

# TWO RUN FOR MAYORALTY

## ERIXON FILES HIS CANDIDACY; GIESY PETITIONS READY

### Business Administration Promised by Contractor if Elected—Some Accomplishments of Present Mayor Cited—Both Are Active in Public Playgrounds Movement.

John B. Giesy and Fred Erixon will both be candidates for mayor. Erixon filed his candidacy for nomination in the primaries with City Recorder Marten Poulsen last night and it is a virtual certainty that Mayor Giesy, incumbent, will today file as a candidate for renomination. If there are to be any other candidates they have not yet been mentioned, and unless another one or more do file the outcome of the primary vote will be tantamount to election.

Erixon's petitions appeared yesterday and Giesy's were prepared last night and are ready for circulation. Erixon's declaration was taken to the city recorder earlier in the day yesterday, but because of a slight defect was returned to the candidate for correction.

## MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

William Phillips, under secretary of state, was nominated to be ambassador to Belgium.

The house voted to increase the estate taxes carried in the revenue bill.

Secretary Weeks, before the house insular affairs committee, opposed Philippine independence.

The house Indian committee proposed a joint congressional investigation of Indian administration affairs in Oklahoma.

It was learned that Joseph M. Dixon, governor of Montana, is being seriously considered for secretary of the navy.

The supreme court held invalid the act making state workmen's compensation laws applicable to stevedores working in vessels lying in navigable waters.

President Coolidge told members of the house pensions committee he was opposed to enactment at this time of pension legislation involving any considerable drain on the treasury.

Attorney General Daugherty wrote a letter to Senator Willis, republican, Ohio, saying he had dealt in Sinclair oil stock but had not misused official information.

The senate oil committee heard C. Bascom Slemm, secretary to the president, heard Washington bankers testify as to the accounts of Edward B. McLean, then recalled for a short time H. Foster Bain, director of the bureau of mines.

## GRAND JUROR ILL; HEARING DELAYED

Prohibition Agents Investigation Stopped—McKey Is Prosecutor

GOLD BEACH, Or., Feb. 25.—Investigation was begun by a grand jury here today on charges against Paul Mumpower and A. E. Nell, state prohibition agents, charged with manslaughter in having killed Lawrence Hare at Brookings, Or., during a liquor raid. Today's session was brief as one grand juror became ill, necessitating an adjournment until tomorrow.

W. J. Culver, county road master, with Mrs. Culver returned Sunday night from a three month trip by automobile into southern California. The Sunny California of story is very dry just now, Mr. Culver says and he was glad to get back to Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Culver Home From Three Months' Trip

Governor Pierce Still Improving at Hospital

Governor Pierce continued to improve yesterday at the Salem hospital where he underwent a surgical operation Saturday for removal of the gall bladder. From the hospital it was reported last night that the governor was resting comfortably. He signed several papers Monday that were taken to his room in the hospital by his secretary.

## SLEMP TELLS COMMITTEE OF CONVERSATION

### New Mystery Develops as Result of New Information on Famous \$100,000 Loan to Fall

## BANK RECORD BROUGHT TO DISPROVE LETTER

## Senators Find Out McLean Did Not Have That Much Money at Time Stated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Turning his attention once more to the McLean-Fall incident at Palm Beach, the senate oil committee today secured on behalf of the White House a positive disclaimer of any previous inside information on the subject, and developed a new mystery regarding the now famous \$100,000 loan which Albert B. Fall obtained while he was in the cabinet.

C. Bascom Slemm, secretary to President Coolidge testified that he not only had no prior knowledge of the truth regarding the loan, but that he discussed the subject at Palm Beach with both Fall and Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington post, and urged that they dispose of the many rumors in circulation by telling the committee the whole story.

**Banks Queried**

Promising to tell all, Mr. Slemm said, McLean testified before Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, on the same day that he had given Fall two checks aggregating \$100,000 late in 1921, but that they had been returned to him uncashed. Today, however, the committee learned from an examination of records of Washington banks that the publisher did not have an aggregate of \$100,000 on deposit at that time in the banks on which he said the checks were drawn.

Having learned that Mr. Slemm had conversations with both McLean and Fall regarding the oil scandal at Palm Beach last month, Senator Walsh will seek tomorrow to ascertain whether any individual members of the committee communicated by telephone with either of them at the Florida resort or with Fall at New Orleans.

After hearing Mr. Slemm, the committee received from H. Foster Bain, director of the bureau of mines, testimony that Fall had told him that the contract with the Doherty interests for oil tank storage at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii had been discussed by the cabinet and that Attorney General Daugherty had made no objection to it.

The attorney general in a letter today to Senator Willis, republican, Ohio, again denied that he had given an oral or written opinion as to the legality of the oil leases and at the same time stated he had purchased stock of the Sinclair consolidated oil company after he came into the cabinet, but had sold it at a loss.

Taking the oil discussion again to the floor of the senate, Senator Walsh charged that the republican national committee news bureau had made a "deliberate and malicious" misrepresentation of the facts in its statement of yesterday that the naval oil leases were made under the general leasing act of February 1920, which he had sponsored.

Replying in a statement tonight the news bureau asserted that Senator Walsh's declaration that the leases were made, not under this act, but under one passed in June, 1920, was "a quibble for the purpose of misrepresenting the facts."

**Not to Call McAdoo**

Chairman Lenroot and others of the oil committee indicated that there was no intention to recall William G. McAdoo, a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination for questioning regarding his statement Saturday that his then New York law firm would have received an additional fee of \$900,000, if the negotiations

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## HE IS CANDIDATE FOR CONVENTION



HAL D. PATTON

## PATTON ASPIRES TO CONVENTION

### Salem Man Announces He Will Seek to Represent First District

Within the next few days Hal D. Patton, Salem merchant, who has been identified with state and local politics and the republican party for years, will file with the secretary of state as candidate for election as delegate to the republican national convention from the first congressional district of Oregon, he announced Monday. If elected, Mr. Patton declared he would pledge his support to the choice of the Oregon people as expressed at the primary election.

Mr. Patton is at present a member of the city council and during his residence in Salem has been a member of both houses of the state legislature. He was president of the Salem Republican club and one of the organizers of the Young Men's Republican club in addition to being a state central committeeman. He was elected to the house of representatives in 1908 and to the state senate in 1910, serving through the sessions of 1919 and 1922.

Mr. Patton was recently named as a delegate from Al Kader temple of the Mystic Shrine, to the national convention in Kansas City, June 2 to 5 inclusive. He said yesterday that whether or not he is elected as a republican delegate, he will attend the national convention in Cleveland when it opens June 10.

## TWO DALLAS FOLK KILLED IN WRECK

### Mrs. George Harms and Frank Regier Die of Injuries in Accident

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 25.—Frank Regier and Mrs. George W. Harms of Dallas, Or., were injured fatally and George Harms, husband of the woman; P. P. Kroecker, also of Dallas, and Jacob Martin of Main Center, Sask., suffered serious injuries when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a south-bound passenger train at a railroad crossing north of here today. Regier and Mrs. Harms died of their injuries shortly after they were brought to the hospital here.

The automobile party was on its way to Portland. Harms, who was driving, failed to see the passenger train coming south. Two other automobile drivers, ahead of Harms, saw the approaching train and stopped to let it pass. Harms went on.

Although the engineer did everything in his power to attract the attention of the driver, the locomotive struck the machine just as it reached the center of the track. Parts of the automobile were scattered for some distance, and the occupants pitched in every direction. The wreck of the automobile caught fire and was soon a mass of flames. The train, traveling about 25 or 30 miles an hour, was stopped within six car lengths.

## ESTATE TAX IS APPROVED BY CONGRESS

### Gift Tax Amendment Before House at Adjournment—Republican Organization Fights Both

## COMPROMISE IS HOPED FOR ON FINAL VOTE

## Administration Spokesmen Promise to Carry Mellon Plan to People

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—An increase in the estate or inheritance taxes was voted into the revenue bill in the house today by a combination of democratic and republican insurgent forces. Another proposal of the coalition—a gift tax—was before the house when it adjourned.

Both amendments were attacked by organization republicans. The estate tax raising the rates all along the line on the same brackets as now contained in the law to a maximum of 40 per cent on the amount by which the estate of a decedent exceeds \$10,000,000 instead of the present 25 per cent rate, was adopted, 190 to 110.

**Gift Tax Proposed**

Representative Ramseyer, republican, Iowa, submitted the estate tax amendment and Representative Green republican, Iowa, chairman of the ways and means committee, proposed the gift tax, which will be voted on tomorrow. About six democrats voted against the estate tax amendment which was supported by about 30 republicans, including Chairman Green on a division vote.

An amendment also was voted to allow credit for estate taxes paid to states up to 25 per cent of the tax levied by the federal government. This was proposed by Representative Frear, republican insurgent, Wisconsin, in reply to the argument of Representative Mills, republican, New York, that an increase in this tax would make it a permanent part of the federal taxation system and eventually deprive states "of a vital source of their revenue."

Republican organization leaders remain hopeful of a compromise on the income rates when a final vote is taken on the bill, notwithstanding the continued coalition of democrats and insurgents. Administration spokesmen let it be known that if their tax reform program as carried in the Mellon bill does not get through at this session, it will be brought up again next winter. Secretary Mellon believes the country will show its favor toward his plan at the elections this fall and that its success in the next congress will be assured.

Representative Frear, speaking for the republican insurgents, issued a statement today declaring his group was not disturbed over the Longworth compromise for a 25 per cent reduction in the surtax rates, which would cut the maximum to 37 1/2 per cent instead of the 44 per cent now in the bill. He called upon Mr. Longworth to make public his plan so that study might be given it. Mr. Frear also denied any formal coalition with the democrats, declaring the insurgents supported the democratic plan because it "was the next best plan to our own."

The entire day was spent on the estate tax contest, but with a vote in sight early tomorrow on the gift tax proposal, Chairman Green said tonight he expected reading of the bill to get well into the excise rates by tomorrow night, where another fight depends on proposed reductions in the automobile taxes.

Mr. Green proposed rates of 1 to 10 per cent on gifts, starting at amounts in excess of \$10,000 and applying the maximum rates on amounts exceeding \$46,000. He announced tonight, however, that he would amend this tomorrow to make the same rates as carried in the estate tax voted today applicable to the gift tax.

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## DIXON MENTIONED FOR CABINET JOB

### Governor of Montana Among Those Pushed for Denby Successor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Initial consideration given by President Coolidge to selection of a successor of Edwin Denby as secretary of the navy has resolved about Joseph M. Dixon, governor of Montana, and James E. Davidson, republican national committeeman from Michigan.

Inasmuch as Mr. Denby's retirement from the cabinet does not become effective until March 10, and because of more immediate pressing questions, the president, it was said today at the White House, has considered the filling of the navy post only in a preliminary way. It was acknowledged, however, that a number of telegrams and letters had been received endorsing both Governor Dixon and Mr. Davidson.

## STRIKE CALLED

### HAVANA, Feb. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The United Railway and Dock Workers' strike has been settled.

## SILVERTON PASSES THREE OUT OF FOUR IMPROVEMENT BILLS

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 25.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Three out of four civic improvement measures that were on the ballot at a special election in Silvertown today were carried by good majorities.

The measure that was lost was one proposing the providing of funds for the establishment of public toilets and rest rooms in Silvertown, the vote being 144 for it and 173 against the measure.

The vote on the measures that carried was as follows: For an additional fund for fire fighting equipment, 232 for and 94 against.

Additional lighting fund, 227 for and 98 against.

Charter amendment providing for better sewage and drainage, 177 for and 151 against.

Considerable feeling was aroused over the defeat of the measure proposing public rest rooms and toilets for the reason that Silvertown is now entirely lacking in these conveniences.

## DANIELS AND REED OUT FOR PRESIDENT

### Missouri Senator Attacks McAdoo—Former Cabinet Man Being Groomed

(By The Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 25.—United States Senator James A. Reed, informally opening his campaign for the democratic presidential nomination tonight, declared that in his opinion "not one-tenth of the corruption and inequity which has existed is yet laid bare," in referring to the oil lease disclosures.

He charged that William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury and an opponent for the nomination, expected to receive \$1,094,000 in legal fees from E. L. Doherty, oil magnate, and Charles W. Morse interests, and motion picture concerns, although he "did not appear in a single lawsuit."

He reviewed the oil scandal and said the disclosures "warranted him in saying that the people of the United States were, by bribery, deprived of these great oil deposits upon which the nation must rely in the hour of extremity."

## DAUGHERTY ADMITS HE DEALT IN OIL

### Gives Out Statement Saying He Bought Sinclair Stock While in Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Attorney General Daugherty today publicly acknowledged that he had dealt in Sinclair stock before and since he entered the cabinet, declared he never misused official information in these transactions and renewed his willingness to submit all the facts in any investigation the senate might order.

In an open letter to Senator Willis, Republican, Ohio, Mr. Daugherty said he bought some Sinclair stock before he became attorney general and finally suffered a loss of \$28 a share. Six months after Teapot Dome was leased to the Sinclair in this, he sold part of his stock in an effort to recoup losses. Later he bought back the same amount at a slightly lower price and finally sold last fall, his entire share holdings.

## TWO STORES AT ST. PAUL ROBBED

### Safe Blown By Experienced Crook—Clothing and Food Main Loot

Men familiar with blowing safes were responsible for the robbery of two St. Paul stores Sunday night, according to Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt, who spent Monday investigating the robbery. Deputy Burkhardt based his opinion upon the way in which the safe was blown, for though the lock itself was neatly blown off, the doors of the safe were not sprung. This, he said, could be accomplished only by men or a man familiar with handling the explosive.

From the dry goods and grocery store owned by D. L. Vandee Wiele there were stolen 90 dozen eggs, two sacks of sugar and "shoes for the family," for all classes of footwear were reported missing by the proprietor, several pairs in each classification being stolen. From the postoffice and drug store owned by Peter McDonald was taken a sack of sugar and a sack of old coins. It was in the first store that the safe was taken to the storeroom at the rear where sacks of salt were piled around it to deaden the noise of the explosion.

In view of the robbery taking place in a building occupied by a postoffice, the matter was taken up with Lyle J. Page, federal commissioner, for this district, who will prosecute if the robber or robbers are captured.

## DREAD STOCK DISEASE GETS HOLD IN SOUTH

### Hoof and Mouth Epidemic in California Brings Close Supervision in Oregon Herds

## STOCKMEN'S LOSS EXCEEDS \$250,000

## 15,000 Cattle and 9,000 Hogs Ordered Destroyed in California

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 25.—Cooperation of all residents of Oregon with state and government officials to keep the hoof and mouth disease, now epidemic in California, out of Oregon, is urged in a statement issued today by Dr. Sam H. Foster, inspector in charge of the tuberculosis eradication division of the United States bureau of animal industry.

Dr. Foster declares that foot and mouth disease is the most serious that can strike livestock.

## Close Shops

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—As additional precaution against spread of the dreaded hoof and mouth disease, the San Francisco board of supervisors today passed an ordinance requiring closing of all butcher shops at 6 p. m. on week days.

The measure was framed to prevent deliveries of meat at hours when city meat inspectors are off duty, it was said.

No further extension of the present quarantine had been ordered tonight.

The loss to livestock owners so far is estimated at \$250,000.

Fifteen thousand head of cattle and 9,000 hogs have been ordered destroyed by the authorities.

## Money Needed

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 25.—Emergency appropriations of \$2,000,000 by congress for use in the fight in California against the hoof and mouth disease will be asked, it was announced here today following a conference of state, city and federal officials.

The money would be used chiefly to indemnify owners whose hogs, cattle and sheep are destroyed.

## OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—

Quarantine order, effective Tuesday, February 26, prohibiting the importation of all livestock, horns, hoofs, hides, dogs, birds, pet stock, hay, feed, biological and packing material from any state into the state of Washington was issued by Director E. L. French of the department of agriculture today.

State veterinary inspectors will be stationed in Seattle and Spokane, and possible other cities to assist federal inspectors to head off shipments into this state, it was announced.

"The discovery Saturday of cases of hoof and mouth disease in the counties of Alameda, Napa, Sano and Contra Costa in California brought about the quarantine order," Mr. French announced. Shipments of livestock from any state which may subsequently develop cases of the disease will be barred by the order. Dogs, birds and pet stock may enter only after being properly disinfected. All packing materials such as hay and straw, and all horns, hoofs and hides must either be destroyed or disinfected. All railroad cars

## THE WEATHER

OREGON—Occasional rain Tuesday; moderate to fresh southwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum, 57.  
Minimum, 44.  
River 3.10 Falling.  
Rainfall, .36.  
Atmosphere, Cloudy.  
Wind, Southeast.