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Weather
Mostly cloudy today and Wednesday; little change in temperature. Max. temp. Monday 64, min. 38. North-west wind. River .97 foot. Clear.

NINETEENTH YEAR

Cities Want Fair Share Of Gas Fund

House, Senate Groups Hold Hearings on Divergent Topics

House and senate committees in the 41st Oregon assembly labored long Monday night on such unrelated topics as diversion of gas tax revenues for city streets, imposition of a 15 per cent consumption tax on electric utilities, and universal venereal disease tests without charge in an effort to clear up knotty problems still confronting the session.

The house committee on highway and highway revenue pondered the gas tax diversion question at an open hearing, while the

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
3rd Readings Today
House: HB 47, 58, 79, 89, 120, 168, 267, 268, 314, 322, 383, 418, 422, 426, 443, 450, 456, 467; SB 36, 45, 61, 62, 139, 185, 191, 205.
Senate: SB 103, 145, 211, 265; HB 6, 59.

Public Hearing Today
House: Ways and Means (Joint) on SB 181, old age retirement, 7:30 p.m., rooms 6, 7.
Senate: Medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, on HB 211, 7:30 p.m., room 401.

taxation and revenue committee of the same body tackled the utilities tax, and the senate's medicine, pharmacy and dentistry committee listened to arguments on both sides of the disease test matter.

Officials of 15 Cities Ask for Share of Tax
Officials of 15 Oregon cities appeared to ask for a "fair share" of gas tax revenues for their city streets, and representatives of Oregon counties were on hand to ask greater consideration for counties in the distribution of gasoline money at the hearing on gasoline tax diversion.

H. W. Hand, Corvallis mayor, told the committee that the approximately \$59,000 which would be taken by a League of Oregon Cities sponsored measure to give \$1.50 per capita of gas tax funds to cities under 100,000 population and \$1 to cities over that figure would not hinder the highway program.

Cost of maintaining city streets has increased, Hand said, while assessed valuation in cities has dropped.

W. A. Bowes, Portland commissioner of public works, said that \$750,000 should be spent immediately to protect an \$80,000,000 investment in Portland's hard-surfaced streets, but that the city can now budget only \$100,000 annually to maintenance.

Highway Association Secretary Opposes Bill
Howard K. Merriam, Goshen, executive secretary of the Oregon Pacific Highway association, opposed the bill. He said that the highway commission has spent 16 per cent of the total gas tax within cities.

Merriam said his group was interested in preserving highway funds in order that the maximum amount of federal match money could be received.

Rep. H. H. Chindgren (R-Clackamas) author of the bill to increase the counties' share in gas funds from 15.7 to 20 per cent, said that a shrinking tax base and

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Lobby Hobnobber

Sen. J. N. Jones' bill on Malheur-Harney was at large again Monday, this time in the house. When his bill regulating the wanderings of "gentlemen cows," as he describes them, came up for consideration, Rep. Harvey Wells moved that it be made more specific by making the act read "Vernon Bill," which, of course, got a rise out of LaGrande's representative. But when Rep. Warren Erwin wanted to carry the joke further, the house called quills and passed the bill without dissent.

The father of the laws under which Marion county's famed and fertile Lake Labish was drained and set to growing celery and onions, M. L. Jones, was extended the courtesy of the house Monday at the request of Rep. John F. Steinhilber. He served as a legislator in 1892.

Another of the legislature's Joneses, Rep. H. R. "Farmer," filed a revised edition of his wine bill Monday. It will be off the press Wednesday morning. He

Europe Lashed By Terrific Storm, Fires

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 17.—Raging storms and floods lashed the breadth of Europe from the Black sea to the Atlantic Monday and at Santander, Spain, more than half the city's 54,000 population was reported forced from their homes by a wall of wind-blown flames in the wake of Sunday's hurricane.

Spain and Portugal, the hardest hit, together counted at least 145 dead, thousands of injured and property damage running into millions of dollars. Hundreds of persons were unaccounted for in Portugal and it was feared the total death list would mount.

Scores of buildings were destroyed or damaged by the flames which started in Santander's harbor Sunday night and still were raging Monday night in that northern Spanish port on the Bay of Biscay. Santander firemen were believed, however, to be bringing the flames slowly under control.

First District Split Probable
House Committee Hears Four Plans for New Congressman

The house reapportionment committee, expecting to pass out a bill to create a fourth congressional district by next Wednesday or Thursday, probably will either split the first district (western Oregon) according to bills introduced by either the Lane county or southern Oregon delegations.

The committee met last night to hear sponsors of four proposals for an additional congressman. It will hear the Lane county delegation at 1 p.m. Tuesday, and a day or two later, will send a bill to the floor of the house.

The southern Oregon bill, signed by 22 legislators, would have a fourth district comprising Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties. It would leave Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties in the first district.

The Lane county delegation's bill is the same, except it also would place Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties in the fourth district.

A bill by Richard L. Neuberger (D-Multnomah) would have a fourth district to include all coast.

Lumber Executive Dies
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Theodore B. Lawrence, 47, Los Angeles lumber and shipping executive, died Monday of cerebral hemorrhage. Lawrence, a native of Tacoma, Wash., was president of the Lawrence-Phillips Lumber company and the Lawrence-Phillips Steamship company.

State Building Proposals Discussed at Conference

The ways and means subcommittee studying proposals to build a new state office building, to join the city of Salem in carrying out a sewage disposal project and to carry toward completion landscaping of the capitol grounds, will report to the main committee soon, probably Thursday, Rep. Carl Engdahl (R-Umatilla), chairman, indicated following a long conference with Gov. Charles A. Sprague and the board of control staff Monday afternoon.

Engdahl's committee made detailed inquiry into the office building and sewage disposal plans but withheld announcement of any decision as to its recommendation on either.

The discussion disclosed that an effort may be made in the coming biennium to pay for the agricultural building, on which nearly \$80,000 a year interest is being paid. Roy Mills, state institutions manager, said the law providing for amortization of this structure apparently was inadvertently repealed a few years ago when legislation dealing with the present office building was revised.

Appropriation of the \$86,000 needed to pay for the agricultural building in full would add more than \$75,000 to the impending state budget deficit, but, it was pointed out, would save the state the 4 1/2 per cent interest on the structure now being paid.

Under the sewage disposal

Browder Must Serve 'T' Say

Supreme Court Upholds Conviction In Passport Fraud

The supreme court yesterday upheld communist Earl Browder's conviction on passport charge.

Ruled federal trade commission could not act against interstate trade practices alleged to be unfair.

Upheld Iowa tax on sales by mail order houses to residents within state.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Earl Browder, American communist No. 1, lost his appeal to the supreme court Monday from a passport fraud conviction and his last chance to escape a four-year prison term and a \$2000 fine unless the court should grant a rehearing.

Without a dissenting vote, the court waded aside the legal argument upon which the appeal was based and upheld the convictions of both Browder and an associate, Welwel Warszower, alias Robert William Wiener of New York.

Makes Important Decision Curbing Trade Commission
Before handing down the Browder decision the court delivered an important opinion curbing the federal trade commission. It held that the commission could not extend to interstate trade the fair practice rules it imposes upon interstate business, which the commission sought to do on the ground that unfair practices in interstate trade affected interstate commerce.

The court also upheld efforts by Iowa to require mail order houses outside the state to collect the state's two per cent "use tax," complementary to its retail sales tax, on all goods they sell to Iowa residents.

Browder, Kansas-born secretary and presidential candidate of the communist party, was alleged to have sworn falsely, when applying for a passport in 1934, that he had not previously received one. Actually, the government charged, Browder had obtained passports under the names of Nicholas Dozenberg in 1921, George Morris in 1927 and Albert Henry Richards in 1931.

Statute of Limitations Bars Part of Prosecution
The statute of limitations barred his prosecution on a charge of obtaining a passport by a false statement. Instead he was tried and convicted under a section of the passport law making it a crime to "willfully and knowingly use . . . any passport the issue of which was secured in any way by reason of any false statement."

The "use" of the passport for which he was prosecuted consisted of displaying it to an immigration inspector to prove his citizenship upon returning to this country.

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Report Is Split On Truck Bill

The controversial truck bill which has been before the senate roads and highways committee since early in the legislative session was released Monday afternoon with a divided report.

The majority report, signed by all members of the committee with the exception of Sen. C. H. Zurcher, Walla Walla county, recommended passage of the measure.

The bill will be discussed under special order of business at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Announcement!

The Oregon Statesman today offers its readers, with pleasure and pride, what it believes to be a more readable, more convenient, and more modern newspaper.

This effect is achieved by the substitution, in the first place, of a new type dress for the type to which Statesman readers have been used for a number of years.

The new type is known as "Linotype Excelsior," and represents the most recent development of the type-designer's art, in that it has been fashioned by experts to make reading as easy as possible. It is in use nowhere else in Salem.

In using the Excelsior type-face, the editors of The Oregon Statesman have been careful to place it on a base wider than the minimum which might be employed. This has been done to allow additional white space between lines, and to promote by still another means the cause of greater legibility. The extra space which is thus required will be made up by the addition of more pages to the daily and Sunday issues of The Statesman.

In order to offer a comparison between the old and the new types, a paragraph printed in the eight-point Century face formerly used, and in the new seven and one-half point Excelsior type are shown as follows:

The use of the new type, however, is not the sole contribution toward easier readability which is embodied in today's issue of The Oregon Statesman.

New headline techniques have been employed throughout the paper, and a significant change has been made in the appearance of the editorial page. Last Sunday, February 16, saw the use of a second society and feature section in addition to the regular Sunday Statesman, an innovation which is expected to be permanent. Other changes of a similar nature are now under consideration, and will be announced at an appropriate time.

The Oregon Statesman, in making these alterations, has not sought to follow rigorously along established stylebooks, and has not sought to impose a style or taste arbitrarily upon its readers. It has, instead, sought to make changes which are in the direction of modernization and particularly of readability which it believes will find favor with its readers and with the public. It would warmly appreciate comments on how well it has succeeded.

Compensation Hearing Continues to Morn

Committee Delves Doggedly in Mass Of Bills "For the Facts;" Much Explaining and Protesting

Adjourning the house judiciary committee at 1:15 o'clock this morning, Chairman Frank J. Lonergan said it would be reconvened following house adjournment this afternoon in an effort to pass on the unemployment compensation bills before it.

The house of representatives judiciary committee passed the fifth hour early today of the longest committee meeting of the current Oregon legislative session without having found time to arrive at its announced destination—decisions on what it will do with the many unemployment compensation bills before it.

Report Is Split On Truck Bill

Holding the longest night hearing of the session to date, the committee delved doggedly into the mass of compensation bills "for the facts," with members of the compensation commission, and representatives of the CIO, the AFL unions and of employers explaining and protesting in turn.

That Chairman Frank J. Lonergan was inclined toward effecting a compromise on such mooted question of liberalizing benefits may have been indicated by inquiries he made of commission experts regarding the cost of benefit periods between the 16 now provided and the 20 asked for in one of Rep. Phil Brady's AFL bills and of a similar in-between figure on weekly benefits to be paid. Fifteen dollars is the existing weekly maximum; the Brady bill would raise the sum to \$24.

Commission statisticians were asked to report to the committee this forenoon on the cost of suggested compromise plans.

Blow to Greeks Seen in Turk, Bulgar Pact

Possible Armistice in Italian Conflict Expected Soon

Turkey and Bulgaria signed a non-aggression statement — a "modest document" — in Ankara Monday which some informants interpreted as tacit proof Turkey would remain aloof from any German thrust against Greece so long as it did not tap Turkish borders.

However, the bi-lateral statement clearly said that existing obligations with other countries were not altered. Greek sources said that stipulation was "encouraging" to Greece.

The only commitment in the issued statement was that Turkey and Bulgaria abstain from aggression, but axis sources took the pact to mean that Turkey—despite her non-belligerent status as an ally of Britain's—would remain within her own frontiers and not aid Greece. Thus Greece might be forced to sue Italy for peace or suffer possible German moves against her.

British sources said this reaffirmation of friendship was just that, and that Turkey retained her freedom of action should the German army roll into Bulgaria.

Turkish Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu himself called the pact a "modest document" which "perhaps can prevent complication in the Balkans."

The Sofia informants who said Greece was in danger of being left out on a limb because of the accord reasoned thus: Turkey did not aid Greece when she was attacked by Italy, hence there was no reason to suppose the Turks would do so should Germany move against that country—especially in consideration of the fact that few believe either Yugoslavia or Bulgaria will deny German demands.

Germany throughout the war has striven to avoid opening up two war fronts. Turkey still is the big military riddle in the Balkans. It was believed by a reliable informant in Sofia that soviet Russia has put pressure on Turkey in favor of German aims in southeastern Europe. Some believed she sought a promise of Turkish neutrality in return for a Nazi promise to let Turkey alone.

Thus it is possible that only the weather and time for final polishing of axis plans hold German troops from moving on from occupied Rumania to the strategic vistas of the eastern Mediterranean where more closely based planes could smash at the Suez canal, Britain's sea power and her Mediterranean fleet.

Some informants in Sofia doubt (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Maynard Agrees to Closing Webfoot Club; Gets Fined

L'Affaire Ray Samuel Maynard, involving the fate of the Webfoot club operated by Maynard in the basement of the Oregon building, was finally settled in all its aspects by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan.

Maynard, who appeared before Judge McMahan on appeals from Salem justice court judgments in which he was found guilty of conducting a public nuisance on the dates of January 14 and February 9, pleaded guilty to the two charges against him, and was sentenced by Judge McMahan to

serve 30 days in the county jail for each of them, the sentence to run concurrently, and to pay a \$100 fine for the first offense.

Mrs. Dorothy Maynard, his wife, found guilty of the nuisance charge of January 14 in justice court, also entered a guilty plea and was fined \$25, the fine later being suspended. She had previously been fined \$50 by the justice court's order.

Harding C. Chin, Chinese elevator boy at Maynard's club, and William Barber, involved in both the January 14 and February 9 charges, pleaded guilty to both before the circuit judge when they appeared on appeal, and their cases were continued by order of the court.

British Flee Gas "Attack" Sans Masks

BRIGHTON, England, Feb. 17.—The first of a series of practice gas attacks to be staged throughout Britain was held here Monday and maskless persons tearfully regretted their unpreparedness. A mild tear gas was used.

Shoppers scurried to safety or calmly donned their respirators — if they had them — as the gas swirled from cylinders planted in downtown streets and quickly enveloped a three-quarter-mile-square area. The "attack" lasted half an hour.

Police, bus drivers, waitresses, clerks and others who had to remain at their posts went about in their pig-nosed masks until the all clear sounded.

The mayor said the test was a "great success." An air raid precautions official reported that tear gas had been used "to impress the public that they need to carry gas masks. If they do get the real thing, they won't have advance warning."

Salem Is Host To Farmers

Three-Day Convention Of Union Starts At VFW Hall

Salem will play host today and for the next two days to delegates and members of the 31st annual Farmers Union convention which is slated to get underway at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, Hood and North Church streets.

James Faston, national president of the organization, will be one of the principal speakers during the convention, and will also speak at the state banquet Wednesday night at the First Methodist church. Luverne Fetz, Washington-Idaho president, will address the Wednesday session.

Election of officers is scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Harley Libby Jefferson, is the incumbent state president.

E. A. Rhoten is general chairman for the convention with President Libby presiding at all sessions. Officers of the county organization are Ernest Werner, Silverton, president; Homer M. Smith, Jefferson, vice-president; Mrs. John Crabtree, Salem route three, secretary-treasurer; George Potts, jr., Jefferson, B. C. Ball of Gervais and Ralph Wilson, Salem route six, members of the executive committee.

Norwegian Ships Dock

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 17.—(AP)—For the first time in months, two Norwegian ships, the Romulus and Brimanger, arrived in Coos Bay Sunday.

Council Mulls Many Things, Also Milk

Enforcement of municipal ordinances relating to milk are not affected by the bill, he emphasized.

Chief Local Interest Centers On Charge of Designation
Chief local interest in the ordinance centered, however, around a section authorizing the change of the "class B" milk designation to "class A" for pasteurization, an alteration which drew fire from local dairymen present in the council chambers.

Harold D. McMillan, of McMillan's dairy, speaking for producers of grade A milk, declared that the change in designation would unfairly cost producers of grade A milk an advantage earned over a period of years at an estimated 5 per cent. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Florida Bourbon Says People Won't Allow Hitler to Win

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In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

Our motoring friend, Mr. Zizle, has been worried ever since November about what's going to happen; or what has been happening; to the right arms of his friends in the autoguing world.

Mr. Zizle, needless to say, has been reading the advertisements in the department, which does not see eye to eye with Mr. Zizle on certain matters, need read no further) Mr. Zizle has been reading the advertisements about the more advanced of the new cars, the ones which give the gear shift short shrift.

Everytime Mr. Zizle picks up a magazine and sees one of these advertisements about the wonderful gas buggies which operate at the flick of a button and he thinks he gets rheumatic pains in his right arm and begins to wonder if, after all, shifting a gear in the old fashioned way isn't over-exertion.

Mr. Zizle's thoughts in this matter are shared by that motoring fanatic, Mr. M. R. Applegate, the repairman's friend. Mr. Applegate is being so completely unnerved by the thought of perhaps losing his arm from too much gear shifting that he can never get up courage to shift out of second until he's going 80.

Mr. Zizle on other days is pretty sure that he could go on shifting gears as long as he can bend an elbow (and Mr. Zizle bends a pretty elbow and often, but he doesn't want to be labeled an enemy of progress. If it's progress to chuck the gear shift, says he, why chuck it.)

"Automobiles are getting more efficient every day," says Mr. Zizle, "and some day they'll (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Gallery Boos, Cheers Pleas In Aid Debate

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