

The Weather — OREGON — Rain west and snow east of Cascade; no change in temperature; strong southeast winds. Tuesday—Max 46; Min. 40; River 8.6 falling; Rainfall .25; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind south.

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AUTO LICENSE CHANGE ASKED IN TEN BILLS

Legislation Includes Barring of Speed Traps; Reduction of Fees on Old Cars and Defines Trucks

TAX ON GROSS REVENUE OF BUSES ALSO URGED

Repeal of \$4 Per Seat Tax Included; Farmers Obtain Some Relief

Proposed legislation regulating various phases of motor vehicle laws was introduced in a series of 10 bills Tuesday by the joint road and highway committee of the house and senate, by request of Governor Pierce's special committee, which held a series of conferences with motor vehicle dealers, owners and operators. The measures are known as house bills 18 to 27, inclusive.

Legislation proposed would keep the license fee at the present rate for the first four years that a vehicle is operated, with a 10 per cent discount upon the fee for the next three years, and a 25 per cent reduction upon the original fee for the succeeding three years. After the tenth year a 50 per cent discount is allowed.

Change Bus Tax

Abolishment of the \$4 per passenger seat tax and a 2 per cent tax on the gross revenue of buses is advocated, with a 1 per cent tax on the gross revenue of truck lines on regular routes. This would repeal the 50 cents per inch tire tax. For hire vehicles would be taxed 100 per cent of the license fee instead of the 50 cents per inch tire tax. Peddler and livery licenses are also provided. Under the bills introduced yesterday farmers who use their trucks for only a portion of the year—from April to October 31—would pay but two-thirds of the present fee.

A new classification for truck tires, including the 17-inch tires, is created and the load limited to 400 pounds per inch of tire.

Speed traps of all forms are prohibited under another bill. Passenger trucks carrying more than seven passengers would be (Continued on page 2)

TAX REFUND BILL PASSED

First Deficiency Appropriation Bill for Year Carries \$159,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The senate today passed the first deficiency appropriation bill for this year, carrying \$159,000,000 of which \$150,000,000 is to be used for tax refunds.

A sum of \$2,600,000 was added by the senate to the measure as passed by the house.

The provisions for tax refunds stirred considerable debate and, on the motion of Senator King, democrat, Utah, it was amended to provide the report of tax refunds to congress should include the names of all persons and corporations involved. This was opposed by Chairman Warren of the appropriation committee and Chairman Smoot of the finance committee, republicans. Such a report, however, is now sent annually to the house ways and means committee.

Senator King and McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, protested against the large amounts of the tax refunds paid by the government. Chairman Warren said records had amounted to about \$400,000,000 since the income tax law became effective as against about \$26,000,000,000 in taxes collected. Senator King said he realized certain refunds were necessary because of misinterpretation of the law, but he declared investigation by the special committee into administration of the internal revenue bureau had disclosed many and huge illegal repayments.

An item for \$50,000 for the farm commission appointed by President Coolidge rejected as an amendment by the house was approved by the senate and \$20,000 also was added to the bill for the president's oil conservation board.

State Fair Board May Bar Harness Races at Exposition Next Fall

A straight program of running races and no harness races is being given serious consideration by the state fair board in making preparations for the 1925 Oregon State Fair, it became known this week. It is highly probable that there will be five stake races for \$1000 purses and added prizes offered.

By means of the prizes the state fair board has assurance of one of the finest gatherings of horsemen and horseflesh that the coast has ever seen will be attracted to Salem and it is estimated that at least 300 of the finest horses in the country will be here for the racing program.

Running races are gaining prestige over harness races throughout the country, and the board believes that by keeping abreast of the times, the prestige of the fair

will gain in racing circles.

Boys and girls making livestock club exhibits can exhibit in open classes this year by paying the entrance fees as apply to adult exhibitors, according to a ruling made by the fair board. By means of this the younger exhibitors will receive encouragement, it was held.

Permission to use the main poultry building at the fair grounds for a mid-winter fair this next winter was given the Marion-Clackamas Poultry association. The association has been holding its fair at Hubbard, but because of the great success, with which it has been met, larger quarters and more adequate facilities were needed. Only as much of the main building as is actually needed will be used and the displays will be kept together and not scattered.

SENATORS ARE ALL ON TIME

Second Day's Session Moves Without Hitch; Several Bills are Introduced

The second day's session of the senate started off without a hitch. On roll call every member responded. The organization was completed with the appointments of three pages, two girls and one boy.

Senator Hall offered a joint resolution for the uniformity in motor rules between California, Oregon and Washington. If the house concurs a committee will be appointed to confer with committees from the other two states. The following bills were introduced:

S. B. 4, Davis—Repealing provision for affidavit of prejudice against circuit courts.

S. B. 5, Hall—Providing for meetings of the county court of Curry county on the first judicial day of January and the first Wednesday of each of the other months.

S. B. 6, Hall—Defining speed traps on highways and excluding evidence in criminal cases of persons operating speed traps unless they are officers in uniform.

S. B. 7, Joseph—Amending blue sky law.

Four vetoes by the governor were read and referred to the various committees. Bill No. 50 referred to the Bernard Daly estate in Lane county. The governor objected to relieving it from an inheritance tax. No. 154 was a banking bill. The governor asked that more study be given to it as it contained 125 pages. 181 was vetoed because he did not believe it complied with good government in industrial insurance. No. 81 was vetoed because the governor believed that some of the judges in the smaller counties could help Multnomah out in case of emergency.

In these columns yesterday Senator Hall was quoted as joining in senate bill No. 3 providing for the abolishment of the marketing inspector. He had nothing to do with it.

This completed the business before the senate and it adjourned at 11 o'clock to meet at 2 o'clock. In the afternoon session of the (Continued on page 2)

INCOME TAX BILL FOR COLLECTIONS

Measure Introduced Tuesday Provides for Payment of 1923 Portions

In order to provide a boundary line and to collect unpaid portions of the income tax due and collectible for 1923, a bill, known as House Bill No. 14, was introduced, by request, Tuesday by the committee on assessment and taxation.

Upon repeal of the state income tax law there was no date definitely set prior to which the incomes became payable. Because of this the state income tax commission was helpless in the matter of collections.

While the bill specifies the collections for 1923 it does not provide for any payments of the 1924 tax and if such have been made, there is an opportunity given for refund.

PIERCE EDICT OUSTING ROSS DISREGARDED

Commission Holds Meeting With Dr. Ross in Seat; Governor's Appointee Not Recognized

VEACH FAILS TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION OF CHAIR

Arrival of Opinion By Attorney General Will Settle Difficulties

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—Governor Pierce's edict removing Dr. Thomas W. Ross as a member of the state fish commission was disregarded today by the commission, which held its January meeting with Dr. Ross in his seat. With Dr. Ross and John C. Veatch, the governor's appointee, contending for recognition, P. Kendall, chairman of the commission, recognized Ross.

In his contention that he had not been officially removed, Dr. Ross opened his legal battle against the governor, with the charge that Veatch's appointment was illegal. Through his attorney he declared that Veach had been commissioned by the governor on January 10. He presented the letter in which he was formally removed, dated January 12, and held that Veach could not have been seated before he was removed.

The action was taken in spite of the efforts of W. T. Eakin of Astoria, member of the commission, who said Attorney General Van Winkle had told him Monday that Dr. Ross' removal was legal. Mr. Veach also protested the action, and both men made the point that the business of the meeting would be illegal when the opinion of the attorney general arrived.

The meeting was attended by 30 fishermen from coast districts armed with a resolution asking the removal of A. C. Ross, master fish warden, and the reinstatement of Carl D. Shoemaker to that position.

Dr. Ross brought the climax to the meeting when he introduced a resolution to dismiss A. C. Ross, his cousin, on the grounds of inefficiency and disloyalty. Mr. Eakin dissented. Mr. Kendall expressed the belief that A. C. Ross had been inefficient and recommended that the resolution be held for consideration at a later meeting, and this was agreed to.

HOUGHTON'S GRANTED POST

Ambassador to Court of St. James Appointed to Succeed Kellogg

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—President Coolidge made another rearrangement today in the cabinet-diplomatic organization he will take with him March 4 into his selected term of office by selecting Alanson B. Houghton of New York, now ambassador to Germany, to succeed Ambassador Kellogg at London.

The transfer of Mr. Houghton to the London post, the ranking assignment in the diplomatic service, was formally announced at a dinner in the White House after the president had advised the president he would accept the new appointment, and after the British government had informed the state department that Mr. Houghton would be persona grata in London.

The selection of Mr. Houghton was a further development in the rapid succession of official changes.

High Power Radio Station At Seattle Is Now on Air

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—KJR, a high powered broadcasting station of the Northwest Radio service, reopened here tonight with a musical program of a 273 meter wavelength. The station moved its headquarters and increased its power. The wave length is to be changed later this week.

Radio fans on the Alaskan coast should be able to hear the reconstructed station, it was said.

SCHOOL BOARD HAS CHANCE TO EMBARK ON FARM INDUSTRY

Offer is Received From R. A. Ryan to Trade Rural Property for Washington School

A perfectly good offer to trade a farm near the state penitentiary for the old Washington school was made to the Salem school board at their regular meeting last night. A farm, which is encumbered with a small mortgage, and equipped with a house in good shape and other improvements can be secured by the school district, according to this communication.

R. A. Ryan offers to trade for the old school building and after it has come into his possession, plans on converting it into a building for public use.

The first floor, so states the communication, can be remodeled and made into an assembly hall, which can hold all the public meetings that are brought to the city. In addition, the upper floors can be made over to apartments and put to good use.

What to do with the old Washington school building is proving a bugbear to the officials of the school board. Several suggestions have been made, which range all the way from tearing the building down and putting the property up for sale, to turning the building over to the state for office purposes. One of the board members, commenting upon the situation last night, said that the state was having a hard time getting office space, and the old building could be put to some use, anyway.

PARDONS MAY BE HELD VOID

Pardons Granted By Governor Davis, Contested; Fraud Charge Probed

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—Pardons and paroles issued by former Governor Jonathan M. Davis in the closing days of his administration may be declared void if it is found they were obtained by fraud, it was announced tonight by Attorney General C. B. Griffith.

The attorney general said his assistants tomorrow will begin an examination of the laws of the state to determine if pardons and paroles illegally obtained may be cancelled.

William R. Smith, assistant attorney general, spent the day preparing the petition to be filed in the state supreme court asking the ouster of Peterson, who is charged in an affidavit made by A. L. Oswald, having Hutchinson attorney, with having offered a pardon for Walter Grundy, Hutchinson bank wrecker. Peterson denies his allegations and has refused to resign.

The ouster petition, it was said, (Continued on page 2)

HOUSE SESSIONS ARE BOTH SHORT

Early Presentation of Bills Urged; Photographs to Be Taken Soon

Two short sessions were held by the house of representatives Tuesday and the matters at hand, including the introduction of 22 bills, was quickly dispatched.

Rev. Martin Feresethian, pastor of the Unitarian church, offered the opening prayer with the house being called to order a little past 10 o'clock.

Several resolutions were adopted, including one of sympathy for D. C. Lewis of Multnomah county, who has been kept away from the opening session by illness. Attention to the rule calling for presentation of all bills during the first 20 days of the session, by Denton G. Burdick, speaker of the house.

Instead of having photographs of the members of the session taken down town, as has been customary, arrangements have been completed for the work to be done in the room used by the board of control.

Upon motion of Representative J. B. Coffey of Portland, a committee of three was named to consider vetoed bills. The committee will consist of Mr. Coffey, Phillip Hammond of Oregon City, and B. S. Hamilton of Bend.

It is anticipated that the house will adjourn following the Thursday afternoon session and convene again Monday morning.

US POLICY TO BE UNCHANGED COOLIDGE SAYS

Foreign Relations Not to Be Affected By Retirement of Secretary Hughes, President Declares

RUMOR OF IMPENDING CHANGES IS DISPELLED

Attitude on Specific Questions of World Affairs to Remain the Same

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—White House pronouncement was made today to dispel any impression that the retirement of Secretary Hughes from the cabinet involved impending changes in the administration's foreign policy.

President Coolidge sees no reason to alter the general course he has been pursuing with regard to foreign relations. While he expects that American foreign policy will develop and enlarge to keep pace with the march of world events, there is no prospect that the principles governing the attitude of the Washington government on specific questions will be subject to change during the administration beginning March 4.

Details Followed

The president has been more familiar with the details of the nation's foreign relations from day to day since he took office than he has been with the specific problems of governmental departments having to do with domestic matters. Secretary Hughes, it was pointed out at the White House, has consulted his chief with regard to every decision of importance that was necessary for the state department to make, the president being charged directly under the constitution with the conduct of the foreign relations and this practice will continue after Ambassador Kellogg succeeds Mr. Hughes.

Rumors Untrue

White House comment on the subject was prompted in part by published suggestions that some change in policy toward Russia was to be expected after Mr. Hughes' retirement from the cabinet. On the contrary, it was said, the president's attitude with respect to Russia remained precisely what it was when he addressed his first message to congress in 1923 and when Mr. Hughes explained that policy at considerable length to a delegation which visited him to urge recognition of the Russian soviet government. Mr. Hughes outlined at that time a number of conditions that must be met before the Washington government could give serious consideration to granting diplomatic recognition to Russia. These had to do not with the form of the Russian government, but with its external relations, such as repudiation of debts, confiscation of the property of foreign nationals in Russia and similar actions. President Coolidge in his 1923 message expressed hope that developments would permit recognition and the return of Russia to the family of nations. It was explained today, however, that the hope for progress in Russia was slow to materialize and that the time when diplomatic recognition could be granted was not in sight.

The definite and final provisions include payments to the United States of 55,000,000 gold marks yearly, beginning September 1, 1926—this amount to apply on the occupation costs; the United States to share in the Dawes annuities at the rate of 2.1-4 per cent beginning retroactively September 1, 1924, these payments to amortize the war damage claims, which will not exceed \$250,000,000; immediate release to the United States of \$14,725,154 now in the federal reserve bank where it was deposited by the allies under the Wadsworth agreement.

The United States agrees to waive any claim under the Wadsworth agreement of May 1923 and also agrees that the 2.1-4 per cent shall not apply on payments made on account of reparations by any former enemy power other than Germany.

The payments made against the American occupation costs have priority in the cash payments of (Continued on page 2)

OPPORTUNITY ROOM TO BE ESTABLISHED

School Board Makes Provision for Second Class; Miss Brumete Teacher

The second "opportunity" class in Salem is to be established at the Lincoln school, according to the announcement made last night by the school board. Preparations have been made to secure pupils from Richmond, Park and Lincoln schools to make up the class, which is to be established shortly.

Budget appropriations were made for the two classes in Salem and the establishment of them has been provided for, and it is expected that the room will be ready within two weeks.

Miss Greta Brumete, who has received special training for opportunity work, has been secured for the Lincoln school. She received her training at the Oregon normal school and has experience as a teacher to add to the special training.

STREET BEGGARS IN LOS ANGELES BUY RADIO SETS

Expensive Automobiles, Diamond Rings, Player Pianos, and Boozes Purchased

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—That some professional beggars make as high as \$15 a day on the streets of Los Angeles; that they ride in automobiles not of the cheapest make, buy expensive jewelry and musical instruments, and even hire assistants to watch for the police while they work, are some of the things disclosed in recent trials of mendicants in police court.

One blind woman testified that she and her husband, also blind, drove to Los Angeles from Cleveland with a hired driver, and that in this city she had made as high as \$15 and \$16 in a day of three hours. She said her best week had netted \$85, but denied that she collected \$300 and \$400 a week as reported to the court.

Her husband then admitted that they had bought a new automobile for \$1,700; a watch and a diamond ring; a roll top desk for \$105; a fan for \$24; a player piano for \$455, and a steel banjo and saxophone for \$180. He also admitted that occasionally he became intoxicated.

Another woman informed the court that she conducted this blind woman to and from her hotel daily and stood watch for her to give warning of the approach of policemen. She said that for such services she was paid \$3 a day.

WAR CLAIMS PLAN READY

Signatures to Be Affixed to Paper Today; Dawes Plan Retroactive

PARIS, Jan. 13.—(By The Associated Press).—The protocol embodying the accord reached by the United States and Great Britain (together with the other powers on the payment of the costs of the American army of occupation and war damage claims to the United States) will be signed at a plenary session of the allied financial ministers' conference tomorrow morning. The document consists of two pages are taken up with that section referring to the settlement with the United States which occupied five out of the seven days of the conference. Exports still are engaged in making eleventh hour changes for the final draft which will be submitted for signatures.

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TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Ambassador Houghton at Berlin was appointed ambassador to London.

President Coolidge was represented as forecasting no change in the American foreign policy on Secretary Hughes' retirement.

It was declared at the White House that except for retirement of Secretary Gore no further cabinet changes are expected March 4.

The senate voted several times on Muscle Shoals but was unable to dispose of the question.

Enactment of farm legislation before March 4, it was said at the White House, can and should be accomplished.

New Jersey was the first state to deliver its electoral vote to the president of the senate.

Hearings were held before a senate committee in the proposed nine foot channel from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf.

The short line railroad association gave notice it opposed the eastern trunk line consolidation proposed by the Van Sweringen brothers.

The senate prohibition investigating committee made public testimony relating to the tax settlement in the Fleischmann company case.

CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT IS NOT POPULAR

Opposition Shown in Two-to-One Straw Vote Taken in House of Representatives Tuesday Morning

MARION DELEGATION IS AGAINST MEASURE

Three Vote in Negative and One Lines Up With Minority Affirmative

Unless a number of members of the house of representatives change their minds, the 33rd session of the legislature will not ratify the federal child labor amendment, it is evident from a poll of members taken Tuesday morning in which 29 of the 60 members of the lower body are opposed, 19 in favor of the amendment and four undecided. The poll was not quite complete, but more than 50 per cent of the solons were canvassed. Opponents of the amendment claim to have 55 negative votes.

Exact wording of the amendment, which is expected to develop into one of the hot sessions of the assembly before Oregon either ratifies or rejects the amendment, is as follows:

"Sec. 1. The congress shall have power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age.

"Sec. 2. The power of the several states is unimpaired by this article except that the operation of state laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by the congress.

The amendment was adopted by congress April 26, 1924, and by the senate June 2. Feeling the need of a national child labor law, on September 16, 1916, congress passed a child labor act which the United States supreme court, in June, 1918, said was unconstitutional. In February, 1919, congress passed a second child labor act which was declared unconstitutional in May, 1922. Following the will of the people, congress then adopted the amendment that it might have the power necessary to pass a national child labor act which would be constitutional.

Each of the 48 states has received the proposal adopted by congress and if 36 of the states ratify it, it will become the 29th amendment to the constitution.

Marion county's representatives are going strong against the amendment, three of them voting negative and one in support. Mark D. McAllister cast an affirmative ballot while Lloyd T. Reynolds, F. W. Settlemier and Otto J. Wilson were in the majority which voted in opposition to the amendment.

The unofficial poll taken yesterday (Continued on page 3)

LOWE TRAIN ROBBER GETS OVER \$10,000

Railway Mail Clerk Held Up; Registered Mail Pouch Is Pilfered

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—A railway mail clerk on a Long Island train was held up tonight by one man during the four-minute run between Bellmore and Merrick, a few miles east of the city line, and escaped with a pouch of registered mail containing \$10,000 in currency.

The money was mailed by the First National bank of Bellmore which was the scene of a sensational holdup last April.

Postal authorities sent out reminders that there was a standing government reward of \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of any person implicated in a mail robbery.