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SCHOOL BOARD READY TO SELL BUILDING SOON

Expected Delegation of Protesting Citizens Fails to Make Appearance at the Meeting Last Night

CASH OFFER IS MADE BUT ACTION DEFERRED

Cole Is Lone Bidder for \$11,000; Decision to be Made Thursday Noon

From every indication and without doubt the Washington school building will be transferred to new owners Thursday noon, according to action taken by the school board last night. Only one bid was received in response to the advertising of the school board, the advertisements in the newspapers, posters erected upon the school grounds and other means failed to bring buyers to the meeting with their bids.

Thomas E. Cole, the only and successful bidder presented a cashier's check for \$11,000 in payment for the grounds and all the buildings thereon and their contents except school furniture. Acceptance of the bid, however, was postponed by the illness of Curtis Cross, who was confined to his home. This caused the proposition to be postponed until the Thursday noon, when the members of the school board are to meet at the Marion hotel.

Citizens Are Absent

Members of the school board were expecting a delegation of citizens to be at the meeting last night to air their views of the proposed sale of the school building. Not a single person, except the bidder, was present. Consequently the board was uninformed as to the sentiment of the people. In addition, the decision was held over to the absence of the board members.

Within two years, it is estimated, the old Washington building will be beyond repair and almost a total loss. Within three years the building will be a loss to the school district, because of the great deterioration going on at the present time. No one is living in the building, and consequently vandals have had an opportunity to destroy many of the fixtures. This chance has been used, as the broken window panes, the spoiled wires, the damaged ceilings and broken furniture will testify.

Upkeep Is High

If the school board rejects the bid of \$11,000 for any reason it will mean that some one must be placed in the building to keep it open. Improvements amounting to more than \$5000 must be made in order to have the building safe for occupancy. A new roof must be placed on the large structure, and other details attended to. If it will cost the taxpayers about \$80 to \$100 a month to keep the building open. According to all reports, it is unsafe for school purposes, and an amount of money equal to the price quoted to the school board must be expended before the building is safe.

Members of the school board are favorable towards the acceptance of the bid, tendered last night, because it will mean the saving of several thousand dollars to the taxpayers, and the transfer of the responsibility for the building.

Three Myers Mixed Up Similarity Is Confusing

Similarity of names often causes much confusion. Frank G. Myers, proprietor of the Spa, has been receiving mail intended for Frank A. Myers for some time and was becoming accustomed to this when he discovered in the paper that there was still another Frank Myers in Salem.

Not only this but Mr. Myers, the third, has the identical initials of Mr. Myers, the first. Mr. Myers, of the Spa, first became aware of this when he read of Mr. Myers, the third's, intimation in the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Myers, of the Spa, is anxious to meet Mr. Myers, the third, and is willing to "set up the drinks" if Mr. Myers, the third, will drop around to the Spa and get acquainted.

Mr. Myers, the third, is a newcomer to Salem, and is a young man attending the Salem high school.

State Cashier Admits Shortage in Funds of Nearly \$5000 in Cash

Shortages covered for a period of three years have been brought to light in the state treasurer's office with C. W. Thompson, former cashier under State Treasurer Jefferson Myers, admitting defalcations amounting to nearly \$5000. The amount was discovered when the office was turned over to State Treasurer T. B. Kay, who took office shortly after the first of the year, but attempts had proven futile in finding the money.

Upon taking over the office the amount was found to be short, but for a time a clerical error was blamed. Further investigations revealed that the money was actually gone and a demand for the money was made upon bondsmen for State Treasurer Myers to make good the loss. The bondsmen instituted search which eventually led to the cashier being detected.

Thompson, who is employed as

FARM BILL IN GOOD POSITION

Preferred Status Given Capper-Haugen Measure; Action Is Taken

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Farm legislation in the form of the Capper-Haugen cooperative marketing bill was given preferred status today on the legislative program behind the general omnibus pension measure which had right of way after the pending banking legislation has been disposed of. Action of the republican steering committee in rearranging its program was taken after Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, had made another demand for an extra session of congress to consider a comprehensive program of farm aid. Characterizing the Capper-Haugen measure as a "make-shift," he said failure to enact real farm legislation promptly would be a betrayal of trust by the republican party. Republican leaders, in making public the program tonight, said the farm relief bill had not been placed at the top of the list because those in charge of this legislation desired to await action of the house so that the measure passed there might be substituted for the pending senate bill as a means of expediting final action.

The rivers and harbors authorization bill is third on the legislative list and proponents of the Cape Cod canal purchase bill and the Gooding long and short haul bill are planning to attach these proposals to it as riders.

The deficiency appropriation bill, now under consideration in the house, is placed fourth on the new list, followed by Cramton bill for reorganization of the prohibition enforcement agency, the French spoliation claims proposal, the naval omnibus bill and the public buildings proposal.

EIGHT MEN KILLED IN MINING BLAST

Premature Explosion Shatters Quarry; Two More Expected to Die

LANGTRY, Texas, Feb. 24.—Eight men were killed and four were seriously injured in a premature explosion in a Southern Pacific railway quarry this afternoon. Two of the injured are not expected to live.

The dead are: J. W. Harshaw, division engineer of the El Paso division of the Southern Pacific lines.

T. A. Dorris, Langtry, quarry foreman; Eusto Valdez of Langtry.

J. D. Puddy, El Paso, driller and four Mexican laborers of Langtry.

A score of men who were working at the quarry escaped injury but could not tell how the explosion occurred. It was presumed that one of the charges of dynamite was imperfect.

A train carrying physicians, nurses and medical supplies arrived this afternoon from Del Rio, 65 miles from here to give aid. The bodies of some of the victims were blown to bits. Others were hurled more than 200 yards while some were buried beneath heavy masses of rock and earth on the side of the hill toppled over on them.

BEALS NORMAL PLAN IS LOST IN HARD FIGHT

Vote of 15 to 14 Defeats Sub-Normal School Measure; Passage of Ashland Bill Held Cause

SENATORS AGREE THAT BEALS BILL HAS MERIT

Objections Based on Double Appropriations for Same Class of Work

Senate bill 249, introduced by Senator Beals, and providing for a series of supplemental normal schools throughout the state, was defeated in the senate yesterday by a vote of 15 to 14, with one senator absent.

The discussion of the bill consumed most of the day, and many senators spoke on the measure. Most of the opponents of the bill based their objections on the fact that appropriations had just been voted for the normal school at Ashland, and that a favorable vote on the Beals' plan would be a waste of money. Practically all agreed, however, that the bill, as outlined by Senator Beals, contained real merit, and there is no doubt it would have carried easily if the Ashland appropriation had not been made.

Sensor Beals, who has never figured much as an orator, arose and in a commonplace, earnest manner, without once raising his voice, delivered one of the strongest arguments ever heard in the senate. It was a masterly presentation, a heartfelt appeal for the children of the schools. He showed that in every fiber of his being he wanted that bill to pass, but it met with serious opposition because it took some money.

Sensor Beals has not been much of a talker this session but they all know he can talk but doesn't talk unless he has something to say.

Those voting for the bill were Senators Beals, Brown, Butler, Davis, Dunn, Eddy, Fisk, Garland, Hays, Joseph, Kinney, Strayer, Toozee and Zimmerman.

The senators casting negative votes were Banks, Garner, Clark, Corbett, Dennis, Hall, Johnson, Klepper, Latollet, Miller, Rittner, Staples, Taylor, Upton and Moser. Senator Maglady was absent.

An appropriation of \$25,000 was granted for the independence normal school, after a long debate, in which economy and the need for more schools took a prominent place. Senator Rittner declared himself in favor of the measure, stating that "Oregon has been altogether too niggardly in her dealing with normal schools, and too liberal in her endowments to the University of Oregon, and the Oregon Agricultural college."

The appropriation bill carried by a vote of only 17 to 13.

Sensor Joseph's resolution for a constitutional amendment to control the hydro-electric power of the state was gently put to sleep, having an adverse report from the committee to which it was assigned. Senator Joseph made a strong address on this subject but the majority report was against it.

Sensor Joseph's resolution regarding the recall was adopted. This provided that in recall elections the simple proposition of recall is up. He pointed out that in all such elections there were many candidates brought out and the matter so complicated that nobody knew what the election was about.

The fee bill for the sheriff of (Continued on page 3)

STATE FLAG BILL MEETS APPROVAL

Both Houses Approve of Plan; Beaver and Escutcheon Are Featured

Oregon will have a state flag, according to action taken by the house Tuesday in passing SB No. 155.

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO US MINISTER AT CLUB BANQUET

Herrick Landed by French Speakers; Action of United States Commented on

PARIS, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—The Washington's birthday dinner of the American club of Paris tonight was transformed into an enthusiastic tribute to Jules J. Jusserand, the former French ambassador to the United States, by Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador in Paris, and Consul General Skinner.

Mr. Skinner, as chairman, started the ball rolling with a reference to Mr. Herrick and M. Jusserand as "the best beloved ambassador sent out by their respective countries." This brought the 25 diners to their feet. He then paid tribute to M. Jusserand as having seen seven different administrations at Washington and remarked that "although a foreign ambassador, he was a member of an American president's cabinet."

Dr. Myron T. Herrick, M. Jusserand said:

"We loved him at first, and hope that France will not lose him."

He spoke feelingly of Ambassador Herrick's wartime role, which he described as just as glorious as that of the armless general, Gouraud, military governor of Paris, who was the sole representative of real French official life.

He recalled General Pershing's "La Fayette, we are here," terming it "magnificent," and continued:

"You in America must realize how difficult the situation is in our devastated areas. We must discuss all pending questions"

SALARY RAISES ARE DEFEATED

Increases Do Not Meet With Pleasure of Senate; Voting Is Decisive

Bills designed to increase the salary of the superintendent of public instruction, and the dairy and food commissioner, fell by the wayside yesterday afternoon when a senate, wearied of the continued influx of appropriation and salary increase measures, dealt out a death blow in the shape of a negative vote.

Sensors Taylor, Zimmerman and Staples were the main opponents of the increase for the superintendent of public instruction and carried their arguments on the floor. "I wonder," Senator Staples said, "how many of these men would have been elected if they had notified the people that they were going to seek a salary raise." Senator Taylor spoke against it, urging the members of the senate to call a halt on "their raid on a treasury that is already depleted." Senator Clark was the only member of the body to speak in favor of the increase, and de-

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AGGIE ARGUMENTS PROVE SUPERIOR

Willamette Debate Team Team Drops Meet by Unanimous Decision

The Willamette University debate squad lost to the representatives of the Oregon Agricultural College in a single debate held here last night. The question was "Resolved; That Congress should be empowered by a two thirds vote to re-enact Federal Legislation declared Unconstitutional by the Supreme Court."

Willamette was represented by James McClintock and Joel Berreman, while the O. A. C. team was composed of Frank DeSpain and Robert M. Kerr. Willamette upheld the affirmative.

In rendering his decision Judge Bale, of Albany college, pointed out that the Willamette team only fulfilled half of their obligations, that while they proved that there was a need for their plan they did not show that their plan would solve the need.

From a standpoint of delivery both teams received an equal rating.

Otto Paulus, of Salem, acted as chairman of the evening. This is the first debate that has been held between Willamette men's teams and the Oregon Aggies for a number of years.

Putting Finishing Touches on Model of Memorial To Mark Boston Landing-Place of World Fliers



John Francis Farmanino, Boston sculptor, is shown above with his model of the proposed memorial to the American army aviators who circled the globe. A bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature authorizing the erection of the memorial on the spot where the fliers landed in Boston. The proposed memorial is a globe, six feet in diameter, which is surmounted by an airplane.

HOUSE SEEKS ADJOURNMENT

Joint Resolution to Be Offered by Representative Woodward Today

Caught up with its work and ahead of the senate, the house yesterday recessed for more than an hour in order to find more to do. The hunt was successful and the session held until after 6 o'clock last night, adjourning until 10 o'clock this morning.

Representative Woodward is preparing a joint resolution calling for an adjournment for 4 o'clock this afternoon which will be offered the first thing this morning. At any rate, the beginning of the end is in sight, with the senate meeting last night for the first night session, in order to catch up with its work.

The house overrode the governor's veto on an appropriation of \$100,000 for the public service commission, only Representatives Bennett, Bratcher, Fisher and Tregarden voting to sustain the veto.

Though defeated last Saturday when nine members were absent and two sick, HB No. 422 was brought to life and passed yesterday. This calls for two precinct committeemen in every precinct outside of Multnomah county and

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VOTE ON WARREN HELD FAVORABLE

Senate Committee Puts Seal on Nomination of Attorney General

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The senate judiciary committee ordered a favorable report today on the nomination of Charles B. Warren of Michigan to be attorney general but administration leaders said tonight that because of the congested legislative calendar they again were undecided whether they would press for consideration at this session.

The vote in the committee was 9 to 5 with seven republicans and two democrats casting their ballots in favor of a report to the senate and three democrats and two republicans voting against a favorable report.

One senator withheld his vote and another was absent.

Reiterating their expressions of confidence that Mr. Warren's nomination would be confirmed by the senate, leaders pointed to the vote in the committee as indicative of the extent to which opposition to the nomination has been diminished. Heretofore, the committee had been equally divided on the subject and this counted in part for the failure to press for a vote earlier.

Sensors Borah, Idaho, and Norris, Nebraska, were the republicans opposing a favorable report in committee and Sensors Overman, North Carolina, and Shields, Tennessee, were the democrats voting for Mr. Warren. The democrats in opposition were Sensors Ashhurst, Arizona; Reed, Missouri, and Walsh, Montana.

TOBACCO LEVY IS FORCED BY PIERCE ACTION

Representatives Find Themselves in Dilemma; Final Ballot Cast Favors Tax by 39 to 20

BILL IS PASSED UNDER PROTEST; MANY OBJECT

Money to Be Raised by Other Than Property Tax for First Time

Bitter was the pill that was offered and finally accepted by the house Tuesday afternoon, though not without a struggle when members found themselves faced with the alternative of voting for a tobacco tax as requested by the governor or else "ball up" the whole proceedings and indefinitely prolong the extra session. The vote was 39 to 20 in favor of the tax.

The action was not voluntary on the part of a majority of the members. Why were the faces that were made and loud were the protestations. All to no avail. The tax measure went over and has been sent to the senate and for the first time in the history of the state, money will be raised for operating purposes by means other than a property tax.

Pierce Is Blamed

"Had Governor Pierce and State Treasurer Myers done what they should have done and placed the tax levy at a place where it would meet the expenditures for the state such action as is before us would not be necessary," declared Representative Coffey. "The governor did this for the purpose of forcing the legislature to enact an income tax. We did not create this condition. The governor got the state into a hole and it is up to him to get it out, and not us."

Representative Coffey said that the tax levy for years had been three mills against the present levy of 1.9 mills. He pointed out that the levy in 1923 was for \$3,350,329 while that for 1924, under the direction of Governor Pierce and Mr. Myers was but \$1,827,000. Governor Pierce was well aware that total receipts for 1926-26 would be \$18,929,227.18 and that expenditures would be \$21,497,139.71, leaving a deficit of approximately \$2,567,912, he declared.

The whole state is republican and the legislature can't go back upon it by supporting a democratic measure, argued Representative

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TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house aircraft committee voted to reopen its hearings.

Sensor Stanley, Kentucky, was run down by an automobile.

John H. Edwards of Indiana was nominated for assistant secretary of the Interior.

Agreement was reached by senate and house conferees on the postal pay and rate increase bill.

Sensor Wheeler, Montana, appears before the federal grand jury investigating charges against him.

Sensor Borah, Idaho, again demanded an extra session of congress to deal with farm and other legislation.

The right of the house to express itself on certain international policies was upheld in a report prepared by Representative Burton, Ohio.

Secretary Wilbur told the women's council on defense as a peace insurance that the navy was organized solely to fight.

Tentative agreement was reached to dispose of the late of clause treaty at the special senate session after March 4.

Favorable report on the nomination of Charles B. Warren to be attorney general was offered by the senate judiciary committee.

Sensor Burruss, New Mexico, denied he improperly used his influence before a government agency in connection with efforts to sell American cattle in Mexico.