

The Weather — OREGON —
shows and rains east Cascades; temperature same; strong southerly winds. Friday — Max. 46; Min. 38; River 9.6 falling; Rainfall .06; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind South East.

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DECK CLEARED AND READY FOR 33RD SESSION

Legislative Body to Convene at 11 O'Clock Monday Morning and Proceed to Organization

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE FIRST BUSINESS

Moser Slated for Senate President; Benton for Speaker of House

Final arrangements for the 33rd session of the Oregon state legislature are being rushed to completion and everything will be in readiness when that body convenes at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Governor Walter M. Pierce will deliver his message to the legislators in the afternoon. The message is said to be comparatively long this year, but within the 3,000 word limit, and to embrace many of the things advocated by the governor during his two years in office.

Election of officers for the session will occupy the solons and demand their first consideration. The first week is expected to produce little besides the organization of the session and its expected adjournment will be taken Thursday.

Moser to Head Senate

Pledging of votes seating the officers of the session has been under way for weeks and a speculation as to "Who's Who in the Session," from early indications gives Gus Moser of Portland the office of president of the senate and J. B. Hunt, of Woodburn, chief clerk. Mr. Hunt is slated to have as his assistant Elizabeth Braun, of Portland, who is employed at the state house at present. Elbert Bede, veteran of previous sessions, is listed for reading clerk. Mr. Bede is publisher of the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Albert D. Goddard, of Pendleton, will probably be calendar clerk and Col. W. G. D. Mercer, of Lane county, again sergeant-at-arms.

Burdick for House

In the house of representatives Benton Burdick, of Redmond, is slated for speaker with Fred Drager, of Salem, as chief clerk. Paul F. Burris, also of Salem, is slated as assistant chief clerk. Competition is keen for the place of calendar clerk, Walter G. Linn, of Portland and Clarence Thompson, of Portland, former teller in the office of the state treasurer under Jefferson Myers, apparently having the inside track between themselves. Joe Slinger, of Portland is slated for sergeant-at-arms and Rollie Southwick, of Salem, as doorkeeper. The office of reading clerk in the house and door keeper in the senate has no prominent contestants, and whoever is after the offices are apparently working under cover to a great extent.

Positions of pages and stenographers are being sought by a great many persons.

MARCUS WITHDRAWS FROM LOCAL FIRM

Retirement is Due to Illness; Merlin Harding Now With Daughton

The hardware firm of Doughton & Marcus, located at 286 North Commercial street, has been dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Marcus. Merlin Harding has purchased the interests of Mr. Marcus and the new firm will be known as Doughton & Harding. Mr. Harding was formerly with the Salem Hardware company and has many friends in Salem and vicinity who will welcome him back to Salem business circles. During the past five years he has been engaged in hop growing near Salem so that he is no stranger to the public. The new firm contemplates no radical changes in the business policy which has already built up a profitable and important asset to Salem industries.

Mr. Marcus, the retiring member, recently suffered a stroke of paralysis which necessitates him retiring from active business for an indefinite period.

"Magic Ring" Used by Ballot Fixer to Put Candidates in Office

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A "magic ring" which, when properly manipulated, is said by its inventor to have elected or defeated congressional or lesser candidates, was shown and explained to a New York grand jury today.

Its youthful owner, George Roeken, asserted that the magic hand not only brought about the election of Nathan D. Perlman, republican, to congress and illegally defeated his democratic opponent, Dr. W. L. Slovich, but that one like it was the prize which went with every diploma issued by him to graduates of his "school for ballot fixers."

The ring he said held a cleverly concealed bit of lead with which any person, with adequate instruction and practice could mark ballots under the very eyes of poll watchers without fear of detection.

His "school" the dapper young election clerk explained, claimed as alumni dexterous "ballot fixers" in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Jersey City and Hoboken. Roeken, who yesterday handed to District Attorney Banton a sworn confession that he had marked and mutilated ballots in last November's election in which he was actually clerk although an opponent of the Pelman forces related his story to newspapermen in the grand jurors' ante-room.

Although only 26 years old Roeken said he had been conducting his school for ten years and that he had netted him fees from pupils and office seekers between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

"I can elect any candidate who engages me," he assured newspapermen.

WHEAT CROPS HELD RUINED

State Loans for Seeding Purposes May Be Asked of Legislature

State loans to eastern Oregon farmers for the purchase of seed wheat or re-seeding purposes will be asked of the 33rd legislature when it convenes by Governor Pierce if developments of the next few weeks bear out the early indications that the cold weather has killed much of the wheat in that portion of the state. If the loan is not available some other form of relief legislation will be asked.

Word of the conditions was carried to the governor in a letter from Mark Weatherford, of Astington, former Albany attorney and member of the state bonus commission. The letter said that conditions were serious and mention was made that the state of Washington has been forced to adopt similar measures in the last six years, securing the loan by mortgages on the growing crop. Oregon should follow this example and do as Washington has done in relieving the situation, Mr. Weatherford declares.

"The situation as it seems to be developing discloses that the wheat generally in this country was very seriously damaged," Mr. Weatherford wrote. "Many of the farmers concede that it is lost. Others concede that it is an even chance either way, and some claim that it will survive this freeze but is in no condition to stand further unfavorable weather. The above is true as to the pure winter varieties of wheat. It seems conceded that all other wheat is killed."

Unless aid is given by the state a large number of unfortunate farmers will be unable to get the money at the banks and consequently be unable to re-seed their farms," Mr. Weatherford declares.

NAME OF MOUNTAIN DEBATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Whether the snow-clad peak of one of America's most lofty mountains shall continue to be known as Mount Rainier or be given the Indian name of Mount Tacoma, is a question upon which the house public lands committee must make its next decision.

MARKED COIN GETS HARLAN IN JAIL

Liquor Sold to Officers Gets Donald Resident into Much Trouble

Two evenings in succession Carl Harlan delivered a gallon of moonshine to prohibition officers and the last visit landed him in the city jail, where he is being held for the circuit court. Marked coins, and the liquor in pint flasks he hid as evidence. Harlan has been living in a shanty at Donald and it is alleged that he is an old offender. Last night when searched he had a number of "bickers," which he had won as a rummy player at different poolrooms. He was driving a Ford car and in it was found a small caliber rifle. He stated that he was going to return to Seattle.

PARDON GRANT CHARGED SON OF GOVERNOR

Kansas City Journal Publishes Story of Alleged Transaction; \$1,250 Said Paid for Clemency

GOVERNOR ALSO HELD IMPLICATED IN DEAL

Son of Governor Davis Said to Have Returned Money When Confronted

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—The Kansas City Journal tomorrow morning will publish a copyrighted story declaring that Russell G. Davis, son of Governor Jonathan M. Davis of Kansas, today accepted \$1,250 when he delivered a pardon to Fred W. Hollman, former Lacygne, Kans., bank president, who was convicted of forgery in 1920.

The money was passed and the papers restoring Hollman to citizenship were delivered in a room in the National hotel at Topeka while several Kansas officials and representatives of the newspaper listened in on a telephonic device which had been secreted in the room, the Journal story declares.

Confronted by the witnesses, young Davis returned the money which had been marked, the Journal asserts.

Young Davis, who had been operating his father's farm, denied the governor had any knowledge of the transaction, the story says.

The Journal, however, will publish an affidavit sworn to by Hollman charging that Governor Davis himself solicited money for extension of executive clemency in the case of Glenn A. Davis, 39, a tailor who was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder at Independence, Kans., in 1911. Hollman was interested in the Davis case and sought clemency for the tailor.

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 9.—"The whole story was framed up," declared Governor Jonathan M. Davis tonight, when told of the charges published in the Kansas City Journal that his son Russell, had accepted \$1,250 for delivering a pardon.

"It was framed up by my political enemies to get me," he asserted. "But they have failed to do it."

SWINDLER IS LAID TO REST

Leo Koretz, \$2,000,000 Fake Oil Stock Promoter, Leaves Only \$44.32

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Leo Koretz, the arch-swindler who fleeced friends and relatives out of millions in his Panama Bayano oil project and who died last night in the state prison after serving 34 days of three concurrent sentences of from one to 10 years, was buried here today.

The ceremonies were simple and were attended by the widow, his son and four brothers who stood by tearful and tense as the body of the man who had brought wealth and then disgrace to his family, was laid to rest.

Early in the day the body was removed from the prison to the Waldheim cemetery here. Brothers of Koretz obtained from the warden at the prison all that Koretz had left of the millions he obtained from relatives and friends for investment. Of the millions, he had only \$44.32 left, aside from a few odds and ends of personal belongings.

Police Arrest Suspect in \$10,000 Jewelry Robbery

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—B. Biolostsky, 58, was arrested here today as one of three suspects of a Pacific coast jewelry theft ring. A number of watches, said by police to have been stolen in Los Angeles were confiscated.

PRINTERS BEHAVE OR KEEP OUT OF LEGAL TROUBLES

No Professionals at Prison and Publication is Temporarily Suspended

Printers are evidently behaving themselves these days, for there are none capable of putting out "Lead a Hand," official publication of the Oregon state penitentiary, behind the bars.

Such a condition has not arisen for nearly 20 years, according to J. S. Murray, chief clerk at the prison, who became connected with the institution in 1911. Mr. Murray said that until recently there had always been an efficient printer in attendance, and that he understood that one had been there for several years prior to his taking office.

There are at present several inmates working in the printing department, where they are learning the trade. These men are able to set type sufficient to meet with the demands of the prison, such as small blanks, letterheads and other minor jobs, but the task of setting sufficient type to issue the publication monthly is beyond their ability at present.

PLEDGE HELP IN BUILDING OREGON

State Chamber of Commerce Urge Optimism; Other Clubs Discussed

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 9.—Resolutions commending optimism to its membership at all times and pledging their efforts to upbuilding the state of Oregon, out of office hours as well as in, were adopted today, at the close of an all day meeting by the state association of chamber of commerce secretaries.

Work of the Old Oregon Trail association was commended. J. H. Fuller, of Ashland, president of the association, presided. In the evening the secretaries looked in at clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis, and others in their home towns, sensing a sort of division of the functions held to belong properly to a chamber of commerce.

END OF SHOALS QUESTION NEAR

Termination of Senate Dispute in Sight; May Adopt Underwood Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Early termination of the senate struggle over the disposition of Muscle Shoals project was foreseen tonight by senators as likely to come with adoption of either the Underwood bill or the Jones amendment referring the problem to a commission.

"A vigorous effort will be made tomorrow to get a final vote which will send some Muscle Shoals bill to conference with the house, which passed a bill accepting the Ford offer before it was withdrawn and this make way for other legislation; which practically has been blocked in the senate by the Shoals question since congress convened. Some of the leaders however are of the opinion tonight that a decision could not be reached in one day and that the problem would have to go over until next week.

A close vote between the Underwood and the Jones proposals is generally predicted.

The whole of today was devoted to debate on the question although wide tours were made at times from the main subject for a political discussion which was evoked by a charge of Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, that the democrats had not kept their pre-election pledge and that the republican and democratic machines were in harmony on Muscle Shoals.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader in a vigorous reply lauded the democrats, criticized Senator Norris and defended President Coolidge.

Pretty Girls Active in St. Louis in Observance of War Heroes' National "Forget-Me-Not Day"



Like thousands of other girls and women throughout the U. S., these Missouri girls are trying hard to make a success of the annual flower day to aid the nation's wounded and disabled war veterans. They are the Misses Marie Clover, Anabel Moreler and Thelma Simpson.

PORTLAND MAN YMCA BUILDER

Morris Whitehouse Named By Board; Kenneth Legge, of Salem, Associate

Morris H. Whitehouse of Portland with Kenneth Legge of Salem as associate, has been named architect for the new YMCA building, which is to be erected in Salem, according to the announcement made last night by C. A. Kells, secretary of the association here.

Actual work on the plans is to be started today and pushed with all possible speed. Sherman Dean, architect for the YMCA with offices in New York City left for Portland immediately following the naming of the architect, where he is to remain a few days in conference with Whitehouse and Legge.

The call for bids will be issued within six weeks it was announced and every possible haste is to be shown in the arranging of the plans and in pushing the actual construction of the building.

Dean, after his conference with the architects in Portland, will give final inspection to a new building at Bremerton, Wash. He then is to return to Portland and continue his conference with Whitehouse and Legge.

Whitehouse has had wide experience as an architect and even as a student at Massachusetts Tech, where he won a Rhodes scholarship and another competitive scholarship which allowed him to study abroad for one year. He is also working on plans for the East Side YMCA building in Portland.

The new building in Salem is to be erected on Court street between church and Cottage and will be of reinforced concrete with

GREAT NORTHERN MAY EXTEND HERE

Railroad May Tap Eastern Oregon With 200 Miles of Track, Report

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway, was reported to be in San Francisco today conferring with officials of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific lines regarding a proposed extension of this Great Northern in Oregon.

It was said here the project involved the laying of approximately 200 miles of track in eastern Oregon.

Agricultural regions in the vicinity of Klamath Falls and Bend, Ore., would be tapped by the new line. Whether the Southern Pacific tracks would be used in connection with the new line will be determined by officials of that line, in conference with Mr. Budd, it was reported here.

COOLIDGE RAPS NAVAL PROGRAM

Proposed Changes in American Navy Are Not Approved By President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Coolidge today sounded what was generally regarded as the death knell for the move to bring about the elevation of guns on the capital ships of the American navy.

The views of the president on the proposal to raise the guns to increase their range were presented with unmistakable definiteness at the White House.

He holds that elevation of the guns would be a return to the old international competition in armaments and an abandonment of the new principal of limitation of armaments to which the United States with the other great powers committed herself at the Washington conference. Such an about-face in policy he is prepared to resist with all the power at his command, confident of the support of American public opinion.

Interpretation of the naval treaty, a matter discussed in congress in connection with the elevation proposition and economy, a point raised by himself, are in the president's opinion minor factors in determining an answer to the question.

VESSEL ADRIFT IN RAGING SEA

Lighthouse Tender With Crew of Six Breaks Mooring; Rescue Attempted

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 9.—The Canadian government lighthouse tender Newington was proceeding tonight to the rescue of Captain W. W. Wingate and his crew of five on the barge Binghamon which is helplessly adrift in a raging storm in Hecate strait, 400 miles northwest of here. The Binghamon had been wrenched from the tow of the tug Masset.

The Binghamon was being towed by the Masset from Vancouver to Comox when when she sprang a leak in the storm last night. When only a mile from shelter the tow rope caught on the rocky bottom of the ocean and parted, members of the tug related when they arrived at Prince Rupert, B. C., today. The Masset proceeded to Prince Rupert for assistance. The pumps were not working.

When no vessel strong enough to encounter the tempest was found, wireless calls were broadcast which caught the Newington.

New Suspect Arrested in Seattle Liquor Operations

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—Wilbur E. Dow, customs broker and well known in local shipping circles, was arrested by federal agents here today.

In addition to a small bottle of liquor, which Dow was charged with possessing agents seized a number of documents among them being papers relating to speed boats operated by members of a liquor ring headed by Roy Olmstead, reputed Pacific coast bootlegger king, authorities said. Dow was released and ordered to post bond tomorrow.

DEBT PARLEY WITH ENGLISH MOVES SLOWLY

Representatives of Both Nations Endeavoring to Drive Hard Bargains; Shown By Evidence

GREAT BRITAIN WISHES TO ECONOMIZE, STATED

American Estimate of War Damage Claims May Be Whittled By England

PARIS, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—Great Britain and the United States are getting together slowly "but normally" on the American reparations claims which are to finally come before the conference of allied finance ministers in session here.

At the end of today's informal discussions and conferences it was apparent that the representatives of both English speaking countries were trying to drive a hard bargain. Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, wishes to economize and the American estimate of war damage claims, tentatively fixed at \$350,000,000, is likely to be whittled down before the Anglo-Saxons finally reach the expected accord.

Ambassadors Herrick and Kellogg, with James A. Logan, Jr., United States representative with the reparations commission, are standing their ground, but the negotiations, for the time being, are up to the respective governments of England and America. The continental delegations are watching the deadlock between the two principal countries with ill-suppressed chagrin.

Belgium's assent to the reduction of her 5% allotment of reparations from 8 to 5% and perhaps 5 per cent if necessary, appears to have been the only forward step made today. Complete accord also had not been reached on the Belgian position as the latter contends she still has about 250,000,000 gold francs due her on her priority claims.

Report on Debts

The British aver that Belgium has already received 2,500,000,000 francs in reparations, and that 3 per cent of her priority, if abandoned by that country, should be subtracted from her receipts beginning immediately. Experts will go over a mass of figures and report to the delegates Monday just exactly what Belgium actually has received.

The American war damage claims settlement, however, remains the most important matter before the conference.

Three full days have elapsed since the conference convened and the days, except for two very brief plenary sessions, have been almost entirely occupied by un-

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house shipping board resumed hearings.

Muscle Shoals continued the vehicle of senate debate.

Secretary Weeks expressed opposition to creation of a department of aeronautics.

The house passed the war department appropriation bill carrying \$331,000,000.

The house began consideration of the MCF banking bill to amend the national banking laws.

The railroad viewpoint on consolidation was presented to the senate interstate commerce commission.

It was announced that President Coolidge is unfavorably opposed to gun elevation on American capital ships.

Persistent reports were circulated that Associate Justice Holmes contemplates retirement from the supreme court.

Action on the nomination of Attorney General Stone for the supreme court, was held up by a senate judiciary sub-committee.

Hearings were closed by a senate committee considering the Gramton bill for construction of prohibition at Washington.