

Thief of Time Leaves Muddle

Procrastinating Solons Rush Through Faulty Bills Final Day

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intest of the house a week ago was to pass a bill, good or bad, and to go home. Representative Norblad has raised the matter of improper procedure but has subsequently denied that he intends to take the matter to court. Speaker Latourette is reported to be insistent that the house journal, when it is completed, omit the motion to do away with reading of the bill. There has been talk of mandamus action against Chief Clerk Drager to compel him to write the journal as it happened but neither the governor nor advocates of a larger site want to take the responsibility for such action.

Many supreme courts in other states hold the engrossed bill is the only evidence a court can examine and will not go into the record of passage whatever. This theory is followed by the United States supreme court. The supreme court of this state in former cases has gone behind the bill and looked at the records of the legislature but in the future there that—if the records do not coincide with the facts, the higher court remains blissfully ignorant and will not accept testimony on the point, thus avoiding needless litigation over the constitutionality of legislative procedure. In this sense, the legislature through its journal becomes its own court on its methods and if the constitution should not have been followed, the chief clerk can correct the errors when he writes the journal.

Upset of Bill by Court Improbable

Similarly, it is improbable the court would upset the bill itself. It is true the title contains a reference to authority to purchase more land but the courts have held a title must be all-inclusive; an unnecessary clause would not constitute a flaw in the title. The legislature left some unnecessary clauses in the bill; provision for condemnation of land or the acceptance by gift of land when it explicitly limited the statehouse and buildings to the site. There again the court would doubtless conclude the bill was poorly, but not unconstitutionally drawn, and approve the law.

While Governor Martin and some advisers are still tried by the legislative action on the capitol question—the temper of the governor's message accompanying the bill proves this attitude—the bulk of the people want a new capitol, are not so sure of the limited expenditure of the old site, and would be exceedingly vexed with a supreme court test, either of the manner in which the bill was passed or of the inherent constitutionality of the measure itself.

Defeat on Capitol Worst For Martin

The capitol defeat is by all odds the worst drubbing the governor has received since his inauguration. Heretofore he had been quite successful in routing the Zimmerman-Burke bloc. He had outwitted them on the proposed court fight over his legal right to be governor and on the capitol question. He had been generally lauded for his strike policy. The L. A. Banks case turned into a boomerang for Zimmerman and his coterie. But on the capitol question the grange and the Zimmerman-Burke group right smartly defeated the administration, planning board, architects, advisers notwithstanding. Unfortunately for the state, the capitol question throughout became a "get the general" fight and right well did the anti-Martin forces succeed.

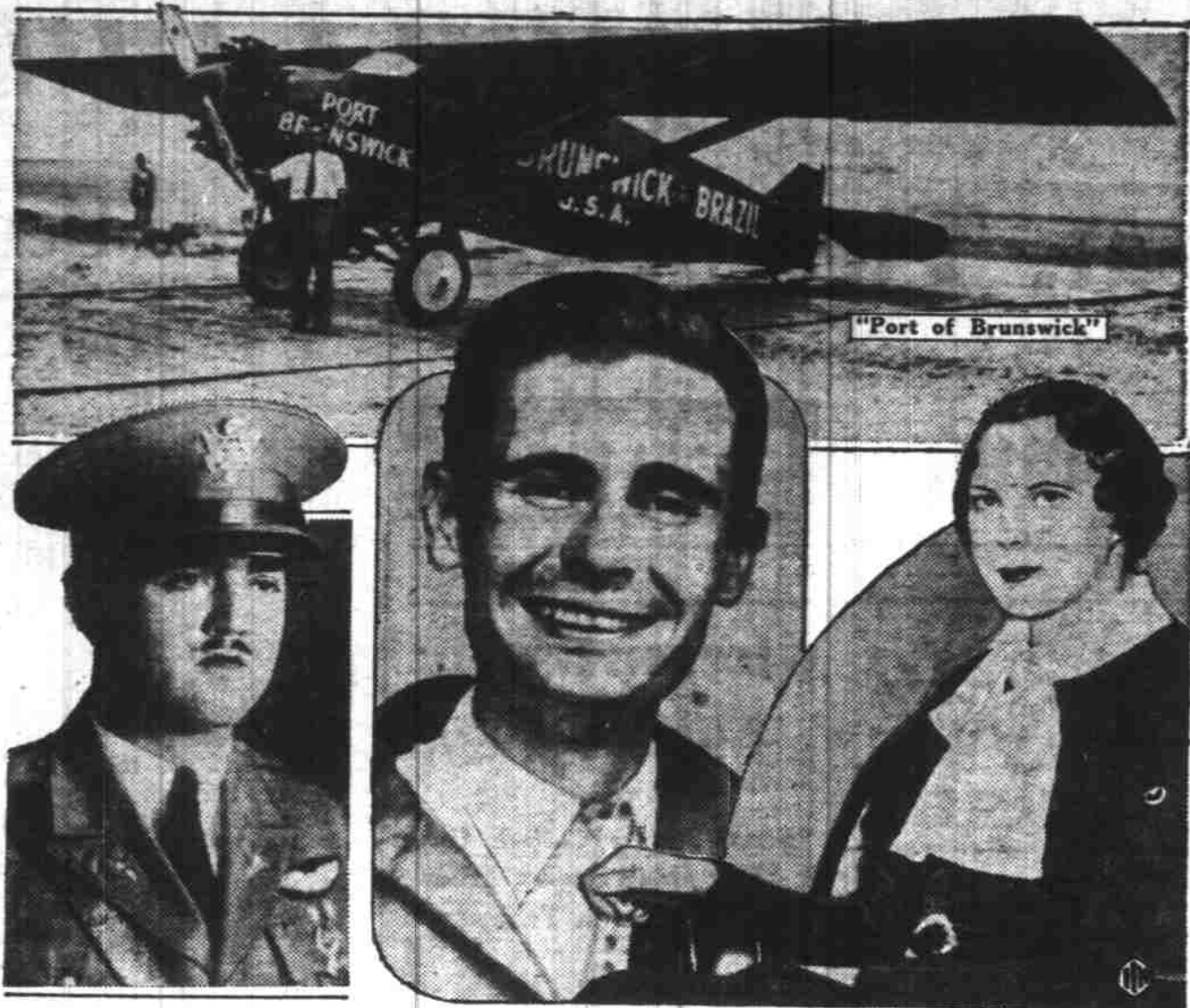
The capitol commission, nine in number, serving without pay, had too large and one certainly entitled to some compensation—will be named this week. With Martin, President Corbett and Speaker Latourette doing the selection, the choices should be good. A change for direction of big state project along with opportunity to have one's name chiseled in the marble of the new structure will be motive sufficient to get good men on the commission. When the commission completed, Governor Martin will wash his hands of the entire capitol matter and step out of the picture. He would like to have served on the board or to have appointed a majority of its members. As the capitol law reads the governor hereafter has no more responsibility in the selection of the capitol than a private citizen—another indication of the completeness with which the anti-Martin forces hamstringed the administration.

Board Members Want No Part in It

Apart from the governor, no other members of the board of control really wanted the job of building the capitol. Behind the plea of "too busy" State Treasurer Holman, up for re-election in 1937, and Secretary of State Suell, sensed a political question they wished to avert. Prior to the last day of the session it appeared the commission must vote on the amount to be spent on the capitol and also the site. Here was a dangerous decision in an election year—with the grange making political capital of the entire capitol question, not to mention the drift of the political wind, Holman and Suell graciously insisted they be kept out of the capitol commission job—with the result that the board of control can devote its full time to such momentous questions as a central telephone system for the statehouse, the cost of electric refrigeration at the state blind school or the erection of a state-owned power plant!

The sales tax-old-age pension ambroglio was a clever legislative run-around. In order to get the \$9-50 money for pensions Uncle Sam will have available in January, 1936, the state wisely deter-

Seek Aviator Believed Lost in Jungles



Major Willis Taylor, American aviator missing since 1927, is still alive have spurred a new attempt to find the aviator. M. A. Melcherts, Catholic teacher, brought back to civilization from the wilds of Dutch Guiana the tale of a native there who reported Redfern alive. Sufficient credence is given to the story so that Major Willis Taylor, army ace stationed at Panama, has volunteered to finance a flight to determine whether Redfern is living in the jungles where his plane, "Port of Brunswick," was believed to have crashed on a flight from Brunswick, Fla., to Rio De Janeiro, started Aug. 25, 1927. Meanwhile, Mrs. Redfern, now a resident of Cleveland, still clings to hope that her husband is alive despite numerous false reports of the past.

Union Hill Grange Officers Elected

Humphreys Master; Year's Leaders Also Named by Junior Grangers

VICTOR POINT, Nov. 16.—At the regular business session of Union Hill grange Friday morning, these officers for 1936 were elected:

O. W. Humphreys, master; V. D. Scott, overseer; Mrs. J. C. Krenz, lecturer; L. S. Morris, steward; Marion Fischer, assistant-steward; Mrs. E. G. Neal, chaplain; M. M. Gilmour, treasurer; Mrs. V. D. Scott, secretary; Porter L. Downing, gatekeeper; Mrs. Porter L. Downing, Ceres; Mrs. George L. Woolley, Pomona; Mrs. E. V. Patton, Flora; Eugenia Neal, lady assistant steward; J. O. Darby, juvenile patron.

Floyd T. Fox was elected to a three year term on the executive committee.

Several Initiated

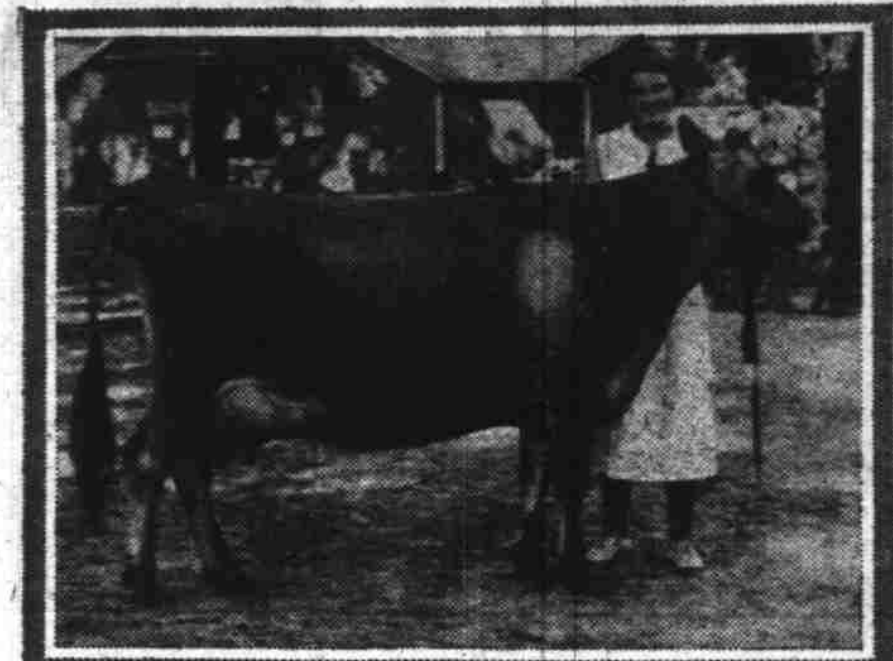
First and second degree initiation was given Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rabens, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Downing, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Woolley, Mrs. Hattie Cieslak, Evelyn Henry, Jeanne Oeder, Eugenia Neal, Vivian Green, Phillip Fischer, Leo Cieslak and Montie Morris.

The grange will sponsor 4-H club work again this year with Mrs. Floyd Fox, Mrs. V. D. Scott and Mrs. Theodore Fisher appointed to secure leaders for club projects.

Election of officers in the juvenile grange resulted as follows: Lenora Heater, master; Darby, overseer; Robert Humphreys, lecturer; Jimmie Darby, steward; LeRoy Downing, assistant steward; Gladys Peterson, treasurer; Laurel Krenz, secretary; Gene Butler, gate-keeper; Mary Kosenbalm, Ceres; Marjorie Tate, Pomona; Arlene Morris, Flora; Mary Butler, lady assistant steward.

The juvenile grange will have a Christmas tree at its December meeting with arrangements in charge of Donald Woolley and LeRoy Downing.

Two Polk Record Breakers



Norma Hulbert, Independence, with Sybil Baroness Eileen, Jersey cow which recently set a national breed record for milk yield.

National Leaders Watching Work Of Independence Girl and Folks In Developing Record Milk Herd

Attractive young Norma Hulbert of Independence is assisting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hulbert, so capably in managing a herd of purebred Jerseys that veteran dairymen are keeping their eyes on the national records the herd is setting for production.

The herd is setting for production woman in the country to milk and care for a national Jersey production champion through the official test. She milked Sybil Baroness Eileen 914 times of the 915 times the cow was milked during a 305-day test. In this test "Eileen" yielded 759.71 pounds buttermilk, 15,595 pounds milk, breaking the existing national record for 305-day milk yield by a junior four-year-old Jersey cow set almost 10 years ago. "Eileen" weighed 950 pounds at the end of her test, so during the 10 months she yielded over 16 times her own weight in milk.

Milks 305 Days

Every morning during the 305 days "Eileen" was on test Miss Hulbert was up and milking her around 4 o'clock, then milked her again in the middle of the day and a third time late in the evening. "I certainly enjoyed milking 'Eileen,'" Miss Hulbert said, "as I really like to milk." In addition to the three-times-a-day milking routine for the cows on the farm the Hulbert family also milked a fourth time during the day.

herd. "The job I enjoy the most is raising the calves," she says. "I raised all the calves sired by Sybil's Ashburn Baronet, tending to them from the time they were born until nearly a year old. I have tended to all the cows we had when they were calves except one. We have about 18 calves a year."

Sinclair's System Backed by Hewitt

BETHEL, Nov. 16.—"Production for use and distribution on the basis of need" is the slogan which if followed, will solve the economic problems of the day, according to R. H. Hewitt who was guest speaker for the Farmer's Union Friday night.

Hewitt said that the old open-market system has run its course. The standard of living in the United States is lowering. Holland, Denmark and Sweden practice cooperation most consistently and have the highest average standard of living. Roumania has the greatest national resources, but without cooperating, has the lowest average standard of living.

A. L. Schulz was chairman of the program.

There was a fine attendance. A short program consisted of orchestra selections, a song by Raymond Gerig and a piano selection. At the business meeting Mrs. J. M. Nichols was appointed program chairman for the closed meeting, and J. A. Hain and O. L. Brubaker for the next open meeting.

Session Results Told in Figures

Activities of the legislators and the governor during and after the special session are told in statistics as follows:

Measures introduced 174.
Passed by legislature 75.
Signed by governor 64.
Filed without signature 9.
Vetoed by governor 2.
Killed by powerful legislative steering committee 34.
Bills died in other committees 28.
Killed by legislature 21.
Withdrawn from consideration 16.

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SAYS LEAGUE IS BARRED
West Stayton, Ore.

To the Editor,

Our schools: What are they? In public school laws of 1931, under article 35-1123 it states that "there is hereby established a civic center at each and every school house within the State of Oregon, where the citizens of the respective public school districts within the said State of Oregon may engage in supervised recreational activity, and where they may meet and discuss from time to time as they may desire, any and all subjects and questions which in their judgment may appertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic and moral interests of the citizens of the respective communities in which they may reside." Under article 35-1123 "the school house may be used for any proper purpose, giving equal rights and privileges to all religious denominations or political parties." Such is the law established by the State of Oregon.

There are differences of opinion about economic matters that affect each individual residing there. Some are intellectually static, some are reactionary and some are open minded and progressive. The intellectually static do not want changes to be made in social laws made necessary by changing economic conditions. The reactionary group want law and power to restrict the exercise of the freedom of speech rights secured by the constitution. The open minded and progressive, seeing that changes in economic and social conditions are continually developing, need the public use of the established civic centers to discuss the changing economic conditions that confront them, that they may know how to protect themselves against poverty and destitution. That is the reason the law requires that no discrimination be practiced by the school board of directors in granting the use of the school house for public discussion. It is an American law to violate that constituted law is to violate constituted American rights and places the violator in the static and reactionary classes of citizens and is fascist development.

That condition exists in school district No. 61 in Marion county. Under the belief and claim they would uphold the laws and American traditions the present board of school directors were elected. Instead of doing so, they have practiced fascist measures of discrimination in that they have arbitrarily refused the use of the school house to the United Farmers League, an economic relief organization; have charged \$1.25 per meeting to other groups for which they do not belong at attend meetings thus making the school a profit project and finally to the organization to which they belong, make no charge but grant the use of the school property free of cost.

HERBERT DENNETT
West Stayton, Oregon.

Holiday Lighting Program Started

Ad Club to Sponsor Usual Display; Christmas Opening Nov. 29

A brilliant, cheery Christmas season is in store for Salem, if skeleton plans announced Saturday by the Salem Ad club are an indication.

Under the club's sponsorship, the following projects are being launched:

1. The annual outdoor lighting display.
2. Christmas opening, 7:30 p. m., November 29, by Salem stores.
3. Downtown street decorations.

The illumination contest will be conducted under rules similar to last year's, it was learned, with prizes donated by local merchants. Details of the contest, which is the seventh sponsored by the Ad club, are being worked out and will be unveiled shortly.

To Unveil Windows

Heralding the entry of the 1935 Christmas season will be the unveiling of store windows Friday, November 29. Stores will remain open during the evening so that the public can make inspection of holiday merchandise.

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Silverton Lodge to Attend Convention

SILVERTON, Nov. 16.—Among the Silverton lodge members who will attend the Willamette Association of Matrons and Patrons Tuesday night are Miss Olivia DeGuire, W. P. Scarth, Mrs. F. E. Sylvestra, Mrs. J. C. Schlador, Miss Ina Harold, Mrs. G. B. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pounder and Mrs. Roy Skiate.

Announces Engagement

SILVERTON, Nov. 16.—Miss Muriel Benson, Silverton teacher, was a recent guest of Miss Helen Ellingson at Portland at a party at which Miss Ellingson announced her engagement to James Muriel of Bend. Miss Ellingson formerly taught at Silverton.

Daughter to Klopfenstien

BRUSH CREEK, Nov. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Aden Klopfenstien announce the birth of an eight-pound daughter, born November 3 at the home. Mrs. Klopfenstien's mother and sister, Mrs. E. J. Montandon and Ruth Montandon of Hazel Green are assisting at the Klopfenstien home. The baby has been named Donna DeLaine.

Business Men's League Elects Dunn President

MT. ANGEL, Nov. 16.—A large number of business men and farmers attended the flax meeting in the Mt. Angel auditorium Wednesday night.

The government plan for aiding in financing a retting and scutching plant was efficiently outlined to the audience which seemed all for backing the project. No definite decision was reached, however. A committee, consisting of Frank Hettwer, Joe Bernat, Michael Weisacht, Marc Wampach and P. N. Smith, was appointed to investigate further and to line up the farmers.

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Three Births Reported

SILVERTON, Nov. 6.—Three births reported from the Silverton hospital recently include a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ingvold Torresdal, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Weston Howard and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Predeck of Mt. Angel.

Son to Leiths

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leith are the parents of a 6½-pound son born Sunday at the Woodburn hospital. Mrs. Leith is better known as Amanda Oster formerly of Mt. Angel. This is their first child.

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