

The Weather
Unsettled today and Thursday, probably rain, temperature little changed. Max. Temp. Tuesday 58, Min. 33, river 6 feet, SW wind.

Legislative News
As the Oregon legislative session nears its end important happenings are frequent. Keep in touch through The Statesman.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Pari-Mutuels Saved, Pinball Ban is Voted

Valley Project Hearing to Be Important; Here on Thursday

Flood Control Initial Phase; 250 Expected

Delegations From Every Part of District to Attend, Revealed

Statements of Need and Expected Benefits to Be Given Engineers

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER
Scores of organizations representing all Willamette valley counties are expected to send more than 250 delegates to Salem Thursday to present United States army engineers with facts supporting the proposed \$2,400,000 flood control program for the Willamette river and tributaries. Upon the report the engineers make following the hearing will largely depend whether or not federal funds for the project are made available.

R. H. Kipp, Portland, secretary of the Willamette Valley Project committee, declared while stopping here briefly yesterday that between 250 and 300 representatives of valley groups would bring data to deliver to the engineers. He was en route to Corvallis to attend one of a number of preliminary meetings being held to assemble this material.

The hearing will open at the chamber of commerce at 10 a. m., and probably will last throughout the day. Colonel Thomas M. Robins, Portland, north Pacific division army engineer, will preside.

Statements Asked in Triplicate
The hearing board will take oral statements, to be recorded by a stenographer, but will prefer for accuracy of the record that all important facts and arguments be submitted in writing, in triplicate, according to word received from Colonel Robins. All data assembled at the hearing will be forwarded for consolidation to the departments of war and agriculture and a report based upon this material will be submitted to congress.

Throughout the valley chamber of commerce officers and members of the project committee have been busy during the last two weeks arranging with civic and farmers' organizations, city, county, irrigation and drainage districts officials to present in detail statements of damage being done by high water each year and of reasons why a concerted program of flood control is wanted.

Eventual Scope of Project Gigantic
While the immediate project would be confined largely to retirement and similar work, it is considered as the first unit of an irrigation, navigation, stream purification and hydro-electric power development estimated by the army engineers to cost \$50,000,000.

One resolution typical of the many that will be filed with the engineers Thursday points out that the valley has more than 1,000,000 acres of farm land whose productivity would be greatly increased if irrigation and proper drainage were made possible.

Local representatives required by the federal government in connection with the program are of making right-of-way available, assuming liability and undertaking to maintain the flood control works constructed under the army engineers' supervision. The state senate already has approved a bill introduced by Senator Douglas McKay, chairman of the valley project committee, authorizing subdivisions and making formation of special districts to do so if possible. The measure has Governor Charles H. Martin's approval and is expected to be passed by the house before the present session closes.

Columbia Closed For Job on Locks

BONNEVILLE, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Transportation on the Columbia river ceased at this point today when engineers closed the stream to permit contractors to place the huge gates and anchor chains for the sea-locks in the Bonneville power and navigation project.

Boston's Dignity Upset as Fight On Child Labor Amendment Waged



Edward F. McGrady



Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell

Usually staid Boston was thrown into an uproar when supporters of the child labor amendment stormed the state house in protest against the action of the legislature on the bill. The historic Common was the scene of a huge demonstration and pickets patrolled the main entrance to the capitol. Two of those involved in the clash were Edward McGrady, top, see federal labor conciliator, who championed the bill, and Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president emeritus of Yale university, below, who claimed the amendment was poorly drawn and gave its protagonists control over children of United States.

One More Charge Contempt Denied Faced by Haskins In Townsend Case

Diesel Engine This Time; Thefts in 3 Counties Included in List

William J. Haskins, the man of many charges—wool theft, grand larceny, larceny of a pile driver hammer—unwillingly saw a still larger one added to his list yesterday when he was brought to the county jail here to await justice court hearing on the alleged concealing of parts of a diesel engine. He posted \$2500 undertaking for bail last night to gain his freedom once again.

Haskins has not been convicted of any of the four charges; on the first three he awaits further court or grand jury action and on the latest, concerning the engine, he is to be arraigned before Judge H. Overton in Woodburn justice court at 10 o'clock this morning. (Turn to Page 7, Col. 1)

Lindberghs Lost Again Somewhere in India But Nobody Getting Excited

BOMBAY, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, unreported since early Monday on a flight from Jodhpur, were "lost" tonight somewhere over India's vast distances.

Fears for their safety, however, had not become serious. It was believed airport officials probably had helped keep their arrivals and departures secret.

300 Properties Redeemed to Forestall County Tax Decree

Orders dismissing 46 persons and firms in connection with the county's first and largest tax suit instituted last year. Deputy District Attorney Joseph B. Felton said. In addition to the payments made on taxes to forestall foreclosure decrees, the 46 owners paid the county more than \$750 in costs at the rate of \$2.50 per parcel of land.

The dismissal orders applied to 13 tracts of land in the county, approximately 260 lots and seven entire blocks in Salem, two lots in Hubbard, six in Jefferson, five in Pratum, six in Silverton, eight in Stayton, one in Turner and one in West Woodburn.

Senate Ballot On Retirement Bill Imminent

Passage Predicted With Opponents of Packing Court Favorable

May Mean Some Justices To Quit Voluntarily; Debate Due Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Senate leaders arranged tonight for a prompt test of senate sentiment on the Summers bill, which would permit supreme court justices to retire on full pay at the age of 70.

Passage is generally predicted, for numerous senators who have announced unyielding opposition to President Roosevelt's proposal for revamping the supreme court are ready to vote for the retirement bill. It already has the approval of the house.

The president has proposed that a new justice be appointed for each justice past 70 who declined to retire. The membership of the supreme court might be raised from 9 to 15 under his program. The Summers bill, introduced before the White House legislation, simply gives justices assurance that if they quit the bench they will receive full pay. At present, judges who wish to leave the bench must resign and take the chances that congress will continue their salaries.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev) submitted the judiciary committee's favorable report on the Summers measure to the senate today. He announced he would call it up for debate tomorrow if possible.

Both sides of the great controversy over the president's general charging justices assurance that if they quit the bench they will receive full pay. At present, judges who wish to leave the bench must resign and take the chances that congress will continue their salaries.

In high authority, it was said that year or more ago at least two associate justices told congressional leaders that with such an act on the statute books they would withdraw from the court at an early date.

However, it is not known whether more recent developments have changed the justices' attitude toward retirement.

Amount For Weed Control Is Small

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Senator Charles McNary said today he had advised Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon only \$40,000 has been set aside by the department of agriculture for noxious weed control in 1937.

The senator said it was unlikely additional funds would be available unless congress approved a special appropriation under some bill such as that introduced recently by Representative D. Worth Clark of Pocatello, Idaho, asking \$50,000,000.

Martin wrote McNary urging that he be press for more money with which to combat a "weed problem" in Oregon.

The works progress administration and civilian conservation corps have assisted farmers combat the weeds the past few years with allotments and men.

Annuities Tax Bill Is Viewed, Star Chamber Session of Committee

Behind closed doors, with press and public excluded, the house taxation and revenue committee last night considered action on a measure to place a 2 1/2 per cent tax on annuities. The bill was sent back to the committee yesterday afternoon for further consideration when it came up for passage on a favorable report from the committee.

Prior to the executive session, Seth Thomas, general manager of a life insurance company, spoke against the bill, declaring it would hit the holders of small annuities.

Shoe Workers May Strike in All Factories

General Walkout Slated Today; Sitdown Idea Hits West Coast

Santa Monica's Aircraft Plant Involved; East Situations Varied

(By the Associated Press)
A threatened general strike of a 100,000 shoe workers and a "sitdown" demonstration in plants of other industries overshadowed peace negotiations yesterday in scattered labor disputes.

The general executive board of the united shoe and leather workers union announced in Boston it had voted to call a general strike effective today in factories in its jurisdiction unless a flat 15 per cent wage increase was granted immediately. Union leaders said picketing would start at 10 a. m. at plants where the union's demands were refused.

The huge Douglas aircraft factory at Santa Monica, Calif., suspended operations after approximately 500 of its 5,600 employees sat down to enforce demands for higher wages. Leaders reported the demonstration was ordered by the aircraft division of the United Automobile Workers of America, a unit in the Committee for Industrial Organization.

A similar strike was called in the shipyards of the Electric Boat Co., manufacturers of submarines at Groton, Conn.

About 35 employees of the Century Wallpaper mills at Decatur, Ill., took possession of the building at plants where the union's demands were refused. A move to carry out a court order for their election was held in abeyance pending the peace projects of Mayor Charles Lea.

Approximately 600 pressmen, exponents of the "sitdown" system, curtailed printing at Crowell Publishing Co., plant at Springfield. (Turn to Page 7, Col. 2)

Wartime Head of U. S. Fleet Dies

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Rear-Admiral Henry Thomas Mayo, 80, U.S.N., retired, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet during the World war, died today of heart disease in the home of a son, Capt. Chester G. Mayo, U.S.N.

Members of his family said he had been ill about two months. Private funeral services will be conducted Thursday on Friday and burial will be in Burlington, Vt., his birthplace.

He is survived by his widow, the former Carrie M. Wing of Burlington, whom he married in 1881, and two sons, Captain Mayo and Major George Mayo of the U. S. N.

He was graduated from the U. S. naval academy in 1876, and advancing through various ranks, was promoted to rear admiral in 1913.

Polk Charge Also Faced by O'Brien

Carroll Jesse O'Brien, 24, of Vancouver, was returned to Polk county by state police yesterday to face a new charge of obtaining money by false pretenses after he had been sent to Eugene to face a similar charge only to have the case there dismissed.

The new charge against him was filed in West Salem justice court by W. H. McClain. Both charges involved checks.

State police arrested O'Brien at a West Salem dance hall Saturday night on the Eugene charge, which had been pending since last June. Yesterday he was taken to the Polk county jail at Dallas.

Beckwith Again Elected Head of Multnomah Bar

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Multnomah county bar association reelected John A. Beckwith president tonight. The group also took action to name representatives who hereafter will be available to speak at special school exercises in commemoration of Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays.

Late Sports

TILLAMOOK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Silverton high school cagers defeated Tillamook high 31 to 24 tonight. The visitors had too fast a break for the home-towners. Page, Tillamook forward, was high scorer with 13 points.

House Passes Carney Measure While Senate Downs Staples' Attack on State Racing Laws

Pension Bloc Maps Out House Battle Strategy

Star-Chamber Session Held; Committee Reports on HB 472 Held Out While Settlement Sought; Amusement Tax Report Is Favorable

THE next major engagement of the legislative session, the fight over old age pensions, is not definitely set as to time, but the lines are being drawn for the battle. The fight will occur over the report of the ways and means committee on HB 472, the majority report favoring enactment of the measure as drawn, which provides a \$24 a month maximum for needy aged 70 or over. The minority report lowers the age to 65 and raises the minimum to \$30 a month.

Last night the pension bloc, which revolted Saturday against the house organization, held a star-chamber session. From it they barred even newspapermen, with a sergeant-at-arms at the door to enforce orders. At 10:30 when the bloc adjourned it was stated they had agreed on procedure in the impending fight. They will support the minority report for more liberal pensions. Also they favor exempting the first \$2000 of property owned by pensioners from all liens on account of the aid from the state. There were 27 members who attended the bloc meeting, all members of the lower house.

The committee reports are in the hands of the chairman, Henry Semot. He held them over the house Tuesday when it was re-turn to page 2, col. 2)

Fear Tithing Law Invalid, Declared This Explained Reason of Seeking Removal For Utilities Budget

A new threat to the much jangled budget appeared on the floor of the house yesterday afternoon when objection was raised against a bill which would remove the public utilities commissioner from the operation of the tithing act. The bill was sent to the ways and means committee for further consideration.

Under the tithing act, which was adopted in 1923, the self-sustaining departments of the state are required to pay 10 per cent of income to the general fund of the state. Estimated receipts for the next biennium are set in the budget at \$187,500.

The measure affecting the utilities fees came from the revision of laws committee. In explaining the bill, Representative Grant, Baker, chairman of the committee, declared that the change was being made because the committee had been advised that the tithing act was unconstitutional and that should the utilities fees be thrown out the department would be unable to function.

All or None, Is View of Houch
"If this law is unconstitutional as to the utilities department it is unconstitutional for the rest under the tithing act," Dr. J. F. Houch declared. "I don't see why they should have an advantage over the rest of the departments. Either they should withdraw the measure or else exclude all of the departments from it."

Representative Houch then (Turn to Page 7, Col. 2)

Child Is Revived After Immersion Inhalator Probably Saves Forette Boy, 4, Found in Shallow Pond

Quick work in calling the inhalator squad of the Salem fire department probably saved the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Forette, 1940 West Nob Hill, from death by drowning yesterday after the child was discovered immersed in a fish pond in the back yard of the L. V. Benson home at 1995 East Nob Hill.

Firemen F. L. Clark and C. M. Clifton worked over the child for nearly an hour before bringing him back to consciousness. A doctor who was called said the child had a good chance of recovery.

The child was discovered by a young woman who dragged him from the pond and ran for help. Her cries were heard by an unidentified man who gave artificial respiration until the arrival of the fire department squad.

The fish pond into which the child apparently fell is set flush with the lawn and drops straight off for about a depth of two feet. A fence separates the back yards of the Benson and Forette homes and the child had apparently gone around to get in the Benson back yard.

The inhalator squad was called at 11:45 yesterday morning.

Wine Aboard Felre Gets Blame For Fishy Didoes

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Columbia river fish will have to do something almost out of the realm of possibility to excite Hugh C. Mitchell next year. Mitchell, state director of fish culture, pointed to a cargo of coffee, wine and vermouth aboard the sunken ship Felre as the possible cause of a good many queer catches.

Douglas, Famed Mining Town Of Alaska, Total Fire Loss

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Only dying embers and dynamite holes remained tonight in the business area of the town of Douglas, Alaska, mining center, after a gale-driven fire swept the city for four hours and did an estimated \$500,000 damage.

Forty coast guardsmen and four officers from the cutter Tallapoosa patrolled the town's outskirts and aided stragglers of the 600 citizens to cross the Gastineaux channel bridge to Juneau, the territory's capital. No casualties were reported.

The Tallapoosa's officers roughly estimated that the devastating conflagration, which destroyed the city hall, two churches, 14 homes, fire station, school, two club halls, 18 stores and an apartment house, did \$500,000 damage.

The coast guard used dynamite in an effort to stop the fire, but a southeast gale carried embers three blocks ahead of the main fire in the city's third conflagration.

Anti-Gambling Fight Won But One Bill Left

Hannah Martin Measure Reconsidered, Senate To Ballot Thursday

House Vote Is Decisive; Fight Over Racing Is Warmly Contested

Tuesday's box score on anti-gambling bills in the legislature showed as follows:

House passed SB 17 by Carney, without amendment, which defines as unlawful any slot machine which returns a varying amount. The vote was 50 for, 8 against, 2 absent.

Senate defeated SB 161 by Staples to repeal the law permitting pari-mutuel betting. The vote was 11 for, 15 against, 5 absent.

Senate voted to reconsider HB 150, by Martin, making illegal all forms of gambling devices. The bill was then put on the Thursday calendar.

Due to the strenuous personal efforts of Representative Hannah Martin the house Tuesday passed the Carney bill against slot machines, without amendment. The bill will now go to the governor for his approval or veto.

In the senate the Martin bill which went down to defeat Monday by a 14-15 vote, was reconsidered when the motion to reconsider in the gambling bill was voted the day preceding on the prevailing side, was adopted. Senator Carney then moved to put the bill on the Thursday calendar. A recruit for the bill at that time is expected to be Senator McKay.

Is Main Objection
On the issue of abolishing pari-mutuel gambling as tolerated in the state since 1933 the senate defeated the Staples bill, which will permit the system to continue to operate. Senator Staples renewed his plea to wipe out the state participation in the gambling business. He declared it was as reasonable to support fair with prostitution as with gambling. He scored the 1933 legislature which passed the bill by a majority of one vote, saying the senator who put it through had traded everything, and that one senator who was a Sunday school teacher and another who was a Sunday school superintendent had voted for it and told him later they would give a great deal to wipe out their votes.

Senator Johnson said he would vote for the bill even if he knew all the people of his county opposed it and said they should give the governor the opportunity to veto other means of support for fairs.

Gambling Goes on Anyway, Argued
Senator Duncan deplored the idea that the moral issue should override every other consideration. He stated that California had abolished pari-mutuel but did not abolish gambling at racetracks. Conditions became as intolerable when the courts then started health establishments to lure people to gamble. He said the "system in a nutshell" was to provide reasonable regulation as the least of the evils.

The vote stood:
Yes: Angell, Burke, Carney, Chaney, Dunn, Graham, Lammard, Spaulding, Staples, Wheeler, Franciscovich.

No: Valentine, Best, Clark, Duncan, Eayrs, Hills, Kiddle, McCornack, Pearson, Ross, Stadelman, Stetzer, Strayer, Stringer, Walker.

Absent: Bennett, Dickson, McKay.

The Carney measure passed the house after opponents of the bill lost out in a move to have the bill referred to the judiciary committee.

"There are lots of people vital" (Turn to page 5, col. 3)

Weak characters who can't resist—even as you and I—the yen to try, with a dexterous wrist, our luck on the pinball plunger's twist, will be protected; they won't exist—even as you and I.

BALLADE OF TODAY
By R. C.

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