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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Sunday. Probably light rains near the coast. Strong west winds.
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HUGHES QUILTS THE CABINET

PIERCE OUSTS ROSS: NAMES SUCCESSOR

Deposed Commissioner To Fight Removal—Appointment Surprise To Veatch.

Portland, Or., Jan. 10.—John C. Veatch, Portland attorney, has been selected by Governor Walter M. Pierce as successor to Tom W. Ross as state fish commissioner, the Portland Telegram says today.

The Telegram quotes Ross as saying he would fight his removal in the courts.

"I've got to be seen by my lawyer right away," he declared on being informed by the Telegram of Veatch's selection.

"The governor preferred charges against me and then proceeded to act as judge, jury and executioner at his own hearing. His decision now allows the matter to be taken into the courts where it will be decided on by judicial minds not swayed by absurdities, tears and prejudices."

Veatch is quoted by the Telegram as saying he had no knowledge of the impending appointment until last night.

"I am going into the office bound by no promises and with no strings tied to me and I shall concern myself solely with doing what seems to me to be the best thing to do for the interests of the state," said Veatch.

Veatch is a native of Lane county and a graduate of the University of Oregon in 1907. Following graduation he taught in Washington high school and studied in the Oregon law school, being admitted to law practice in 1912.

For four years he served as chief assistant United States prosecutor and resigned about a year ago to go into practice with Joseph, Honey & Litchfield, with which firm he is now identified.

Governor Confirms. In confirming today the report that he had removed Dr. Thomas (Continued on Page Seven)

WHITEHOUSE "Y" ARCHITECT

Architects' plans for the new Salem Y. M. C. A. building will be completed in approximately six weeks, and work on the building will begin shortly after, according to statements made by Y. M. C. A. officials this morning.

At a meeting of the executive board last night Morris Whitehouse of Portland was chosen architect for the building, with Kenneth Legge, of Salem, associate. Sherman W. Dean, national Y. M. C. A. official, is working with the architects at Portland today.

Fear that some of the features of the building will have to be eliminated from the plans has been expressed. Mr. Dean has stated that the building as planned cannot be erected for \$135,000, the sum stated by officials to be available for the purpose.

BE CAREFUL ACCIDENTS IN SALEM THIS YEAR THIS WEEK

Emma Godfrey reported to the police today that her automobile collided with the car of an unidentified driver at Court and High streets. The report placed no blame for the accident.

LEGISLATOR ARRIVING FOR 1925 SESSION

Vanguard of Lawmakers Drift In; Everything Ready For Opening At 11 o'Clock Monday.

Their desks fully equipped for pending action by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, and his corps of aides, members of the thirty-third Oregon legislative assembly will swing into action here Monday in their biennial wrangle with the laws of the state.

Promptly at 11 o'clock Monday morning, or theoretically so, the big clocks in the senate and house chambers will be set into motion and the session of forty days and forty nights will be under way.

The stage is all set and the solons should get away to a flying start, although there is little indication that early plans to close the session in thirty days will materialize.

That kind of talk, as usual, looked practical immediately after election, but subsequent developments have injected so much latent dynamite into the program to enable anyone to seriously consider adjournment before the expiration of the 40-day limit.

Rapid Progress Likely. Everything, however, presages rapid progress during the first few days, and there appears to be no reason why the two houses should not be ready to get down to serious business by Tuesday morning.

The election of officers and the organization of the two houses will be but a formality, with Senator Gus Mosser and Representative Rudwick already sitting tight in the presidency and speakership. Both have their organizations well worked out, and are understood to have their committees ready for announcement.

By Monday afternoon both or (Continued on Page Seven)

GRAFT RAMPANT CUSTOMS SERVICE

Washington, Jan. 10.—Investigation of conditions in the customs office at Honolulu, has resulted in the conviction of one customs agent named Bilsland and the indictment of four others.

The investigation was said in treasury department advices today to have been under way secretly for ten weeks and to have disclosed a "very bad situation."

Assistant Secretary Moss in charge of the customs service said the treasury did not yet know the scope of an alleged conspiracy uncovered by the investigators, through which the government was declared to have been defrauded of a good many thousands of dollars. He expects further disclosures.

\$3,017,733 is Cost Of State Institutions For Past Biennium

The total expenditure for all purposes made through the state board of control for the biennium 1923-1924 was \$3,017,733.93, according to the biennial report of the board, which was made public today. This is an increase of \$217,511.82 over the expenditures of the previous biennium, which totaled \$2,800,222.11. Of the expenditure for the biennium just closed \$2,213,040.22 was spent for general maintenance of institutions and \$804,692.81 for special purposes.

The average daily population and monthly per capita cost of the 11 state institutions over which the board has control were: Oregon state hospital, 1839, \$17.25; eastern Oregon state hospital, 656, \$16.39; state penitentiary, 420, \$33.14; institution for feeble-minded, 74, \$15.65; train-

ing school for boys, 156, \$32.67; tuberculosis hospital, 130, \$46.19; school for the blind, 43, \$39.86; school for the deaf, 121, \$31.11; industrial school for girls, 61, \$25.83; soldiers' home, 111, \$35.87; employment institution for blind, 92, \$72.22.

The population of four institutions is reported as exceeding their capacity. The state hospital for the insane with a capacity of 1800 patients has 1864. The state training school for boys, capacity 120, has 181 inmates. The state tuberculosis hospital has 153 patients, or three more than capacity. The girls' school has a capacity of 65 with 73 inmates.

The only important recommendation of the board is that where the training school is moved to (Continued on Page Nine)

Kansas Governor Accused of Taking Bribe For Pardon



JONATHAN M. DAVIS

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL MEET COUNTY COURTS

County Commissioner J. E. Smith of Marion county, secretary and treasurer of the county judges and commissioners association has completed programs for the annual convention to be held in Portland January 15 and 16.

The convention was held in Salem last year. Commissioner Smith announced the program for this year's session today as follows:

Thursday morning—Address of welcome, Mayor George L. Baker. Response by Judge H. E. Cross. Roll call and introduction of members.

Thursday afternoon—Address by Governor Walter M. Pierce on "Oregon and Its Future." Address by R. L. Sabin on "County Finances." Address by Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer, on "State Highway System."

Friday morning—Address by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, on "Traffic Regulations." Address by T. B. Kay, state treasurer, on "State Finance." Address by Stephen A. Lowell on "Law Enforcement."

Friday afternoon—Address by H. B. Van Duzer, on "Road Maintenance." Question box and resolutions. Report of committees. Election of officers.

Friday evening—Banquet at Benson hotel. Music by orchestra and quartette.

BOWL OF GOLD FISH CAUSE OF A FIRE

Newark, N. J., Jan. 10.—A bowl of gold fish was stated by the fire department yesterday as having caused a fire in the home of Dr. Morris Zimmerman. Inquiry showed that the rays of the sun focused through the glass bowl heated a seat of a chair until it burst into flames.

Mr. Day said further that no understanding between the Southern Pacific and the northern lines had been reached concerning use of the Eugene-Klamath cut-off, or an interchange of traffic over it.

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Kephart's report was made following a hearing last summer in Portland on the application of the Oregon public service commission and various communities and shipping interests east of the Cascade mountains for an order requiring the railways to build a line from Burns to Bend and for an extension of railway facilities from Bend to Klamath Falls and Lakeview line.

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BANKER BUYS PARDON FOR \$1,250 CLAIM

Kansas City Newspaper Exposes Prison Scandal Involving Governor Through His Son.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press)—Kansas political circles were agog today with the allegation that Richard G. Davis, son of Governor Jonathan M. Davis accepted \$1250 and delivered a pardon to Fred W. Pollman, former president of a Kansas bank and convicted forger.

The transactions took place in a hotel room here and were exposed by the Kansas City Journal, whose representatives in conjunction with Pollman had set a trap for the governor's son.

Governor Davis, whose term expires next Monday, admitted his son had been " inveigled into accepting the money," and asserted the affair "was a frame up by political enemies to get me."

Governor Davis' explanation of the scene of the hotel room did not agree with the story related by the Journal reporters present.

The Journal's version was: Young Davis who was 28 years old, accepted \$1000 from Pollman while two Journal representatives, a shorthand reporter and several other witnesses listened in adjoining rooms by the aid of a telephonic device hidden behind a curtain in Pollman's room. Receiving the \$1000 payment, the governor's son left the hotel and returned with the pardon and then received an additional \$250. He was then confronted by the Journal reporters and the other witnesses. When threatened with arrest, the governor's son returned the \$250 received on delivery of the pardon (Continued on Page Ten)

RAILROADS FAIL TO AGREE UPON CENTRAL OREGON

Portland, Or., Jan. 10.—Ben C. Day, attorney for the Southern Pacific here, who was back today from San Francisco, where he attended a conference of railway officials considering the railroad situation in central Oregon, said no conclusion was reached regarding construction of either a Bend-Klamath Falls or Klamath Falls-Lakeview line.

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AMERICA TO WAIT 2 YEARS FOR MONEYS

Belgium Given Priority In Reparations—Allies In Agreement Upon All Questions.

Paris, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press)—The first provisional agreement on the settlement of the United States war damage claims was reached this afternoon by the British and American representatives in attendance at the conference of allied finance ministers here, according to announcement made by Winston Churchill, the British chancellor of the exchequer.

The American delegation at the conference of allied finance ministers has agreed that the beginning of payments on United States war damage claims can wait for two years until the Belgian reparations priority is paid, according to French sources.

In addition, it was stated, the delegates of the six big powers, including the United States, have practically reached an accord on all the questions before them. These solutions will be put in shape by the experts for consideration by Tuesday's plenary session of the conference.

The nature of these solutions, Mr. Churchill announced would be kept secret until finally adopted. It was added that the Anglo-American provisional agreement was subject to the approval of Washington.

In announcing the tentative settlement of the various basic problems before the conference, Mr. Churchill gave the impression that ratification by the various governments was practically certain.

A member of the United States delegation confirmed the announcement that an agreement had practically been reached and said that Washington had been asked to approve its terms.

KANSAS OUTLAW KU KLUX KLAN

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press)—The Ku Klux Klan was outlawed by the supreme court of Kansas today. Putting an end to a battle that has been waged between klan and state for more than two years, the supreme court handed down a decision sustaining the state's plea and ousting the klan from Kansas.

The contention of Attorney General Charles B. Griffith that the hooded order was operating for profit and therefore would require charter authority from the state quarter board, was upheld. Attorneys for the klan had contended that the purpose of the order was benevolent and as such would not need a corporate charter.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Appointment of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, now an assistant attorney general, to the vacancy in the federal court for northern California, is understood to be under consideration by President Coolidge.

Mrs. Willebrandt, who has been in charge of prohibition cases in the department of justice, called on Mr. Coolidge today and although no official announcement was made, there were indications that her nomination as the first woman to sit as a federal judge might go to the capitol shortly.

There has been a disagreement among California members of congress regarding the appointment, however, and immediately after word of the possibility of Mrs. Willebrandt's selection reached the capitol, Senator Shortridge, republican, of that city, left his office for the White House.

A former practicing attorney in Los Angeles, Mrs. Willebrandt was appointed assistant attorney general at the outset of the Harding administration. As an outgrowth of her supervision over liquor cases she has become the inevitable storm center of a number of serious controversies and has been instrumental in the discharge of a number of district attorneys and assistant district attorneys who disagreed with the justice department over liquor prosecutions.

The latest incident in which she figured prominently was that of Assistant District Attorney Van Riper of New Jersey, who was forbidden by her to have anything to do with the prosecution of Mrs. Wechsawken rum cases and who subsequently was forced out of office.

APPOINTED UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL



CHARLES BEECHER WARREN

Washington, Jan. 10.—The nomination of Charles Beecher Warren of Michigan to be attorney general was sent to the senate today by President Coolidge.

It is understood that Mr. Warren, a former Ambassador to Mexico and to Japan and for years one of the leaders of the republican party, has indicated he will accept the cabinet place in succession to Attorney General Stone, recently appointed to the supreme court.

RODGERS ESTATE VALUED \$84,420 BY APPRAISERS

The estate of George F. Rodgers is valued at \$84,420, according to an inventory made by Joseph H. Albert, W. L. Needham and E. F. Slade, appraisers, filed in probate court. Off this amount \$74,000 is in personal property and \$8,700 in real property. The real property is virtually all in Oak Lodge addition including about 40 blocks in that subdivision.

Personal property includes 200 shares in the First National bank of Salem valued at \$24,000, 13 shares in the Washington Nursery company valued at \$1300; 1500 shares in the Albert estate, valued at \$1250; two shares in the Rodgers Paper company, valued at \$200; one share in the Capital City Creamery, valued at \$25; 24 shares in the Court apartments, valued at \$15,000; 988 shares in the Marion Realty company valued at \$30,000, and 750 shares in the West Fair company, valued at \$2500. It is understood his ownership of the Rodgers building at High and Furry is covered by the shares in the Marion Realty company of which he was practically the sole owner.

DEFALCATION OF CASHIER CLOSES BANK OF CHELAN

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 10.—The Miners and Merchants bank of Chelan, Wash., was closed this morning by order of the state department of banking. "Orders were given for the closing following the disclosure of Examiner F. R. Amende of a defalcation of \$45,000 by Cashier Van Slyke," J. C. Minshull, banking supervisor, announced.

This bank was organized in June, 1907, and has been recognized as being one of the best conducted and most conservative institutions Mr. Minshull said. "On December 21 the bank had deposits of \$270,223.12 with a capital of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$45,000. At that time it had a cash reserve equal to 45 per cent of its total deposits and a secondary reserve equal to an additional 10 per cent.

"Unless a complete check discloses defalcation of a greater sum than is indicated at this time there will be no loss to depositors."

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KELLOGG TO HEAD STATE DEPARTMENT

Hughes To Quit March 4 And Present Ambassador To England Named As Successor.

Charles Evans Hughes has resigned as secretary of state and will be succeeded by Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota, now ambassador to Great Britain.

The resignation of Mr. Hughes will be effective March 4 when he completes four years as head of the state department. Mr. Kellogg is expected to take office immediately thereafter.

The prospective cabinet change was announced late today at the White House. Mr. Hughes, it was said, desired after 20 years of public life, interrupted only for a short period, to return to private life.

In his letter of resignation Mr. Hughes expressed to President Coolidge his "deep appreciation of the confidence you have reposed and of the privilege of serving under your leadership."

Mr. Coolidge repited with an expression of regret and of renewed confidence in his retiring secretary.

The news of Mr. Hughes' withdrawal from the cabinet just at this time surprised the capital. It had been understood for some months that he desired to recoup his personal fortunes by again engaging in the practice of law but recently his friends had said he probably would remain for at least another year in the official family of "resident Coolidge."

LANDIS CLEARS BASEBALL CHIEFS IN BRIBE GRAFT

Chicago, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press)—Official records of Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis' investigation of the New York Giants bribery scandal of 1924, made public today, disclosed nothing involving any baseball officials.

The stenographic record of Landis' interrogation of the players named as alleged participants in the attempt to "throw a game" revealed that the commissioner found no evidence against any one except Cory Dolan, Giant coach and Jimmy O'Connell, Giant outfielder.

Dolan peremptorily declared he had no recollection of any suggestion to O'Connell, as alleged by the latter, to offer "Heinie" Sande, Philadelphia shortstop, not to play too hard against the Giants' club, which was in a crucial position in the National league pennant race.

The record shows that the commissioner told O'Connell that his own confession was sufficient to put him out of baseball. Landis also told O'Connell that Dolan's attitude was the reason for putting him out, despite Dolan's denials.

BITTER COLD IN CAUCASUS

Tiflis, Georgia, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—One hundred persons and thousands of cattle have frozen to death during the unprecedented cold weather now prevailing throughout the Caucasus.

In several cases shepherds and farmers who went to the fields to tend their sheep or cattle, were frozen with their flocks.

Driven from their mountain shelters by the fierce cold and lack of food, great droves of antelope and wild boars have invaded the plains and valleys only to perish in their tracks.

In the Alexandropol district of Armenia, where Americans of the Near East relief are caring for thousands of orphans, the thermometer registered 32 degrees below zero.

The Caucasus has not experienced such bitter cold for a century and it is feared the effect on the crops will bring a famine next year.

KLAN DRAGON GRANTED CONTINUANCE FOR PLEA

Denver, Colo., Jan. 10.—A continuance until January 20 to plead to charges of kidnaping and conspiracy in connection with the alleged forced marriage of Keith Boehm, 19, to Miss Mae Nash in his office last Tuesday night, was granted Dr. John Gatten Locke, grand dragon of the Colorado realm of the Ku Klux Klan by Judge Ben H. Lindsey in juvenile court today.

Forks Fire Loss \$80,000. Port Angeles, Wash., Jan. 10.—Fire early today practically destroyed the business district of Forks, a small town west of Port Angeles, according to word received here. Only one building was left standing. Damage was estimated at \$80,000.