

Nippon Warmed to Watch Step in Far East

Chairmen Plan To Speed Bills In Legislature

Justice of Peace Fees System Elimination Seen New Issue Reapportionment Measure Debate Depends on Special Meeting

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Elimination of the fee system of compensating justices of the peace, (often branded iniquitous because the justice has a stake in the guilt or innocence of the defendant in criminal cases and sometimes by connivance in the outcome of civil cases.) developed as a new issue in the legislature on Saturday as members, catching their breath over the weekend, scanned progress and indicated that the matter of early adjournment hung largely upon whether two of the more involved and somewhat controversial issues

Prominent Salem Man Is 92 Today

W. TAYLOR RIGDON Celebrates 91 Years in State

In fine health and up and around his home every day is W. Taylor Rigdon, who today is 92 years of age. No special observance of the anniversary is planned at his residence, 299 North Winter street.

Mr. Rigdon was born in Iowa and came to Oregon at the age of one year. He taught rural school in 1879, attending Willamette university for a time. He married in 1878.

In 1891 the W. T. Rigdon company, funeral directors, was formed. It remained under his management until about 10 years ago, and since then has been directed by a daughter, Mrs. Winifred R. Herrick.

Mr. Rigdon, at home with Mrs. Rigdon and another daughter, Miss Leila Rigdon, is an omnivorous reader and an author of considerable reputation. A few years ago he had published a book of poems and a history of Oregon.

Draftees Swarm To Fort Lewis

Great Influx of Youth Will Swell Ranks to Record Monday

FORT LEWIS, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The greatest influx of young American manhood since mobilization days of the last war will take place at Fort Lewis and Camp Murray beginning Monday when the selectees included in the February draft call start arriving at the reception center. Many new men from Salem and vicinity will get into uniform.

According to a statement made today by Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, commanding general of the ninth army corps, more than 16,000 new men will arrive through various induction centers of the west and midwest to swell the ranks of the third and the 41st divisions.

This figure tops any previous estimate by fully 5000 and will cause the population of the Fort Lewis area to swell in three weeks to 45,000. Both the 41st and the third divisions will have reached war time strength in the number of men by March 8.

DR Reported "Satisfied" on Help Measure

Declared Anxious Bill Pass as Approved by Senate Committee

Opposition Wants British to State Peace Terms Before Giving Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported Saturday to be "well satisfied" with the aid-to-Britain bill approved by the senate foreign relations committee, and to be anxious that it be finally enacted in substantially its present form.

The senate committee made two major changes in the house-approved bill, including one to require the president to obtain specific authority from congress before making contracts for the manufacture or war equipment for foreign countries.

Ford Advocates "War to Death"

Hopes Both Sides Lose and Collapse; Says Greed War Reason

WAYS STATION, Ga., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Henry Ford said Saturday the United States should give England and the axis powers "the tools to keep on fighting until they both collapse."

The 77-year-old, automobile manufacturer, making his annual visit to his plantation and experimental farm here, said in an exclusive, copyrighted interview with Staff Writer Harold Martin of the Atlanta Constitution he "sincerely hopes" that neither England nor the axis powers will win the struggle.

"There is not righteousness in either cause," he said. "Both are motivated by the same evil impulse, which is greed. It is not the little people who are doing the fighting and the suffering who are the greedy ones. They are innocent of that. Their only guilt is idleness. Idleness has made them stupid and stupidity has made it easy for the big ones, the greedy ones, to lead them into war."

"If we can keep both sides fighting long enough—until..."

Pardon Us, Folks, While We Change!

Yep, it's come. The Statesman this weekend steps behind a screen to change, for the first time in many years, its particular kind of type dress.

It's a specially-cut type, designed by experts for greater legibility. Not only that, but in The Statesman it'll be used with extra white space between the lines to make reading a pleasure.

With a new style of headlines, then, your Statesman will be newer—more legible—more modern. We hope you'll like it. THE OREGON STATESMAN.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column The conversation in Gus Paul's shoe shine parlor, which hardly ever drifts away from the war except in base-ball season, was going good yesterday.

When Greek meet's a Greek these days it's a natural thing for the talk to be something that would make it Duces' cars burn, but when you throw in a couple of Italians and the conversation is still Paul's Hauser. He had for Massachusetts' case you know you're in the United States and that the one-time Greeks and Italians are all Americans.

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RAF Unleashes Terrific Raid On Nazi Ports

Flashes of Bombs, Great Fires Light Skies on "Invasion" Coast

Southern Italy Singled out as Potential New Center of Conflict

(By the Associated Press) Relays of British bombers shuttled across the English channel Saturday night and early today to pound the Nazi-held coast from Ostend and Bologne in the longest and fiercest raid the RAF has made thus far on that area.

Some forces in London considered it possible that unusual German activity along the "invasion" coast brought on the fury of the RAF. The British once before claimed RAF bombs broke up a gathering invasion armada. The late raids began soon after a large formation of fighters returned from over France at dusk and continued after mid-night.

Treasury Plans "Defense" Bonds

Campaign Ready to Tap Savings for Billions Needed in Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The treasury officials said Saturday, it is ready to start immediately on a campaign to tap the savings of children, housewives and small-salaried workers for a sizeable part of the \$9,000,000,000 it must borrow in the next 12 months to finance the defense program.

All that is holding it up is final congressional approval of the bill to increase the federal debt limit to \$65,000,000,000. Both house and senate have approved the measure, but the house must act on minor senate amendments.

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Britain Envoy Cautions Japan On Any 'Menacing Maneuvers;' Siam Fearful of Anglo Invasion

Terms Learned By Yugoslavia

Ministers Tell Prince What Hitler Wants; Nation to Accept

(By the Associated Press) BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Regent Prince Paul learned from his ministers Saturday the details of Adolf Hitler's immediate plans for Yugoslavia and the Nazis' army in Rumania made ostensibly final preparations for a move in the Balkans.

The prince conferred throughout the afternoon with his premier, Dragisa Cvetkovic, and foreign minister, Aleksander Cincar-Markovic, who said he was back from a talk with Hitler at Berchtesgaden.

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US Concern Seen When Hull Calls Conference With Australia, Britain, Dutch Chiefs

Halifax Asserts Nation Is Sending Increased Forces to Colonies; East Indies Ready to Fight

TOKYO, Feb. 16.—(Sunday)—(AP)—British Ambassador Sir Robert Leslie Craige was reported today to have cautioned Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka against any menacing maneuvers by Japan toward British possessions in the far east.

War News Briefs

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative who is returning from an observation tour of England, boarded the Yankee Clipper Saturday night for a 1,600-mile flight to New York.

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Old Man Winter Just Can't Roll

Old Man Winter is playing seesaw with dainty Miss Spring these days, according to weather bureau tabulations. Temperatures as high as 61 degrees have been registered during recent cloudless days with the mercury plummeting to as low as 31 during the night.

Prediction for early this morning was a possible 29 degrees on comparing Friday's midnight temperature of 38 with Saturday's 34. Partly cloudy today and Monday was the weather man's official forecast.

State Farmers Union Opens 31st Convention Here Feb. 18

Between 500 and 700 delegates and members of the state farmers union will attend the 31st annual state convention scheduled for Salem February 18-20. Included in that number will be Farmers Union National President James J. Patton of Denver, Colo., Laverne Fetz, Washington-Idaho president; Harley Libby, state president; and Ernest Werner, Marion county president. Convention sessions will be held in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, Hood and North Church streets.

State President

Gervais Farmers' Union: Invocation, remarks, Father Alcorn, Mt. Angel; address of welcome, Mr. Angel; address, Henry Johnson, Washington county president; report of credentials; President Libby; report of state officers; report of fraternal delegates.

County President

Ernest Werner, Marion county president, will preside at the opening exercises. Invocations, report of credentials, talk, director of agriculture, talk, James J. Patton, national president; 1:30, assembly call; committee reports; 3 p. m., order of business; selection of officers; completion of committee reports; adjournment.

Salem Hop Buyer Signs Contracts in Clackamas

OREGON CITY, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The county clerk recorded 10 contracts between growers of Clackamas county and TWT hop purchasing firms for 1941 hops Saturday.

To Finance Improvements ONTARIO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A \$271,250 WPA airport project authorized in Washington, DC, this week will finance improvement of the Ontario airport. Plans call for construction of two runways.