

# PROHIBITION MEETING PLANS DEVELOP

### Record Crowd Expected at Special Program Feb. 1 at the Armory

Following the meeting of the Salem Ministerial association a week ago, the suggestion of a prohibition mass meeting has been catching about town. The plans are being completed for making Sunday, February 1, the great demonstration and rally in the interest of the 18th amendment.

The rally is to be held at the armory and has been called for 7:30 o'clock Sunday night February 1. Most of the churches have agreed to dispense with their regular evening services and present a united front of the church membership at the armory. Community singing will be in charge of Rev. W. Earl Cochran, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. The Salvation Army band from Portland will be secured if possible, and will play a concert as a prelude to the meeting.

One of the speakers for the occasion will be Judge O. P. Coshov, widely known judge here, who recently retired from the supreme bench. Judge Coshov has been through the long campaign that resulted in dry victory and writing of the 18th amendment into the constitution.

Other features of the meeting are in the hands of a committee of which Rev. B. Earle Parker, pastor of First Methodist church is the chairman and including Rev. Grover C. Birchard, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; Mrs. Elizabeth Gallisher, secretary of the Y. W. C. A.; Captain E. M. Williams of the Salvation Army, and Rev. Cochran. From early reports of the committee the response in favor of the meeting and its purpose has been unanimous and eager on the part of all who have been approached.

"It is surprising," says Dr. Parker, "how many people are being aroused by the flood of anti-prohibition propaganda released through the various wet organizations, and how ready they are to get together and launch a new offensive of education and information supporting the amendment. We are convinced that this mass meeting will be the beginning of such a campaign and will strengthen the prohibition forces and create a new public opinion and conscience on the matter of law observance and enforcement."

As a part of the plan, all the ministers of the city are planning to speak from their several pulpits at the morning service from one theme concerning prohibition and its present status.

# SALEM HIGH WILL ENTER CONTESTANT

Salem high school will enter a contestant in the national oratorical contest sponsored by the Oregonian. Principal Fred Wolf announced yesterday. Since the contest subject is the constitution, the local competition will be handled through the history classes, however any student who desires may contest.

The local preliminaries must be finished by March 14, when the oration manuscripts must be in the hands of Dan E. Clark of the University of Oregon. Date on which the contest on which the Salem high representative will be chosen has not been set. The elimination event will be in charge of Shannon Hogue, debate coach, assisted by the heads of the history and English department, J. C. Nelson and Mrs. Ellen Fisher.

The state winner will compete in Los Angeles for coast honors, and sectional groups will compete in Washington, D. C., for national honors.

Donell McCroskey of Salem high reached the Pacific coast finals when he was in school here six or seven years ago.

# GORDON THROTTLES WILD OIL GUSHER

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Another roaring menace of the oil fields at Oklahoma City's doorstep—the wild No. 1 Weespaco oil well—was throttled today.

The wild well since morning, was shut in by John Gordon, tamer of the famous "Wild Mary" Sudik, Oklahoma's most notorious well, which ran wild for 17 days before being shut in. With the flow of the No. 1 Weespaco under control, firemen and national guardmen took precautions against the danger of fire in the area soaked by oil from the wild gusher.

There was little hazard from gas fumes as inspection showed the lowlands free of accumulated gas.

The night patrol surrounding the fire area consisted of about 175 men from the fire department and national guard.

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# The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

**HOLLYWOOD**  
Today—Gary Cooper in "The Spoilers."  
Wednesday—William Powell in "Shadow of the Law."

**GRAND**  
Today—Amos 'n' Andy in "Check and Double Check."  
Wednesday—Constance Bennett in "Common Clay."  
Friday—Warner Baxter in "Renegades."

**WARNER'S CAPITOL**  
Today—Richard Barthelmess in "The Laash."

**WARNER'S ELKSORE**  
Today—Barbara Stanwyck in "Illicit."

Well, let me assure you that as for myself I find "Illicit" an exceptionally entertaining and artistic production. You will see it at the Elksore today and tomorrow. Perhaps you, like myself, will be most exasperated that after such a desperate struggle to make an intelligent husband realize the necessity of remaining a lover as well as a husband, and leave to his wife a bit of the freedom of courtship days and give to her the attentions which won her in the first place, Barbara Stanwyck gives up and goes back to James Rennie, the typical husband, and lets him remain the husband and whose property she is.

True, the story develops that she held him long enough to prevent the other woman from winning the last hand, but he was still the "husband who could not give up his property."

The story is that of a girl who loves but fears the bondage of marriage. To save her illusions from being crushed and to retain her freedom she takes complete love out of wedlock until the breath of suspicion hovers over her and then because of her family standing she marries the man. Before two years are up the man who had been a sweet lover becomes a husband with a cold in his head. Separation follows while Barbara Stanwyck tries to regain her dream.

The story is very true to life, very well acted, the lines are clever and for those who wish to think there is plenty to provoke thought, and for those who wish to be amused there is equally as much to provoke laughs and amusement.

Charles Butterworth as the comedy relief is one of the cleverest characters to appear in a play for some time. The photography, scenes and clothes are far superior to the average play.

"The Laash," which is now at the Capitol, with Richard Barthelmess, is also an excellent picture. The plot is intensely realistic and gripping. Although the story depicts the days of our early history just after California came into the union, yet the elements which make up the picture are those of the human emotions of love, courage, justice, treachery and idealism as they speak the language of all people and of all ages.

Barthelmess is splendid in the part of a young Spaniard who comes back to his native California to find that certain Americans who are in power, are defrauding his people. His home is one of the loveliest of the old Spanish estates. Through a tragic experience with an American land-office officer, Fred Kohler, Barthelmess, as the young son of the Spanish nobleman, Robert Edison, becomes a bandit, making war up on all Americans. Mary Astor as his sweetheart and Marlon Nixon as his sister, play excellent parts.

The story deals with the activities of the bandit, and with the land office men, who try to secure the land of the Spaniards by underhanded means. Fred Kohler as the villain plays an excellent role, as does James Rennie. Fine riding, spectacular outdoor shots, excellent editing and tennis plot make for an excellent picture.

A college baseball league composed of Missouri, Georgia, Oglethorpe, Georgia Tech, Florida and Auburn, has been formed in Atlanta.

# UTILITY GROUP NAMED, HOUSE

### Reapportionment Body is Also Chosen; Little Business Faced

Appointment of two new committees in the house to handle public utility problems and reapportionment of districts constituted the main event in an otherwise dull session of the representative section of the legislature yesterday. Major legislation, its introduction and its consideration appears to be awaiting the governor's utility program which may be forthcoming today.

Ray W. Gill of Multnomah county was named chairman and Morton Tompkins of Yamhill vice-chairman of the committee on utilities. Other members are John Manning, Multnomah; John H. Lewis, Multnomah; E. W. Snell, Gilliam; David G. Glass, Wasco; Gordon J. Taylor, Clackamas; Herbert Gordon, Multnomah; John A. Thornburgh, Washington. The majority of the members are declared favorable to the governor's program.

E. B. Day, Jackson county, heads the committee on reapportionment, with A. V. Stryker, Baker as vice chairman. Other members are Homer D. Angell, Multnomah; L. D. Nash, Lincoln; James D. Chinnock, Josephine; Ralph Hamilton, Crook; H. H. Chindgren, Clackamas; W. E. Stockdale, Grant and Harney; Joseph N. Scott, Umatilla, World Combine Southern Districts.

The combination of districts one and two, northern and southern sections of the state, is the only material change proposed in the commercial fish bill which was dropped into the legislative hopper of the house Monday. The bill is largely amendatory, codifying the commercial fishing laws, simplifying some parts and strengthening enforcement, its sponsors declared. There is nothing in the bill considered controversial, nor does it mention the Rogue river situation. The measure was prepared by the interim commercial fish committee and was met with favor by the fish commission and the game commission of the state.

Appropriation of \$25,000 for a survey of the potential markets for cheap hydro-electric power, to be made by the University of Oregon was asked in a house measure by Representative David G. Glass of Wasco county. The act would determine the location of mineral deposits of commercial value in their relation to sources of electric energy and to set forth their location in relation to world markets. The location of the survey is to be within economical range of any hydro-electric power sites on the Columbia river east of Bonneville and its streams tributary. Nine bills were introduced in the house.

# PLAN AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HERE

(Continued from page 1) any educational qualification for the director. Sen. Jos Dunne leading the protest.

Change Next July The change would be effective July 1, 1931. Appointive offices now serving would continue with duties assigned by the director, and the elective officer, the dairy and food commissioner would, complete his term.

The bill created an agricultural board with advisory powers, also provided for conference to settle division of powers between the state college and the department. The question

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# Aldrich, Marathon Talker, Is Heard at Willamette U.; Gives Advice to Students

Dr. Harold Aldrich, of New York state, better known as the marathon preacher, spoke to Willamette university students Monday at chapel services. Mr. Aldrich has spoken in 31 states and as long as 15 hours in one day giving that many one hour sermons.

The speaker had a free, fearless manner that spoke of years of public speaking. His Americanism and wit attracted rounds of applause and gales of laughter from the students. From comments made by the students he was judged as one of the best liked speakers who has spoken in Waller hall this year.

Although the speaker seemed to stimulate laughter he made a number of points that were taken as advice by what seemed a larger percentage of the student body.

He pointed out the fallacy of fear as a handicap. Referring to professors he asserted that the teacher who pointed out the students' mistakes was a better friend than the one who bragged on the young person's successes. A lesson learned by Henry Ward Beecher was used as an illustration of one of the speaker's points. It seems that Mr. Beecher, when in school, once made up his mind to get the answer to a certain problem. He worked practically all night on

the problem. In the morning when he went to class, a classmate went to the board and put the problem before the class arriving at the same answer that Henry Beecher had.

The teacher said, "No!" When Henry Beecher explained the problem in the same way, the same answer came from the teacher, "No!" Mr. Beecher says that he went to his seat broken in spirit.

Another boy was sent to the board and after erasing the efforts of his two predecessors, he put the problem on the board and arrived at the same answer. "No!" cried the teacher. "Yes!" answered the boy; and the teacher said, "Yes, George, that's the right answer."

Mr. Aldrich pointed out that if a person knew he was right, the thing to do was to "stand by his guns" in spite of opposition.

In case the Oregon supreme court continues to hold that the 1929 intangibles tax law is unconstitutional, it will be necessary for the court to also hold the excise tax law and the state income tax law invalid, according to a brief filed in Salem Monday in connection with the state tax commission's petition for a rehearing of the original intangibles tax law case. The brief was filed by Arthur Spencer, attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad company, and others.

The brief set out that the supreme court failed to take into consideration a constitutional amendment of 1917 which was designed to eliminate an old provision relative to the principle that all taxation shall be equal and uniform.

# REGULATION OF SIGNS FAVORED

### Declared Nuisance in Some Residence Districts; Code is Proposed

(Continued from page 1) business for all the city. The terms of the bids would include the maintenance by the successful bidder of the sign on the lot without any cost to the city. In consideration of the money received from this service, the city would grant an exclusive five-year franchise to the operator. Alderman Vandevort checked a vote on the resolution by insisting that the city attorney give an opinion on the legality of such a franchise before any steps were taken to award one.

Alderman Olson had referred to the building committee his proposal that the police chief be provided with a special private office. Olson maintained that the work of the police department was hampered by the fact that the chief had no suitable place to consult in a confidential way, with people coming to his department in the city hall.

Alderman Vandevort declared himself strongly in favor of an auditor's report for the last four years on disbursements from the sewer fund. He alleged that a considerable sum of money received from the bond issue from sewer bond sale, was diverted or used to pay old sewer debts. The action was checked until the cost of such an audit could be determined.

Mayor Gregory announced the receipt of the resignation of L. P. Campbell as a member of the planning and zoning commission and of the appointment in his stead of M. C. Hubbs. Upon motion of Alderman Purvine, the services of Mr. Campbell was given a vote of thanks by the council. Mayor Gregory announced the appointment of Dr. F. Don Baylor

as a member of the zoning commission. Salaries of the city attorney, the city surveyor and the street commissioner were each fixed at \$300 a month by vote of the council. Allowance of \$60 will be made for stenographic services for the city attorney's office.

# Answer is Filed By Williamson To Landers Suit

N. P. Williamson, defendant in suit brought by Ralph Landers over alleged breach of contract, yesterday filed in circuit court answer and counter claim to the complaint. The case is over clearing of land belonging to Williamson which Landers claimed he was to have use of for two years if he cleared it, but which agreement Landers says Williamson failed to make good.

Williamson, in his cross-complaint, says Landers did not clear the land within time agreed; but he was to have a fourth, or \$168.67, of onions raised on the ranch and that on this \$74.67, is still owing; and that Landers owes him \$48 advanced for hay and straw; \$50 on a note; \$50 advanced for fertilizer.

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Add to the Cost of Insurance These special and regular state taxes are factors in the cost of insurance. The opinion of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States has been expressed as follows:

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Apparently angered at the train's intrusion, the wildcat leaped on the tracks, turned and gave fight to the locomotive. The wheels of the train crushed it to death. The engineer displayed the dead wildcat in confirmation of his story.

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