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WEATHER
Cloudy and unsettled today and Saturday, colder today; Max. Temp. Thursday 55, Min. 42, river 16 feet, rain .08 inch, south wind.

EIGHTY-SECOND YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, January 4, 1933

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DEEP SLASH IN STATE SALARY ITEMS TALKED

Cut of 7 to 40 per Cent Discussed as Budget Committee Works

May Also Take Portion of Receipts From Boards And Commissions

The execution platform of the state of Oregon is up 13 rickety stairs at the state penitentiary. Last night the execution spot was the ways and means committee room up three flights of stairs and there the joint ways and means committees of both houses used the ax without flinching on the already partly decapitated biennial budget.

The executioners fell to work after the senate had concurred late Thursday afternoon with the lower house's action of the morning, demanding a 48-hour budget survey with a view of determining whether or not state finances could not be straightened out without any taxes.

Heavy Reduction in Salaries Proposed

Here are tentative ax-swingings of the joint committee:
1. A 7 to 40 per cent cut in all state salaries and wages the state to apply to all departments, self-sustaining and budget supported, to all partly sustained activities such as the state highway department, the state police department, to all employees of the higher education department and all its schools and to every state elected official, including district attorneys and circuit judges, the latter reductions to be accompanied by appropriate legislation.

2. A slashing cut of all operating expenses in all departments of state government.

3. Introduction of titling bills to take from all self-sustaining boards, departments and commissions a substantial part of their gross revenue for general state expenses.

4. Investigation by committee of the national guard with possible 50 per cent reduction in its budget.

The committee started its work by reviewing the budget commissioner's proposed salary reduction scale which ranged from 5 per cent on salaries of less than \$100 a month to 25 per cent on salaries of \$500 a month or more. The substituted scale proposed by the ways and means committee is 7 to 40 per cent.

Will Meet Today To Resume Probe

The committee adjourned late, agreeing to meet again today at 10 a. m. preparatory to making a survey report to the legislature not later than Saturday.

Sub-committees of the ways and means joint committee were appointed by Representatives Allen who presided at the hearing. These committees will be:

Committee on titling—Gordon, Strayer, Abrams, Jones.
Committee on higher education—Woodward, Dunne, Gordon, Walker.

Committee on national guard—Snider, Hess, Abrams, Woodward.
Committee to cut general operations—Hill, Staples, Gordon, Strayer.

Committee to examine smaller items—Hill, Staples, Dammanch.
Committee on attorney fees—Abrams, Hess.

Education Expense Will Be Inspected
A committee also was appointed to investigate the requirements and estimated expenditures of the higher board of education in connection with the conduct of the higher educational institutions.

Henry Hansen, state budget director, told the ways and means committee that he had difficulty in obtaining this budget, as the board of higher education apparently "was out of the room of the budget department." He said an investigation of the present budget showed expenditures for the higher educational institutions approximately \$500,000 in excess of receipts set out in the budget.

Senator Woodward asked if it would be possible to consider the (Turn to page 9, col. 8)

DALLAS MAN FINED ON GAMBLING COUNT

DALLAS, Jan. 5.—Paul Steele was taken before Police Judge Green today and fined \$25 for permitting gambling in his place of business.

Steele is the proprietor of the Blue Garden confectionery here. The place was raided Wednesday night at 10:45 by Abe Bloom, state policeman, Chief of Police Tony Nufeldt and Night Marshal Louis Rutledge, and Steele was given summons to appear in court today. He had previously been warned concerning the alleged gambling at his place.

The Polk county grand jury met from 10 o'clock this morning until 4:30 p. m., but finished no reports. It will meet again Friday and Judge Walker expects a report at that time.

Hunger Marchers to Start Trek Toward Salem Today, Word

Will Spend Tonight at Oregon City; Open Headquarters, Distributed Handbills Urging Support of Movement

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Representatives of a group describing themselves as "hunger marchers," planning a trek to Salem under the sponsorship of the communist party, were in Oregon City today attempting to locate sleeping quarters for the marchers. The group planned to make this city their first stop tomorrow night. They plan to present their views before the state legislature.

Salem headquarters for the "hunger marchers" have been established at 121 Chemeketa street, handbills being distributed here yesterday afternoon. Local "delegates" to the march were urged to be at the headquarters "not later than January 8."

"Support the hunger march," the handbills urge. Besides relating the demands which the marchers are planning to make upon the state legislature on Monday, the bills beg for support of the unemployed visitors here by giving food and funds.

The marchers are expected to encamp at Oregon City tonight, in the vicinity of Woodburn tomorrow night, and to arrive in Salem Sunday night. Woodburn officials have announced that the march would not be permitted to stop there.

City police took up one of the handbills for information. Salem's city officials are viewing the proposed "hunger march" here with equanimity. Mayor Douglas McKay reported last night. He said he thought the march would probably not take place, but would make a few talks and adjourn. No plans are being made to feed or house the men. McKay said he did not feel that there was any proof that the men were communists, as asserted by Mayor Baker, or members of any special party affiliation.

INTRUDER DROWNED IN MILLRACE, FEAR

Runs From Chenoweth Home And Falls Into Water; No Body Is Found

An unidentified man is believed to have drowned in North Mill creek last night while fleeing from the residence of J. B. Chenoweth, 609 North 16th street, about which he had been prowling. The only description obtained of him was that he had dark, curly hair and wore a short, dark coat.

Mr. Chenoweth reported to police at 10:15 o'clock that as he was preparing to go to bed he heard a noise in the back yard and with his sons, Paul and J. W. Chenoweth, went to investigate. Mrs. Chenoweth heard the man jump off the back porch through some vines.

The Chenoweths said they saw the prowler run along a path by the creek and apparently fall in. They heard him splashing about and emitting a gurgling sound. He sank in midstream of the swollen creek and was not seen again.

Police, the Chenoweths and neighbors searched the creek banks to a point below the Southern Pacific tracks without finding any trace of the man.

Ex-Mayor P. M. Gregory reported that a man of similar description in an intoxicated condition entered his store, 1939 North Capitol street, a short time before the prowler was discovered.

River Receding After 16.3 Top

After rising to the 16.3 foot stage yesterday morning, the Willamette river subsided 0.3 foot in the afternoon. Indications from upstream were that it would continue to drop slowly.

Polk Taxpayers Organize League, Vote on Policies

DALLAS, Jan. 5.—Three hundred Polk county taxpayers met at the county courthouse here at 10 o'clock this morning, and formed an organization to be known as the Polk County Taxpayers' league.

W. D. Hoffman of Independence was elected president of the group; H. J. Elliott of Perrydale was chosen vice-president, and Hugh G. Black of Dallas was elected secretary-treasurer. An executive committee was named consisting of the following members: R. W. Hoge, M. W. Walker, G. W. Curtis, Homer Daschell, Carl DeArmond, Oscar Hayter and James Patterson.

Following election and appointments a mimeographed copy of the 17 resolutions adopted by the Oregon Tax Reduction and Equalization league was read and discussed and 11 of the resolutions endorsed by the new group as read. Later six more resolutions were adopted. Those endorsed recommended, in effect:

AID COMMISSION IS SLATED FOR REVIEW

Liquidation Is Only way out Says Hansen, in Explaining Report

Definite indications arose yesterday that an exhaustive study would be made of the financial situation of the World War Veterans' State Aid commission with a view of ultimate liquidation of the commission's business and final abolishment of that department. Condition of the commission's affairs was discussed by the house taxation and assessment committee late Wednesday.

The legislators were told by Henry M. Hansen, budget director, that the half-million levy for that department would have to be replaced next year; that the commission has lost millions of dollars in recent years because of depreciation of property and statutes providing only four per cent interest to be paid by veterans; and that the state would lose millions more whether the commission were abolished or continued.

Hansen, when asked the solution, frankly expressed the view the commission's business should be liquidated, and that a finance corporation setup be established. He stated it was impossible to gauge the loss already taken by the state and how many millions the state would yet lose.

Sinking Fund Depleted; Deficit Increasing

George Black & company, accountants, at the request of the governor, made an investigation, and the governor has a committee now working on recommendations for that department. The latter report has not yet been filed with the governor, but the accountants have completed their findings.

Their report showed that the sinking fund had been depleted for loans until the securities now held would probably not market for more than \$200,000; foreclosed property on hand represented \$2,000,000 and constantly increasing; and that the operation was going behind every month, with apparently no possibility of getting out "of the red."

YOUTH DISAPPEARS FROM HIS SICKBED

GERVAIS, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sawyer have been at Eddyville part of yesterday and today aiding in the search for their grandson, Robert Egleston, about 17, who disappeared under quite unusual circumstances.

The boy had been ill with influenza, and was delirious most of Tuesday night. His mother, Mrs. Alice Egleston, was constantly at his bedside. Early Wednesday morning he became quieter, and she felt relieved. When she awoke at 5 a. m. he was gone.

Mr. and Mrs. William Oddie and Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Coomler, other relatives living here, are also at Eddyville assisting in the search. At 4 o'clock this afternoon word came that no trace had been found of the boy.

RAPID VIEWING OF BUDGET UP TO COMMITTEE

Joint Ways and Means Body To Report Back in 48 Hours on Outlook

Proposal Gets Past House Easily But Meets Some Senate Opposition

The special session of the 37th session of the Oregon legislature settled down to a normal legislative gait with much hatching and hauling, little accomplishment and a general air of confusion.

Outstanding of the day's accomplishments was the adoption by both houses of a resolution committing the joint ways and means committee to make a 48-hour probe of the 1933-34 budget to ascertain if the last ounce of unnecessary expenditure had been taken from it.

The committee report is to be back to the legislators tomorrow and meanwhile miscellaneous bills will be introduced, passed to committee and considered while the majority of the members await something to do.

The concurrent resolution cited a prevalent feeling that the state levy on real property should be abolished this year and substitute revenues provided but only in case budget balancing and reduction would not eliminate the need of taxation.

Resolution Encounters Opposition in Senate
The resolution went through the house, although but encountered rougher weather in the senate where Senator Jay Upton termed the measure a "trap" and an apparent effort to stall the special session and defeat the purpose for which it was called.

"The boys in the house who introduced this resolution apparently do not know the difference between a resolution and a bill," (Turn to page 9, col. 3)

WAREHOUSE FIRM SUED BY FARMERS

Fischer Company Declared To Have Taken Wheat Owned by Cawse

Wrongful conversion of wheat over a period of years is charged against the Fischer Warehouse company at Silverton, which closed its doors several months ago, in a suit brought in circuit court here by Charles and George Cawse, doing farming as Cawse Brothers. The suit is State on relation of Cawse Brothers vs. Fischer Warehouse company and American Surety company of New York.

The suit is the first move on the part of any farmers against the warehouse, although it is known in Silverton that a number of other farmers, like the plaintiffs in this suit, have made demands on the warehouse for grain stored there, and have received neither grain nor money.

The complaint says plaintiffs delivered a total of 6583 bushels of wheat, worth at various stated dates a total of \$7697.86. Plaintiffs further set out that when they demanded return of wheat placed in storage at the warehouse, defendant refused them the wheat and said it had not been in possession of the warehouse since stated dates.

Plaintiff holds that by these actions defendant Fischer Warehouse company has wrongfully and converted to its own use wheat belonging to plaintiffs.

Mail Service to Towns to North Badly Disrupted

Mail service in the northern part of Marion county has been seriously disrupted for several days this week due to the snow blockade and slide troubles in the Cascades. This includes mail from the north-bound trains which come across the Cascade summit.

Tuesday the twopenny mail to towns in the northern part of the county was an hour late, Wednesday the same and Thursday two hours late. Railroad officials hope this situation will be cleared up within a short time but are unable to promise definitely when normalcy will be restored.

Betty Compson Holdup Victim

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Jan. 5.—(AP)—A bandit disguised as a messenger carrier tonight gained entrance to the palatial Hollywood home of Betty Compson, screen actress, and escaped with jewelry valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000, police reported. The actress and a companion with whom she was playing cards, E. D. Leashin, her ex-production manager, were both bound and gagged.

Month of National Mourning For Coolidge is Proclaimed

SERVICES FOR EX-PRESIDENT SET SATURDAY

Calvin Coolidge Found Dead By his Wife; no Warning Of his ill Health

Heart Attack Reported as Cause; had Complained About Indigestion

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Calvin Coolidge died today.

The 30th president of the United States, until his death the only living former president, was stricken with a heart attack while alone in a dressing room of his home, "The Beeches," at noon. He was 60 years old last July 4.

Mrs. Coolidge, returning from a shopping tour, discovered his body lying on the floor. He apparently had fallen as he went to his room to rest and recover from what he thought was a minor attack of stomach trouble. He had been dead only a few minutes.

His face was calm and bore no sign of pain.

When Mrs. Coolidge found him it was 12:15 p. m. A physician, Dr. E. W. Brown, a friend of years, was summoned immediately. Dr. Brown said death had occurred about 15 minutes before.

Mrs. Coolidge, though stunned by the shock, maintained her composure and tonight joined her son, John, in arranging plans for the funeral.

Funeral Set for Saturday Forenoon
This will be a simple service at 10:30 a. m. Saturday in the Edwards Congregational church here where Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge had worshipped for many years. The pastor, the Rev. Albert Penner, will conduct the service.

"It would be like the way he would like it," was Mrs. Coolidge's decision, as conveyed by Mr. Coolidge's secretary later, in announcing the funeral plans.

The body will be taken to Plymouth, Vt., his birthplace, to be buried there in the modest family plot where now lie the bodies of his son, Calvin, Jr., and his father, John Coolidge.

Death came to him at a time (Turn to page 9, col. 5)

POLICE EXAM SET FOR FEBRUARY 4

Examinations for men desiring to get on the employment list of the city police department will be held at the city hall on February 4, the civil service commission decided at its January meeting last night.

January 30 was set as the deadline for receipt of applications by City Recorder Mark Poulson. Alderman A. O. Olson, chairman of the council fire department committee, and member of the police committee, was appointed special examiner for both police and firemen.

Age limits for police recruits were set at 27 to 40, with extra credit given for military service. Applicants for examination for the position of police matron must be between the ages of 25 and 50.

In addition to the three commissioners, Paul V. Johnson, chairman, Lloyd T. Rigdon and A. H. Moore, the meeting was attended by City Attorney Chris Kowitz, Fire Chief Harry Hutton and Police Chief Frank Minto.

'Fake' Sale Bill Hearing Planned

The proposed city ordinance banning "fake" sales will be the subject for a public hearing in the city council chamber at 7:30 o'clock next Thursday night, it was announced yesterday, David O'Hara and F. L. Wilkinson, are members of a special committee appointed by Mayor Douglas McKay to study the bill.

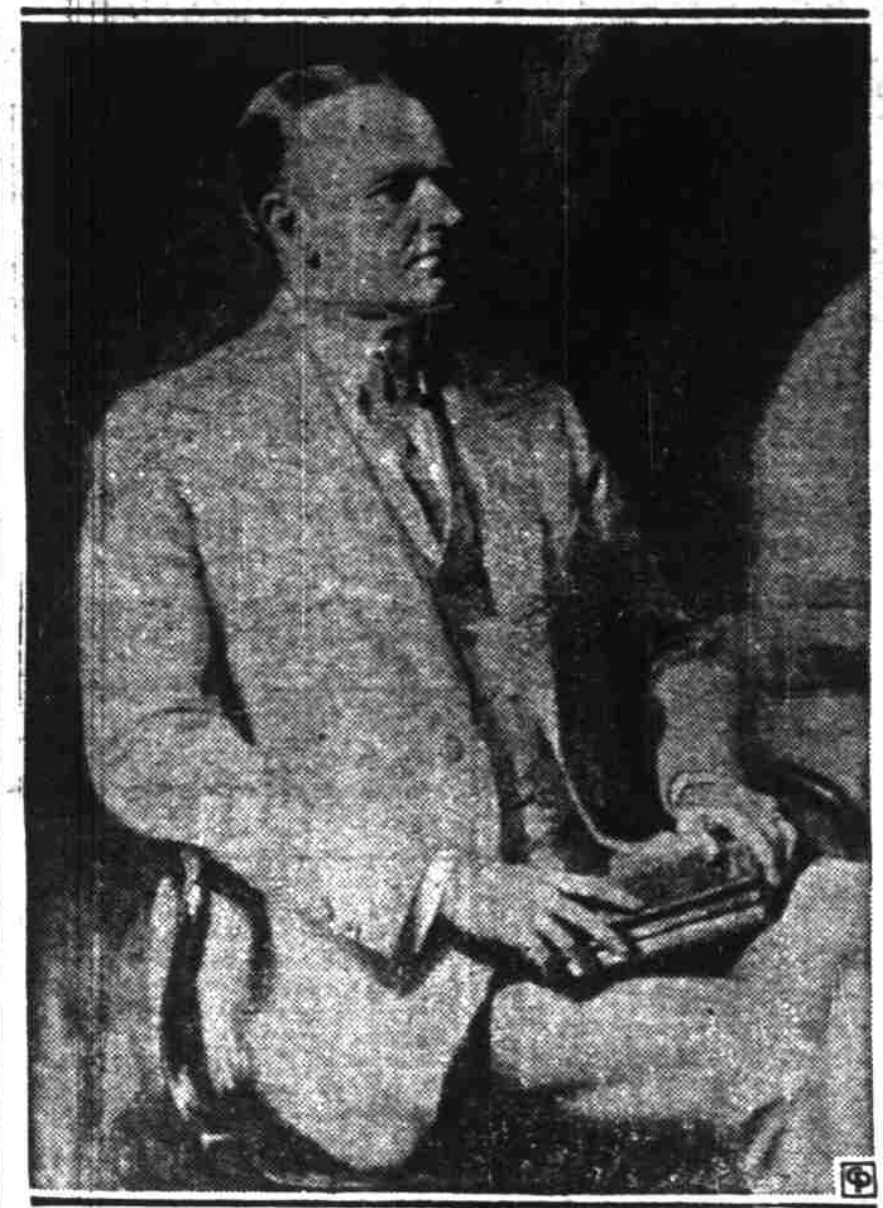
The ordinance has the backing of the Salem Businessmen's league.

Head of Poultry Cooperative Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Edward J. Dixon, 46, general manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, Inc., died at his home here today from influenza.

Dixon was nationally known in the poultry industry. He was stricken with the disease upon his return from a California trip about three weeks ago.

Ex-President Calvin Coolidge Passes Away and Nation Mourns



CALVIN COOLIDGE

Coolidge Life Quiet After Leaving Office

Occupied Half of Plain Duplex House When State Official; "Beeches" Purchased After Departure From White House

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Born in a little house which is now the general store at Plymouth, Vt., Coolidge had made this city his home since his graduation from Amherst college in 1895.

His rise from the political obscurity of a member of the common council at the turn of the century to the most exalted office in the nation made little or no difference to his private life.

Throughout his long service as a Massachusetts representative and senator, his subsequent election to the lieutenant-governorship and finally to the chief magistracy of this commonwealth, he continued to live in one half of an unpretentious duplex house on an ordinary street.

It was, in fact, only after he had quit the presidency that he permitted himself to depart from the spartan frugality of life that had characterized him for more than half a century.

He bought "The Beeches," a spacious homestead overlooking the Connecticut valley and fitted it out in keeping with the stately park in which it stood.

Retirement from the presidency brought few changes to Mr. Coolidge's mode of life. While, with the exception of two addresses delivered on behalf of Mr. Hoover in the recent campaign he eschewed direct politics, he did write numerous magazine articles on political or semi-political subjects. For a year he syndicated a daily newspaper column of comment on matters of general interest.

In his early years, as a lawyer he entered into partnership with Ralph W. Hemenway, a partnership that technically was dissolved (Turn to page 9, col. 4)

Notables Unanimous in High Praise of Coolidge

(By the Associated Press)
The world's great men wrote an epitaph of acclaim for Calvin Coolidge in a great outpouring of sorrowful expressions at his passing.

President Hoover, his successor-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, cabinet men, governors, heads of foreign nations and their ambassadors, editors, ministers, heads of great industrial and business enterprises, all attested by their words to the esteem in which the former president was held.

"His name had become in his own lifetime a synonym for sagacity and wisdom," said President Hoover in proclaiming a 30-day national period of mourning. "His temperateness in speech and his orderly deliberation in action bespoke the profound sense of responsibility which guided his conduct of the public business."

Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "I am inexpressibly shocked at the news of Mr. Coolidge's death."

CAPITAL JOINS NATION PAYING FULL RESPECT

Hoover and Many Members Of Congress Plan to Attend Funeral

Shocked Hush Descends on Senate and House as Death Reported

By DON KIRKLEY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Amazement and sorrow mingled in a grief-stricken capital tonight as it united with the nation in mourning Calvin Coolidge, whose death shocked the White House, the congress and the citizen in the street.

President Hoover led the homage to his predecessor, issuing a public proclamation declaring a month of national mourning.

With an endless stream of condolences and regrets pouring from the capital to Northampton, the chief executive dispatched his own, and sent White House naval and military aides there to give what help they could in making funeral arrangements.

The president planned to attend the funeral.

Busy legislators, intent upon their tasks in congress, were startled to their feet by the quiet announcement of the death. In a few minutes the house and senate stood adjourned as a token of respect. The house waited for a message of sorrow from President Hoover before ceasing its labors. Flags on Capital Hill at Half-Staff

Within five minutes after word of the death reached the capital, the flags on government buildings and the capitol were hauled to half-staff by silent guardians of the standard. Officials gathered in legislative and departmental rooms to talk of the quiet New Englander under whom so many served and whom all revered.

Speaker Garner named a committee of 15 to represent the house, headed by Representatives Rainey of Illinois, the democratic floor leader, and Snell of New York, republican floor chieftain.

Vice President Curtis—a senator when Coolidge was vice-president and presiding over the senate, will designate a senate committee tomorrow.

The surprised numbness with which Washington received the news of the death was typified in the senate. Senator Glass (D., Va.), had the floor in an address on his banking reform bill.

Glass paused and asked adjournment.

Word was given by the Associated Press to a few senators and to Vice President Curtis. Someone advised Glass, who promptly forgot his own speech to announce in a barely audible voice he had just received the news of Mr. Coolidge's death, and thought the senate should adjourn.

Those senators who didn't know sat bolt upright in their seats. Amazement and disbelief were written on their faces. An audible gasp was heard across the chamber from the gallery just behind Glass and those in the other galleries who couldn't make out what he had said craned their necks.

Startled whispers followed as Senator Watson, republican leader, in voice shaking with emotion, said (Turn to page 9, col. 6)

The Day in Washington

(By the Associated Press)
Congress adjourned, President Hoover issued mourning proclamation and leaders expressed sorrow over death of ex-President Calvin Coolidge.

Senate judiciary sub-committee approved resolution for repeal of 18th amendment protecting dry states and barring return of the saloon.

President Green of American Federation of Labor advocated strikes if necessary to establish 30-hour work week.

Eleven democratic leaders in congress went to New York for conference with President-elect Roosevelt on legislative program.

Exchange between Senators Long (D., La.) and Glass (D., Va.) heated senate debate on latter's bill to permit federal branch banking.

Secretary Stimson was requested by President-elect Roosevelt to confer shortly on international problems.