WEATHER FORECAST: Rain over west and snow over east portion; normal temperature; fresh and strong south winds on the coast. Maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 46; river, 5.23; rainfall, .2; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southeast.

The Oregon Statesman

That Merrill, Ia., minister who was unfrocked for bigamy surely must have read in the good book that "you cannot serve two masters."-Des Moines Register.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1927

Defeat of Proposed Motor Muffler Bill Forecast by Postponing Action

PASS SPEED LIMIT BILL

Calls for Committee of Five to Investigate Affairs of Education Board

Investigation of the affairs of year, the state text book commission and state board of education, with relation to the adoption and awardused in the public schools of the resolution introduced by Senator Joseph. The resolution was referred to the committee on reso-

trons of the schools of the state num. of Oregon to secure text books of

"It is resolved that a commit lee of five members of this senatebe appointed by the president tracts with the American Book company, Ginn & Co., and other furnishing of text books or which of less than 2000 the sheriffs companies are now furnishing text books, whether under contract or not. The said committee further

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TO BEGIN AGAIN

BROWNLEE HUNT

BETTER INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN SUCCESS

Previous Efforts to Find Boy in Mount Hood Snows Fail Through Lies

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 .- (AP)-Once more the slopes of Mt. Hood will be searched for the body of Monday morning. Leslie Brownlee, 20, who lost his life in a blizzard on New Year's

formation as to where the youth in gold frames on the walls, serene was lost. This information was survivors of many legislatures. obtained from Feyerabend today after he had confessed last night alike made tracks to Portland to that, in order to save his pride, he make medicine. There are many had told untruths concerning his problems to be met. The purpose actions on the day Brownlee was of this recess is to give the lawlost. Feyerabend had previously makers a chance to make some stated that, upon leaving Brown- laws by first getting their ideas lee exhausted on the slope; he had into bill form. continued on and reached the peak. The story he now admits was not true. And with this in- enough sign that the center of formation, searchers discovered things for the next three days will that their previous efforts to find be Portland. Browniee were rendered futile by Feyerahend's declarations as to where he left the boy were not based on fact.

Feyerabend now frankly admits that he is uncertain of the spot where Brownlee turned back, but guides believe he may be able to was reported to the house. give them some clue that will lead

them to Brownlee's body. Accompanying Feyerabend today were William Lenz and Mark Weygandt, experienced mountain-The three left for the Mt. Hood snowline today in a last ef-

prt to find the dead boy's body. Feyerabend talked freely to wspapermen today, giving a de failed account of the mountain climb that was to bring Brownlee and him the honor of being the first persons to climb Mount Hood in 1927. It was the intense eagerness to be known as the first person to reach the summit, Feyerabend declared, that led to the falsehood that he had actually reached the top of the mountain; And it was this statement, together with the misinformation as to where he had left Brownlee, that cast in the Pennsylvania senatorresulted in their futile attempt to ial election was decided on by the and the boy, searchers say.

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PENSIONS BILL **BEFORE SENATE**

MERGER PLANS

LOOMING SOOM

Great Northern and Northern

Pacific Involved in Pro-

posed Union

Lines Will Result in Case

Roads Unite, Says

Statement

ST. PAUL. Minn., Jan. 13.-

Through ownership of 97 per

Consolidation of the three rail-

roads "has been desired by those

roads for the past 25 years," Mr.

Budd said, detailing the steps that

had been taken by the roads in an

effort to effect the consolidation.

If the merger is approved by the

interstate commerce commission

\$850,000.000 and a combined val-

uation of around \$1,500,000,000.

said, but any announcement that

system would be in St. Paul, pres-

ent headquarters of the Great

ably would figure in the consolida-

tion in addition to the three larger

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PLANES IN COSTA RICA

Central American Country

U.S. OCCUPATION

The principal roads that prob-

Northern and Northern Pacific.

Mr. Budd refused

to Panama

Work on the proposed merger

system totalling 28,000 miles.

(AP) - Definite plans for the mer-

ger of the Great Northern and the

rail officials.

AID TO CERTAIN PERSONS OVER 65 FAVORED

Old Age Pension Commission o Three, Assistance Board

Creation of an old age pension commission, and the granting of pensions to certain persons who have attained the age of 65 years. were proposed in a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Hall, by request. The hill is somewhat similar to the one that was defeated at the 1925 legislative session

The commission would be com- DETAILS NOT YET READY posed of three citizens to be appointed by the governor. They would receive, in addition to ac Resolution by Senator Joseph tual expenses, \$10 per day while engaged in the business of the commission. A so-called old age assistance superintendent would be employed by the commission at a salary not to exceed \$1800 per

There shall be established in each county a county old age assistance board which would be ing of contracts for text books composed of three persons. Mem- be ready for presentation to the made of him. Both Hayes and a compact body in the upper and bers of this hoard would be ap- I. C. C. within 90 days. state, was proposed in a senate pointed by the county court of the various counties, and would serve without compensation. Investiga- Ralph Budd, president of the county boards and serve at a sal-

Applicants for pensions shall the proper kind and quality and have lived continuously in the cent of the stock of the Chicago, at proper prices," read the reso- state of Oregon for 15 years, and Burlington and Quincy Railroad, shall have attained the age of 65 these roads also would control opyears. Persons having children eration of that line, effecting a support would not be eligible for

for old age pension receive in ex-

Substantial increases in the salaries of county sheriffs are provided in a bill introduced by Senator Upton. Under the provisions the consolidated system will have of this bill the state would be di- a capitalization of more than vided into six classes, based on the registration of legal voters.

would receive \$6000 per annum. from 20,000 to 100,000 popula- inaccurate. tion would receive \$3480 per year. In counties having a population of from 10,000 to 20,000 the thereof to investigate the business sheriffs would be paid \$3300. and affairs of the state board of Sheriffs in counties having a popeducation and of the state text- ulation of from 5000 to 10,000 book commission relative to con- population would receive \$3120, while in counties having a population of from 2000 to 5000 the companies with whom the state of sheriffs would be paid \$2940. In Oregon has contracted for the those counties having a population would receive \$2940.

A bill introduced by Senator Hall and Representative Lonershall, after such investigation, file gan would appropriate \$30,000. with which to defray the cost of obtaining statutes of Dr. John Mc-Laughlin and the Rev. Jason Lee for installation in the old hall of representatives in the national capitol at Washington.

EVACUATE STATE HOUSE

Both Branches Take Three Day Recess to Draft New Bills

The state capitol was not built in a day but it was evacuated in considerable less time yesterday. At 10:50 the senate adjourned, at 11:10 the house, and neither one will come back to work until late By noon the house and senate

were nearly deserted. Only two day while attempting, with Al or three members were at their Feyerabend, to reach the peak of desks during the afternoon. However there was one outfit well This time, however, searchers represented, the ex-governors will possess relatively definite in- whose benign countenances hang

Senators and representatives

The political editors went right along with the politicians, a sure

YESTERDAY. IN WASHINGTON

The McNary-Haugen farm bill

***** Two additional destroyers were ordered to Nicaraguan waters.

..... The Parker coal bill was turned lown by the house commerce com-

..... Further changes in postal rates

vere approved by the senate post office committee. Senator Borah assailed the ad-

ministration's Nicaraguan policy;

Senator Lenroot defended it. The war department supply bill providing for an army of 118.750

men, was reported to the house.

Seizure of part of the ballots senate investigating committee.

PROBE OF STATE

CUPY SENATE'S ATTENTION

Commission's Discharge of Master Warden May Cause Hot Investigation

Service of subpenas proceeded nesses to be present next Monday night in the senate chamber at

result of the adoption of a reso-W. Joseph urging an inquiry into the services of John Veatch, his day. law partner, and a member of the System With 28,000 Miles of

Clatsop, is reported to have been employed by Walter T. Eakin and than one-third of this area is in-J. S. Hayes, without the regular ferior land which should be perconsent of the commission. It is manently deprived of water. To further said that Mott used fish offset this loss and to provide commission automobiles and rolled an adequate area for the most ef-

This information was given to mission and have consistently adjacent to Burns. the Associated Press late today by bucked Veatch, the third member. tors would be appointed by the Great Northern, who said details warden, was dismissed recently, it three feet per mile. Soil condiof the plan are being worked out was rumored that the reason lay tions from the minor surveys so "It is to the interest of the pa- ary not to exceed \$900 per an now in frequent conferences of the in Ballagh's request that Hayes far made are generally good. Clireport the fish pack at his cannery the same as other canners, regardless of the fact that he was a member of the commission. On the basis of this report the state col-

> to support the fish commission. The revenues of the fish commission, it is further stated, have been spent carelessly so that the organization now actually faces a

lects a poundage tax that is used

Mexican Longshoremen Die When British Steamer Blows Up

TAMFICO, Mexico, Jan. 13 (AP)—Thirty-seven Mexican longwere loading the steamer.

from the crashing toprobable plans that would result gether of two steel beams which capital requirement for ready defrom the merger, but the expectawere being removed from the Mex- velopment with comfort to the tion is that general operating ican Eagle Oil company's pier igheadquarters for the consolidated nited gasoline as it was being transferred to the steamer.

> and set fire to the ship. The Mexican longshoremen on the pier or in the ship received the them were blown in the air, others were burned to death, while

AIR MAIL MAKES FAST TIME

way to the hospital.

some of the injured died on the

Pan-American Airmen Arrive In PORTLAND, Jan. 13. (AP)-PUNTA ARENAS, Costa Rica. Jan. 13 .- (AP) -Two planes of Portland today in four hours and the state. The bill is now being the Pan-American flight squadron, 55 minutes, including time taken prepared and probably will be ever, started a senate debate that the "New York" and the "St. Louis' arrived here at 2 o'clock plane to another, Verne C. Gorst, within the next 10 days. his afternoon from Amapala, president of the air line said to-Honduras. They are on their way night. The last lap of the trip by the county assessors and counwas made through a driving rain, ty assessors.

(YANKEE) DOODLE BUG! DOODLE BUG! FLY AWAY HOME!

HARNEY PROJECT FISH GROUP DUE UP TO STANDARD

VESTIGATORS REPORT

ompares Well With Other Proiects In Ratio Of Cost To Income

The Harney Valley irrigation

"The Harney Valley Irrigation district contains all lands with de-

When E. I. Ballagh, master fish valley with an average slope of matic conditions and distance to markets make the project adapted principally to the growth of forage and heavy grains as an adjunct to cattle and sheep feeding.

"Incidentally, drainage problems would be lessened thereby. shoremen are believed to have The large excess of irrigable lands plan is progressing, Mr. Budd been killed by an explosion of gas- and an inexpensive canal system oline on the British steamer Essex | are favorable to this practice. It while sheriffs in counties having it is complete "is premature and Isles today. The longshoremen is estimated that about 700 settlers must be imported to perfect that which we are entitled to doplan and that the average settler is \$6.000

"The principal supply of water for the project would come from A terrific explosion followed the Silvies river. Frosts are to be tion's policy, practically every (Continued on page 8.)

at a meeting held here yesterday. went on record favoring an ad- particularly of a subject foremost The north-bound airmail came justment of the salaries of these through from San Francisco to officials in the various counties of at Medford to transfer from one ready for legislative consideration brought out opinions on both

ACTION OF MEMBERS TO OC. 700 SETTLERS NEEDED, IN-

vesterday directing important wit- project compares very tavorably with other projects in the rela tion of the annual acre income the investigation of the state fish costs to project construction charges, according to a report prepared by R. J. Newell and B. E. The investigation comes as the Hayden of the United States bureau of reclamation. A copy of the lution presented by Senator Geo. report was received at the offices of the state engineer here yester-

James Mott, representative from creed water rights, amounting to approximately 69,000 acres. More fective use of the available water The resolution makes mention supply it is proposed to rearrange only of J. S. Hayes and alludes to the district boundaries to include Northern Pacific Railways may the fact that criticism has been 80,000 acres of irrigable land in Eakin are members of the com- better portion of Horney Valley

> The average gross annual crop production with full development is estimated at \$25 per acre irri-The proper size of farm unit appears to be about 100 acres of irrigable land for which a water ight would be provided, sufficient with ordinary care, for the irrigation of 80 acres. This would leave the remaining 20 acres for an incentive to higher duty of water, for the purpose of providing feeding grounds and to facilitate rotation.

full force of the blast. Some of WORK ON SALARY BILL

Adjustment of County Judges' Pay Approved

Similar bills are being prepared

FOREIGN IULAS

Campaign of Peace in Central America Urged by Senator From Idaho

USE OF FORCE DECRIED

Strong Attack on President Lasting Hour and Half Ends in Characteristically Dra-. matic Fashion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .-AP)-Inauguration of a campaign of peace with the abolition f the idea of force in the dealings of the United States with Central American countries was urged in the senate today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, chairman of the foreign relations

he proposed a special election to Mr. Carkin stated was a rule made permit the people of Nicaragua to in colonial timkes regarding introchoose their own president and duction of bills in the house, was the submission to arbitration of read, and some changes anthe controversy with Mexico over nounced. Bills now that are to its land laws. With these suggestions, the

Idaho senator concluded in characteristically dramatic fashion an attack of an hour and a half on the administration's policy in dealing with the Nicaraguan situation and in recognizing the Adolfo Diaz government, which he contended was set up illegally.

peace," thundered Senator Borah: 'abolish the idea of force; try friendly relations; seek to establish amity; seek to get in touch with the masses, with the people themselves, and we can establish a policy in Central America which receive special consideration from those people." While Senator Borah unfolded

his views on both the situation in Nicaragua and of the administramember of the senate now in Washington was in his seat and gave his remarks the closest at-Many members of the house

crowded on the floor of the senate and the galleries were filled. There were few interruptions from The county judges' committee, other senators, a rather unusual occurrence in senate discussion. in the public mind

The address of the foreign relations committee chairman, howsides of the controversy, including

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PRUNE GROWERS TO MEET To Discuss Statewide Marketing Plan At Brush School

Prune growers in northern Polk county will discuss a state-wide marketing organization tomorrow at the Brush College school house. R. H. Kipp, director of the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce, will preside

Marion county growers met here recently and went on record in plan. At the local meeting it was declared with emphasis by several speakers that Oregon prunes need advertising. A superior fruit is raised here, it was said. By giving tend welcome to the joint session the fine flavor of Oregon prunes publicity a demand will be created that will better buying conditions, and repay the growers in the long

UNCOVER GUN RUNNERS

Arms Shipped From New York to Mexico, Report States

NEW YORK, Jan. 13-(AP)-The New York World says it has discovered a gun-running expedition from New York to Mexico and Frederick D. Stricker, secretary Nicaragua. Mexican soldiers and of the state board of health, an- removing uncertainty as to whethan American crew were involved in the expedition, promoted by Nicaraguans, the paper states.

Arms were shipped last August into Nicaragua on the S. S. Foam. a steam trawler purchased here last July by Dr. T. S. Vaca of Philadelphia, United States representative of Dr. Sacasa, liberal leader in Nicaragua.

Theater Operators Held Responsible for Montreal Tragedy

MONTREAL, Jan. 13 .- (AP.) Ameen Lewand, owner of the Laurier Palace theater, where 78 head usher, were found crimin-

OPENING PLEASES SPEAKER CARKIN

HANGES ANNOUNCED FOR PRESENTING HOUSE BILLS

Chairmen Urged To Prepare Legislation For Introduction On Monday

Unexpected progress has been made in the house during this first week. Speaker Carkin yesterday morning complimented the members upon their having gotten down to business so remorkably well their first three or four days He commended the committes, and said that he was very agreeably surprised at the ways and means committee having been able to get under way this early in the ses-

Mr. Carkin suggested that the chairmen of all committees get all the legislation possible together over the week-end, and have as many bills ready for introduction as possible Monday morning. The speaker expressed his wish to have the committee assigned to investigate the deficit now existing, get down to business at once. Speaker Carkin is very anxious that this matter be given as much attention as possible during the fore part of the session, so that nothing that can be done to remedy the deficit will be overlooked.

House rule number 42, which be introduced must be placed upon the desk of the chief clerk before the meeting is called each

The governor and president of the senate have requested that bills also pass a committee to be inspected as to legal form. This will assure proper legislative form on all bills passed this session.

JUDGE GATENS PASSES

Multnomah Justice Stricken While Trying Case in Court

PORTLAND, Jan. 13-(AP)will protect our interests and re- Stricken while trying a case in the Curtis-Crisp bill, which would spect our rights and which will do court today, William Gatens, at- not provide an equalization fee, torney and former circuit judge of but it failed, 16 to 5. Multnomah county, died a few hours after he was removed to a over farm relief the equalization hospital. He is said to have suffered a hemorrhage of the brain, divergence. Among those superinduced by high blood pressure. He did not regain conscious-

Judge Gatens was born in Portland March 20, 1869, and received his education in St. Michael's college here and at the University of Oregon. He was appointed to the INSURANCE BILL IS Multnomah circuit bench in 1909. and was re-elected for two terms. He was affiliated with the democratic party.

Mr. Gatens is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nina J. Gatens, whom he married in 1899; a daughter, Miss Helen Gray Gatens, 17, and a sister, Miss Bessie Gatens of Los Angeles.

SCHOOL EDITORS GATHER

Delegates Come From Nearly all High Schools of Oregon

EUGENE, Jan. 13 .- (AP)-With a two-day conference on mmon problems before them, elegates from practically every igh school in Oregon began pouring in to the campus of the University of Oregon this afternoon. Late in the day indications were that the expected 600 editors and managers of publications, student body officers, girls' league officers and faculty advisers would be favor of a cooperative marketing present for the first session which begins tomorrow morning, it was stated by those in charge.

President Hall and Hugh Biggs student body president, will extomorrow morning. The conference will close Friday afternoon.

MYSTERY MALADY FOUND Amity Disease Is Cerebro-Spinal

Meningitis

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 .- (AP)-Cerebro spinal meningitis, and not a mysterious poison, caused the death of four members of Griffith family at Amity, Dr. nounced today after the germ of the disease had been isloated at in which to reject compensation the University of Oregon medical school. The father and three children were victims of the disease. Two daughters will recover, Dr. Stricker felt, as their condition has improved decidedly. The mother has not contracted the dis-

SHOWMEN FOUND GUILTY MAY COMBINE OFFICES

Want One Man for Food Commisioner, Weight Scaler

Consolidation of the offices of the state sealer of weights and independent audit to be m measures and the state dairy and the records and funds of the com children lost their lives in a fire food commissioner will be sought mission for the fiscal year of last Sunday; Michael Arie, assist- through a bill to be drafted by the June 30 next prec ant manager, and Camil Bazzy, joint ways and means committee. audit also would include all It was indicated by members of cords of the state treasurer rela ally responsible by a coroner's jury the committee that other consoliding to the funds of the committee tonight for the death of the child-dations of state departments might be attempted at this session.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Agriculture Group Favors Measure by 13 to 8 Vote;

FIGHT COMING IN HOUSE

Parties Split

Early Vote on Proposal Will Be Asked of Rules Body; Move to Substitute Curtis-Crisp Plan Fails

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- (AP) The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill with its controversial equalzation fee feature was approved today by the house agriculture committee, party lines breaking on the 13 to 8 vote to report the measure. Four republicans and live democrats supported it.

Chairman Haugen was instructed to ask the rules committee to provide for an early house vote on he proposal which is certain to face a bitter fight if it is called up before the March 4 adjourn One of the agriculture commit-

ee members who answered had voted to report the bill was Representative Fulmer, democrat South Carolina. He explained that in so doing he had reserved the right to fight for delaying imposiion of the equalization fee on otton, and, if unsuccessful, to vote against the measure on final Although the vote to report had

been ordered as the first business

of today's meeting, the committee got into another controversy over the equalization fee which would be levied on basic crops with a view to controlling surpluses. new move was made to substitute

Throughout the long struggle fee has been the principal point of favor the fee are southern democrats who do not, however, want t imposed upon cotton imme diately because, they contended,

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TALKED BY GROUP

IF INTRODUCED, MUST GO BE-

FORE ELECTORATE First Report Filed, Supplementary One to be Presented Early

Next Week

The special committee appointed at the 1925 legislative assembly to investigate the workmen's compensation act, has not yet decided whether a bill will be introduced at this session providing for compulsory insurance under the law. In event such a bill is introduced and passed by the legislature it would have to be referred to the voters for confirmation. A report of the committee was filed in the senate yesterday. A sup-

findings filed here yesterday will be drafted here next week. One recommendation contained in the report of the committee provides for the elimination of the clause which reads:

plementary report covering a num-

ber of points not touched in the

"This act shall not apply to workmen of less than the minimum age prescribed by law for the employment of minors in the occupation in which such workman shall be engaged. The clause was held to be deaff.

timber in that it has been changed by amendment to permit minors to come under the act when the employer is in possession of an age certificate permitting the employment of the minor. At the request of the industrial

accident commission which administers the workmen's compensa tion act, a bill will be introduced er an employe has three days with after his employer comes unde the act. The proposed bill will require an employe to make his rejection before entering employ ment.

An amendment also was recom mended increasing the catastrop fund from 1 per cent to 11/2 per cent, but authorizing the comm don to reduce the percentage of monthly receipts to be transferred to the segregated fund or to sus pend such transfer.

It also shall be recommended that the governor shall annually or prior to November 1 cause

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"The American Book company and Ginn & company are furnish- responsible under the law for their ing approximately 75 per cent of all the text books used in the pub- pension. In no case shall the applicant lic schools of the state. The contracts for such school books with said companies and the prices cess of \$30 per month, thereof were increased approximately 25 per cent immediately after the expiration of the contracts covering the same. "The contracts of the American Book company and Ginn & Co. constitute a monopoly on the furn-Sheriffs in counties having a ishing of text books to the public schools of the state, which is not population of more than 100,000 considered for the best interests of the patrons of the schools of