# The Oregon Statesman

NINETIETH YEAR

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# Nippon Wayned 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 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

#### LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR **3rd Readings Monday**

House: HB 8, 112, 164, 204 302, 308, 325, 326, 416, 436, 437, 444, 452, 454, 455, SB 60, 131, 189. Senate: SB 208, 211, 246, 252, HB 173. 369.

Hearings Monday House: Education, on HB 420, 7:30 p. m., room 321; highways and highway revenues, on HBs 348 and 387, 7:30 p. m., rooms

Senate: Insurance, 8 p. m., room 401; medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, on HBs 103 and 105, 7:30 p. m., room 400.

could be brought out for final action and disposed of in one house

in the coming week, The bulkier bills on unemploy-

ment compensation are in the house, Chairman Frank Loner- and a history of Oregon. gan of the judiciary committee was hoping to get them onto the half-brother, living near Portland; floor before the end of the week. Unemployment Compensation

Measures May Be Rewritten Contrariwise, the major bills on workmen's compensation are in the senate, where Chairman Ronald Jones of the industries committee had similar ambitions even though there was a possibility that some of the measures would have to be rewritten because of factors brought out at a long series of public hearings.

Whether congressional reapportionment also will come out this week depends upon the outcome of tonight's meeting of the house reapportionment committee, scheduled for 7:80 o'clock at the capitol. Though it is not a public hearing, a (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

### Chemeketans Hold - Annual Banquet

hundred guests in attendance. of the west and middlewest to outdoor organizations were pres- the 41st divisions.

The affair was planned around the Mardi Gras motif, with decorations and favors in keeping. Lewis area to swell in three weeks Walter Minier officiated as "King to 45,509. Both the 41st and the before a mass meeting in Chicago Rex" and Miss Flavia Downs as queen of the festivities. Dr. F. L. Utter served as toastmaster for the Utter served as toastmaster for the

Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

# **Old Man Winter**

Old Man Winter is playing see-saw 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 Prediction for early this morning was a possible 29 degrees on rion county president.

mparing Friday's midnight tem-Partly cloudy today and Mon-was the weather man's of- Church streets.

Got "Cold Feet" or Else

# Prominent Salem OR Reported



W. TAYLOR RIGDON

## Celebrates 91 Years in State

Retired Funeral Director in Good Health; Has **Published History** 

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. came to Oregon at the age of one year. He taught rural school some years, then came to Salem in 1889, attending Willamette university for a time. He married in

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. Wini- Ford Advocates fred R. Herrick.

Mr. Rigdon, at home with Mrs. Rigdon and another daughter, Miss Leila Rigdon, is an omniverous reader and an author of conhe had published a book of poems

Members of his family are a son, Lloyd T. Rigdon, and three daughters, the other being Mrs. Ralph Mercer. All reside in Salem.

# 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 Salem Chemeketans held their the ninth army corps, more than 13th annual banquet, at the Marion 16,000 new men will arrive hotel Saturday night, with over a through various induction centers Representatives from many other swell the ranks of the third and

This figure tops any previous estimate by fully 5000 and will cause the population of the Fort

# "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

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 ball season, was for foreign countries.

This limitation was said to be terday. agreeable to the president, along with another committee amendment directing that any funds these days its a paid by foreign countries for American\_made military equipment for the talk to be and on hand June 30, 1946, must something that be placed in the treasury's gener- would make Il al fund on that date. Until that Duce's ears Mr. Rigdon was born in Iowa date, such funds could be used to burn, but when ay for manufacture of al war materials.

Roosevelt Would Give Consideration to Changes Administration lieutenants reeasonable consideration" to any (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

# "War to Death"

siderable repute. A few years ago 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 inter-

> view 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

"If we can keep both sides fighting long enough-until (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Hoover to Broadcast NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-Former President Hoover's address on "the march of hunger in Europe"

#### 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. And when it emerges next Tuesday morning, you'll see it printed with brand new, freshfrom-the-factory type guaran-teed to make it easier than ever

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 plea-

With a new style of headlines, then, your Statesman will be newer-more legible-more

We hope you'll like it. THE OREGON STATESMAN.

-Paul Hauser's Column The conversation in Gus Paul-

us' shoe shine parlor, which hard-

ly ever drifts away from the war except in base\_1 going good yes-

couple of Italians and the couversation is still Paul H. Hauser, ir. had for Mussolini's ears you know ported that Roosevelt would give you're in the United States and that the one-time Greeks and Italians are all Americans.

> Someone recalled that some prankster Frenchman erected a sign at the French-Italian border, reading, "Greeks please stop here." The Greeks laughed and so did the Italians.

Then the talk swung momen. arily to the eternal topic of the weather as someone remarked it was a fine day and it was. "Another month we go fish,

someone said. "Yes," one said, "another month some go fish, some go to

Heppner, Feb. 12—Bast Ore-gonian Heppner News Bureau)
— Bain and fog partially blacked out this community providing one of the dullest days encoun-tered this winter. Even the optimists are expressing doubt as to the return of the sun for spring crops."

—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The lights are going out all ver Europe and in Heppner, too.

The government's error in overed in his social security number on his income tax blank.

#### Seattle to See **Mass Air Attack**

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.-(AP)-Tha von't be an earthquake that wakes Puget Sound residents tomorrow morning. It'll be airplanes. Col. Ralph Royce, commanding

he US army's seventh bombardment group, said Saturday night 18 army bombers would simulate mass attack on Seattle between :30 and 10 a. m. Sunday, flying it altitudes of 3000 feet or more. Following the mass flight, the planes, including 12 Douglas

# RAF Unleashes Britain Envoy Cautions Japan

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 naziheld coast from Ostend to Boulogne in the longest and fiercest raid the RAF has made thus far on that area. Some sources in London considered it possible that unusual German activity along the "invasion" coast brought on the fury of the RAF. The British once be-fore claimed RAF bombs broke eign minister, Alksander Cincarup a gathering invasion armada.

er a large formation of fighters tesgaden. returned from over France at dusk and continued after mid. Markovic told the regent was an Flares, Bombs, Great Fires

Stab Sky Across Channel searchlights stabbed the sky cross the strait of Dover and great clouds of smoke rolled over

Dunqerque, Gravelines, Calais and Bologne were hard hit and the German big gun emplacements at Cap Gris Nez were pounded violently. Intermittent eexplosions sugegsted that munitions and gasoline dumps had been hit squarely.

The French coast has been the (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

## reasury Plans "Defense" Bonds

Campaign Ready to Tap Savings for Billions Needed in Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15-(AP)-The treasury, officials said Saturday, is ready to start immediately on a campaign to tap the savings of children, housewives and able part of the \$9,000,000,000 it are no more." must borrow in the next 12 months to finance the defense program.

All that is holding it up is final paying a Duxbury, Mass., farmer congressional approval of the bill one million dollars on a soil con- to increase the federal debt limit servation bounty is partially bal- to \$65,000,000,000. Both house anced by the Youngstown, Ohio, and senate have approved the citizen who absent mindedly add- measure, but the house must act on minor senate amendments. If the house accepts these changes next week as expected, officials said, Secretary Morgenthau will announce a money-rais-

ing plan calling for sale of: 1. Postal savings stamps in denominations of 10, 25 and 50 cents and \$1. These will be a 'national defense' series of the regular postal stamps now on sale (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

**Motors Strike Ends** 

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15-(AP)-The office of production management announced Saturday night that an agreement had been it was captured. reached for settlement of the Allis-Chalmers strike which has

# By Yugoslavia

What Hitler Wants; Nation to Accept

(By the Associated Press)

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 15.—(P)—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 pre-The late raids began soon aft- from a talk with Hitler at Berch-

What Cvetkovic and Cincarofficial secret, but authoritativ

quarters privately admitted that the German terms were expected Flashes of bursting bombs, the to be disclosed as nothing short glare of great fires and the rays of of full economic and political "collaboration", with the axis. It already had been stated by a qualified informant that Yugoslavia was prepared to accept assignment as an active participant in Hitler's Balkan plans.

Reports from Greece-whose covernment Friday called up many classes of army reservists—indi cated that the Greeks were stepping up their offensive against the Italians in Albania, possibly hoping to rush through a military decision before their country was called upon to fight another force

on another front. Germans of military age and dressed in civilian clothes continued to appear in Bulgaria in sponse to inquiries about these quiet visitors was that they were

'just traveling salesmen.' The press of Turkey, Britain's non-belligerent ally, declared in commenting upon the trip of Yugoslavia's statesmen to see Hitler that it "more resembled a transfer of prisoners under guard than a visit of free men."

The authoritative newspaper Yeni Sabah, which is controlled by the Turkish government, observed: "The Balkans have lost small-salaried workers for a size- Yugoslavia now—the real Balkans

### Chisimaio Falls In Africa Drive

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-The British announced Saturday that their South African fighters, aided by a British fleet and air force, have captured the important Italian Somaililand port and military center of Chisimaio.

prisoners were said to have been taken, but the chief gain was seizure of a strategic point for Britain's apparent effort to seal the gon has some bottlenecks in it frequently joined the late Lord Somaliland coast, shutting the that will have to be removed," Lothian, British ambassador, in fascists off from supplies and re- Mott said. "Part of the highway similar talks with Secretary Hull,

captured recently in the desperate to be strengthened." Italian attempt to break the British cordon south of Bengasi when The general headquarters com-

munique said guns captured "in

# Terrific Raid On Any Menacing Maneuvers; On Nazi Ports Siam Fearful of Anglo Invasion Terms Learned US Concern Seen When Hull Calls

### Ministers Tell Prince Halifax Asserts Nation Is Sending Increased Forces to Colonies: East Indies Ready to Fight

Conference With Australia,

Sir Robert saw the Japanese foreign minister late Saturday, presumably on instructions from London. The exact details of their meeting were not disclosed.

Bangkok, Thailand, datelines rumors of an imminent Anglo-

## War News Briefs

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 15.-(A)-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

Hopkins indicated he would take a plane for Washington immediately on arrival in New York early Sunday, and said be expected to see Mr. Roosevelt as soon as he reached Washing.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-An apology by the Athens radio for claiming Friday night the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

### **US Will Remodel** Oregon Highway

Bottlenecks Removed and Road Straightened, Asserts Mott

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-(AP)- the British, Australian and Dutch Oregon's Pacific highway—US envoys. highway No. 99-will be straight. ened and bottlenecks will be removed with part of the \$100,000,-000 allocated by the public roads administration, Rep. Mott (R-Oregon) said Saturday.

The fund was set up to improve strategic highways throughout the nation. The Pacific highway runs from Seattle to Los Angeles, passing through many important cities of

western Oregon, including Port-Mott said the states might have to match a small part of the funds but that the amount had not yet been determined. A formula for

worked out. inforcements, as she did in Libya. is not strong enough, to permit Forces Being Increased The British disclosed they still the movement of military equip- Steadily in Far East are counting men and weapons ment and those sections will have

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 15 .-(AP)-A four-day meeting of state tied up \$45,000,000 worth of de- the battle south of Bengasi num. and national representatives of that area substantially and stead-

**Britain, Dutch Chiefs** 

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

Simultaneously, Japanese newspapers reported under

Domei, Japanese news agency, said that "fears of a possible Brit-

ish invasion of Thailand were mounting" because of the pres-ence of British troops near the Thai border and the reported sighting of a British warship in the gulf of Siam. Sir Robert's interview with Matsuoka came at the end of a

week which saw a sudden spurt

of war fears in the far east, top-

ped by the warning of acting

Prime Minister A. W. Fadden of

Australia to his countrymen Thursday that "the war has moved into a new stage involving the ulmost gravity." Australia has been gravely concerned with Japan's steady pro-

gress southward. Siam Asserts Some May suppose British to Invade Thailand on Friday reaffirmed her friendly relations with Britain but asserted that the stationing of British land, naval and air forces at Thailand's Malayan frontier "may lead some people wrongly to suppose that Britain will eventually violate Thai territory."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15-(AP)-The concern of the United States over the tense situation in the far east was emphasized Saturday by conferences of Secretary Hall with

Viscount Halifax, the British ambassador, and Richard G. Casey, the Australian minister, held an hour's joint discussion with Hull after which Dr. A. Loudon, The Netherlands minister, conferred with the secretary of state for thirty minutes.

After his conference with Hull Viscount Halifax told newspapermen, "there are elements in the Pacific in which we are all interested and all Secretary Hull made no statement on the talks, but it was un-

derstood that they were the reallocating the funds to the states sumption of what is to be a con-Much equipment and many according to need on strategic tinuing series of discussions on highways also remains to be questions involving the mutual interests of the three nations in the "The Pacific highway in Ore- Pacific. The Australian minister. In talking with newspapermen.

Halifax declined any observations on reported naval and military Trades Council Convenes movements in the far east, other than to say that the British had been "increasing their forces in Dr. Loudon said his talk with

Secretary Hull had been on the "general situation," and had touched on The Netherlands, East Indies. Asked what the East Indies would do in an emergency, the

Dutch minister answered: "The Dutch East Indies would fight anyone who attacked them,

#### Salem Hop Buyer Signs Contracts in Clackamas

OREGON CITY, Feb. 15-(P)-The county clerk recorded 10 contracts between growers of Clacka-mas county and TWT hop purch-asing firms for 1941 hops Satur-

day;
Purchasers were S. S. Steiner, Inc. of Salem and New York, and Williams & Hart, Portland, Price ranged from 25 to 321/4 cents per pound, and the contracts covered more than 150,000 pounds, To Finance Improvements

ONTARIO, Feb. 18-(8)-A \$273,250 WPA airport project authorized in Washington, DC, this week will finance improvement of the Ontario airport. Plans call for construction of two ranways.

## State Farmers Union Opens 31st Convention Here Feb. 18 County President

Just Can't Roll 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., Luverne Fetz, Washington-Idaho president; Harley Libby, state

Convention sessions will be perature of 38 with Saturday's 34. held in the Veterans of Foreign The program will be high-

lighted by addresses from Governor Charles A. Sprague, Mayor W. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.

-(P)—Somehow 125 Oregon and Washington residents who got marriage licenses in the past few years at this Gretna Green never reached the altar. Auditor K. W. Durgan thinks that most of them got cold feet or were turned down by their lady loves.

HOT Charles A. Sprague, Mayor W. W. Chadwick and President James J. Patton. A banquet is set Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church. The Junior banquet will be held Tuesday night at the VFW hall. Marion county committees for the convention include: general chairman, E. A. Rhoten, Salem;

Union President





housing committee, Ralph Wilson, Homer Smith; badge committee, George Potts, ir.

Reception-B. C. Hall, chairman; Mrs. E. A. Rhoten, Mrs. John Crabtree, Mrs. Agnes Booth, Mrs. Frank Way, Mrs. Earl De-Sart, George Potts, jr., Pete Gores, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson, Mrs. L. Koenig, D. L. St. Johns, Mrs. F. A. Massee, Mrs. A. C. Spanger. Program—Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. Jessie Williams, T. C. Moun-Banquet-Mrs. E. A. Rhoten,

Mrs. Agnes Booth, Mrs. Sigloh,

Mrs. Robert Harper, Mrs. Jim

Wilson, Miss Rowena Jones, Mrs. Otto Lucht, Mrs. W. M. Tate.

Registration-Mrs. John Crabtree, Mrs. W. E. Barnett.

State President



president; Mrs. John Crabtree, route three, Salem, secretary-treasurer; George Potts, jr., Jefferson; B. C. Hall, Gervals; Ralph flag salute, Boy Scouts sponsored by committee reports; adjournment.

Gervais Farmers' Union; invocation, remarks, Father Alcuin, Mt. Angel; address of welcome, Mayor W. W. Chadwick; response, Henry Johnson, Washington county president; report of credential committees; committee appointments, President Libby; report, state officers; report of fraternal delegates. port, state officers; report of fraternal delegates.

Noon, recess; 1:30 p. m., junior session assemblies; direction state junior leader, Mra Jessie Williams; educational contests and skits; business session; election of officers; 6:30 p. m., Oregon State Junior banquet.

Wednesday: 9 a. m., session call; opening exercises; invocation; report of state executive board, John Plass; report of legislative delegate, L. H. McBee; talk, Luverne Feiz, Washington-Idaho president; talk, California state delegate; reports of county presidents; address, James J. Patton, national president.

Noon, recess; 1:30 p. m., assembly call; Oragon Farmers Union Coop association, Eben Ray, chairman; 6:30 p. m., banquet, First Methodist church; speakers, James J. Patton, national president; Governor Charles A. Sprague.

Thursday: 9 a. no assembly call.

Marlon county officers are Ernest Werner, Silverton, president; Wilson, route six Salem, executive Sprague.

Wilson, route six Salem, executive opening exercises; invocation; report of committees; talk, director of agriculture; talk, James J. Patton, nation-



