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Weather
Cloudy with rain today and Tuesday. Max. 47. Min. 37. Rain .38 inch. River 1.8 feet. Southwest wind. Cloudy with rain.

NINETYTH YEAR

Bigger Truck Limit And Apportionment Bills Due in Today

Highway Group in Both Houses to Be Sponsors

Neuberger to File Measure Revising Representation

By PAUL H. HAUSER, Jr.
The controversial truck bill to increase length limits of trucks on Oregon highways from 50 to 60 feet and the weight limits from 54,000 to 68,000 pounds will be introduced today by the highway committees of both houses at the request of the state highway commission. The bill was endorsed by Governor Charles A. Sprague.

Another bill of major significance and sure to be bitterly contested to appear today will be a legislative reapportionment measure which Representative Richard L. Neuberger (D-Multnomah) will introduce. Its principal effect will be to increase Multnomah county's house delegation from 13 to 19 and the county's senate membership from six to nine.

The reapportionment would be accomplished, Neuberger said, "by consolidating districts now over-represented, mostly in eastern Oregon." He pointed out that while Multnomah county has one legislator for each 2,000 persons, some districts in other sections of the state have a legislator for each 5000 persons.

Neuberger said a provision of the state constitution that population should determine the distribution of legislators has been "violated" with respect to Multnomah county "for nearly a generation."

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In One Ear.

—Paul Hauser's Column

The house of representatives is described in all the latest technical literature as a large body of air surrounded on all sides by a large body of air of a varied temperature.

From all we have ever been able to find in our researches in the Congressional Record and several bound copies of the Literary Digest (Lord rest its bones) the house of representatives should be billowed out at all times by a comfortable quantity of hot air. This is the theory. The practice is different. Of a' the air's the wind can blow we daily dislike the gale that sweeps across the house.

During the 1939 session (commonly referred to as the extended or marathon session) of the legislature the capitol was new and so were the windows. It was as difficult to get one open in the house as it is supposedly difficult to open a Pullman window. Furthermore, there were no axes handy. This year they're showing off and opening all the windows.

The house has a doorkeeper, but no windowkeeper. We strongly recommend one. We can't understand how a doorkeeper with a family crest would permit us to take on an ordinary, run-of-the-mill common cold.

We don't know what to do with a common cold. Not that we've never had one, understand? We've had so many common colds that the Kleenex company counts us among its assets. We devote every thing we see about the common cold. Just the other

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Nuisance Charged Following Raid on 'Webfoot' Club Here

Ray Samuel Maynard, proprietor of the "Webfoot Club" in the basement of the Oregon building, his wife, Dorothy Evelyn, and two of his co-workers, William B. Barber and Harding C. Chinn, stood charged with maintaining a common nuisance here yesterday following a raid on their establishment early Tuesday morning by operatives of the state liquor control commission.

Arraigned before Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Felton yesterday afternoon, Maynard took 24 hours to enter his plea, and was ordered released from custody on payment of \$250 bail.

The others charged had not appeared before the court by late yesterday. All were free on \$50 bail each, assessed against them at the time of the raid.

The matter was complicated by the seizure by officers of three large cartons allegedly containing liquor which were found in the club's premises.

The seizure was referred to in a motion filed yesterday afternoon by Maynard's attorney asking that the beverages held as evidence be removed from the jurisdiction of the court.

In an accompanying affidavit, Maynard stated that the liquor confiscated came from compartments designated by the names of private owners, and that these names also appeared on the bottles themselves.

"I, as the owner of the Webfoot club," the affidavit continued, "swear that such alcoholic beverages, each as designated by individual names, are owned by such individuals and are not my property, never have been my property, and that certain of such owners have made demand on me for the return of such beverages."

Marion County Still Has Dog Control Board

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Attorney Gives Opinion Court Erred in Recent Ruling

Judge Hewlett Declares Money Wasted; Wants Legislative Action



The Marion county dog control board, ordered abolished by the Marion county court at its first meeting last week, rose as up from the dead yesterday with the filing of an official opinion on its status by District Attorney Miller B. Hayden.

The board, on which the county spends \$150 annually in per diem fees, is a creation of the legislature, the district attorney wrote in response to an inquiry by the court, and, in the absence of specific legislation, cannot be abolished by action of the county court.

"The act would have to be amended giving the court specific authority to abolish said district," Hayden wrote in response to an inquiry by the court.

The opinion cited the enabling act of the legislature, in which the last statute was enacted in 1939, which requires the county court of any county to declare a dog control district in the full county on petition of not less than 50 sheep or goat owners, or any other livestock or poultry owners in the county.

Such a petition was filed in Marion county on October 25, 1935, it states, and on the following November 1 the dog control district of Marion county was declared by the county court.

Since no provision of law specifically authorizes the county court to abolish such a dog control district and its board of supervisors, the general rule of law is that no municipal body such as the county can abolish an office created by the legislature.

In view of the district attorney's opinion, County Judge Leroy Hewlett indicated, the matter of the board's abolition will probably be brought to the attention of the legislature at its present session.

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British Given New Hope With RAF Successes

Shipping Losses Smallest in Weeks; Italo Editor Claims Sea Victory

English Motorboat Crew Captures Duce General Hiding Near Sea

Numbers of Squadrons Steadily Increasing

(By The Associated Press)
A British air ministry statement that RAF night fighters are "beginning to show results" against nocturnal raiders and the admiralty's announcement of one of the smallest week's shipping losses of the war bolstered hopes of Britons tonight of overcoming eventually the two chief menaces of their embattled island.

Tuesday night's massive fire-bomb raid on the southwest port of Plymouth, the target of 10,000 incendiaries and "many tons" of high explosives, showed, however, that Britain has far to go in coping with the night raiders—and the air ministry admitted as much.

The number of night fighter squadrons "is steadily increasing," it said, but added that progress necessarily was slow because the pilots have to be taught an entirely new technique.

A double line of British convoys loaded with troops and supplies to replace losses in north Africa and Greece has been battered by a five-day axis sea and air offensive in the Mediterranean, Fascist Editor Virginio Gayda reported Tuesday.

All told, official and unofficial Italian sources say that 15 "enemy" vessels have been sunk or damaged.

The fascist high command itself has placed the score at 10 British warships hit, of which a submarine and a cruiser were reported sunk. Tuesday's war bulletin said the "enemy" submarine was sent to the bottom January 9 by Italian planes and motor torpedo boats.

The crew of a British motorboat, directed by patrolling aircraft, has snatched the Italian blackshirt General Francesco Argentino from a hiding place by "the water's edge" in North Africa near Tobruk Libya, British middle eastern headquarters announced today.

The number of Italian generals declared to have been seized in the fighting in Egypt and the British counter-offensive in Libya was increased to eleven.

Argentino was identified by the British as commander of Italian forces at Sidi Barrani, Egypt, the first major fascist base to fall in the desert campaign. He commanded a blackshirt (political militia) division, having gone into that service from the regular army.

"Search for a large party of Italian generals and senior officers, which already has proved successful, still is being carried out by Hurricane aircraft of the RAF," it was announced.

Senator McNary (R of Ore), besides being minority senator on the commerce committee and library committee, second republican on agriculture and forestry, and holds places on Indian affairs, irrigation and reclamation, select committee on government organization and special committees on conservation of wildlife, to study executive agencies, to study small business and the silver committee.

Senator Holman (R of Ore) is on the powerful senate appropriations committee. District of Columbia committee, military affairs and public lands.

Representative Mott (R of Ore) is now second ranking republican on the house naval affairs committee, public lands committee and is second republican on the roads group. Representative Pierce (D of Ore) is on the house agriculture committee and Rep. Angell (R of Ore) is on the rivers and harbors committee and the select committee on wildlife.

Silverton Man Gets Suspended Sentence

J. C. McClain, Silverton, was found guilty of being drunk in a public place and was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail in a trial yesterday before Justice of the Peace Alf O. Nelson. His sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation on payment of costs by order of court. McClain is on parole from the circuit court after pleading guilty to a charge of threatening the commission of a felony.

Aged Pastor Dies

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—A former Methodist minister at Canby, Canyonville, Junction City and Portland, Rev. Thomas Henry Downs, 78, died at his home last night. He retired in 1931.

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Langlie Is Certified Washington Governor

Republican Executive Will Be Inaugurated and Deliver Maiden Address at Joint Session; Huge Ball Planned at Armory

OLYMPIA, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Arthur B. Langlie, whose election was certified by the state legislature late today, will be inaugurated at 11 a. m., Wednesday, and shortly thereafter will deliver his maiden address to a joint session of the senate and house of representatives.

The certification of Langlie means the state of Washington's highest office will be held by a republican, while all other major state office holders are democrats.

After he is sworn in by the new chief justice, John S. Robinson of Seattle, the new governor and Mrs. Langlie will receive senators, representatives, state officials and others in the elaborately furnished reception room of the state capitol building.

Tomorrow evening, in Olympia's new armory, will be held the inaugural ball. The capital city's new mayor, Truman Trullinger, and Mrs. Trullinger, will head the reception line and introduce guests to the new chief executive and Mrs. Langlie. This event takes place at 9 p. m., and dancing starts at 10 o'clock.

The senate and house go into joint session in the house chamber at 10:40 a. m., with elective officials in the front seats.

When the legislators are ready to receive Langlie, he will be notified, by a joint committee and escorted to the rostrum. The elective officials will be sworn in after the new governor takes the oath of office.

At last reports, it will be available tomorrow, or Thursday.

Crossings Made Flag Stations

School Board Designates Stops on Bus Routes; Student to Signal

Two railway crossings on Salem school bus routes will be designated as flag stations, at the request of the state utilities department, the school board decided last night. At each a student will be sent ahead of the bus to signal the "stop" sign if no train is in sight. The board provided that the flagman be not below junior high school age.

Superintendent Frank B. Bennett said he did not know the exact locations of the two crossings. One is in the Mission Bottom district, the other south of Salem.

Stop signs where drivers on the senior high school grounds enter 14th and D streets will be requested in a letter to the city council, authorized last night. Painting of a "slow" sign on the road is also sought.

Examination transcripts are unnecessary here. No objections were voiced to a recommendation by Superintendent Frank B. Bennett that the district inform applicants for teaching positions that it would welcome transcripts of the results of national teachers' examinations. The examinations, prepared by a national committee, will be given in March in Portland, Medford and Pendleton. Though they are required for new teachers in large cities, including Portland, they will not be made compulsory here.

Acquisition of 13 trees to go into the parking on 19th street, adjoining Englewood school, was approved by the board last night. Superintendent Bennett remarked it was becoming a hazard in the neighborhoods, new fencing for the swimming pools at Leslie and Ollinger school grounds was delegated to district employes.

The board voted to request the building and grounds committee to give attention to the ten-year city planning program in relation (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Nippon Men In Trouble, Two Places

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 14.—(CP)—Tatsue Sato, Japan-born principal of the largest of Vancouver's six Japanese schools, tonight denied charges made before the Vancouver city council by Alderman Halford Wilcox that the schools are subsidized by the Japanese government.

Sato, principal of the Alexander street school which has 900 Japanese children, said the purpose of the schools is to bridge the gap between the older Japanese—most of whom scarcely speak English—and their children. He said the schools are maintained by a fee charged each pupil.

FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 14.—(AP)—The presses will not roll next Thursday in the Japanese Weekly Times building in Fresno.

S. Nagaoka, publisher of the paper, figures it will take him and his Japanese typesetter and a pressman at least a week to pick up and segregate eight cases of pined Japanese ideographs and characters. There are thousands of them.

It all happened when Nagaoka last night fired Pressman Tatsumi Watanabe, 49, who returned to his former place of employment, unbridled. Publisher Nagaoka for firing him, and tipped over the type.

Tatsumi, the printer, today was in the county jail, awaiting trial on charges of assault and battery, disturbing the peace and malicious mischief.

Soviet Ship Arrives With Women Sailors

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—With women sailors aboard, the ice-battered Soviet freighter Anarsary arrived here today.

The ship's bow plates showed evidence of plowing through ice floes and the propeller was bent. Skipper G. Bondarenko would not say how many women sailors were aboard.

The Anarsary will load oil-drilling equipment and 1000 tons of rags.

Forestry Man Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Albert G. Angell, 53, US forestry service inspector, was found dead of a heart attack in his automobile tonight. Deputy Coroner Earl Shea reported.

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Final Rites set For Lars Bladine

McMINNVILLE, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Funeral services for Lars E. Bladine, 66, publisher of the McMinville Telephone Register, will be held here Wednesday at 3 p. m. The body will be sent to Iowa for burial.

Governor Charles A. Sprague expressed sincere regret Tuesday when he was told of the sudden death of Lars E. Bladine, publisher of the McMinville Telephone Register. He was 64 years old.

Governor Sprague referred to Bladine as one of the most outstanding newspaper publishers in Oregon. He previously served as president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association.

State Income and Excise Tax Collections Show Huge Gain

Net allocated income and excise taxes collected in 1940, after refunds, aggregated \$6,021,326.66, a gain of 31 per cent over collections in 1939 and 10 per cent over 1938, the state tax commission reported to the state legislature here Tuesday.

Total net collections in 1940 from individuals for all tax years, representing two-thirds of the 1940 collections, increased 26.7 per cent over 1939. Net incomes reported by individuals on returns filed in 1940 on 1939 incomes increased 22.5 per cent over the total reported on returns filed in 1939 on 1938 incomes.

The 1940 net collections from corporations for all tax years increased 40.8 per cent over 1939 while net incomes reported by corporations on returns filed in 1940 on 1939 incomes increased 27.3 per cent over returns filed on 1938 incomes.

Of the net allocated collections of \$6,021,326.66 there has been received to the general fund \$6,000,000, leaving an accumulated unrecapitalized balance of \$21,326.66, exclusive of suspense items.

There were 169,521 returns filed in 1940 of which 109,897 were taxable. Returns filed increased 15 per cent over 1939

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