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WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; normal temperature; gentle variable winds. Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 29; river, 5.9; rainfall, none; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

A Missouri democratic audience cheered the names of both Wilson and Jim Reed. The democratic consciousness is both versatile and elastic.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

TAX MEASURE MADE SPECIAL ORDER TODAY

Patterson's Bill Expected to Pass Both Houses With Amendments

ROAD SIGNS CONSIDERED

House Passes Bill Closing Willamette River to Commercial Fishing; Income Tax Bill Faces Amendments

House bill number 491, commonly known as the administration's income tax bill, was amended and reported out favorably by the committee on taxation and revenue yesterday afternoon. Speaker Carlin announced that it would be made a special order of business in the house of representatives this morning at 10 o'clock.

An amended bill still carries the same rates and exemptions of the original proposal; but it is expected that by the time it runs the gauntlet in the house and senate these may be changed somewhat. It is expected that the house will adopt the bill with only a few minor changes today; but some opposition is developing in the senate. However, those in close touch with the tax situation believe it will be passed by a substantial majority.

For the purpose of providing accurate and definite information to persons traveling along the highway, Mr. Giesy introduced his bill number 377, which came up for final passage yesterday in the house and was declared defeated by a vote of 18 to 28 with 14 absent.

Later in the afternoon a call of the house was asked for on the reconsideration of the vote and as a result the bill was reconsidered and recommended to the roads and highways committee.

The measure gives the state highway commission sole authority to erect and maintain road

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NORTHERN CHINA PREPARING DRIVE

STRUGGLE BEGINS FOR CONTROL OF WHOLE NATION

Troops Advancing to Recapture Hankow From Cantonese Invaders

PEKING, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The allied warlords of the north have begun their long expected drive to hurl back the Cantonese invaders into the southland. North against south, the struggle is on to determine the control of all China.

Chang Tso-Lin, dictator of Manchuria for many years, made the announcement today in a telegram to generals of the northern alliance, which he heads as the power behind the Peking government.

Through Chihli and Shantung provinces the northern troops are advancing to recapture Hankow from the Cantonese who have been using it as their central China base to prepare for their further march toward Peking, and also Shanghai.

The northerners will not halt at the Yangtze river, said Chang, but will force the Cantonese back through Hunan province to their home province of Kwangtung, from which they began the northward march last spring, that gained them domination over half of China.

In a vigorous telegram to generals of Marshal Wu Pei-Fu, Chang notified these adherents of the once dominant warlord of central China that the northern armies were advancing into their province of Honan. He requested their cooperation, but warned them that he would brook no opposition.

The Cantonese, it is known here, have been preparing for the northern advance upon them. For more than two weeks they have been concentrating their forces at and near Hankow to resist. Foreign ships have been commandeered by the Cantonese in their haste to bring to Hankow troops that were stationed at other places along the Yangtze river.

Honan province seems destined as the battleground of the contending forces. In its eastern portion Peng Yu-Hsiang, once called the "Christian general," some time

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EDISON REACHES 80TH MILESTONE

FAMOUS INVENTOR BECOMES OCTOGENARIAN TODAY

Birthday, Hailed by Rest of World, Causes Little Stir at Home

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Thomas A. Edison will be 80 years old tomorrow.

Hailed by the rest of the world as the day which will bring into the realm of the octogenarian's a man who has made possible industries whose capital amounts to \$15,000,000, its approach apparently mean nothing here tonight.

At the factory and offices the usual routine continued throughout the day. At the offices the presence of several newspaper photographers seeking pictures of the inventor was the only outward sign of an event forthcoming.

Driven by an uninvited chauffeur in a 1922 model Ford—an open car—Mr. Edison arrived at the laboratories shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. Four hours later, the chauffeur returned to take him home for lunch and within 45 minutes Edison again passed into the enclosure about the plant, smiling a greeting at the aged gateman.

No public celebration was planned by West Orange. A quiet reception will take place at the Edison home in Llewellyn Park at which Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, tire manufacturer, are expected. Mr. Edison may drop in at the dinner in Newark of the Edison Pioneers, a group of men associated with him for many years.

Mrs. Edison today characterized her distinguished husband as "a tease."

"If there is any point about which you are sensitive," she laughed, "he dwells on it. He's a great tease; he will tell you what you don't like to hear."

"He is happy in his home. Mr. Edison likes to have people about him; he never wants to be left alone. But he doesn't want to be bothered. Nor does he enter into what is going on around him. He reads the newspapers religiously and magazines by the score. Once in a great while he will pick up a detective story and read it in one sitting. Never a novel. He doesn't like games, such as cards."

MAN RISES AND FALLS

Husband Became Lieutenant, Major, Colonel, and to Jail

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Stanley Rubick's rapid rise and decline in military service was described by his wife in her divorce suit today. Stanley was drafted in 1917. Later he came home in a lieutenant's uniform. Having heard privates talk about lieutenants, she told him he didn't amount to much. Thereafter he came home as a captain, a major, a lieutenant colonel and a colonel. He had just been made a brigadier general when he was arrested for impersonating officers and sent to federal prison, she said.

RADIO USED FOR BEACON

Airplane Goes From Detroit to Dayton by Dots, Dashes

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Relying on radio beacons to keep its course, a Stout-Ford three motored airplane which arrived here today from Detroit on an experimental flight, tonight was enroute home.

The flight marked the first use in commercial aviation of the radio beacon, a newly perfected device by which pilots are guided by a series of radio dots and dashes.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

President Coolidge urged further naval disarmament.

Appellants in the Ford tax suit concluded their case.

Judge Cooper, of northern New York, denied that he conspired to trap bootleggers.

Lake cargo coal rate arguments were concluded before the I. C. C.

The house ways and means committee decided to draft a new tax reduction bill next fall.

The senate agreed to take up the postal reorganization and prohibition unit bills Monday night.

The house commerce committee tabled for this session all proposed coal control legislation.

U. S. SPONSORS MOVE FOR LESS SEA ARMAMENT

Coolidge Sends Note Inviting Nations to Agree on Navy Limitation

Powers Study Message Before Giving Comment; Countries Seem Favorable to American Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The great sea powers were besought today by the American government to complete without delay the naval limitation program they began in 1921 at the Washington arms conference.

In a diplomatic note touched with anxiety lest the world again drift into an era of competitive navy building, President Coolidge invited the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to join with the United States in negotiating an agreement that would place all classes of warcraft under limitations similar to those put upon first class ships by the Washington treaty.

It was proposed that the discussions be held at Geneva, during the League of Nations armaments conference to convene there next month and that the general principles of the Washington conference be accepted as the basis of negotiation. To a limited degree the president suggested that the 5-5-3-2-2 ratio applied to the respective capital ship strength of the five powers be carried downward to include cruisers, submarines and all other navy ships.

A 5-5-3 ratio as between the United States, Great Britain and Japan, he said, might well be carried.

PLEA MADE FOR CHAPLIN

Motion Picture Theater Owners Ask Suspended Judgment

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—A resolution asking that the American people's judgment of Charles Chaplin, motion picture actor, be suspended until the facts of his marital difficulties are presented in court was made public by the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of America.

The motion picture owners "view with alarm the unfortunate circumstances now surrounding the affairs of Charles Chaplin and the sensation publicity associated with the same," but announce that they "are advised Mr. Chaplin will be able to vindicate himself entirely."

UPTON LAUNCHES TIRADE ON TWO

BILL LOWERING MOTOR LICENSES RECOMMENDED

Measure Concerning Sale of Licenses Allowed Place on Calendar

The senate yesterday reported adversely on five bills pertaining to proposed amendments to the motor vehicle and highway regulations in a session marked by Senator Upton's attack on certain members of the roads and highways committee, which had recommended indefinite postponement of the bills.

The senate sustained two of the five committee reports, one of them introduced by Representative Snell, providing for distribution by the secretary of state of lists of car owners. The other bill, introduced by Upton, authorized counties to issue refunding highway bonds.

Two other reports of the committee were rejected and the bills were allowed to take their place on the calendar. One of these bills authorized repeal of the certificate of title law, while the other provided that motor vehicle license fees shall be collected by the sheriffs instead of by the secretary of state. A bill authorizing a reduction in motor vehicle fees was recommended to the committee, while another bill relating to a refund of license fees was laid on the table.

"As long as I sat quietly during

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DISCUSS DRAINAGE BILL

Giesy Explains Need for Aid in Southeast Salem Section

The drainage bill for the relief of property owners in southeast Salem was discussed last night at a senate committee meeting, but no definite action was taken.

Representative Giesy, author of the bill, said that it was necessary for the land owners outside the city limits to cooperate with those within as the district could not be properly drained within the city limits. That the present way of electing supervisors of the district was not fair to all concerned and that it ties the hands of the property owners in the city.

Dr. Brown, city and county health officer, said that he was only interested in the bill insofar as the health of the city and district was concerned. He explained that the water backed up in the sewers causing a very unsanitary condition. That the city could not properly sewage the district without enormous expense.

The committee suggested that a ditch be dug along the border of the city limits to divert the water through one main channel through the city.

VETO ON McNARY BILL POSSIBLE

COOLIDGE STAND ON FARM RELIEF BILL PUZZLE

Measure Debated in Both Senate and House; Gains Some Strength

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP) Rapidly approaching the final test of its strength, the McNary farm relief bill was debated in both the house and senate today, with interest manifest as to what President Coolidge would do if it passed.

For a while it appeared that the bill had gained strength in the senate, where a vote will be taken tomorrow. Chairman McNary of the agriculture committee announcing that an agreement had been reached with southern senators to vote for the measure with the equalization fee on cotton deferred two years, and the Biodes insurance plan in effect meanwhile.

Later, however, this program seemed to be upset as a result of a conference in the office of Vice President Dawes, who has advocated application of the equalization fee on all commodities alike. A number of western and southern senators attended, and a difference of opinion developed as to whether the fee on cotton should be deferred.

Informal conferences were continuing between senators tonight in an effort to agree on a program that would give the bill enough support to insure its passage.

In the house, advocates of the bill freely predicted passage with its opponents speculated on the attitude of President Coolidge.

Representative Tincher, republican, Kansas, who led the administration's fight in the house on the McNary-Haugen bill last year, declared the measure was a vehicle to put Frank O. Lowden of Illinois in the White House, and Representative Aswell of Louisiana, ranking democrat on the agriculture committee, predicted Mr. Coolidge would throw it into the

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BEATTIE TRIAL PUT OFF

Illness of Defense Attorney Postpones "Black Bear" Case

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The trial of Nellie Beattie, better known as the "Black Bear," on a mail robbery charge, was again postponed today when physicians informed the court that Thomas A. Marquam, defense attorney, was too ill to appear.

A. A. Bennett, Fairbanks aviator, who left here Monday for McGrath, 300 miles southwest of here, to bring six defense witnesses to the trial, telegraphed that he was leaving McGrath today with two of them. He plans to make two more trips.

FINANCE HELP PLAN RECEIVES FINE RESPONSE

Goldsmith Outlines System Used in Portland for Industrial Service

ORGANIZATION PLANNED

Twenty-five Local Men Enthusiastic; Goldsmith to Aid in Organizing Local Service Aid Group

Salem is to have an industrial financing service based on the Portland plan, as a direct result of the prospectus given by Arthur A. Goldsmith, secretary treasurer of the Portland service, who spoke before 25 representative business leaders at the chamber of commerce rooms last night.

The Portland service was organized a year ago, using the system which has proved successful in Cleveland, Ohio, and other eastern cities. As the demand for sponsoring increased payrolls and adding capital to small going firms became stronger, Portland chamber of commerce leaders saw the need of some means to carry on this work outside the sphere of its parent organization.

The Portland industries financing service was the result of this idea. Their plans called for 200 stockholders or members, each of whom subscribed for one share of stock at \$10 and agreed to advance upon call not to exceed \$100 per month for a period of two years (but not to exceed \$1500 total). A board of directors made up of actual business leaders in the city was designated as judges of investments and only those who were able to pass a most exacting set of qualifications were allowed funds. The board of directors have at least one member on the board of each applicant granted funds. To protect interests of the members, the service holds all securities, acting as agent for the stockholders.

Small industries that are showing

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WOMAN STABS WILDCAT

Saves Husband From Possible Death By Action With Knife

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 10.—(AP)—By plunging a butcher knife into the throat of a large wildcat, Mrs. O. K. Little saved her husband from serious injury and possible death yesterday at their ranch home north of Klamath Falls.

Little discovered the large beast beneath the house, snarling and ready to spring. He dashed into the house, got a gun, and as the animal charged, pulled the trigger.

The gun failed and the former grappled with the cat. Mrs. Little, while her husband held the animal, stabbed it.

BOY, 2, STRUCK BY CAR

Richard Thatcher Receives Fractured Skull in Automobile Accident

Running in front of an automobile driven by Ted Stainke of 2025 Warner street, Richard Thatcher, three and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Thatcher, was struck by the machine and sustained a fractured skull, it was reported to the police Thursday.

Stainke reported that he was driving at a moderate speed across a bridge at Turner road and South 16th street, when the child, playing with several others nearby, ran out on the bridge in front of him so suddenly that Stainke was unable to avoid hitting the boy.

SMITH SUFFERS REVERSE

Committee Refuses to Grant Request That Oath be Given

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, suffered another reverse today in his campaign to obtain a seat in the senate.

SOLID TIRES HIT AT BILL HEARING

EXTENSION OF TERM GRANTED TO JANUARY 1, 1929

Measure Goes Before House Today; Farmer Objects to Proposed Ruling

Pneumatic tires and solid tires occupied the attention of the roads and highways committee last night and their respective use on the highways as to the amount of damage they would do created considerable discussion.

Mr. Howard had his two bills number 484 and number 485 up for discussion, which provided that when two axles of any vehicle or combination of vehicles are spaced less than eight feet apart, the combined weight on any one of such axles shall not exceed 8,000 pounds, and the other limiting the weight of trucks to 3 1-2 tons and requiring them to be equipped with pneumatic tires after January 1, 1930, except those trucks operating in construction or maintenance of the highways, which may operate with solid tires under a permit of the county court.

The reason for the former bill was that it was understood that some companies in Portland intended to finance the hauling of 24 ton loads with trucks and trailers over the highways as far south as Roseburg. This would be equal to one carload, and would mean that the gas and oil used in Oregon would eventually be hauled over all of our highways. Mr. Howard said the bill was drawn to check this detrimental usage of the highways.

Mr. Staley of the automotive association furnished the committee

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PENITENTIARY VISITED

Visitation Committee Report Interesting Inspection

A committee of 30 members from the house and senate were guests at the state penitentiary yesterday afternoon. After a luncheon they inspected the various industries, which are being conducted at the institution. Considerable time was spent in going through the different departments and a great deal of interest was manifested.

Members of the committee reported a very interesting visit and signified that they were well pleased with the manner in which the affairs at the penitentiary are being handled.

HARTLEY'S BUDGET CUT

More Than Million Dollars Slashed From Governor's Fund

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Making more than a million dollars slashed from Governor Roland H. Hartley's 1927-28 budget this week, \$312,205 were cut from the proposed appropriations by the senate appropriations committee of the Washington legislature today.

Budget recommendations of \$150,000 for a dormitory for the state custodial school at Medical Lake, \$250,000 for an administration building for the school of deaf at Vancouver and \$370,000 for a new cell house at the state reformatory at Monroe were eliminated.

SALEM DEALER HONORED

Ed Simons Chosen Director of Hardware Men's Association

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(AP)—E. P. Lewis of Marshfield was re-elected president of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association which tonight concluded its 21st annual convention here with a banquet. C. J. Bracher of Pilot Rock was chosen vice president and E. E. Lucas of Spokane, Wash., was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

New directors named were J. R. Wharton, Roseburg; B. A. Kendall, Redmond; W. E. Brock, Pendleton; Ed Simons, Salem, and W. R. Evans, Portland.

INFLUENZA HITS OREGON

Health Officer Reports 204 Cases; One in Marion County

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(AP)—A total of 204 cases of influenza were reported in Oregon for the week ending February 5. Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, reported today.

Portland officials report 35 new cases of influenza in this city during the last two days. One case of diphtheria was found. Linn county had 16 cases of influenza, Linn county six, Marion one, and Clatsop two.

LINVILLE GIVEN BLAME IN TALE OF BOOTLEGGER

Staten Implicates Former Dry Director in Eight Page Booze Story

MITCHELL ALSO NAMED

Smith and Christensen Held Hauled to Prison; Carter Tracks of Higher Up in Liquor Ring

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(AP)—An eight page typewritten confession, purporting to show that Dr. James A. Linville, former prohibition enforcement director for Oregon, and Frank B. Mitchell, his former legal adviser, had vast quantities of liquor in "mass bootleggers" of Portland, and that they railroaded three state prohibition agents to prison in order to cover their own tracks, was made in the federal court here today by James V. Staten, alias Jim Stayton, confessed bootlegger.

Staten faces charges of contempt of court for not appearing to testify in the case against Arthur Christensen and Robert and A. C. Smith, former state prohibition operators.

Roy Moore, who admits his a bootlegger, moonshiner and liquor operator here, was named by Staten as having been in league with Mitchell in the alleged plot to railroad the state officers to prison. Staten declared in court today that his failure to appear in the case of the three agents was because he thought giving testimony he said was false would injure Mitchell.

Staten declares in the signed confession submitted to the court today that Mitchell sold liquor to Portland bootleggers and that two other liquor dealers and himself purchased 4500 gallons of pure grain alcohol from Linville's former legal adviser. He also charged that Mitchell offered the bootleg-

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BUILDING FUNDS MEET REJECTION

JOINT COMMITTEE SLASHES MANY APPROPRIATIONS

Request for Fund to Hire High School Supervisor Disallowed by Committee

The joint ways and means committee last night rejected bills providing for appropriations of \$919,000 to erect new buildings at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Included in the proposed expenses were \$170,000 for a physics building, \$150,000 for an animal husbandry building, \$160,000 for a chemistry building, and \$38,000 for a central heating plant.

Representative Buchanan of Coquille then asked to be excused from the unit rate adopted recently so he might be free to vote as he wished on all educational appropriations bills presented in the house. His request was granted.

Representative Bronough then announced that he had held a conference with the faculty of the university of Oregon, and that an agreement had been reached whereby a bill providing for an appropriation of \$130,000 for an infirmary at that institution would be withdrawn. This bill previously was approved by the ways and means committee.

Another bill approved by the committee a few nights ago carries an appropriation for a new library at the university. This bill will not be withdrawn but will be allowed to go before the legislature for final consideration.

Representative Gordon, chairman of the house ways and means committee said that the bill authorizing an appropriation for infirmary at the university was withdrawn at his request because of the unsatisfactory condition of the state's finances. Representative Gordon also is a member of the board of regents of the university.

A bill providing for an increase of the salary of the state printer from \$2400 to \$2600 a year was reported out favorably by the committee.

The committee also reported a bill introduced by the state superintendent regarding the appropriation of \$1,000,000 with

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