

ROGUE RIVER'S CASE OUTLINED BEFORE SOLONS

Residents of Valley Lined Up Against Fishermen Of Curry in Fight

Bill Closing Stream for Commercial Fishing is Argued at Hearing

Proponents and opponents of the Rogue river fishing bill now before the Oregon legislature, which would close the stream to commercial fishing, clashed last night in the first public hearing of the present session. For three hours, members of the joint fish and game committee and a crowded senate chamber heard arguments for and against legislative passage of the measure. T. E. Daniels of Medford led the delegations from Jackson and Josephine counties favoring the bill, while Roderick Macleay of Portland, led the opposition.

Charges that the fish in the Rogue river were being depleted and unless action is taken, the stream as a sport fishing one would not be worthy of the name, and that 60,000 people in the upper valley cut down the high cost of living by angling in that stream, were made by the Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass party.

Cool and Curry county speakers presented figures and statements to show that commercial fishing did not deprive the upper regions of fish, but to the contrary, stream pollution, irrigation ditches, and riffles which the fish cannot swim were the causes, if any, of depletion.

"You cannot legislate fish up the river," George D. Chenoweth of Gold Beach declared in his arguments.

But few families supported by Fish.

Daniels opened the arguments in support of the bill by stating that stream pollution did not kill the fish, and that commercial fishing must cease if the tourists will continue to come to Oregon for sport fishing.

J. E. Cullison, chairman of the game commission, former Senator J. O. Smith of Grants Pass and O. Alandorf of Medford argued for the bill pointing out that only 83 families were supported by commercial fishing.

Ralph Cowgill of Medford presented figures of a survey made of the Rogue to show that irrigation ditches were screened, and that the run of fish was decreasing.

Joseph Wharton, president of the Grants Pass chamber of commerce, declared that the future welfare of the Grants Pass district depended upon closing the stream to net fishing. Other speakers for the proponents were William Briggs, president of the Ashland chamber of commerce, Martin Hughes of Grants Pass, representing the Josephine-Pomona grange and Irving T. Vin.

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4-H CLUB FAIRS SET APRIL 23-25

The second annual Marion county 4-H club fair will be held April 23, 24 and 25 at the chamber of commerce rooms in Salem. It was announced Wednesday by W. W. Fox, county club leader.

To date, five scholarships for the 4-H boys' and girls' summer school held each year at Corvallis have been offered as prizes for the fair. Fox is now working on the regular list of awards.

The five scholarships offered for the fair bring the total number of scholarships which have been awarded virtually promised to the 4-H workers to 15, Fox reports.

Police Guard Jobs Parade at S. F.



Special police guards were ordered out to prevent possible riots in connection with a scheduled parade of several thousand unemployed men to the city hall, San Francisco. The parade was held under police permit, at the request of the trade union unity league. Nearly 5,000 men, it was reported, marched to the city hall and demanded assistance from Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco. "We want work for the unemployed," declared M. M. Rapport, organizer of the parade. Top photo shows Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, right, addressing the crowd of unemployed paraders. On the left is shown one of the unemployed speakers. Bottom photo shows general view of the crowd.

ESPEE WINS POINT ON VALLEY-SILETZ

Examiner Opposes Purchase of Road by O. E., Also Extension Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Extension of Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroad operations in Oregon in competition with the Southern Pacific system through acquisition of the Valley and Siletz railroad, is looked upon with distaste by Thomas F. Sullivan, examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In a recommendation to the commission today Sullivan disapproved purchase of the Valley and Siletz railroad by the Oregon Electric railroad, a subsidiary of the northern companies for \$2,000,000. He also urged the commission to refuse the Oregon Electric line permission it sought to construct a connection with the Valley line at a cost of \$465,000.

On the other hand Sullivan suggested it would be to the advantage of the region served if the Southern Pacific bought the Valley line at a reasonable price. The Southern Pacific opposed the project of the Northern lines at every point. The controversy will go before the commission for final adjudication.

The Legislative Calendar

SENATE TODAY

Grange leaders declared long-expected power bill will be introduced today.

Ways and means committee to continue joint evening meetings with house ways and means committee.

SENATE YESTERDAY

Joint resolution introduced asking Oregon to send delegation to Washington requesting federal cooperation in forming a cooperative agreement for development of power among five northwestern states.

Extended hearing on the Rogue river fishing bill held at night with commercial and game fishing interests well represented.

Multnomah delegation meets after senate adjournment to hear proposal that part of insurance taxes be diverted for pension fund for aged firemen and policemen.

Wrong Figures For Salem Not Bureau's Fault

The federal bureau of the census absolved itself yesterday of blame in connection with recent publishing of the census of Salem for 1930 at a figure slightly more than 18,000. In a telegram to the local chamber of commerce the census bureau said the error first occurred in a mimeographed release from Washington last year. Recent publication of the figures erroneously in a Portland newspaper are the fault of the paper, the writer states, adding that no additional incorrect release has been made by the federal census bureau.

The local chamber of commerce office received numerous telephoned protests from local citizens when the figure of 18,000 was printed as the city's 1930 population instead of 26,266, the correct figure.

LABOR CONTROL OF BRITAIN IS SHAKEN

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Prime Minister MacDonald's labor government was defeated by 33 votes in a division on the controversial education bill in the house of commons tonight, but some hours later carried the bill victoriously through third reading by 256 votes against 218—a government majority of 13.

Now the measure goes to the house of lords.

The defeat had no immediate consequence, for immediately after the division Mr. MacDonald announced to a wildly excited house that no big question of general principle was involved and that the government would carry on.

The defeat came mainly as the result of the intrusion of a religious controversy into politics, for the division in which the government found itself outvoted, 232 to 249, was taken on an amendment to the education bill, moved by John Scurr, a Roman Catholic laborite.

This amendment called for the passage of an act giving financial assistance to religious schools before the main education bill, moved by John Scurr, a Roman Catholic laborite.

Store Rioters Facing Charges

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Nine alleged leaders of the throng of unemployed that yesterday raided a grocery store here will be arraigned on riot charges tomorrow morning, Lewis R. Morris, county attorney, announced.

GABBLE CONTINUES OVER PROHIBITION

Wickersham Group Declares Rumor of White House Pressure False

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Wickersham report with its varying conclusions for revision, repeal and retention of the 18th amendment churned up additional controversy today and brought forth a resolution to inquire if the commission had been unduly influenced into changing its opinion at the last minute.

Senator Tydings of Maryland, a democratic anti-prohibitionist, introduced a measure calling for a senate inquiry to determine how the commission arrived at its "conflicting conclusions" and whether advice was received from outside.

Reports that the president had (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Court Has Keen Eye Out For Sign of Tax Repeal

Members of the Marion county court will make no objection to the proposed attempt to repeal the one mill market road tax law should the market road program in the county be unaffected by the change in law. Jim Smith, county commissioner said yesterday in indicating the course the court would take.

If, however, the repeal proposal, which has not yet been made public, fails to contain substitute method of providing approximately the same amount of funds for market roads, the resolution charge Smith decided against the bill and will help to get in counter legislation, Commissioner Smith inferred.

Day in Washington

(By the Associated Press)

Wickersham crime commission denied its findings had been influenced by President Hoover or that changes had been made after members signed report.

Senate passed \$94,000,000 interior department bill, including \$25,000,000 for drought relief.

Elihu Root told senate foreign relations committee revised world court protocol did not affect previous senate reservations.

FLAWS SEEN IN UTILITY BILLS ADD TO DELAYS

Appearance Still is Slated "Tomorrow" While Law Makers Mark Time

Grange Power Measure is Nearly Ready, Word; Others Coming up

By SHELDON F. SACKETT
Like expectant fathers, senators and legislators paced the lobby floors of the state capitol yesterday, momentarily expecting the long awaited announcement that have been born in administrative chambers and were ready for christening in the two houses.

But "nary a bill was born. Whispered conferences and incomplete statements from a relative of legislators in the close of the administration conveyed the news that the glad event was nearly at hand. Night fell, however, without the arrival of the measure to be known as the Public Service Commission plan and the other to be known as the Hydro-electric commission proposal.

Seemingly in sympathy with the retarded labors of the administration's chieftains, the grange power bill sponsors worked away all night, while the legislators touched on the outfit which its own power bill will wear when it makes its appearance in the legislative hoppers.

Legislators Marking Time
For days now the senate and the house has moved slowly, each day understanding that the most important measures concerning utilities would soon be forthcoming, and each day told that the introduction would not come until "tomorrow."

Two definite causes for delay appeared yesterday. First, the technical drafting of the bills has been faulty and revision has been imperative.

Second, conflicts in the desires and aspirations of the sponsoring groups are being smoothed out and made harmonious before the important bills come into the hands of senate and house committees.

The first cause for delay was evident yesterday when the bill providing for a public service commissioner got into the rules and legislation committee of the house. There it was speedily discovered that the bill was imperfectly prepared since numerous sections of the old code were repealed without being placed in brackets as is required by house procedure. The bill was hurriedly (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Oregon Solons Not in Move to Amend Dry Law

The Wisconsin legislative memorial requesting the calling of a national convention to amend the constitution, interpreted here to mean the attempt to repeal the 18th amendment, was placed on file with the house clerk after it was reported out by the resolutions committee Wednesday.

Seek U. S. Funds to Survey Rivers

A series of joint memorials, asking congress to appropriate funds and authorize surveys of the Rogue and Umpqua rivers in Oregon, were introduced in the house Wednesday. The Rogue survey is asked to determine feasibility for power sites and construction while the Umpqua river survey is in view of additional harbor improvements.

Foreseeing a five state pact for the development of the Columbia river, similar in theory under which the Boulder dam projects are under way, a joint resolution was introduced as the initial move for organizations of the five northwestern states.

The resolution points out the potential power available in the Columbia, and asks for a committee from Oregon to appear at the national capital requesting federal cooperation in the formation of pacts or treaties between these states. The states involved are Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

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Film Star Dies Of Pneumonia



ALMA RUBENS

TRAGIC LIFE ENDS FOR FILM BEAUTY

Alma Rubens' Long Battle Against Narcotics is Closed by Death

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Alma Rubens, former brunette beauty of the silver screen, who on many occasions reached the pinnacle of success in her life's work, only to be toppled into the abyss of despair because of narcotic addiction, died tonight at the home of friends.

Death came peacefully to the young woman whose work was known and admired by thousands throughout the world.

For three days she had been unconscious. She contracted a cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia, and with it came a coma from which she never recovered.

Three doctors were in constant attendance, and but two hours before the death had issued a statement saying she was slightly improved.

Unable to win the "Over Drug Habit" contest, she had been confined to a hospital for several months. Her death was a tragedy to her friends.

Miss Rubens' last public appearance was made just a year ago in a play at the Writer's club in Hollywood. It was a small, one act affair, but when the curtain fell, the one-time actress was accorded an ovation seldom given at the club.

Gone from her features were all traces of the mental and physical suffering she had endured for many months. Gone, too, were the effects of the narcotics by which she had been enslaved.

Last August, after her confinement in the state institutions, she had so far recovered she was offered a starring role in a New York play. But in December she returned to Los Angeles, her return marked by her arrest a few days later in San Diego by federal officers on a narcotic charge. She was bound over to the federal district court and was free on bail.

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The metals are said to have been found in the creek on the farm of Mrs. T. C. Phillips place. All rights are held by the Rare Metals Mining company. The company has hired a special deputy sheriff to guard the property.

Emergency Board's Acts Face Grilling At Present Session

OREGON'S BONE DRY LAW NOW MENACED

Bill for Repeal Rumored; Wickersham Report is Discussed Locally

On the heels of the report of the famed and defamed Wickersham commission came a grapevine report yesterday that in the pocket of a prominent Marion county non-legislator there reposes a bill to repeal prohibition as far as the state of Oregon goes.

The bill is but awaiting the proper moment for presentation to the law making body, the report, considered authentic, says.

But while the rumored bill is still a pocket paper, a number of well-known residents of Salem have ventured their opinions on the findings of the Wickersham commission. Here's what they say:

Governor Julius L. Meier, in a comment to the Associated Press on the commission report, said: "The state of Oregon has always cooperated to the fullest extent in the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and has gained national recognition for enforcement of the prohibition law. So long as the law constitutes a part of our federal statute I believe Oregon should, and will, continue to cooperate as in the past."

Rev. P. W. Eriksen, president of the Salem Ministerial association, said: "Personally, I think it has gotten down to the basis where the prohibition problem may be solved. I think the commission is on the right track. The report may bring out new angles on which congress may base positive action."

J. N. Chambers, business man and ex-president of the chamber of commerce, said: "The report seems very indefinite."

J. C. Nelson, head of the senior high school history department, declared: "I don't think the Wickersham report means anything, for the final results contradict the individual ones. Only two or three members say definitely the 18th should be retained, and with others condemning it; but the entire thing upholds the 18th amendment. I can't feel the report adds (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

RAILS MOVES AHEAD, INDUSTRIALS LAG

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Inability of the industrials to follow a rise in the rails made the results of today's stock trading a standoff, but the strength of the bond market offered encouragement to those who are more interested in broader trends than the daily fluctuations of share prices.

An unfavorable fourth quarter earnings estimate for the United States Steel corporation, placing net between 30 and 40 cents a share—considerably below earlier forecasts—found the so-called pivotal industrials wavering and quite willing to go down. Selling in this group was accompanied by declines elsewhere and a number of important utilities lost early advances.

Carrier shares reacted from their highs. So did about a point, while National Biscuit, despite record earnings for 1930, was down 1 1/2, although it had been 2 points lower. American Telephone, General Electric, Union Carbide, North American and General Motors closed either at or slightly above Tuesday's final levels. A short squeeze in Auburn Auto brought a 6 point rally. Westinghouse and Allied Chemical dropped about 2.

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Abolishment or Strict Limiting of Power Now Proposed

Criticism piling up against the state emergency board in recent years bids fair to come to a head this session if members appointed to the sub-committee of the ways and means committee which will investigate the emergency board's actions put into action their outspoken criticism of the board.

On the special committee to investigate the activities of the board are included Senator William F. Woodward of Multnomah county and Senator W. H. Strayer of Baker county, both of whom have made several attacks on the large appropriations made by the board. With the senators will serve Representative Homer D. Angell of Multnomah county, who is chairman of the house committee on ways and means.

Question Amounts Allowed by Board
The two senators made their attack on the board the previous night when it was discovered that during the last two years the emergency board has allowed deficiency appropriation of over \$500,000 in addition to appropriations made by the legislature of 1929.

Never before has a special committee been named to inquire into the activities of the board. Senator Strayer spoke strongly in favor of abolishing the board. Senator Jay H. Weston of Bend, who is not a member of the ways and means committee, has introduced a bill that would limit the board's emergency allowances to \$100,000.

Chairman Angell informed the joint committee last night that, as suggested the previous night, he had invited Governor Meier to advise the committee relative to possible reductions in requested appropriations appearing in the budget. He said the governor had promised to go through the budget later in the session. Sub-Committees Are Announced

All of the sub-committees that are to visit state and state-aided private institutions and make other special investigations were appointed late night. The list follows, the first named being chairman:

Western Oregon state hospital, Pendleton; Eastern Oregon Normal, Prineville.

CLAIM JURY DIDN'T DO AS COURT SAID

Motion for a new trial in the case of Sylvester A. Hoyt vs. Joseph Lokinger, which was finished in circuit court Tuesday afternoon, was filed Wednesday afternoon.

The jury Tuesday reported a verdict for the defendant. Hoyt claimed \$7100 damages for gunshot wound alleged to have been inflicted by Lokinger. Lokinger asserted the wound was not intentional, and was the result of an attempt to scare Hoyt away from Lokinger's chicken coops, which Hoyt entered with intent to commit theft.

In the motion for a new trial, irregularities in the trial just finished are charged as follows: The jury refused to follow the court's instructions to return a verdict for the plaintiff; it was misconduct on part of the jury to refuse to follow court's instructions; insufficient evidence to justify the verdict, in that evidence showed conclusively that defendant fired the shot and caused injury to plaintiff and did not prove legal justification.