

The Weather — OREGON —
 Rain west; light or snow east, moderate temperature; southerly winds on the coast. Monday—Max. 52; Min. 35; River 8.3 falling; Rainfall .41; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind south.

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JOHNSON AXE WHETTED WHEN HE TESTIFIES

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COMMISSIONER DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF WOMAN

Minnie Gave Them All the "Ha-Ha" and Leaves; Sheriffs After Scamp

Bringing his personal ax before the joint senate committee and house committee investigating George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner and his activities, Clyde N. Johnston, of Eugene former district attorney for Lane county, ground the ax to a fine edge last night with Commissioner Cleaver turning the grindstone.

"Cleaver's report is valueless, false and fraudulent and a farce," Attorney Johnston charged. "Agents were sent into the county to investigate me by Cleaver and Governor Pierce. Herwig, or earwig, came down to see me once or twice. Cleaver's chief deputy ran around with a man convicted to bribing a state witness."

Record Held Fraud

"Cleaver's report does not comply with the law in any manner, shape or form and is fraudulent from cover to cover," he declared. "Cleaver says in his report that only five men were working at one time. I have a copy of vouchers showing as high as 12 and 13 in a month while in 15 days in March, 1923, there were eight on the pay roll. Cleaver says only one man in his employ was ever convicted and served a full sentence. I know of two."

Another name was mentioned, but this name was not known to Attorney Johnston.

"Then their must be three at least," he commented.

Funds Misclassified

"Cleaver takes credit for all increases of fines since 1922," Attorney Johnston continued, warning of the increase is that judges did not have the power to impose such heavy fines as they later received."

Attorney Johnston took the opportunity to say that he could not conceive, under the statutes, which

Further Reduction in Taxes, Coolidge Aim; Expect Large Surplus

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The four years of administration upon which President Coolidge enters March 4, were dedicated by the executive tonight to a reduction of the tax burden, a decrease in federal expenditures and "continuing pressure for economy" within the government.

Speaking before the regular semi-annual meeting of executive and administration officials of the government, Mr. Coolidge declared that if congress sustained the current budget recommendations for expenditures he would be able next fall to propose a further cut in taxes. The president expects a surplus of \$373,000,000 in the fiscal year 1926 and on that basis, he asserted, further tax relief should be granted. He warned, however, that any new and unnecessary expenditures would upset the plans of the treasury now seemingly assured of success.

The president also told the officials that hereafter there must

POSTAL RATE IS CONSIDERED

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In fixing the reading matter rate at 1 1/4 cents, the senate approved a reduction of one-half cent a pound from the rate now paid by general publications and placed them on a parity with religious, scientific and educational periodicals, which already enjoy the lower rate. At the same time it rejected a recommendation of the postoffice department that the rate for books be increased to two cents a pound.

A provision increasing the rate on private and souvenir postcards from one to two cents was approved, but proposals to advance the rate to 1 1/2 cents on postal cards and on letters mailed where free delivery is not established, as recommended by the department, were rejected.

A determined fight against the proposed advances on the advertising matter of publications subjected to second class zone rates in prospect. Several amendments designed to eliminate the recommended increases were introduced today with others proposing decreases in the present rates.

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SENATE PASS BROWN BILLS

Trespass Measures, Introduced by Senator Brown, Provoke Arguments

With six senators lined up against the measures, Senate Bills 37 and 39, introduced by Senator Sam H. Brown, of Marion county, passed a third reading in yesterday's session. Bill 37 provides that anyone trespassing on any inclosed, improved or cultivated lands without the consent of the owner, shall be deemed guilty, and shall be punished by a fine of from \$5 to \$50. Bill 39 states that in all trespass cases, the justice court shall have jurisdiction, and that all fines collected shall be turned over to, and shall constitute a part of the common school fund of the county in which the trespass occurred.

The negative votes in both cases were cast by Senators Carsner, Clark, Hall, Klepper, Upton, and Moser. The trespass measure has earned the reputation of an argument provoker, and invariably draws the fire of Senator Upton. Senator Eddy, of Douglas county is the strongest supporter of the measure.

The committee appointment called for in House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 was made by President Moser during the afternoon session. Senators Dunn and Toole will visit the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton, and Senators Strayer and Toole will inspect the Old Soldiers' Home at Roseburg.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, memorializing congress to build a new veterans hospital in Portland, was adopted by both the senate and the house. By a unanimous vote, Senate Resolution No. 12 was passed, providing for the invocation delivered at the opening of the session by Colonel Mer-

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WINTER WHEAT IS HIT BY FROSTS

Cold Snap Injured Winter Grain And Decreased Yield is Expected

to winter grain. Is the report from eastern Oregon. Some of the winter stands were wiped out completely. Such grades as Riek, Poisy, Kinney, Eaton and Jenkin Club are surviving to the extent of 60 per cent or more, and will probably bring a better return than if the same land was plowed and re-seeded to a spring wheat, and the experiment station states the experiment station. This will not be true, however, if proper care is taken in the sowing of the spring varieties.

The application of 50 to 75 pounds an acre of nitrate of soda or sulfate of ammonia in the thin wheat will, if made in March, usually tends to thicken up the stand and make it much more productive.

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JAIL BREAK BY DANGEROUS MEN IS FRUSTRATED

Fund of \$20,000 Declared Back of Attempt to Release Seattle Hijackers

SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—For the second time within three weeks Sheriff Matt Starwisch frustrated an attempt today to release a number of purported dangerous criminals when 15 saws were found in a pound package of tobacco sent to the King county jail by a woman.

Sheriff Starwisch declared the attempt was backed by a \$20,000 fund raised in British Columbia to release several prisoners held for a Nanaimo, B. C., bank robbery and for the liquor hijacking and double slaying aboard the Canadian schooner Beryl G.

Ross Watson, former Seattle detective, Thomas Johnson, George Bagley and Harry Stone are being held in connection with Canadian bank robbery charges while Charles Morris is being kept for his purported role in the Beryl G. case.

Starwisch asserted that the messenger who brought the package of tobacco said a woman gave it to him in front of a downtown hotel.

"A good description was obtained," Sheriff Starwisch said. "I don't want her arrested because she is only an agent of the people I am hunting for." Extra night guards have been placed outside the jail in case any prisoners are freed.

TEACHER AT SALEM HIGH SCHOOL DIES

Professor Charles N. Chambers, Passes Away in Portland Hospital

Charles N. Chambers, aged 54 years, instructor in the Salem High school, died yesterday afternoon at the St. Vincent's hospital, where he was taken three weeks ago, after an illness of three weeks in Salem.

Mr. Chambers has been instructor of mechanical drawing and shop mathematics during the past five years and was one of the two professors in Salem using the Smith-Hughes system of education.

He was a member of the Apollo club here. He was born at Quincy, Ohio, and came to Oregon with his parents while a small boy. He received his training at Worcester Polytechnic as a mechanical engineer and for several years he was associated with the Deering and the International Harvester companies as patent attorney.

Mr. Chambers is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Adams Chambers; and six children, Donald, 13; Helen, 11; Frank, 9; Richard, 7; Ruth 5, and Vivian 3. Martha J. Chambers his mother, and two brothers F. L. Chambers and F. E. Chambers of Eugene, also survive him.

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INCREASE IN GAS PRICE IS ANNOUNCED IN MIDDLE-WEST

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Sinclair Refining company each announced an increase of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline throughout their territory, including most of the middle western states, today. Each of the companies last week announced an increase of one cent a gallon, the new increase brings the service station cost in Chicago to 18 cents.

The price increase will be effective tomorrow in most of the territory, some few points putting the raise into effect today.

STONE NOMINATION PUT OFF

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Engineer and Fireman Killed in Welsh Railroad Wreck When Embankment Is Weakened by Storms



The wreck shown in the above photograph occurred near Barpoed, Wales, during the period recently when the British Isles were being swept by storm and gale. The embankment had been so weakened that the tracks collapsed and the freight train was hurled into a ditch.

SALARY BASIS PLAN FAVORED

Salem Justice Court Measure Passes House; Other Measures are Approved

Approval to placing the justice court of the Salem district on a flat salary basis of \$2400 a year and allowing for \$1800 office expenses was given to H. B. No. 61, introduced by Representative Mard McAllister, of Marion county, at the opening session of the third week of the 1925 legislature. The measure takes all fees from the office, with the exception of the marriage license fee, and was offered in the interest of economy. At present the office of justice of the peace nets the incumbent between \$6000 and \$8000 a year.

H. B. No. 33, by Potter, was passed, changing the term of court in the second judicial district from August to September while Representative Collier's bill, H. B. No. 33, clarifying certain provisions in the sale of land acquired by counties for taxes was also passed. Authority was given to the state land board to execute the John T. Apperson will, covered in H. B. No. 71, by Hammond.

Other bills passed yesterday were H. B. No. 77, by the Multnomah county delegation, providing for the investment of money derived from the interstate bridge fund in state, county or municipal bonds; H. B. No. 90, by the committee on education, changing the law demanding compulsory attendance of school children from the ages of 9 to 15 to read so as to make the fifteenth year included, bringing the age up to 16 years; H. B. No. 91, by committee on education, following considerable debate, was approved. This measure provided for the adoption of one-third of the textbooks every two years. The vote was 32 yes, 26 no and two absent.

H. B. No. 96, by Fletcher, prohibits the running of stock at large in Douglas county; H. B. No. 106, by the game committee, provides for the relief of Mrs. Gertrude J. Denny, carrying \$50 a month from the game fund. It was pointed out that O. N. Denny, then counsel general of the United States, in Shanghai, had sent 50 Chinese pheasants to Oregon in 1882 but that the shipment was lost. The following year, at an expense of \$5000 he duplicated the shipment and the birds liberated near Silvertown. Mrs. Denny is now 86 years old and depends upon the appropriation for the greater portion of her support.

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SESSION ADVANCED OVER PREVIOUS ONE

132 Bills Offered in First Two Weeks Against 115 Two Years Ago

Frowning for the first time upon proposed legislation, the house of representatives yesterday turned its thumbs down upon H. B. No. 66, by Shrock, relating to the use of textbooks in public schools. The bill was lost by a vote of 36 to 21, with three absent.

The proposed measure sought to establish uniform textbooks throughout the state. It was pointed out in support of the bill that the state textbook commission would change one-third of the books in two years, two-thirds at the end of four years and by the sixth year all the books would be changed in compliance to the selections made by the commission.

Other Schools Affected

On the other hand it was stated that because of the difference in school terms in the state, 10 months in Portland and eight and nine months in other parts of the state, the differentiation made it necessary for different books to be used to comply with the prescribed course of study and that it was evident if the schools outside of Multnomah county and Portland sought to follow this course they would find it necessary to purchase additional supplementary texts.

Upon convening the session for the opening of the third week Denton G. Burdick, speaker of the house, emphasized the fact that the session had introduced 132 bills in the first two weeks against 115 bills at the last session. He criticized various committees for holding up legislation in the committees, stating that at present 100 bills were thus being held and unless these were reported promptly, the session would be meeting day and night for the last two weeks in order to complete the business of the session and that the due amount of consideration would not be given measures that should receive serious attention.

Eleven Bills Passed

Ten other house bills were passed in addition to Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, relative to the construction of a veterans' hospital in Portland upon ground donated by the university of Oregon medical school and SB No. 25, covering the hiring and making of contracts with teachers. It was pointed out that at present nearly 75 per cent of such contracts were illegal as they had been signed by individual members of the school boards and not made a matter of record, giving the contract little or no standing.

Governor Pierce, in a message to the house, called attention to a map presented to the state by I. N. Day, clarifying all land of the state especially that off the tax roll.

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