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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Saturday rain, moderate southerly winds.

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... Wash., Feb. 4.—Wage ... of $1 a day for building ...and laborers were an...nday by W. G. Meyers, ...of the Spokane Master ...association. He said that ...h would be entered into ...ther crafts unions, but ... negotiations would be ...by the contractors.

Bulletins

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Wilson sent to the senate today the nomination of Melvin H. Coulston of New York to be commissioner of patents. Coulston is now first assistant commissioner of patents. Reapponitments of Majjor Generals George O. Squier to be chief signal officer and John L. Chamberlain to be inspector general for another four years also were transmitted.

Valparasio, Chile, Feb. 4.—Twenty-three soldiers were killed today in a clash with workers at the San Gregorie nitrate plant in Antofagasta province, according to advices from the district reaching here. Daniel Jones, the administrator of the plant, is reported to have been assassinated.

Negro Bootblack Here, Accused of Assaulting White Lad, Is Arrested

Warm remonstrances of Herman Hayes,a negro bootblack employed at the Salem shoe shining parlors, 315 State street, were hastily concluded yesterday when Constable Walter DeLong jerked the colored man into the street and took him before Judge G. E. Unruh on an assault and battery charge, preferred by Arthur Myers, 13, a Capital Journal newsboy. After a somewhat drawn out session in which Hayes repeatedly declared he was innocent and "knew his rights and privileges," he entered a plea of not guilty.

His trial by jury will be held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. He was released on $25 bond.

Young Myers told officers that the alleged assault was precipitated by countless annoyances which, he claims, the local newsboys have undergone at the hands of certain colored men. Certain of the negro bootblacks, he said, frequently whistle to the "newsies," presumably because they wish to purchase a paper. When these men are approached, he said, they take a paper, look it over, laugh, and hand it back.

When he and another boy were walking past the shine shop the other evening, Myers said they heard a whistle. His companion questioned him as to its source.

"Oh, it's another one of those damn niggers," Myers said he answered.

Myers was apparently overheard for, he alleges, Hayes came out into the street and struck him in the face.

Hayes denies this.

"Never saw him—don't know him—don.t know nothing about it," Myers told Judge Unruh. He was informed that his contention was irrelevant at that time, and was asked to enter a plea.

"Don't want to enter no plea—don't know nothing about it. You've got no business to have me up here," the colored man informed the judge. Eventually he was prevailed on to submit a plea.

When Constable DeLong first asked Hayes to accompany him to the justice court, the colored man refused, it was stated. It was after the third verbal request that DeLong yanked him out of his shop by the nape of the neck.

Seen In The Crimelight

Everett, Wash., Feb. 4.—Four young bandits armed with revolvers and with handkerchiefs about their faces last night entered the Maize cafe here and carried away a sixty pound safe and contents, estimated at $70. When they attempted to escape their auto failed to start and they abandoned it, one of the quartette fleeing with the safe in his arms. The emptied strongbox was found a few blocks away. A dozen customers were in the place at the time of the holdup.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Carl Holling, pitcher last year for the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast baseball league, who had in his pocket a Detroit American league contract for 1921, was arrested here today on a charge of burglary. Miss Iva Woodworth said that Holling, by a key she left with a woman who said she was Mrs. Holling, entered her apartment and took $20 in coin and $40 in jewelery and clothing.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 4.—The heaviest sentence passed upon a woman in Utah for having liquor in her possession was meted out to Mrs. C. R. Jones, proprietor of a rooming house today, when she was sentencedt o six months imprisonment with the option of a fine.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 4.—The revolver which caused the death of Etta Hannah, an aged woman, here last night was identified today as the property of James H. Neven, 61, a prominent Nevada politician and mining man, who was arrested for murder shortly after the killing. Neven, who has been released on $5000 bail, refuses to make a statement.

Harlan, Ky., Feb. 4.—More than 89 hours after they began to deliberate, the jury trying Dr. H. C. Winnes for the murder of Miss Lura Parsons, school teacher, was dismissed today. The jury stood eleven for acquittal to one against.

Salem and Albany Team Will Debate at School Tonight

Ward Southworth and Kenneth Perry will comprise Salem high school's affirmative debate team whichtonight will meet an Albany negative team in the auditorium of the local high school at 8 o'clock.

The question, "Resolved, That Oregon direct primarylaws should be recaled," is said top hold great posibilities for argument.

Salem's negative team, composed of Robert Littler and Ralph Emmons left for Albany this afternoon to meet Albany's affirmative paidin that city this evening.

All persons interested in debate are invited to be present at the high school tonight, Principal J. C. Nelson stated.

Railroad Seeks To Float Bonds For $120,000,000

Washington, Feb, 4.—The Pennsylvania Railroad company asked the interstate commerce commission today for authority to issue $120,000,000 worth of gold bonds.

Of the fundst o be derived $20,000,000 would be used to purchase equipment of the Pennsylvania company, of which the railroad owns the majority of stock.

Charges Against Coach Cause of Pointed Retort

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Charges published in the Daily Maroon, a student paper, that the Chicago university basketball team's defeat by Michigan last Saturday was due to poor coaching drew the retort from Director Alonzo A. Stagg that "the purpose and aims of the athletic department are higher than the winning of contests and we are unwilling to lower those ideals in order to win."

He said the illness of two of the leading players was the main reason for the defeat.

Steinmetz, electrical wizard, says that in time, smoke will be entirely eliminated.

There are 65,000 Indian children of school age in the United States.

Woman Born in White House Now Lives in Colorado

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 4.—"The White House Baby" has taken up her residence in the suburbs of this city.

Mrs. W. S. Dell, formerly Marion Cleveland, daughter of the late President Grover Cleveland, and who has the distinction of being the only President's daughter to be born in the White House in Washington, recently took a residence in Broadmoor and will live here with her family indefinitely.

Mrs. Dell's husband, formerly of New York, is recuperating from the effects of injuries received while he was in France in the American army hospital corps. The Dells have one daughter.

Mrs. Dell declared that she will not attend the Harding inaugural ceremonies in Washington next March, although she has been present at the inauguration of several presidents.

For every thousand men employed in the steel industry there are 94 women employed.

Free School Book Bill Is Fight Center

Hot Debate Features Morning Session of Senate; Roosevelt Road Revived

Free text books for students in the elementary schools of Oregon furnished material for a lengthy debate in the senate this morning, action on the question being deferred until this afternoon when all members of the house will be present to record their sentiments.

The question came up on a divided report on senate bill number 19 by Senator Banks. A majority report signed by Senators Hume, Eberhard and Edwards favors passage of the bill. A minority report signed by Senators Staples and Gill opposes the move.

Material increase in taxes thru the free text book proviso was advanced by Staples and Gill in opposition to the bill.

Oregon had a chance to try out free text books under an optional law in effect from 1913 to 1915 and not six school districts elected to avail themselves of the privilege, Gill declared.

Banks, in urging support of his measure, asked the senate to complete the job of free education. If free schools and free teachers are proper then free text books are proper, he insisted. Pride prevented many poor families from availing themselves of county aid in obtaining necessary text books under the present law, he declared, and as a result many children were denied the right of an education.

Free text books were now in effect in twenty states, Banks stated, and in no case was there any demand for a repeal of the law.

The cost of text books when purchased by the school district had been found to be twenty per cent less than when purchased by the various families in the district, he insisted in answering the argument of higher costs.

That the Roosevelt coast highway which met with such hearty approval of the senate in its action on the Norblad-Hall bill Wednesday is by no means an assured fact as yet was indicated this morning when a motion for the recall of the bill from the house was offered by Senator Vinton. Action on Vinton's motion was deferred pending the arrival of Senator Hall and a bitter fight over the road program in general and the coast highway in particular is expected before the day is ended.

The first visible ripple on the apparently peaceful waters on which the coast highway was launched Wednesday appeared Thursday afternoon when Senator Thomas made a bid for recognition of the highway needs of the southern Oregon country with a bill providing for the construction of the Crater Lake highway and making available $1,000,000 from state highway funds for that purpose.

The proposed coast highway is known to be anything but pleasing to the highway commissioners who regard the move as an attempt to interfere with the state highway program.

Bills passed by the senate this morning include:

S. B. 205 by Hare—Amending section 1225, Oregon laws, relating to wills.

S. B. 215 by Banks—Relating to amendment of carriage contracts.

S. B. 202 by Yamhill delegation—Authorizing county court of Yamhill county to sell and convey to the state certain land in McMinnville for armory purposes.

S. B. 201 by Eberhard—Awarding costs to defendant in criminal action upon success of defendant on appeal to supreme court.

S. B. 212 by Nickelsen—Requiring that notaries public shall administer oaths in verification of claims against state without charge.

S. B. 161 by Hume and Thomas—Providing for appointment of trustee during delinquency of domestic or foreign corporation which has become disqualified from right to transact business.

S. B. 228 by committee on county and state salaries (substitute for S. B. 147)—Providing for traveling and hotel expenses of circuit judges in districts of more than one county.

S. B. 167 by Moser—Providing for attachment of foreign corporations or firms.

S. B. 168 by Hare—Providing for employment of paroled convicts in state prison wood camp.

S. B. 191 by Staples—Providing for regulation of sale of dairy bulls and creating a dairy bull registration board.

Salem and Newberg Basketball Quints Meet Here Tonight

Salem basketball enthusiasts are promised some real action tonight when the local high school five, with six straight victories to its credit, opens its attack against Newberg in the hopeof registering a seventh win. The game will be held in the local armory and will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

Remarkable improvement has been shown by the black and red tossers during the practice sessions of the last week and Newberg will be forced to present an exceptionally smooth aggregation if it is to win.

Living cost cut 5.6 percent in closing months of 1920.

Snapshots From The Sidelights

Conference to Reduce Navies Held Assured

International Meet To Be Called Soon After Harding Assumes Office

Washington, Feb. 4.—An international conference to discuss disarmament will be called by the United States, Chairman Butler of the housen aval committee, said today when the committee met to hear the views of prominent naval officers on the subject.

Chairman Butler did not say when the call would be issued, but from his line of questioning of iwtnesses it was assumed he thought the call would be issued soon after the inauguration of President-elect Harding with whom he recently conferred at Marion, Ohio.

Rear Admiral William S. Sims, war time commander of America's overseas naval forces, testified that with Germany's power crushed, all nations could reduce their naval armaments by half with safety. He added that he believed the nations would welcome a call for a disarmament conference.

Congress must determine national policies before naval officers can formulate naval plans, he said.

Heavy Horse, Lodged On Trestle Freed by Cops Here

Oregon Electric passengers, Salem bound, were delayed for a few minutes here early this morning while Officers Victor and White, of the Salem police force, endeavored to extricate a big horse from where it had become lodged between the ties on an Oregon Electric trestle on Mill street. Frantically kicking, the animal was finally dragged, unhurt, from the bridge which runs between High and Commercial streets.

The animal was reported to police at 5:50 this morning by H. A. Lundean, and it was 40 minutes later that the horse was freed, after a tie in the trestle had been chopped in two. Both hind legs were fast between the timbers.

"We'll have to stop the train," Officer Victor phoned Desk Sergeant Ellis. "We can't get him out."

"Lift him off," advised the desk sergeant.

Officer Victor wheezed belligerently. "Thunder," he shouted. "He weighs 2000 pounds."

The name of the owner of the animal has not been learned by the police.

The annual production of electric lamps in the United States is 130,000,000.

Co-eds Scared Officer Called, Prof. is Guilty

Night Desk Sergeant Davis swung around in his swivel chair as the phone tinkled in the police station late last night.

"Po-police? This is Lau-Lausanne hall," a feminine tremolo announced. "And there's—there's another man loitering around here. Will you send a poli-i-iceman?"

Fifteen minutes later Officer White noiselessly approached the Willamette girls' dormitory. Pausing, he glanced about in the shadows, dark, heavy, insidious, and suddenly he saw the figure of a man. He approached. "What's your name?" he growled, recalling past difficulties the co-eds had experienced with prowlers.

"Ebsen, G. Ebsen."

"What are you? And why are you hanging around here?"

The man in the shadows considered. "Why, I'm a professor of French and Spanish at the university—and I'm waiting for my wife."

Professor Ebsen was not arrested.

Editors as Wicked as Piano Movers

Albany, Feb. 4.—Chorus girls wild?—not so you would notice it. And editors saints?—H'm, it must be said they are not. Secretary of State John L. Lyons, from the records of those convicted of crimes in New York state, has compiled some mighty interesting information.

For instance in picking your friends you should know that clerks and chauffeurs as a class lead the ranks of those who break the laws most frequently. Chorus girls are more law abiding than waitresses. Editors move on the same plane in criminal statistics as piano movers. And milliners, honest to goodness, have a better record than teachers. In fact there were just as many teachers convicted of crimes as there were lawyers, imagine that.

Hot Words Pass In Battle Over Relief Hospital

Washington, Feb. 3.—Failure to provide safe and adequate hospital facilities for sick and wounded world service men provoked another sharp debate today in the senate. Offering a bill to appropriate $30,000,000 for new beds, Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, said he acted at the instance of a number of senators who were determined that action should be had at this session.

"Congress,' he said, "must redeem its obligations to former service men."

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, pointed out that the appropriations committee had amended the sundry civil bill so as to provide funds for five new hospitals and to enlarge existing ones. Surgeon General Cumming of the public health service had told the committee that the $17,500,000 appropriation proposed was all that could be spent next year.

Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, also denounced delay of relief to soldiers in need. "Now is the time for plain speaking—not soft words," he said.

The Arizona senator concluded by attacking the Langtry bill providing for new hospitals and fixing the locations.

"I thought the time for 'pork' had passed," he added. "This bill is a hollow mockery in so far as it provides relief for tubercular soldiers."

Three Jailed For Hospital Safe Robbery

Max Wallace, Jesse Jarvis, colored, and Asa Tyndale, said to be paroled convicts from the Oregon penitentiary, are held in Portland, charged with stealing and blowing a safe at the tuberculosis hospital here early yesterday morning. Sheriff O. D. Bower will go to Portland today to bring back the prisoners who, according to the Portland officials, had some of the stolen goods on them at the time of their arrest.

The hospital safe was battered open after it had been carried away from the hospital about one mile. After stealing property valued at several hundred dollars, the robbers left the safe lying in the middle of the road.

Entrance to the hospital was gained through the engine room. The safe, although quite large, was comparatively light and could be carried a short distance by two men. That it was loaded into an automobile after it had been carried from the hospital office is the belief of officers.

Sleeping Sickness Gains.

London, Feb. 4.—Reports of new cases of sleeping sickness have been made by physicians in this city and throughout the country, quite an alarming spread of the disease being shown. There are now more than 100 cases in London and 221 in England and Wales.

High School Teams to Vie For Title Here

March 10-11-12 Named by Mathews as Dates of Annual Basketball Tournament

According to an announcement made today by Coach Mathews of Willamette university, the annual state interscholastic basketball tournament, which is conducted under the auspices of Willamette university, will be held in Salem at the armory on March 10, 11 and 12. Twelve high school teams after having established their supremacy in home territories are to participate in the tournament next month.

The state has been divided into the following sections: Upper and lower Columbia river teams, upper and lower Willamette valley teams, upper and lower coast section teams, central Oregon, southern Oregon, eastern Oregon and Portland. Twelve teams are to be selected from these sections.

Teams Are Limited.

According to the plans of the university athletic association, each team participating in the tournament shall be limited to seven players. This ruling was adopted to equalize the strength of the teams; under this rule the distant teams have an equal chance with the teams which are near Salem. In previous years the teams near Salem brought 8 or 10 players, which enabled them to use numerous substitutes and save their players for the crucial games in the tournament. It is believed the rule limiting the entrants to seven players will eliminate this advantage of the local teams.

Expenses Partly Paid.

The Willamette university athletic association will furnish railroad fare one way, entertainment for the high school men while in Salem, and the balance of the gate receipts of the tournament will be disbursed pro rata between the teams participating. According to notices that have been mailed to the various high schools of the state, the records of the teams planning to participate in the tournament must in the hands of Coach R. L. Mathews not later than March 7.

Since the action of the northwest conference in abolishing interscholastic activities at University of Oregon and O. A. C., the tournament in Salem conducted by Willamette university will be the only interscholastic event in the state of Oregon. In the past years the interscholatic tournament in this city have proven successful and satisfactory, receiving liberal patronage from the people of Salem.

Last winter the Salem high school won the state hoop title at the tournament after a rigorous tussle with Lincoln high school quintet, the representatives of Portland interscholastic city league. It is the general belief that the Salem high school will again be among those contesting for the gonfalon awarded at the close of the tournament. The local team has not met a reverse this season, and are now traveling at a formidable clip.

Craig Elected To Head Irish Parliament

Ulster Unionists Select Party Leader to Be First Premier of Home Rule

Belfast, Feb. 4.—The Ulster Unionist council today elected Sir James Craig, M. P., leader of the party in the new parliament to be set up for Ulster under the Irish home rule act. Sir Edward Carson presided over the council session.

The election of Sir James Craig as the first premier of the new Ulster parliament means the virtual, though voluntary, retirement of Sir Edward Carson from his long standing leadership of "the loyal people of the six counties of Ulster."

Sir James has been in the imperial parliament since 1906. He was the right hand man of Sir Edward during the home rule crisis.

Sir James, who was made a baronet in January, 1918, for war services, was born at Strandtown, County Down, January 8, 1871. He served in both the southern African and world wars. He was treasurer of the royal household in 1917-18. n 1919-20 he was parliamentary secretary to the ministry of pensions, and later succeeded to the financial secretaryship of the admiralty, which post he still holds. Physically, Sir James is big, bluff and cheery, and is extremely popular in social circles.

New Yorkers Buy 5 Cars Oregon Prunes

In spite of the fact that competitors in New York city in the prune market are continually cutting the prices of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association in New York, telegrams received this morning from R. C. Paulus, who is in New York city, stated that during the past three days 300,000 pounds of Mistland prunes have been sold in that city.

It is felt that this is due largely to the fact that Mistland prunes are of a superior quality and also to the fact that the New Yorkers like the Oregon prunes on account of their large size and tart sweetness.

The telegrams received today announcing the sale by Mr. Paulus after canvassing the New York market is gratifying to officers of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association, especially as competitive interests had named prices under those quoted for Mistland.

It is evident that Mistland prunes can be sold on the New York market even when other prunes are offered at a lower figure.

A recent inspection of the bins of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association has shown that its prunes are keeping in fine shape. This is due to the fact that during the drying season, the association had its field men out co-operating with its members and insisting on thorough drying and careful packing and grading.

Lewis Again Elected Head Of Mine Union

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.—Official canvass of the recent vote cast for officers of the United Mine Workers of America, completed here today, showed the re-election of John L. Lewis, as president, by a majority of 66,730 votes over Robert H. Harlin, of Washington state. Philip Murray, vice-president, also was re-elected defeating Alexander Howat by 11,766. William Green was unopposed for re-election as secretary-treasurer.

More than 300,000 of the half million members of the miners union voted at the elections December 14 last in the coal fields throughout the United States and Canada. The exact vote was not announced, pending a verification of the canvass, which it was said may show minor changes.

Sundry Civil Bill Is Increased By Senate

Washington, Feb. 4.—Carrying $410,921,000, an increase of $28,437,000 over the house total, the annual sundry civil bill was reported today to the senate. Chairman Warren of the senate committee announced that he would call it up tomorrow. About $250,000,000 of the bill's total is for the benefit of former service men, including war risk, rehabilitation and hospital provisions.

The principal increases are $19,000,000 for the Muscle Shoals, Ala. power project and $17,500,000 for increased hospital facilities for war veterans, including $12,000,000 for five new buildings, exact locations to be decided by a committee. Expenditure of $600,000 to take over Forts McKenzie, Wyo., and Walla Walla, Wash., also is proposed.

Other additions voted by the senate committee included $750,000 for increased pay of the coast guard, and $200,000 for the national advisory committee of aeronautics.

Appropriations to the council of national defense, which the house struck out, were added to the bill.

The senate committee added an amendment for $150,000 to continue improvement of the Willamette river, Washington.

Oil Price Again Cut

Independence, Kan., Feb. 4.—The Prairie Oil and Gas company today announced another 50 cent cut in the price of Mid-Continent crude oil. This brings the price down to $2 a barrel.

Of the 27 men who have been president of the United States 19 attended college.

British India, Egypt and the United States produce 85 per cent of the world's cotton.