



THE WEATHER Thursday fair and continued cold; moderate winds, mostly northerly.

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MARION TAXES TO BE LOWER

ALL PARTS OF NORTHWEST IN GRIP OF GOLD

Eastern Oregon and Washington and Western Montana See Records of 13 Years Broken.

UNDER ZERO WEATHER FELT AT PENDLETON

Farmers Warned--Livestock Well Housed and No Damage is Reported

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 18.—Eastern Oregon was in the grip of a severe cold wave today.

Official records showed that last night was the coldest Pendleton has experienced...

At Helix, 16 miles north of here, unofficial records showed 24 degrees below this morning.

At Wasco the coldest weather of the winter was experienced with 14 below zero.

Moro, Or., reported 18, and Brass Valley 22 below.

Little suffering has been reported, the people having been warned to expect a big drop in temperatures and livestock is well housed to withstand the cold.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 18.—Clear and cold weather continued to prevail over Oregon today.

Indications tonight were that the temperature in Portland would reach the low figure of last night, 16 above zero.

A light mantle of snow still covered the ground which had fallen 48 hours ago.

SPOKANE, Jan. 18.—Eastern Washington and Oregon, northern Idaho and western Montana

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BIG MOGUL IS STOLEN BY MERCHANT

Produce Company Proprietor Runs Locomotive Away to Puffer Car of Cheese

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 18.—Charged with stealing a locomotive, Robert Spornitz of West Allis, Wis., proprietor of the Milwaukee Produce company, is being sought in connection with what is described as a daring theft.

Details were related to the police by John Beasley, a butcher, who said Spornitz, single handed, had stolen the engine from the New Butler yards of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and taken it 15 miles in an attempt to steal a carload of cheese. He was halted by a stalled freight train.

Beasley, who is under arrest, said he and Spornitz planned to couple the engine to a carload of cheese which was loaded at Keweenaw, Wis., yesterday, haul the car to Butler, Wis., and unload it.

VIKINGS BEAT AGGIE QUINTET

Rally in Last Half Fails to Overcome Lead—Final Score is 32-31

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 18.—Oregon Agricultural college basketball players rallied in the last half of their game with the University of Washington here tonight in a desperate effort to overcome the lead of the Vikings, but fell one point short and lost the second of the two game series, 32 to 31.

Lineup and summary: O.A.C. 31 Position U.of.W. 32 Stinson 12 forward Lewis 10 Gill 6 forward Proude 2 Hjelte 9 center Sielk 8 Ross 4 guard Bryant 4 Richards guard Crawford 8 Spears—Washington, Nicholson. Converted throw—O. A. C. five out of eight, four out of five by Stinson, one out of three by Hjelte; Washington six out of nine by Crawford.

Referee, Ralph Coleman, O. A. C.

REFUNDING AND SOLDIER BONUS COME FORWARD

Senate Republicans in Party Conference Vote to Press Two Measures in Congressional Program.

DIVISION IS SHOWN ON BONUS QUESTION

Preponderance of Sentiment Favors Funds from Refunded British Bonds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Senate Republicans voted today in party conference to press the allied debt refunding bill and soldiers' bonus bill in that order. There was a disagreement on details of the measures and the conference adjourned until tomorrow.

The vote to press the refunding bill was unanimous, but unofficial reports gave the result on the bonus measure as 21 for and two against, with some opponents either absent or withholding their votes. Republican leaders said, however, that the size of the majority insured passage of a bonus bill at this session.

Interest Payment Unsettled

While there was no division on the allied debt bill, it developed that the measure as reported by the finance committee, met with some objection, inquiry being made as to the reason for the elimination of the provision requiring semi-annual payment of interest on the refunded bonds of the debtor nations. It was understood Senator Borah of Idaho and some Republicans were ready to join with Democratic senators in demanding that this provision be retained.

Spokesmen took pains to make it clear that the majority senators had declared for "a" bonus bill and not the particular bill referred back to the senate finance committee last July on the recommendation of President Harding. Some leaders said, however, that the measure undoubtedly would be similar to that one insofar as the five ways for payment of adjusted compensation were concerned.

May Use British Bonds

Most of the bonus discussion centered around means of providing necessary funds. Some senators favored a measure carrying merely an obligation against the government with payments to be made out of current receipts as money was available, but it was said that the preponderance of sentiment was for a specific provision that the financing be done with funds derived from the sale of refunded British bonds in the United States.

This brought up the question of a sales tax or some other special taxation, proponents of a sales tax urging that some such plan would be necessary to bridge the gap between the time of the passage of the bonus legislation and the time that funds from the sale of the refunded British bonds would become available.

Jury is Selected for Second Trial of Todd

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—A jury was obtained today for the second trial of John W. Todd, former school superintendent of Salem, on the charge of fraudulent use of the mails to defraud in a timber land scheme.

Four Plead Guilty to Possession of Narcotics

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 18.—Four men, Antone Johnson, Jack Davis, Jess Walters, and Ralph Hise, indicated this morning by the federal grand jury on charges of illegal possession of narcotic drugs, pleaded guilty late this afternoon before Judge Frank H. Rudkin, and will probably be sentenced tomorrow morning.

THIS MONTH SETS MARK IN WEATHER

Twenty Degrees Temperature Colder Than Other Januarys of Recent Years

With a record as low as 20 degrees above during the cold snap yesterday, the conversation is to some extent about the weather, and whether this is not the coldest January in this vicinity for a number of years.

Looking back, the January low temperatures in Salem are as follows, according to the government's official figures: In January, 1912, the lowest temperature was 25 degrees above and the average minimum temperature 37 degrees.

In 1913 the January low temperature was 21 above, and the average minimum for the month 35 degrees above.

January of 1914 was a rather warm month, with the lowest 33 degrees above, and the average minimum for the month 40 degrees.

In 1915 there were several nights when the minimum was 25 degrees above, and the average minimum for the month was 34 degrees.

During January of 1916 the nights were pretty cold, as the average minimum for the month was 28 degrees above, and the lowest temperature 16 degrees above. On other nights of that month the mercury dropped to 19 and 20, and the warmest night of the month was when the temperature was 27.

January of 1917 was an average month, with an average night temperature of 24 degrees. The coldest night was when the mercury dropped to 2.

January of 1918 was a warm month, with the minimum average 39 1/2 degrees. It was cold only one night of the month when the mercury dropped to 23. Other nights it was above 30.

January of 1919 was also an average month for cold nights as the average minimum was 32 degrees. On two nights of the month the mercury dropped to 21, and for several nights it was below 30.

January of 1920 was a cold month at nights, as the average minimum temperature was 30 degrees. The mercury dropped to 19 one night, and on several nights as low as 21 degrees.

January of one year ago was just an average January, as the average minimum was 32 degrees above. On one night the mercury dropped to 22, and on two nights to 23 above. But in general the night low temperatures was above 30 degrees.

Body of Fiction Writer Found at San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Miss Estelle McNulty, a fiction writer of Fargo, N. D., whose body was found recently in San Francisco bay, was drowned in an unknown manner, a coroner's jury decided today.

John Duff, a marine engineer, testified that he met her and escorted her to the dock where his ship was berthed and left her when she insisted on inspecting the craft. He told her, he explained, that there were many vessels more worth seeing on the waterfront. Shortly after he boarded his boat he heard a splash, and lowered a boat, he said, but could find no one. He reported the occurrence to his captain, who notified the police.

Boy Killed in Fight on Cleveland School Grounds

CLEVELAND, Jan. 18.—Fourteen-year-old Alfred Krantz, Kenard junior high school pupil, was stabbed and killed in the school yard here today in an encounter which, police say, began with the teasing of a girl pupil by a 16-year-old schoolmate, who is charged with delinquency.

PRICE ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The 1922 subscription price of Standard Oil company of New Jersey to employees who wish to take advantage of the company's profit-sharing plan was announced today as \$161. The price last year was \$155.

PRINCIPLE OF OPEN DOOR IS O. K. IN MAIN

Clause Which Would Authorize Inquiry Into Existing Concessions in China is Stricken.

SHIDEHARA, HUGHES PITTED IN DEBATE

Representatives of All Powers Participate in Long Conference Pow-wow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(By The Associated Press)—The American open door program was accepted in part today by the Far Eastern committee of the Japanese conference, but approval was given only after elimination of the provision which would have authorized an inquiry into existing concessions in China.

The French, renewing their objection to reopening the whole field of concessions granted in the past, were seconded by the Japanese and the Chinese reserved the right to call it up again, but the general impression among the delegates was that it had been permanently sidetracked so far as this conference is concerned.

Concessions Main Issue

Viewed by many delegates as the most sweeping provision of the American plan, the existing concession article was the center of debate, various delegates opposing it on the ground that it might lead to an almost endless inquiry into the validity of the maze of economic arrangements in force in China. For the American delegation, however, it was said tonight that the eliminated article was not considered of vital importance, since remaining provisions of the plan would permit examination of existing concessions where both parties agreed to it.

As adopted, the open door resolution contains a mutual pledge not to seek spheres of influence or monopolies in China and authorizes creation of an international board of reference with power to investigate and report on any case which seems to involve violation of the principle of equal economic and commercial opportunity.

Rail Proposals Made

Turning to the problem of railway control in China, the committee laid the groundwork for tomorrow's discussions by hearing two resolutions proposed for promoting equitable development of Chinese rail facilities. The first, introduced by Sir Auckland Geddes of the British delegation, would pledge the powers against discriminatory practices on roads under their control. The other, presented by Secretary Hughes, would express a hope that the transportation lines in China might be welded eventually into a unified system under Chinese control.

In neither proposal was there execution made on the Shantung or Manchurian lines, at present under Japanese supervision, but the committee recognized the separate status of the Chinese eastern railway by referring the whole subject to a special subcommittee of Far Eastern experts. The latter road traversing the border between Manchuria and Siberia, is under control of an inter-allied commission.

Shantung Goes Ahead

The separate negotiations between the Japanese and Chinese over the general Shantung problem were advanced one more step today by an argument for return to China of the coal and iron mines in Kiao Chow leased territory. On the pivotal question of the return of the Shantung road, however, there were no further developments.

In the open door discussions, Sir Auckland Geddes emphasized that in the British view the resolution in no way affected the Chinese consortium and put into the record a formal statement to

COUNTY ASSESSOR ANNOUNCES LEVIES FOR PRESENT YEAR

Here's a silver lining to the cloud of taxes. They will be lower this year in Marion county.

In Salem the millage tax will be 47.1, compared to 48.6 mills last year. That is, on every \$1,000 assessed, the taxes last year were \$48.60, while this year they will be \$47.10.

According to Oscar Steelhammer, county assessor, this lowering of taxes in Salem was due to the fact that the Salem school levy is not as high as it was a year ago, and also due to the fact that there has been a more thorough assessment of property.

In Salem the various levies are as follows: State, 9.6 mills; county, 8.8 mills; schools and libraries, 3.5 mills; city, 15.2 mills; and special school levy, 10 mills, making a total of 47.1 mills. The city levy of 15.2 mills is a little higher than a year ago, as last year it was 13.7 mills. The increase is due to the larger city budget for 1922.

Other Cities Shown Keeping in mind that Salem will have a levy of 47.1 mills, other cities in the county are as follows: Silverton, 50.4 mills, divided as follows: State, county and school, 26.1; special school levy, 17.1; and city levy, 7.2 mills. This is

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HAYS TO DRAW HUGE PAY FOR HIS NEW POST

Postmaster General Becomes Head of Picture Producers March 4 is Dinner Announcement.

EDUCATIONAL UPLIFT OF PLAYS PURPOSE

Salary Not Definitely Stated, But Will Not Be Less Than \$150,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Will Hays will become directing head of the National Association of Motion Picture Producers and Distributors immediately after March 4, it was announced tonight at a dinner at which the postmaster general was guest of a group of motion picture officials.

Salary is Large

Mr. Hays announced he signed a contract which makes him executive head of the organization. His salary, reported as tentatively fixed at \$150,000 a year, was not announced.

"The purpose of this association will be to attain and maintain the highest possible standard of motion picture production and to develop to the highest degree the moral and educational value of the industry," Mr. Hays said. "I believe in the earnestness and integrity of their determination to carry out these purposes and am convinced of the possibilities of very large plans and successful consummation. My service will begin immediately after March 4."

A statement issued by the producers expressed confidence in Mr. Hays' ability "to direct the industry to its predestined place of importance in the civilization of today and tomorrow."

"We are both proud and happy in our association with Mr. Hays and we look forward to the future with perfect confidence. The producers whose names appeared on the formal announcement of the committee in charge of forming the association were Adolph Zukor, William Fox, Marcus Loew, Lewis J. Selznick, R. G. Cole, Samuel Goldwyn and Carl Laemmle.

\$500,000 in Securities Stolen With Mail Pouch

ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 18.—Securities stolen when a registered mail pouch was taken from the New York Central station here early today, were reported by the local police tonight to have been worth \$500,000.

A packet of bonds, which had been in the pouch and were found beside a ventilating grate at the postoffice building here, were said to amount to \$100,000 and to be non-negotiable.

Radical Bills Initiated By Washington Attorney

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—That all elective state and county offices in Washington be declared non-partisan is the purport of an initiative measure filed with Secretary of State Hinkle, while another measure calls for repeal of the poll tax law. Both bills were entered by W. D. Lane, Seattle attorney, and will be sent to the attorney general tomorrow for ballot list.

LENINE WILL GO

RIGA, Jan. 18.—(By The Associated Press)—Premier Lenine will represent Soviet Russia at the Genoa conference on the condition that the various government permit the Russian cheka to organize a system to guard his safety during his absence from the Soviet capital, according to semi-official advices from Moscow today.

ILLNESS OF POPE CAUSE OF CONCERN SAYS ROME REPORT

ROME, Jan. 18.—(By The Associated Press)—Pope Benedict is confined to his bed with an attack of bronchial catarrh and symptoms of influenza, but his condition is not serious.

This announcement was made this evening by the Osservatore Romano, the official Vatican organ.

The condition of Pope Benedict, says the Stefani news bureau basing its information on a reliable source, is causing some concern, the fever today having reached 103.8. The bronchial catarrh is very diffuse and on account of the Pope's age, 67 years, attending physicians fear complications.

Notwithstanding the pressure of these about him that he remain in bed, the pope today was about his apartments for some time.

According to the Vatican the pope was stricken with an attack of grippa, which, however, had shown no grave symptoms. For several days he suffered from a cough; but did not wish to keep to bed. This morning upon the insistence of Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, the pope consented to keep to bed. The attending physicians after their visit reported that the pope's condition was unchanged.

ROAD SUPERVISORS FOR 1922 ARE NAMED BY COUNTY COURT

Supervisors of 76 Marion county road districts were named yesterday by County Judge W. M. Bubhey. County Commissioners J. T. Hunt and W. H. Goulet, and County Roadmaster W. J. Culver. The list is complete except for appointments in Districts 5, 10, 23 and 50, to be announced within a few days.

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GEM STATERS HAVE LONG END OF SCORE IN BEARCAT GAME

Idaho drew the long end of the score of 27 to 19, in the basketball game with Willamette last night. The Gem Staters play a formidable game; fast and sure and hard, and it would take any of five men at their level best to hold them down.

They are hard as nails, and they are heavy and know where and how weight counts; and that only one man, Telford, was disqualified for personal fouls that perhaps he didn't mean to make—he was trained that way—was fortunate rather than anything else. Basketball isn't primarily a game of strength and avoidance, but both these help, and with the Gem Staters outwitting every man his Bearcat opponent, and with perhaps fully equal skill, the end was sure. They would

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