

The Weather —OREGON—
Rain; moderate temperature; strong southeast gales along the coast. Thursday—Max. 57; Min. 33; River 6.9 falling; Rainfall none; Atmosphere part cloudy; Wind south.

The Oregon Statesman

TEN PAGES TODAY
Today's paper contains many important messages from Salem merchants. Read every advertisement thoroughly.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

33RD SESSION IS COMPLETED; HISTORY MADE

Conservative Program Is Established; Tilts Between Legislature and Governor Are Frequent

TOBACCO TAX FORCED BY GOVERNOR PIERCE

Freak Laws Are Absent; Farmers Relieved By Large Appropriation

The thirty-third legislative assembly of the state of Oregon passed into history yesterday when it went out of business after 46 days. During the session, freak laws have been conspicuous by their absence.

The session has been conservative rather than radical. It has not torn down. A few passages-at-arms took place between the legislature and the governor, but these were precipitated by the executive. In time, after weeks, the governor swung around and asked for a restoration of the peace which he had been instrumental in shattering.

Tax Is Forced
A genuine coup was accomplished by the governor when he compelled the lawmakers either to impose a tax on cigarettes and smoking tobacco or else go home and leave the state with insufficient funds to meet the needs of its various activities. Should the referendum be invoked on the tobacco tax the state's finances would be in bad shape and the blame would then fall on Governor Pierce.

The senate and house gave the governor just about everything he wanted, but comprised were necessary on each side.

Considerable of the legislative material which was most talked of before the session opened, January 12, is now in the junk pile. The legislature refused to ratify the proposed child labor amendment to the federal constitution. Governor Pierce's scheme for immense water and power development on the Clear lake project, which would have involved millions of dollars, was quietly put to sleep. Governor Pierce's plan for adding another cent on the gasoline tax also was defeated.

In the patronage line, the gov-

BID ON SCHOOL IS HELD UNFAVORABLE

Last Minute Action of Realtors Prevents Sale of Washington School

The Marion-Polk County Realtors' association proffered their services to the Salem school board yesterday noon and were instrumental in preventing the sale of the Washington school property, which has been up for bidding during the past week. As a result, the offer of Thomas Cole for the property was rejected and his certified check returned to him.

The Salem school board had assembled at the Marion hotel to consider the final matter on the bidding when the delegation from the realtors appeared before them and offered the resolution.

However, the sale of the Washington school is not to be neglected, because the Marion-Polk County Realtors went on record as favoring the sale of the old building, but wanted the school board to retain the grounds. They offered to submit plans and a survey of the property to the school board, showing how the property could be cut up into lots and sold by the school board.

Advertisements for the sale of the property will be resumed, because of the statement of several business men, who intended to bid upon the property, but did not do so. A few stated that they did not know the property was for sale. With the new bidding, additional changes are to be made in the clauses pertaining to the sale. One of them is the withdrawal of the portables, which were erected some time ago and placed it on school property near the Parrish school. The new advertisements will ask that the

Machine Misses Fire and Governor's Veto Sustained by House

Laboring under a severe strain for the last 46 days, the house machine missed a few cylinders Thursday afternoon and was unable to make the grade necessary to override the governor's veto on SB No. 199, giving Multnomah county an additional circuit judge and naming Judge Ekwall for the position. The vote was 32 to 23, which was not the constitutional two-thirds majority necessary.

Blocked in this endeavor, the Multnomah county delegation offered SB No. 81, of the 1923 session, vetoed by the governor, calling for the appointment of a judge for the district, but leaving the appointment to the governor, was approved, only five negative votes being cast against overriding the veto.

Senator Banks, who was in the

house at the time, was the object of a scathing denunciation by Representative Bailey.

"The man who brought SB No. 21 to this legislature, and stated that it would increase his law practice 100 per cent should not be returned," Representative Bailey declared. "Are we going to be dictated to by Senator Banks and spend money showing that fellow (referring to Judge Ekwall), how to conduct a court?"

The business element of Portland is making no demand for another judge, Representative Woodward maintained.

"If the legislature gives Multnomah county the additional judge," Representative Lonergan said, "it will not be necessary to

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CALL ELECTION UPON MEASURE

Voters to Make Special Visit to Polls in August; Several Bills Killed

Authority for a special election to pass upon referendum measures was given by the house Thursday afternoon when HB No. 517 was introduced and passed. The election will be held the first Tuesday in August, under the provisions of the bill.

Senate measures were killed during the afternoon when SB No. 248, seeking to create a general superintendent to cooperate with the superintendents of all public institutions and manage these; was indefinitely postponed.

"This means a superintendent to superintend the superintendents; and in heaven's name where are we going to stop?" was the plaint voiced by Representative Swan. The other bills killed related to the sale of registered lands, it being held that it was an effort upon the part of the Portland city attorney to have his lawsuits tried in the legislature and providing for a lien on crops for seed issued.

Four senate bills were passed, relating to proceedings started to determine the validity of sale of lands for taxes; authorizing the sheriff of Multnomah county to fix the salary of his chief deputy; relating to applications for bonus or loans and the payment of the \$1,000 reward offered by Governor Ben Olcott for the capture of Dr. R. M. Brumfield. The bill was held over from the last session because at that time it had not yet been determined who was entitled to the money.

FIGHT IS WON BY INDIANA SENATORS

Democratic Members Start Back to Capital; Controversy Smoothed Out

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Indiana democratic senators won their point tonight and started a triumphant trip back to Indianapolis. They were given to understand the bill which caused them to bolt the Indiana general assembly will not pass.

The 14 men also understood, they said, that all other controversial points in connection with the runaway would be smoothed over. This was taken to mean that they would not be arrested when they crossed the state line and that action to bring about their indictment would be dropped.

The men who fled to Dayton yesterday expected to reach Indianapolis about midnight. The senate is scheduled to convene at 10 o'clock in the morning. Every member of the party here will be in his seat at that time, it is said.

Repeated telephone conversations with senate leaders and state officials brought peace, it was understood. Harold Van Orman, lieutenant governor and president of the senate and Attorney General Gallion, talked to several members of the self-exiled senators here.

The senators started back to Indianapolis in the same motor bus they chartered to come to Dayton.

STUDENT MEET BEGINS TODAY

Fourth Annual Volunteer Conference Will Be in Session Over Week-End

The fourth annual Student Volunteer conference will open at 4:30 o'clock at Waller hall this afternoon. This year's conference will be featured by a great many speakers who have seen Christian service in the foreign fields and who are qualified to speak from personal experience to the students from different parts of the state who intend to enter life service work.

The most noted speaker will be Dr. Norman Coleman, president of Reed college, who will deliver a lecture at 9 o'clock this evening on the subject of "Japan and Her Religion." Dr. Coleman has been president of the 4-L loggers' organization, and has traveled extensively in the Orient. He accompanied the student committee of which Dwight Findley was a member last summer in their trip to the Orient to study social and Christian conditions.

Andy Wakeman, an alumnus of Linfield college, will speak on "Africa" next Saturday morning. Mr. Wakeman has just returned from a two-year period in that country where he has been engaged in Christian work. Dean Ava B. Millam will follow Mr. Wakeman with an address on "The Orient." Dean Millam is head of the home economics department at Oregon Agricultural college and has completed a two-year course of study in the Oriental countries where she was engaged in the study of living conditions.

Saturday afternoon Dr. Henry McCall will tell of the conditions in Brazil. Dr. McCall is from Seattle and has made a considerable study of South American countries.

A banquet will be held at the

FAIRGROUNDS TO HAVE DRAINAGE

Appropriation Granted for Work; Flood Conditions Will Be Abated

Immediately following the approval of the action taken by the senate ways and means committee of the state legislature by Governor Pierce, actual construction upon the drainage problem of the state fairgrounds will be undertaken, according to the report of Mrs. E. H. Schults Wilson. A sum of \$10,000 will be provided for the work, and relief will be given to people in that district. The low, wet grounds west of the fairgrounds will be relieved during the rainy season and the overflowed conditions which prevailed during the past weeks in that district will be prevented in part. The water draining off the state property will be cared for.

The tract used by the new linen mill will be affected in part by the work to be done on the fairgrounds. The 36-inch drain line along the route of a filled ditch will care for the flood waters, it is believed. The flooded conditions resulting each year is caused by the filling in of the natural drainage ditches, it is declared by engineers.

Washington women, however, succeeded in agreeing on a topic with Oregon and the two teams are to debate here and in Eugene Thursday.

POSTAL RATE BILL IS SENT TO PRESIDENT

Congressional Approval to Pay Increase Measure Received; Conference Report Is Adopted

AVERAGE INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES ABOUT \$300

Sixty-Eight Million Dollars Necessary to Provide Salary Raise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The postal pay and rate increase bill received final congressional approval today and now goes to the president.

The conference report, practically substituting the house bill for that passed by the senate, was accepted by the senate after short debate.

The vote was 69 to 12, eight democrats and four republicans voting against the conference report.

The republicans were Borah, Idaho; Brookhart, Iowa; Harrell, Nebraska, and Norbeck, South Dakota. The democrats were Bruce, Maryland; Dial, South Carolina; George, Georgia; Glass, Virginia; Harrison, Mississippi; Pittman, Nevada; Swanson, Virginia, and Underwood, Alabama.

The measure provides for an average increase of \$300 annually in postal employees salaries, effective as of January 1 this year and increased postal rates effective April 15 next, to raise about \$60,000,000 of the \$68,000,000 required for the pay advances.

The bill also carries as a rider a corrupt practices act strictly limiting campaign expenditures of congressional candidates as recommended by the senate campaign funds committee.

The salary increases are the same as carried in the measure passed at the last session and vetoed by President Coolidge. With the rate advance added, however, administration leaders are hopeful the bill will receive presidential approval.

Opposition to the conference report today was based entirely on the rate provisions, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, declaring that senate conferees had yielded to the higher rates in the house bill after a conference with President Coolidge.

The bill is one of the first pieces of general legislation outside of the appropriation measures to be sent to the White House this session.

It was advanced at the time that the senate by a close margin voted to sustain the veto of the pay increase measure.

TWO MEN HELD ARE NOT D'AUTREMONTS

Special Agent of Southern Pacific Gives Definite Decision on Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Dan O'Connell, special agent for the Southern Pacific railroad, has sent the company a message from Esperanza, Mexico, saying he is convinced that three suspects held there are not the D'Autremont brothers, wanted for murder and robbery in connection with dynamiting of a Southern Pacific mail car that resulted in deaths of four of the train's crew in Oregon, near the Oregon-California border October 11, 1923.

The three men will not be held any longer in connection with the mail robbery, it was said at the S. P. headquarters here, and unless the Mexican authorities have something against them they will be released.

Oregon Women Debaters Meet Washington Team

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—Because women debaters of the University of California could not agree on debating subjects, a proposed triangular debate with the University of Oregon and University of Washington co-ed teams has been cancelled, it was announced here today.

SENATE CLOSE SESSION WITH FINAL TIRADE

Senator Joseph Defends Actions of Governor Pierce; Garland Raps Attitude of Banks

PIERCE OVERRIDEN IN BALLOT ON VETO BILL

Measure Creating New Judge in Multnomah County Passed Over Head

The flood gates of criticism and caustic personalities were again thrown open in the senate yesterday, on the last day of the session. The tirade opened by Senator Banks was countered by Senator Garland, and was brought to a ringing close by Senator Joseph.

The occasion of the affair was on the question of overriding the governor's veto of senate bill 81, carried over from the preceding legislature.

The bill provides for the appointment of another judge for the Portland district. In his veto message Governor Pierce questioned the need of another man on the bench, and stated he believed the condition had already been taken care of. He urged the necessity of economy in state expenditures, and declared the addition of another judge would be a waste of money.

Senator Joseph led the movement to override Pierce's decision. He stated that he had opposed a similar measure which Pierce also vetoed, and which specifically named Judge Ekwall to fill the position. "I opposed that bill because you wanted to appoint the man yourself," Senator Joseph declared. "I am not in favor of that kind of legislation. However honorable your intentions were, it did not appear honorable on the face of it. I believe Portland needs another judge, and I believe we know more about it than Governor Pierce does, but I believe we should leave the appointment of the judge up to the governor."

Senator Banks next took the floor, making a speech which brought a stinging rebuke from Senator Garland, one of the three democrats in the senate. "I want this bill to pass," Senator Banks said. "I came here with the idea of getting a judge for Multnomah county, but I want a republican judge. We have had altogether too many democratic appointments by our democratic governor, and the state has suffered to a great extent on account of it. If Governor Pierce will not appoint a republican to that office, the people will resent it more than they have ever resented any other of his many unwise acts. At any rate I want to tell you that at

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THREE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN BLAST

Explosion in Cleaning Establishment Hurls Roof From Building

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 26.—An explosion caused by static electricity generated in the dusting room at Allyn's cleaning and dyeing establishment did damage estimated at between \$2500 and \$6,000 today and injured four persons, three seriously.

Fire broke out after the explosion but was quickly extinguished. The roof of the "dusting plant" was hurled in the air to the height of the third story, then fell with a crash that broke many of the windows in the main building.

Funeral of D. M. Crouse Will Be This Afternoon

Services for the late D. M. Crouse, of 1209 Court street, will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The body will be at the church from 1 to 2 o'clock. Services will be in charge of the local Masonic lodge, with Rev. W. W. Long officiating. The body was brought here from Vancouver, Wash.

Material Tribute Is Paid to President of Senate and His Wife

Gus Moser, as president of the 33rd legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, was presented with a magnificent ring during the afternoon session yesterday, in appreciation of his services during the session. Mrs. Moser was given a beautiful silver coffee service set.

Senator R. R. Butler, representing Wasco and Hood River counties, made the presentation speech.

"The members of this assembly," Senator Butler said, "wish to present to you a material token of their esteem, regard and personal friendship. Throughout many years you have been serving the public in this body. That you have served them and honorably is attested by the fact that on two occasions you have been honored by the position you now hold. You

have been chosen by those who know that in time, you may be placed in the gubernatorial chair, as a public official. Regardless of past animosities you have been fair and impartial and have presided with a dignity and fairness which was your duty. In the performance of your duties you have been guided by unflinching courtesy and kindness, which is your nature.

"It is these manifestations between man and man which count for most in life, and which will be remembered long after the glitter and glamour of the present moment have faded. As a token of this esteem which every member of this senate feels toward you, I have been asked to present to

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SUICIDE STORY TOLD IN COURT

Dr. Whiting Expresses Fear of Being Held for Death of His Friend

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—Fear that he might be suspected of killing his closest friend, Dr. Albert F. Mattice, was expressed by Dr. Fenton B. Whiting, in whose home the shooting happened Thanksgiving day, as the reason for saying that Dr. Mattice killed himself, in testifying at a trial which opened here today in federal court on the first of three suits filed by beneficiaries of Dr. Mattice demanding life insurance amounting to approximately \$150,000.

Today's case was brought by Dr. M. B. Mattice of Sedro-Woolley, father of the deceased, who sued the Maryland Casualty company for \$30,000. In each of three pending cases refusal of insurance companies to pay policies was based on the ground that Dr. Mattice committed suicide.

"I was standing at the piano in the music alcove talking with Mrs. Harriet France when I heard a shot behind me and Dr. Mattice fell fatally wounded almost at my feet," said Dr. Whiting.

Attorney Clarence L. Reames in his opening statement said three possible methods will be shown the jury that Dr. Mattice came to his death accidentally—first, testimony of experts that the twirling of a double action revolver would cause the weapon to discharge; second, that the revolver may have fallen from the window sill of the alcove in the Whiting home and the fall caused the discharge, and third, that Dr. Mattice may have touched the hair trigger while bending over some music sheets and thus discharged the revolver.

MANY DROWN IN TERRIFIC STORM

Steamers Break Up on Rocks Along English Channel; Gales Are Raging

PARIS, Feb. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Several steamers are aground from Dunkirk on the Strait of Dover to Biarritz on the Bay of Biscay and many others today were sending out wireless calls for assistance in the terrible westerly gales which have been raging from the English channel along the Atlantic to the Bay of Biscay for the past four days. Tonight, the gales were showing no signs of abating.

An unidentified freight steamer is breaking up near Cape Gris Nez, across the English channel from Dover, and there seems to be little hope of saving the crew. Only four men out of a crew of 18 were rescued from the Cristina Ruba near La Rochelle. This loss, together with the drowning of seven members of the life saving station whose boat capsized Wednesday as it was putting out to the Cristina Ruba, brings the loss of life at Rochelle to 21.

At Brest and Cherbourg roads are filled with craft of all kinds which are taking refuge from the storm.

MENARY BILL APPROVED
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The McNary bill creating a farmers' export corporation for handling surplus farm products was favorably reported today.

FUN FEATURES CLOSING HOUR FOR MEMBERS

Thirty-Third Session of Legislature Comes to Hectic Termination at 10 o'Clock Last Night

SLOW SENATE ACTION PUTS BRAKES ON HOUSE

Few Matters of Importance Transacted; Impromptu Program Is Staged

At 10 o'clock last night the 33rd session of the legislature passed into history amid a riot of good-natured fun in which members of both houses participated, with Senator Joseph occupying the president's chair in the senate and Joe Singer, sergeant at arms, presiding in the house. Both President Moser and Speaker Burdick took the helm to restore order and bring the session into port before adjournment.

Delay in the senate caused the house to hold forth for two hours in order to transact five minutes' business. S. B. No. 257, carrying an appropriation of \$30,000 for an armory at Cottage Grove, was passed, while senate amendments to H. B. No. 517, calling for a special election in the fall, met with approval. These changed the date of the election from the first Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday in September. Following this Representative Gordon moved to adjourn and the session, as far as the house was concerned, ended. Several members left during the day.

Clock Is Stopped
Hands of the clock in the senate were stopped at 9:46 o'clock and it was after 10 o'clock before the body was adjourned. Senator Up-ton set off the fireworks of the session, challenging the Multnomah delegation for its lack of a leader, purpose and its objection to the governor. Several tag-ends of various matters were disposed of before adjournment.

By a special session resolution, Col. W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene, was designated and appointed as the permanent chairman of the senate. The senators expressed their deep appreciation of his thought and attitude toward members for this and previous sessions.

Upon adjournment Mrs. Moser and other ladies of the senate served members, stenographers, clerks and visitors with coffee and cake.

With Joe Singer presiding, representatives opened up with a line of antics that would have shamed a boys' school when the speaker stepped from the room. Just how many sessions Singer has been in the legislature is almost forgotten, but his humor is a house tradition. Taking the gavel he presided in a

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THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house passed the last deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$56,000,000.

Funeral services were held for Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois.

Final congressional approval was given the postal pay and rate increase bill.

The national disabled soldiers' league continued its defense before a house committee.

Interior department figures showed gasoline production and consumption made new records last year.

Three republican insurgents in the house warned the majority they held certificates of election as republicans.

The house aircraft committee heard testimony of Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones and voted to recall Secretary Weeks.

President Coolidge was requested by the senate to transmit the federal trade commission's report on the gasoline inquiry.

The house passed the Dickinson cooperative marketing bill as a substitute for the Haugen bill reported by the agriculture committee.

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