

The Weather - OREGON
Cloudy, somewhat colder, unsettled; moderate variable winds, becoming fresh east and southeast. Monday - Max. 51; Min. 36; River 5.8; stationary; Rainfall .25; Atmosphere part cloudy; Wind south west.

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JANUARY 17 TO 23
Is national thrift week. Plans are under way to make this a week that you will remember as the big week of the year. Watch for further announcements.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, 1925 PRICE FIVE CENTS

DAVIS MEETS BRIBE CHARGE BEFORE CROWD

Kansas Governor Arrested Two Hours Before Term of Office Expires; Released on \$1000 Bond

AUDIENCE APPLAUDS AS DAVIS DENIES CHARGES

Part in Inaugural Ceremonies Is Carried Out; Investigation Asked

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Jonathan M. Davis, "dirt farmer," governor of Kansas, stepped out of office today at the end of a turbulent two-year term just a few hours after his arrest on a charge of accepting a \$12500 bribe for a pardon. Jointly charged with the retiring executive is his son, Russell G. Davis, 28, who was caught in the act of receiving the money and delivering the pardon to Fred W. Pollman, former banker and convicted forger.

Both were released on bond of \$1000. Their preliminary hearing was set for January 23.

Davis militantly met the issue. He went to court to face the accusation, made bond, wrote a letter to the presiding officers of the legislature demanding "a full and complete investigation" of his

conduct and then carried through his part in the inauguration ceremonies, turning over his office to the incoming governor, Ben S. Paulsen, republican.

"I stand before you today, the only governor of Kansas ever placed under arrest while in office," Governor Davis told the inaugural crowd that packed the city auditorium.

"I have committed no crime. I have not violated the oath of office I took two years ago; have neither solicited nor accepted a bribe. Throughout my official conduct I have had an ear to the poor and the downtrodden. The greater portion of the paroles granted have been cases in which the imprisonment of a man was causing others to suffer even more than himself.

"A great newspaper in search of prestige and influence has sought to besmirch me. They have invaded the sanctity of my home and sought to solicit the efforts of citizens and those of low character. The people of Kansas will resent such attempts."

The audience applauded long and loud as the governor flanked his address with a word of hearty welcome to his successor.

The charges against Governor Davis and his son were filed by Tinkham Veale, retiring attorney of Shawnee county when the court of Topeka opened this morning. Earl Heinz, the new county attorney, will prosecute the case.

FIVE BILLS MAKE FIRST APPEARANCE

Repeat of Laws, Conditional Pardons and Market Roads are Stressed

Repeal of two chapters of the general laws of 1923, relating to the creation of the state market agent act, chapter 274, and to the collection of fines for prohibition violations, chapter 48, are asked in house bills Nos. 1 and 2 introduced at the opening session of the 33rd legislature by Representative W. C. North, of Portland introduced prior to the adjournment until 10 o'clock this morning. Representative J. E. Bennett, Portland, fostering H. B. No. 3, regulating pardons for first degree murderers sentenced to life imprisonment. A public hearing before five justices of the supreme court, with all concurring, is asked. H. B. No. 4, introduced by Representative R. A. Ford, of Dayville, asks for the selection, permanent improvements and maintenance of market roads and provides for an annual tax levy upon taxable property. H. B. No. 5, introduced by Representative J. B. Coffey, of Portland, provides for the regulation of storage, sale and use of fireworks in the state.

All bills passed the second reading and will be referred to the proper committees.

Marion County Solons Assigned Good Places in Law-making Groups

Marion county's representatives fared well in the 1925 session committee appointments made by Gus C. Moser, president of the senate and Denton Burdick, speaker of the house.

Senator Alex M. LaFollette is the dean of the session, having been a member of the house in 1887 and 1903, and a member of the senate continuously since 1915, seven sessions in all. He was placed on the ways and means committee and chairman of the horticultural committee. Other committees to which he was assigned are the municipal affairs, penal institutions and public buildings and institutions.

Senator Sam H. Brown, of Gervais, has served in three previous sessions and is chairman of the committee on penal institutions and a member of the committee on agriculture, county and state officers; irrigation, printing and livestock.

Lloyd T. Reynolds is the veteran Marion county representative, now serving his fifth session. He is chairman of the committee on labor and industries and a member of the horticulture, assessment

HOUSE BREAKS SPEED RECORD MORE CHANGES NOT EXPECTED

Organization Completed and Officers Elected at Opening Morning Session

Breaking all precedents, the 33rd session of the house of representatives got under way Monday morning with the completed organization and the appointment of all committees for the remainder of the session.

By unanimous vote Denton G. Burdick, of Klamath Falls, was elected speaker of the house, his name being placed in nomination by E. S. Hamilton of Bend, seconded by Herbert Gordon, of Portland, W. F. Drager, of Salem, was installed as chief clerk with Paul F. Bussis, of Salem, as assistant.

Upon request, Eibert Bede, reading clerk of previous sessions, relinquished his opportunity to act for the senate in the same capacity, and became reading clerk for the 33rd session.

The only competition that developed was around calendar clerk, with a field of four contestants. Upon balloting Clarence Thompson, of Portland, was declared elected, having received 20 votes.

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SENATE BILLS ARE OFFERED MONDAY

State Market Agent and Consolidation Measures Demanding Attention

Of the three bills introduced in the senate yesterday afternoon the Hall-Ritner-Taylor measure drew the most attention. It is known as senate bill No. 3, and seeks to repeal the law of 1923 creating a state market agent. Senators Roy W. Ritter and H. J. Taylor, both of Pendleton, have joined forces with Senator Charles Hall of Coos and Curry counties in attempting to have the measure passed.

Eastern Oregon grain growers are dissatisfied with the system now used in the grading of grain, and are endeavoring to take the matter out of the hands of the market agent and leave it with the public service commission. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed with the Spence regime in the market agent department.

Senate bill No. 1, introduced by Senator Hall, provides that all motor vehicles come to a full stop when approaching a state highway, and requires the highway commission to erect and maintain "stop" signs on all public main highways. Bill No. 2, also introduced by Senator Hall, would make it unlawful to place any loaded spring-gun or set-gun, or any device containing an explosive to be detonated by means of a trigger, arm, string, or rod. The bill is particularly aimed at guns used to exterminate rodents.

The Hall consolidation measure is a concurrent resolution having as an object the appointment of a commission to investigate the possibility of consolidating state departments. A report was asked for the next session.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The one great need of the world is "not some formula or rule, but a law abiding sentiment throughout the land—the disposition to be reasonable, to be fair to settle things according to available standards of justice, to enforce the conceptions of justice against the demagogues of brute force." Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes declared in an address here tonight.

Mr. Hughes' address was delivered at a banquet given in honor of him and other members of the executive committee of the American Bar association. He made no reference to his recent resignation from the cabinet.

FARM RELIEF LEGISLATION MAIN ISSUE

Extra Session of New Congress Is Urged By Senator Borah; Agricultural Commission Acts

WESTERN FARMER DOES NOT TRY, BRUCE SAYS

Maryland Senator Voices Criticism Against Seeking Government Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—While the president's agricultural commission continued today to wrestle with the problem of farm relief, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, urged in the senate that there be an early extra session of the new congress to enact legislation dealing with the subject.

Calling attention that farm aid had been a predominant issue in the last campaign, the Idaho senator declared the problem confronting the country, if the farmers are to have any permanent relief, is the same as it was before the election.

"I want to register my protest," he said, "against the proposition that agriculture will have adjusted itself in the near future."

Retortments in some lines of agriculture, he continued, have been due to two causes, the failure of crops in Europe and the Dawes' reparations plan, but said that the Dawes' plan could not be of lasting benefit unless the amount of reparations to be paid by Germany is fixed at a definite sum.

Scores West Farms Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, took issue with Senator Borah. He asserted that the plight of the farmer was being relieved "by natural processes with which the government has nothing to do."

"The truth is," the Maryland senator said, "that the western farmer does not try hard enough. He is too prone to run to the government with his trouble. No matter how far from legislative functions his trouble may be, he sets up a cry and we may consider ourselves fortunate if the cry does not assume the tenor of a threat against the government."

LARGE LIQUOR RING MAY BE UNCOVERED

Federal Investigation May Result in Round-Up of Booze Smugglers

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Possibility of an expose of a large liquor smuggling ring in southern California during the federal investigation of the death of William Keffee, alias George Turner, so-called "king of the bootleggers," slain at Santa Barbara last week, was voiced here tonight by Samuel F. Rutter, prohibition director for California, as he left for San Francisco.

While liquor smuggling possibilities occupied the attention of the federal forces, state officials were investigating the discovery of a "courtesy note" among the dead man's effects, said to have been signed by an official of the state highway department.

The federal agents centered their activities on a \$20,000 loan said to have been made by Keffee to other bootleggers to finance run running into southern California.

Boiler Explosion Results in Two Deaths; 18 Injured

LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 12.—An explosion in the boiler room of the new steam plant of the Southern California Edison company here today, believed to have been caused by a pocket of gas in a firebox, killed two men and injured 18 others.

The dead are: Wayne L. Colmer of Los Angeles and W. J. Palk of Watts.

The blast tore out the front and rear walls of the firebox and men working on stoking at the front and rear of the boilers were caught in the explosion and in the collapse of the brick work. The boiler itself, a new one of 12,000 horsepower, was uninjured. It was not in operation but was being steamed up for a test.

PRACTICAL JOKER KILLS TWO; THREE MORE NEAR DEATH

Metal Polish Put in Punch at Wedding Party; Number of Victims Unknown

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Jan. 12.—Two men died, three others were made critically ill, and numerous members of a wedding party at Gilberton, near here, were being treated tonight in homes along the Mahanoy valley as a result of what is reported by police and physicians to have been either a wholesale poisoning plan of an ill-timed joke. The names of the victims are not given out.

According to reports among Gilberton residents some one at the wedding put metal polish in the punch bowl at the wedding feast. First reports were that poison alcohol was responsible, but a physician who treated the victims stated that it was a powerful poison that had none of the characteristics of alcohol poisoning.

Six persons are known to have drunk the liquid, but as members of the party were taken to homes and surrounding towns by friends the exact number of victims was not known tonight.

45 U OF O STUDENTS DROPPED

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 12.—Forty five students of the University of Oregon have been dropped for low scholastic standing, according to announcement today when grade sheets for the first term were compiled. It was also announced that 110 students were placed on probation, on their ability to make satisfactory grades.

MAN KILLS WIFE AND SELF

CLEVELAND, Jan. 12.—Angered because his wife instituted divorce proceedings, John E. Fish, 58, a railway mail clerk, returning from his run late today, shot and killed his wife, Clara R., 49, probably fatally wounded his son, Carl, 26, and then shot himself, dying instantly.

ROSS STATUS TO BE HEARD

Fish Commission Meets Today; Attorney General May Give Decision

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—Dr. Thomas Ross, ousted as a member of the state fish commission, and John C. Veatch, named by the governor as his successor, were expected to be present here tomorrow when the fish commission meets, when it was believed a ruling of the attorney general as to Dr. Ross' status would be received. If the attorney general should rule that Mr. Veatch is entitled to the commissionership, Dr. Ross will carry the matter into the courts he announced.

The commission, regardless of its personnel, will be confronted with a resolution from the fishermen of the coast district to remove A. C. Ross, master fish warden and opponent of Dr. Ross, his cousin, and to reinstate Carl D. Shoemaker as warden.

At a stormy session here today the fishermen from district No. 2, officially the Oregon Wholesale Fish Dealers' association, attacked Governor Pierce for his attempt to remove Dr. Ross.

CHARITIES ASSIST OVER 400 PERSONS

Help Given 109 Families in District; Cooperation With Court Good

During the past month and the first 10 days of January the Associated Charities have given help to 100 families, which included 432 individuals, distributed 1426 articles of clothing and 13 loads of wood. This included cases of distress found in all parts of Salem and some in the outskirts of the city, according to the reports of Mrs. Young, field worker.

Close cooperation is being shown between the charities and the county court, as shown by the meeting which was held last night at the Chamber of Commerce. Plans were made to secure the cooperation of all organizations in the city, in order that no duplication of work shall take place.

Those present last night were Judge J. T. Hunt, Judge L. H. McMahan, County Commissioner James Smith, Rev. Martin Ferechelian, Miss Alice Dodd, Harry Levy, Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. John Catson.

Millionaire Marks and Divorced Wife Who Was Ordered To Return "Hoax" Baby to Institution



By court order, Mrs. Lydia Locke Marks, wife of Arthur Hudson Marks, millionaire tire maker, was directed to return to a Kansas City institution an infant she took to New York City. During the divorce proceedings in September, 1923, Mrs. Marks testified she was about to become a mother and it

DEBT PARLEY NOW DEFINITE MOSER HEADS SENATE BODY

Explicit Agreement Finally Reached By Anglo-American Ministers Election Unopposed; Harmony and Cooperation Emphasized in Acceptance

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The British and American delegations at the conference of the allied finance ministers have reached a final and definite accord relative to the payment of the United States of the cost of the army of occupation and war damage claims. This was officially announced tonight.

The agreement is subject to ratification by a plenary session of the conference but inasmuch as France, Italy and Belgium entered the negotiations already pledged to support the American viewpoint and divergences exist only between the British and American delegates, ratification is a foregone conclusion.

The United States under the terms of the agreement will receive about \$25,000,000 yearly on the total of her claims, amounting to approximately \$600,000,000. Thus reimbursement of the United States will occupy a period of 25 years. The sum remaining due for the costs of the American occupation is fixed at between \$250,000,000 and \$260,000,000 while the amount of war damage claims the conference has agreed would be based on the findings of the mixed claims commission. This has been tentatively fixed at \$350,000,000.

HUNTER DIES FROM EXPOSURE TO COLD

McMinnville Man Loses Way in Darkness; Is Found Dead in Creek

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 12.—Death from exposure and exhaustion was the fate of Lloyd Yocum, 32, who went out hunting yesterday in the mountains north of his home in Gopher valley.

The body was found today by a search party made up of neighbors. Yocum had gone hunting with N. W. Smith who was accompanied by his wife and two children. They had separated with agreement to assemble when Mr. Smith should blow his horn. The signal was given but there was no response. After sending his family home, Mr. Smith began the search for Yocum, which he continued until darkness. Early today a search party was organized and Yocum was tracked in the snow to the banks of east creek where his body was found in about three feet of water, his arm hooked over a log, but his face out of the water. The track indicated that Yocum had evidently lost his way and had plunged into the creek and started walking down stream, that the cold water striking him in his exhaustion numbed him so that he was unable to get out.

TOMATO CROP LOST

NOGALES, Ariz., Jan. 12.—Damage conservatively estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 has resulted to the tomato crop on the west coast of Mexico, as the result of an unprecedented cold wave that has swept the growing sections during the past few days.

LIQUOR MEASURE SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A suggestion that Uncle Sam go into the whiskey business to protect both himself and the present holder of intoxicants has been made to the senate investigating committee by James J. Britt, counsel for the prohibition enforcement unit.

PIERCE ASKS LEGISLATURE FOR STATUTES

Taxation and Law Enforcement, Particularly Prohibition, Keynote of Governor's Message

LARGE CROWD PRESENT FOR OPENING SESSION

Well-Oiled Machinery Gets Under Way Smoothly; Early Junket Urged

Smoothly oiled and placed in proper working condition several weeks ago, the wheels of the 1925 legislature began to turn and before the final adjournment for the day, the 33rd session got under way, picked up steam, perfected permanent organization and got down to business, with three bills being introduced in the senate and five in the house.

Indications of rocks ahead and stormy weather were indicated by the trend of proposed legislation which is dead set against one of the points of the governor's hopes as outlined in his message, namely, the repeal of the act creating the state market agent.

Crowd at Opening The opening was accompanied by the attendant rush and milling around of Solons, spectators, employees and position seekers. Photographers busied themselves with grouping those they desired to "shoot," including the taking of oath of office, a general photograph of the legislative bodies and Governor Pierce, prior to delivering his message.

True to the promise made last year, Senator S. M. Garland, of Lebanon, interrupted the permanent organization proceedings long enough to insist that the biennial excursion to Corvallis and Eugene, to visit the Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon, be made early in the session this year and not be delayed until near the close, when much business must be attended to before the final adjournment of the session. Benton and Lane county conferees were urged to bear the matter in mind and received the support of the president of the senate regarding his stand. Support was also pledged by the members named by the senate.

Governor Takes Place With every seat taken in the house of representatives, solons and spectators packed the large hall almost to capacity to hear Governor Pierce give his message to the 1925 session shortly after 3 o'clock. Governor Pierce was escorted to the dais by Joe Singer, veteran sergeant at arms, followed by heads of various state departments.

Taxation and law enforcement constituted a great portion of the message while the executive expressed regret over the repeal of

MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

The Muscle Shoals bill continued before the senate.

Representative Tillman, democrat, Arkansas, defended congress against liquor drinking charges.

Vice Chairman Plummer of the shipping board testified before the shipping board investigating committee.

Senator Borah urged early action on farm legislation, even if it required an extra session of congress.

The tentative agreement between American and allied representatives on war claims has been accepted by the Washington group.

The supreme court held that states cannot compel a private carrier by motor vehicle to engage in public traffic.

Nomination of Attorney General Stone to the supreme court was approved by a senate sub-committee, and that of Charles B. Warren to succeed Mr. Stone was referred to a sub-committee.