

Women's Pages
The housewife will find much of interest in the news of society, tested recipes and household ideas in The Statesman women's pages daily.

The Weather
Partly cloudy today, rain Thursday. Little change in temperature. Max. temp. Tuesday 45, min. 32. River 1.1 feet. South wind.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Lines Form for Decisive Barcelona Battle

Public Utility Amendment Is Being Drafted

Conference Is Set Today to Iron out Kinks in Proposed Measure

Ralph Moody Employed as Special Counsel to Serve House

Introduction of the amended Public Utility Districts bill, key issue of the present legislative session, is slated within the next two or three days, Morton Tompkins, member of the grange lobby which will actively support the measure, declared Tuesday.

Tompkins said a conference would be held here today and would be attended by representatives of publicly owned utilities, by representatives of the Farmers' union and by delegates from the grange, all of whom are expected to support the measure when it goes to the legislature.

"We have a few kinks to iron out before submitting the proposed bill to the session," Tompkins said. "In the main the bill is drafted and ready for introduction. At the conference decision will be reached as to what senators and representatives will sponsor the measure."

Initial copies of the bill revealed that it provided that all interest and principal on revenue bonds used by a PUD would be paid for from revenue but the district is left power to levy general taxes for payment of operating expenses. The proposed measure allows the districts to withhold up to five per cent of their gross income for a payment in lieu of taxes. The withholding of the tax offset is not mandatory.

Moody Is Employed
Despite Opposition to the hiring of Ralph E. Moody, special state prosecutor of the "roon" cases, as legal counsel for the legislature developed in the house Tuesday when Rep. Vernon Bull (D-La Grande) moved to lay on the table a resolution providing for securing Moody's services.

The motion failed, 48 to 12, but not before Rep. Hannah Martin (R-Salem) had declared in explaining his vote of "aye" on the motion, that "she did not desire to see the taxpayers' money squandered."

A previous resolution, referred to the resolutions committee, directed that the attorney-general furnish the legislature with legal counsel as provided by law.

"This is a resolution," said Rep. Martin, "to hire Mr. Ralph Moody as special counsel at an unknown salary for the duration of this session. If my memory is right, and I think it is, the last session was the first Oregon legislature that ever felt it necessary to hire special counsel. Prior to that it had at its services the office of the attorney-general... without cost to the taxpayers of Oregon. Last session we spent \$3000 to employ special counsel. I was elected on an economy platform and I do not desire to see the taxpayers' money squandered."

Rep. Phil Brady (D-Portland), who is president of the Portland central labor council, also explained his vote of "yes" by saying that in fairness to the resolution empowering the attorney general to furnish counsel he favored laying the Moody motion on the table.

Compensation Law Amendment Filed
Senator Charles Childs, Linn county, Tuesday introduced a bill providing that the state superintendent of public instruction shall be elected on a non-partisan basis.

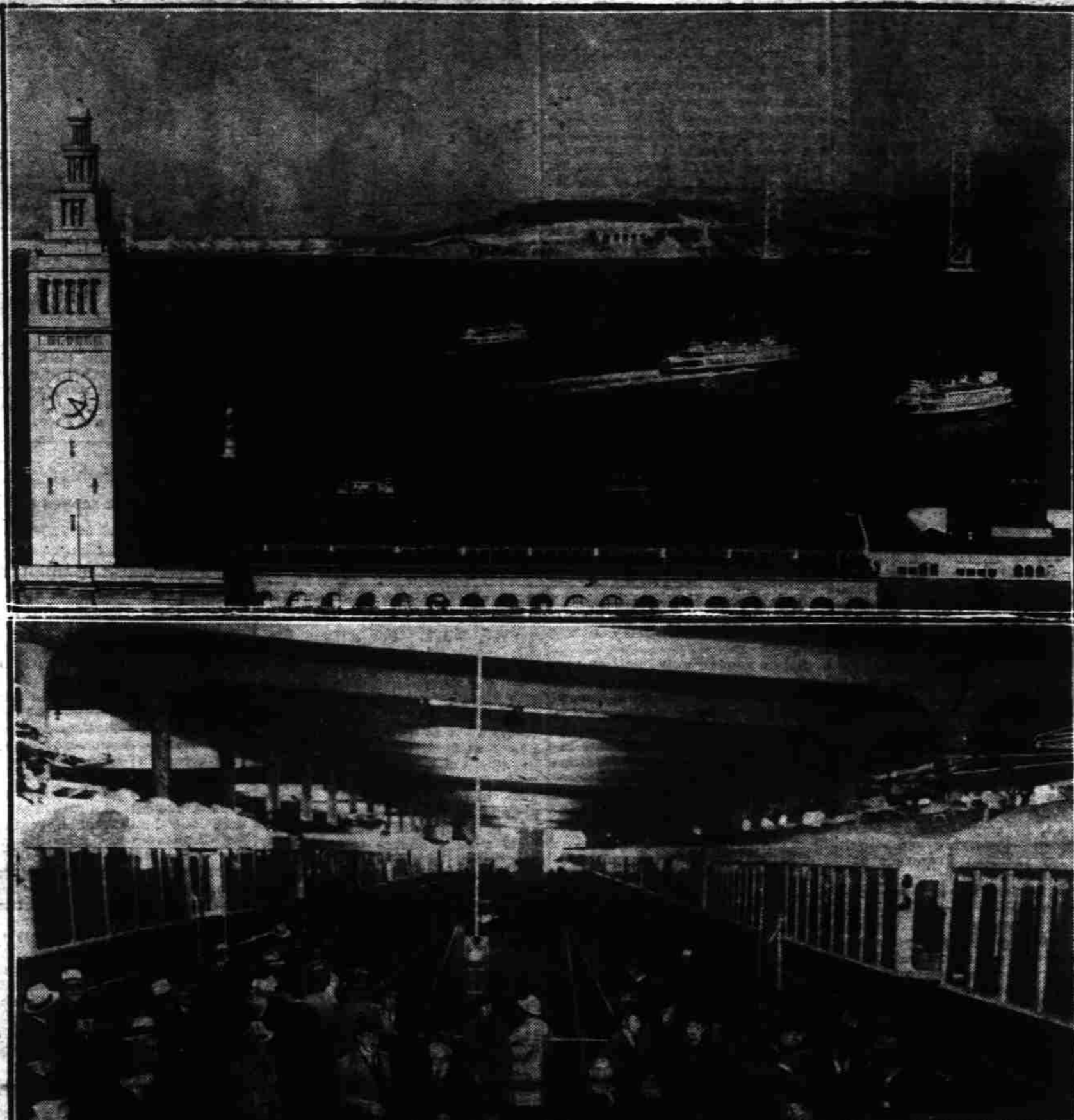
Candidates for this office now are registered on the ballot under party designation. A bill in which is incorporated Governor Charles A. Sprague's proposed amendments to the state unemployment compensation law, was read for the first and second time in the senate Tuesday and later referred to the committee on revision of laws.

A public hearing on the bill will be held Thursday night, the Rep. Frank J. Loneragan of Portland, chairman of the house labor and industries committee, announced that a public hearing would be held in the capital building room January 24 at 7:30 o'clock.

A bill creating civil service for state employees is ready for introduction, Seneca Potts, Portland attorney who is preparing the bill, said Tuesday.

Three members would serve on a civil service commission for six year terms. Exempt from the bill would be elective officials, officials whose appointments are specified in the constitution, members of boards and commissions, employees of the governor's office, inmate help in state institutions and unskilled labor.

SAN FRANCISCO MOURN PASSING OF HISTORIC FERRIES



Replaced by speedy interurban trains across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge, the familiar old ferries are shown making their last trip as commuter-carriers, thus ending a service that has been conducted for nearly 90 years. Below, interior view of the San Francisco terminal, with two 14-car streamlined trains which will transport the commuters who used to patronize the ferries.—LIN photos.

McCarthy's Fate Up to Governor

Youth Goes to Death Cell Friday Unless Penalty Change Granted

The fate of Leroy Hershel McCarthy, youthful slayer, rested today in the hands of Governor Charles A. Sprague who, his first ten days in office, had before him the first case of a man sentenced to die in Oregon in the last seven years.

Parents of McCarthy came here Tuesday morning to plead with the governor for a life term, instead of the death penalty for their son. Governor Sprague announced after the hearing that he "would reserve judgment pending further inquiry."

McCarthy's sentence is commuted to life imprisonment or unless he is given a reprieve, he will be put to death Friday (Turn to page 2, column 1)

Legislative Sidelights:

Despite the publicity the new state capitol has had some Salem residents who are apparently unfamiliar with its purposes. Marie Wadsworth, secretary to Rep. Stanhope Pier of Portland, relates the following dialogue which took place when she inquired at a home near the capitol for a room during the session: "Oh, so you're working at the legislature. Where are they meeting this year?" "Why at the new state capitol, of course." "Hmmm, that's funny. I thought they met at the armory."

Solon's Suitcase Swiped, Regained Plus Added Goods

Despite being robbed of his suitcase and contents, Representative John McCourt was richer by a half-pint can of paint and a screw driver yesterday afternoon.

McCourt's automobile was burglarized of his fully packed grip sometime Monday night, either in front of the state house or down town. The representative from Multnomah county obtained the services of Carl Charlton, assistant chief of city police, about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. By 3:30 McCourt had his suitcase back, with nothing missing, plus the paint and screw driver.

The owner of a house on Turner road had given local police the information that a suitcase had been left in the building sometime Monday night.

Warren Jones to Fine Self Dollar For Over-Parking

He won't have to do it with mirrors because it's merely a matter of forgetting his bill, but A. Warren Jones, municipal judge of Salem, will in effect fine himself \$1 today for over-time parking. It's all a matter involving the "stickers" traffic tickets policy instituted the first of the year, which previously had already caught one city official. Building Inspector E. C. Bushnell, incidentally the police are obtaining warrants of arrest for just one traffic ticket that fails to come in automatically, instead of waiting for two to be commuted.

Jinx Holds Grip On new Bay Span

New Oakland-SF Railway Service Delayed; one Man Is Killed

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A jinx continued to ride the rails of the new Oakland-San Francisco train service today, costing the life of one man, seriously injuring another and three times disrupting schedules over the bay bridge.

Frank C. Domjanovich, a San Francisco shipping company employe, was killed when a Key System Electric train hit his automobile.

A freak accident involving two trucks, a trailer and an interurban Electric train resulted in critical injuries to Cecil Allen, 36-year-old Sallinas truck driver.

Woodburn Escape Injured by Auto

EUGENE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—One person was killed and four injured in a wave of automobile accidents here yesterday. The crashes also revealed escape from the Woodburn training school of two youths, one of them a crash victim. Danny Anderson, 7, was killed by an automobile whose driver was blinded by approaching headlights. Helen Fahny, 12, was injured critically when struck by an automobile as she roller-skated in a street at Springfield. Delwin Kintzley and Willard McBoe, both of Lowell, and a youth named Bowman, one of the Oregon state training school escapees, were injured in a spectacular crash here. A truck reported to have been stolen from a Eugene dairy struck the Kintzley automobile broadside. Police later captured Claude Campbell, 16, who was with Bowman.

County Freed of Suit for \$2000

Ruth Norris Loses Action for Damages Alleged Due to Roadway

DALLAS—A verdict for Marion county was returned by the circuit court jury which heard the testimony in the case of Ruth Miller Norris against Marion county, a damage action seeking to collect \$2000 for injuries sustained in an automobile accident in August, 1933.

The case was handed to the jury about 5:15 o'clock Tuesday and the verdict was brought in three hours and 45 minutes later. J. B. Hatch of Falls City was foreman of the jury.

The plaintiff sought to show that the settling of the roadway over a culvert near the Senator McNary farm was cause of the accident, and the defense offered a number of witnesses in its contention that the road was traveled regularly without similar mishap.

Plaintiff was riding in the car driven by her father, William P. Miller, when the accident happened. District Attorney Lyle Page and his deputy, Joe Felton, appeared for Marion county; and Oscar Hayter and Roy Hewitt for defendant.

Gresham Woman's Life Ends at 102

GRESHAM, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Hannah Johnson, 102—just "Grandma" to scores of affectionate friends—died yesterday. Until a year ago she had done her own scrubbing, cooking, laundering and sewing.

She said "hard work" was responsible for long life. Mrs. Johnson was born in Missouri, 1836. At 16 she eloped and braved the hazards of cholera and hostile Indians on the westward trek with her husband.

UO Law School Dean Named Maritime Arbitrator

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Wayne Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school, was named a member of the board of arbitrators for west coast maritime activities today by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

London Police Guarding Home Of Executive

Other Officials' Houses, Public Utilities Are Being Watched

Further Blasts Occur; Search Is Pressed for Perpetrators

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Police guards were intensified at public utility properties and homes of public officials, including that of Prime Minister Chamberlain, today while searchers were conducted in three countries for perpetrators of a series of bombings.

Scotland Yard attributed the explosions to the illegal Irish republican army. Ten occurred yesterday in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Belfast and other cities. Another today damaged a power line pylon in Birmingham.

Tonight police removed a bag of dynamite gelignite connected with an alarm clock from an electric power pylon at Barton, near Manchester.

Public services were partly disrupted. Police said they believed the blasts were intended to signalize anger of the IRA, which opposes both the Ireland (Eire) and Northern Ireland (Ulster) governments, with British control of Ireland.

Guards were stationed at Chamberlain's residence at No. 10 Downing street, London, and at dockyards, gas and power plants and other vital spots.

A large number of unexploded bombs were uncovered in Birmingham. Officials believe they were planted to wreck public services.

Engineer Rescued From Rock Burial

UP Track Relocation Man Spends Five Hours Under big Slide

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Walter T. Doran, 25, Union Pacific track relocation project engineer, was rescued tonight from a rock slide 13 miles west of here in which he was imprisoned for five and a half hours.

Doran suffered bruises and torn muscles, but no broken bones. He was buried to his neck in the slide, his face less than four inches from a shallow backwater pond of the Columbia river and two great boulders, each weighing more than a ton, poised only inches from his head and shoulders.

Doran's legs were pinned by a 250-pound rock. George Bonnell, superintendent of the Morrison-Knudsen Construction company, and Charles Wester, Union Pacific roadmaster, directed rescuers working with shovels and a power crane from Bonneville.

Rosser's Appeal Dismissed But Rehearing Ruling Pends

Although the Oregon supreme court Tuesday dismissed the appeal of Albert Earl Rosser, former secretary of the AFL teamsters' union in Oregon, from his conviction at 13 years prison sentence for arson in connection with the burning of the West Salem box factory late in 1937, the decision will not become final until the supreme court rules on a petition for rehearing which has been prepared by Rosser's attorney, Charles W. Robinson of Portland.

The court ordered a new trial for Hugh Reynolds, former secretary of the Eugene teamsters' union, who was sentenced to a year in Lane county jail for breaking windows in a non-union barber shop in Eugene.

Rosser filed notice of appeal to the supreme court on August 19, approximately 11 days after a Polk county jury had convicted him. This appeal was not perfected but he later filed a second

Defenders Retreat To new Line; Paris Will not Intervene

France Apparently Decides to Remain on Sidelines, Lacking British Aid; Italians Irked Again

Loyalists Occupy Secret Line Better Fortified Than Any Used Earlier; Highways' Control One Issue

While France apparently was deciding to stay clear of the Spanish civil war, the combatants themselves were believed to be squaring off today for a battle outside the government capital of Barcelona which might decide the 2½-year-old conflict.

The insurgent advance through Catalonia slowed down slightly yesterday, insurgents reporting they had to clean up pockets formed by the swift advances made since opening of the offensive December 23.

The decisive battle, if it is fought, probably would be for control of highways fanning out westward 35 miles from Barcelona, and for the capital itself.

The government has withdrawn its forces to a secret defense line which it says is the strongest yet built in the civil war.

The French government apparently decided it would not intervene. Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet said France would not aid the Spanish government unless Britain did, and Britain considered the risk of a European war too great.

France and Britain, said Bonnet, were trying to find a way to end Italian and German aid to the Spanish insurgents without risking war.

As the French Atlantic fleet was made ready to sail from Brest at dawn today for maneuvers in the Mediterranean in the area which has figured in the Italian anti-French campaign, Italian veterans started a movement to return French World War medals, and the fascist press launched fresh invectives against France.

Italy helps Germany in Balkan intrigue. Italy turned to help Germany line up Balkan countries on the side of the Rome-Berlin axis. Foreign Minister Count Ciano left for Yugoslavia on a trip intended to eliminate the last vestige of French influence in southeastern Europe.

Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, of China, proposed before the League of Nations council in Geneva that a international "coordination committee" of both league and non-league states be formed to unify action against Japan in the eastern war.

Dr. Koo's proposal was designed to coordinate the actions of the United States, a non-league state, with those of Britain, France and Russia. The eyes of Geneva diplomats turned to Washington for indication of the American government's attitude.

Peck's Bad Boy Is Called at Age 77

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The man who as a lad made April Fool's day stunts an everyday occurrence and thereby furnished the inspiration for "Peck's Bad Boy," died at his Milwaukee home today.

He was Edward J. Watson, 77, until his retirement in March, 1938, a paving inspector for the street construction department. He had been ill two months.

Young Edward Watson, born in Adams county, Wisconsin, in 1861, came to Milwaukee as a boy and got a job as a telegraph messenger. He thought up pranks—simple little things, some of them, like putting salt in the sugar—which kept his parents on edge, and George W. Peck put them down on paper.

Peck, once governor of Wisconsin and mayor of Milwaukee, was the editor of the old week publication, "Peck's Bad Boy." He made the ex-farm boy national famous.

J. F. Ulrich Heads State Demo Club
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—J. F. Ulrich of Salem was elected president of the Oregon State Democratic club tonight.

Other officers: Judge O. D. Eby, Oregon City, vice-president, first congressional district; Robert Bradford, La Grande, vice-president, second district; M. E. Jamieson, Portland, vice-president, third district; Amanda J. Hart, Oak Grove, secretary; Dr. Archie E. Higgo, Portland, treasurer; C. C. Paine, Astoria, Jess Warrington, Portland, trustees.