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## EXPOSITION BILL MAY PASS

### LEGAL PROVISION IS DISCOVERED WHICH MAY GIVE MAJORITY

Senate and House Adjourn at Midnight Until 10 o'clock Today Just as Exposition Resolution is Ready to go to Final Vote—Governor's Highway Protective Program Approved in Full by Law-making Body—Ten Hour Fight Staged

The state senate adjourned at midnight, until 10 o'clock this morning, just after a call of the house had been completed to take final vote on the 1925 world exposition resolution. This was on motion of Senator Moser and concluded for the night 10 hours of fierce battling over the measure which began at 2 p.m. yesterday.

The motion to adjourn was opposed by nearly all, and possibly all the members will vote against the resolution when it goes to vote this forenoon. The vote was: For adjournment—Banks, Eddy, Edwards, Farrell, Gill, Hare, Joseph, Moser, Nickelson, Norblad, Patterson, Porter, Ryan, Smith, Staples, Vinton.

Against—Bell, Dennis, Eberhard, Ellis, Hall, Jones, Lachmund, La Follett, Robertson, Strayer, Thomas, Upton, Rittner. A section of the Oregon constitution, section 1, article 17, discovered by some of the members of the senate just after the midnight adjournment may cause the exposition resolution to be declared passed when it goes to vote today. This provides that a majority of the elected members voting in favor shall pass a question. At present the state senate has only 29 members, Senator Hume having died, and 15 constitutes a majority of the 29. It is said this interpretation held good at once time when Joseph Simon was president of the senate.

Prior to adjournment last night, the legislature had virtually enacted the highway protective program of Governor Oleott as submitted to the legislature by a special committee appointed by him prior to the session.

Three Bills in Program This program is comprised of three bills, one giving police regulatory power, to the highway commission another placing regulation of motor bus and transportation lines under the jurisdiction of the public service commission and a third regulating speed of trucks and weight of their loads. At adjournment last night the house had concurred in senate amendments to the public service commission regulatory measure and was about to pass on the senate amendments to the weight and speed bill.

Four amendments were made to the service commission regulatory bill. One gives cities and towns the right to pass regulatory ordinances. Another exempts neighborhood trucks, for example that of a farmer who hauls produce to market for other farmers, from application of the measure. A third provides that the commission "may" instead of "shall" require manifests of truck operators and the fourth removes the adjective "surety" from mention of bonds required and substitution instead the words "good and sufficient bonds."

Names Not Inserted The main amendments to the exposition resolution are provision to insert in the resolution the names of the persons named for exposition commissioners in the three congressional districts. These were actually written into an amendment last night, but were objected to by the opposition who demanded that merely "John Doe" and "Richard Roe" names inserted for the present so more deliberation could be given to the actual names desired. The members for the third district of Multnomah county were selected in the Portland election and are: J. C. Ainsworth, A. L. Mills, Julius Meier, Emery Olmstead and Edward Cookingham.

Tentative Names Offered Those proposed for the second congressional district, but which were removed, were: Truman Butler of Hood River, William Hanley of Burns, F. M. Miller of Lakeview, C. P. Hudson of Bend and C. C. Clarke of Arlington. Those for the third district were: John R. Humphrey of Oregon City, C. C. Apperson of McMinnville, J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg, J. A. Thornberg of Forest Grove and W. A. Taylor of Astoria.

The 1925 exposition resolution went to the floor of the senate at 2 o'clock in the shape of a majority report recommending the passage and two minority reports against it.

The majority report was signed by Hare, Eddy, Banks, Patterson and Porter, the latter having been won over to the measure. The first minority report was signed by Dennis, Robertson and Hall and recommended that the measure not pass.

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the first minority report for the majority report. Upton moved substitution of his second minority report for with the others and the debate was on.

Upton defended report Upton spoke at length on his motion. Upton declared that notwithstanding the general opinion that he had introduced his measure to be factitious he was serious. He drew a picture of the tremendous crowds that will visit Oregon the state and other amusements in 1925 and of the revenue that could be derived from them if his method of raising the funds were adopted.

Denounces Gas Tax He branded the gasoline tax as an improper method. Upton spoke with eloquence and fire for half an hour with Christmas rapidly approaching. Upton accused Portland bankers and other business men with attempting to put the burden upon the people of the state "whom they declared would stand for anything."

### THE THREE WISE MEN WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE



### LEGION CHIEF DEMANDS AID

MacNider Says Money Anxiety Retards Recovery of Disabled Service Men

### QUICK ACITON PROPOSED

Legion Commander Submits Plan to Cheer Sick Men at Christmas

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Following a visit to the Drexel hospital for disabled ex-service men today, Col. Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, sent a message to Col. C. H. Forbes, director of the war veterans' bureau at Washington, submitted a plan for lessening the financial worries of disabled soldiers.

### Beyond Medical Aid

"The Christmas spirit of peace and good will finds in virtually every hospital used by your veterans' bureau, disabled men who are not only physically injured but whose mental worries over financial difficulties growing out of unadjusted compensations, prevents or retards their recovery," his message said.

### Establish Need

"The plan is simply the immediate appointment in each region of a district of boards composed of necessary personnel, with one member invested with authority to make bedside decisions, and definitely establish ratings."

### Roads Threatened

Upton assailed the gasoline tax measure as an enemy of the road program "while the people in the outside counties are hoping and praying for roads."

### Dennis oins Fray

Dennis led the next argument in behalf of the first minority report as a substitute for the favorable majority report.

### Defends Roads

"The serious part of this is its effect on the road program. 'Less than a year ago when we diverted the old road millage fund for the benefit of the new boys' program there was not one of us—though we considered that a worthy cause—who did not admit it was bad precedent and say we would never do it again. But less than a year has passed and here we are doing it again."

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### ASSOCIATED CHARITIES ASK AID FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

Salem people who are given to giving unto others at this time are urged to communicate with the associated charities so that there may be no duplication which has been known to cause some to have more than they could use while others had none. The association is located with the Willamette chapter of the Red Cross where those desiring to do so may at any time today receive information regarding those needing and deserving of help.

Two dinners and a tree full of toys for two needy families are being provided by the women and young people of the Congregational church. One boy scout troop under the leadership of Glen Nines is supplying a Christmas dinner for a family of 10. They also took out supplies yesterday for the family's immediate need. Taking some of his own money one small boy bought four new pairs of stockings and brought them down to the Red Cross office yesterday.

### GIRLS MAKE ESCAPE FROM LOCAL ROOM

Officers Attracted by Suspicious Actions of Pair, Are Led to Barred Door

A bed sheet hastily improvised as a means of escape. An open window and a slide for liberty to the friendly darkness of a Salem alley.

These are the details of a story that was yesterday verified by local officers after the police had made fruitless efforts to ascertain the identity of the persons involved.

Wednesday night, according to the story, Patrolman O. F. Victor, while making his chilly rounds after midnight, found items to interest him in the suspicious actions of two young women.

The girls, according to the report, made a hurried sortie through an alley and disappeared up a stairway supposed to lead to a local lodging house.

Search of nearby lodging house books showed that the room supposed to be connected with the establishment had been signed by two young men. Joined by Chief Moffitt, the patrolman, knocked on the door of the room, the story goes.

No answer, except for a peculiar rasping noise such as that made by the tearing of cloth. The two young men later appeared from another room, according to officers.

When the first room was opened for the officers, the open window and dangling bed covering was regarded by the officers as sufficient explanation as to why no girls could be found.

No record of the incident is to be found on the Salem police blotter.

### Lutheran Church Gets Bequest from Estate

St. John's Lutheran church, on the corner of Sixteenth and A streets, Salem, will receive a Christmas present of \$500.

In an order issued yesterday by Judge W. M. Busbey, the executor of the estate of Gottlieb Siegert, was given permission to pay several bequests of the last will and testament of Siegert, and this included the payment of \$500 to the St. John's Lutheran church of Salem, and \$1 each to the testator's five children. August Kehrberger is executor of the will.

The Siegert estate was appraised at \$15,000 and all left to the widow with the exception of the bequests to the church of \$500 and \$1 each to the five children.

### TURNER FOUND GUILTY

TACOMA, Dec. 23.—H. L. Turner was found guilty of complicity in the robbery of the Roy Store bank, 10 miles south of here on November 14, by a jury in superior court tonight.

### ARKANSAS CITY HIT BY STORM

Nine Are Killed When Tornado Sweeps Path Through Clarkdale

### FARMS MUCH DAMAGED

Nearly Fifty Injured Cared, Search is on For Remaining Dead

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Eight negroes and one white man are known to have been killed and between 40 and 50 persons injured by a storm which struck the town of Clarkdale, Ark., 17 miles northwest of Memphis, late today and swept a path about a mile wide and eight miles long to the Mississippi river.

Damage is known to have been caused to a number of farming settlements in the storm area.

Clerk is Killed Payne Harrison, clerk in the general merchandise store of Banks and Dana at Clarkdale which was demolished, was the only white person known to have been killed. Mrs. B. B. Booker, whose home six miles north of Clarkdale was blown from its foundation was among the injured.

Twelve of the injured, all negroes, were brought to Memphis hospitals tonight.

In addition to the eight persons reported killed in immediate vicinity of Clarkdale unconfirmed reports were that several persons were missing and believed to be dead on the Kennedy, Willard and Booker plantations west of Clarkdale.

Short talks to the men were given by Lieutenants Hendricks and Steison. The first sergeant of the company is E. A. Robins.

### Bonus Commission Bill Passed by Legislature

House bill 27, providing for signal devices at railway crossings to be placed by municipalities, passed the senate yesterday.

House bill 29, appropriating \$9,000 for administering the ex-service men's bonus and loan law, was passed.

Gallagher's house bill No. 2, amending the bounty law for relief of Harney and Malheur counties, was passed.

### Prohibition Officer is Enemy of Church Liquors

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Abolition of fermented wines for sacramental purposes under consideration of the prohibition department, R. A. Day, federal prohibition director for the state stated tonight.

The department, he said, was working on the theory that fermented wines for sacramental purposes was not necessary.

"We are planning going away with sacramental wine for all faiths, Mr. Day declared.

### OFFER RAILROAD

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—The Great Northern railroad today tendered the state department of public works its line from North Port, Wash., to the Canadian line, a distance of about 19 miles, to be converted into a public highway. The line includes a bridge across the Columbia river that cost \$500,000. Railroad officials said the smelter at Rosburg, B. C., had made the line unprofitable. State officials said permission of the Interstate Commerce commission would be necessary before the offer could be accepted.

### MEAT CUTTERS TAKE SHOT AT RETAIL PROBE

Butcher Workmen Publish Warm Letter to Attorney General, Assert Packers Are Shielded.

### DAUGHERTY ACCUSED OF MAKING SMOKE SCREEN

Law Chief Taken to Task for Keeping Quiet on Deals of Large Firms

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Amalgamated Association of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen made public tonight a letter to Attorney General Daugherty asserting that the investigation he has ordered of the high prices charged by retailers "looks like a smoke screen to cover up the sins of the beef trust."

Packers Control, Charge The letter stated that the attorney general had failed to acknowledge a previous communication urging investigation and prosecution of the "big five" packing firms and their subsidiaries in New York for violation of the Sherman law "by limiting the slaughtering of livestock through control of all available slaughtering space in New York and Jersey City."

Letter Ignored. "We stated further," the letter added, "that by this control the 'big five' had been able to maintain prices at a profiteering level. We urged you to institute an immediate investigation and prosecution and we offered to lay before you all the facts in our possession. We have received to date not even an acknowledgment of your letter nor has any agent of the department of justice called upon us to investigate the charges we have made."

Small Dealers Blamed. "Instead we read in this morning's newspapers that you have publicly charged the retail merchants of the country with the guilt of high food prices and have ordered William J. Burns to investigate the iniquities of small shopkeepers."

"Coming at a time when the entire nation is aroused over the attempts of the packing interests to smash collective bargaining and make the public pay the bill in profiteering meat prices, your attack on the retailer looks like a smoke screen to cover up the sins of the beef trust and the friendly inactivity of your department."

Justice Demanded. "If action is not taken by the department of justice we shall be compelled to conclude that justice is not to be obtained in this country through the duly constituted authorities of government."

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, after several predatory pecks into the house, finally made the grade late Friday night. It is a measure allowing Benton and Linn counties to vote special bonds above the Constitutional limit of the rest of the state, to take up current unpaid warrants and pay on a cash basis. One amendment was made, providing two pages for and against the measure in the special election in May, and giving the measure a place on the ballot.

President Memorialized. Senate concurrent resolution No. 2, thanking the president of the United States for his peace congress achievements, was passed without opposition.

Kay Makes Fight. Senate bill No. 17, to allow the loan of the state and school funds on irrigation lands within bonded irrigation districts, later tabled, was vehemently opposed by Kay, who insisted that it would open the door to countless losses of the public funds. "You'll jeopardize the school funds if you accept this security with the implied instruction to the state land board to accept it," said the speaker. The measure allows the land board to determine whether the bond issues are such as to constitute a first or prior lien to any loan they might make; the state has always insisted on first mortgages in its land loans, and this irrigation district bonding was held by Kay and others to be a violation of this rule. Gallagher, championing the bill, insisted that an irrigation district bond stood in the same light as other sectional bonds such as drainage, highway or other improvement financial issues. The measure, however, was laid on the table.

House Concerns. The house concurred in the senate amendments to house bill No. 29, the highway vehicle bill; the amendments, specifically exempting from the control of the state public service commission, farm trucks engaged in hauling in the larger's service, and granting larger measures for local traffic regulation to cities and towns.

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### OREGON PEDANTS MEET NEXT WEEK

Annual Conclave of School Teachers Will Bring Many to Portland

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 23.—Between 12,000 and 15,000 teachers and other educators from all sections of Oregon are expected to attend the annual convention of the State Teachers' association to be held here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, it was announced today.

Among the speakers are Dr. Leroy M. Burton, president of the University of Michigan and Dr. C. H. Judd, head of education at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson of Marion county, president of the association, will preside.

### Douglas County Urges Opposition to Gas Tax

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 23.—The Douglas county coal and taxpayers' league today telegraphed Senator Eddy of this county that both organizations are opposed to the gasoline tax for the 1925 fair. The tax, it is claimed, will hurt the road fund and the county is opposed to the tax for that reason. County Judge Quire today received a number of telegrams from judges of other counties, urging the Douglas county court to take a stand against the fair.

### SMALL GRIST GROUND OUT FROM HOUSE

Absence of Big Legislation Puts Crepe on Activities of Lower Body, as Session Nears End.

### KUBLI MEASURE WINS; FRIDAY UNEVENTFUL

Kay Takes Stand Against Measure That Would Permit Loan of Funds

The house might as well have been labeled "graveyard" as anything else, so far as real excitement was concerned, Friday. Most of the really big legislation of the session, the highways and exposition measures, that originated in the house, had already been passed and sent to the senate, where they were on debate all the day. The house finished up a few measures that dribbled back from the senate, passed some new measures of no consequence, but of necessity had to wait for the big items to come back from the other hall. Most of the day was spent in waiting—Johnny at the rathole with a club ready to pounce onto whatever came his way.

A number of measures that had been acted on by the senate were signed up by the speaker. Nine of these came in one sheaf, and others appeared through the day.

Kubli Measure Wins. House joint resolution, by Kubli, as amended by the senate, was accepted and passed. The amendments provide that in putting the state health department under the provisions of the federal act that give the state \$10,000 a year, the health agents shall have no right to take children from the parents for treatment, without the parents' consent.

If ever the house beat this record, it was going some; for on Friday it introduced, read, argued and passed ready for transmission to the senate, the legislative expense measure, house bill No. 20 in exactly 20 minutes and 40 seconds. The measure, however, had been carefully checked by the committee, and was vouched for. The elastic system of procedure in the house makes emergency legislation mighty easy when there are no contrary minds.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5, after several predatory pecks into the house, finally made the grade late Friday night. It is a measure allowing Benton and Linn counties to vote special bonds above the Constitutional limit of the rest of the state, to take up current unpaid warrants and pay on a cash basis. One amendment was made, providing two pages for and against the measure in the special election in May, and giving the measure a place on the ballot.

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