OREGON: Tonight and Tuesday fair, except rain northwest por tion, fresh southerly winds.

LOCAL: Rainfall .26; maximum 51; minimum 38, set 43; river 8.3 feet and falling.

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mistrial was declared today in the case of Sergeant Robert J. Lancaster, Alabama national guardsman, indicted in connecion Accomplishtion with the lynching of Wm. Baird, a miner, near Jasper, January 13, The jury had been out 38 hours when the fore-man reported an agreement Impossible and the jury was Manila, Feb. 7 .- Trail of non, Feb. 7.—The coun-

seventy-seven Philippine con-stabulary soldiers was started today on charges of murder in connection with a rlot here December 15 with the Manila police in which eleven persons were killed. The defendants were convicted on charges of sedition in connection with the riots and sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

Seen In The

Crimelight

Wrecked Ship Breaks Apart; Tugs Cast Off

team schooner Klamath, which was swept ashore early Saturday morning at De! Mar. 85 miles north of here, has broken in two and has been abandoned, according to a wireless message received here today by the coast guard service from its steamer, Unalga,

Tugs which had lines aboard have cast off. The passengers and crew wer

shin coat for which arrive in San Francisco tomorrow and itself has paid in Aside from slight cuts and bruises sustained while being transferred from the wreck to the rocky dities which are headland, they are in good condi-

Bomb Ruins **Building In Mexico City**

service agents were engaged today in collecting evidence which might lead to the arrest of men wies that of America, as in former days, bombed the residence of the arch- the fault was that of Germany. bishop of Mexico and the building occupied by Juergens and company der acrest but it is known several

The residence of the archibshop was badly damaged. The Juergens building was virtually destroyed by business of the principal and windows of houses across the firm national banks street were blown in. The upper ment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the factory, which is lacated in the residence section, was occurred \$12.764. Cupied by the families of the ownpart of the principal and windows of houses across the military establishments; a sentiment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the principal and windows of houses across the military establishments; a sentiment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the principal and windows of houses across the military establishments; a sentiment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the principal and windows of houses across the military establishments; a sentiment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the principal and windows of houses across the military establishments; a sentiment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the principal and windows of houses across the military establishments; a sentiment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the principal and windows of houses across the military establishments; a sentiment nevertheless deeply planted, shrewdly calculating and very persent of the principal and the principal a

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House Votes Federal Aid On Highways

McArthur Bill Ap propriating Sum of \$100,000,000 Passed by Wide Margin

Washington, Feb. 7. - A bill uthorizing the appropriation of \$1000,000,000 for road improveients during the fiscal year 1922 was passed today by the house 278

The measure also would make available for an additional two years federal funds already allotted to states for road work but not

Would Probe Strike Washington, Feb. 7 .- A resolution proposing congresional inves tigation of the West Virginia coal strike situation, including armed violence in the mining camps, was introduced today by Senator Johnson, republican, California, It was referred to the senate labor committee without discussion.

Winslow Bill Killed

Washington, Feb. 7.-The Winslow bill authorizing partial payments to railroads under the guarsection of the transportation net failed of passage today in the house. The vote was 200 to 111, A two thirds vote was required as the bill was taken up under suspension of the rules.

Smaller Navies **Held Necessary** To Save World

Washington, Feb. 7 .- An international agreement for limitation of armaments is absolutely essential to the avoidance of bankruptcy ial to the avoidance of bankruptcy impossible for the engineer to give by some of the more important nather required attention to all busiant measureless confusion and dis- that which is n tress, Representative Mondell of tection of the farmers on the pro Wyoming, republican house lender, jects, and also the purchasers of ir declared today before the house naval committee. If an agreement

to the increase rather than the decrease of armaments and warlike was badly damaged. The Jurgetts expenses which go expenditures and the one nation in the cost the following: the explosion of the infernal masarr Heavy. chine placed in front of it. Its en-lowing for the first tire street frontage was wrecked creases rather than decreases of

Danleis' ambitious program," Rep-esentative Mondell said, "we shall

Couple Married Forty-Two Years

Seeking Divorce
Lee, 14, student at a grammar
Claiming non-support and desertion. Mrs. Geanna Thomas has
filled a divorce complaint against
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hospital here today as the result. ner husband, W. E. Thomas of Sa- II was charged by his mother, Mrs

The couple were married at Stayton in 1879, and have lived there
beating administered by a man
and near Salem for a number of
years. His wife claims that Thomas
has choren to live separately for Wednesday, when a slaw washed men were said to have ridden in each car.

Radical activity has been increasing to about \$1.000 color of the total, surpagers here say that two communist congresses will be held this month, one in Mexico City and the other in Tampico.

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San Francisco, Feb. 7.—A district court condemnation appears to the

Accusations Charge Monopoly Enjoyed by California Bank In Purchase of Bonds and Dictation of Contracts on Cost Plus Plan

Elimination of State Engineer from Land Board Sought by Reform Backers

Introduction of the Gallagher resolution calling for an investiga-tion of irrigation district contracts the state engineer's office, and coupled with house bills 178-180, by the committee on irrigation eliminates the state engineer as secretary of the state land board and concentrates the responsibility of the office upon the governor and state land board and provides for the appointment of a "technicallly qualified hydraulic engineer' as state engineer, has begun what

promises to be one of the big fights of the session. It is the avowed intention of the irrigation district representatives to effect a reform in irrigation matters without ih any way interferring with the irrigation and drain-age laws of the state. It is alleged that one California bank has a mo-nopoly of the bonds, secured below par and dictates terms of contracts ipon cost plus basis, including leting of contracts, rentals of equipment. Importation of Mexican labor and other details, as a result of which the districts are unduly mulcted, the cost of construction doubled, and only a fraction of the bond money goes into construction. The matter will be given a hearing Tuesday evening before the com-

At present, it is claimed, the office of the state engineer is overnaded, so much work piled upon it, estimates of cost, with the various duties of control of water, certifi-cation of bonds, adjudication of streams, assistance to the state land board, the state board of health, and the foderal government, that it is unable to function. It is claimed that on account of the great bur dens which are now placed upon the state engineer that it has been

tives that on one of the bigest irri-gation projects which has been de-"It is our duty to lead the way."
he added, "because strangely enough we are the only great nation that since the world war has officially taken a position favorable ured on the cost-plus basis."

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Teacher Beats

Lad; Paralysis

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—Frank

Is Developing

Bill Asks Investigation

Representative Gallaguer of Malheur today introduced the fol-

WHEREAS it appears that about sixty irrigation districts, with a total irrigable area of 1,200,000 acres, have been organized under the laws of the state of Oregon, a very small percentage of which have been placed under irrigation through the operation of said

WHEREAS, about \$4,230,000 have already been spent in construction, and about \$70,000,000 will be required to complete all projects, and

WHEREAS, the state has certified as to the security behind \$5,400,000 of bonds already issued and guaranteed the interest upon bonds issued to the extent of \$3,542,500, and WHEREAS, about \$10,000,000 additional bonds already voted

have been, or soon will be, submitted to the state securities commission for certification and interest guarantee, and WHEREAS, the laws of this state provide that all such bonds

shall be sold for not less than 90 cents on the dollar, and WHEREAS, through the connivance of contractors and bond brokers and the making of cost-plus contracts these contractors and brokers have been permitted to defeat the law and make un warranted profits, thus throwing unfair burdens upon the land owners within said district, and

WHEREAS, certain of these districts, with the approval of the state engineer, have made cost-plus contracts, which caused them to pay the expense of transporting Mexican laborers from the border to compete with the Oregon labor paying taxes in this

WHEREAS, if the credit of this state and the interests of the investing public be protected, it is necessary that every safeguard be thrown around the organization of these districts and their projects be carefully investigated, and every precaution taken to ee that they are feasible, the water supply sufficient, and the lands covered by the proposed lien offer ample security for any bonds issued and sold to the public, upon the strength of the certificate of the State Securities Commis

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE that the Irrigation Committee of the House be authorized to make a thorough investiga-tion of all past transactions ecvering the organization of irrigation construction of works, and the sale of bonds, and any and all matters which will throw light upon existing conditions, and to this end may subpoens, swear and examine witnesses, and call upon any state official to appear before the committee and provide uch books and records as may be necessary for the enlightenment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report its findings to the House at this session, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any expense incurred in making this investigation be paid at the time and in the manner as other legislation expenses, by warrant of the Secretary State, upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee.

Bulletins

Medford, Ore., Feb. 7.-The handsome residence of J. S.

such necessary lumber as required; the district, provided free camp proved by the state engineer it is for camps and buildings, transporcited by the irrigation representa- tation for provisions, etc. The con-The and any profits arising out of this ition transaction went to him.

> Furnished Motor Cars. The district had to furnish three motor vehicles for use on the work.

grounds, water for stock and domestic purposes. This 15 per cent

The contract provided that the resulted in the shipping in of 300

Doubled and Projects Get Little of Bond Money

per cent of the livestock of Oregon was engaged in work. The freight and moving on and off expenses for all ofthis stock, together with all handling expenses, in addition to the rentals, was paid by the district from the time originally shipped until the work was completed and the stock and equipment returned. In addition to this, the district paid the cost of transportaion of Mexi-

an labor shipped from he border. Not satisfied with these profits, mong other things, the contract discriminated against merchants and permitted the conractor to operate a company store The contract specifically provided such profits. This contract, which was approved by the state engineer was so one-sided in behalf of the California contractors, who secured matters of business decision and authority to act vested in the hands of the contractor. When the proestimuted cost figured at \$922,000 had grown to the amount of certified bonds now nostanding, namely \$1,550,000. This project is only one of several which have been handled charged, had also been promised in a like manner, and after the certain local road improvement by in a like manner, and after the written approval of the state engi-

Sold for Less Than Par. is common information that irrigation bonds are sold by the districts at a price of about 90, althought interest is guaranteed by the state, when school bonds and other municipal securities, secured the same property as the district bonds, are almost invariably they sometimes yield a lower rat

Under the laws of this state, ir-igation and draining district onds cannot be sold for less than 90, but bond brokers meet this sitthrough manipulations in contracts, which can only be out over by the proval of the state engineer.

When a hearing before the com-nittee on irrigation is held, it is unterstood that the committee will profit did not only apply on actual to provide copies of all contracts and bond brokers and the districts contractor should furnish three mined just what abuses, if any team camps of 100 head each, and have been permitted, and better en that such stock should be shipped able the legislature to throw ever to and from the work in camps of safeguard around the future trans

Negro and White Woman Jailed On Washington, Feb. 7 .- Attorneys for Armour & Company and Swift & Company today filed with the district supreme Statutory Charge court a new plan for selling British stockyard interests. Previous plans proposing the sale of the yards to F. H.

Prince & Company of Boston had been disapproved by the A negro bootblack employed at ing colleagues.

e Salem shoe shining parlors. With eleven of the thirty sens. Vilas, six miles northeast of Medford was totally destroyed by fire early this morning at a loss of \$35,000, only partly covered by insurance. No one was injured. This is the second large ranch fire in the last six weeks, the \$30,000 home of

> Both are held in the city juil on statutory charges. No date has yet been set for their hearings. Whether they will be tried in the police court or justice court, au-thorities have not yet decided. The trial of Herman Hayes, a

The trial of Herman Hayes, a negro employed in the same shop with Brown, which was to have bave been held today in the justice court, was postponed by Judge Unroh until Wednesday. Hayes is charged with assault and battery on a Capital Journal newsboy. When arraigned last week pleaded not guilty and demanded a Jury trial.

Senate Overrides Wilson's Veto

Washington, Feb. 7.-The house resolution directing that army en-listments be stopped until the army was reduced to 175,800 men became a law late today over President Wilson's veto. The senate placed the resolution on the statue books by voting to override the veto. The house voted overwhelmingly to overturn the veto last Salurday. The senate vote was 67 to I. Senator Kirby, democrat, Arkanon, alone voted to sustain the

Girl Enters On Sixteenth Day of Sleep Siege

turning conscionsness.

Highway Bill Back By Vote Costs of Constructing Necessary Majority to Reconsider Measure Not Secured In Up-

per House, However

Senate Calls

Price Three Cents

The senate this morning by a vote of 18 to 11 voted to recall from the house senate bill 36, by Norbiad and Hall, making available \$2,500,000 for the Roosevelt coust highway. The action was prelimhighway. The action was prelim-inary to the ultimate slaughter of the bill which has met with violent opposition from the state highway commission. What action this exematic. On the face of the vote to ecall the measure, reconsideration of the senate's vote on the bill, which requires a two-third's vote

hardly appears practical. Speaking in defense of the hill Senators Hall and Norblad resented insinuations of "trade" which had the success of the bill on its first California contractors, who secured the work, that it left practically all the state highway commission, with matters of business decision and "the worst kind of lobbying" in an authority to set rested to the hands attempt to defeat the coast highway program.

Booth, it was charged by Norblad, had promised to Lincoln ty road funds aggregating \$1.640,ooo if the coast highway bill now with defeat. Lane county, he the highway commission if it would get out from under the Roosevelt highway.

Rising to a point of personal privilege Senator Hall took excep-tion to charges of "trade" which, had been made in connection with the coast highway program and ex-pressed his resentment of the posttion taken by the nighway commo

He denied any desire to interfere but declared that if his bill was killed he would use every means within his power to prevent the diversion of the \$2,500,000 authorisal for expenditure on the coast road by vote of the people, to the genment. This money, he insisted, had been voted for use on the proposed Roosevelt highway, and could not

The about face of the senate on accompanied by many explanations on the part of the individual sena-tors who have found occasion to change their mind since the bill was put through the upper house nst week.

prefaced his yote for the recall with an expression of confidence in Commissioner Booth:

only wanted such additional facts as might be advanced at a further consideration of the bill.

Senator Lachmund inslated that he had been persuaded to vote for the bill under a misapprehension of the facts while Senator Thomas dmitted that he had gotten into the wrong camp in lining up with the coast highway program and expressed his willingness to est crow along with the rest of his cre-

the Salem shoe shining parlors, 315 State street, who gave his name as D. H. Brown, and a white woman about 28 years of age who says here name is Irene Bradley, of light street, Portland, were some of the senators insist upon their right to table the bill in the event of their failure to reconsider the move others contend that such a course is not open except. er the move others contend that such a course is not open except when a bill is up for consideration. callure to reconsider the vote of he vote of the senate will autosticulty send the bill back to the ouse it is contended,

Settlement Of Irish Problem Again Sought

Dublin, Feb. 7 .- Interesting ruoors are circulating in Dublin today regarding fresh efforts the gov rument is reported to be making o effect a settlement with southrn Ireland. The belief is growning that an important development may come to light when parlinent reconvenes,

"According to one report the government is trying to bring the Ulster leaders into line with a well formulated scheme to persuade the south to accept the partition prowork under it. This version has it that the pribe to be offered for acreptance is a grant of full fiscal autonomy to both sections of Iro-and. This would be coupled, so our as the muth is concerned, with

orisoners and grant amousty to light republicans generally, includ-ing members of the Irish republi-can army, and even men "on the Negotiations to this and are now proceeding, it is said, between Mr-

Venice, Cal. Feb. 7.—Ethel Ham proceeding, it is said, between Mr. mer, 15, high school student, to be contend the sixteenth day of a steps of sleeping sixtaess. Her physician said there was no sign of restriction on the outcome of which depends whether the plan will be formally agreement.

House Members Furnish Material For Five-reel Thriller

