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## COUNSEL WILL BE TARGET OF SENATE FIGHT

Effort Will Be Made to Prevent Confirmation of Strawn and Pomerene as Oil Case Attorneys

WALSH OF MONTANA DABS ON WAR PAINT

Senator Wheeler to Make Effort to Lift Scalp of Mr. Daugherty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—An organized fight in the senate against confirmation of Silas H. Strawn and Allee Pomerene as special government counsel in the oil cases, promises to furnish another dramatic chapter to the rapidly unfolding story of the naval oil leases.

Walsh Opposes Lawyers.

Definite indications that Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, dominant figure in pressing the inquiry, is opposed to the lawyers selected by President Coolidge, provided the chief development of the day in the oil investigation. The oil commission considered the nominations at two executive sessions, but without reaching a decision. Between times it heard six witnesses at public sessions in efforts to obtain more light on the circumstances surrounding the leasing of the Teapot Dome reserve to Harry F. Sinclair and the California Elk hills reserve to E. L. Doheny. Members of all senatorial groups showed a disposition today to treat as a closed incident the refusal of President Coolidge to entertain the senate's request that he demand "immediately" the resignation of Secretary Denby for his part in the leases.

Wheeler After Daugherty

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, announced that on Thursday he would introduce a resolution proposing a full investigation of all the official acts of Attorney General Daugherty and of all branches of the department of justice under the stewardship of Mr. Daugherty.

George Creel, former chairman of the committee of public information, told the oil committee he had been employed by Doheny as "publicity consultant" five months after he left the government service but had resigned after three months because of a disagreement with his chief. Salary was at the rate of \$10,000 a year. He also disclosed that he had interested himself in obtaining a lease offset wells in Teapot Dome and had taken the matter up unsuccessfully with Secretary Daniels.

Bad Faith Charged.

J. Leo Stack, a Denver oil man, with whom Creel was associated and who had contractual rights in claims in Teapot Dome, testified that he had become convinced upon after Sinclair obtained the lease that there had been "bad faith, fraud and secret dealings." The committee sought, but with little success, to establish definitely who supplied the \$200,000 for the purchase of the Albuquerque, N. M., Journal by Sidney Weil, from Carl C. Magee in May, 1922, but it was in evidence that Joshua Reynolds, chairman of the board of the First National bank of Albuquerque, had taken it over from Weil after 30 days.

Won't Sell Out.

Magee told of attacks he was making on Albert B. Fall in his paper and of efforts he made to sell the plant. He said he received an offer from the Los Angeles Herald, which he asserted, "represented Doheny money" and also that Frederick G. Bonfils and H. H. Tamm of the Denver Post had sent a man to see him but he refused to deal with them.

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## NEW SCHOOL NAMED FOR J. L. PARRISH PIONEER OF OREGON

Junior High Institution Christened by Board of Education Last Night—Plea Made by Hal D. Patton—Miss Grace Snook Reports on Defects of Salem School Children

The J. L. Parrish Junior High School is to be the name of the new junior high school, according to action taken last night by the Salem school board.

The decision to name the school for an early pioneer of the Oregon country followed a brief talk by Hal Patton, who as the son of a pioneer, said he made the plea for recognition of a pioneer man. Mr. Patton gave a brief resume of the achievements of Josiah Parrish who came around Cape Horn with Jason Lee in the ship Lausanne and who served as blacksmith for the Oregon missionaries for several years. He served for several years as circuit rider from Portland to Corvallis and was appointed Indian agent by President Taylor with jurisdiction from northern Oregon to the present California line. He served later as chaplain at the state penitentiary.

## ORDER SOON DUE IN PHONE CASE

Service Commission Completes Deliberations—Opinion Being Drafted

The public service commission yesterday afternoon practically completed its deliberations in the celebrated rate case of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. While a tentative order has been written, it is said, it probably will be several days before this is approved.

The rates of the telephone company have been before the commission almost continuously for a number of years. At present the company is operating under high rates, approved by the commission at the time its personnel was composed of Fred G. Buchtel, Fred A. Williams and H. H. Corey. It was mainly this order that led to the recall of Williams and Buchtel and the election of Newton McCoy and T. M. Kerrigan on the commission. At the last regular election Kerrigan was defeated by T. K. Campbell. Mr. McCoy is still a member of the commission.

## SCHOOLS AGAIN MUCH CROWDED

Opening of New Semester Shows No Improvement in Conditions

Crowded conditions in the public schools of the city at the opening of the new semester are again causing worries, according to a nearly completed list of total enrollments completed yesterday by Mrs. Blanche Isherwood, secretary to George Hug, superintendent of schools. There are a total of 968 pupils enrolled in the three junior high schools and 1550 in the six grade schools which have submitted a report. With an estimated enrollment of 290 in the Park school, the total grade registration is estimated at 1840 pupils.

Highland school is unusually crowded, with 52 pupils entering the beginning class. As there is only one teacher, it is expected an assistant will be obtained by the school board, though no action was taken last night. There are also 47 pupils in the fifth B grade. Total enrollment, by schools, is as follows: Englewood, 210; Garfield, 351; Grant, 120; Highland, 223; Lincoln, 290; Park (estimated) 290; and Richmond 245.

The junior high schools, which have the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, have enrolled as follows: Washington, 561; Grant, 225 and McKinley, 182. This makes a grand total of 2308 in school at present.

Figures for the enrollment in the senior high school were not available yesterday as all students had not yet completed their registration.

BUTTERCUP BLOOM

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 12.—Buttercups are in bloom on the hills close to Pendleton and pansies are blooming in the yards of city homes. This section of the state has been enjoying balmy spring weather.

## HASTE SLOGAN IN DEBATE ON TAX MEASURE

General Discussion Likely to Be Completed in Few Days—Three Weeks May End Fight

BONUS BATTLE TO BE EARLY ON THE PROGRAM

All Other Legislation to Be Thrust Aside, Says Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Informal agreements made today by house leaders designed to confine general debate on the tax reduction bill to three or four days when it is taken up on the floor Thursday are believed to insure disposition of measure in the house within three weeks at the most and possibly in two.

Fast Work Is Hope.

Chairman Green of the ways and means committee and Representative Garner of Texas, democrat, expressed the hope that general debate on the bill could be concluded on Monday and the income rates, the center of difference on the measure, taken up Tuesday and disposed of within two days. Discussions on the bonus bill today developed the opinion in the committee that it could not be given consideration before the tax bill is disposed of. Chairman Green said however the bonus measure would be first on the program of the committee after the floor contest on the revenue bill is finished.

Given Clear Track.

The revenue measure was given a clear track in the house by a decision of the republican steering committee today to withhold all other legislation from the calendar during its consideration with the possible exception of appropriation bills if delay is encountered in its disposition.

Both Chairman Green and Mr. Garner expressed the opinion that with the income rates contest disposed of, consideration of the remainder of the bill could be completed within 10 days.

Skirmishes Expected.

In addition to amendments which will be offered by the democrats, however, to the estate tax rates, coupled with an amendment to impose a gift tax, some skirmishes are expected on revision of the war excise, or nuisance taxes, many of which the committee repealed. Representative Clancy, democrat, Michigan, has said he would seek reductions in the taxes on automobile accessories and spare parts and perhaps on automobile trucks, all of which the committee refused to allow.

Considerable support is expected for the gift tax.

Surtax Rate Hard Problem.

Discussions among republican leaders today failed to develop a definite agreement in their party as to surtax rates, on which pronounced differences have developed in their ranks, and on which the democrats are centering their fight. Representative Longworth, republican floor leader, in expressing the belief that it would not be possible for the republicans to put through the Mellon surtax rate of a 25 per cent maximum, has said, however, that they should be able to unite for a rate lower than the 44 per cent maximum proposed by the democrats.

The democrats will hold a caucus tonight at which an attempt will be made to bind the party as a unit to support the income rates proposed by Representative Garner.

New Mayor in Charge At Herrin, Illinois

HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 12.—A new mayor took charge of the city government here today. Alderman Carl Nail was appointed by the city council at a special meeting last night at the request of the military authorities, who said they desired that the city have some man at its head who would be responsible for the proper governing of the city. C. A. Anderson, Herrin's regular mayor, is being held in jail at Marion charged with complicity in the murder of Constable Caesar Cagle, who was killed last Friday night.

An effect of the presence of the national guard troops in Williamson county was seen today when practically all miners in this district reported for work.

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## OREGON TRAIL MEN ASSEMBLE AT LA GRANDE

Promise of Support Received From State Chamber and Highway Commission

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 12.—Members of the Old Oregon Trail association from 25 Idaho, Oregon and Washington points basked today in the warmth of La Grande's hospitality when they gathered here at the annual meeting of the association. Following a morning session at which time preliminary organization was affected with Walter Meacham, Baker, as chairman, and after lunching as guests of the Union County chamber of commerce, the delegates met in the city hall this afternoon.

Enthusiasm in the development and pushing of the Old Oregon Trail movement was manifest on every side. A. S. Dudley, manager of the Oregon State chamber of commerce pledged the support of the state chamber to the Old Oregon Trail association specifically in regards to publicity work. William Doby of Baker state highway commissioner, discussed financing problems and stated that the commission would assist the trail movement in every way possible.

Nominations of nine directors were accepted. From their ranks, if elected and no opposition exists, will be named the officers of the association later. John W. Langdon, Walla Walla, H. B. Van Duser, Portland, and H. A. Lawson, Boise, were nominated as two-year directors, and W. E. Meacham, Baker; C. L. Caldwell, Union; Dr. W. T. Phy, Hot Lake; I. U. Temple, Pendleton; J. R. Brady, Pocatello and Paul T. Shaw, Portland, were nominated as one year directors.

Pocatello, Idaho; through Mr. Brady, extended an invitation for the 1925 annual meeting. This will be decided by the executive committee later.

The convention closed tonight with a banquet.

## SANTIAM MINE IS HELD GOOD

Walter L. Meeker Reports Favorably After Inspection of Property

"Work on the Lotz-Larsen properties on the little north fork of the Santiam river has passed the experimental or prospective stage and there is every indication that these can be developed into a big mine," declared Walter L. Meeker, of Baker, upon his return from an inspection of the holdings. Mr. Meeker is himself a mine owner and operator and thoroughly understands his business.

"I wanted to see the Lotz-Larsen property for two reasons," Mr. Meeker said. "First because of my general interest in mining and second I wanted to see for myself if what the owners claimed to be true was true. I made a careful inspection but not examination. The workings, formation, topography and geology are highly favorable, while the water power site is excellent."

Outstanding facts that made an impression upon Mr. Meeker were the contrast with other mining districts throughout the country where shelters were first erected and mining then begun. In the Santiam section Mr. Meeker found that the mine was first being developed and then efforts being made toward other equipment. The present test mine is inadequate for large scale production.

Mr. Meeker examined the tunnel for 1000 feet. Without question it is the best defined vein he has seen in years, he declared. "The walls are uniform, not interrupted in their course, and every indication is present that the vein is permanent and presents continuity. The owners have stayed with the vein and have done little cross-tunneling. Mr. Meeker declared that the characteristic of the ore that of the base of all forms of copper, chalcocite, he termed it. Secondary elements, temporary in extent, are lacking. Erosion was held responsible for the absence.

"There is an immense body of copper ore in that section of the country," Mr. Meeker said. "This is to be preferred to a high grade deposit which as a rule plays out after a short period of working." Mr. Meeker commented upon the established reputation of H. H. Lotz, president, and said that he was known to have a good record in the mining world. He stressed the point that Mr. Lotz has not only spent much time but a considerable portion of his fi-

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## M'ADOO PUTS DESTINY INTO OTHER HANDS

Democrat Leaders in States Asked to Decide Whether He Is Fit to Become Party Leader

LETTER MADE PUBLIC BY FORMER TREASURER

If Advice Is to Step Aside, He Will Fight as Private in Ranks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—William G. McAdoo announced tonight that he would leave to the leaders of his movement in each state the question of whether his employment as counsel by the Doheny oil companies had made him unavailable as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.

A request that a conference of such leaders—men and women—be called in Chicago as soon as possible is made by Mr. McAdoo in a letter to David L. Rockwell of Ohio, his campaign manager in charge of national headquarters at Chicago. The letter was made public here tonight by McAdoo.

"I want this conference to consider and determine," the former treasury secretary wrote, "whether or not the fact that an honorable professional service rendered by me to a client, but having no relation whatever to the oil leases now under investigation by the senate committee is prejudicial to my leadership in the cause of progressive democracy."

"If they think I am unavailable," he added, "I shall gladly withdraw and fight as a private in the ranks; if they think I should lead I will do so with all the power that is in me. I will do anything that they think is right and best for the service of the party and the country."

Labor Invited

The former secretary also asked that there be invited to the conference "representatives of progressives outside of the democratic party, representatives of labor, representatives of the farmer and any others you think advisable in order that we may get as far as possible a true index of public opinion."

## HISTORY-MAKING BILL IS PASSED

Postoffice Supply Measure Biggest Ever Voted on in Peace Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The largest peace time appropriation bill ever before congress, the annual treasury postoffice supply bill carrying approximately \$729,000,000—was passed today by the house by a viva voce vote. The measure goes to the senate practically as drafted by the house appropriations committee only a few amendments of importance having been adopted, by the house.

One amendment, adopted at the last minute, increased the amount for maintenance of rural delivery service during the coming fiscal year from \$88,250,000 to \$89,250,000.

The vote was 129 to 115. Previously the house had increased the \$87,000,000 for pay of city letter carriers by \$400,000 and had raised the amount for transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes in New York City approximately \$70,000 or to a total of \$526,372.

The chief changes in the bill was the elimination of a section allotting \$1,500,000 for maintenance of the New York-San Francisco airplane mail service. This provision was thrown out on a point of order by Representative Cramton, Republican, Michigan, who contended the service was unauthorized by law and the house was without power to grant it funds in an appropriation bill. The point raised by Mr. Cramton, cut short an effort, led by Representative LaGuardia, Republican, New York, and Clancy, Democrat, Michigan, to increase the appropriation for airplane mail to \$3,000,000. During debate Mr. Clancy charged that the railroads were seeking to

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## FUTURE PROSPERITY OF NATION DEPENDS UPON AGRICULTURE

President Coolidge in Lincoln Day Address Says "You Can No Longer Prosper With That Great Population and Area in Distress"—Bonus With Relation to Taxes Discussed

## TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON

The annual treasury postoffice department appropriation bill carrying \$729,000,000 was passed by the house.

Navy orders were made public presenting preparatory steps for the flight of the Shenandoah to the Arctic this summer.

A provision allotting \$1,500,000 for the New York-San Francisco airplane mail service was eliminated from the postoffice appropriation bill in the house.

The soldiers bonus bill was side-tracked by the house ways and means committee until the tax bill is disposed of on the floor of the house.

The senate oil committee heard testimony of George Creel, J. Leo Stack, Carl C. Magee, Sidney M. Weil and others in its investigation of naval oil leases.

A house Indian affairs committee questioned the legality of a ruling by Albert B. Fall as secretary of the interior which permitted leasing of certain Indian lands.

## KIWANIS CLUB BANQUET HOST

Event at Hotel Marion Last Night Replete With Pretty Features

First ladies' night of the Salem Kiwanis club and observance of Lincoln day were celebrated with a banquet and program at the Marion hotel last night. In addition to members and their wives there were present a number of guests, including officers from other similar organizations. The hotel dining room was suitably decorated for the occasion while both men and women were supplied with special paper hats. The program had been kept secret by the committee, with Fred Erickson as chairman, and came as a surprise.

One feature of the evening was the drawing of the attendance prize. This was won by Charles Archerd, a Rotary club member, and consisted of a large packing box, when opened revealing Lillian Russell Roberts as a human doll. She delighted the audience with her dainty dancing. Other features were readings by Stacey King; two songs by the Chemawa Indian school girls' octette; Ole Olsen, speech and accordion solos; a trombone solo by Oscar Steelhammer, with the orchestra as accompaniment; male quartette with Dick Barton and other members of the club; a solo by Claude Stevenson; jazz singing by club members with songs by the club. Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick asked the invocation.

Prof. J. F. Brumbaugh, head of the psychology department, OAC, delivered the oration of the evening. Lorane Rideout gave Lincoln's Gettysburg address with a toast to the Ladies of Kiwanis by Justice O. P. Coshaw. Mrs. Harwood Hall gave the response. Fake telegrams, calling attention to various members of the club, were delivered at regular intervals and read by N. D. Elliott, secretary. Roy Shields, former member of the club but now located in Portland, presided as toastmaster.

Condition of Burbank Is Reported Improved

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 12.—The condition of Luther Burbank, suffering at his home here from an attack of acute bronchitis, was described as "improved" today by his physician, who said he hoped to permit Mr. Burbank to leave the sick room in a few days.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—National and international political and economical affairs of the present time were touched on by President Calvin Coolidge in an address delivered here this evening at a meeting of the National Republican club, in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday. The recent disclosures in the investigation of the government oil land leases, the present Mexican situation, the proposed soldier bonus, the tax bill now before congress, and proposed legislation designed to aid the agricultural interests of the country were the main subjects touched on by the president.

"No one would deny," the president said, "that industrially we are very flourishing. But agriculture has only partially revived. Its position, however, has improved and the returns for the year are nearly 30 per cent in excess of two years ago."

"The farm is one of the chief markets for the industries of the nation. You have a direct economic and financial interest, you can no longer prosper with that great population and that great area in distress." Mr. Coolidge added in this connection that he would not discuss in detail any remedial measure designed to aid the agricultural interests, as he had done that fully in his recent address to congress, and that his suggestions already had been embodied in bills brought before congress.

Federal Tax Less Than State

In reviewing the tax situation, Mr. Coolidge pointed out that the amount of income tax paid by the people to the federal government was considerably smaller than the amount paid to the state and local governments. The tax burden placed upon the people during the war, Mr. Coolidge said, had been greatly reduced, due to measures of economy adopted in all departments of the federal government.

The discussion of the tax question led to a mention of the much-discussed soldier bonus, and the president emphasized that in his opinion the payment of such a bonus would not only result in increased taxes, but could not be considered a commensurate and adequate remuneration for the patriotic services rendered by those who served their country during the war.

Their services, said the president, were prompted by patriotism and patriotism could not be remunerated with money. In addition, he said, many of the ex-service men themselves were opposed to the payment of the bonus. President Coolidge then turned again to the Mellon tax plan, which he defended against the attacks of those who insist that the rich be compelled to pay the major portion of the government taxes.

Changes Opposed

"Because I wish to give to all the people all the relief which it (the Mellon tax bill) contains," said the president, "I am opposed to material changes of and compromise on the tax measure."

In dealing with the liquidation of the international war debts, the president pointed out that every effort had been made to accomplish the liquidation. The largest, he said, "which was that of Great Britain, and which amounted, with accumulated interest to \$4,600,000,000, has been settled on terms that provide for its payment over a period of 62 years."

In defending the government's attitude in the Mexican policy, President Coolidge explained the present government had recognized the Obregon government in Mexico after administration officials of the United States had convinced themselves that President Obregon's government was the soundest set up in recent years in Mexico.

Politics Barred

In concluding his speech President Coolidge devoted considerable comment to the recent disclosures in the leasing of the government oil lands. "There will be immediate, adequate, unshrinking prosecution, criminal and civil, to punish the guilty and to protect every national interest," the president said. "In this effort there will be no politics, no partisanship. I am a republican, but I cannot, on that account, shield any one

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## THE WEATHER

OREGON—Fair Wednesday; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Tuesday)  
Maximum temperature, 56.  
Minimum temperature, 57.  
Rainfall, .01.  
River, 6.7.  
Atmosphere, cloudy.  
Wind, southwest.