

**The Weather** —OREGON—  
Generally fair; moderate temperature; moderate northwesterly winds. Friday—Max., 62; min., 37; river, 6.3; falling; rainfall, .11; atmosphere, clear; wind, west.

# The Oregon Statesman

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## MINORITY VOTES ALONE AGAINST OUSTING BLOC

Oregon Senator Is Only Member of Committee to Cast Vote Favorable to La Follette Group

FIRST STEP IS TAKEN TO REMOVE FOUR MEN

Brookhart, Ladd, Frazier and La Follette Placed at Bottom of List

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—With but a single dissenting voice, the republican committee on committees took the first step today toward carrying through the organization program for the removal of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin and three of his chief supporters from their present ranks on the standing committees of the senate.

The four senators were assigned tentatively to places at the bottom of the committee lists although they had been elected on an independent instead of on the republican ticket. This action is subject, first, to consideration by a republican party conference and later by the senate itself.

The action was taken over the written protest of three of the senators—Brookhart of Iowa, and Ladd and Frazier, North Dakota—in replies to letters sent them asking whether they desired the democrats or republicans to make their committee assignments. It had received no reply from Senator La Follette.

While they anticipated some opposition in the party conference and in the senate, administration leaders expect to be able to carry out their program decided upon, they say, because of the action of Senator La Follette in heading a national ticket in opposition to President Coolidge with the support of the other three senators. Democratic leaders in the senate would keep clear of the fight within the republican ranks and would not be disposed to throw any obstacle in the way of the majority in the reorganization of the senate at the special session called for next Wednesday.

Senator McNary of Oregon was the only member of the republican committee on committees to vote disapproval of the removal of Senator Ladd as chairman of the public lands committee; Senator LaFollette from his place as chairman of the interstate commerce committee and these and other two senators from offices of high rank they hold.

## SPORTSMEN RESENT GAME FUND CHANGE

Action of Legislature, Diverting Ten Per Cent of Money Is Protested

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—The Oregon State Sportsmen's association at its annual meeting here today adopted resolutions protesting the action of the recent state legislature in diverting 10 per cent of the game funds of the state to the general fund. It was stated that the matter would probably be referred to the people at the next election, though such action would not be taken by the sportsmen as an association.

Officers elected were: Dr. Chester C. Moore, Portland, president; J. H. Fredrick, Hood River, vice president; Blaine Hallock, Baker; R. W. Jones, McMinnville, William W. McNealy, Klamath Falls; Asa Battle, Prineville; Walter Camp, Corvallis; W. C. Foster, Tillamook, and Earl C. Simmons, Eugene, directors. R. J. Kirkwood, Portland, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

## Hope of Saving Life of President Ebert Is Lost

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—(By the A. P.)—President Ebert of Germany died this morning.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—(By the A. P.)—President Ebert, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, suffered a relapse early this morning and at 5 o'clock his doctors said hope of recovery had been abandoned.

## City Auto Camp Ground Now Ready for Opening Which Will Be Monday

March 1 is given as the official opening date of the Salem auto park, but due to the date coming on Sunday the official opening will take place Monday morning. Conditions for the coming season are the best that have faced the park board since the inauguration of the park.

Sixteen cabins are ready to be used by the campers. Only a few are up at this time, but within a few days, and as the need arises, the tents will be erected. Additional buildings are to be erected. It is said, among which will be a community house.

Preparations are under way to erect the center in order that greater accommodations can be given the tourists when they visit the city. Plans are under way to make the center one of the most interesting in the Pacific northwest. Lectures, receptions and gatherings are to be held.

A new manager has been elected—C. B. Purvine, who gave valuable service last year under the direction of Tom Albert. An assistant, Henry Poisel, has been selected by the board. Last year it is stated that between 12,000 and 13,000 cars registered at the grounds, and between 50,000 and 60,000 persons were accommodated. Of this large

number of tourists many families chose Salem and the nearby towns as a permanent home. Several of the travelers have invested in property and plan to reside in the Willamette valley permanently.

The grounds are in better shape this year than ever before. The natural place of the camp ground in the wooded cove makes it one of the best in the northwest. A small running creek binds the camping ground on three sides.

"It is one of the finest camp grounds in the northwest," was the declaration of Mr. Purvine, when interviewed yesterday. "The camp stoves have kitchen roofs which will protect the meals when a rainstorm arises. Other arrangements, and the closeness of the grounds to the business center of the city make it one of the outstanding places for tourists."

Last year many campers came on occasions that room was not available for them. Space was hard pressed, and it was only after hard work that several families were accommodated.

The Salem Chamber of Commerce is cooperating in every way in furnishing travelers with information concerning the Willamette valley and about Salem. Members of the park board are Homer Smith, chairman; L. Aldrich and Edith Hazard.

## DEBATE TITLE WON BY SALEM

Champion of Four Counties Decided by Close Vote in Three Cities

Salem high school won the district debate championship of the central Willamette valley last night in competition with Albany and Woodburn. The final score was, Salem 5, Albany 4 and Woodburn 3, from a complicated system of counting. The district comprises Marion, Benton, Polk and Linn counties. A debate will be arranged with the winners of the northern division in the near future.

One of the largest audiences on record turned out last night to witness Salem out-argue Woodburn here, the judges' decision being 2 to 1 in favor of the locals. Avery Thompson and Margaret Pro upheld the negative against Harold Ewalt and Betty Baillio of Woodburn. Judges for the contest were Prof. Victor E. Morris, Prof. John M. Kierick of the English department, and Prof. P. D. Carleton of the economics department, all of OAC. Otto Paulus of Salem, a member of the championship team of 1915, was the chairman.

Salem's affirmative team, consisting of Homer Richards and Thomas Childs, were defeated at Albany by a decision of 2 to 1. Woodburn defeated Albany at Woodburn by a decision of 2 to 1.

## DRUNKEN DRIVERS MAY GET JAILED

New City Ordinance Being Prepared; Modeled After New State Law

An ordinance will be submitted to the city council Monday night which will make it a serious offense for driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. The city law will compare favorably with the state law, recently enacted by the state legislature. It is not known exactly what penalty will be attached to the conviction for the offense, but it is thought that the minimum fine will be \$50 and five days, while the maximum sentence will run about \$500 for the fine, plus a jail sentence and a 90-day suspension of the driver's license.

Driving of automobiles while in an intoxicated condition caused a southern Oregon man to drive into the steel gates of the prison some time past and recently while a driver tried to miss the Seventh-street bridge, he wrecked his machine upon the railing.

Police authorities agree that some form of drastic measures must be adopted in order to prevent serious property damage, and possible loss of life. A maximum penalty will be given to offenders.

## ATTORNEY MAY BE EMBEZZLER

Former Superior Judge Is Charged With Mishandling of Co. Funds

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 27.—Fremont Campbell Sr., one of the best known attorneys of the city and former superior judge and prosecuting attorney, who yesterday in an action by the Pinta Bay Mining company was charged with embezzlements totaling \$38,900 in his handling of the company's funds, was in conference with Prosecutor James W. Selden today and it was expected that an answer to the mandamus action, filed against Selden in an effort by the company to compel him to start criminal action against Mr. Campbell would be filed shortly.

The petition, Mr. Campbell declared, is badly garbled. The controversy he asserted lies between him and James Toby, former president of the company, and is over a stock deal in which Mr. Campbell loaned personal stock in the company to Toby in order that Toby might promote a stock sale while stock which he had held in escrow. The only question Mr. Campbell declared, is one of his right to so loan personal stock.

Mr. Campbell has been actively engaged in law practice here since 1880. He served three terms as county prosecuting attorney and from 1889 to 1894 was judge of the superior court. He is the father of Fremont Campbell Jr., county auditor.

Next Wednesday has been set as the date for Selden to appear before Judge W. O. Chapman and show cause why he should not prosecute.

## LONGWORTH NAMED AS HOUSE SPEAKER

Republican Floor Leader Nominated for Position by Unanimous Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Nicholas Longworth of Ohio was selected tonight as the republican candidate for speaker of the next house. Mr. Longworth, who is the republican floor leader, was named over Representative Madden of Illinois at a caucus of republican representatives-elect.

On the first ballot Longworth received 141 votes, and Madden 85. As soon as the roll call result was known Mr. Madden moved to make Mr. Longworth's selection unanimous.

After Mr. Longworth's nomination had been made unanimous Representative Tilson of Connecticut was named by acclamation to succeed him as floor leader.

## COOLIDGE SAYS MEASURE MUST PASS CONGRESS

President Insistent That Co-operative Marketing Bill Should Be Enacted at This Session

PROPOSALS REGARDED AS VERY NECESSARY

Agricultural Commission Measure Enmeshed in Jam Before Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—With cooperative marketing legislation recommended by the agriculture commission enmeshed in a jam of conflicting proposals before congress, President Coolidge renewed today his insistence that the conference program should be enacted into law at this session. He regards as necessary and sound the proposals which were drafted by the representatives of all branches of agriculture with expert assistance.

The Dickinson cooperative marketing bill, lacking the regulatory provisions carried in the Capper-Haugen measure for which it was substituted by the house, is before the senate agriculture committee and Chairman Carey of the agricultural conference has asked a hearing before it tomorrow in opposition to the change. Members of the conference are said to hold the view that the Dickinson measure would not accomplish the results they believe can be obtained through passage of the Capper-Haugen bill. Members of the senate farm bloc expect to call up this measure in the senate tomorrow.

The McNari bill, providing for a farmers' export corporation to handle surplus farm products, has been reported favorably by the senate agricultural committee and placed on the calendar, but with little hope of final action at this session.

President Coolidge still believes the Capper-Haugen bill will meet the situation or that pending legislation, resting his belief on confidence in the judgment of his agricultural conference. Should it be found impossible to enact this legislation the president will approve whatever measure is put through so far as it tends toward the same end.

Mr. Coolidge made it plain to callers today that should farm legislation fail, he would continue to fight along the lines he already has mapped out.

## FAMOUS HOTEL PASSES

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 27.—After it had been steadily operated as a hotel for more than a third of a century the Donally hotel today had a bar across the front door and truckmen were hauling out and storing the furniture as the closing chapter in the history of the famous hostelry. The old hotel is to be razed to make way for a new structure.

## MacDowell Club Concert at Grand Wins Praise of All Music Lovers

Madame Frida Stjerna, Soloist, Has Distinction of Being First Person to Sing Over Radio, Back in 1920

By AUDREY BUNCH  
It is doubtful if any in the audience realized last night when Madame Frida Stjerna appeared in concert with the MacDowell club chorus that she has the distinction of being the first person in any country in the world to sing over the radio. That was in New York City, in the January of 1920.

But without a single such fact, interesting as they are, Madame would still be a gloriously remembered apostle of joy. The program last night at the Grand theater, where practically a full house greeted the singers, opened with Woodland Sprites, a sparkling melody and the swayingly modulated Lullaby of Scott—both chorus numbers. When the curtain went up, the brilliant lights, in the charming pastel frocks, revealed a veritable rainbow on the stage.

Probably as notable a piece of directing as had been done in Salem in many months was that by Professor W. H. Boyer last night. Without music, he led his singers in such unison and loveliness of effects that the conservative considering called it marvelous.

In colorful costume Madame Stjerna made her first appearance

## STUDENTS HOLD FIRST MEETING OF CONFERENCE

Feature of Session Is Address by Dr. Norman Coleman, of Reed College, on Japanese Religions

MANY COLLEGES SEND REPRESENTATIVES HERE

Visitors Register and Are Assigned to Places; Session Closes Sunday

The Student Volunteer Conference held at Willamette University opened at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon with the registration and assignment of lodgings of the various delegates. The feature of the conference was given last night in the address of Dr. Norman Coleman, president of Reed College, on the subject of "Japan and Her Religions."

After registration the students met in the society halls above the Willamette chapel and a brief get-together meeting was held. The conference was then called to order by Dr. Daniel Bryant. A period of worship followed. Paul Johnson of Salem then addressed the assembly on the purpose of the convention and stated that this purpose of the Oregon Volunteer union was to stimulate spiritual growth and to coordinate the local and state groups. Mr. Johnson stated further that the students should look forward to the addresses of the missionaries attending the conference that they might be better fitted for life service work.

Several Bible talks following Mr. Johnson, Bernice Cofer of Linfield College took charge and introduced a number of speakers.

The first to speak was Miss Ann Brown of Oregon City, who gave a short talk on the missionary work in Chile. Miss Brown spent a number of years in that country under the Methodist board of Christian work.

The second speaker, Miss Martha Wheeler, who is on her second furlough from India, told several interesting features on the work to be done in that field.

Mrs. Pondexter of Salem spoke on "Chile." Mrs. Pondexter returned recently from that field and stated that almost any talent that the prospective missionary might choose could be used in that country.

Professor McClean of Pacific College spoke briefly of his 12 years' stay as a missionary in Cuba.

The feature of the evening was the speech given by Dr. Norman C. Coleman, president of Reed College, on the religious conditions in Japan. Dr. Coleman stated that there are three religions now in Japan: The native Shinto faith, Buddhism and the Christian faith. There is very little difference in the dress or personality of the people.

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## Broadside of Criticism Turned Loose on Naval Officials During Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired, turned loose before the house aircraft committee today a broadside of criticism against naval officers who still hold the battleship supreme in naval warfare, and also trained his fire against proposals for a unified air service urged by Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief.

While the admiral was declaring the battleship "obsolete," and attacking the navy for its "conservatism," Secretary Weeks, who will appear before the committee tomorrow again took cognizance of the aircraft controversy by making public a letter to Representative Perkins, republican, New Jersey, the committee examiner, declaring "untrue" recent testimony before the committee that junior army officers are "muzzled from telling the truth," by the war department.

The war secretary previously had denied the accuracy of this testimony and in his letter today he set forth the war department policy regarding the testimony of officers before congressional committees. The letter pointed out that General Mitchell had been informed of the department's policy in this matter, but did not mention him directly as the witness

who had made the "muzzling" charge. A part of the letter also defended the war department against charges of "conservatism," which were reiterated today with respect to the navy department by Admiral Sims.

At another point in his testimony after saying he considered the battleship "obsolete" the admiral, answering another question said the aircraft carrier had replaced this type of vessel. "Then you do not agree with the navy general board that the battleship is most important to the fleet?" Mr. Perkins asked.

"No, sir," the witness answered. He refused to answer questions on the present condition of the army and navy air services, explaining he said he had "been on the shelf two years."

Questioned by Representative O'Sullivan, democrat, Connecticut, he said: "I quite agree with General Mitchell that the Philippines could be captured in two weeks," but added later he thought it highly improbable that Japan would ever attempt to take the islands. "What do you think of the statement that any ship can be sunk from the air?" asked Representative O'Sullivan. "It is entirely correct," Admiral Sims replied.

## TEAPOT DOME DATE IS FIXED

Postponement Denied; Case to Go to Trial on March 9, Judge Says

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 27.—With the denial today of the government's petition for a 60-day postponement of the Teapot Dome naval reserve annulment suit by United States District Judge T. Blake Kennedy, the case will go to trial here on March 9, the date originally set.

The government through its counsel, Atlee Pomeroy and Owen Roberts, had petitioned the continuance on the ground that it would not be in possession of that date of evidence essential to proof of its contention that the lease of the Teapot Dome reserve was granted to the Mollath Oil company through collusion between Harry F. Sinclair, oil operator, and Albert B. Fall.

Government counsel contends that if the continuance were granted, they would be able to secure evidence of importance from H. S. Oeler of Toronto, Canada, and others including H. M. Blackmer and James T. O'Neill, American oil men now in France.

## PART IN MURDER PLOT IS DENIED

Wealthy Clubman to Take Stand Against Confession of Ex-Policeman

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Richard M. Hotelling, wealthy San Francisco clubman, will appear before a special grand jury Monday night to repeat his denial of the confession of Ralph P. King, aviator and ex-policeman, involving the former in an alleged plot to murder the wife of Richard's brother, Frederick Hotelling.

Members of the Hotelling family have been at odd for years over division of the \$4,000,000 Hotelling estate.

Subpoenas have been issued for Frederick Hotelling and his wife; King; Lou Madison, taxicab driver to whom King stated he had turned over a portion of the \$3500 he claims to have received from Richard Hotelling, and other witnesses.

King and Madison are held in jail here without bonds, while police and the sheriff's office are conducting a widespread search for Al Reels, underworld character, declared by King to have shared equally with Madison in the alleged \$3500 "murder bribe." Reels is believed by police to have fled the city.

The police also are endeavoring to trace the source of a telephone call reported received early today by Detective Thomas Hyland offering him \$20,000 to "lay down" on his prosecution of the case.

## SHOOTING OF DOCTOR BARED

Insurance Company Stages Fight; Say Suicide Was Cause of Death

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—Testimony given at a trial in federal court here today in an effort to determine whether Dr. Alfred F. Mattice, Seattle oculist, shot himself intentionally or accidentally, on the first three sheets filed by beneficiaries demanding life insurance amounting to approximately \$150,000, revealed that the doctor had often twirled a pistol. Gun experts testified that the twirling of a pistol would cause the weapon to discharge. Insurance companies had refused to pay policies on the ground that Dr. Mattice committed suicide.

The gun that Dr. Mattice used had been taken from a music case in the home of Dr. F. B. Whiting here Thanksgiving day, 1923.

Mrs. May Wilson, who was a guest of Dr. Whiting, testified that she saw Dr. Mattice sink to the floor. She said she had called the attention of Mrs. Hazel Fiske, Dr. Whiting's stepdaughter, and the fiancée of Dr. Mattice, to "the way Dr. Mattice was acting."

Ralph W. Coombs, a brick mason, testified he saw Dr. Mattice twirl different revolvers when he visited him in April or May, 1923, and that the oculist would cock the trigger, twirl the gun and fire rapidly.

## TEACHERS MEET AT JEFFERSON

Institute Will Be Held Today; J. A. Churchill to Address Assembly

A teachers' institute will be held in Jefferson today, beginning at 10 o'clock this morning. It will be held in the public school building, located on the Pacific highway, as one enters Jefferson from the north.

Letters have been sent to the teachers, asking them to attend, and to bring their school problems with them, and to be prepared to do their part towards making the meeting a success.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the institute, and school patrons will find much of interest in the line of educational advancement. A round table discussion will be held during the morning session, interspersed with music and songs. In the afternoon, J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, will speak on recent school legislation.

## NEUNER APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The nomination of George Neuner to be United States district attorney of Oregon was confirmed today by the senate.

## ARMORY BILLS NOT APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

Appropriation Measures Are Vetoed — Legislature Is Blamed for Not Providing Necessary Funds

MARRIAGE LICENSE IS ALSO SENT INTO DARK

HB No. 256 Is Held Step Backward by Pierce, Who Gives Reasons for Action

All Armory bills passed by the 33rd session of the legislature were vetoed Friday by Governor Pierce. These included Armories for Cottage Grove, which passed late Thursday night. Forest Grove, which sought to hold over the necessary appropriation until 1927, and for La Grande, the governor's home town.

"Due to the failure of the legislature to provide sufficient revenue I shall be obliged to veto all Armory bills passed at the late session," was the brief statement issued by the governor yesterday. "I cannot approve appropriations which exceed available revenue."

Bills Have Hard Time  
The Armory bills had a hectic time during the session. They were approved by the military affairs committee and their withdrawal recommended by the ways and means committee. The recommendations were adopted and then the bills were laid on the table, only to be brought to life on the last day of the session. In fact, the appropriation of \$30,000 for an Armory at Cottage Grove was not approved until late Thursday night and outside of the bill calling for a special election on September 8, was the last bit of legislation enacted.

Marriage Bill Vetoed  
HB No. 256, a marriage license measure, was sent to the archives Friday when Governor Pierce refused to sign the measure and thus creating a law. In explaining his veto, Governor Pierce said: "We today have a law which compels the male applicant for marriage license to secure a certificate from a practicing physician that he is free from contagious or infectious venereal disease. House bill 256 is a step backward. The applicants for the marriage license, being interested parties, are not the proper ones to make the affidavit. It opens the way to easy perjury. The law should be made more drastic and severe instead of being rendered valueless as would be the case if house bill 256 became a law."

"The present law is fairly effective. A similar, but more stringent law, has been held constitutional by the supreme court of Wisconsin. In discussing the law the supreme court of Wisconsin in a recent case said: "This law is a reasonable limitation of the right to marry, and furthermore it is not an unreasonable classification in applying it only to men and not to women."

"The law does not interfere

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## FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

Ambassador Dassechner discussed French debt with Secretary Mellon.

The house referred to accept a senate proposal to eliminate the Pullman surcharges.

Rear Admiral Sims gave his views of the navy to the house aircraft committee.

Frank B. Kellogg, secretary of state designate, made a round of calls and renewed old acquaintances in the senate.

The first step toward removing republican insurgent senators from the committees was made by committee on committees.

The state department's side was given in the case of Count Karoly's pledge of political inactivity while in the United States.

The senate eliminated from the rivers and harbors bill a provision that all authorized projects should be completed in five years.

John T. Nolan, commander of the national "disabled soldiers' league, continued a defense of the league before a house committee.