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FREE TEXTBOOK BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Certain to Become Law as Governor Favored it in his Platform

Vote is 17 to 13; Opposition Based Mostly on Expense Item

The state senate yesterday gave a 17 to 13 approval to the bill providing for free textbooks in Oregon.

A packed gallery heard the debate which took all the time of the morning session and brought out one of the most closely contested oratorical contests of the session.

The vote follows: For—Bailey, Booth, Carner, Crawford, Dunne, Eberhard, Franciscovich, Hall, Kiddle, Kuck, Miller, Spaulding, Upton, Wheeler, Woodcock.

Against—Bennett, Billingsley, Brown, Burke, Dunn, Eddy, Fisher, Johnson, Mann, Schulmerich, Staples, Strayer, Marks.

The bill provides that the cost of the books shall not exceed \$1.50 per pupil per year. Districts of the first class may purchase the books direct, while districts of the second and third classes shall purchase them through the state educational department.

Oregon Held Far In Hand Senator Bailey, in opening the argument for the bill, declared that Oregon was one of four states in the union which does not have a free textbook law.

"We provide school houses, teachers and much equipment," said Senator Bailey, "and I can see no reason why we should not go a step farther and furnish free textbooks. This bill has received the endorsement of the state teachers' and parent-teachers' associations and many other organizations interested 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 Staples. "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."

Senator Bailey, in reply to Senator Staples, said that the bill 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)

YOUTH CONFESSES MURDER, IS CLAIM

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

Panic-stricken by the "terrible look in her eyes," after he had clubbed her on 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 as the son of her landlady. He obtained \$10.

Trilled since the crime was discovered, Simpson was arrested after he came out 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 was accused.

Escaped Convict Caught Few Days After Marriage CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Denton county officers today cut short the romance of George Wardell, alias George Kellogg, alleged escaped convict from the Idaho penitentiary.

What's in a Name? Much, Says Cooking School Instructor

Pleasing Terminology Helps Digestion, Claim Of Willa Campbell; Interest in Event Still at High Pitch

LOOK out you men! You will be unable to tell what you are eating for the next few days if your wives carry out the ideas given at The Statesman cooking school on Thursday.

"The success of your dish depends on the name you give it," Willa Campbell told the 300 women gathered at the Methodist church on Thursday.

You men may think you know a lot about foods but it seems that the old adage about a rose by any other name does not apply in this case and if you like the sound of the name of a particular dish you will probably like the food. Don't believe it do you? Well, it does not matter because you will not know the difference anyway.

All this stress on names was because the class featured the use of left overs and it seems that the clever housewife can take a bit of this and a bit of that and by the alchemy known only to good cooks combine the "bits" so that most attractive and appetizing dishes will result.

"A 'Heavenly' dessert to be made and left in the ice box until needed, was demonstrated by Rita Conner. The basis of this was whipped cream. For one pint of whipping cream she used one-half package of gelatin dissolved in two-thirds cup of water. To this mixture was added various fruits. "Just use what (Turn to page 7, col. 1)

CONSOLIDATION OF BOARDS APPROVED

Saving in Inspection for Child Labor Effected Under Gram's Plan

Consolidation of the state board of child labor inspectors and the industrial welfare commission with the state bureau of labor, was approved by the joint ways and means committee last night.

Under the provisions of the bill authorizing the consolidation, C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, will act as secretary of the combined activities at a salary of \$3,600 a year. He now receives \$3,000. Mills Trumbull, of Portland, is serving as secretary of the board of child labor inspectors and industrial welfare commission.

The estimated cost of conducting the three departments separately during the current biennium was \$23,011. Under a budget proposed by Mr. Gram covering the cost of the combined activities, the expense will be reduced to \$23,530.

Conciliation Board Eliminated The ways and means committee also eliminated the state board of conciliation, which retained an appropriation of \$1975 for the current biennium. The appropriation of the bureau of nursing and child hygiene, which is conducted in connection with the state board of health, remains at \$2,741 (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

BANK ROBBERIES SAID REDS' PLAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Bank robberies have been proposed by Portland communists 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 syndicalism.

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 awaiting 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 communist league for Oregon and Washington, and Paul Hunter, 23, secretary of the international labor defense league of Portland. Walker and Hunter are among the 13 indicted for criminal syndicalism. They are at liberty under \$2500 bail each.

MEAT POISONS 60

ELKTON, S. D., Feb. 19.—(AP)—At least 60 persons were suffering from food poisoning tonight and eight of the victims are expected to die, attending physicians said, as a result of having eaten meat sandwiches while attending an auction sale near here today.

THE Legislative Calendar

HOUSE TODAY Reading house bills 335, 265, 267, 268, 232, 309, 315, 325, 340, 342. Special order 10:30 a. m., report senate bill 150. Special order 2 p. m., house bills 243, 252, 357, 359, 321, 350, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356. Third reading senate bills 61, 78, 110, 113, 140, 145, 112, 141, 56, 224, 108, 122, 129, 130, 132, 133, 216, 326. Senate joint resolutions 4, 5, 6. Senate joint memorial 3.

ORGANIZE TAX EQUALIZATION COUNTY GROUP

Farmers Gather Here, lay Plans for Relief From Taxation Burden

Second Meeting to Outline Policy is Scheduled For Saturday

Taxpayers of Marion county, attempting to formulate a definite program of tax reduction for farmers and other holders of real property, completed organization of a Tax Equalization league at a meeting attended by 75 farmers from Salem, Silverton, Aurora, Woodburn and other points at the chamber of commerce Thursday evening.

The group unanimously endorsed Senator Schulmerich's plan to cut approximately \$1,000,000 from the state board of higher education appropriation and approved a plan to send members to appear before the legislature before the end of this session to present a program of cutting taxes.

"Our hope is to equalize the state and county taxes. The burden is now too heavy on property. Farmers feel it growing heavier every year, especially this year when there are no prices for the articles they have to sell," said Henry Zorn of Aurora, president of the league for this county.

Honest Division Of Burden, Aim "There is nothing radical or bolshevistic about our program. We are all taxpayers and Oregon citizens, many of us are pioneers. What we want is an honest distribution of taxes."

L. S. Lambert of Stayton, a member of the executive committee urged farmers to make their wants known by writing to legislators. "We must know all our differences and organize to stand 100 per cent for lowering of the taxes," he said. "We want the legislature to work for us and if it doesn't, it will hear from us."

Oregon veterans who have followed the matter professed great surprise, as it was their expectation that Roosevelt, who proposed the idea and whose efforts through congress, was thought to have the matter decided. Leastwise that was the conclusion they drew from General Wood's remarks while in the state.

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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 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 19, 1930, measured 8.4, and February 19, 1931, the figure is at the astonishingly low level of .2 below zero. With the rainfall of the last few days the level raised 2.3, making the river stand at the 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.

Reduction of a complaint of the dam. It is needed. Oregonians could not live through the humiliation of the east having to send back some of the shingles sent to it for drought relief, in order that drought relief might be effected in Oregon.

FIFTEEN MILLIONS COST OF NEW LAWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The big business of passing legislation will cost the states around fifteen million dollars this year.

Forty-four state legislatures now are in session. Another 20 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 having part in the state law making to approximately 15,000.

Pennsylvania spends more for its laws than any other state; \$1,830,171 at the last session. On the basis of previous legislatures it may be expected to produce 1,900 bills of which 600 will become laws.

New York with \$1,799,267 and Illinois with \$1,100,000 are the only other states spending more than a million dollars in the making of laws.

BOXER IS KILLED

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Injured in a boxing contest last night Al Van Whaley, 18, Newark negro, died today.

She Was Queen Of Mardi Gras



Miss Gladys Gelpi, of New Orleans, La., was queen of the New Orleans Mardi Gras Festival this year. Miss Gelpi is a vivacious type of southern beauty and has been socially prominent throughout the season.

SITE OF SOLDIERS' HOME NOT PICKED

Report Vancouver, Wash., Is First Choice Said Not Official

Advices received in Salem last night through Associated Press indicated that the report emanating from Tacoma to the effect that Vancouver, Wash., had been ranked as first choice as a site for the soldiers' home to be located in the northwest, was not based on fact and that the selection had not been made by General Wood, who recently visited the coast.

The report was that Vancouver, Spokane, American Lake, Wash., and Roseburg, Ore., had been recommended in the order named. This report was based on a telegram from Congressman Albert Johnston, but Johnston's message, while giving the towns in that order, did not definitely say which was recommended first.

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POLITICS RAMPANT IN CHICAGO'S LOOP

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Politics held raucous carnival in the Chicago loop today.

Only four days until the party primary for mayor and every major candidate in the rough and tumble republican race converged on downtown.

"It was bedlam all day long as 'Big Bill' Thompson, Judge John H. Lyle and Alderman Arthur F. Albert shouted of plots, of gangsters and skullduggery.

Crowds blocked some streets, detouring 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 tallboy with a group of pretty 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, to 'strong-arm' voters into casting their ballots for one of his opponents.

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

Large Contracts Are Awarded by Highway Board

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

Contracts were awarded for five bridges, three of them on the Umpqua highway west of Drain and one each in Linn and Washington counties. The bridges will cost \$118,448.50, while road contracts amounted to \$665,792.50.

VETERANS LOAN MEASURE GIVEN HUGE MAJORITY

President's Opposition is Flouted; Vote 72 to 12 in the Senate

Immediate Veto Expected; Allows Loans of Half Certificate's Face

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The senate passed the veterans loan bill tonight, 72 to 12, completing one of the most devastating routs of the administration on Capitol Hill in the term of President Hoover.

The measure to which the president only yesterday voiced his vigorous objection was rushed through the senate with not only the votes of 34 republicans for it but with the support of many of these administration members in debate also.

Applause rang from the galleries and the floor as the overwhelming majority was announced by Vice President Curtis at the completion of the roll call shortly after 6 p. m.

May Borrow Half Of Certificate's Face The bill would allow World War veterans to borrow up to half the amount of the face value of their compensation certificates—an average of \$500 to each of the 3,400,000 ex-service men.

It was passed by the senate in the identical form in which the house approved it 363 to 39 on Monday. Bolstered with these tremendous majorities the legislation will be sent to the White House tomorrow and a certain veto was forecast.

Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, asserted in the senate today it would be passed over the veto and be republican leaders tonight conceded this was probable.

Alarm that the measure might be killed by a pocket veto without returning it to congress before adjournment was still late in the day by semi-official words from the White House that Mr. Hoover would veto it within 48 hours.

Democrats Voted Solidly For Bill Democrats voted solidly for the loan measure which was advanced as a compromise for the full cash payment of the certificates advocated by many.

Senators Watson of Indiana (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

SPANISH CABINET TO CALL ELECTION

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 a plan to give administrative independence to the Catalan 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 turn 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 Catalonia.

Many Dentists Coming To Clinic; Opens Today

Between 300 and 500 dentists of the Pacific coast area are expected in Salem today and Saturday morning for the second annual mid-winter dental clinic sponsored by the Marion-Polk-Yamhill Dental society. The sessions will be held in the Elks temple, opening at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The conference banquet will be held at the Marion tonight at 8:30 o'clock and Saturday afternoon the group will adjourn to go to Portland to attend a banquet and session sponsored by the Seattle dentists, a large number of whom are expected to be here.

Lecturers for the clinic sessions are Dr. E. B. Lischer of the University of California, Dr. C. T. Fleetwood of Seattle, Dr. William H. Shearer of Omaha, Neb., and Dr. David Bennett Hill of Salem. Dr. Lischer, who will talk at 8

Progress on Water Negotiations Made At Conference Here

Arbitration of Value is A Likely Solution, Now Apparent

Public Service Board Hears Testimony; No Ruling yet

Action on two fronts of the water problem was in progress yesterday. While nothing definite was decided, progress was reported and further conversations are planned for today. The public service commission held a formal hearing on the matter of ordering the company to install a filtration plant yesterday afternoon, and after taking testimony announced it would announce its decision later.

During the morning and again in the late afternoon Mayor Gregory and members of the utility committee of the city council and President H. E. Crawford of the chamber of commerce, met with representatives of the water company in an effort to come to an agreement for suspension of litigation and settlement of differences directly or by arbitration. Post-parliars were suspended last evening to permit the utilities committee to confer with other councilmen and conferences will be resumed this morning.

At the session yesterday morning Attorney Keyes for the water company stated that under the ordinance of the charter amendment which fixed the date of valuation as of August 30, 1930, for his company to make further capital investment now would be at their peril; so the company did not want to stand in the field, but would retire from the field payment of a fair valuation for the property.

After much discussion back and forth Elliott for the water company stated that they would join the arbitration plan, but would accept the purchase price of 1927 and adding net investment since; or else arbitration of the entire property.

The company would agree to accept such price as the board of arbitration would decide, and the city then to reimburse the company for this outlay to submit such proposal to the people of Salem for authorization of the necessary bond issue. The board of arbitration would consist of one man named by the city, a second by the company and the two to agree on a third 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)

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

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 company might be forced to put in a second 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.

WHEAT CARRYOVER ALMOST ALL SOLD

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

A little later Speaker Longworth announced there was little chance for wheat embargo legislation at this session.

Legge estimated the corporation's holdings at the beginning of next summer's harvest at "possibly 200,000,000 bushels," with half that amount in cash wheat.

Operation Upon Samuel Hill is Said Successful

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Samuel Hill, philanthropist and good road advocate, underwent a major operation at St. Vincent's hospital here today. Attaches said tonight his condition was "fairly good."

Dr. William K. Skene, his physician, said the operation had been successful and that Hill's condition was "as good as could be expected after an operation of that nature." He declined, however, to reveal the nature of the operation.

Hill was admitted to the hospital February 9.