

Legislature Soon

The legislative session is only a week away. The Statesman will provide full accounts of the session's daily progress.

The Weather

Partly cloudy today; Thursday generally fair; Max. Temp. Tuesday 40.8, Min. 21; rain 1.75 inch, river 1.2 feet, northeast winds.

Coast Governors Seek Strike Intervention

Penal System Change Advocated

Work For All Inmates Urged Upon Governor

Forestry Camps for Men, Separate Institution for Women Advised

New Board Would Take Full Charge, Paroles And Sentences

Recommended changes in Oregon's prison and parole system which will be reflected in proposals before the coming legislative session were outlined in a report by the Federal Prisons Industries Reorganization Administration filed with Governor Charles H. Martin here yesterday.

The report recommended creation of a board having complete jurisdiction over parole matters affecting the state's three penal institutions with power to fix prison terms under an adequate indeterminate sentence law. This board also would have authority to grant paroles and supervise parolees and probationers from the three institutions and those granted clemency by the courts.

Other recommendations were: Convict Classification by Psychiatrist Suggested

Establishment of an adequate classification program enabling proper study of all convicts prior to release on parole including reports by a trained psychiatrist, psychologist and educational director.

Diversification of building facilities for proper treatment and work which can be conducted at receiving station and medium-security institution at the penitentiary annex.

Separate institution for women prisoners and two or three forestry camps for the safest type of men.

The report recommended against any attempt to convert the present boys' training school at Woodburn into an adult reformatory.

There are about a dozen industries which can be developed at the penitentiary on a state-use basis," the report continued.

Goods from these institutions would be sold to tax supported institutions and agencies. These industries would include printing, sheet metal and metal stamping, metal furniture, brushes and brooms, mill work, clothing, shoes

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George Paulus Is Elected, Cannors

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(P)—Scrutiny of dozens of cases of fruit at a conference of 500 northwest cannery men brought a comment today from Elmore E. Hill of Salem, chairman of cannery superintendents, that "the pack was much improved and the grading very regular."

Hill said 95 per cent of northwest cannery members of the association which today elected J. M. Seaman, Mount Vernon, Wash., as president to succeed B. E. Mallory, Hillsboro, Ore. G. B. Paulus, Salem, was chosen vice president and E. M. Burns, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

New Building Record Predicted by Abrams; Subdivision Planned

Buy 32-Acre Tract Near Fairgrounds at Reported Price of \$15,000; All Holdings in His Old Subdivision Sold Out, Declares

FORECASTING one of the greatest building years in the history of the state, Carle Abrams yesterday announced the purchase of 32 acres of land located on the Silverton road adjoining the Salem-highway subdivision and extending north to the Pacific highway. The land formerly was owned by the Beecher estate and is adjacent to the old Beecher home. Consideration was reported to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

In making the announcement of the purchase Abrams stated that all of his holdings in the Salem-Highway tract, which he promoted, has been disposed and predicted that there would be a still greater demand for homes in the Salem territory. It is to help in meeting this demand that he made the purchase of the new plot, he said.

Predicts Salem to Be Center, House Demands

"I think 1937 will be the biggest building year in history," Abrams declared. "There is a demand for homes all over the country and Salem with the capitol construction just starting, a new federal building being built and the eventual expenditure of close

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Mystery Tacoma Car Trips Noted

Reason For Traffic to and From Mattsons Home Isn't Explained

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—(P)—One after another, automobiles of unexplained missions moved in and out of the narrow street leading to the W. W. Mattson home tonight, the ninth since Charles Mattson was kidnaped.

Only Mrs. W. W. Mattson, mother of the boy, remained at home. The other three members of the family, friends mentioned as possible intermediaries and unidentified visitors all came and went from the house at short intervals.

Question of Rendezvous Goes Unanswered

Whether some of them were bound for a rendezvous to pay the kidnaper the \$28,000 demanded for Charles' release, or whether they merely were routine

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Four Held Guilty In Second Degree

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 5.—(P)—Four maritime union men were convicted of second degree murder by a jury today in connection with the slaying of George Alberts, chief engineer, aboard the freighter Point Lobos last March 22.

The penalty for second degree murder ranges from five years to life imprisonment. Those convicted are Earl King, E. G. Ramsay, Frank J. Conner and George Wallace.

Judge Ogden announced he would pass sentence next Monday. Defense attorneys said, however, they would enter motions for a new trial at that time and if they were denied, an appeal would be filed.

Wild Life Legislative Committee Is Chosen

A legislative committee was appointed by the Oregon Wild Life council following its meeting here yesterday, members being Christ Kowitz of Salem, chairman; Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, T. M. Mynyan of Lebanon, A. E. Heath of Corvallis, Fred Robinson of Taft, Murray Wade and Ben Claggett of Salem.

Legislation for the world war veterans state aid commission and held a notary public's commission. The court is expected to give its decision late this week.

A group of political leaders recently raised the question of Lessard's eligibility to serve in the legislature. They contended his two appointments made him ineligible. Lessard later filed suit in Multnomah county to restrain the secretary of state from declaring his seat vacant and arguments of attorneys were heard by Judge John F. Winter, Notary Public Held To His State Office

Judge Winter refused to grant the application for an injunction but held that a notary public was a state office. Appeal to the supreme court followed.

In the meantime Attorney General Van Winkle interpreted Judge Winter's opinion to mean that Lessard was not eligible to serve both as a legislator and notary public and that his seat in the senate should be declared vacant.

Acting upon this ruling Secretary of State Snell Monday declared

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Game Men Slap Politics, Eye Proposed Laws

"Recurrent Raids" Upon Game Funds Scored By Council Here

Suggest Definite Cause Be Only Ground for Board Removals

The asserted practice of Oregon's governors of making appointments to the state game commission on a political basis was bitterly condemned yesterday by sportsmen and others interested in conserving Oregon's wild-life at a meeting called by the Oregon Wild-Life council here yesterday.

The sportsmen, who were in session from 9:30 yesterday morning until after 6 o'clock last night, made stability of the game commission, either by constitutional amendment or general law, the theme of their afternoon session and did considerable "putting on the pan" of present procedure in selecting game commissions.

Urges Cessation Game Fund Raids

They likewise favored putting a definite end to "continual recurrent raids on the state game fund."

Three Portland men, Arthur Moulton, Ed F. Averill and John Ebbinger, led the attack against not only the present administration—which was pictured as having cost sportsmen of the state thousands of dollars by its "man-handling" but also all administrations since 1910.

Moulton warned the approximately 700 delegates to beware of a house bill at the coming session appearing under the title of a "Department of Conservation" measure. The Portland lawyer alleged that this was a move to place all game conservation under the head of a single director—politically appointed—who would also have full control of the entire game fund.

Proposes Removal Only for Cause

Ebbinger read a bill he said would be placed before the house and senate which would amend article 15 of the state constitution

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Woman Says She Killed Policeman

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(P)—Seattle officers arrived tonight to question a woman giving the name of Helen Donna, about 35, who walked into police headquarters here today and told C. E. Moohan, desk sergeant, that she killed a special officer in Seattle.

She was quoted as saying she shot an officer named "Clark" in a fight involving him and a Filipino. Seattle police said Officer William Clark was killed a year ago while he was struggling with a man named Joe Cortez.

They Wield Gavel As Congress Takes Up



Speaker William B. Rankin

Neutrality problems, strike legislation and governmental reorganization faced congress yesterday as the representatives headed the

Gotham Dock War Supplies Loading Stops

Reason Not Told; Rumor "Washington Orders" May Be Cause

Congress Rushes Toward Neutrality Action; Session Opens

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(P)—Loading of the steamer Mar Cantabrico with war material for Spain was halted tonight, with two airplanes aboard and six still lying alongside on a barge.

Stowaways who had raced through the day to load the ship for clearance before congress could pass legislation to prevent its sailing suddenly quit tonight and no explanation was offered for their stopping.

"Orders From Washington" Whispered On Docks

At pier 25, Brooklyn, where the Mar Cantabrico is berthed, the rumor spread that work was halted "on orders from Washington."

Customs officials at the pier said there was no likelihood that they would attempt to sail tonight. The captain of the ship refused to be seen.

Crewmen of the ship stood guard at the pier, allowing no one to approach the vessel, which has been loading medical stores, clothing, military equipment and field kitchens for the last week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(P)—No sooner had the 75th congress convened today in the back-slapping mood of a family reunion than warring problems began to command the attention of leaders.

First, they hoped for lightning-fast action to mend a gap in the neutrality law and halt shipment of more than \$7,000,000 worth of war materials to Spanish loyalists. Indications were, however, that some of the materials would

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Kidnap Suspect Taken in South

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(P)—Police Lieutenant James Malloy said a self-described bank robber who surrendered here today under the name of William Sydney Blair, 50, declared under questioning he was in Tacoma the night 10-year-old Charles Mattson was kidnaped.

Malloy said he was sending to Tacoma authorities a description of the mild-mannered, grey-haired man, who asserted that he formerly owned a chicken ranch at Silverdale, Wash.

"His actions are peculiar," Malloy said, "and I'm not taking any chances."

The man walked into police headquarters and declared he participated with Joseph Hardison, ex-convict from Seattle, in a \$1,500 bank robbery here December 24.

Confidential Telegram Sent To Roosevelt by Martin Here; Eastern Strikes Investigated

Motors Strike Problem Taken Up With F.D.R.

Labor Conciliator Is Sent To Detroit; Secretary Perkins Acting

50,000 Workers Off Jobs In Sixteen General Motors Plants

(By the Associated Press)

Aid in settlement of the nation's two major strikes—the auto workers and maritime—was sought Tuesday from President Roosevelt and his cabinet.

From California, where striking seamen have crippled the shipping industry, came a telegram in which Gov. Frank P. Merriam asked the president for his "personal intervention in behalf of a speedy and equitable restoration of shipping operations."

Road Says President's Assistance Required

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco asserted only presidential intervention could halt the conflict quickly and urged Pacific coast residents to petition the president for action.

At Washington Secretary of Labor Perkins carried the General Motors strike situation before the president. They discussed possible efforts to bring peace in the automobile industrial controversy.

Attention was focused on the following developments in the collective bargaining dispute between General Motors and the United Automobile Workers union:

1. Following a conference with President Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Perkins suggested that both sides expedite a settlement by opening negotiations.

2. President Homer Martin of the union pledged cooperation with government conciliators—but declared a "general stoppage of General Motors is under way."

3. "Sitdown strikers" closed two of the corporation's plants.

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Strike Spread Raises Number Idle Employes

(By the Associated Press)

The spread of United Automobile workers' strikers to General Motors corporation plants at Jackson, Mich., Tuesday night raised to 44,500 the number of corporation employes idle.

By cities, they included: Flint, Mich., Fisher Body plants No. 1 and 2, Chevrolet and Buick assembly lines, 15,500.

Anderson, Ind., Guide Lamp and Delco-Remy, 11,800.

Cleveland, Fisher Body, 7,000.

Kansas City, Fisher Body and Chevrolet, 2,500.

Norwood, Ohio, Fisher Body and Chevrolet, 1,500.

Toledo, Ohio, Chevrolet, 1,500.

Harrison, N. J., Hyatt Roller Bearing, 700.

Ice, Snow Bring Winter to Oregon

Crews Attempt to Prevent Road Closures; All of State Affected

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(P)—Roads turned into sheets of ice and mountain passes into untrammeled drifts of snow today as winter strengthened its grip on all parts of Oregon.

Road crews waded several miles of the Columbia river high-water, while workers labored far into the night around Grande Bend and Klamath Falls to keep roads open. Their battle with snows on the McKenzie highway was definitely lost for the season.

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Two Men Injured In Eola Accident

Marvin Humphries, 20, 1895 West Nob Hill street, and Robert J. French, 20, 1745 South Church, were taken to the Salem General hospital with lacerations about the face and hands and bruises as the result of a head-on collision on the Salem-Dallas road near Eola last night.

Humphries, according to state police, was driving an automobile going west toward Dallas and collided with a car driven by Mary Berndt, route 3, going in the opposite direction. Both cars were totally wrecked but Miss Berndt, who was alone, escaped with minor scratches and bruises.

Barker Re-elected Labor Group Head

H. E. Barker was re-elected president of the Salem Trades and Labor council at the organization's meeting at the Labor Temple last night.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, L. A. Savage; secretary-treasurer, Nell Brown; sergeant-at-arms, William Stapanoff; reading clerk, S. B. Davidson; trustees, Harry Savage, Elvin Thomas and William Entress.

Dickering in San Francisco Started Again

Masters, Mates, Sailors Now Confering With Employer Groups

Union Adviser Declares Dock Worker Demands Easy to Grant

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(P)—Governor Martin, in disclosing tonight that he had sent President Roosevelt a "confidential telegram" dealing with the maritime tie-up, told the Associated Press that west coast governors "are at the end of our rope" and that "I am tired of seeing our country ruined."

He said his telegram was an "individual move on my part" but that he "understood" governors of Washington, Idaho and California were taking similar action. He termed the telegram "instigating" but declined to reveal its contents.

California Governor Asks Personal Intervention

(Governor Frank F. Merriam of California this afternoon wired President Roosevelt asking his "personal intervention.")

Oregon's chief executive said he was "surprised that people have been as patient, and have not risen up in protest."

OLYMPIA, Jan. 5.—(P)—Governor Clarence D. Martin tonight said he had telegraphed President Roosevelt asking that he take action in the west coast maritime strike.

"I presented to the president the present problems growing out of the strike," said Governor Martin, "and asked him to do anything he could to expedite settlement of our difficulties."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(P)—Union forces took today what appeared to be a long step toward settlement of the 63-day maritime tie-up, and both sides speeded peace negotiations in the face

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New Postoffice Work Starts Soon

There will be no ground-breaking exercises for the start of construction of the new federal building, it was announced from the chamber of commerce yesterday. The ceremonies will be confined to the laying of the corner stone after construction is under way.

L. H. Hoffman of the Hoffman Construction company has advised Postmaster H. R. Crawford that the excavating work for the building will start sometime before next Monday. The building is to be completed in 290 days.

Lessard Eligibility Will Be Argued in Court Here Today

The state supreme court will sit en banc at 10 o'clock this morning to hear the appealed suit brought by Delmore Lessard of Multnomah county to retain his seat in the state senate despite the fact he held a position

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