WEATHER FORECAST: Cloudy and unsettled; colder over east portions; gentle to moderate variable winds. Maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 35; river, 7.2; rainfall, none; atmosphere, cloudy; wind,

The Oregon Statesman

The Detroit Free Press says, "The covered wagon just naturally had to pass out. It was slow, and hardly ever ran over

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 12, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Announce Committee Appointments for Both Legislative Houses

WAYS. MEANS FAVORITE

Marion/County Senators and Representatives Fare None Too - Well-Brown Heads Agriculture

It was a severe jolt to some yesterday that their assignments on the night-shift of the 34th legislature were not all they hoped for from the president of the senate or the speaker of the house.

In other words, committee apterday. It is at committee meetings that much of the deadly work of the legislature is done. Membership on important committees involves hard work, long hours. entails responsibility, and gives legislators gray hair or makes what they have give way to bald-

Yet without exception members strive to get on the important and the hardest-worked committees. It is when committee appointments are announced that legislators wonder why they so placidly voted for the presiding officer the

There are in either the senate of the house only about four or five really important committees. Most important for this session. it now seems, is the ways and means committee. Next perhaps. comes the assessment and taxation committees. For sheer bulk of work it is hard to beat the

udiciary committees. Then there are those that are doped to have a bucy time because of the nature of legislation that will be introduced. Such committees are those on education, insurance, irrigation and drainage, rerision of laws, found in both house and senate, and these others-In the house automobiles and roads, taxation and revenue; and in the

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PASS MEMORIAL

SOLONS SEEK TO SAFEGUARD SHIPPING ON COLUMBIA

Port of Portland Would Donate Funds to Secure Correct Bridge Type

Both the senate and house yesterday approved a memorial urgfavor amendments offered by the Oregon delegation to a bill now pending before the house of representatives providing for the construction of the proposed Longview brdge across the Columbia

"The entire state of Oregon is vitally interested in the Port of Portland as its main outlet and inlet of its products and commerce," read the memorial. "The erection of a bridge across the Columbia river between Portland and cused for the balance of the week, the sea, if not properly construct- and left immediately. ed as to height and clearances, would seriously jeopardize the interests of this state in limiting and | months. She leaves a husband and impeding the movement of its two children. She and Mr. Stewshipping, resulting injuriously to art were the only members left the business and prosperity of the in the family.

"There is now penaing a bill in the house of representatives of the congress which has already passed the senate, authorizing the erection of a bridge across the Columbia river at Longview, Wash., and the Port of Portland has requested an amendment which, if adopted would permit the port of Portland, if it believed that the specifications approved by the secretaries of war, commerce and agriculture might jeopardize the interests of said port of Portland, to pay the difference between the cost of a bridge built according to such specifications so approved and the cost of a bridge of the heights and clearances reasonably desired by said port of Portland

"Whereas, it is desirable that ot only all reasonable safeguards provided, but that even extraordinary precantions be taken that the interests of this state may be properly guarded and cared for.

Now, therefore, your memorialists respectfully beg leave to pray and petition that the amendment proposed in the house of representatives by the Oregon representatives, and all other safeguards requested by the Oregon congressional delegation, may be incorporated in the measure now pending before the congress, or in any other measure which may be

Resolved, that the secretary of state be, and he is hereby directed

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AMITY MALADY CLAIMS FOURTH

PHYSICIANS DISAGREE IN DI-AGNOSIS OF ILLNESS

A. R. Griffith Dies of Same Disease that Killed Three

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 11. (AP)—The mysterious malady which killed three mempers of an Amity family within a week, claimed its fourth victim today when A. R. Griffith, the husband and father died. Of the family fo seven, the mother alone has so far escaped the disease. Alice and Barbara, two younger girls, are afflicted but doctors expressed hope of their recovery following their removal from the home.

Mrs. Griffith yesterday collapsed from the strain but doctors found no symptoms of the malady that has carried off her husband and three children.

Physicians have disagreed radi cally in their diagnosis of the disease. Some attributed it to poisable-hodied legislators to learn oning, some to acute influenza and others maintained is a peculiar disorder of the brain.

> The family have been in straitened circumstances for some time and unsanitary living conditions were thought to have been a nossible source of the disease. Red Cross has taken measures to provide for future exigencies. the tion, the cotton growers exchange Arthur Griffith, 16, was first victim in the family. He the corn belt federation and the

> 11, died a week later, and Alda, 8. died Saturday. Precautions have been taken to and Curtis-Crisp bills had been prevent spread of the disease considered.

TEXT CASE GOES BACK

should it prove contagious.

Supreme Court Refuses to Assume Jurisdiction on Books

The state supreme court yester- 6 vote at a morning session. day refused to assume jurisdiction in mandamus proceedings rived at the conclusion that both brought by Row, Peterson & Co., the Curtis-Crisp and Aswell bills to compel Governor Patterson and | will put the government into the other members of the state board business of buying and selling the publishers for certain text- Nary-Haugen bill would not. books adopted by the state textbook commission at its annual meeting held here early in Novem-

preme court it will be necessary for the publishers to initiate proceedings in the circuit court, and later appeal the action to the supreme court for final determination. An injunction was issued recently in the circuit court for Multnomah county restraining the trial alcohol, Secretary Mellon tostate board of education from en- day informed the senate in a reply nonia on Jan. 18. tering into contracts with the to its request for information on textbook publisher 7.

ON NEW BRIDGE STAGE SCHEDULE FIXED use dangerous substances as dena-

Action Follows Complaint by Other Competing Lines

The public service commission yesterday issued an order prescribing the schedule of operations of the Silverton Transit stages. These stages operate between Silverton and Portland. The complaint was filed by the Oregon Stages, and a number of other ing the United States congress to lines competing with the Silverton Transit stages.

STEWART CALLED AWAY

Member of House Called to Portland by Death of Sister

Representative S. L. Stewart of Rickreall received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. Glen Graves of 121 East Twelfth street, Portland. Mr. Stewart was ex-

Mrs. Graves has been suffering from cancer for the past five

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON - Associated Press -

The senate decided to investigate the Vare election.

Four farm organizations endorsed the McNary-Haugen bill.

Restoration of the 1920 rates on second class mail was recommended by the senate postoffice committee.

Congress, for the most part, reserved decision on President Coolidge's Nicaraguan message transmitted yesterday.

Use of poisonous denaturants in alcohol is required by law, Secretary Mellon told the senate.

Shipping board reported that operation of a privately owned merchant marine without government subsidy was impossible.

Senator Steck of Iowa withdrew charges that Senator-elect Brookhar was a "paid lobbyist" for Cyrus E. Woods of Pennsylvania.

Two house democrats, Huddles ton of Alabama and Lozier of Missouri assailed President Coolidge's Nicaraguan stand; Wood of Indiana, a republican, defended it.

VETO MESSAGES GOVERNOR'S AX **ACCOMPANY BILLS**

THREE APPROVED BY 1925

Proposed Bills Call for Experiment Station, Armory, Four Fifths

BILL IN HOUSE

Blanket Endorsement

Before Committee

OTHER MEASURES URGED

Reasons for Not Adopting Curtis-

Crisp and Aswell Bills De-

scribed; McNary-Hangen

Held Practicable

Four farm organizations tonight

laid before the house agriculture

committee a blanket endorsement

of the new McNary-Haugen bill.

successful fight in committee to

The endorsement was signed by

In view of this organized action,

Chairman Haugen said his com-

mittee might not wish to consider

further either the Aswell or Cur-

the equalization fee, which has

been the center of farm relief con-

troversy was approved by a 13 to

Four farm organizations ar-

farm commodities while the Mc-

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WOOD ALCOHOL UPHELD

Congress Demands Poison Dena-

turants, Mellon States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(AP)

-Congress has required the use

of poison denaturants for indus-

effective denaturant readily avail-

the subject.

able to industry."

retain its equalization fee for con-

the American farm bureau federa-

trolling crop surpluses.

Three bills approved at the 1925 session of the legislature and later vetoed by Governor Four Organizations Place Pierce were returned to the senate yesterday, with copies of the veto messages. The bills were rereferred to senate committees and probably will be reported out later son administration, held in the

> Senate Bill No. 207, which was introduced in the 1925 legislature sion present except E. F. Bailey of by the Umatilla county delegation. Junction City. provided for the establishment of an experimental station and car- was elected by unanimous vote of ried an appropriation of \$2000. the commission to succeed Major Under the provisions of the bill Simpson. Mr. Moores was traffic the station would be located in manager at the Olds, Wortman & Umatilla county. Governor Pierce, King store in Portland for a num in vetoing this bill, held that there ber of years, and prior to the prialready were a number of experi- mary campaign was employed in mental stations in the state and the campaign headquarters of that another station was not necessary to care for the wants of the the engineering corps overseas

Senate bill No. 257, which was vetoed by Governor Pierce at the 1925 degislative session, provided for the erection of an armory at Cottage Grove at an estimated cost of \$30,000. It was set out in the governor's veto message that while the armory was needed, it would create a large expenditure at a time when the state was short of died New Year's day. Francis, executive committee of 22, and funds. This bill was introduced was conveyed to the house com- by the senate committee on milmittee aefter the McNary-Haugen, itary affairs.

by Senator Corbett at the 1925 session, provided that a four-fifths effective immediately." ed to pass any act of that organtis-Crisp bills, particularly since veto message, held that this bill was unreasonable.

LOGGING CAMPS TO OPEN Mr. Moores.

Three Week Shutdown Will End at Four Plants

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)-Four large logging camps operated by lumber milis in the lower "The price formula in the Crisp Columbia river district will open next week after being closed down

imately 1200 of the idle men of ing to leave.

The camps to open are the K-P camp at Knappa, Crosset-Western camp at Knappa, and Clark-Wiloperations on Jan. 10, and the Oregon-American camp at Ver-

Other camps which are at higher altitudes will not start operations until the snow disappears. "The treasury does not wish to

turants," Mr. Mellon said, "but SCHOOL CLERK'S SALAR congress has imposed upon the

treasury the duty of specifying an Pay Not Less Than \$25 According to Proposed Measure

Wood alcohol is "the simplest A bill introduced in the senate denaturant" meeting the require- yesterday by Senator Hall of Coos to pay a license fee 50 per cent in State Body Favors Establishment ments of the law, the secretary would make it possible for school excess of the regular license fee. said, and while the treasury has boards to pay clerks in districts been searching for years for a sub- of the first and second class, an stitute, none has been found. annual minimum fee of \$25

CHOPS SIMPSON

SECRETARY OF BONUS COM-MISSION IS FIRST TO GO

General White Makes Motion That Puts Major Out of Two Year Job

Major W. P. Simpson, for the past two years secretary of the World war veterans state aid commission, was relieved of his offithe organization under the Patterexecutive department yesterday with all members of the commis-

Frank M. Moores of Portland Governor Patterson. He served in during the World war

The motion to dispense with the services of Major Simpson was made by George A. White, adjutant general, and a member of the commission.

"I feel," said Adjutant General day. White in presenting the motion, that the secretary of this commission should be a man in whose capacity and integrity the commission has confidence. I move that Major Simpson be relieved of his Senate bill No. 55, introduced official duties and that any action the commission may take become

Members of the commission who voted for deposing Major Simpson were Governor Patterson, Sam A. ization. Governor Pierce, in his Kozer, secretary of state; George A. White, adjutant general, and C. Culbertson. The same members voted for the election of

> Immediately following the election of Mr. Moores the commission went into executive session, and Major Simpson retired from the room. At the request of Adjutant General White the commission then voted to reinstate Edward B. Hamilton as field inspector for

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Proposed Bill Exempts Operators of Commercial Vehicles

Owners or operators of commercial vehicles are exempted from peddlers' law under the terms of bill introduced yesterday by Senators Banks, Hall and Dunn of Multnomah. Owners and operators of commercial vehicles, under the existing laws, are compelled This bill has the support of virtually all of the motor vehicle organizations in the state.

RUB-A-DUB-DUB!



League of Oregon Cities Hold Meet and Discuss Proposed Legislation

BARBUR ELECTED HEAD

Resolution Opposing Any Action by Legislature Now Met Defeat; Other Proposed Bills Approved

Realizing the gravity of a situation which may be forced on them through hurried legislation aimed at remedying the pollution of the Willamette river, the cities of Oregon are going to take a hand in the problem themselves, it was decided at the meeting of the League of Oregon Cities here Tues

The league authorized a committee of representatives of seven cities which are affected, to be appointed by the city governments which will cooperate with the executive committee of the Anti Stream Pollution league, and with the Association of City Engineers, in working out a solution of this problem.

If the cities on the Willamette river are required to construct disposal plants as the anti-pollution league proposes, some of them (Continued on page 6.)

ROSE CROIX CLUB ELECT

Committee Appointed to Arrange For Big Banquet Soon

of the Rose Croix club, local orthe bonus commission. Mr. Ham- ganization of Scottish Rite Masilton previously was employed by ons, was held at the Masonic hall These camps will absorb approx the commission in this capacity, Monday night. Judge O. P. Coshwas re-elected secretary treasurer. present session. A. B. Hansen, who has been president of the club for the past two outlined in the resolution now beson camp at Goble, which begin MUST PAY LICENSE FEE years, was elected a member of the board of directors to serve for a term of three years. A commit- controversy to the bottom. tee was named to arrange for a ture to which members of the concerns now or in the past had a legislature who are Scottish Rite monopoly on the textbooks in this Masons will be the honor guests. state. the provisions of the so-called Following the business session refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served.

HEADS HEALTH BOARD

of Water Commission

Dr. W. B. Morse of Salem was board of health at a meeting held state textbook commission. here yesterday. Dr. E. B. Pickel of Medford was elected vice president and Dr. Frederick D. Stricker of Portland, secretary.

The board went on record in favor of the formation of a sanitary water board, which would establish a department of sanitary engineering. A bill already has been prepared looking to the establishment of the sanitary engineering department and will be introduced during the present session of the legislature.

The board also voted to refuse to recommend for use any antitoxins not approved by the United States health service.

CHAPLIN ESTATE HELD

Two Receivers Named By Superior Judge in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11 .-(AP)-Superior Judge Walton J. Wood late today appointed two receivers to handle the properties of Charles Spencer Chaplin pending the outcome of the divorce suit brought by his estranged wife, Lita Grey Chaplin.

The receivers, appointed on the petition of Mrs. Chaplin, are W. . Gilbert and Herman Spitzell. Each was required to post \$200,-

Gilbert was chief counsel for Aimee Semple McPherson during the evangelist's preliminary conspiracy hearing and also was personal attorney for the late Rudolph Valentino.

FIRE LOSSES \$181,750

Most Disastrous Conflagration Reported at Enterprise

Fire losses in the state of Oregon during the month of Decemper, exclusive of Portland, were \$181,750, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal here yesterday.

during the month. The most disastrous fire was at Enterprise Two of the fires resulted from explosions.

MONEY FOR STATE HOSPITAL READY

stitution to Be Located at The Dalles

Attorney General VanWinkle, in a legal opinion prepared here yesterday, held that the appropriation of \$100,000, carried in the measure authorizing the establishment of a state tuberculosis hos pital in eastern Oregon, is avail able at any time for the construction of the required buildings. The measure, as approved by

he voters at the November election, carried an appropriation of \$100,000 for payment of salaries of officers and employes, and for the maintenance of the hospital up to and including December 31

As a result of the time limitation contained in the measure the board of control recently asked the attorney general for a legal opinion as to whether the appropriation was still available.

"It is clear," read the opinion, that the intention of the legislature was that the moneys appropriated should be available for salaries, maintenance and contingent expenses until the end of the year 1926, and also for acquisition pensed with, and his motion carof land and the construction of ried. buildings without time limitation."

Reports here indicate that the appropriation of \$100,000 will fall he addressed the house a few minfar short of erecting and equip- utes, stating that he had devoted ping the new tuberculosis hospi- considerable time to the choice tal, and that more than double of his appointments and had made that amount of money will be re- his best efforts to place mem! quired. It was said that a bill where he thought they would be now being prepared would carry best suited for their special coman appropriation of \$200,000 for mittees, and those who would be the hospital, and that additional most interested in their several funds would be sought as they are capacities, thus giving the state of

Controversy Raging Since Meeting Held in November

Reports here yesterday indicatbut was removed from his posi- ow was chosen as president for ed that a legislative investigation 506 and 508, which were intro-Portland who are already prepar- tion soon after Major Simpson the ensuing year and Harry Levy, of the textbook situation in Ore- duced at the 33rd legislative aswas elected secretary of the or- vice president. Chester Noland gon would be requested at the sembly were read and Repre-

Purposes of the investigation, as numbered 31 and 74 be laid on ried. Mr. North moved that all ing prepared, follow:

To probe the existing textbook To determine whether any book banquet to be held in the near fu- company or combination of book

> To ascertain whether the price paid for textbooks has been excessive and as to whether the ex

change value has been reasonable To determine whether any remedial legislation is needed.

The textbook controversy in Oregon has been raging since last November when members of the state board of education refused to sign contracts with the publishelected president of the state ers for textbooks adopted by the

AIMEE LEAVES ON TOUR

Evangelist Boards Train for Lecture Trip Amid Hymns

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11 .-(AP)-Aimee Semple McPherson. Angelus Temple pastor, left here republican, Idaho, on the floor of today for Denver, Colo., on the the senate, little was heard from first leg of a nation-wide lecture the administration's opposition tour during which she will speak On the other hand, Representative in virtually every section of the Wood, republican, Indiana, rose

message of yesterday "as an ad-Apparently in happy mood over dismissal yesterday of the criminal conspiracy charges which have been pending against her for several months, the evangelist boarded the Santa Fe train while 500 of her followers of the Four Square Gospel sang hymns. Mrs. McPherson appeared on the rear platform and led the chorus as the train moved out of the station.

BILL ON STATE LOANS do everything in its power to that

Time for Filing Applications Expires June 30 This Year A bill will be introduced in the

ing the time for filing applications to discuss the Nicaraguan sit for loans under the state soldiers' relief act, for a period of two years. The time for filing applications for loans under the present law expires June 30 of this year. It also is likely that an effort will be made to reopen to service men the privilege of filing applications for cash bonus. The time for filing these applications al-ready has expired.

MORO ELEVATOR BURNS by the United States, had be

Fire Causes \$120,000 Loss, Including Building and Grain

MORO, Ore., Jan. 11-(AP)-Loss amounting to approximately \$120,000 resulted from the destruction by fire tonight of the that the action of the United There were 58 fires reported Farmers Elevator and Supply com- States in backing up the Diaz a pany building here. More than ministration met with the ap 6000 bushels of wheat was in stor- at of all good Nicaraguans, where a mill and contents were age in the building. About half it was believed to be the plan destroyed with a loss of \$40,000. of the grain was covered by in-Two of the fires resulted from ex-plosions. The elevator and equip-ment was fully insured. (Continued on page 6.)

Resolution Provides for Com-

mittee to investigate Fish

Legislation

CONGESTED S**ession due**

Joint Memorials Call Attention to Work Done on Columbia and Need to Keep Open Channel for Ships

The second day of the legisla-

ture in the house of representa-

tives was called to order by Speak-

er Carkin at 10:35 a. m. and Rev. Mr. Acheson of the Jason Lee Methodist church opened with a Representative Meindl moved

that the journal reading be dis-Mr. Carkin announced his co mittee appointments, after which

Oregon the fairest and best re The hospital will be located at sults. Mr. Carkin hinted that this The Dalles, and construction work would in all probability be the will start as soon as the appropri- most congested session ever seen ation is authorized by the legis- in the legislature, and mentioned that there were piles of legislation for the members to take care of. TEXTBOOK PROBE COMING chiefly regarding roads, taxation

and finances, which would call for the very best efforts of every man. House bills numbered 31, 74, 199, 232, 239, 256, 259, 274, 284, 416, 418, 429, 430, 445, 467, 517 sentative Graham moved that bills the table, and the motion was car-

other bills from last session be in-(Continued on page v.)

CONGRESS TALKS **COOLIDGE POLICY**

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON NIC-ARAGUA DRAWS FIRE

Kellogg Expected to Discuss Situation Before Committee Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)-

Another attack upon President Coolidge's Nicaraguan policy was made in the house today by Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama, who termed it a "plain affront to Mexico." Representa tive Lozier, democrat, Missouri, also delivered a verbal broadside, but apart from these, and an incidental thrust by Senator Borah, to the defense of the president's

monition to the two countries, but not 'the big stick'." While silence on the subject was maintained in quarters where comment was looked for, it was said at the White House that President Coolidge had nothing to add to what he had said in yeste day's message to congress further than to stress the determination to afford protection to American life and property in any part of the world, that the government would

With interest centered on the expected appearance tomorrow of Secretary Kellogg before the sen senate later in the week extend- ate foreign relations commit tion, most senators continued withhold comment. Senator B ah's was prompted by a requ by Senator Bingham, republi Connecticut, that he be permitt to straighten out in the congr sional record some confusion his reference to President Dias c Nicaragua in a speech yester On mention of the name, the Idah senator remarked that Diaz, who administration is being supp conspirator with General Char

> presidency.
> Alejandro Cesar, the new Nicaraguan minister to Washing rived here tonight. He had b quoted as saying in New

> orro in the latter's elevation to the