

FREE TEXTBOOK BILL IS PASSED

Only 14 Representatives on "Nay" Side; Mrs. Lee is Measure's Sponsor

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tests as indicative of growing resentment against the direct tax on property.

Says Unfair to Private Schools

Representative John Thornburg said he could not favor the bill because he thought it unduly discriminatory against the private schools. Representative Thornburg, like Thornburg a banker, says the bill would take the hard job farmers are having to succeed and said he opposed the further extent of paternalism in government.

Representative Nichols held he worked for his books and said he protested against the idea that the children of today are not getting what they merited. "My wife and I saved our money, I guess, so the children of today can have cigarettes," the speaker commented.

Representative Byrum said the predecessors were "rocks of conservatism" and must recall that 1890 was vastly different from 1899. He said the state now furnished 98 per cent of school equipment; it should complete the educational commitment by adding more text. Representative Andrews said he favored the bill as one which was economic. Representative Gordon Taylor held that the interest of the children and free textbooks should be provided. Representative Gill pointed out the fact that all candidates for governor in November had favored free textbooks.

Representative Stewart of Polk county said he opposed the bill because the grant was not in favor of any more emigration to the state, and free textbooks were an inducement to bring added settlers here. Representative Winslow retorted by saying the farmers in his county were strong in favor of free textbooks and brought documentary evidence before the house to support his contention.

The measure now goes to the senate for consideration. If the upper house approves the measure, the governor's approval is felt certain in the face of his campaign pronouncements.

'USE OWN FEET' PLEA OF CASTON

One of those whose grandparents were freed by Abraham Lincoln in his emancipation proclamation spoke to the students of Willamette university chapel Wednesday noon. He was Rev. J. Lytle Caston, pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist church of Portland, who addressed the students on some of the finer points of the president's character.

A plea for standing on one's own feet and doing one's own thinking in spite of propaganda and mob spirit, was the chief item in Mr. Caston's address.

The speaker pointed out how the character of Abraham Lincoln is looked up to from people all over the world. He said that African negroes, people of India and Asia, Europeans and many others admire the spirit of Lincoln as well as do citizens of the United States.

Both he and Rev. Hugh B. Fouke, Jr. who introduced Mr. Caston, spoke of the spirit of the many marble and granite statues of Lincoln throughout this country. The ones that were especially mentioned were those that showed Lincoln with a member of the negro race.

Tradition and custom were referred to by Mr. Caston as two of the greatest evils which retard the progress of modern thought.

LINCOLN AS HEROIC LEADER RECALLED

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sounded about him," Colonel Mercer said in ending his story. "A moment later things it was my good fortune to ride on the same train with Lincoln when he went from Washington to Gettysburg, and when he made that immortal address, I stood just 11 feet from him." The veteran senate chaplain said.

Mercer was three blocks from Ford theatre, the evening President Lincoln was assassinated. Hearing immediately what had happened, he hurried to mount a splendid saddle horse given

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The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

HOLLYWOOD
Today—Robert Montgomery in "Love in the Rough."
Friday—Bob Steele in "Headin' North."

THE GRAND
Today—Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in "Way of All Men."
Friday—Double Bill—Bessie Love in "Conspiracy" and Hoot Gibson in "Spurs."

WARNER'S ELSINORE
Today—Richard Dix in "Cimarron."

WARNER'S CAPITOL
Today—Grant Withers in "Sinners' Holiday."

Nearby at Time of Assassination

His idea was, of course, to intercept the assassin. When he had almost reached the Virginia end of the bridge, a stenographer demanded: "Halt." A brief exchange of words revealed that both Mercer and Captain Henry E. Fitz had arrived for the same purpose, though they had come from different parts of town.

Mercer, because of his youth and his more powerful horse, was sent back to summon help, and returned with a platoon of reinforcements. But Booth, Colonel Mercer recounts, managed to get across the river by boat a distance from the bridge, the only crossing then.

Colonel Mercer spent 17 years in the government secret service following the war and of the men whom he has known and experienced through which he has passed one could read with enjoyment for many long hours; but today in Lincoln's birthday, and that is why he was prevailed upon to tell a wee bit once again about his acquaintance with the Emancipator.

Incidentally, for 22 years Colonel Mercer, in his 84th year, has led Lincoln day observance in the Oregon legislative halls. Today, he will lead both houses in invocation, and will also have something to say in the joint meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

POSTAL HEAD NOT TO RELEASE DATA

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way we can, but we regard it as incompatible with the public interest.

"Have you stated all the reasons?" Blaine asked. "Is incompatibility your only reason?"

"Yes."

"Why would it be incompatible?"

The postmaster general said many of the leases would soon expire and it would handicap the government in renewing the leases, or purchasing the buildings.

"It would embarrass our negotiations," he said. "If we disclosed what we believed the property was worth we would not be in as good position as if we did not."

Doubling previous budgets, Wyoming will spend \$5,180,000 for highway construction and improvement during 1931.

Coming Sunday To
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RUSSIA SITUATION OUTLINED BY WINN

Individual Swamped Both in art and Industry, Professor Relates

That the condition of the peasants in modern Russia has been greatly improved over those previous to the great war and that the individual is swamped in the rule of the masses, and that the idealist has no place in this scheme of things were some of the interesting statements made by Prof. R. B. Winn, instructor in philosophy at Willamette university, in his lecture Tuesday night in the auditorium of the Salem public library on the subject of "Art in Modern Russia."

Professor Winn showed by extracts from pre-war authors and post-war writers that, although the general literacy of the Russians has increased largely, there is a dearth of writers of genius. The cause of this he declared to be the fact that all personality is merged in the masses. This cause produced the same effect in music, poetry, painting, and drama. The population is divided into two classes—those with the government and those against it, and those against it have a difficult time.

Literary before the war, he said, was approximately 25 per cent. At present time it reaches as high as 95 per cent in the urban population. Mass production by the masses is the rule.

Theatre

He pointed out the case of the theatre, which is used for propaganda purposes. There are no leading roles and the producers strive for mass effect, crowds in action. Playwrights must write to suit the demand. Stage directors may shift acts about at will, and the creative author can only grin and bear it.

After Professor Winn had concluded his talk, numerous questions were asked, bearing on the industrial and economic conditions. These questions brought out the information that the government owns all the land and leases it to independent farmers without cost for an indefinite period. But he said the independent farmer had a hard time in competition with the state-operated farms, some of which were 100,000 acres to 700,000 acres in extent. On these farms the peasants worked eight hours a day, had free shows, and employment winter and summer.

MOONSHINE CHARGE IS FACED BY FOUR

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manufacture had been put through. The officers got 35 gallons of this.

The case of George and Charleston Bass, charged with assault and battery will be heard in justice court Monday, February 16. Marion Greshong is the complaining witness.

Charged with disorderly conduct Jimmy Stutesman is out on \$50 bail and his case will be heard in justice court on Wednesday, February 25.

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The Right of Way

WARNER BROS. CAPITOL

W. T. U. Heads Make Additional Plans For State

A district executive committee meeting of the Oregon W. T. U. was in session at the Salem Union hall Tuesday and Wednesday when plans were made for future activities of the state unions and a set of resolutions were passed. The resolutions included recommendations that an extensive educational campaign be conducted; that work against cigarettes and drugs be stressed; that the committee was gratified with the report of the Wickham commission, and that United States committeemen be urged to consider the Hudson R. B. No. 9285, providing for federal supervision of motion picture production.

Cimarron Held Over For Two Days on Demand

For the first time in weeks a play at a local theatre has had to be held over because of popular demand. Because the theatre has not been able to take care of the crowds which came to see "Cimarron," showing at Warner Bros. Elsinore, Verne McIntyre, manager, announces that the play will be held over through Friday at least to accommodate those who have not been able to see it.

It is estimated that at least 4000 people viewed the show in the last three days. It is a magnificent portrayal of the history and development of the territory and state of Oklahoma, woven together with the romance of the lives of two people.

Mary M. Fox died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Willard, 1566 North Fourth street, February 11, aged 84 years; mother of Mrs. E. J. Willard of Salem, Mrs. W. H. Copeland of DeQuincy, La., Mrs. George Crites of Newberg and Leonard Fox of Shawnee, Okla.; 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren surviving. Funeral services Friday, February 13, at 2 p. m. from the Terwilliger funeral home. Interment Belcrest memorial park.

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HOSPITAL CHARGE BILLS APPROVED

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the state hospitals, feeble minded home, and boys' and girls' schools was fixed in the bills at \$30 per month, or so much thereof as can be collected. A charge of \$15 per week has been fixed in the cases of patients in the tuberculosis hospitals. In cases where relatives or guardians of the state charges are unable to pay they will be maintained as under the present system.

Reports received from the state of Washington indicated that \$487,000 was collected from the relatives and guardians of state charges during a 21 months period. Officers of the American Legion appeared before the committee and urged that they be authorized to use \$25,000 now contained in what is known as the soldiers' and sailors' educational aid fund in defraying the cost of the national convention of the organization in event it is held in Portland in 1932.

MAWY DOGS LACK LICENSES, WORD

Three thousand persons must appear at the county clerk's office in the next 15 days with money to purchase dog licenses if last year's records are to be equalled. Deputy Clerk H. A. Judd figured yesterday.

At the end of February, 1930, 3456 persons had paid license for dogs, while on February 11, 1931, 470 persons, or 64 fewer than a year ago, had bought the licenses. This means that to equal the 1930 record, 2986 persons must buy licenses for their dogs before February 28, after which date a penalty is effective.

A total of 4381 licenses were issued last year, making about 1000 on which penalties were paid.

Paulus to Talk At Credit Men's Meeting Friday

"Legal facts every merchant should know" will be the subject for the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Salem Retail Credit association at the Arcadia on Friday.

Otto K. Paulus, lawyer member of the association, will be the speaker and in addition to his talk on legal facts will answer questions of members in regard to general procedure. Everett Dotson is chairman of the program committee and will be in charge of that part of the meeting. Phillip Holmes, president of the group, will preside.

Former Warden Of Prison Here Dies in South

Judge C. W. James, former warden of the state penitentiary here, died in Los Angeles, Calif., Tuesday morning according to word received here. For nine years he served as penitentiary head under the governorship of George E. Chamberlain. He was county judge of Lincoln county for two terms.

Surviving James are the following: Mrs. Soth Mordford of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Tom R. Wilson of Portland, Miss Myrtle James and Arthur James of Newport; and grandchildren, Helen, Harold, Kenneth, Rosalia and Caroline Mordford. Mrs. James died a year ago.

Funeral services will be held from the Holman and Lutz chapel, East 14th and Sandy Boulevard, Portland, Friday morning at 10:30.

Washburne Now Major in Guard White Announces

First Lieutenant Claude B. Washburne of Junction City, was promoted yesterday to the rank of major, according to an announcement made at the offices of Major General White, commander of the national guard troops in the northwest.

Major Washburne is one of the oldest lieutenants in point of service in the state. He is a veteran of the world war and is vice president of the Junction City National bank.

His promotion carries with it assignment to command of the second battalion of the 349th coast artillery, a coast defense regiment comprised of Oregon troops.

MRS. MARY M. FOX DIES HERE AGED 84

Mary M. Fox, 84, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Willard, 1566 North Fourth street, late Wednesday night. She had been ill for two years.

Mrs. Fox was born in Indiana, lived in Texas, then in Oklahoma, from which state she came to Salem to live with her daughter 30 years ago. Her husband died in 1890. She was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps here.

Three daughters survive: Mrs. Willard, Mrs. W. H. Copeland of

DeQuincy, La., and Mrs. George Crites of Newberg; one son, Leonard, of Shawnee, Okla.; 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the Terwilliger funeral home. Interment will be in Belcrest memorial park.

RECOVERS FROM OPERATION

HAZEL GREEN, Feb. 11 — Mrs. Hawley is slowly recovering from a recent operation at a Salem hospital.

The Hawleys are from Texas. They bought a farm from Mrs. Charles Bartruff near the Murphy cemetery on the road leading north from Silverton highway to Hazel Green schoolhouse.

Coming Saturday!

The Cohens and Kellys in Africa

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