

The Weather — OREGON — Cloudy with moderate temperatures; moderate variable winds on the coast. Friday—Max. 48; Min. 43; River 3.4 falling; Rainfall .22; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind north.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SOLONS CLASH FREQUENTLY IN LIVE SESSION

Yesterday's Program in Senate Proves Interesting to Spectators; Few Bills Presented

SARCASM AND WIT ARE FEATURE OF MEETING

Multnomah Delegation Target of Opposition Forces; Garland Heard

The Friday session of the senate of the 33rd annual legislature was the first one offering any entertainment to the spectators.

Although the bills presented were of no momentous import, frequent passes between senators and a generous display of wit on the floor, enlivened up the proceedings to a considerable extent.

The measure, introduced by the Multnomah delegation, to repeal the 6.5 mill tax levy limitation in the Portland school district, was passed by the senate, despite the strong opposition of Senator Peter Zimmerman, of Yamhill county.

Senator S. M. Garland, of Linn county, when speaking on the bill, stated he would not be adverse to casting an affirmative vote if he would be assured that the Multnomah delegation would desist from attempting to bloc up-state legislation which concerned them in no way.

During the course of his speech, Senator Garland was interrupted by Senator George W. Joseph, of Multnomah county, asking if it were not possible to shorten the session, as the time for adjournment was near at hand.

"If Senator Joseph had not held up the proceedings for over an hour by his buffoonery, we would be in a position to adjourn at the present moment," Senator Garland replied.

Senate Bill No. 38, introduced by Senator Sam H. Brown, of Marion county, received a favorable vote from the assembly. It provides for the collection of treble damages from anyone convicted of theft of produce from property.

Senator Brown's other measures, Bills 37 and 39, were finally laid on the table after a heated argument. They refer to the prosecution of trespassers and provide that trespass signs would not be necessary for conviction.

The bills are said to be nearly identical with the law in force at present, except for the fact that property owners would not be obliged to post signs on their land and to prove that the signs were properly displayed when the trespasser actually occurred.

The bill introduced by Senator Isaac E. Staples, of Multnomah county, providing that appraisers

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OIL INDICTMENTS ARGUED IN COURT

Attorneys for Doheny, Sinclair, and Fall Take Case to Supreme Court

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Oregon Hospitality Club Plans Caravan; Boosters Are United

Plans for a huge caravan from Salem to the Rose Festival parade in Portland in June were made here yesterday by the board of directors at the first annual meeting of the Oregon Hospitality club.

All clubs will meet here the day preceding the parade and all go together to the Rose City. The different booster clubs, 12 in number, will turn out in full uniform at this time.

Suggestions were made that a steamer be chartered some time in the future and a trip along the coast to Los Angeles be made, with stops along various coast points to help advertise and boost the activities of the state. This question will be decided upon at a later date.

Salem was selected for the convention city for the second annual meeting after Medford had made a strong bid for the honor. Because of its favorable location for the point of origin of the caravan and that the hospitality club was organized in Roseburg, it was decided that the convention should be held in some city other than in southern Oregon.

By-laws were drafted at the meeting yesterday and will be ratified at the annual meeting in June, the exact date of which cannot be set until the date of the Rose Festival is announced.

There are an even dozen booster organizations in the Hospitality club, 11 of which are in Oregon and the other in Vancouver, Wash. Each organization is entitled to five delegates with the power to vote upon all matters submitted for the approval of the club.

The idea of a grouping of all the booster clubs of the state under one central head in order to work together and boost for the state as well as the individual districts was conceived by Al N. Pierce, manager of the Marlon hotel. At a meeting in Roseburg on April 29, 1924, the Hospitality club was officially created and Mr. Pierce elected its first president.

Other officers elected were M. S. Taylor, of North Bend, at that time Captain Kidd of the Coos Bay Pirates and E. O. Snelling, of the Salem Cherrians, as secretary. The official board comprise the officers and one representative of each club, a majority of which were represented at the meeting yesterday. At the time of his election Mr. Pierce was King King of the Cherrians.

INCOME TAX BILL IS READ

Inheritance and Income Taxes Would Be Prohibited by Dennis Measure

A measure that may prohibit both income and inheritance taxes in Oregon was introduced in the senate yesterday by Senator Bruce Dennis, of Union and Willows counties.

The resolution provides that the constitution of the state be amended by adding a new section reading: "No tax upon inheritances or upon the income of residents or citizens of the state shall be levied by the state of Oregon, or under its authority."

In his explanation of the bill, Senator Dennis stated that Florida had recently adopted such an amendment, and as a result, capital and investment in the state had increased to an enormous extent. Senator Dennis believes that if the measure is passed and approved by the people, there will be a tremendous expansion of business interests in the state and an acceding influx of capital and development of resources.

"I consider the passage of this measure," Senator Dennis stated, "would be a direct invitation to the people of the middle-west and the east to come to Oregon, and to make their homes and establish their business here unhampered by tax legislation. A very large number of business concerns of the highest standing have given up the idea of building factories in the Oregon field, due to the fact that this state was contemplating income tax legislation. I believe the support of this measure would do more than anything else towards bringing wealth and industry into Oregon."

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Proposed changes in the forest code were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the state board of forestry here. New legislation also received a considerable amount of attention. Prior to the meeting the code had been revised in an effort to remedy existing weaknesses.

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FORESTRY BOARD SEEKS NEW CODE

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INCREASE IN PENALTY LAW NOT FAVORED

Larger Fines and Prison Sentences for Prohibition Violation Opposed by House Committee

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Declaring he had no desire to interfere with or oppose in any manner the 18th amendment or the Volstead act, Mr. Graham said the Stalker bill violates two principles—the constitutional provisions against "unnatural punishment," and the well established and human element in the administration of justice which leaves to the courts the adjustment of punishment to fit the facts of each particular case.

Such a law, he argued, would cause juries to balk at the conviction of a person charged with violation of the Volstead act when the conviction inevitably would be followed by a prison sentence, even in the case of a first offender, as a prison convict, required to pass through life as a "jail bird."

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CITY ZONING MEETS FAVOR

Salem Federation of Clubs Does Not Want Shacks in Business District

Frame shacks known as "sky scrapers," built in the business section of the city; charity that gives an abundance to one family and leaves another in hunger; auto parking where street cars pass, and a few other matters of general interest came in for full discussion last evening at the meeting of delegates to the Salem Federation of clubs held last evening at the Chamber of Commerce.

The federation went on record as favoring a zoning ordinance and cited several frame shacks and frame buildings built flush with the sidewalk as evidence of a need of such an ordinance.

Organized charity under one management was also endorsed by the federation. Attention was called to the fact that several families in the northern part of the city were living high, while others really in need had no help whatever.

Parking of autos where street cars pass was declared to be one of the dangerous practices. Here again the federation thought there should be an ordinance to prevent such parking which often leads to accidents.

Speaking of the efforts of the (Continued on page 7)

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NOTED GLEE CLUB TO APPEAR SOON

Songsters From Northwestern University Offer Concert in February

Thirty voices with the Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., glee club will be heard in concert here on Lincoln's birthday, it was announced yesterday by Donald W. Riddle, a professor at Kimball college, under whose auspices the glee club will appear. The club is managed by Gustav Anderson, a former Salem boy. Both Governor Pierce and Prof. Riddle are alumni of the university.

STALKER BILL RECEIVES OPPOSITION IN REPORT

Measure Held to Violate Two Principles; Court Held Responsible

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FIVE CRUSHED TO DEATH IN SLIDE

Men Killed When Landslide Covers House With Tons of Rocks; 3 Hurt

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 23.—Recovery of the bodies of three men who were crushed to death in a landslide today in a hydroelectric project which the Puget Sound Power & Light company is building on the Baker river near Concrete, Wash., brought the death toll to five tonight.

Frank Heffernan and W. J. Stebel, Seattle, and Sidney Curtis of Oakland were seriously injured. At the time of the landslide the eight men were eating lunch inside a derrick house above the site of the power company's dam. They heard a low rumble but were unable to escape from the derrick house before it was smashed by tons of rock.

The injured men were in one corner of the house and did not receive the full impact of the slide. The other five men, sitting in the path of the slide, were crushed to death.

CANNED HEAT SALE LARGE

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 23.—Legislation suppressing the sale of canned heat should be enacted here, Inspector Joseph Kyes of the city health department said today, to prevent the spread of an epidemic of drinking spirits epidemic from the gelatin-like substance. "Canned heat victims abound in Vancouver," he said.

CROSS-WORD FAD LANDS QUINTET IN BUG HOUSE HERE

Doing a Daily Mental Dozen Proves Too Great a Strain Upon Their Brain

Five patients have been received at the Oregon state hospital during the past week who are suffering from their overzealous attempts to solve cross-word puzzles. Three men and two women, it is declared, were brought to the hospital in straight-jackets to keep them from tearing their hair from their heads, and from gnawing finger-ends to pieces.

Physicians are doing their utmost to relieve the sufferings of the cross-word victims, but it is declared that hope is not to be had. The ill-effects of the disease have gained too much of a stronghold and the penalty must be paid.

Then too, other evils continue to bob up. For instance a press representative was accosted by an elderly person, who, declaring in terms of praise, that the cross-word puzzle designs in The Statesman made the most wonderful crochet pattern.

And to top the whole deal, a Salem policeman declared that the puzzle designs are just like the crazy-quilt his folks used to have back in Iowa.

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Important Factors in Italian Crisis Created by King Forcing Mussolini To Recede on Elections



King Victor Emmanuel was angered when Premier Mussolini announced that general elections would be held as soon as possible. The king alone has the prerogative of ordering parliament adjourned and proclaiming new elections and Victor Emmanuel so informed the Fascist premier. It is believed that the king would have resigned were it not that his only son, Prince Umberto, not yet 23, is too young to handle the situation. The crown prince is shown above at the right. Below at the left is

Luigi Albertini, prominent and powerful publisher of an anti-Fascist organ. At the left (above) is Giovanni Giolitti, newly acclaimed leader of the liberal element in Italian politics, who is expecting that the Fascist regime will collapse. At the right (below) is former Under-Secretary of the Interior Finzi, who was forced by the king to retire from the cabinet at the time Deputy Matteotti was killed as the result of an alleged plot among the Fascists.

POSTAL BILL IS UNOBSTRUCTED

Clear Road Through Senate Is Given; Point of Order Motion Defeated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The postal pay and rate increase bill was given a clear road in the senate today when a point of order against all the proposed rate advances was defeated 50 to 29, although considerable debate and some changes in these provisions are in prospect.

Further consideration of the measure went over after the vote which came late today and there is a likelihood also that Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, in charge of the bill, will permit it to be laid aside tomorrow for the war department appropriation measure.

Eleven democrats and one farmer-labor, Johnson of Minnesota, joined with republicans in defeating the point of order against the rate increase sections, which it sustained, would have caused a delay until the house, which has not yet received it from committee, could act on the bill.

The point of order, raised by (Continued on page 2)

YWCA DRIVE NOW TWO-THIRDS OVER

\$4000 Mark Is Passed in Subscriptions Received By Committee

Just a wee bit beyond the \$4,000 mark was reached by the YWCA in their campaign yesterday, which leaves them nearly a \$2000 deficiency to reach. Regardless of the consistent work of the group of society and club women who have volunteered their services to put the campaign across.

The workers are not discouraged, however, and they plan to carry the campaign through to the last dollar. The many encouraging contributions which they have received during the past few days causes them to believe that the YWCA cannot be left with this sum as a deficit.

A thorough check is to be made on the business offices of the city and other efforts are to be used in order to reach the budget needs for the 1925 year.

COMMUNITY CLUB FORMED IN RICHMOND DISTRICT

Tentative plans were formulated last night when Mayor J. B. Giesey met with a committee in the Richmond district to form a community club. All parents living in the vicinity of the Richmond school were invited to be present. The purpose of the organization is to further the interest of the school, community and the city.

The executive committee which met with the Mayor last night was composed by C. C. Harris, Mrs. Anna Fisher principal of the Richmond school, Mrs. C. Hoogerhyde, A. C. Hagg, Harry Ross, and Rev. Harry Johnson, pastor of the Central Congregational church; I. M. Doughton, and Mrs. Miller.

33RD SESSION NOW ONE-THIRD THROUGH WORK

Only 132 Bills Introduced in House and 66 in Senate During First Two Weeks of Legislature

GOVERNOR ANSWERS TO CHARGES MADE BY KAY

Deficiency Under Million and Can Easily Be Made Up—Pierce Says

Scarcely a corporal's guard of legislators in either house remained in Salem last night. Following the adjournment at noon yesterday many started for Portland within an hour, while others remained long enough to take care of matters that demanded immediate attention. The senate and house will convene at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

With two weeks, or one-third of the session gone, only a week remains for the free introduction of bills in the house, and in spite of Speaker Burdick's repeated pleas for the early introduction of all measures, only 132 bills have been offered so far and some of the most important legislation remains to be presented to the legislature.

Senate Grist Light. The senate has introduced a little less than one-half the number of bills offered in the house, 66 measures having made their appearance prior to the adjournment motion yesterday.

Something more for the solons to worry over appeared on the scene yesterday when a petition appeared in the senate, recommending to United States Senators McNary and Stanfield the appointment of Louis E. Bean, of Eugene, as United States district attorney as a compromise candidate to succeed Judge Coke. Though Mr. Bean was in the city this week it is understood that he had nothing to do with the petition and that it was advanced by his friends.

Pierce Defends Himself. Governor Pierce rose to defend himself against the attack launched by T. B. Kay, state treasurer, in which he was charged with padding the budget to create a deficiency of approximately \$2,500,000. The governor appeared before the ways and means committee, the same group to which State Treasurer Kay aired his grievances, and said, absolutely, that the charges were without foundation. There is a shortage around \$800,000 which can be overcome by cutting down other appropriations, he said. The budget which aroused State Treasurer Kay was made out last June, Governor Pierce said, and between that time and the time that the budget could act it became evident that the estimate made by the warden would not prove sufficient so that the amounts were raised.

Excuses in General. Legislators who are remaining in Salem over the week-end have been invited to hear Representative Woodward speak on the proposed child labor amendment to the constitution Sunday night while some special entertainment (Continued on page 2)

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate again debated the French war debt.

The senate elections committee recommended Senator Mayfield, Texas, be seated.

Secretary Hoover will aid the plans for building the Lovain library.

Additional opposition developed in the confirmation of Attorney General Stone as a supreme court justice.

Arguments on the motion to quash the naval oil indictments were heard in the District of Columbia supreme court.

The senate interstate commerce committee have voted in favor of reducing interest rates on money loaned by the government to railroads.

Commissioner Burke of the office of Indian affairs asked the house Indian sub-committee to discontinue charges of misadministration of his office.