

5 BILLS DRAWN UP BY JUDGES

Legal Procedure in Oregon Subject of Discussion At Annual Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Five bills, designed to improve judicial procedure in Oregon, will be presented to the next state legislature if the state judicial council follows recommendations of Oregon circuit judges who met here today.

The recommendations provided for the following changes in the state laws:

That the defendant in a criminal case be allowed to waive trial by jury and present his case directly to the court, except in such cases where the penalty is death or life imprisonment.

That the jury panel be improved by the appointment of jury commissioners and the examination of prospective jurors.

That persons convicted of crimes on pleas of insanity be sentenced to serve at least three years in an asylum without right of habeas corpus.

That the defendant who relies upon a plea of insanity in a criminal case must inform the prosecution that this will be his defense before he goes to trial.

That the number of peremptory challenges of the defendant in a criminal case be reduced to the number allowed the prosecution.

The proposal that defendants in criminal cases be allowed to waive jury trial was presented by Justice H. H. Belt of the Oregon supreme court.

"Criminal judicial procedure here is the same as when our grandfathers were fighting Indians," the justice said in introducing his subject. "The procedure is in serious need of overhauling, although it should not be entirely discarded."

He suggested that criminal defendants, except those in which the penalty is death or imprisonment for life, be allowed to waive trial by jury if they so desire and present their cases solely to a judge. Two states already have such a provision, he declared, and the method has proved successful.

HIGH SCHOOL MARKS SHOW SPEEDY RISE

Failures at the senior high school were reduced 182 in the second six-weeks period of the present school year, according to figures just compiled by Principal Fred Wolf. Four hundred one failures were recorded the first six weeks, as against 219 for the second period.

This is only 6.2 per cent failures the second period, or eight-tenths of one per cent under the average rating for good high schools. Wolf says the drop in the second period was greater than he had dared hoped for, and estimates that in proportion, the drop in the next six weeks will be even larger.

While Wolf believes the big decrease is due in part to the new supervised study program inaugurated this year, he says there is no way yet of proving as much. However, the decrease in failures is confined to no one or two departments, but is general over the entire school. He says, too, that in part it is due to the normal adjustment following the first six weeks of school, when both students and teachers are usually busy finding themselves.

S. C. KIGHTLINGER ESTATE PROBATED

An estate valued at \$15,000 of which \$5,000 in personal property was admitted to probate Friday under the will of S. C. Kightlinger, recently deceased. Should Mary Elizabeth Kightlinger die before she reaches the age of 40 years, the Salem Y. M. C. A., Christian Science church, Leslie M. E. church and the Salvation army will become residuary legatees under a trust, according to the will.

Half interest in the real property, except a certain portion in the George H. Jones addition to Salem, and one half interested in the personal property has been left to the widow. Ladd & Bush bank has been named as trustee of the remainder of the property which was left to the daughter.

It is suggested that the trust



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JOHN D. HAPPY



A smiling closeup of John D. Rockefeller Sr., Standard Oil magnate, after he had left his train to begin his annual winter stay in the south. Mr. Rockefeller looked to be in extremely good health.

company pay to the daughter \$500 on her 21st birthday and \$500 on each birthday thereafter and to transfer all the property to her at the age of 35 years except the land allotted to her which she shall receive when 40 years of age.

FIERCE EXPLOSION HURTS 7 PERSONS

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Seven persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a terrific gas explosion shortly after 10 a. m., today that shattered the fronts of seven stores on Santa Clara's main street and broke windows over a radius of several blocks.

Authorities investigating the explosion expressed the belief it was caused by ignition of an accumulation of gas from either a leaking main or pipe leading into one of the buildings. L. A. Mead, one of the store owners, was at the city hall complaining of the strong odor of gas when the explosion occurred.

The injured: William Forsey, Mead jewelry store employe, both legs broken, broken arm and possible internal injuries. May die.

Mrs. Grace Brown, Art store proprietor, possible fractured skull, cuts and bruises. Condition serious.

Floyd Rankin, customer in the Mead store, bruises and cuts.

Mrs. George Green, Art store customer, cuts, bruises and shock.

George Green, injuries about head.

P. G. Zaccchione, delicatessen store employe, scalp wounds and cuts about face and neck.

Charles Ullious, meat market employe, cuts and bruises.

Stores most seriously damaged extended one half block on one side of the street.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Dr. I. Jesse Citron, Hollywood physician who is awaiting trial in federal court for the alleged sale of narcotics to Alma Rubens, former screen star, was re-indicted by the federal grand jury today on 31 counts of violation of narcotic laws.

LAST TIMES TODAY

Vilma Banky in "THIS IS HEAVEN"
Vitaphone Acts - News

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HUGE SUM TO BE AVAILABLE

\$29,500,000 Spent in Oregon in 1930 Norblad Tells Hoover

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pairs and improvements, \$2,197,940 for construction of public buildings, \$5,135 for improvements to public buildings and \$3,246,206 for projects such as airport hangars, sewage disposal plants, extension of water systems, sewers, electric light systems and school buildings.

Public Improvements Financed by State
Most of the \$10,500,000 to be made available by the state will be expended in the construction of highways and bridges and acquisition of parks.

Actual reports of proposed municipal improvements during 1930 were received from 77 of the 192 cities and towns to which letters requesting information were sent. Expenditures of cities and towns which did not report were estimated.

Gathering of additional information will be continued by Sam A. Koser, state budget director, who was assigned to this task by the late Governor Patterson.

In a letter to the executive department regarding the Oregon data, the budget director said:

"The reports which have been received from the county judges of the respective counties of the state, and the mayors of the cities and towns, have been carefully compiled and the estimates made of those cities and towns not reported were prepared on the basis of the reports of the municipalities reporting. Levies for the year 1929 and the population of the respective localities were taken into consideration."

"Of the proposed outlays for the year 1930, the counties contemplated the expenditure of approximately \$3,000,000 within the next six months, and the cities and towns an approximate like amount within the same period."

Secretary Lamont telegraphed Governor Norblad Friday that he desired all information that was available at this time so that President Hoover might gain some idea of the public money that would be spent in 1930.

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NATIONAL CAPITOL HIT BY BIG FIRE

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assigned to the house of representatives, said the artist was "in such a condition that anything he might say as to the origin of the fire could not be depended upon."

The fire tonight was the third since August in the structure where the legislative business of the nation is transacted. Then a carelessly thrown cigarette lighted a trash box on the south side of the building and only about a week ago another trash box was ignited in the house office building by a cigarette.

There was no damage at the other two fires but they caused some excitement.

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The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

HOLLYWOOD
North Capitol St. in North Salem Today — "In Old California."

CAPITOL
State St. between Church and High Today — "This Is Heaven" with Vilma Banky.

GRAND
North High St. between State & High Today — "Jazz Heaven," all talking — Sally O'Neil.

FOR ELSINORE
South High between State and Ferry Today — "Dynamite."

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Grand theatre is a man of his word. It promised the public that its new Western Electric sound equipment would be in and operating for the first time January 4 and here it is today. It will open with "Jazz Heaven," the latest picture made by Sally O'Neil and seen and heard for the first time in Salem this afternoon and evening and Sunday.

This is an RKO production and is described as "all jazz all joy." John Mack Brown supports Miss O'Neil in this peppy and interesting picture.

There will be short talking and singing acts as specialty numbers one of which is "The Skeleton Dance" which has proved one of the sensations of the year for sound novelty. It was held over for several days at the world's largest theatre "The Roxy" in New York City.

"Our Gang" and a Mack Sennett comedy "The Constable" will conclude this interesting "first afternooner and nighter" at the Grand. This theatre is to be congratulated on its first talking program.

Color set to rhythm is the description of "Black and Gold" idea which will be the presentation of Fanchon and Marco at the Fox Elsinore today. It is hard to imagine just what sort of result will be obtained from the use of such strong colors as these two in stage setting and in ensemble chorus numbers. Certain it is that the result will be unusual.

Specialty dances will be the outstanding features for the show. "The Great Gabbo," a picture with an unusual plot is the feature picture.

"In Old California" now showing at the Hollywood has the advantage of having for the most part been photographed in the actual locations specified in the historical story which is told in the picture—thus reality and genuineness is given to this lovely picture and exciting story. The old costumes of early California days remind one of the delightful picture just seen in Salem, "Rio Rita."

Objectives of Chamber Will Be Given Here

The eleven members of the new board of directors of the Salem chamber of commerce will be called upon at the luncheon next Monday to present their ideas on what the organization's objectives should be during 1930.

One innovation for the new year is the serving of food products grown and packed in the Salem district at each luncheon. Next Monday strawberries, raspberries and pears packed by Reid Murdoch and company will be part of the menu.

CHINESE CONTINUE NATIONAL POLICIES

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The Nationalist government will push negotiations with other pow-

CITY ATTORNEY BARS BUSINESS

I. Doughton Cannot Legally Sell Goods to Salem in Williams' Opinion

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To sign the warrants, Mr. Doughton said he had understood when he accepted a seat in the council, that the charter provision referred only to contracts let following calls for bids, and that there would be no objection to his firm selling small items of hardware to the city as it had done in the past.

Acting under that understanding, he had given evidence of his good faith by refusing to submit a bid on a list of articles brought to him by a council member.

Doughton and Sherrin have always sold a considerable volume of merchandise to the city, and Mr. Doughton said he would not have accepted membership in the council if he had known there would be any objection to a continuation of this business.

Difficulties along the same line have been encountered by other aldermen in recent years. Legal action was started something over a year ago to prevent payments to two aldermen who had transacted business with the city, but was later dropped when the council adopted a resolution agreeing that no such contracts would be entered into in the future.

The city transacts business with something like 90 local firms, and the operation of these clauses of the charter means that members of all these firms are prevented from serving on the council if they wish to retain that business.

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NEW MOVE MADE TO SPEED TARIFF BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—United Support by senate republicans of the pledge to give the long pending tariff bill undisturbed right of way henceforth will be asked at a party conference on Monday, which was called today by Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader.

Already senate leaders of all factions have given their pledge that the tariff would be kept constantly before the senate until disposed of. It appeared certain that a final drive will be opened on Monday for completion of this legislation.

Leaders of the democratic-republican coalition, which has a majority in the senate in the tariff struggle, demanded before the Christmas recess that hereafter nothing be considered by the senate except the tariff.

Senator Watson gave his pledge to that program and in his anxiety to urge support for this procedure by the republicans is seen also as a determination by President Hoover that the tariff bill is "dead."

The new republican move for final disposition of the tariff committee soon after pronouncements by some of the republican regulars that the tariff bill is "dead."

WINS PRIZE

CAUSE OF BLAZE AT SEA BEING SOUGHT

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The cause of a fire which flamed out of a turpentine pot on an oiler's gig, lashed to the side of the U. S. S. Saratoga, gigantic airplane carrier, bringing deaths to two sailors, severely burning four others, was sought today by aides of a naval court of inquiry.

Naval authorities said their report on the accident which also destroyed the gig, valued at \$25,000 and scorched the steel sides of the Saratoga, would be forwarded to superiors at Washington for such announcement as they might see fit to make.

At the hospital where the injured men were confined, it was learned they probably will recover from the burns which at first were feared might prove fatal.

At a late hour today, Admiral Louis M. Nulton, in command of the battle fleet at anchor here, had not appointed the board who will meet with him to determine causes and responsibility for the fire.

The fire broke out late yesterday, burning fiercely for three minutes before 1500 men aboard the Saratoga were able to extinguish the blaze which raged along the side of the big vessel for a time threatening stores of combustibles inside the carrier.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Contracts for power to be generated at Boulder Dam will be negotiated by the interior department as soon after February 1 as possible.

ALLEGED TAX FRAUD IN CALIFORNIA TOLD

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Request for an immediate investigation of charges that employees of several of the largest petroleum companies in the nation are involved in a purported gasoline tax fraud against the state of California was made in a letter to Attorney General U. S. Webb today by A. L. Weil, general counsel for the General Petroleum corporation.

The alleged swindle, by which the companies said to be involved are reported to have mulcted the state of between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000, was perpetrated, according to reports received by

NATIONAL TREASURY NOW IN GOOD SHAPE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Increased income tax payments which totaled \$1,185,317,860 in the last six months enabled the government to start the 1930 calendar year more than \$260,000,000 ahead of last year, when there was a treasury deficit of \$168,476,696.

Figures for the first six months of the 1930 fiscal year made public by the treasury today showed that the public debt had been decreased \$1,008,000,000 to a total of \$16,300,921,501 in the last 12 months; that there was a surplus in the treasury on December 31 of \$91,644,655; that the receipts for the six months were \$2,077,539,516, an increase of \$209,900,441 over the same period a year ago, and that income tax collections were \$172,522,000 greater than in the first six months of the 1929 fiscal year.

GAS FRAUD SCENTED

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The books of nine small, independent Los Angeles etain distributors showed a loss of approximately \$100,000 in taxes due the state during 1929, through believed illegal diversion of motor fuel, Richard E. Collins, Redding, Calif., chairman of the state board of equalization, informed the Associated Press tonight.

PORTLAND GUNMAN HAS BRIEF CAREER

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