

The Weather - OREGON - Unsettled; probably rain in the north portion; moderate temperature; strong south to west winds Wednesday - Max. 60; Min. 37; River 4.4 falling; Rainfall none; Atmosphere clear; Wind SW.

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FORESTRY BILL MEETS END BY PIERCE'S VETO

Plans for Reforestation of Logged Off Lands Do Not Receive Approval of Governor

POWER OF BOARD SAID TO BE TOO ARBITRARY

60 Year State Contracts Fail to Receive Sanction of Executive

Immediate visions of a reforestation plan by providing a method of taxation on deforested lands and timber not yet of merchantable size were sent glimmering Wednesday when Governor Pierce vetoed house bill No. 416, by Representative Mott, of Astoria. "Assessing property for the purpose of taxation is one of the most important functions of government," the veto message said. "It is intolerable that such powers should be exercised by a board, the majority of the members of which were appointed neither by the electorate nor by any government agency whatever. The appointment of members of the state board of forestry in this fashion is repugnant to the whole spirit of representative government. This bill is built up around this state board, vesting in the board greater power than should be exercised by any commission."

Contracts Not Favored Another object of the bill which did not meet with executive approval permits owners of land to enter into contracts with the state extending over a period of 60 years. Paying one-half the taxes on the assessment by the board would be deferred until the end of the term. This last provision may be designed to prevent the imposition of any severance tax upon the removal of timber or any tax upon the income derived from the business of main marketing such timber the governor pointed out. "In my long experience in legislative work in the state of Oregon I never have examined a bill that might be as far reaching and as serious in its consequences as this one," Governor Pierce said. "Our reforestation policy should include the acquisition by the state not only of all the cut-over and otherwise deforested lands but particularly should include the acquisition of all lands which at present have a forest growth of insignificant size to be of commercial value for lumber manufacturing purposes."

New Tax Suggested Governor Pierce suggested a severance tax of \$1 per thousand feet which would yield \$5,000,000 annually, he said. He expressed great regret that the legislature did not pass a bill without the features to which he objected and ends his message with the statement there is nothing of more importance to the state than an unselfish policy of reforestation. "It may well be believed that once this bill becomes a law all owners of land within its survey will hasten to contract with the state in accordance with its provisions."

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BLOSSOM DAY IS TO BE DISCUSSED

Early Spring and Blooming Fruit Trees Call for Action by Cherrians

Promises of an early spring and the resulting early blooming of fruit trees in Salem district is calling for consideration of the annual Blossom day celebration, according to King Bing J. C. Perry of the Cherrians, who sponsors the event. Consideration of Blossom day is slated for one of the chief business matters to come before the Cherrians at their regular meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. Last year Blossom day was observed early in April. Because of the blooms appearing throughout the district with comparatively little warning, it is impossible to set the date very far in advance, and all arrangements must be completed after a short advance warning.

Salem Merchants Forced to Contribute \$2000 to State Through New Law

Salem merchants will contribute close to \$2000 in added taxes to the state of Oregon under the provisions of HB No. 21, which demands a 50 per cent increase in fees on motor vehicles that are operated beyond a five mile limit of any incorporated town or city. Some of the merchants are hit very heavily and the added tax amounts to more than \$250 for each year. Some of them, however, pay a \$25 increase, and others a \$57 raise. This tax is paid in addition to the state gasoline tax and the regular motor vehicle tax that is now imposed by the state. Some resentment is shown by the local merchants, who class the new legislation as a subterfuge on the taxpayer.

Practically every business in Salem is affected by the new ruling. Packers, merchants, furniture stores, creameries, ice-cream factories and bakers have to pay a very heavy increase. The Valley Packing company must add approximately \$250 to the state each year on the six trucks which they are operating out of the city. The Hamilton Furniture company is using two trucks which means an increase of \$57 for the year's license tax. H. L. SHIFF's Furniture company operates five trucks and are planning to add to their fleet as the spring and summer advances. They will pay an approximate sum of \$200. The Buttercup Ice Cream company of Salem will add over \$50 to the sum, which has already been paid into the state's coffers. The Cherry City Bakery operates five trucks outside the incorporate limits of the city and their license increase will amount to a considerable sum.

GOVERNOR ENDS WORK ON BILLS

\$507,000 Lopped From Appropriations Before All Measures Signed

Governor Pierce finished his work on bills passed by the 1925 session of the legislature shortly after 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and when all had been approved or vetoed it was found that a total of \$507,000 had been cut from appropriations passed during the session. This amount is well under the amount of revenue that will be derived from various sources during the next two years. Two more revenue bills were signed yesterday. These were house bills 485 and 502. The first of these places a set scale of taxation upon the gross earnings of all utilities in the state and the second a tax of 10 per cent of the receipts of the self-supporting or state departments which are operated under a fee system. The utilities bill is expected to bring in approximately \$80,000 and the other around \$200,000 during the biennium. Another bill signed by the governor yesterday provides for an appropriation of \$10,000 during the next two years for the investigation and control of poultry diseases and the establishment of the office of state poultry veterinarian.

Several other minor bills were approved before the time limit expired and for the first time in many weeks the executive desk is practically cleared of legislative affairs.

COLUMBIA RIVER BILL IS SIGNED

Coolidge Favors Measure Authorizing Agreement Between Four States

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The bill authorizing an agreement between the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, affecting the disposition and apportionment of the waters of the Columbia river and its tributaries was signed today by President Coolidge.

SPOKANE, March 4.—Alternative plans for a water supply for the Columbia basin irrigation project, under which it is proposed to irrigate some 1,750,000 acres of land in central Washington, call for obtaining water from lakes in Washington, Idaho or Montana. Two conferences of representatives of these three states, with a representative of Oregon have been held but no basis for an agreement of allocation of headwaters of the Columbia river has as yet been reached. Interest of Oregon is not directly concerned with the Columbia basin project, it is explained, but it enters into a division of the waters of the Columbia river among the four states.

LARGE TIMBER DEAL MADE SEATTLE, March 4.—Twenty-seven thousand acres of timber land in Kittitas county northeast of Ellensburg, has been sold by the Hoosier Land company to the Cascade Lumber company of Yakima. The consideration was \$138,000.

DRAINAGE PLAN IS UNDER WAY

Marion County Court Is Expected to Make Decision Within Few Days

Within a day or two the decision of the Marion county court on the proposed drainage system of southeastern Salem will be presented, following the last onslaught by promoters yesterday. Judge Brazier Small, counsel for F. W. Durbin, one of the remonstrators, stated that the case would be carried to the circuit court in event the county court finds a case in establishing the drainage system. Investigations are under way to see what will be done with the extra water that will be brought into the city by the establishment of the new system. T. B. Kay, Mayor J. B. Giesy and others are to be interviewed. Among the active speakers for the proposed system were Victor Schneider, P. F. Killian, while J. G. Merchen is the prime mover for the ditch. Engineers Simpson and Cupper are also active in the new work. It is claimed that the drainage

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EBERT WILL BE INTERRED TODAY

Former President of German Republic Lies in State; Nation in Sorrow

BERLIN, March 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sorrowing Germany turned its eyes toward Heidelberg when the funeral train bearing the body of the late president, Friedrich Ebert, left Berlin at 6:40 o'clock this evening. On the train also were members of the family, the German cabinet and representatives of all the various states making up the new republic. The train should reach Heidelberg at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and the burial will be in Berg cemetery two hours later.

The funeral here was largely a national affair, but at Heidelberg the interment will be in charge of officials of the city where Ebert was born and the fire and police departments. Many members of which are the sons of men who knew Ebert when he was a humble tailor's son, will take part in the ceremonies. Because of the French occupation the escort must be civil, rather than military, in the Badenese city. The late president's grave will be on a hillside of the cemetery which commands a view down Neckar valley to the majestic Rhine.

Hope Lost for Recovery of Bishop Wm. F. Murray

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 4.—Bishop William F. Murray of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, one of the south's distinguished educators and one of Methodist's outstanding churchmen, late tonight took an unexpected turn for the worse at the hospital where he has been ill for several days and physicians attending say there is no hope for his recovery.

SUPPLY BILLS ARE AGED ON BY PRESIDENT

All Measures of General Public Importance Secure Executive Approval; Some Bills Blocked

FARM LEGISLATION IS LEFT IN MANY STAGES

Capper-Haugen and McNary Bills Left on Senate Calendar

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The sixty eighth congress expired today with less than half the officially approved legislative program written into law. With the executive approval today, just within the legal deadline, of the legislative and deficiency appropriation bills, all the vital supply measures were successfully enacted but there remained on the calendar several bills of national interest which had been given so-called priority by the administration leaders. A vote upon these had been blocked by a combination of delaying tactics on the part of opponents and lack of time for consideration. No measure of general public importance which did get through the jam, however, failed of executive approval, it was declared at the White House tonight, though two or three bills were understood to have been left on President Coolidge's desk when he departed for his inauguration at the capitol. They were said to be measures dealing with private claims but whether they were given "pocket vetoes" or were signed before he left was not definitely known. The Muscle Shoals leasing bill died in conference despite the expression of hope at the White House that some legislative authority would be given for disposing of that problem. Farm relief measures were left in various stages, the Capper-Haugen bill on the senate calendar, the McNary-Haugen farmers' export corporation bill in the senate agricultural committee files and several less widely discussed proposals in varying degrees of consideration. Enactment of a public buildings program, approved by administration spokesmen to make up for the lack of construction during the last decade, failed when the house and senate came to a deadlock upon the matter of jurisdiction over approval of projects. Settlement of French spoliation claims also went over another year after waiting more than a century, because vigorous opposition by several senators threatened to prevent more pressing legislation. The McFadden bill to authorize national banks to maintain branches under certain conditions and otherwise to compete with state institutions on a more equal basis had been put aside in the senate after a three day discussion and remained truly as well as technically "unfinished business," when the final gavel fell.

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WARDEN TESTIFIES IN PRISON PROBE

Stand Taken in Defense Testimony; Disciplinary System Said in Vogue

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 4.—(By The AP.)—Defense testimony for Thomas J. Ryan, warden of the Colorado penitentiary, charged with prison mismanagement by former Governor Sweet, and an attack on the wardenship of Thomas Mott Osborne at the Portsmouth, N. H. naval prison, featured today's session of Ryan's trial before the state civil service commission. The number of prisoners "spanked" under Ryan's regime was "decidedly less" during the administrations of three previous wardens under whom he served, Frank A. Watt, captain of the guard at the prison, testified. George L. Peterson of Colorado Springs, a former marine guard at the Portsmouth prison, testified as a defense witness to the disciplinary system in vogue there under Osborne.

REVOLT PLOTS DISCOVERED IN US PROVINCES

Attempt to Overthrow Provincial Government in Islands Is Uncovered; Officials Endangered

SECRET SOCIETY PLAN SEIZURE OF BUILDINGS

Constabulary Stage Battle With Colorums in Hills of San Jose

MANILA, March 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—A plot to overthrow the provincial government of the province of Nueva Ecija, seize the treasury, burn the government buildings and kill government officials was discovered after a fight between constabulary and fanatics, known as colorums, near San Jose, that province, in which seven of the fanatics were killed. An affidavit made by one of the captured bandits disclosed that a secret society known as "Kapitunan Macabula Macasilaga" with an alleged membership of 12,000 planned to seize the government on Friday night. Considerable unrest has existed in Nueva Ecija recently, owing to trouble between tenants and land owners, causing the constabulary to keep a close watch to prevent outbreaks. When a constabulary patrol encountered a band of colorums in the hills near San Jose a fight ensued. About 25 colorums armed with shotguns, revolvers, spears and bolos advanced to meet the constabulary. The latter opened fire, killing three colorums instantly and four others later including Pro Macabula, leader of the colorums. After being wounded, Macabula continued fighting and succeeded in wounding a constabulary officer who afterwards killed Macabula. Hand to hand fighting with bolos occurred before the colorums became demoralized and fled after the death of their leader. Constabulary officers arrested a number of the fanatics and it is believed that the remainder scattered in small bands. Another company of constabulary has been dispatched to the zone. This is the first time the colorums have been troublesome on the island of Luzon. Previous operations of the fanatics have been confined chiefly to Surigao where, a year ago, more than 200 were killed by the constabulary and the gunboat Sacramento.

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INSANITY PLEA TO BE OFFERED

Doctor to Stage Defense Against Charge of Murdering Crippled Child

DENVER, Colo., March 4.—Indications that insanity would be the defense plea of Dr. Harold E. Blazer, 61 year old physician and inventor, against the charge of killing his crippled "child-woman" daughter, Hazel, 22, were revealed today in a statement by H. W. Spangler, Denver attorney, who is to act as counsel for the accused man. Dr. Blazer has been mentally deranged for fully 30 days prior to and on February 24, when it is alleged he smothered to death his deformed daughter with a chloroform saturated towel, according to the statement by Spangler. Tomorrow the alleged "weapons of science," with which the invalid daughter was killed, will be disclosed by the announcements of the results of the autopsy examination by Dr. W. S. Dennis, Denver pathologist, at the inquest and it is expected that with the conclusion of the autopsy, the coroner's jury will bring in a verdict as to the manner by which the "child-woman" met her death.

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Passing of Congress Is Not Attended by Usual Hectic Fights

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—(By The AP.)—With a complete absence of the tenacity of spectacular incidents that usually attend a sine die adjournment, the sixty-eighth congress passed today into history. Its calm ending was in marked contrast with the hectic days that had gone before, with blocs fighting blocs, a majority without power to carry out a program and with attention frequently diverted from legislative channels by spectacular disclosures in numerous committee investigations. Adjournment brought to a close three months session which accomplished only the enactment of routine appropriation bills and a few general proposals, chief among them the postal pay and rate increase act. Measures falling included all of the major recommendations of the president's

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VETO RETARDS BUILDING PLAN

State Hospital and Feeble Minded School Must Wait for Two More Years

Appropriations for buildings at the state hospital and the feeble-minded school were cut squarely in two Wednesday by Governor Pierce in an effort to keep the total expenditures within the revenue of the state when he returned house bill No. 508. By use of the veto Governor Pierce reduced the appropriation of \$162,408 for new buildings and equipment at the state hospital to \$89,425, and buildings at the feeble-minded school from \$141,450 to \$76,450. An appropriation of \$7700 for improving the cemetery in connection with the Soldiers' home at Roseburg also felt the axe. "A part of the penalty we are obliged to pay for the repeal of the income tax law, which would have produced \$2,500,000 each year, is enforced retrenchment at the state hospital and the institution for the feeble-minded," the veto message said. Construction of an industrial building costing \$64,559 and \$4040 for machinery for the building were disapproved, was an item for \$4384 for a new greenhouse. The feeble-minded school will have to go without a new \$40,000 auditorium and a new \$25,000 dining room. The other item was for \$7700 necessary to maintain and improve the cemetery in connection with the Soldiers' home. "We do need a new industrial building and greenhouse at the state hospital," read the veto message. "We also need in the institution for the feeble-minded a new auditorium and a dining room. It is right and proper that the cemetery at Roseburg for the soldiers' home be beautified. However, these institutions can properly function without these improvements. In returning house bill No. 508 it is with many regrets that I find it necessary to veto these items."

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OATH OF OFFICE FILED BY LEVENS

State Prohibition Commissioner to Assume Duties About March 15

W. S. Levens, of Baker, state prohibition commissioner, filed his oath of office and bond Wednesday. He will take office about March 15. Since receiving the appointment he has received in the neighborhood of 100 applications from those seeking to become his deputies. Some of these, he said, were from excellent men but a number were evidently from young men who sought excitement. No applications have been accepted so far and no deputies named, he said. Mr. Levens will make his headquarters in Portland.

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BUS MEASURE IS UNSIGNED

HB No. 413 Will Automatically Become Law 90 Days After Filed

Buses and trucks using the public highways of the state for commercial purposes will be forced to pay a heavy increase in license fees amounting to approximately \$200,000 a year, as HB No. 413 was filed with the secretary of state Wednesday unsigned by the governor. The act of the legislature automatically becomes a law in 90 days. Under the provisions of this bill busses will be required to pay a passenger seat tax of three-fourths of a mill for each mile traveled, and trucks a fee of one mill per ton per mile. All such busses and trucks will be subject to the regulations of the public service commission. Bus operators declare that such a law will be prohibitory and they will be forced out of business. On the other hand the railroad companies which are subject to heavy taxes, maintain that with the truck and bus competition they are unable to survive, and point out that it is not right to permit the millions of dollars of highway in the state to be used tax-free when the railroads are subject to taxes amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, and in addition must maintain their right of way. Both utilities had brought much pressure to bear during the legislature and since in an effort to have the bill signed or vetoed. Governor Pierce, in his veto message yesterday said that HB No. 413 was being returned unsigned and had been filed with the secretary of state on the fifth day after its receipt at the executive office, as required by law. "This is the first time I have returned a bill without either my approval or disapproval," Governor Pierce said in the accompanying message. "The attorney general of the state of Oregon, I. H. Van Winkle, has rendered an opinion, which I attach, wherein he states that the proposed act is clearly unconstitutional. "Other eminent attorneys have also stated that in their opinion the bill would be found unconstitutional. Whether or not a measure

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REWARD OFFERED FOR STORE GANG

Simon Director Has \$250 Ready for Information Leading to Conviction

In hopes of obtaining information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who robbed the Director department store of approximately \$1000 in merchandise Monday night, Simon Director is offering a reward of \$250. This money will be paid to the person who gives the necessary information that will ultimately convict the guilty person or persons. Mr. Director said yesterday. Though working on the robbery, no definite clues have been found by the officers in charge of the work.

COOLIDGE AND DAWES NOW AT NATION'S HEAD

Brief Inaugural Ceremony Carried Out Along Established Lines; Coolidge Calm and Quiet

DAWES READS RIOT ACT TO SENATE; STIRS IRE

Senatorial Body Whipped Into Shape By Dynamic Vice President

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(By the AP.)—Calvin Coolidge calmly and quietly assumed the duties of the presidency today for four more years and Charles G. Dawes swept into the vice presidency with a velocity that shattered many precedents. In a brief inaugural ceremony, which never deviated from the decorous program laid down by him long in advance, Mr. Coolidge renewed his oath of office on his grandmother's Bible and in a short inaugural address re-stated his policies of governmental frugality. But General Dawes furnished a succession of surprises and thrills that stirred senatorial ire. Senate stirred.

First he read the riot act to the senate on the necessity of revising its rules to outlaw the one-man filibuster. Then, instead of swearing in the new senators in fours, he ordered them brought up in a bunch. Then he cut short the ceremony of senators signing the book, and finally, without any senator having made a motion to the fact, he announced that the deliberative body would proceed to attend the inauguration. The senate and its distinguished guests thereupon trooped out to a vastly different scene on the east plaza where thousands already were waiting to see the induction into office of Mr. Coolidge while millions more all over the nation waited at tuned-in radios to hear what he said. Millions Hear Bugles The calm measured tones of his inaugural address were carried to the greatest audience ever addressed by any man. And as his last words ended the brief, simple inauguration, millions must have heard also the calling of the bugles to set in motion the short inaugural parade which wound up the day. Back to the White House, under the escort of trotting cavalry troopers, the president and his guests took their places in a glass-enclosed reviewing stand to see the passage of the score of governors who had places in the pageant, the marching troops, sailors and marines, the rumbling columns of artillery, and a whole herd of squat bottle tanks which had grumbled and rumbled their way up Pennsylvania avenue in a steady tander. The service bands in their gay uniforms gave color to the procession as they marched with trumpets blaring flourishes for the commander in chief, but the old familiar trappings of past inaugurations were almost all absent, and the whole parade had gone by in little more than an hour. Scene Is Contrasted But despite simplicity of the ceremonies, implored by the wish of the president himself, Mr. Coolidge took office, this time in his own right, by the overwhelming

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WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Calvin Coolidge and Charles G. Dawes were inaugurated president and vice president, respectively. The 68th congress came to a peaceful ending, with the passage of the deficiency bill and a number of minor measures. Speaker Gillett delivered his valedictory address in the house and took the oath as senator from Massachusetts. President Coolidge signed the bill increasing the salaries of members of congress, the cabinet and the vice president. Everett Sanders, whose term as representative from Indiana expired today, took the oath of office as secretary to the president.

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