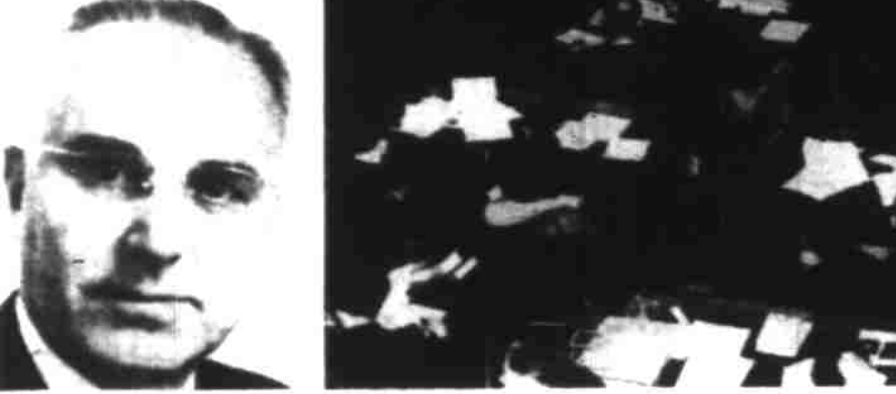


Snell Lauds State Finances; Brand Granted Leave

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Stroup

Governor Snell's inaugural message to the legislature closes with a prayer:

"May the blessings of Heaven attend us and guide us in all our deliberations."
Legislators feeling in need of guidance as they enter on their important duties may well join in the prayer because they will find none in the governor's message. It is distinguished by its avoidance of positive stands on critical issues. They are tossed to the legislature "for its careful consideration." Fortunately for the state the legislature has leaders who are less timid in their approach to state problems.

By using existing surpluses and by the expedient of a change in the flow of the corporation excise tax the governor would solve the state's financial problem for the biennium. But after giving a heavy negative to the program of his special tax study commission he leaves to the legislature the job of solving the tax problem for the next biennium. He urges any new major tax proposal be referred to the people in a special election, a device which would spare him the necessity of approving or vetoing the measure.

On the very serious question of local finance for cities and counties the governor confined his commitment to endorsing "the policy of city and county participation in certain state funds" without stating which funds or in what amounts.

Such non-controversial items as world peace, a free press, promotion of tourist trade and highway safety draw

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3 County Names Sent To Senate by Truman

Three Marion county persons were named in nominations for postmasterships sent to the senate by President Truman Monday. Those nominated are Rilla M. Schaffer, Idanha, and Gerald P. Connor, Jr., St. Paul, both present postmasters of their respective towns, and Duane D. Hatcher, Hubbard.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Wanna buy a pure Arabian—cheap?"

Bustle, formality and pulchritude featured the opening of Oregon's 44th legislative assembly Monday. Above left shows Sen. Marshall Cornett (left) being sworn in as senate president by Supreme Court Chief Justice George Rossman, while Sen. Dean Walker, temporary chairman, looks on from the rostrum. Above right are the three women house members. Left to right—Rose M. Poole of Klamath Falls, Anna M. Ellis of Garibaldi and Marie E. Wilcox of Grants Pass. Lower picture shows Rep. John Hall of Portland assuming the gavel after he was sworn in as speaker of the house, where Gov. Earl Snell (inset) was inaugurated and gave his biennial address a short time later. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

Britain Supports U. S. in Control Plan for A-Bomb

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—(AP)—Authoritative sources said today that Great Britain will support the United States in insisting that atomic energy control be given priority over general disarmament if there is a showdown with Russia in the United Nations security council.

Russia is insisting that "all phases" of world disarmament be taken up immediately by the 11-nation security body. She is opposed to giving priority to atomic energy control.

The United States argues that atomic energy control should be given top consideration on the grounds that if there is an international system of protection from atomic weapons, the problem of lesser weapons should not prove insurmountable.

French Troops To Indo-China

PARIS, Jan. 13—(AP)—The liner Ile de France steamed toward Indo-China today with 8,000 French reinforcements aboard as a general staff communique indicated that French troops scored some successes against the Viet-Nam resistance during the day.

The reinforcements sailed yesterday from Toulon about the time the first contingent of wounded combat veterans arrived at Lyon from the 7,000-mile distant colonial fighting front. The general staff communique issued in Paris said that the Viet-Nam resistance southwest of Hanoi was becoming "rapidly disorganized."

Veteran Groups Prepare Law Boosting State Loans to Ex-GIs

An increase from \$3000 to \$6000 in the Oregon veterans' loan act for acquisition of farms or homes, and loans by the state under the federal veterans' loan guarantee provisions of the GI bill of rights, are two of several amendments to be presented to the legislature, George E. Sandy, director of the state department of veterans affairs, announced Monday.

Reductions in Certain State Revenue Seen

Estimated general fund revenues for Oregon, as broken down from the 1947-49 biennial figures of Budget Director George Aiken, indicated today that Gov. Earl Snell's "balanced budget" is predicted on the inclusion of most of the \$7,139,828 in corporate excise taxes which he recommended be transferred for general government costs.

The corporate excise tax now is considered part of the state income tax levy used for property tax offset, officials said.

Governor Snell and the budget director predicted substantial reductions in estimated revenues of some state activities, including interest on state deposits, collections for inmate care, insurance department fees and inheritance taxes. It was made clear the general fund budget does not include the \$30,000,000 voted for school support.

General fund requests aggregated \$48,811,656. They were reduced to \$40,502,240.

The joint ways and means committee of the 44th legislative assembly probably will start its sessions today, it was declared Monday by Sen. Dean Walker, chairman of the senate group.

PART OF CANNERY BURNS

WARRENTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Fire destroyed two buildings at the San Juan Canning Co. today at a loss estimated by Manager Harold Gramson at \$25,000 or \$30,000.

The fire started in a building which was used for storage of cans. The other building was used for the cannery.

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Assembly In Rapid Send-Off

By WENDELL WEBB

Managing Editor, The Statesman

Assured by Gov. Earl Snell that Oregon's financial status was "excellent," and that the state budget could be balanced by a change in the corporate excise tax law, the state's 44th legislative assembly appeared off to a speedy start today.

The re-inauguration of Governor Snell and his biennial address came before a jam-packed gallery at the joint session Monday afternoon after both the senate and house had organized quickly by ratifying action agreed on at separate caucuses in the Marion hotel the previous day.

Cornett, Hall Elected

Unanimously named senate president and speaker of the house were Sen. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls and Rep. John Hall of Portland, respectively. Officers also were chosen without opposition and rules were approved granting them \$1 a day pay increase. Provision for legislative expense and supplies were passed through final passage.

Secretaries again sat with their bosses in both houses, a senate move to bar them being defeated. The senate also retained its usual committees but the house cut its own advisory groups from 37 to 24 in an effort to streamline procedure.

Would Transfer Tax

The governor, sworn in by Chief Justice George Rossman, asked that a special session be called if any major tax plan was approved, but suggested no specific program involving general tax revenue other than recommending that most of the \$7,000,000 of the corporate excise levy be transferred to the general fund to bring the \$41,000,000 budget into balance.

(Doubt was expressed in some circles that the excise tax, now considered part of the state income tax levy and used for property tax offset, could be transferred because of possible subsequent need for a boost in property tax. Other sources predicted a referendum or court contests or both if the plan is carried out.)

Bigger Loans Proposed

The governor also asked increased loans for veterans, a \$12,000,000 forestry program, liberalized industrial accident and workmen's compensation benefits, increased pensions for widows, and a bond issue.

Escorting the governor to the rostrum were Sen. Earl Newby and Austin Dunn and Reps. Henry Semon and Lyle Thomas, who were appointed for the duty by Senator Cornett as presiding officer at the joint session. Supreme Court Justice members of the board of control and other high state officials also were escorted to the rostrum.

The invocation preceding the address was given by Bishop Bruce Baxter.

Justice Brand Given Leave

First bill rushed through both the house and senate was HB 1 which permits Justice James T. Brand to accept an assignment to sit in the war crimes trials in Germany. He reports in Washington that the bill placed the summons given Justice Brand in the category of a call to active military duty.

Also adopted by both houses was house joint memorial 1 asking President Truman to appoint Joseph K. Carson, Jr., former mayor of Portland, to the maritime commission.

Both houses will resume work at 10 a. m. today, but already introduced in the house is a concurrent resolution seeking to set the starting time at 9:30 a. m., including Thursday.

Oregon Men on House Committees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Oregon house members were given assignments on several committees today by the republican committee on committees, subject to formal house action. They were: Appropriations, Lowell Stockman; armed services, Walter Norblad; interstate and foreign commerce, Harris Ellsworth; and public works, Homer D. Angell.

CATTLE JAM STOCKYARD

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 13—(AP)—A record January run of 25,000 cattle jammed into the Kansas City stockyard today attracted by high prices. Stockmen said the large receipts indicated a strong backlog of meat animals on the range.

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Oregon 1946 Births Hit All-Time High

PORTLAND, Jan. 13—(AP)—The number of births reached an all-time high in Oregon last year, the state board of health reported today. Figures were not complete for December, but the board estimated there were 27,890 births in the state in 1946. The previous high was 25,380 in 1943.

Senate Demos Organize to Stop GOP Bids

By the Associated Press

The senate democrats organized to fight republican proposals to continue the special war investigating and small business committees. A vote was put off until Wednesday.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), senate presiding officer, settled a squabble on the disposition of bills to outlaw union postal pay suits by ruling that all of them shall be referred to the judiciary committee. It has a hearing Wednesday.

Demands were made in both senate and house for an investigation of air accidents as the senate commerce committee prepared to open an inquiry into safety precautions.

Chairman Taber (R-NY) of the house appropriations committee told newsmen some unspent appropriations voted by the last congress may be cancelled before any action is taken on new ones.

Bills were introduced to: Make bribery of athletes and sports promoters a federal offense, by Rep. Hebert (D-La.). Grant \$600,000,000 to the states to raise teachers' salaries, by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.).

CIO Battles on Side of Lewis in High Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—The CIO forgot its enmity with John L. Lewis today to battle by his side in the supreme court against what it termed "the evils of government by injunction."

It filed a brief as "friend of the court" assailing the contempt convictions and \$3,510,000 fine against the United Mine Workers and Lewis. The contempt was based on disregard of a lower court's restraining order at the time of the soft coal strike. The CIO claimed the order would have compelled Lewis "to violate his oath of office."

"It tells him to act as a strike-breaker," the brief said, "to do that which he may deem fatal to the best interests of the organization which he is charged with leading and protecting."

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STOCKMAN ASKS PENSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Representative Stockman (R-Ore.) has applied for a pension under the new law which makes members of congress eligible after they reach age 62.

Airplane Crashes Assailed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—The civil aeronautics board will be called before the senate commerce committee tomorrow as part of a congressional study of the airplane accident situation.

This was announced tonight by Senator Brewster (R-Me.), as critics resounded on Capitol Hill that recent plane crashes are making Americans "afraid to fly."

Brewster, member of the commerce committee, said "popular confidence" in flying is being lost.

"Scared to Death"

"The American people are horrified and scared to death," Rep. Rivers (D-SC) told the house. He called attention to the crash of an eastern airlines plane near G. Max, Va., yesterday with the loss of 18 lives and to the emergency landing last week of an airliner on a Long Island, N. Y., beach.

Joining Rivers, Rep. Hinshaw (R-Calif.) asserted there should be a "complete and thorough inquiry in hope of finding a remedy."

Senator Brewster (R-Maine), a member of the senate commerce committee, said "People are getting afraid to fly."

"The situation is destroying popular confidence," he told reporters.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), addressing the senate, raised the question whether alarms are not out of order.

Fatalities Decline

He said that domestic and international operations of U. S. airlines have shown steady declines in passenger fatalities.

Airline men, taking the same view, acknowledged, however, that air travel has fallen off.

The Galax accident was the first fatality on a scheduled airline this year. Last year the airlines marked up their best record since 1939, with a passenger fatality rate of 1.24 for every 100,000 passenger-miles.

Morse Predicts Truman in '48

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Senator Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) predicted tonight that President Truman will seek the 1948 presidential nomination and declared that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower "has the best chance of all the candidates on both sides" to occupy the White House two years hence.

"If the Republicans continue their anti-labor policy and their fiscal policies which will lead to fiscal isolation, they will lose both congress and the White House in 1948—and they will give us the worst era of labor unrest in the history of our country," Morse declared.

Morse also assailed Republican tax-reduction proposals as "one of the most atrocious cases of public deception in the past quarter of a century. They should tell the people that now is the time to save and pay our debts or the dollar won't be worth a quarter of what it is today," he said.

Valley Gets Share Of Winter Weather; Traffic Hazardous

More snow and lower temperatures were moving in on the Willamette valley early today and the area generally was sharing in the wintry weather which has brought icy roads throughout the Pacific northwest.

At 2 a. m., Salem's streets were dangerously slippery and light snow was not melting quite as fast as it fell. A new light coating covered most parts of the city.

The snow, in varied depth, was general through Oregon and Washington and traffic conditions were listed as hazardous. A few schools closed.

One Fatality Listed

One man's death was attributed to the weather. George MacLeod, 60, provincial roads engineer at New Westminster, B. C., collapsed and died while putting chains on his snow-stalled car.

While the weather forecast for the day was expected to melt rapidly in low-lying areas of the Willamette valley and along the coast. The furies were mixed with rain in much of western Oregon yesterday.

The snow was heaviest in the Cascades, with four inches fell at Medford and five at Klamath Falls. Portland's west hills were coated, and Troutdale grade school, 12 miles east of Portland, closed because of hazardous road conditions.

Heaviest Since 1935

Vancouver, B. C., had its worst snowfall since 1935 with eight inches on the ground and more forecast. The storm slowed traffic to a crawl in the British Columbia city.

In other parts of the nation winter was continuing in icy blasts, with heavy temperatures. Heavy snows fell Monday in northern Minnesota, and a new sub-zero wave was predicted for the northern Great Plains states by Tuesday night.

Milder weather was forecast for New England Tuesday, with a sub-zero spell which reached 13 below in Maine early Monday. Meanwhile, from the Mississippi valley eastward, mild temperatures were expected to continue through Tuesday.

3.8 Inches in Two Days

Since Salem awoke Sunday morning to find a mantle of white covering most of the city, 3.8 inches have fallen, the bureau said last night, and 1.7 inches fell here yesterday. The fall was the heaviest since January of 1942-1943, when 23.8 inches fell, the weather bureau said.

The city engineer's office reported negligible inconvenience caused by the snow, as it melted fast on streets. The city police department reported that although there were some accidents within the city, none were caused directly by the snow.

January weather has thus far brought Salem 98 of an inch of rain, and since the cold spell began on December 14, only five minimum daily temperatures have been above freezing, the weather bureau said.

Highway Report

The Oregon highway report last night by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said that 14 miles of highway were closed by snow. Packed snow from milepost 18, Mt. Hood, to milepost 26, on the Wapinitia highway.

Santiam Summit—Snowing hard with wind. Packed snow and ice. Eighteen inches of new snow over week-end.

Odell Lake—Snowing. Twenty inches of new snow. Total roadside snow 44 inches.

Klamath Falls—Five inches new snow. Snowing hard throughout district. Packed snow. Sanding crews operating.

Lower Columbia River Highway—Short section of one-way traffic at Tongue Point, due to slide.

Oregon Coast Highway—Short section of one-way traffic because of slides near Florence, Manzanita, Gardiner and Yachats.

Negotiations Open in Britain Truck Strike

LONDON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Britain's labor government and employer and union representatives hurriedly set up new negotiating machinery tonight in an effort to end a mushrooming series of strikes threatening vital food distribution.

Employers and union representatives agreed to confer early tomorrow to draft a charter for immediate reconsideration of workers' demands.

This development came as the government's use of troops to replace 21,000 striking truck drivers brought an angry reaction from labor union members. There was some fear that sympathy walk-outs would grow to general strike proportions.

The labor dispute began a week ago when the truck drivers walked out. They demanded a 44-hour week, overtime pay after eight hours daily and other concessions.

In an effort to break a meat famine affecting 10,000,000 in greater London, resulting from this tieup, the government sent in troops today to get the trucks rolling.

New machinery—providing for voluntary negotiations—will not begin to function until men have returned to their jobs.

Dr. King Heads Salem General Hospital Staff

Dr. A. T. King was elected president of the Salem General hospital staff at last night's annual medical staff meeting and election at the hospital. Dr. King succeeds Dr. William Lidbeck, outgoing president.

With 45 members present, the staff also elected Dr. Thomas Dunham, vice president; Dr. Ralph Purvine, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Verne Miller, chief of surgical staff; Dr. Charles Campbell, chief of medical staff; and Dr. James Sears, as chief of specialties. All offices are for one year.

Following the election and meeting, at which medical and case problems were discussed, the annual staff dinner was held.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	37	23	—
Portland	37	23	—
San Francisco	49	35	00
Chicago	45	30	04
New York	37	21	—

Willamette river: 6 feet.
FORECAST from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy today with intermittent snow showers. Temperature slight warmer tonight with low of 27. High 35.

Mrs. Walter Denton, Leader in Music Circles, Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Walter Denton, widely known in music circles of Salem and Oregon for many years, died Monday morning at a local hospital, where she had been a patient since January 6, after suffering a stroke at her home, 1055 Court st.

Mrs. Denton was born Mary Ellen Steiner in Ohio in 1867 and came to Oregon 20 years later with her parents, Gideon and Elizabeth Steiner. She was married more than 50 years ago to Walter Denton, who died in 1927.

She was a piano teacher in Salem for many years, having received her musical education at Willamette university under Professor Z. N. Parvin. She served as head of the Oregon committee for National Music Week since the institution of the annual observance almost 20 years ago, and at the same time has been chairman of the Salem Music Week committee.

In her capacity as head of the National Music Week, she was responsible for this state receiving national recognition for its participation and also worked with the state department of education in compiling figures on the number of children participating in music week in this state.

QUICKIES



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