

NO DEMOCRATIC BLOC IS ACTIVE

Bourbons Divided on Taxing Issues; Bitter Battle on Sales Levy Faced

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into the state treasury. This group realizes that such a policy would speedily cripple the cash position of the state and force the latter to let pass the bills and payrolls pile up. Such action would force greater economy, these legislators feel, and not be permanently detrimental.

Oswald West, former governor, volunteered the information that many years ago the state was short of funds, in fact the treasury was dry. All creditors could do was to have their bills audited and approved by the secretary of state's office and then discount them as best they could. In time the bills were paid, bearing no interest meanwhile. The state cannot issue bonds, being forbidden by the constitution to go into debt except by vote of the people. One prominent democrat said he was opposed to the sales tax in principle but thought from the standpoint of practical politics it was also deemed to be the best predicted a certain referendum of any tax measure the legislature might pass and equally certain defeat in a statewide vote.

While grange and union labor leaders are working steadily against a sales tax, the run of the mill legislators apparently feel such a tax is the best solution of a difficult state finance tangle. This group, probably the majority in both houses, appeared uncertain yesterday what course to pursue, meanwhile keeping an open mind on the wisest policy to follow.

A democratic caucus, called for last night at the Marion hotel, was not carried through due to press of work at the statehouse where a public hearing was held on the sales tax.

HOLDUP STAGED AT PHILOMATH'S BANK

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about to deposit, the three seized a 'bunch of travelers' checks from the counter, along with the cash, hurried to their waiting car, and sped away.

State police and the sheriff's office were notified at once, and a general alarm was sounded throughout the territory over which the bandits might flee.

Notification of Cut in School Bus Funds Made

Schools operating buses in this county were yesterday notified by County Superintendent Mary L. Felterson of the budget committee's cut in per pupil transportation from \$40 to \$35. It is expected there will be some reaction shortly, as some schools have entered into contracts for the full year on basis of \$40 per pupil.

Former Official of Savings-Loan Firm Sentenced

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Ray Keenholts, former official of the Astoria Savings & Loan association, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary on a charge of embezzlement of \$400.

PROMOTED



Colonel Edgar T. Conley, who is to become Assistant Adjutant General of the United States Army on January 1st, with the rank of brigadier general. Colonel Conley succeeds Brigadier General James F. McKinley, who was recently promoted to major general.

Keenholts was convicted several months ago. He appealed to the state supreme court, but the case was remanded to the circuit court here. The court made operation of the sentence effective January 16. Meanwhile, Keenholts is at liberty under bond.

DOG OWNERS RUSH TO GET LICENSES

Business of buying licenses for dogs for the new year is starting off with a rush. The first two business days of the year 32 licenses were purchased. Deputy County Clerk H. A. Judd reported at the close of office yesterday. Last year, 3987 dogs were licensed in Marion county.

Reason for a good start on the new licenses may be partly due to the decreased fee this year. Licenses for female dogs cost only \$2, a reduction of a dollar over last year; and for males the fee is but \$1, also a dollar less than last year.

Dog owners have until March 1 to secure licenses without being subject to penalty.

DISMISSAL ORDERED IN 21 CRIME CASES

Final action of John Carson, who retired as district attorney December 31, was completed in circuit court today when Judge L. H. McMahan dismissed 21 criminal cases on motion of Carson as of December 31. Several of the cases involved crimes made obsolete by repeal of the state prohibition act.

Dismissals included cases against: Taylor; Lokening; Garrison; Joerg; Snelson; George Alalrup; Lloyd Demarest; Leatherwood; Waggoner; Martin; Becker; Boyer; J. Frank Jensen; Livingston; Orhist; J. L. Wood; Hockett and Witham; Pokorny; Theo C. Ament; Hierman; Lashway and Richard E. Morgan.

460 Persons Ask Marriage Permit During Past Year

That little cherub with the bow and arrow had a busy year in Marion county in 1932, for he brought before the county clerk 460 applicants for marriage licenses, according to a check made yesterday. This represents more than one and one-half licenses each day for the days that the clerk's office was open. Cases filed in circuit court, during the past year totaled 722, a slight decrease from 1931, when 763 cases were filed.

Ludaney Given Till Monday to Enter His Plea

Frank Ludaney, whom the grand jury recently indicted on a statutory charge, appeared before Judge L. H. McMahan yesterday and asked time in which to enter plea. He was granted until Monday morning, January 9 at 10:00 o'clock, and will reappear in circuit court at that time. Ludaney was arrested about six weeks ago after an alleged attack upon a Mt. Angel girl.

RIVER REACHES HIGHEST MARK

Falling at Albany; Level Here is 16.2 Feet but Rise is Leisurely

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Side highway, closed because of water on the road near Monroe, would be open to travel by tomorrow morning.

The Willamette river was reported to be subsiding above Albany, and was expected to drop at points as far down as Oregon City by tomorrow. The rise in the river at Portland was but slight. Oldest bridge in State Washed Out

A heavy slide on the Willamette highway above Lowell Bridge in Lane county, was reported covering the roadbed, and highway workers estimated it would take two or three days to clear it.

What has been described as Oregon's oldest bridge, the Rochester-Elkton road in Douglas county, was carried from its foundations by flood waters of the Calapooia river. The bridge was constructed in 1865 out of heavy timbers secured with wooden pins.

The district highway office at Roseburg reported today that the Drain-Reedsport highway would not be cleared of slides between Elkton and Scottsburg until the first of next week.

Snow was reported generally over eastern Oregon, and farmers on lands under the Ochoco irrigation project were expressing joy at the visitation.

CRIMINAL CASES TO COME UP IN COURT

Preliminary hearing dates for six criminal cases were set in justice court yesterday by Judge Miller B. Hayden.

Tomorrow at 9:30 a. m., the case of Mason Hannenkratt and Mary Akers, charged with attempting to hold up the Triple X Thirst station on Fairgrounds road, will be started; at 1:30 p. m. will be the case of Jimmy Price, charged with doing an act causing a female child to be come delinquent.

The case in which Harry Henson and Guy Asher are accused of larceny was set for 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Lee Hing, accused of failing to obtain a license for his dog, will have a hearing on January 13 at 9:30 a. m.

W. D. Faught, charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, will be heard January 13 at 2 p. m.

Three Brothers Drowned in Lake When Ice Breaks

HAMBURG, N. J., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Three brothers, members of a prominent Sussex county family, drowned today in Lake Wildwood in the Blue mountains, three miles from here. The ice broke while they were skating.

The dead were Richard Hill Swayze, 14, Robert Mc Carter Swayze, 17, and Henry Seward Swayze, 20, sons of Mrs. Eva Couss Swayze and the late John L. Swayze, one time counsel for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

A fourth brother, Francis Joseph Swayze, 23, was rescued.

STATION IS BOMBED

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Thursday, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The station of the South Manchuria railway was damaged today by a bomb explosion. The bomber escaped.

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER BROS. CAPITOL Today—Bill Boyd and Ginger Rogers in "Carnival Boat." Friday—Jack Oakie and Marlon Nixon in "Madison Square Garden."

WARNER BROS. ELSINORE Today—Olivia De Havilland in "The Night of June 13." Friday—Warren William and Ann Dvorak in "3 on a Match."

HOLLYWOOD Today—Ben Lyon and Zasu Pitts in "The Crooked Circle." Today—Jean Harlow in "Red Headed Woman." Friday—Reginald Denny in "The Iron Master."

THE GRAND Today—Spencer Tracy in "Tommy America." Friday—Buck Jones in "Sundown Rider."

With the auditorium repainted and decorated with a modern design, seats re-arranged, and a cozy foyer built in with panels and curtains, Nelson auditorium presents an attractive appearance for the presentation of the sparkling, daring, audacious comedy, "Glorious Annabelle," the third production of Chemeteta players, Salem's own play producers.

The comedy opens Thursday night with a clever cast of Salem young people under the direction of Perry Prescott Reigelman. A preview of this rollicking play Monday night indicated that it is replete with hilarious laughter, double entendres, lines, and daring situations. Highly entertaining features are Frank L. Torgerson as Jack Jarvis, who masquerades as a woman and wears gorgeous, daring clothes; "Pat" Peterson, as the doleful, sour-faced Mrs. Ellsworth, who gets tipsy and sings and dances; Howard Cross as Senator Manuel Marie Estadio del Toros, the Spanish bull-fighter, who scatters the wedding party in all directions; and Vernon Stahl as Mortimer Keys, to whom the fascinating widow makes burning love. Songs and dances feature the third act.

Miss Margaret Mary Zersan, a talented and capable player, will be in the cast. On short notice she took the place of Helen Grier, who was forced to relinquish her role on account of sickness. Other players who capably sustain the high quality of the Chemeteta players are Greta Schofield, Lillian Potter, Harold Muhs, Victor Williams, and Ervin Potter.

Action by North Carolina and California brought to 19, or one more than half the required number, the states favoring the amendment. Similar agreement by legislatures of the necessary 17 more states during their sessions beginning this month has been forecast. Seven years was the time allowed by congress last year for ratification.

Lame Duck Bill Is Ratified by 2 More States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Indications that the present "lame duck" congress will be the last were strengthened today with the ratification by two more states of the amendment to the constitution to have the newly-elected congress meet two months after election instead of thirteen.

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GRANGE FIGHTS TAX PROPOSALS

Sales Levy Proposal Traced To Wall Street; Doubt Voiced on Deficit

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C. A. Sprague of Salem, pointed out that additional revenue might be raised by a state income tax bill which would abolish deductions for capital losses, at the same time not making allowance for capital gains. He spoke in general of the income tax bill now before the house, known as house bill No. 2.

Cameron Squires, Portland taxpayer, hit out at all taxes for state purposes. The income tax, the sales tax and the property tax. He scored the tax commission and its alleged increase in costs. Squires queried why it was necessary for the state to pay its deficit when business was going through such parlous years.

SLIDES OCCUR ON SANTIAM HIGHWAY

Numerous reports of damages to county and market roads are being received by the county roadmaster and court since the flood waters which brought in the new year.

Chief among the reports received yesterday was that from Sam Matheny of the Silver Falls section, who said a spring appeared in the middle of a fill 140 feet long and 40 feet high on the new South Falls road. The action virtually destroyed the fill.

Worst troubles were experienced on the Niagara-Detroit section of the new North Santiam highway, with slides five and six feet deep reported from there earlier in the week. It will take several days before these are cleared.

Group From Zena Enjoys Opening of Stratton Pavilion

ZENA, Jan. 4.—A group including Miss Easter Olen, Miss Olga Horten, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Stephens, Miss Gertrude Johnson, Ted Horton, Miss Julia Shepard, Maurice Shepard, Eula Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cox, A. G. Worthington, Louie Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Hunt and children, Helen and Kenneth, Miss Ruth Shepard and Ellis and Jesse Walling, attend-

Joan Blondell And Barnes Wed

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Joan Blondell, film actress and George Barnes, motion picture cameraman, admitted tonight they are married, dispelling somewhat of a mystery which has surrounded them for several months.

Miss Blondell and Barnes were married here at 10:30 a. m. by the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Poling, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city.

CHINESE MARSHAL BLAMES JAPANESE

PEIPING, China, Jan. 4.—(AP)

Marshal Chang Hsiao-Liang informed the Japanese authorities in an official letter today that he refused to accept responsibility for the battle of Shanhaiwan and did not care to have any dealings with the Japanese concerning it. The marshal served notice on General Kotaro Nakamura, Japanese commander in North China, that further communications should be addressed to the Chinese nationalist government at Nanking. He placed blame for the Shanhaiwan incident on the Japanese.

It was understood the Chinese were getting ready for another battle in their positions southwest of Shanhaiwan to which they retreated yesterday when the gate-way city to North China and the province of Jehol was occupied by the Japanese after hard fighting.

J. Miller Returns To California for Assemblyman Duty

AURORA, Jan. 4.—James Miller left for San Francisco Friday morning to be present at the opening of the assembly which convened Jan. 2, and where he has served as assemblyman for many terms. James who is a great Oregon booster, manages to spend a part of the holidays and several weeks during the summer at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of this place.

James who is a great lover of flowers is responsible for the many choice roses and rare plants which were transplanted from the south and are found growing in the Millers gardens.

Edwina Bellinger Funeral Will be Friday, Portland

Funeral services for Mrs. Edwina Bellinger, who died of pneumonia Monday at Orchard, Wash., will be held from the Portland crematorium Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Bellinger was well known in Salem since she made her residence here until the time of her marriage.

She was the wife of J. E. Bellinger of Orchard, Wash.; daughter of Mrs. Martha Bellinger of

AUTO REGISTRATION DECREASES 26,145

Commercial Passenger Cars Show Greatest Drop; Trucks Increase

Motor vehicle registration in Oregon decreased 26,146 or 14.98 per cent, for the first half of the 1932-33 license period, as compared with the corresponding period during the fiscal year, Earl B. Hosen, secretary of state reported Wednesday.

The registration of all types of vehicles during the period July 1 to December 31 of this year was 205,908, as against 242,053 during the same six months' period a year ago.

Receipts from all sources under the motor vehicle laws, including motor transport fees and mileage fees, totalled \$5,290,176.10, or a decrease of \$907,808.13 under the \$6,197,984.23 collected during the first six months of the previous license year.

Commercial passenger vehicles showed the heaviest percentage of decrease in registration in the current report. The loss was 23.32 per cent. Licenses sold to commercial passenger machines number 630 while 811 were licensed the first half of last year. Other losses were reported as follows: Private passenger cars, 34,642 or 15.00 per cent; commercial trucks, 271, or 8.07 per cent; and private trucks, 1134 or 7 per cent. Seasonal trucks increased 19.3 per cent with a registration of 843, as compared with 715 licensed last year. Exempt vehicles showed an increase of 48 cars or 1.49 per cent.

Registrations under the exempt classification were listed as 3071 during the first half of the current license year as against 3026 during the last six months of 1931 and 1932.

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CLASS ON PLANNING MEALS IS DELAYED

Due to the current epidemic of influenza, the adult evening class, "Economy of Time and Money in Meal Planning," which is being offered at the high school through cooperation of the state board for vocational education, will meet for the first time January 21, a week later than had been planned. A few more registrations will be accepted.

Time and length of class hours will be arranged at the first meeting. Miss Violet Swanson, in charge of registration, can be reached by calling 5719, or at the high school.

The purpose of the class is to aid those who are working and have to prepare all or part of their meals in a short time. The group will be taught menu planning, food purchasing, preparation of meals and other topics of particular usefulness.

A small fee, probably about \$1.50, will be charged to cover a portion of the instruction costs.

Last Call to 4-H Clubs is Issued

Last call for organization club work in Marion county for the current 4-H year was being mailed yesterday to a number of schools by Wayne Harding, county club leader. A number of schools that earlier in the school year planned to form clubs have not yet done so, and Harding calls attention to nearing of deadline on organization in his letter.

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