

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; fresh northerly winds. Maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 23; river, 1.5; rainfall, .05; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

The Oregon Statesman

President Calles of Mexico is the gentleman who has been raising the old sick in Nicaragua. We knew all the time that some one individual was responsible for all this trouble.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SENATE DENIES SEAT TO SMITH BY 48-33 VOTE

Majority Against Illinoisian Proves Greater Than Opponents Hoped

HEARING SET SATURDAY

Election Committee Will Give McKinley's Successor Ample Opportunity To Explain Contributions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Frank L. Smith of Illinois was denied admission today to the senate by a vote of 48 to 33 pending further investigation of the financing of his primary campaign in large part by operators of public utilities. Arrangements for a public hearing for the senator-designate will be made Saturday by the privileges and elections committee and senators said he would be given every opportunity to amplify testimony already taken by a senate committee concerning contributions by Samuel Insull and other officials of rail and light corporations in his home state.

After the elections committee reports—and it will act as speedily as possible—the senate will vote again to determine whether it will admit Smith under the credentials issued by Governor Small naming him to fill out the unexpired term ending next March 4, of the late William B. McKinley, whom he defeated in the primary contest.

Immediately after the senate vote, Smith who had listened to two days of oratory on his case, returned to his headquarters at the Willard hotel to begin the preparation of a public statement. He will remain in Washington during the hearings by the elections committee.

The size of the majority against administering the oath to the former chairman of the Illinois commerce commission in advance of his hearing furnished the only surprise in the proceedings, admitting him even temporarily had counted on a majority of only seven instead of 15.

During the closing hours of what today proved a debate that held the attention and frequently incited laughter of crowded galleries.

AUTO HITS POLE; INJURIES RESULT

CONCUSSION OF BRAIN SUFFERED BY GIRL

Accidents Multiply as Cold Weather Keeps Pavements Ice Coated

Automobile smashups of varying seriousness, caused by icy pavements, continued to multiply Thursday as cold weather prolonged the dangerous condition of streets and highways.

The most serious of the accidents occurred before daylight Thursday morning on the north highway approach, near the city limits, when a coupe driven by John Vance skidded off the highway into the ditch, and rammed a telephone pole.

Vance escaped with painful cuts on his head and elbow, but his companion, Miss Coffey, was knocked unconscious, suffering concussion of the brain, injuries to her back, the extent of which had not been fully determined up to late last night. Dr. George R. Vehrs attended both of the victims of the accident. Vance was driving at a moderate speed, and the ice on the pavement was the cause of his machine skidding.

Another accident which barely missed serious consequences, involved A. J. Roseau and Frisco Edwards of the Capitol Motors, who were returning early Thursday morning from Klamath Falls when their machine skidded off the highway within a block of the south city limits and turned over.

Edwards was at first believed to be badly injured, and was rushed to a hospital, where it was found that his head had been knocked out and that otherwise he was only bruised. Roseau also sustained bruises.

H. S. Walker, 321 South Twenty-fourth street, reported hitting an unknown man on State street between High and Liberty about 1 o'clock Thursday. The man was not badly hurt. According to Walker, the man was crossing the street in the middle of the block, hesitated when he saw Walker coming, started back to the curb and then darted in ahead of the car.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Andrews and Charles Wilson of Newport all sustained bruises when their

APPROVE CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT

SENATE VOTES TO TRANSFER CONTROL TO BOARD

Staples Opposes Malheur Salary Bill; School Clerk Salary Favored

A series of five bills recommended by Governor Patterson transferring the management of the Oregon state penitentiary from the executive department to the state board of control, were approved by the senate yesterday.

One of the bills provides that the title of the warden shall be changed to superintendent, and that he shall be known as the executive head of the institution. Other bills vest in the state board of control the same authority in managing the prison as is now imposed on the governor. Chief opposition to the bills was voiced by Senator Klepper who questioned the sincerity of Governor Patterson in connection with his pre-election recommendation that the penitentiary should be placed under the state board of control.

"Instead of removing the prison from politics you will invite more politics," Senator Klepper said.

"I do not believe that Governor Patterson desires that the prison shall be placed under the board of control, and we would extend to him a great favor by defeating these bills."

Senator Klepper predicted that in event the prison was transferred to the board of control there would be confusion, and less efficiency in its operation.

Senator Moser replied that the voters of the state, by a majority of approximately 30,000 votes, had approved the doctrines advocated by the governor with relation to his prison policies and other issues.

Senator Dunne of Clackamas, declared that while he regarded the five prison bills as pure "bunk" he would vote for them out of respect for Governor Patterson.

Twenty-one senators voted for the first of the five prison bills. Senators who opposed the bills were Brown, Carsner, Hunter, Klepper and Strayer.

No opposition was voted in connection with Senator Hall's bill giving school districts of the third class authority to fix the annual salary of school clerks at \$50.

Senator Staples voted against a bill introduced by Senator Davis authorizing an increase in the salary of the treasurer of Malheur county from \$1200 to \$1500 a year.

WEDDING RITE REVISED

Episcopal Church in England Remodels Religious Forms

LONDON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The marriage service in the Episcopal book of common prayer has been completely remodeled, the Church of England says today in giving an authoritative, although unofficial resume of changes made as a result of the deliberations of the house of bishops on prayer book revision.

The newspaper says that the bishops were unanimous in their decisions. "We believe that the revision will generally be approved by churchmen of all schools of thought except those irrevocably opposed to any change," the paper says, "for these, the present book of common prayer will still be available."

MERGER PLANS GROWING

"Encouraging Progress" in Rail Union Reported by Leaders

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—"Encouraging progress" in the plans for the huge northwest railroad merger was reported tonight in a joint statement by President Charles Donnelly of the Northern Pacific and Ralph Budd of the Great Northern. While few details were revealed it was stated that directors of both roads were agreed that on exchange of stock of either company for that of the new operating company must be on an equal share for share basis.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

Frank L. Smith of Illinois was denied a seat in the senate.

The army appropriations bill, providing for 118,750 men, was passed by the house.

Privileged status for Boulder dam legislation was sought and opposed before the house rules committee.

The McNary-Haugen farm bill was endorsed by cotton growers, exchange officials before a senate committee.

An administration bill to authorize direct government loans on soldier bonus certificates was introduced in the senate.

NEW PRUN-PORT BEVERAGE GAINS IN POPULARITY

Company Plans Expansion and Eventual Move to Salem in July

REMARKABLE PROGRESS

Many Franchises Granted Companies for Handling Product in Various Sections of United States

"Prun-Port," the one of the few distinctly Oregon beverages, was discussed by officers of the Major Fruit Products company of Portland, in an open meeting of Salem business men and prune grocers at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night.

The purpose of the meeting was to tell of plans for the company's expansion and eventual move to Salem, which is planned to take place in July if local developments come up to expectations. Those present found themselves well pleased with the report.

R. L. Holsclaw, president of the company, took the floor and in an effective manner told of the company's beginning, emphasizing their desire for the most conservative forms of expansion, with the expressed faith that proper advertising was needed above all other things.

Illustrating the hold which Prun-Port had gained on beverage drinkers of the Willamette valley, the Star Bottling Works of Salem bottled and sold over 16,000 bottles of the new beverage since October 7. Companies in Oregon City and Portland have been granted bottling franchises besides that of the Star works of Salem. These three companies will handle the Oregon business, temporarily.

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NORRIS PUT ON STAND

Fort Worth Pastor to Tell Own Story About Chippis' Killing

COURTROOM, Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Dr. J. Frank Norris, fundamentalist pastor of Fort Worth, took the witness stand in his own defense here today in his trial for the killing of D. E. Chippis.

Dr. Norris has sat in the court room for 10 days listening to others tell their version of the killing.

He appeared slightly pale and worn as he mounted the stand. An argument on a point of law delayed Norris' testimony.

CONTESTANTS VIE FOR FILM HONORS

SEMI-FINALS AT OREGON ARE EXCEEDINGLY CLOSE

"Old Ironsides" Characters Used By Youthful Players Last Night

Interest is at high pitch in the Paramount Junior Star contest which is being held at the Oregon theatre. Enthusiasm ran high last night and the contest was extremely close as many aching hands will testify. So close was the contest that after 20 minutes of almost constant clapping, Director Bunce decided to give three of the young ladies a chance to compete in the finals tonight. The lucky young ladies were Hulda Hammond, Elizabeth Blackwell and Versa Purdy.

The scenes enacted last night were taken from Paramount's production "Old Ironsides" and each contestant was placed in roles impersonating such characters as Ester Rolston and others. Director Bunce says you can no longer say that Salem is without talent. Each contestant did their best and the ready wit helped to carry the scenes into actual realism, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Tonight tells the tale as to who will represent Salem and win the trip to Hollywood, which is offered free by the Paramount Studios, Bell Line Stages, Oregon Theatre and Oregon Statesman. M. T. Shire, president of the Bell Line, and Harry Eagles, western exploitation manager of Famous Players, will personally conduct the winner of tonight's contest on her trip.

This afternoon semi-finals will be held with the following contestants: Pearl Tuggle, Buleah Roberts and Maude Gwynn. Then this evening the grand finals will take place with the applause of the audience deciding the winner of the contest.

INDIANS VISIT ASSEMBLY

Fifty Chemawa Students Make Inspection at State House

More than 50 students from the federal Indian school at Chemawa visited the legislature here yesterday. The students later inspected the various state departments, and posed for a photograph. The students were in charge of Captain J. K. Stacy, senior instructor. It was said that the boys represented practically every section of the United States.

TAX RETURNS INCREASED

Fiscal Inheritance Returns Far Exceed Previous Years

There was collected by the state treasurer during the past two years inheritance tax aggregating \$1,117,000, or approximately \$350,000 in excess of that collected during the preceding biennium. The cost of making these collections was less than 2 1/2 per cent of the total. The inheritance tax department is under the direction of the state treasurer.

NEW ROAD BILLS TO CAUSE CHANGE

"RULES OF THE ROAD" GET ADDED EMBELLISHMENTS

New Law to Tone Up Old Provisions Concerning All Auto Lights

If house bill 126 is passed the law known as "Rules of the Road" is in for a thorough going over. Changes in the law will be many, but are not considered drastic, and are nearly all made to promote safety on the highways.

Automobiles will be required to stay at a safe distance behind the car preceding it and trucks must stay at least 100 feet behind, except in overtaking and passing. Motorists will be required to drive to the right of the street or road and stop if police or fire department vehicles are approaching. It will be unlawful to coast down hills with the gear in neutral. No one will be allowed to advertise or cause to be advertised an event where automobiles are to be driven at speed in excess of the lawful speed limit. This covers demonstrations. Persons will be required to drive at careful speeds at all times, and certain speeds are designated for certain conditions. The new law will require the use of mufflers at all times and prohibit the use of cut outs.

Accidents that occur outside of corporate limits of cities must be reported to the secretary of state if the damage done is in excess of \$50. Garage and repair men will be required to report damaged cars that come into their shops.

A great many changes are to be made that will take care of provisions made in other bills that have already been introduced and bills that are contemplated for introduction.

Brighter lights than ever will be seen on the highways at night in the provisions of a bill introduced in the house yesterday morning. But the bill provides that the lights shall be dimmed and adjusted. The present

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SALARY BOOSTS AIRED

House Bill Provides For Some Increases By Commissioners

The question of salary increase is still simmering in the house. At the present time the salaries of county officials are fixed by the state legislature, which is considered by many to be unsatisfactory. Any increases in these salaries are a local matter and could be handled to give greater satisfaction by a local body.

House bill No. 137, introduced yesterday morning calls for an act to fix salaries of county officials by county courts or boards of commissioners. The act further provides that county courts and boards of commissioners may refer these increases to the people, but it is not compulsory to refer them, except in the case of the county judge and commissioners.

BUREAUS FALL RAPIDLY UNDER COMMITTEE AX

Two State Departments Discontinued at Meeting of Body Last Night

OTHERS TO BE SCANNED

State Health Department and Bureau of Child Hygiene Slated for Investigation To Determine Value

The joint ways and means committee last night discontinued the nursing bureau and the Americanization department of the state government, whose appropriations in the past biennium aggregated more than \$22,000.

The committee further authorized a new committee for investigation of the state board of health's operations, in hopes of reducing materially the appropriation of \$75,000 the board has requested.

The operation of the state bureau of child hygiene will be investigated by a committee consisting of Representatives Pierce and Bronaugh and Senator Butt, appointed last night. The appointment was made after a motion to discontinue the bureau had been blocked by a decision to investigate.

A similar investigation is to be made of the state child welfare commission and board of inspectors of child labor before appropriations for these departments are authorized for the current biennium. The child welfare commission had asked for an appropriation of \$20,000 while the board of inspectors of child labor had requested \$7500. Several members of the committee indicated that they would vote to discontinue both of these departments.

An appropriation of \$40,000 for the board of vocational education was deferred pending an investigation of the department by Senator Strayer.

The committee went on record favoring a discontinuance of the appropriation of \$2400 for the board of pilot commissioners, with a view of making the department self sustaining.

The appropriation of \$19,000 recommended by the state budget commission for the operation of the state penitentiary was allowed in full. This appropriation includes \$50,000 with which to install a fireproof cell block. It was reported to the committee that the fax plant at the prison now has stock on hand valued at \$250,000, while state funds tied up in the institution total \$225,000. The committee deferred action on a request for legislation authorizing the board of control to borrow funds on stock on hand in the state fax plant.

Following a lengthy debate the committee decided to hold another conference with the public service commission in hope that legislation may be enacted whereby the department would operate without cost to the state. It was proposed that a tax be levied against public utilities under the jurisdiction of the commission sufficient to pay the costs of operation. The commission had requested an appropriation of \$118,000, of which amount more than \$70,000 would be returned in fees to the state.

The budget of the sealer of weights and measures was reduced from \$11,820 to \$7020. An appropriation of \$2,000 authorized by the budget commission for the support of the state board of conciliation was cut to \$1500.

The appropriation of the state dairy and food commissioner in the amount of \$58,340 was allowed in full.

An appropriation of \$45,000, known as the predatory animal hunters' fund, was eliminated by the committee.

For the state horticultural society the committee authorized an appropriation of \$1,000.

Appropriations for the state bureau of labor were authorized. These departments are self-sustaining.

PRICES SET WITH CARE

Governor Urges Wise Appraisals On All Bonus Lands

Careful appraisal of all lands offered for security for loans authorized under the world war veterans state aid act, will be demanded by Governor Patterson, according to a statement made by him at a meeting of the bonds commission held here yesterday.

As a result of the governor's suggestion it is likely that the bonds commission later will appoint two additional appraisers. A large number of loans were authorized by the commission at today's meeting.

WINTER'S GRIP REMAINS TIGHT

PRESENT FREEZING WEATHER WILL CONTINUE

Salem Temperature Again Drops to Below Freezing Point in Night

Winter's icy grasp again held Salem and the rest of the valley in its clutches last night, as the temperature dropped far below freezing point. Continued clear, cold weather is forecast for today.

The city streets froze again last night shortly after 6 o'clock, and motorists all over the city stored their cars with drained radiators, as the icy hazard on the streets grew again.

Much of Wednesday night's snow melted under the rays of the sun yesterday, but enough ice remained on the streets last night to make them dangerous.

Reports from Silverton and Mill City indicated that from an inch to three inches of snow covered most of the hill district in the eastern part of the county.

All other nearby valley points reported similar cold weather to Salem, with clear skies.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Any scant hope for Oregon's immediate relief from freezing temperatures was shattered tonight with the prediction by Edward L. Wells, government meteorologist, that chill winds and low temperatures will hold fast the snow and ice that has come to the state during the past two days. Additional snow is unlikely although an increase in temperature is not looked for within the week.

A temperature of 16 degrees above zero at Portland was predicted for 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. The thermometer registered 23 degrees above at 7 o'clock tonight.

Crisp, clear weather with zero temperatures obtained at Hood River and throughout the mid-Columbia area today. The snowfall at Parkdale measured 22 inches on the level. Central Oregon faced zero weather with skies clear and ground white under heavy snow from four inches to a foot in depth.

Pendleton has a four inch blanket while at Meacham the snow was level with fence tops along the Old Oregon Trail. At La Grande a blizzard ceased and colder weather ensued with a minimum temperature of 7 above zero. The mercury dropped to two above at Baker with a biting wind.

Warm weather succeeded a damp snowfall at Klamath Falls. The snow melted as fast as it fell.

ASTORIA, Jan. 20.—(AP)—

Cold temperatures continued here today despite some hours of sunshine. The thermometer reached a minimum of 27 degrees above zero this morning and hovered around 35 degrees up until 7:30 tonight.

EUGENE, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The minimum temperature last night was 25 degrees and the maximum today was 38. It was predicted that the mercury will go down to 20 tonight. The light coating of snow that covered roofs this morning disappeared during the day.

NEW MINISTER ACCEPTED

Coolidge Reassures Nicaraguans About Removal of Troops

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(By AP.)—President Coolidge, in accepting the credentials today of the new Nicaraguan minister, Alejandro Caesar, gave assurance that American forces would be withdrawn from Nicaragua as soon as the necessity for their presence ceased.

The minister told Mr. Coolidge that Nicaragua "looks confidently to the United States for guidance, cooperation and aid." He came to Washington recently as the representative of the Diaz government, which the United States has recognized. The presentation of his letters of credence occurred during the afternoon in the east room of the White House.

OREGON FACES TEST

EUGENE, Jan. 20.—(AP)—

The University of Oregon basketball team is marking time in preparation for its big test against the University of Idaho here Saturday night. The customary season of preliminary contests has been survived and the team has gradually reached a fair playing form. Just how good a form will be determined Saturday night.

VISIT AT SILVERTON

SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson of Pendleton are here on a visit with Mrs. Ferguson's sister, Mrs. William Graham Mrs. Ferguson at one time made her home here. She is a graduate of the Silverton schools and while a student played on the basketball team. Before her marriage she was Miss Alesia Wealthy.

SOLONS FAVOR SALARY BOOST THIS SESSION

House Approved Increase Previously; Upper Body Favors by Vote 16-12

ADD \$5 MORE EACH DAY

Opposition Develops as Some Point of Constitutionality; Few Declare Constituents Object

The pay of the legislators will be increased by \$5 a day according to the adoption of a house concurrent resolution in the senate yesterday afternoon by the close vote of 16 to 12 with two senators absent. This resolution was previously approved in the house by a vote of 46 to 12 and provides each member of the 1927 legislature with \$5 a day in addition to the traditional \$3. The extra pay is supposed to apply on their expense accounts.

For nearly 10 days the oratorical floor gates have been tightly closed in the senate; but today they were opened and several waves of oratory swept over the senate chamber. This is an indication of the fact that during the remaining days of the session there will be some great oratorical battles in the state senate chamber.

Senator Butts, who opened the debate in opposition to the resolution, declared that, in his opinion, favorable action by the legislature would be held unconstitutional by the courts.

"The members of this legislature should be law makers and not law breakers," declared Senator Butts. "There is no reason or excuse for this resolution."

Senator Staples said that when he was elected a member of the legislature he had full knowledge that he was to receive \$3 per day and no more for his services.

"When I accepted my certificate of election," averred Senator Staples, "I entered into an implied contract to serve the voters of my district in the legislature at a salary of \$3 per day. We are employees of the people and we have no right, either morally or legally

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JUNIOR COLLEGES FAVORED IN BILL

OREGON DIVIDED INTO 13 DISTRICTS FOR NEW PLAN

Salem to Be Home of One Institution if Measure Meets With Approval

Salem would be the seat of one of the 13 junior colleges instituted in Oregon under the terms of a bill introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Robert of Wasco county, chairman of the educational committee.

This plan is in line with the progressive tendency in education in other states, but its adoption would depend on the decision of the voters in each of the 13 districts, who would have to decide whether or not such a college should be established and authorize funds to operate it.

The purpose, it is declared, is to relieve the congestion in the present institutions of higher learning, and to bring the state's educational opportunities closer to the homes of the students.

Following are the proposed districts and the locations provided for the various colleges:

District No. 1—Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, with the college located in or near Portland.

District No. 2—Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook, with college at Astoria.

District No. 3—Marion, Folk, Yamhill, Lincoln, with college at Salem.

District No. 4—Lincoln, Lane and Benton, with college at Albany.

District No. 5—Douglas, Coos and Curry, with college at Medford.

District No. 6—Jackson and Josephine, with college at Medford.

District No. 7—Hood River, Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam, with college at The Dalles.

District No. 8—Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook and Deschutes, with college at Redmond.

District No. 9—Lake and Klamath, with college at Klamath Falls.

District No. 10—Umatilla and Morrow, with college at Pendleton.

District No. 11—Union and Wallowa, with college at La Grande.

District No. 12—Baker and Grant, with college at Baker.

District No. 13—Malheur and Harney, with college at Vale.



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