

## Patrolmen Issue to Rest With Districts County Court Rules

### Lengthy Hearing Ends With a Decision for Local Autonomy

### Varied Opinions Upon Policy Expressed At Meeting

"We are the servants of the people and we wish to follow your advice as long as you are right. Thus if a district is now satisfied with the system of road patrolmen, we shall continue to appoint patrolmen there. If a district abolished, we shall do so and take over the road work for the county's direct supervision."

This statement by County Judge John C. Siegmund, coming at the end of a four hours' public hearing here yesterday, marked the decision of the county court on the question of road patrolmen and their continuation or abolishment during 1932. County Commissioners Porter and Smith concurred in the judge's statement.

### Reduction League Plan is Opposed

The public hearing held at the chamber of commerce rooms here yesterday by the court to ascertain prevailing sentiment on the road patrolmen question. A strong position had been made by the County Tax reduction league that road patrolmen be abolished. Many countering petitions have been filed with the court within the last week urging the court to continue the present system.

More than a hundred representative citizens from the rural areas of the county attended the meeting yesterday. Many of them represented community clubs and granges which had instructed their delegates regarding the district's views on the road patrol question. The meeting, at first called for a room at the courthouse, was so well attended it was necessary to move to larger quarters.

### Varied Opinions Given on Policy

A. C. Snyder, district one, Aurora, said 63 petitioners in his district had protested against changing the patrolman system. Grant Jones, district two, said he felt his district would be satisfied with the decision of the court. J. W. Fay of district 6 concurred on this view.

Paved roads, not gravel roads, were favored by Scott Jones of Gervais in his talk to the court. He said he advocated county control.

B. N. Miller of district 8 and J. A. VanCleave of district 9 both expressed the opinion in favor of leaving the road patrol system as it was; also VanCleave said he thought larger power graders would be more effective in certain districts.

Pierce Colard of district 18 expressed himself as favoring the patrolman system but said he was for heavier road machinery to do the work.

### Claim Patrolmen Dominate Meeting

Vigorous protest to the continuance of the road patrolman system was made by S. A. Harris of Gervais. "The court has instructed the 'back' in this meeting," he said. "This hearing is a cut and dried affair with road patrolmen generally being the speakers. Harris then declared alleged politics in selection of road patrolmen. Following his statement Judge Siegmund denied that the court had "picked" the men who were appearing at the hearing.

Ben Claggett followed W. G. Pearline of district 19 in approving the present system of patrolmen. He said they knew the need in their district and employed worthy workers. He said more hand work was needed on the roads.

I. W. Lewis said his district approved of his fireman.

Henry Steinkamp of district 25 opposed any change in the road district system on the ground that the poor district would be benefited and the district which had already voted special taxes to improve its roads would be benefited.

Roy Porter of district 25 spoke in favor of the patrolmen system. He said the use of a power grader on a six-foot road was inadvisable.

### Known the Problem

H. C. Porter of Aumsville made a vigorous plea for retaining the present system. He discounted the idea that honest men for patrolmen could not be found. He said local men understood the needs of the local districts and that it was "silly to send out and pound foolish" to discharge them.

For some time his district had favored county supervision of road work said C. A. Bear of Turner.

John Fabre of district 27 told the court he would favor any change which would bring better roads. O. B. Alm said his district wanted road patrolmen. He closed a fervid talk by a criticism of Hoover.

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### Hearing Starts On Classifying Of Timber Land

Hearing on the proposed classification of 18,167 acres of timber lands in Marion county, for reforestation purposes, opened here Tuesday. Lynn F. Cronmiller, state forester, called the hearing.

### NO CHANGES MADE IN BANK OFFICERS

### Annual Meetings are Held By U. S. National and First National

No changes in officers or directors of the United States National bank or the First National bank were made here yesterday at the annual meetings held by both institutions, and no changes in the officers or directors of the Ladd & Bush bank are rumored for the annual meeting of that institution which will be held Thursday, January 14.

Officers of the United States National bank, all of whom were re-elected Tuesday morning, were: President, D. W. Eyrer; vice-presidents, E. W. Hazard, R. F. Watson; cashier, L. C. Smith; assistant cashier, Lee G. Page; assistant cashier and trust officer, Karl E. Wenger; assistant trust officer, Elton Thompson.

Directors re-elected were D. W. Eyrer, E. W. Hazard, U. S. Page, L. C. Smith and Edgar Samselich. At the First National bank's annual meeting Tuesday afternoon E. F. Slade was re-elected president, S. B. Elliott vice-president, C. W. Paulus cashier, H. E. Eakin assistant vice-president and trust officer.

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### ELWELL NEW HEAD OF LABOR COUNCIL

Leslie A. Elwell, barber, last night was elected president of the Salem Trades and Labor council to succeed F. J. A. Boehring at the meeting at Labor hall last night. Another barber, Clarence Townsend, was elected vice-president.

Other officers chosen by the council were: H. W. Hale, carpenter, secretary-treasurer; John O. Humphreys, plumber, reading clerk; George Ferguson, sergeant-at-arms; and directors: M. Clifford Moynihan, barber and attorney; Theodore C. Amend, printer, and Frank P. Marshall, council business representative.

The members of the council recommended highly the attempt to create needed employment in Salem. Decision was made to seek cooperation of the Women's Greater Oregon association in promoting the purchase of Salem-made bakery products.

January 29 was set as the date for meeting to hear a speaker representing the National Council for the Prevention of War.

Lloyd H. Mason was proposed for membership on the county apprenticeship commission.

### Better Fire Protection At Schools is Proposed

Replacement of 800 feet of old fire hose in city school buildings was considered at last night's board meeting at the high school and then referred to the building committee. Following hearing of a report by H. C. Sinks and Dr. C. C. Bauer of the county health department at the last meeting, in which much of the fire hose was held to be in unusable condition, G. W. Smalley, head janitor, made tests in the 13 schools.

Referring to statements made at the last meeting, Chairman H. H. Olinger declared that he had no intention of criticizing the Salem fire department. He maintained, however, that the school district, as well as the city was entitled to consideration from the department.

## LAVAL CABINET QUILTS; BRIAND ILLNESS CAUSE

### No Setback in Legislative Vote but Opposition Of Liberals Seen

### Premier may be Requested To try Again; Former Precedent Cited

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Premier Pierre Laval, who headed the government of France for just ten days short of a year, presented the resignation of his ministry to President Doumer at the Elysee palace tonight.

The president, who will start early tomorrow morning on the task of selecting a successor, thanked M. Laval and asked that the cabinet carry on the government until a new ministry has been chosen.

It was the first time in ten years that a French premier has resigned voluntarily without being overthrown either in the senate or in the chamber.

### Briand Last Leader To Quit Unbested

In January, 1922, Aristide Briand, hurriedly summoned back from the Cannes conference by a resolution of the lower house, faced the deputies with an eloquent defense of his policy and then exclaimed: "That is what I've done. It is up to others to do better." With that statement M. Briand trotted out of the room.

The same Briand, foreign minister now, was one of the factors in M. Laval's decision to resign. The "apostle of peace" has been ill. That fact, together with the death of Minister of War Andre Maginot, made it desirable that the cabinet be reconstituted, the premier attempted to obtain the support of the radical socialists, but was unable.

### BONES ARE FOUND, BISCHOFF'S CELLAR

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Special investigators late today dug up bones from the cellar floor of the dark, gloomy tenement house cellar where last month six year old Marian Lean was assaulted and left to die by Charles Bischoff, 45, bearded and eccentric cobbler.

The gruesome find was turned over to Sheriff Asa V. Butterfield, who left immediately for Cleveland to submit the bones to experts to determine if they are human.

County Prosecutor R. N. Gorman, who ordered the excavation in Bischoff's cellar, said the discovery strengthened his belief that the shoemaker may be responsible for the unsolved disappearance of two children about 12 years ago.

The bones were found less than an hour after the grand jury indicted Bischoff for the first degree murder on two counts, both of which are punishable by death sentences.

### Japanese Troops Advancing After Fresh Reverses

TIENSIN, China, Jan. 13.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Japanese troop movements were under way today as fighting with Chinese forces continued near Chinchow. Japanese troops left Tiensin from Shanhaiwan, gateway between Manchuria and China, after reports came in that Japanese soldiers between Shanhaiwan and Suichow, had pressed by Chinese, had withdrawn.

It was believed here that part of the Japanese forces stationed at Shanhaiwan were moving on to Chinchow.

### Burma Receives Promise it May Have Home Rule

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Burma received a pledge of responsible government by the revolutionary process from Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald at the concluding session of the Burmese round table conference today.

If Burma decides at a national election to separate from India, Britain will grant her a constitution providing for a legislature and for a government to be appointed by the British crown who will exercise wide "reserved" powers in dealing with foreign affairs, defense and finance.

### Band of 186th State Champion

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The 186th infantry band, directed by Warrant Officer Leon Handlick, won the military band championship of Oregon here tonight.

## Holmes Resigns Due To Failing Health; Career is Notable

### Oldest Justice Unsuccessful in Effort to Stay On Bench Until 91st Birthday; Esteem Expressed as Hoover Accepts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, one of the greatest figures in the history of the judiciary, surrendered to time today by abandoning his place on the supreme court bench.

President Hoover, with expressions of great esteem for the services he had rendered, accepted his resignation.

The distinguished jurist, bent with age, had fought valiantly but unsuccessfully to remain in active service until he celebrated his 91st birthday on March 18.

Feebleness which approached gently in the last term of court made havoc during the summer recess. The military bearing, alert step and amazing vigor had disappeared since he returned to Washington last fall. But he had been punctual in his attendance at the sessions.

Mr. Hoover announced the resignation shortly after correspondence had been received from the day before yesterday. He stood at his feet for the regular Tuesday noon press conference. He quoted from a letter he had written telling Mr. Holmes of the gratitude of the American people for his whole life "of wonderful public service, from the time you were an officer in the civil war to this day."

Most of Justice Holmes' physical troubles have of recent years been attributed to lumbago. He has been bent almost double for several months, experiencing great difficulty in walking.

### PRUDENTIAL FIRM BANKRUPTCY ASKED

### Patton and Others Here are Listed as Claimants Filing Petition

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Claims of \$6195 were listed in an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed in federal district court here today against the Prudential Bancorporation, Portland, by Hal D. Patton, J. D. McCully, Eula F. McCully, Russell A. McCully and Luella M. Charlton, of Salem; National Department Stores, Inc., doing business in Portland; and O. R. Wayman and Sophia Wayman, of Portland.

The petition alleges an act of bankruptcy was committed November 12, 1931, when James W. Mott, state corporation commissioner, took over the Prudential Savings & Loan association, the Union Savings & Loan association, and the Federal Union Savings & Loan association.

The claims listed covered rental on the premises at 344 State street, Salem, at \$200 a month; 126 Sixth street, Portland, at \$1,650 a month; and 835 Main (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

### STORMS REPORTED ALL OVER OREGON

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Snow and lower temperatures were reported from many sections of Oregon today.

All arterial highways were reported open tonight. Earlier in the day snowfalls were used in some places and a slide on the Columbia River, about four miles east of Hood River blocked the road for several hours.

The first major snowfall of the season was reported from Astoria, Corvallis and Roseburg. Roseburg reported three inches of snow, the heaviest fall since January, 1929, when seven inches were measured.

The Rogue River valley reported an inch of snow and twice as much snow in the hills as a year ago promises an adequate supply of water for irrigation, reports said.

Snow also was reported from Marshfield, Rainier, Bend, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Salem.

### WOMAN IS KILLED AS AUTO STRIKES

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—A woman identified by police as Mrs. Lillian M. Dumdi, about 60, was injured fatally in a traffic accident here tonight. She died while being taken to a hospital.

Police said Mrs. Dumdi was struck by an automobile driven by E. E. Cumpston, Portland. They were told, they said, she ran from behind two other cars driven by Cumpston. Cumpston was arrested on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Mrs. Dumdi is survived by a son and a daughter, both of whom live at Carlton, Ore.

## WINTER HOLDS SWAY; STORM INJURES MANY

### One Killed, Almost all of New Hamilton, Miss., Residents Hurt

### Sub-Zero Weather due Here While Snow Files in California Again

(By the Associated Press)

Freak weather brought suffering and inconvenience to various parts of the country yesterday. A tornado raked New Hamilton, a northeastern Mississippi community, killing one woman and injuring almost every resident. Aberdeen hospitals nearby were filled to overflowing.

An 80-mile gale whipped through Boulder Canyon, wrecking several buildings near Las Vegas, Nev., and sorting notice on the west and northwest that a severe assault of winter may be expected to follow. One man was missing after the gale passed on.

Eight inches of snow fell at Tahoe City, Cal., and the northwest was warned to expect sub-zero weather within a few hours. Even the plains states were told to watch for icy blasts.

### Flood Conditions To be Prolonged

Rain and fog covered the lower Mississippi basin area, prolonging flood conditions in Mississippi and interfering with an election in Arkansas. A plane bound westward with badly needed apparatus for a Tucson, Ariz., pneumonia victim was forced down at Columbus, O., by fog blankets, having covered only one-fourth of the distance between New York, the starting point, and Tucson.

About the only scarce element in the weather program was sunshine, and a few isolated points, particularly St. Paul and Buffalo, had that. The whole mess was brought about by that mysterious "low pressure area" the weather man talks about so often. Two such areas, one in the southwest and another in the middle west, apparently joined yesterday, and moved eastward.

### ROOSEVELT GAINS OREGON SUPPORT

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt had a quick "no comment" for an answer when informed tonight that his name had been entered in the Oregon presidential primary.

Petitions launching the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York for the democratic presidential nomination, were filed in the state department here late Tuesday. The petitions contained in excess of 11,000 signatures.

The petitions were filed by George F. Alexander, president of the Roosevelt for President league of Oregon.

It had been proposed to file the petitions on Roosevelt's birthday, January 30, but it later was decided to file them earlier so that Oregon might lead the nation in the launching of the campaign.

### Golf Club Will Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Salem Golf club will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the clubhouse. Election of directors and officers will be one matter of business brought before the members.

### Supreme Court Denies Boloff Case Rehearing

A rehearing in the case involving Ben Boloff of Portland, under a 10-year sentence to the state penitentiary for violation of the state criminal syndicalism act, was denied yesterday by the state supreme court by a 4 to 3 vote. The same ratio prevailed when the supreme court previously affirmed the decrees of Judge Ekwall of the Multnomah county circuit court.

Judge George Rossman wrote the prevailing opinion and with him Justice Brown, Campbell and Kelly concurred. A dissenting opinion was written by Judge Belt with Chief Justice Bean and Justice Hand concurring.

## MRS. WILSON TO REMAIN AS HEAD OF OREGON FAIR

### Governor Meier Announces Decision Following Study of Issues in Dispute With Gehlhar; Finds Nothing to Prevent Thorough Cooperation; Offers to Function as Mediator in Case of Non-Agreement

### Agriculture Department Head Advised to Confer With Secretary; Feud Involves Relative Merits of old and New Attractions at Exposition; Assertion of Extravagance Made on Both Sides

GOVERNOR MEIER announced Tuesday night that Mrs. Ella S. Wilson would be retained as secretary of the state fair, following his investigation of the dispute which had arisen between Mrs. Wilson and Max Gehlhar, superintendent of the state department of agriculture, whose duties include general supervision of the fair.

"I found no points of dispute which could not be adjusted by fair minded cooperation," Governor Meier said. He declared that the disputed matters were not of sufficient importance in his mind to justify a change either in the department of agriculture or the secretaryship of the fair.

Governor Meier Tuesday directed a letter to Mr. Gehlhar advising him to have an early conference with Mrs. Wilson and arrive at a distinct understanding as to future policy. In cases where it is impossible to reach an agreement, Governor Meier suggested that the disputed points be referred to the executive department for settlement.

A similar letter was addressed to Mrs. Wilson calling upon her to cooperate with the state agricultural department. Expresses Hope of Complete Harmony.

Governor Meier was said to have expressed hope in each letter that all future differences would be adjusted between the persons concerned or through the arbitration of the executive office.

The so-called state fair feud followed the 1931 state fair, when Gehlhar openly charged that Mrs. Wilson had refused to cooperate with his department and had been extravagant in her administration. Gehlhar alleged that the existing deficit in the state fair funds was due to lack of proper management on the part of Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson countered with the charge that the deficit resulted from innovations introduced by Gehlhar at the 1931 state fair. She mentioned particularly the afternoon rodeo program, "Monkey Island," and "Canoe Canal."

Gehlhar replied that most of the losses at the 1931 fair occurred in connection with the night horse show and afternoon races, both of which were sponsored by Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson denied emphatically that she had refused to cooperate with Gehlhar or his department.

Many letters have been received at the executive department recently urging that Mrs. Wilson be retained.

Mrs. Wilson has served as secretary of the state fair since 1924. She was previously an assistant secretary of the fair for nine years.

### Widow Has Lead In Returns For Caraway's Post

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The election of Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway as United States senator—an honor never before accorded a woman—appeared assured in early returns tonight from today's special election in Arkansas.

Returns from 47 counties, eight complete and several others almost complete, gave Mrs. Caraway 12,735 votes against 391 for Sam D. Carson and 538 for Rex R. Floyd. Her two opponents were listed as independents.

### Helms' Slayers To Get Hearing In Court Today

GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—John Owens, 28, and Keith Crosswhite, 19, both of Springfield, Mo., will be given a preliminary hearing in circuit court here tomorrow on an indictment charging them with the first degree murder of Amos Helms, state policeman.

The indictments were returned by the Union county grand jury last night.

The court has appointed George T. Cochran to represent the alleged slayers.