

GOOD EVENING

THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Tuesday, continued cold; minimum tonight about 30 degrees; easterly winds.

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LEGISLATURE MEETS AND PLUMS DISTRIBUTED

ELECT DAVEY SPEAKER

Marion County Man Gets Seat, Receiving Fifty-Nine Votes—Vawter Puts Up Stubborn Fight.

The organization of the house was completed by the selection of desk positions, which were ratified this afternoon in assembly.

W. Lair Thompson of Albany was chosen chief clerk, and the rest of the nominees are as follows:

Assistant chief clerk—W. F. Drager of Marion. Reading clerk—John Withycombe, brother of Dr. James Withycombe of Corvallis.

Calendar clerk—W. M. Barry of Portland. Sergeant at arms—T. E. Hills of Jackson.

Doorkeeper—Henry Ford of Portland. Mailing clerk—E. L. King of Malheur.

Three pages are to be appointed by the speaker.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—Frank Davy of Marion county is speaker of the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature, receiving 59 votes.

W. I. Vawter of Jackson county has gone down to defeat after making a stubborn fight, but against an overwhelming vote.

Davy verified the predictions made by himself and his friends by holding his large following together and when the time for the organization came, won with hands down.

Late last night the battle was practically won when 26 went into caucus with Davy and despite the strenuous efforts of Vawter and his friends, signed up with the Marion county man.

SENATE CHAIR IN FIGHT

Battle Will Wage Over Presidency of Senate When Hodson Forces Attempt to Block Quorum.

Salem, Jan. 14.—E. W. Haines, of Washington county, was elected president of the senate on the first ballot at 8:30 o'clock.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—Indications are that there will be a fight over the presidency of the senate.

The senate convened at 10:10 o'clock. Malarkey was nominated temporary president by Kay and elected. Bingham nominated Moorehead of Lane for temporary chief clerk and Moorehead was elected.

On motion of Hodson, Malarkey appointed Wright, Bowerman and Hodson the committee on credentials. The committee on permanent organization was appointed on the motion of Bingham, Bingham, Kay and Smith of Umatilla form that committee.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock on the motion of Wright, the senate having been in session five minutes.

Before the senators left the chamber after adjournment Malarkey announced that the Republicans would hold a caucus in the room of the president of the senate at 12 o'clock.

M. A. Miller of Lincoln then announced that a Democratic caucus would be held in the senate chamber at the same time.

Bulley of Multnomah and other Hodson supporters say they will not go into the Republican caucus until 6 o'clock.

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POTATOES IN WAREHOUSES ARE FREEZING

Shippers Are Unable to Get Refrigerator Cars and Will Suffer Heavy Pecuniary Loss

Heavy losses of potatoes and other vegetables in the hands of producers and shippers are some of the results of the steady continuance of the car shortage.

Portland's Rates Will Then Be Same as Before San Francisco Conflagration, After Which They Were Increased on Several Classes of Property

About February 1 the committee on rate revision of the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific will meet at San Francisco to consider a new schedule.

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RAILROADS' CRAFTSHOWN IN THE MOVE

Attempt to Make the Railroad Commission Bill a Political Measure and Defeat It

The insidious hand of railroad corporation craft has already appeared in the movement to inject politics into the proposal to create a railroad commission for Oregon and enforce regulations as to furnishing cars and making rates.

Steadily opposition is being made to the railroad commission and reciprocal demurrage law proposed by the transportation committee of the Portland chamber of commerce and the lumbermen.

Critics of the proposed law allege that it should be changed to make the commission appointive by the legislature instead of by the governor.

This plan effort to throw the question into politics means the mark of a railroad boss. The almost unanimous opinion of business men who have studied the question and who desire reform and relief from railroad domination in Oregon is that any injection of politics into the passage of the bill, or into its provisions or manner of enforcement, would be fatal.

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NINE OUT OF TEN SEALERS BREAK CONTRACT, SAYS SEAL SCIENTIST

Professor Elliott to Appear Before House Committee in Support of Charges—Liebes Company of San Francisco Among Those Accused.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Jan. 14.—The house committee on ways and means will give a hearing to Professor H. W. Elliott of Cleveland, an expert on the fur-seal question, on charges he has preferred against the North American Commercial company, lessees of the sealing privileges on Pribilof island.

Professor Elliott charges that the lessees have violated the terms of the lease granted by the government. The company, or the persons controlling it, he alleges, have engaged in pelagic sealing, and involved in the charges are Herman and Isaac Liebes of San Francisco, organizers of the North American Commercial company; Lloyd Davis of San Francisco, and D. O. Mills of New York.

Senator S. B. Elkins of West Virginia is also mentioned in the charges as one of the lessees of the far-seal islands and as the company's Washington representative.

"I have documentary and official evidence to lay before the committee that will substantiate all my charges," said Professor Elliott last night.

John P. Plagemann, manager of the Portland branch of H. Liebes & Co. of San Francisco, said he was not aware that charges were pending against his firm. He knew nothing about the terms of the contract between his firm and the government, and did not know that any of his representatives had in any way committed a breach of the laws regulating fishing.

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E. W. HAINES, Washington County, Probable President of the Senate.

Cook and Curry arrives. Bulley said the following 19 men will not be in the caucus: Bulley, Hodson, Beach, Coke, Booth, Laughery, Johnson, Wheelon, Mays and Shiel.

It is believed to be the rule of the Hodson forces to stay off the floor and keep enough Democrats off the floor to prevent the 39 members necessary to a quorum being present.

Haines' 14 supporters, with six Democrats, are enough to make a quorum. Booth of Douglas and Lane, a Hodson supporter, and Coshov of Roseburg, Democratic, have declared they will not be a party to the scheme to block the quorum.

The Haines people are very confident of winning the struggle. They say Hodson's only chance of winning is to hold his followers under absolute control. And they declare that he cannot do this as Booth has refused to stay off the floor for him, and others will follow Booth.

If the scheme to block the quorum fails it is expected that the Hodson forces will go on the floor and nominate their man and try to elect him.

FUDGE, HE SAYS, WOMEN SIMPLY TELLING FIBS

Horrid Postmaster of St. Louis Asserts Society Dames Excuse Breaches of Etiquette by Just as Serious Offense Against Moral Code.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—"I am afraid there are some society women in this city who are eligible for membership in the Ananias club," says Postmaster Wyman, basing the assertion on the fact that complaints have been received against the mail service lately, and he believes it is not the postal system which is at fault, but the conscience of women who do not hesitate to tell what he calls "social fibs."

Mrs. George W. Parker complained that 12 of 450 invitations to a reception were lost in the mails, and Postmaster Wyman said he did not see how 13 invitations were lost.

"The supposed losses in the mails come about when women receive invitations to affairs and don't want to go," he explained. "They are asked why, and they say they did not receive invitations. That's all fudge. The mail service is all right. The machinery of this office is so complicated and its details are so many and urgent that it is a matter of no small consequence to take up complaints. That complaint is the result of a social fib. It is certainly unjust to the service."

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BOURNE'S ELECTION ON FIRST BALLOT

Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—All talk of the anti-Bourne demonstration on the part of the Vawter men has subsided and it is conceded that Bourne will be elected United States senator on the first ballot.

The house will be ready to begin business by the time of adjournment this evening, and will proceed at once with the work irrespective of whether or not the senate effects an organization.

Money for Debate Deficit. University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 14. The executive committee of the student body of the university has appropriated \$10, which was estimated would be the deficit, for oratory and debate.

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ACCIDENT IN WHICH MEN WERE DROWNED IN SEA OF METAL IN PITTSBURG PLANT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY PROPER CARE.

(Journal Special Service.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 14.—Deputy Coroner Laddley has been investigating the explosion of the Elma furnace at the Jones & Laughlin Steel company's plant and has discovered that the furnace had not been working properly for two weeks prior to the explosion, and that many workmen, fearing an accident, had quit their jobs.

The explosion, Deputy Laddley says, was due to "banging," and could have been averted had the furnace been shut down when the trouble became apparent. Had the furnace been closed and cleaned out the accident would not have happened, but a rush of orders kept the company from making needed repairs.

Geese kinds of Cleveland, who is here investigating the explosion for the Austro-Hungarian government, declares that nine out of every 10 Hungarians employed in the Jones & Laughlin mills are either killed or maimed. He says that out of 100 Hungarian workmen with whom he has talked, 90 have sustained injuries. The Jones & Laughlin company employ about 3,500 Hungarians.

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WHITE, YELLOW AND BLACK WILL WORK TOGETHER

Oliver and Bangs, Low Bidders on Canal Work, Will Send Five Thousand Negroes to Panama, and Will Have Right to Employ All Chinese Needed.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Jan. 14.—A special to the Sun from Washington says: William J. Oliver, who, in association with Anson M. Bangs, put in the lowest bid for the Panama canal job, will go to the isthmus and personally superintend the work as soon as a contract is executed.

H. Oliver will take 5,000 negroes with him, and more may be taken out of the south. He has not reached a decision about the use of Chinese laborers.

There are two responsible bids before the Isthmian Canal commission for furnishing 5,000 Chinese laborers, but no action has been taken on them. If Oliver desires he could take over these bids and make contracts with the bidders. He is not restricted in any way and may import all the Chinese laborers he cares to have.

Oliver will take with him great forces of white steam shovel men, superintendents, foremen and sub-foremen. They, like Oliver, will come from the south, where they have been working with negro labor, and it is declared they will not find any trouble in rapidening the black man forward at a rapid pace in making dirt fly.

RAILROAD FINGERS GET BURNED TOO

Car Shortage Affects Lines in the East, and Still Interests Are Imperiled.

(Special News Service.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 14.—The shortage of cars in the Pittsburgh district has become alarming to the iron and steel interests, whose shipments are held up. The shortage is especially noticeable on the Pennsylvania system, the worst shortage being on the lines west. These lines have been casting about to locate a couple of thousand cars which they have not had for some time, with the result that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy has been requested to turn in at once 512 Pennsylvania cars which they are using. Two hundred Pennsylvania cars are somewhere in the vicinity of San Francisco, whence they were rushed with rebuilding material after the conflagration. They appear to have been lost in the west on their return trip. Tracers have been sent out for them.

LIGHT UP! ELECTRICITY WILL BE CHEAPER

Columbia University Professor Says He Has In Helion Something Better Than Carbon.

(Special News Service.) New York, Jan. 14.—Professor Herchel Clifford Parker and Walter G. Clark explained in their Columbia university laboratory the workings of an incandescent lamp they have invented. With their "helion" filament they expect to have electric lighting down to one-third its present cost.

Professor Parker is professor of physics at Columbia, and Mr. Clark is an electrical engineer. They have collaborated for several years to find a better medium than carbon, and a substance which they have named helion is the result. The "helion filament" is composed largely of silicon. Other ingredients are deposited from gas on a thread of carbon.

HAS COLDEST DAY IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY

Woodville, Ten Miles North of Butte, Takes Shivering Honors From Havre, and Chatteringly Holds Up Thermometer Showing Thirty-Two Degrees Below.

(Journal Special Service.) Butte, Mont., Jan. 14.—A cold wave and blizzard of unprecedented severity sweeping the state, and heavy frosts are considered practically inevitable. Temperatures ranging from 4 to 33 below zero are reported from various sections of Montana.

Stockmen are feeding their herds, but in a great number of cases this is very difficult and it is feared that hundreds of head that have wandered into the ravines in an effort to escape the stinging winds must succumb. In eastern Mon-

For the Week Ending Jan. 13

The following is the advertising record of the three daily papers of Portland for the week ending with Sunday, January 13.

Table with columns: Paper Name, Day, Local Display, Foreign, Classified, Display Real Estate, Readers, Total. Rows for Journal, Oregonian, and Telegram.

The Journal increased its lead in the volume of advertising carried for the week ending with the issue of the 13th over both the Oregonian and the Telegram, exceeding the volume carried by the morning paper by 418 inches and its evening edition by 1,774 inches.