

The weather: This afternoon, tonight and Tuesday, cloudy, with occasional rain; brisk southerly winds.

REPEAL OF PHELPS LAW PROBABLY AT HAND

Quick Action on Phelps Law by Extra Session Is Likely.

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY

Legislators Will Assemble in Salem Next Monday--Measures Connected With the Tax Law Which May Be Prevented--A Forecast.

One week from today the state legislature will convene in special session to correct the defects in the tax law.

The repeal of the Phelps law will probably not be the only tax legislation to be considered.

Apportionment Valid? There are some minor discrepancies and contradictions in the laws which require correction.

But it is very doubtful whether the legislature could be induced to tinker with this feature of the tax law until forced to do so by an adverse decision of the supreme court.

Portage Road. Whether any general legislation will be enacted is a question upon which opinions differ widely.

Any serious consideration of the portage road at the coming special session would probably be made the excuse for the introduction of many other measures.

GERMAN EMPEROR GAINING IN STRENGTH

Berlin, Dec. 14.—President of the Reichstag, Ballot, announced to that body that he in company with his two vice-presidents had been received by the Kaiser this morning and the emperor talked for nearly an hour in a strong voice.

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Not In Favor of Shorter Period

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It is doubtful if the state commission of the Lewis and Clark exposition will favor the shortening of the fair's term as advised by the corporation.

ACTIVITY AT MARE ISLAND

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Not since the Maine was sunk in Havana harbor has so much activity as it did yesterday.

BABY BURNS WHILE SUSPENDED IN AIR

Pathetic Scene at a Wreck in Which Five Persons Were Killed and Many Injured--Cars Jump the Track.

OTUMWA, IOWA, Dec. 14.—An accident occurred near Albia, yesterday on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road.

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The following are the dead and injured: MRS. W. E. MITCHEN, Albia, Iowa, killed in wreck.

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NEW YORK SCHOOL CHILDREN AND FIRST SNOW



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SUPREME COURT AND THE MERGER

Great Interest Displayed by Those Hearing Arguments Which Roast the Northern Sureties Company--Roosevelt There.

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LAND AND ITS FRAUDS

Secretary Hitchcock Calls Attention to Abuses in His Annual Message.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Transactions During Fiscal Year--Repeal of Timber and Stone Act Recommended--Grazing in Forest Reserves.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The annual report of the interior department made public today by Secretary Hitchcock shows that a large amount of business was transacted during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903.

During the past year there have been indicted and arrested in the state of Oregon, charged with forgery and conspiracy to defraud the government.

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Charles H. Carey Says He is Visiting National Capital Only on Pleasure--Thomson Matter in Abeyance.

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BROOKS STORE IS VISITED BY CROOKS

Salem, Ore., Dec. 14.—The Jones Merchandise store at Brooks, is the scene of a burglary last night.

REV. HALE AS CHAPLAIN