

DRY BULWARKS IN SENATE ARE VICTORS AGAIN

New Beckman Bill, Popular Vote on Constitution Provision Downed

Thomas Bill Fate in Doubt As 14-14 Votes Defeat Recommendations

The state senate last night refused steadfastly to give way to a renewed drive to put through "wet" legislation in the closing hours of the session. In succession the members voted down the "new" Beckman beer bill, 15 nays and 14 ayes, while the upper house also disapproved the Hall resolutions for a statewide vote on Oregon's constitutional prohibition provisions by a 17 to 12 vote.

The debate called forth sharp personalities between the members. Senator Staples took the lead in fighting the beer bill, holding at the outset the measure could not be discussed under the senate rules since a similar bill had been defeated. Unable to sustain his point, the Multnomah senator claimed the beer bill was only an entering wedge to restore the evils of the liquor traffic in Oregon.

Claim Regulation Of Beer Necessary

Proponents of the beer bill claimed the measure was necessary to give Oregon some control over the beer traffic inasmuch as congressional approval of beer seemed only a matter of days.

The revised Beckman beer bill raised the tax on beer from 50 cents to \$1 and placed a referendum clause on the measure which had been defeated in the senate earlier in the session.

The Hall resolutions submitted to the people at the next election the question of repealing the 36th and 36-a sections of the Oregon constitution.

Senate Deadlocked On Utility Measure

The Thomas bill giving to the state utility commissioner additional powers in the regulation of utility corporations, was laid on the table in the afternoon senate session after both the majority and minority reports had been rejected. This action followed debate lasting more than two hours.

The majority report, signed by Senators Burke, Zimmerman and Brown, recommended against concurrence in the house amendments and that the measure be approved as amended by the senate. The minority report was signed by Senator Goss and Bynon and recommended that the senate concur in the house amendments.

Senator Goss argued for the passage of this bill as amended by the house.

"If you want to accomplish what you intended you had better concur in the house amendments to this measure," Goss declared. "The original measure was hastily drafted and was sent to the senate without proper consideration on the part of its author. The house amendments have made this a workable measure and the utility commissioner is clothed with ample authority."

Senator Bynon declared, "The more I have thought about this matter the more I am inclined to believe that Thomas wants the measure killed. We should place this bill in Thomas' lap and then if he doesn't perform properly he should step down and out."

Bynon said that under the house amendments the utility commissioner would have control over all expenditures by public utilities which would protect the public against rate base inflation.

House Amendments Deemed Ridiculous

Senator Zimmerman charged that the house amendments were ridiculous and would make a monkey out of the utility commissioner.

"If the bill becomes a law as amended by the house the situation would be worse than under the existing statutes," Senator Burke averred.

Senator Hess branded the house amendments as unfair and not in line with what the senate had attempted to accomplish.

Hess said the measure would give the utility commissioner control over the holding corporations.

Both the majority and minority reports were rejected by a vote of 14 to 14, with Senators Allen and Mann absent.

Belknap to Head Medical Alumni

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Dr. Whitford H. Belknap of Portland was tonight elected president of the alumni association of the University of Oregon medical school at the closing business session of the 20th annual convention here. Dr. Belknap, secretary of the association for the past two years, succeeded Dr. Claude A. Lewis.

Advanced Commodity Prices in Spotlight Along With Finance

Tries to Choke Recent Captor



Plainly showing the effects of his ordeal, Charles Boettcher, 2nd, wealthy broker of Denver, Col., is pictured in his home after he had been released by kidnapers who held him for 17 days.

BOETTCHER ASSAILS ASSERTED KIDNAPER

Pair Brought Together and Police Chief Claims 'Iron-Clad' Case

DENVER, March 8.—(AP)—In a dramatic meeting Charles Boettcher II, late today sought to throttle Arthur Youngberg, suspect in Boettcher's abduction, when police confronted Youngberg with the victim in the \$60,000 ransom case.

Chief of Police Albert T. Clark brought the two men together in his office after Youngberg had been brought here from the remote South Dakota ranch where police declare Boettcher was held captive for 16 days before the ransom was paid.

Boettcher, Clark said, was in a highly nervous state. He had just come from a hospital where his wife, Anna Lou Boettcher, had given birth to a girl, her second child.

"About eight feet separated the men when they were brought together," Clark said. "Youngberg (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

30 FARMERS APPLY FOR LOANS ON SEED

Thirty farmers filed seed loan applications with the Salem loan approval committee last night as the result of the first day's work of the committee's stenographers and P. H. Bell, adviser, in the chamber of commerce auditorium. Mr. Bell announced that the applications would be scrutinized the committee each night and, through cooperation of the chamber of commerce, notify by postal card each farmer whose application is approved.

As it requires approximately 45 minutes for completion of an application, the staff will necessarily continue for a few days to accept applications only from farmers planning to sow spring wheat, grey oats, oat-and-vetch and peas. It was pointed out last night, Tennant farmers were again warned that crop lien waivers must be obtained from their landlords before their applications will be accepted.

Office hours of the loan staff in the chamber of commerce auditorium will be 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Relief Aids Considered At House Night Session

The state house of representatives raced through a schedule of minor bills yesterday in what is hoped to be the last night session of the 37th state legislature.

Consideration of two unemployment relief measures took the major deliberative efforts of the representatives. House bill 576, sponsored by Representative Beckman, to give cities permission to issue scrip was passed.

A measure by Senator Brynon to provide for creation of reconstruction districts for rehabilitating areas within incorporate cities, was killed by the house. The bill was supported by Representative Abrams of Marion county as a beneficial relief measure but met defeat following arguments that it would merely result in the construction of unnecessary housing facilities financed by "grab bag" activities

Hopeful Signs Noted But Trend is not Wholly Clear

By JOHN L. COOLEY
NEW YORK, March 8.—(AP)—Money's the thing this week, but Wall street is closely watching the things that money buys—commodities.

Basic raw materials, the real tools of trade, have appreciated in price the past two or three days. Gains have mostly been small but sufficiently general to indicate the upward trend. Some quotations, notably those of non-ferrous metals, improved today; others held to yesterday's levels, a few slipped back slightly.

The real importance of this movement is obscure, since the period of rise is very brief and emergency factors have influenced the situation. However, there is general agreement that a sustained advance in commodity prices would be an essential preliminary to business recovery and that continuation of current changes, if unaccompanied by excessive emergency measures, would be most encouraging.

Futures exchanges are closed, so the only available quotations are unofficial "spots," representing goods for immediate delivery. In cotton trade circles it was reported offerings were being given to mills at 7 3/4 to 8 cents a pound and some sales had been made at the latter figure, compared with Friday's closing spot quotation of 6.35 cents.

Hog prices reacted moderately at Chicago after yesterday's upturn because, it was said, buyers were unwilling to expend their limited cash; and there was some further profit-taking in the Winnipeg wheat market. Wheat at Liverpool, however, was steady.

FREE GARDEN SEEDS DISTRIBUTED TODAY

Provided by County Relief Committee; Orders had Through Red Cross

First distribution of free garden seeds by the county relief set-up will start this morning at the White seed store, 351-261 State street, applicants to enter from the alley side. S. H. Van Trump, in charge, announced yesterday afternoon. The seed packages will be given only to persons bearing orders from the Red Cross office, 248 1/2 North Commercial street, and none will be foisted out to farmers receiving federal seed loans.

The packages, furnished this year through the Reconstruction Finance corporation, contain a wide variety of garden vegetables, as follows: peas, two varieties, two pounds; corn, three pounds; string beans, two pounds, dry beans, three pounds; beets, carrots, parsnips, cabbage, tomatoes, radishes, turnips, cucumbers, squash and lettuce.

Purpose of the free seeds is to supply persons not able to buy their own seeds, who will put in a garden to help support themselves during the summer and winter, according to Miss Maria Wilson, Red Cross executive secretary. Last year the free seeds were provided by the American Red Cross.

Persons who apply for the seed are urged first to get their ground in condition, thus relieving some of the congestion on the opening days at the seed depot.

GOLF BALL DEADLY

ABILENE, Tex., March 8.—(AP)—A blow on the head from a golf ball driven off the tee by a friend brought death today to Cecil H. Follisard, 33, railroad representative here.

LOCAL BUDGET REDUCING BILL SNOWED UNDER

Unfairness to Subdivisions Which Have Already cut Costs Brought out

Burke Says Ways and Means Savings are "Bunk" but For Lowered Costs

The Gordon bill which called for an enforced reduction of all tax levies for counties and other subdivisions by 20 per cent, was snowed under the senate Wednesday afternoon, 25 to 2. The vote was preceded by bitter debate in which Senator Burke charged that the ways and means committee had not made financial savings commensurate with the demands of the times.

Senator Woodward said the measure would give genuine relief throughout the entire state and was wanted by the taxpayers. "The only protests I have received against this bill came from persons who are now on the public payroll," Woodward declared.

The measure was opposed by Senator Upton who said there has been no demand for this legislation to reduce local budgets. "This is the business of the counties," Upton averred, "and is foreign to the duties of this or any other delegations." Telegrams were read indicating that virtually all of the larger school districts in the state were opposed to the measure.

Senator Hazlett branded the bill unfair and a violation of the constitution. Other senators who opposed the measure on the floor were Goss, Burke, Wheeler, Hess and Bynon. "If Multnomah county wants this bill let them have it," Goss said. Wheeler said the bill was unfair and would result in ruin for many school districts in Lane county.

Senator Burke charged that the savings claimed by the ways and means committee of this legislature have been increased rather than reduced. "The only saving administration has made by the difference between the price of pork and beans two years ago and today," Burke said.

BANK HOLDUP CLUE LACKING, ADMITTED

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—The identity of the two men who held up the Union State bank here yesterday and escaped with \$12,199 in currency remained unknown to police today.

The officers questioned one man held in county jail, but said there was no basis to a report that he might have engineered the robbery.

The bank robbery, police said, was one of the few ever attempted and successfully carried out in Portland. The robbers appeared suddenly inside the bank a few seconds after the last customer had departed and the doors had been locked. Flashing automatic pistols, they forced the cashier and two other bank employees to remain quiet while they crammed currency into a market bag and escaped.

George Neuner Will Resign as U. S. Attorney

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—George Neuner, United States district attorney for Oregon for the last eight years, announced today that as soon as his successor is appointed he will retire to private practice in Portland.

Neuner was first appointed to the office by the late former President Coolidge and was confirmed by the senate February 27, 1925. He assumed office on March 9 of the same year. His second and present appointment was also made by Mr. Coolidge. He came to the office from Roseburg, succeeding John S. Coke. He was graduated from the Willamette university law school, and began his practice in Roseburg in 1908.

Some of Spring Signs May Fail, But Not Marbles

Geese honking northward, buds appearing and days warming have heralded spring's arrival. And now comes the boyland "sure sign" of winter's demise—marble games.

Look for a bit of clear ground, preferably solid clay. It will be identified by a huddle of carefree lads, knocking down to their springtime sport.

Spring is no longer just around the corner, though its progress may later this month be delayed by the March Lion's final fling.

Crisis Will be Over Friday Roosevelt Promises Nation

GOLD HOARDERS FACE PUBLICITY THREAT, VEILED

Federal Reserve Banks to Report Names of Those Taking Large Sums

Re-Deposit by March 13 to Bring Immunity, Says Order to Members

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—Member banks of the Twelfth Federal Reserve district tonight were requested by the Federal Reserve bank here to furnish the board of governors with the names of all persons who have withdrawn gold from their institutions since February 1.

W. M. Hale, cashier of the Federal Reserve bank, said the request had been sent to all member banks in this district, embracing all of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and part of Arizona, and that similar information would be requested from non-member banks.

The names of all persons who have withdrawn gold from banks since February 1 and who have not deposited it before March 13, are sought by the board of governors of the Federal Reserve bank, Hale said.

Additional information on persons who have withdrawn gold prior to February 1 will also be sought from both member and non-member banks, Hale said.

He refused to divulge for what purpose the information was sought but said the date, March 13, "might mean something."

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Insurance Sale Fraud Charged Roseburg Case

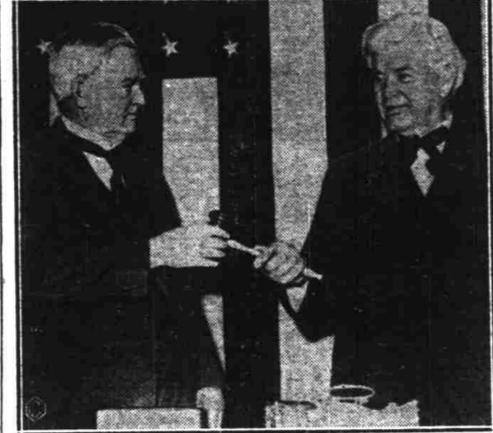
ROSEBURG, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses through sale of insurance policies, Hugh Mallott of Peoria, Illinois, arrested yesterday by state police at Ashland, was brought to Roseburg today.

Mallott, according to State Police Sergeant Ralph Quine, has operated in Lane, Douglas and Jackson counties. He has admitted, the officer states, that initial premiums paid on policies were appropriated to his own use and that policy applications were not filed with the head office. Four sales in Douglas county have been directly traced, Sergeant Quine stated, and other reported transactions are being investigated.

Itinerant Held, Roseburg Theft

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—Robert Moore, an itinerant, was arrested here today at the request of Roseburg, Ore., authorities. Police said Moore was charged with slugging and robbing a saleswoman, near Elkton, Ore., February 28.

They'll Preside Over Congress In Special Session Now Opening



Vice-President John Nance Garner is pictured as he handed over the gavel he wielded as speaker of the house in the 72nd congress, to Representative Henry T. Rainey who will be the new speaker. Vice-President Garner will continue to pound for order, but in the senate. Both will take up their new duties today.

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Details of Tax Bill Unsettled

Failure of the house to concur in the senate amendments to the general sales tax measure sent that bill to a conference committee yesterday and conferees declared last night the committee's report would not be out until this morning. The house desires to make slight amendments to its original bill. On the conference committee are Senators Woodward and Corbett and Representatives McCornack and Lonergan.

Scrip in Oregon Unlikely Due to new Federal Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Portland banks reopened today for limited business in accordance with federal regulations. Indications tonight were that the would be open tomorrow under the same limitations.

The matter of issuing clearing house certificates had not yet been settled, but in view of Secretary of the Treasury Woodin's indication that an attempt to solve the nation's banking problem would be made with currency instead of scrip, introduction of the certificates appeared doubtful.

Business conducted at the Portland banks today was similar to that in effect last week under the state bank holiday proclaimed by Governor Julius L. Meier. Small withdrawals were permitted for emergency purposes, with food and medicinal requirements taking preference. Payroll checks, if they were not too large, were cashed. Loans were made to employers to meet payrolls. Free access was had to safety deposit vaults and payments on notes were received.

SIDE-DOOR BANKING STILL SALEM RULE

Emergency and Payrolls Recognized, Latter by Checks and Cash

Side-door entrances to Salem banking houses were in vogue again yesterday as people entered to transact the very limited business which banks are permitted now to do. Limited withdrawals of currency were permitted in strictly emergency cases, but the applicant had to establish his need.

Payroll checks were honored by giving a small sum, say \$5 in cash, and the remainder in cashier's checks of small denomination which of course would be readily accepted in trading places. One banker commented on the way the people were getting along, and that not nearly as many calls came in for money as might be expected.

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Shantytown is Without Mayor; Mortality High

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Shantytown is without a mayor" again. Only a couple of weeks ago the unemployed bachelors who built the "village" as their place of residence to "ride out the depression," recalled Alex Bingley as mayor.

Imagine the town's embarrassment when its newly elected mayor, James W. Moran, 53, was arrested on a charge of grand larceny with bail at \$20,000. Police said Moran was married, but not living with his wife, and had taken about \$2000 belonging to his father-in-law a couple of years ago.

Because of the "high mortality" among its chief executives, the town decided to be governed in the future by an executive committee instead of a mayor.

CONGRESS WILL PASS MEASURE SOUGHT BY F. R.

Conference Ending Early in Morning Results in Full Agreement

New Issue of Federal Bank Notes Will be Sound, Leaders Explain

By F. M. STEPHENSON
WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Thursday.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and congressional leaders are in complete agreement on emergency legislation to be passed by the new congress today which will permit immediate opening of a great number of banks.

A protracted conference at the White House last night brought unanimous approval of both democratic and republican congressional leaders for a new issue of currency based upon government bonds.

Congress also was represented as ready to continue in the firm grip of President Roosevelt the dictatorial control over the national gold supply which he assumed in his historic proclamation Sunday.

Walls Mr. Roosevelt was consulting until midnight the men of Capitol Hill, a new and forceful drive upon gold hoarders, carrying a thinly disguised threat of publicity, was begun by the federal reserve board.

Will Report Names of Gold Hoarders

Upon orders from Secretary Woodin the member banks were instructed to report the names of all persons who withdrew gold from member banks after February 1, and have failed to re-deposit it by March 13.

The new currency, designed to meet the public need for a medium of exchange, requires new legislation, and that is assured. It also is assured of the backing of the "sound money" advocates in congress.

This currency, already in process of issuance, is to be based upon sound government obligations, rather than the 40 per cent gold requirement of present currency.

However, the fact that Mr. Roosevelt is going to keep the national gold supply in absolute check pending new banking legislation, is regarded an added assurance of the new money's soundness.

Will Send Congress Message at Noon

Today at noon Mr. Roosevelt will send his message to the extra session of congress. It will embody this emergency program. With it enacted he is confident of steering America through the banking debacle he inherited.

A permanent program calling for complete reorganization of the banking system will be submitted to congress when he has measured completely the need arising from the present crisis. His plans go to a system that will forbid any future emergency of this kind.

Leaving the White House shortly before midnight last night, the congressional leaders talked through their appointed spokesmen, speaker-designate Rainey and Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader.

Senator Robinson read the following statement in behalf of the congress:

The Day in Washington

By the Associated Press
Officials worked on plans for additional currency as President Roosevelt drafted message asking congress for power to continue command of banks and called congressional leaders to White House.

Senate and house leaders rushed organization plans to expedite cooperation on president's emergency program at special session starting today.

Efforts to reopen grain exchanges before end of bank holiday were abandoned at conference called by Chairman McCornack of farm board, and substitute plan was sought.

Secretary Wallace called farm leaders to Friday conference to consider new farm aid plan.

Director Woodcock of prohibition bureau announced enforcement against speakeasies would be left chiefly to local authorities.