

Jobless Law's Status Is Up

Holman Provides Guessing Game for Speculators on Politics

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are Ralph H. Campbell, commission attorney, and Ralph E. Moody; and it is believed that if their version of the case, backed up by Attorney General Van Winkle's opinion, is not sustained, they will at least obtain a "stay of execution" until the legislature can amend one law or the other in such manner as may be necessary.

The great guessing game in Oregon politics at present is the date of Rufus Holman's resignation as state treasurer. If he resigns before January 9, Governor Martin will name his successor, and if he resigns on or after that date the choice will fall to Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague.

Regardless of gossip, neither the governor nor the governor-elect has let fall any intimation as to whom he would appoint in case the duty fell to him. It is wholly possible that Holman has not picked the date for resignation and neither "appointer" has picked a possible appointee.

There is going to be tremendous, unprecedented pressure for new sources of revenue, both for the state and for counties and cities, in the impending legislative session and the seams of the present system may rip somewhere, with the best bet somewhere in the neighborhood of the gasoline and automotive tax setup. It is expected that the counter-pressure against any actual diversion of gasoline tax money will prevail, with its greater use on county roads and some use on non-highway streets, in the doubtful column. An interim committee's report on this question may appear before the session opens. Whether such would reduce the amount of federal appropriations is an important factor.

But aside from this, the fact that Oregon automobiles, paying only a \$5 flat license fee, are not on the tax rolls is also certain to receive some attention. There will be an effort to put them on, thus adding several million dollars to the assessment rolls and reducing the millage.

There is a bit of politics being played in Salem city affairs at present. One aspect is the threat of a committee on committee to take the appointive power away from Mayor-elect W. W. Chadwick. This threat may not develop into actuality; much depends upon what assurances the mayor may give the bloc that is playing with the idea. On Monday night the matter of licensing some 19 beer sales establishments faces a showdown. The aforesaid bloc objects to beer sales in these places in the residence districts, not on the basis of opposition to beer sale as such, but because children patrolize these places to buy candy and ice cream and are brought into contact with drink when they do so. The group will probably not object to package sale licenses for the same establishments.

Musica Probe to Grow World-Wide

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married 17 years but it was only yesterday that his wife learned he was one of the Italian immigrant brothers who worked a million dollar bank swindle in connection with the collapse of the United States Hair company a quarter of a century ago. On Monday night the matter of licensing some 19 beer sales establishments faces a showdown. The aforesaid bloc objects to beer sale in these places in the residence districts, not on the basis of opposition to beer sale as such, but because children patrolize these places to buy candy and ice cream and are brought into contact with drink when they do so. The group will probably not object to package sale licenses for the same establishments.

Alimony Row out For Yule Holiday

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—(AP)—Twenty-nine of the 31 prisoners in Alimony Row left their cells in the county jail today in an annual mass liberation for the Christmas season. Judge Robert C. O'Connell and Phillip J. Finnegan accepted the word of the released men that they would try to make alimony payments. Rejecting the plea of John Hart, whose wife said he had paid only \$10 in three and a half years, Judge O'Connell remarked, "You don't deserve a merry Christmas."

Aggressive Selling Urged by Sprague

PORTLAND, Dec. 17—(AP)—An aggressive merchandising program to "put the breath of life back into the values of our property" was urged by Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague last night in a speech to 200 Portland realtors at a regional conference. Sprague declared the answer to the tax problems was not to "shave off the assessments." "We must promote the economic health of the state to have a measure of prosperity—not only for the wage earner, but for all classes," he added.

Stevens Awarded Engineer's Honor

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—John Frank Stevens, 85-year-old civil engineer of Baltimore, Md., was named as the recipient of the 1938 Hoover medal. The medal was instituted in 1926 at the 50th anniversary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to commemorate the achievements of Herbert Hoover, its first recipient.

Coward N. Lauer, president of the Philadelphia Gas Works, created the award with the gift of a trust fund to the ASME, to be administered by a board representing leading engineering societies.

Youngest Amateur Roller Skater



Baby Laurita, hailed as the world's youngest amateur roller skater, is now 2½ years old. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dolson of Salem and she just about lives on the rollers. She started her skating career at the tender age of 1½ months and at 15 months had mastered sufficient equilibrium to skate forward unassisted with perfect confidence. From that age she has progressed amazingly until now she does fancy skating, executing without difficulty the waltz, flat-foot solo spin, backward skating, spread-eagle, one-foot skating (shown above) the three and is now learning the International school figures by the Federation Internationale Patinage a Roletttes. Baby Laurita will appear with other amateur Mellow Moon club members on the Christmas program and floor show at the Mellow Moon skating rink Friday night, December 23, at 9:30 o'clock.

Oddities Ground Is Broken For new Subways

(By the Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17—Rubadub-dub, that man in a tub is here again.

He hopes to float down the Mississippi river to New Orleans. Lawrence Nicolas, 28-year-old laborer, has been taking trial spins in his "Washtub Clipper"—an ordinary tub supported by an inflated automobile tire and steered by a metal rudder.

If he can obtain a sponsor, Nicolas hopes to "set sail," Monday, the next wash day.

REIDSVILLE, N.C., Dec. 17—Cupid is on the WPA! Mrs. John Lee Wilson, Rockingham county welfare director, announced today Mrs. Eliza Katharine Chesire, 83, had removed herself from the old age assistance roll by marrying her granddaughter's divorced husband, Eric Stultz, a 29-year-old WPA worker.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17—Herbert J. Blackhurst, Drake university professor, and his wife hunted high and low for his glasses but couldn't locate them before school began. During his 8 a.m. class, Professor Blackhurst ran his hand into his vest pocket, pulled out the glasses and interrupted his lecture to call out: "Here they are Mabel."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Is it "Missour-ee" or "Missour-uh"? Governor Lloyd C. Stark of Missouri, who is here for a few days, says the latter is correct if you don't put too much "uh" into it.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 17—Christmas request reported by a department store Santa Claus, from a little golden-haired girl: "Please bring me two electric trains, one for me and one for Daddy, because Daddy broke mine last year."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17—"Black Maria," the city's big patrol car, was crowded today when it started back to central police headquarters with 20 shoeshine boys ranging from 9 to 11 years old. The boys were picked up in Pershing Square, in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, and were turned over to their parents.

The complaint: The youngsters were shining one shoe for a nickel and refusing to shine the other unless they got extra money.

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Munich Peace Growing Shaky

Power Politics Causing Suspicion as Tests of Pact Loom

By FRED VANDERSCHMIDT LONDON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Europe's dangerous game of power politics is becoming a noisy forum of suspicious anticipation for the January tests of the Munich peace.

The men who hold the cards face the week ahead in this way: Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain—

The British leader on Monday will take part in the last foreign affairs debate in the house of commons before he tries again to make headway with his European appeasement program in his Jan. 11-14 visit to Premier Benito Mussolini in Rome.

Laborites want an outright vote of censure for the prime minister's whole foreign policy—but Chamberlain has the votes.

However, a distinct cooling off toward Germany by conservative politicians and business interests may force Chamberlain to take a somewhat stronger line toward Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany.

Deny Italian Gifts He also will be under pressure from both sides of the house to disavow any intention of winning favors from Il Duce by giving him a piece of British East Africa—British Somaliland. Official sources already have denied reports he plans to do so.

Premier Edouard Daladier of France—

France's strong-man premier rested warily on the declaration of his foreign minister, Georges Bonnet, to legislators that "France will never cede one inch of her territory."

That was his answer to the Italian clamor for important concessions in Tunisia, elsewhere in Africa and in the Mediterranean.

Fight to Last Despite Germany's written pledge to respect France's frontiers, Vice-Premier Camille Chautemps today told the chamber of deputies that France would fight "to the last ditch" any attempt to separate Alsace-Lorraine from her.

That warning came during a debate on the \$3,885,000,000 budget for 1939. Premier Mussolini—

Il Duce went to Sardinia for a speech tomorrow. The anti-French agitation meanwhile reached the simmering stage in the controlled press. Italian observers believed Mussolini would hold his fire in order to keep from hurting prospects for getting something important from Chamberlain next month.

Chancellor Hitler—

The reichsuehrer kept to himself his plans as nazidom next January 30 celebrates the sixth anniversary of his accession to power.

But signs pointed toward German encouragement of a new Ukrainian national state and possible outright acquisition of arlost Memel, now a part of Lithuania.

The Nazi press put Germany "on guard" against Britain's economic power.

Dyer Freedom Is Denied by Court

Attorneys Say That Case of Klamath Woman to Go to Martin

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 17—(AP)—Defeated in a motion to obtain a writ of habeas corpus, attorneys for Mrs. Ollie Dr., 40, charged at Pineville, Mo., with murder of her mother in 1932, said today they would carry their fight to Governor Martin, who will hold an extradition hearing soon.

Dismissing the petition for the writ, Circuit Judge Edwin B. Ashurst ordered Mrs. Dyer placed in the custody of the sheriff on a fugitive complaint. She was arrested when her husband, Jack, already returned to Missouri, said his arrest on a minor charge that his wife had killed her mother, Mary Sullivan.

Dyer claimed the mother's death was made to appear to have been caused by an accidental fall from a hayloft. The habeas corpus action was based on the ground that the charges were only the result of a statement made by the husband, who said Mrs. Sullivan was blind.

Judge Ashurst refused to allow testimony purporting to show that the husband's statement was the product of malice.

Radio Station Is Ruined by Blaze

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 17—(AP)—Radio station XEVP, formerly XEPPN, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande near here, was almost destroyed by fire tonight. Officers said they had not determined the cause of the blaze. The station was valued at \$250,000 when it was built several years ago.

Triana's Car Stolen

SILVERTON—The automobile belonging to Halvor Triana of 214 Church street, was stolen Friday night. It is a Ford car with license 55-810.

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McKesson-Robbins Stocks Fall Lower

\$1000 Debentures Quoted at \$525, Preferred Issues Fall

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—McKesson & Robbins securities fell still lower in "over the counter" markets today, although extreme

losses were pared on week-end short-covering near the close of business.

The convertible 5½ per cent debentures, \$1,000 face value each, were quoted as low as \$490 bid, \$500 asked, but final prices were \$510 bid, \$525 asked, compared with Friday's final price of \$530 bid, \$540 asked.

The \$3 preferred stock once fell to \$6.50 a share bid, \$7 asked, but recovered to close at \$7 bid, \$7.75 asked, compared with the previous day's last price of \$7.25 bid, \$8 asked.

The common stock, traded in sixteenth of a point for the first time, sold down to 8¼ cents a share bid, 9¾ cents asked, but closed 87½ cents bid, \$1.12½ asked, compared with yesterday's last price of 75 cents bid, \$1 asked.

In the final sale on the New York stock exchange before dealings in McKesson & Robbins issues were suspended last week, the debentures commanded a price of \$1,037.50 per \$1,000 bond, the \$3 preferred \$38.50 a share, and the common \$7.50 a share.



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