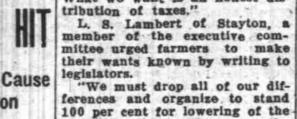


provide school houses, teachers Board Eliminated and much equipment," said Senator Bailey, 'and I can see no reatee also eliminated the state board farther and furnish free textbooks. This bill has received the indorsement of the state grange. the parent-teachers - associations and many other organizations in terested in the welfare of our school system." Figures submitted by Senator Bailey showed that passage of the bill would save the Portland school district approximately \$37,000 a year. "I am opposed to this bill on the ground that it savors with paternalism," said Senator Sta-"It will not be long until our children will be taken away from us and educated by the state. We are gradually drifting toward socialism. Thirteen professors at the state university voted for Eugene Debbs when he was a candidate for president of the United States. "With our present deficit of more than \$2,000,000 we are in no financial condition to take on (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

The ways and means commit-

Of Fatal Collision

Inquest Expected on Cause



and Roseburg, Ore., had been recommended in the order named.

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the state.

leaders tonight conceded this was probable. This report was based on a tele-Alarm that the measure

ing of a special election.

amendment which fixed the date of valuation as of August 38. By the passage of the bill the second of the three Meler utility 1930, for his company to make measures has passed the upper further capital investment would be at their peril; so

c uld proceed with completion of

the filter plant so long as the

case on the legality of the

amendment had not been finally

President Elliott stated that

since the city had voted over-

whelmingly in favor of acquiring

the water system his company

did not want to stand in the

way; but would retire from the

field on payment of a fair valua-

tion for the property. After much discussion back and forth Elliott for the water

company stated that they would

oin the city in an arbitration

plan, either accepting the pur-chase price of 1927 and addin-

net investment since; or else ar

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company did not

decided

YUUTH CONFESSES MURDER, IS CLAIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19. (AP)-Charles A. Simpson, 21, police said, confessed late today be bound and burned to death Mrs. Albina Voorhies, 65, Monday night in a little store she operated here alone. He was imme-

diately charged with murder. Panic stricken by the "terrible look in her eyes," after he had clubbed her over the head, the confession read, Simpson bound the helpless woman hand and foot, poured coal oil over her body and set it afire while she was still alive.

Police said he explained he killed Mrs. Voorhies to escape arrest, for she had recognized him the 13 indicted for criminal synas the son of her landlord. He dicalism. They are at liberty un-obtained \$10. der \$2500 bail each.

Trailed since the crime was discovered, Simpson was arrested after he came out of a municipal court room where he had gone to face a robbery charge. He was free on bail under this charge at the time the murder was committed. It was, police said, only one of several robberies of which he ras accused.

Escaped Convict **Caught Few Days** After Marriage

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 19.-(AP)-Benton county officers today cut short the romance of George Wardell, alias George Kellog, alleged escaped convict from the Idaho penitentiary. Wardell was arrested at the

home of Mrs. M. J. McClure Wardell, to whom he had been married last Monday at Albany, Ore., the bride was left at her home and Wardell was placed in the

conciliation, which an appropriation of \$1975 for the current blennium. The appropriation of the bureau of nursing and child hygiene, which is conducted in connection with the state board of health, reduced from \$22,701



SAID REDS' PLA stantly. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19 .-(AP)-Bank robberies have been proposed by Portland commun-

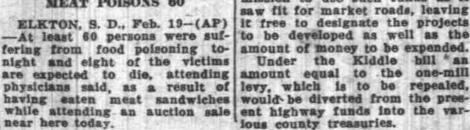
ists as a means of obtaining greater funds to carry on their activities, M. R. Bacon, Portland special police officer, testified today in the trial of Ben Boloff charged with criminal syndical-

Bacon affiliated with the communist party last year in order to obtain information about its work. His work led to the arrest and subsequent indictment of more than 20 alleged communists. Several of these are await-ing deportation and Boloff is the first of 13 others to be brought to trial for criminal syndicalism

The entire day was devoted to direct and cross-examination of Bacon. He told of theories and doctrines he had learned in a 'communist school just around the corner from the police station.

Communist sympathizers jammed the courtroom and during the noon recess more than 300 gathered in the plaza opposite the courthouse where they were addressed by Fred Walker, 23, organizer for the young commun- die bill. ist league for Oregon and Wash-ington, and Paul Hunter, 22, secretary of the international labor defense league of Portland. Walker and Hunter are among

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The Legislative Calendar

HOUSE TODAY Third reading house bills 325, 266, 267, 268, 282, 309, 315, 326, 340, 342. bill. Special order 10:30 a. m. report senate bill 150. Special order 2 p. m., house bills 348, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 362, 362, 363, way. 364, 365, 366, Third reading senate bills 61, 78, 110, 113, 140, 145, 112, 141, 56, 224, 108, 122, 129, 130, 132, 133, 216, 326. enate joint resolutions 4, Senate joint memorial 8.

is issued. to 11.

Near Barlow

were killed and a meat truck completely demolished on Thursday when the north bound Shasta limited struck the truck. The accident occurred near Barlow station. George Sturkart of Portland,

driver of the truck, and Dave Greiner, a hitch hiker from Kent, Washington, were killed in-

Alex Anderson, engineer on the train, said he did not see the truck as it turned from the Pacific highway and ran on to a short spur track. R. A. Taylor,

fireman, said he saw the truck but believed it was about to stop. Taylor called to Engineer Anderson when he saw that the train was about to strike the truck. If the rain does not continue to The emergency air brake failed fall.

to prevent the accident. According to reports Stukert apparently tried to beat the train



Prospects for a compromise between the Kiddle forces for diversion, of \$1,250,000 of state road funds for county market roads and the highway commission backers, looms in the house. At least, an attempt will be made when the measure comes before the lower house, after passage by the senate, to give the highway commission more leeway in its disposal of the \$1,250,000 set

out for market roads by the Kid-The highway commission, it is said on good authority, objects to having any specific purpose attached to its funds. This is an entering wedge for throwing highway matters into the legislature,

the commission feels. Its wish would be to have the legislature authorize the commission to use such funds as it

it free to designate the projects to be developed as well as the Under the Kiddle bill "an

SENATE TODAY Special order 11 a. m., state department agriculture Special order 2 p. m., bill to change Roosevelt highway to Oregon Coast high-SENATE YESTERDAY

Approved free textbook bill, 17 to 13. Approved Woodward bill for five-day period of waiting before marriage license

Killed short-train bill, 19

"We want the taxes" he said. legislature to work for us and if it oesn't, it will hear from us." AURORA, Feb. 19-Two men Reduction of salaries of educa-tors in the schools of higher edu-

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Rain Needed So No Cause **To Complain**

If your feet have been wet and the suit you just had pressed got soaked through within the past few days, don't complain of the discomfort for it is nothing to what you may suffer this summer

There was none too much rainfall last year, even with the snow, but by comparison with this year 1930 was a "wet" year. Rivers of Oregon and the lakes are even now showing the shortage of water. The Willamette river February 18, 1930, measured 8.4, and February 19, 1930, 7.8; for February 18, 1931, the figure is at the astonishingly low level of -.2 below zero. With the rainfall of the last few days the level raised 2.8, making the river stand at three feet Thursday.

The total rainfall for December 1931, was seven inches short of the normal figure and January days did not add a single fraction of an inch of moisture.

So-do not complain of the damp. It is needed. Oregonians could not live through the humiliation of the east having to send hack some of the sheckles sent to it for drouth relief, in order that drouth relief might be effected in Oregon.



NEW YORK, Feb. 19-(AP)lation will cost the states around fifteen million dollars this year. Forty-four state legislatures new are at work. Another gets started in April. More than five

thousand state senators and representatives are functioning. Clerks, pages, stenographers, chaplains, charwomen, printers parliamentarians and janitors increase the number of persons hav-ing part in the state law making to approximately 15,000.

Pennsylvania spends more for its laws than any other state; awarded \$1,880,171 at the last session. On the basis of previous legislatures it may be expected to produce 4,-000 bills, of which 600 will be-

come laws. New York with \$1,799,267 and Illinois with \$1,100,000 are the only other states spending more

Johnston, but Johnston's message, while giving the towns in that order, did not definitely say which was recommended first. Oregon veterans who have followed the matter professed great within 48 hours. surprise, as it was their expectaemocrats Vote tion that Roseburg, which pro-posed the idea and whose efforts folidly for Bill put the appropriation through congress, was thought to have the

the loan measure which was advanced as a compromise for the inside track. Leastwise that was full cash payment of the certifthe conclusion they drew- from icates advocated by many. General Wood's remarks while in Senators Watson of Indiana (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

It is further pointed out that Washington has 15 federal insti-

tutions to one in Oregon. PULITICS RAMPAN The matter is not fully determined yet, as the final decision rests with the hospitalization board which is expected to act at IN CHICAGO'S LOOP an early date. Meantime Roseburg and other Oregon cities are expected to unite in a drive to get the home located in Roseburg, which has the united support of Oregon, whereas Washington is



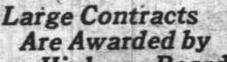
MADRID - (By Telephone to London.) - Feb. 19. - (AP) -Spain's new cabinet, headed by Premier Juan Bautista Aznar, in its first official meeting tonight decided on the calling of elections and the establishment of a constitutional convention as soon as possible.

Other important policies are plan to give administrative independence to the Catalonian district and another to better the status of the peseta, Spanish monetary unit. As the first important matter

the cabinet will fix dates for municipal, provincial and parliamentary elections in their respective order, the government promising complete sincerity in all. Then the ministry will tarn its

attention to improving the value of the peseta, will revise some of the repressive acts decreed under the seven-year dictatorship of Primo de Rivera, and will present a bill in the new parliament for

administrative independence of Many Dentists Coming Catalonia.



PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19. -(AP)-The state highway commission, meeting here today, contracts aggregating \$748,241. Improvements provid-ed by the contracts will affect 10

Contracts were awarded for five ridges; three of them on the Umpqua highway west of Drain and one each in Linn and Wash-

be killed by a pocket veto withhouse while the public service out returning it to congress becommissioner measure has been approved in the house of repre-sentatives. Little opposition is fore adjournment was stilled sentatives. Little opposition is expected to the completion of the late in the day by semi-official words from the White House that Mr Hoover would veto it legislature's approval in the houses which have not yet consid-

ered the three measures. On the grange power bill the Democrats voted solidly for vote stood:

Ayes: Bailey, Billingsley, Booth, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Dume of Clackamas and Multnomah, Eberhard, Eddy, Fisher, Franciscovich, Hall, Kiddle, Kuck, Mann, Moser, Schulmerich,

Spaulding, Upton, Wheeler, Woodward and Marks. No: Bennett, Dunn of Jackson,

ohnson, Staples and Strayer. Absent: Carsner, Jones and Miller.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 19-(AP)-Politics held rancous carnival in Only four days until the party the Chicago loop today. primary for mayor, and every major candidate in the rough and tumble republican race converged

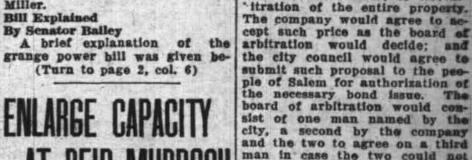
It was bediam all day long as "Big Bill" Thompson, Judge John H. Lyle and Alderman Arthur F. Albert shouted of plots, of gang-

sters and skuldaggery. Crowds blocked some streets defying police in orderto listen to defying police in order to listen to carrying the voices of their candidates. Sound trucks shrilled propaganda. Mayor Thompson's animal show grotesquely plodded Rialto street; and as a counter-attraction Mrs. Albert appeared atop a tallyho with a group of retty girls.

Mayor Thompson told his audience he had learned that "200 St. Louis gangsters are being imported for the election." They are to be used, he said.

"strong-arm" voters into casting their ballots for one of his opments

Around the corner, in another op theatre, Judge Lyle repeated his plaint that city hall police are "diverting" many people who want to hear him, into the Thompson meetings.



AT REID-MURDOCH

Enlargement of the plant caacity and other improvements are under way at the local Reid-Murdoch plant and the machinery is being given a complete overhauling. Frank B. Madden, northwest manager for the company, is in Salem supervising the work.

o'clock, 3:45 o'clock today, will

speak on children in dentistry,

practical information for the gen-eral practition and dentofacial de-

formities and their diagnosis and

Another boiler is being installed which will increase the capacity of the plant to 1000 horsepower. A new 100-foot steel stack is also being installed. The two will cost nearly \$12,000 when completed. Another box and crate house will be built at once. It will be 50 by 100 feet in size. The old

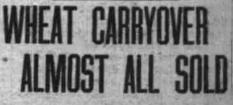
house will be torn down and the ground put into lawn. A magnesia covering is being installed on all the steam pipes. Mr. Madden stated that the com-

pany might be forced to put in a econd water tower because of the local water situation. The present supply is from an eight-inch main and is not sufficient when the plant is running at full capacity.

To Clinic; Opens Today

prognosis.

man in case the two could not agree. Would Permit of **Filter** Completion Under this agreement and the calling off of the appeal of the pending case, the company would proceed to complete the filter plant, with the city passing upon all contracts and awards for the work, the city then to reimburse the company for this outlay (Turn to page 2, col. 1)



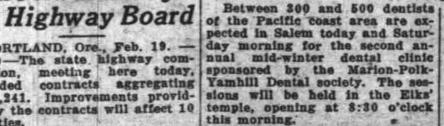
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19-(AP) -Chairman Legge of the farm board said today the wheat carryover of next July 1 might be lmost entirely in the hands el the government sponsored grain stabilization corporation.

A little later Speaker Long worth announced there was little chance for wheat embargo legisation at this session.

Legge estimated the corporation's holdings at the beginni of next summer's harvest at "possibly 200,000,000 bushels, with half that amount in case

Operation Upon Samuel Hill is Said Successful

Dr. Fleetwood, who appears o PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19 --(AP) -- Samuel Hill, philan-thropist and good roads advothe program at 10:45 and 3:45 o'clock today, will speak on cav-ity preparations and impressions, technique of inlays and bridges, cate, underwent a major opera-tion at St. Vincent's hospital here today. Attaches said to-night his condition was "fairly Dr. Shearer's subjects will in-



counties. The conference banquet will be held at the Marian tonight at 6:30 | care of gold and casting and sol o'clock and Saturday afternoon dering and assembling of bridges. the group will adjourn to go to ington counties. The bridges will Portland to attend a banquet and clude x-ray and diagnosis, infec-

