

# RATES INQUIRY TO BE COSTLY

### Telephone and Power Probe Recommended to Ways and Means Group

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The mandate of the voters at the November election.

Representative Angell was insistent to know whether the proposed additional appropriation was computed by the public service commission, or whether the request came directly from the executive department.

Commissioner Not interested in the public service commission had nothing to do with the request for the appropriation other than furnishing figures showing the cost of the department during the past two years, and the amount estimated for requirements during the current biennium.

H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission, explained that no valuations have been made of the properties of the Northwestern Electric company, and that it would be necessary to extend the valuations of the telephone company from the year 1916 to the present date.

Liljeqvist insisted that the investigation demanded by Governor Meier would result in a material saving to the taxpayers in lower rates.

The ways and means committee approved an appropriation of \$40,000 for an armory at La Grande, with the understanding that claims for armories at Astoria, Klamath Falls and St. Helens would be held in abeyance until future legislative sessions.

State Library Budget Increased

An appropriation for the state library was reconsidered, with the result that the allowance for the biennium was increased from \$84,564 to \$85,950.

The committee authorized an appropriation of \$6500 to reimburse farmers of Yamhill and Washington counties for damage to their lands.

## QUEEN



In her coronation robes, and wearing beauty's crown, Miss Martha Sutherland, of Somerset, Mass., is shown as the appeared when she was hailed "Miss St. Petersburg" and Queen of the Winter Carnival at St. Petersburg, Fla.

An echo of the operation of the land settlement commission, which developed three model state farms, was received by the committee in the form of a report showing that the state has an equity of \$500 in these properties, against which there are claims and actual deficits of more than \$129,000.

## FILM FIRMS FACE BIG PATENT SUITS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (AP)—Orlando B. and Mary G. Keenan of Los Angeles brought suit for \$160,000,000 damages today against eight film companies making talking pictures and several electrical products companies charging infringement of patents.

Keenan alleged that he was the original inventor of the process for synchronizing films and sound.

Defendants were Warner brothers, Paramount-Pathe, Pathé, Columbia pictures, Fox Film corporation, Fox theatres, Consolidated Film Industries, General Theatre equipment, Technical Color company, First National company, Electrical Research products and six John Doe companies.

MALCOWICZ WINS SPOKANE, Feb. 24 (AP)—Joe Malcowicz, the Utica panther, knocked out Moose Norbeck, San Francisco heavyweight, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight round wrestling match here tonight.

## REPORT ON STATE POLICE BILL DUE

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estimated at from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

The governor also declared that with such a system operative, he felt sure he could parole 500 men from the state penitentiary, thus relieving costs and congestion at that institution.

The senate committee is understood to oppose the law on the basis that it is too far-reaching in its effects on branches of government already successfully functioning. They also feel that the bill would provide the governor with excessive power.

Under the state police bill the fish, game, state traffic, fire and prohibition officers would all be relieved of their present work and in their places a state constabulary headed by a commissioner appointed by the governor, would be placed.

## AIR FREIGHT LINE IN WEST LAUNCHED

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 24 (AP)—An air freight line linking Boise, Idaho; Reno, Nev.; Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash., and Oakland, Cal., was inaugurated with the arrival here today of a tri-motored all-metal "flying box car" of the Western Pacific air freighters. The plane was loaded with 3800 pounds of freshly dressed poultry from Idaho.

The plane took off, early this afternoon with a cargo of California flowers for Portland and Seattle florists and should arrive tonight.

The run will be made three times a week with Oakland as a base. Planes will leave for Seattle Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, returning to Oakland by way of Boise and Reno. Flowers will comprise the principal north-bound cargo, while dairy goods and poultry will be the principal shipments from Idaho points.

## Supreme Court Disposes of 32 Cases, One Day

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The supreme court today set what its oldest attendants believe to be a record and a precedent.

It was unable to announce all the decisions it had ready in one day and adjourned to continue the reading of opinions tomorrow. Ending a three weeks' recess confronted by 46 cases fully argued and awaiting decision, the court returned today and disposed of 32.

## Hail Kills Six And Injures 30

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 24 (AP)—Six persons were killed and 30 injured today by a storm of hailstones, some of them weighing as much as half a pound, in the Immanbaha district of Bengal, scores of cattle were killed at Karakanah by the stones.

## Veteran Dies in Fall From Roof

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 24 (AP)—Falling from the roof of his one story house to a board sidewalk here today, John Stevens, 85, Civil war veteran, died instantly from a fractured skull. He had resided here for about 50 years and is survived by a son and a daughter.

## BASKETBALL SCORES

At Portland: Jefferson 23, Lincoln 20; Benson 33, Commerce 16; Grant 39, Roosevelt 18; Franklin 24, Washington 21.

At The Dalles: Hood River 21, The Dalles 26.

## HOLLYWOOD

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## The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

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WARNER'S ELGINORE Today — Joe Brown and Winnie Lightner in "Sit Tight."

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WARNER'S CAPITOL Today — Robert Armstrong in "Dumbells in Ermine."

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GRAND Today — Dorothy McCall and Milton Hills in "Man Trouble."

Friday — Charles Bickford in "River's End."

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HOLLYWOOD Today — Reginald Denney in "What a Man."

Friday — Hot Gibson in "The Concentrated Kid."

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"Dumbells in Ermine" is the offering at the Capitol, Beryl Mercer and Claude Rains are amusing characters—especially in this true of Miss Mercer. There are some good laughs scattered through the picture, but the best laugh comes at the end when you realize that all dumbbells are not in ermine sales. Director John Adolfi wears that expensive fur.

The plot has some very fine possibilities which Mr. Gleason, the gentleman who wrote the screen version of "Weak Sisters," from which play the picture was adapted, failed to have missed as neatly as I miss a golf ball.

## Rebels Set up Government at Arequipa, Peru

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 24 (AP)—The southern rebels who seized the city of Arequipa last week have set up their own Peruvian government under the name "Southern Junta" and the troops garrisoned at Uscco have joined their banner.

These facts were made known by the Lima government tonight a few hours after 100 high officers of the loyal Lima garrison had decided to parley with the southern rebels, hoping to avert civil war and voted to send three of their number south by airplane.

As far as could be learned tonight, however, the three had not left.

## Henry Corbett Illness Stated Not Dangerous

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—Henry L. Corbett, one of the candidates for the republican nomination for governor last spring, is ill at home here as the result of a heart attack Sunday, his brother, Elliott R. Corbett, said tonight.

Corbett had been in good health until Sunday. While his condition was still considered serious, it was said earlier he was in no immediate danger.

## Munleon Being Towed to Port

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (AP)—The McCormick steamship Munleon tonight was being towed to San Francisco by the coast guard cutter Tahoe after casting the sea for 60 hours Sunday the steamship lost a propeller off the Oregon coast. The crew of 28 was aboard the vessel.

## Electric Chair Goes Wrong But Victim is Dead

RAIFORD, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP)—Florida's electric chair broke down today while a man was being executed.

Nathan Burton, 24, convicted of beating his wife to death with a stick of wood after a quarrel, was strapped in the chair and the switches thrown at 2:31 p.m., after the current had coursed through his body for 50 seconds a high voltage wire snapped.

## UNDER COVER MAN SHOOT PRISONER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Shot in the back by William Long, prohibition undercover agent, Manuel F. Perry, alleged operator of a bootleg establishment on the waterfront, was in a critical condition in a San Francisco hospital tonight.

Long told police he shot in self defense. Perry, remaining unconscious in the hospital, gave statements charging he was shot without provocation.

Perry was under technical arrest on charges of resisting an officer and violation of the prohibition laws.

District Attorney Matthew Brady tonight said a statement made by Perry in the hospital offered sufficient grounds for Long's arrest and ordered the undercover agent taken into custody. He was booked on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and released on bail of \$500.

## BOLLOFF CONVICTED ON 'RED' CHARGES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—Ben Bolloff, 37, confessed communist, was convicted by a circuit court jury tonight of charges of violating the state criminal syndicalism law.

The jury recommended leniency because of Bolloff's alleged lack of education.

Bolloff, the first of 13 alleged communists to be tried for violation of the criminal syndicalism law, faces a sentence of one to ten years in prison or a fine of not more than \$1000, or both. He also faces deportation since any alien convicted of a felony can be deported. Bolloff has lived in the United States 19 years, but is a citizen of the soviet republic of Caucasus.

## Not Guilty Plea By Mrs. Fowler Finally Entered

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—A change of venue will be asked in the trial of Mrs. Emma Fowler, former La Grande city treasurer, accused of larceny of public funds, her attorneys said today after Mrs. Fowler had pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Mrs. Fowler's accounts, turned over to her successor this month, were short about \$112,000, city officials alleged.

A defense motion to quash the information filed against Mrs. Fowler was denied and a demurrer was overruled by the court.

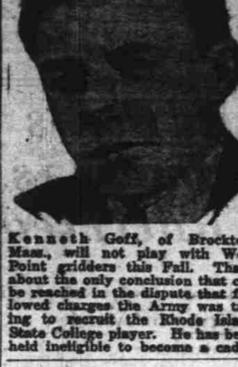
Arguments on the change of venue motion will be heard Saturday.

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## SPURNED



Kenneth Goff, of Brockton, Mass., will not play with West Point cridders this Fall. That's about the only conclusion that can be reached in the dispute that followed charges the Army was trying to recruit the Rhode Island State College player. He has been held ineligible to become a cadet.

## Heflin Protest Filed Against His Successor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Formal contest was filed in the senate today by Senator Heflin of Alabama against the election of John H. Bankhead, democrat, Alabama, to the seat now held by Heflin.

He presented his petition in the senate and at the same time offered a new resolution providing for the impounding of ballot boxes in the last election. In the petition and resolution were referred to the senate elections committee.

## Large Blaze in Oakland Fought; Firemen Injured

OAKLAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—While police fought back huge crowds of spectators, fire tonight destroyed a three-story building in the heart of Oakland. All available fire fighting apparatus in the city was called to prevent the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings.

Nine firemen were overcome by smoke and heat or were cut by flying glass as three explosions shattered large panes of glass. Total damage was estimated by the building owners at \$250,000.

## Savoldi Beats Cantonwine by Gridiron Feats

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Joe Savoldi, former Notre Dame fullback, brought his gridiron tactics to the roped square tonight to defeat Howard Cantonwine, Iowa heavyweight wrestler, in two straight falls. It was Savoldi's first appearance in California wrestling and his second professional appearance.

Savoldi took both falls with fling tactics, the first in nineteen minutes and the second nine minutes later.

Forty-four of the 146 bus lines operating in Indiana, conducted business at a loss in 1929.

## REVOLT HELD OFF UNTIL WALES GONE

VINA DEL MAR, Chile, Feb. 24 (AP)—Travelers reaching here today from Peru declared the revolt in that country was ready to start at the time the Prince of Wales visited Peru only a few days ago but was held off until the British party had safely left.

The persons who gave the information followed the Prince of Wales party through Peru and Bolivia. They said that while the Prince of Wales was in Peru a number of officers who said a revolution was impending went to the Prince and told him they would hold it off until he had completed his visit.

They asserted also that a civil war is certain between the Lima forces and those who seized Arequipa unless provisional President Luis M. Sanchez Cerro accedes to the demands of the revolutionists.

## EXPLOSION FATAL

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 24 (AP)—John Nelson, 50, Sunnyvale, was killed today by a dynamite explosion while working on

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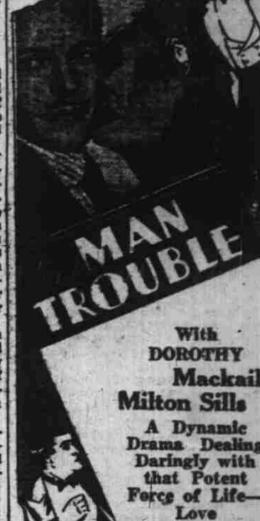
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## Pulitzer Heirs Trying to Sell Out Newspapers

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—The three sons of Joseph Pulitzer, founder of the New York World, asked a surrogate today to permit them to sell to the Scripps-Howard interests the three newspapers published in their gold-domed building on Park Row—the Morning World, Evening World and the Sunday World.

Surrogate James A. Foley reserved decision on their petition and adjourned court until 11 a. m. tomorrow. He desired to decide whether he could legally permit the sale of the properties under the will of the late founder, who took every possible precaution in his last testament to make sure his male descendants would continue to publish the papers.

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