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## WEATHER

Normal temperature today. Moderate northwest winds. Max. temperature Tuesday 50; Min. 33; river 1; trace of rain. South winds.

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## YOUNG GIRL FRUSTRATES CONVICT ESCAPE

## METHODS OF 2 INSTITUTIONS UNDER ATTACK

Representative Angell Charges Continual Duplication in Courses

Heavy Expense to Taxpayer Seen in Educating Many Non-Residents

Charges that courses at the University of Oregon and Oregon agricultural college were duplicated, and that the expense of educating non-resident students had resulted in a heavy expense to the state, were made by Representative Angell at a meeting of the joint ways and means committee here Tuesday night.

The charge was made in connection with the discussion of a majority and minority report having to do with the operation of the two institutions. The investigation was ordered by the ways and means committee.

The majority report recommended that all continuing appropriations be discontinued. An annual audit of the receipts and disbursements of the institutions also was recommended in the majority report.

## Weatherproof Charges

Figures are Withheld

Representative Weatherproof pointed out an item of \$70,656.91 in the biennial report of the college which he said did not appear in the budget before the committee.

The fund was classified under sales at the central experimental station at the college. "This is not good business," said Weatherproof. "And it will not be possible for this committee to act intelligently unless we have an intelligent report of the college activities before us."

Senator Elliott, who signed the minority report, declared that members of the investigation committee were invited to go into the office at the college and secure any data they desired, but that they did not take advantage of the opportunity. J. J. Jardine, director of the experimental station, explained the item mentioned by Representative Weatherproof. He said the money in the fund was received from tests and included funds which could not be deposited with the state treasurer. He said the money was expended in requisition, and that a complete record of the receipts and disbursements was on file at the college.

## Elliott Denies

Overlapping Courses

Senator Elliott declared that

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## RADIO COMMISSION IS GIVEN NEW LIFE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Companion bills to extend the life of the federal radio commission as an administrative body for another year bobbed up at both ends of the capital today as the house passed without a record vote the White measure and the senate planned to take up the Watson bill at a night session.

Although there was no out-spoken opposition to the White bill during debate in the house it wilted when the measure came to a vote and there was no demand for a record of strength.

Representative Free, republican, California, in opposing the legislation, renewed charges he had made before the committee that the commission had acted indiscreetly in turning over to the Universal Wireless Communication company of Buffalo, N. Y., 40 short wave channels.

"The charges were answered by Representative Davis of Tennessee, the ranking democrat on the merchant marine committee, with a declaration that the committee had spent several days in studying the assignment of the channels and that with the exception of Free, every member was satisfied that the commission had acted properly in giving the channels to the company."

## Strike Ties Up General Motors Assembly Plant

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Work is at a standstill in the assembly plant of the General Motors corporation here because of a strike.

The city faces a more general strike beginning tomorrow, members of the chauffeurs union by the Argentine patriotic league. They will be joined by dock workers and truck drivers.

## Excise Tax Passes House by Big Vote

Entire Tax Program Now Up in Legislature; Intangibles Tax, Income Tax Measure And Excise Bill are Big Three

By GEORGE GODFREY

TAXATION, and its greatest element, property tax relief, is now ready for the hands of the legislature. Carefully nurtured by the property tax relief commission, handed about here and there, heard in public and thrashed over in private, the tangible measures that will bring the state out of its financial mess are now completed and ready for action.

The first indication of how the legislature will take to the triune proposal, the excise tax, tax on intangibles and income tax, was shown Tuesday afternoon, when with but two dissenting votes, those of Kubli and Henderson of Multnomah, house bill 607 sailed safely through the house. This is the excise tax, pure and simple, which alone can erase the state deficit within the next two years if estimates placed on its potentialities prove correct.

## Funds Definitely Assigned To Cut Property Tax

The funds to be raised by this measure, however, are not designed to cut down any deficits, but are definitely assigned to reducing the present property tax. The very minimum that will be raised under this legislation is set at \$750,000 and some estimates go as high as \$2,000,000 per year.

Representative Carlin, pilot of this good ship Property Relief, steered his measure on to the floor Tuesday, explained the dangers through which the bill had passed, how it had been buffeted about, and how now it had been declared leakproof by just about all the inspectors in the state until it was ready to be received.

He told of similar attempts now going on in California and Washington, contending that this measure is necessary for a unified program on the Pacific Coast. "It is a place of money," he said, "lost under bank act."

Carlin, in reviewing the work of the commission, said with the federal court decision last year in the fund was classified under sales at the central experimental station at the college. "This is not good business," said Weatherproof. "And it will not be possible for this committee to act intelligently unless we have an intelligent report of the college activities before us."

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## LYMAN DAMON DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Lyman Damon, father of Mrs. O. C. Locke and Mrs. A. S. Hussey, well-known Salem women, died about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at a local hospital. He had been ill for the past two years, suffering from partial paralysis but had been in the hospital here only since February 8.

Mr. Damon was a retired farmer and hop grower of Independence, near which town he had lived for the last 45 years. He was born in Illinois February 22, 1849, being nearly 80 years old at the time of his death. He came to Oregon in 1871.

Mr. and Mrs. Damon celebrated their golden wedding October 7, 1926. Mr. Damon had been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge for more than 50 years and was also a Re. Kah.

## Large Family Survives

Besides his widow, Mrs. Nellie Damon, and Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Hussey, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Donald B. Stuart of Bend, and one son, Captain S. L. Damon an overseas veteran who has been in the Hawaiian Islands the last three years. Three grandchildren survive and three brothers and a sister. The brothers and sister are: Milton Damon of Portland, Eugene Damon of La Grande, Newton Damon of Cresco, Iowa, and Mrs. G. Coy of Spokane, Wash.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Cough-Huston parlors, Valley View No. 43, I. O. O. F. Independent lodge will have charge of the interment in the Cityview cemetery.

## Investigating Committee Votes to Impeach Judge For Accepting Love Gift

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## Klepper-Dunne Go Adds to Prestige Of Joint Committee

Senators Joe Dunne and Klepper unknowingly enacted a choice bit of publicity Monday when they staged the tentative boxing bout just outside the senate chamber door. It developed that Dunne and Klepper are co-authors of senate bill 194 providing for the creation of a state boxing commission. It was introduced several days ago.

## APPROPRIATIONS UP AND REVENUE DOWN

Balanced Budget as Planned by Governor Patterson Going by Boards

Governor Patterson's "balanced budget" of expenditures for the current biennium probably will not be balanced later in the week. There are indications that the appropriations will exceed the budget estimates by at least \$200,000.

The budget for the current biennium, as approved by Governor Patterson, included items aggregating \$6,854,660. The records of the ways and means committee show that appropriations of \$6,814,238 already have been authorized. These appropriations do not include approximately \$150,000 asked for the extension department of Oregon Agricultural College; \$5,000 to be added to the allowance for the eastern Oregon state normal school, and appropriations amounting to many thousands of dollars contained in various legislative bills.

## Hoover's Cousin Is Knocked Down And Badly Hurt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—George C. Hoover, 61-year-old attorney for the Interstate Commerce commission and cousin of President-elect Hoover, was knocked down and seriously injured here today by an automobile driven by Miss Fannie E. Dial, daughter of former Senator Nathaniel B. Dial of South Carolina.

Mr. Hoover suffered a fractured leg, bruises to the body and possibly other injuries. President-elect Hoover was notified and is expected to visit his cousin at the hospital.

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## SENATE BACKS MOVE TO MAKE DRY LAW WORK

Action Follows Spirited Debate on Floor Between Reed and Borah

\$10,000 Fine and Five Years in Prison is Made Maximum Penalty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—First offenders along with hardened violators of the prohibition law would be liable to a maximum penalty of a fine of \$10,000 or five years in prison or both under a bill passed by the senate today and sent to the house.

By a vote of 68 to 18 the senate approved the measure introduced by Senator Jones, republican, Washington, after several days of debate celebrated by a clash of views between Borah of Idaho and Reed of Missouri on the dry question.

The proposal to increase the maximum penalty in such a way as to make them applicable to first offenders was attacked by many senators as too drastic but the majority of the senate decided such a step necessary to help enforcement.

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## PORTLAND WOMAN NEW LIBRARY HEAD

Mrs. Virginia Bacon is Elected to Succeed Cornelia Marvin Pierce

Mrs. Virginia Bacon of Portland, was elected state librarian at a meeting of the state library board held in the executive department here Tuesday. She will assume her new duties March 15.

Mrs. Bacon succeeds Mrs. Walter Pierce, nee Miss Cornelia Marvin, who resigned January 1. Mrs. Bacon was born in Portland where she has acted as adviser in adult education for the library association of that city. She served as librarian at Humboldt, Cal., state teachers college for six years and served as a director of the junior division of the United States employment service. Mrs. Bacon has contributed educational articles to a number of national magazines.

She received her A. B. degree at the University of Oregon and her M. A. degree at the American University at Washington.

Mrs. Bacon was born in Portland and is a member of a pioneer family.

A large number of letters endorsing Mrs. Bacon for the position of state librarian were before the board when it met here Tuesday.

## Tuesday In Washington

By The Associated Press

The senate passed the Jones bill to increase penalties for prohibition violations.

President Coolidge has not decided on his future plans but may write for newspapers.

## The House Passed the White Bill to Continue the Radio Commission as an Administrative Body for Another Year.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad asked the Interstate Commerce commission to approve a plan to control a number of carriers.

Argument was concluded before the supreme court in the appeal of Harry F. Sinclair from his conviction for refusal to answer senate questions.

The house approved a proposal to establish a special commission to investigate the charges against federal district Judge Winslow of New York.

## HOOVER AGAIN IN CAPITAL TO PICK HELPERS

Cabinet Selections Expected to be Completed Within Short Time

Conferences on Future Problems Are Arranged by President-elect

By JAMES L. WEST Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover returned to Washington today from his Florida vacation with the intention of holding an early conference with President Coolidge from whom he will take over the reins of government on March 4.

Thus will be furnished additional evidence of the continuity of the two republican administrations, with the next chief executive pledged to carry on the major policies of his predecessor to which he gave praise in his acceptance speech last August.

This conference constitutes one of the major reasons for the return of Mr. Hoover to the capital 13 days in advance of his inauguration. There are others, of course, including conversations with a number of party leaders on a variety of subjects and the completion of the inaugural address.

## Cabinet Material

Is Discussed Again

The return of the president-elect revived cabinet discussion in Washington and brought forth some new speculation. There was a suggestion that instead of becoming secretary of state, Henry L. Stimson would be named attorney-general and that William J. Donovan, now assistant to the attorney-general, would be made secretary of war.

It was argued that Mr. Stimson

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## BETTER REPORTS ON WEATHER AVAILABLE

More accurate and detailed weather reports for the Salem district will be made possible by the equipment to be added to the official weather station at the Eyerly Aerological school here, James MacManiman, government observer, reported after a conference with D. M. Little, weather bureau official.

The additional equipment which will cost approximately \$1000 will include a thermometer, a barometer and "ceiling light." The latter is used to determine the height of the cloud ceiling at night. Installation is expected within six weeks. An anemometer for telling the wind velocity was installed at the airport recently.

Routing of air mail over Salem is believed responsible for the additions to the weather station here. The station will be moved to the municipal field as will the Eyerly school when the landing area is completed it is planned.

## GOVERNOR HARTLEY WINS IN TEST VOTE

CAPITOL, Olympia, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Supporters of Governor Roland H. Hartley won a complete victory today in the house of representatives on the first major test vote of the session.

The issue, placing centralization of authority and responsibility in the governor, was presented in an executive bill to abolish the state highway committee and create a state department of highways under the control of the governor. The plan was approved by a vote of 37 to 29 with only one absent.

## 19-Year Old Boys Caught With Car By Local Police

Two 19 year old boys from Portland, charged with theft of an automobile, were arrested in Salem shortly after 2 o'clock Tuesday morning when officers in the north prowler car intercepted them as they were entering the city at the north on the Pacific highway. The youths are George Baum and Hubert Martin. They were turned over later in the day to Portland officers, to be taken to that city to face the charge of stealing a Ford coupe.

## Ready for Long Pull!



Herbert Hoover, president-elect, returned to Washington Tuesday, ready for the strenuous job which lies just ahead. The portrait above is believed to be the only profile picture made of the president-elect.

## NEW BARBER BILL DEFEATED BY HAIR

Opponents of Measure Have Close Shave, Lonerzan States in House

Barbers out in the hinterland of Oregon are whistling merrily today, slapping away with their brushes with a bit more vigor than usual, for they are not going to have to bother about complying with new regulations which Representative Lonerzan of Multnomah would have wished on to them with his H. B. 290. Even though the measure had been amended until it hardly knew itself, it still was not whittled sufficiently to get by the great farm bloc, and so failed to pass.

The measure provided for making the barbers' code more effective, providing for more rigid inspection, and providing additional revenue. As amended the measure would have made the code a bit more effective, would have provided for some more rigid inspection, and would have raised but little additional revenue. But even then the tongs of the legislature turned thumbs down on it.

"Anyway," said Mr. Lonerzan after the roll had been taken and duly recorded, "its opponents had a close shave, and we lost out by only a hair."

## SOLONS TURN DOWN INCREASE IN SPEED

Forty miles an hour is too fast to drive automobiles on the highways, the house committee on roads and highways and automobiles and roads concluded after a proposal had been made to raise the speed limit from 35 miles an hour. The increase was suggested as an amendment to Senate bill 162 now in the hands of the two committees.

## College Presidents Make Tentative Agreement on Merger Basis for Schools

If it is necessary to have one board of regents and merge the millage, the heads of the University and college want to have something to say about it. President J. Kerr of Oregon State college, Dr. Arnold Benett Hall, of University of Oregon, J. S. Landers of Monmouth Normal, Senator Bell and Schumacher and Representative MacPherson held an executive meeting in the office of Governor Patterson Tuesday night and decided on what they would agree to if it is necessary for one board of regents to handle both institutions.

There is a strong sentiment for consolidation of the two institutions of higher learning and there is a bill in the senate for the consolidation of the two boards of regents and the regents of the normal schools.

## Program Agreed Upon

The heads of the schools and the legislators agreed to this program: Appointment of a board of regents to handle the affairs of the university, college and normal.

Funds to be Combined. It is also agreed that the funds shall be combined. This means that the sum derived from the millage will be pooled and that the board of regents will make the necessary division.

None of the heads of the schools like the arrangement, but they have compromised on the points herein set forth. "If and when and unless and until" it is necessary for these things to be brought about.

## FIGHTING LIKE MAD GIRL HOLDS MAN IN OFFICE

Scene Occurs Tuesday Night In Local Dental Office; Fight Over Gun

Walter Fisher, 15-Year Term, Thwarted in Attempt for Freedom

Miss Claire Cornell, 20-year old office girl with plenty of nerve and a cool head, Tuesday helped to frustrate the attempted break for freedom of a convict and probably saved the lives of at least three other persons—the prisoner's guard, Dr. C. B. O'Neill and a man onlooker who "froze to his seat."

The girl is one of the office assistants at the O'Neill and Burdette offices on the fourth floor of the United States National bank building, where the convict, Walter Fisher, 26, was taken about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for treatment for a cataract.

Fisher was brought to the office by W. E. Lamb, a trusted prison employe in charge of the hospital, and upon the request of the doctor, the handcuffs were removed for the examination, following which the guard led his prisoner into the anteroom. As Lamb reached for the handcuffs to replace them, Fisher seized the guard, attempting to grab his gun. At the same time, the convict sank his teeth into Lamb's arm.

It was at this stage that the young office assistant jumped into the fray and "fought like a maniac." The girl clutched one hand over the revolver, steadying Lamb's own grasp, and with the other got a tiger hold on Fisher's hair.

Meanwhile, the frenzied prisoner was hitting viciously at Lamb's wrist and arm below the elbow. The girl's calls brought Dr. O'Neill from his office and with his assistance the prisoner was subdued and the handcuffs restored. Immediately Lamb was rushed to a physician's office for treatment of his "chewed" arm.

The girl's manner and daring was soundly praised tonight by her employer and in a statement to a Statesman reporter Henry Meyer, superintendent of the prison, gave due credit to the presence of mind.

## OREGON AIRPORTS TO BE INSPECTED

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—(AP)—To avoid a possibility of a crash on a soggy field while taking the new Boeing "Mystery plane" to San Antonio for the start of his dawn-to-dusk flight to the canal zone next month, Captain Ira Eaker will leave Seattle tomorrow to inspect Oregon airports.

The chief pilot of the Question Mark's record breaking flight, will take a Pacific Air Transport mail plane to Oakland where he will pick up an army machine for his return. On the way back he will stop at Medford, Eugene and Portland, to check reports that recent heavy snows have made Oregon lands fields soggy.

## ASA KEYES SEEKS NEW DAY IN COURT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Applications for a new trial and bail for former district attorney, Asa Keyes, Ben Getzoff and E. H. Rosenberg, convicted of bribery, will be ruled upon here tomorrow by Superior Judge Edward I. Butler. If a new trial is denied the prisoners will be sentenced.

Judge Butler today heard arguments of attorneys for the defendants and denied their motion for an arrest of judgment of the verdict of the jury which convicted them. This was asked on the contention that the gift of an automobile to Keyes did not belong in the trial and that the state was preparing to use the evidence in another trial of Keyes for alleged bribery.

District Attorney Baron Wise said he will oppose release of the prisoners on bail.