criticism was directed at the governor for selecting the pre-Christmas week for the meeting, senators declaring that the governor was trying to "put one over" on them. A suggestion was advanced that enough senate and house members assemble December 19 to form a quorum and then take an adjournment until after the holidays, when all hands could settle down to when all hands could settle down to indefinite sojourn at Salem.

Under this plan the members of eastern Oregon would be advised to remain at home for the December 19 call, thus saving themselves the expease of an extra trip.

Bickback to Be Avoided. advocates of a divided session were

informed that such a proceeding would lend the legislators and not the governor to criticism, and the passage of a large number of bills for the governor to veto would not be putting the governor in a hole as much as such action would kick back

the legislature. Schafors expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the 1925 fair, but there was a difference of opinion in the manner of financing it. Senator Moser explained that a committee in now drafting a fair measure to be submitted to the legislature, in which provision is made for a state board, consisting of five members from each congressional district, to conduct the

Portland Vote Held Mandate. Senator Staples voiced the opinion and belief of Multnoman senators and representatives that the vote of 4 to 3 in Portland for the fair is a mandate which the Multnomah members can-

t evade. Although he wrote to John B. Yeon, state highway commissioner and member of the special committee ap-pointed by the governor to gather material for the session on highway regulation. Senator Hall proposed that the Moser litney bill be carried over the governor's veto. Moser caught the idea and gave a dis-sertation on the fine points of his measure, but Senator Bell distliked the idea of having the public service commission act as the governing agency for the jitney and truck law. senators voiced their readiness

PROMINENT OREGON EDITOR AND HIS FAMILY WHO LEAVE FOR DIPLOMÁTIC POST IN SIAM.



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MINISTER TO SIAM ACCOM-PANIED BY HIS, FAMILY.

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OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 10 .- Mr. nd Mrs. Edward E. Brodie and chil- E. E. Brodie, Mrs. Brodie and their

was accorded.

Pay Sought by Farmers.

Compensation to farmers for flax sold the state and for which the farmers have been unable to receive an acknowledgment which banks will accept as security.

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cial.)—A romance that began in Los the city library, established 34 new Angeles seven years ago was brought to a happy ending here today when of the new stations reported that 60 loans had been made on ten books during November Or comments.

p........... ST. HELENS POST ELECTS LAWYER AS COMMANDER.



ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 10.-Special.)-At their meeting (Special.)-At Thursday night, Columbia post, 42, American Legion, elected Walden Dillard as commander of the post. The newly elected commander was a member of the class of 1913 at the University of Oregon when war was declared. He enlisted in the coast artillery on March 17. 1917, and after some months service at Fort Stevens and in the adjutant's office in Portthe adjutant's office in Port-land, was sent overseas and served for almost two years with the ammunition train of the 4th division. After being discharged from the service he resumed his studies at the uni-versity in the law class and was admitted to practice on September 12 of this year. He has been a member of the local post since its organization. post since its organization.

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one or more measures being introduced:

Oregon 1925 exposition finance measure. Original plan is for a general state tax. Some members wish to substitute a poil tax or a state income tax.

Regulation of trucks and passenger busses on the state highways. The Moser bill, yetoed at the 1921 regular session, covers some points. There is a supplementary bill be offered covering extra compensation. State income tax measure, sponsored by the state grange. The legislature, it is said, will be asked to refer this grange measure to the people at the first special or general election.

Measure to straighten out the finances of Linn county by a refunding measure, such as Crook county, was accorded.

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Appropriation for repairs to the hatcheries and dams caused by the recent floods and snowstorms.

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of the new stations reported that 60 loans 'had been made on ten books during November, One community book station also was established in the Frosty district and others are to be established at an early date.
The highest percentage of juveniles was reported from imbler, where 42 r cent of the readers were juveniles.

### DEBATERS WILL COMPETE

Hold Argument Next Friday.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash, Dec. 10.—
(Special.)—The next argument of the southwest Washington high school debating league, composed of various high schools in Clarke, Cowitz, Lewis, Thurston and Grays Harbor counties, will be held next Friday. The schedule follows: Boistfort versus Centralia, at Boistfort; Castle Rock; Chehalis versus Vancouver, at Chehalis: Elima versus Olympia, at Castle Weakened by rot, it also was discovered. Chehalis; Elima versus Olympia, at ered. Elma; Napavine versus Kalama, at Rochester; Winlock versus Mossy- ROAD CASE TRANSFERRED rock, at Winlock.

The question to be debated will

be the state subject, "Resolved, That the sales tax principle should be added to the federal revenue system." Ridgefield's trio of debaters wife have the negative side of the dis-cussion and are Erma McConnell, El-sie Teta. Clifford Rowe and Harold case of J. W. Morton et al. versus the Hukbes, alternate. Erma McConnell A. D. Kern company, which graded

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was a member of last year's team which won the championship of Clarke county.

The coach this year is Frances B. Anderson, head of the English department at the high school. On Nohighway was cut around Ruthton hill.

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