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THE WEATHER OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Colder in the north and west portions tonight. Strong west winds.

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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

PIERCE ASKS FOR MANY LAWS

LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED IN BOTH HOUSES

Moser Elected President of Senate and Burdick Speaker of House; Few Contests For Positions.

The thirty-third legislative session is on in full swing this afternoon with harmony prevailing for the time. Organized in record time the senate was ready for action promptly at noon, but the machinery was not quite so smoothly oiled in the house where a contest for the post of calendar clerk temporarily blocked the routine, and it was well past the lunch hour before Speaker Burdick entertained the motion for adjournment until 2 o'clock, the hour set for the joint session to receive the message of the governor.

There is every indication, however, that the harmony bird will soon be flitting hither and thither in its search for a place to roost. Governor Pierce dropped several tons of dynamite right in the center of the assembled solons this afternoon, touched off the time fuse and left it to sizzle while the legislators dig themselves in for the explosion that is certain to follow.

Organization of the state senate was completed at three minutes before 12 o'clock today and President Moser had put the first order of business when Senator Ritter moved adjournment until 2 o'clock this afternoon. At that time the governor's message will be heard at a joint session in the hall of representatives.

All preliminaries, including temporary organization, went off according to card. Permanent organization did likewise with the exception that President Moser lost his program and as a committee to notify the governor that the senate was organized and ready for business appointed Strayer, Kinney and Zimmerman instead of Strayer, Maglady and Miller.

Moser received 23 of the 30 votes for president. Joseph voted for Senator Sam H. Brown of Marion, and Moser himself, out of courtesy, voted for Corbett.

Corbett placed Moser in nomination. He mentioned that the senate has before it much important legislation.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS CLASH OVER ALTERNATE

A sharp clash of opinion occurred at the meeting of the Oregon presidential electors here today over the question whether an alternate messenger to Washington could be elected, with Harriett Lane Richards on one side and the four male members on the other side.

M. C. George was elected messenger by ballot. Three votes were cast for him, one for Mrs. Richards and there was one blank. George is not in good health and because of a doubt whether he would be able to make the trip, Mrs. Richards insisted on the election of an alternate, and stated that she wanted to be elected. After Secretary of State Kezer had read the law, Daniel Boyd, J. O. Stearns Jr. and A. W. Cowan held that an alternate could not be elected legally, while Mr. George did not express himself. Mrs. Richards accused them of refusing to consider that she had a voice in the question.

While certificates are being prepared Attorney General Van Winkle will be asked for an opinion on the question. The law appears to provide that in event the messenger cannot make the trip a special messenger must be dispatched from Washington to the state in question and bring in the vote.

SEEK PROTECTION OF INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Inquiry Into Moore's Action In Permitting Reissuance of Defunct Policies Asked.

Inquiry into the action of Will Moore, state insurance commissioner, in approving and allowing the reissuance of insurance policies in the defunct Coast Mutual Fire Insurance company was handed over for reissuance in companies represented by Budd W. Jones & Co., of Portland, with the promise that policy holders in the defunct company who accept the reissued policies will be released from their mutual liability, will probably be the focal point of the demands of insurance men of the state for a legislative investigation into the affairs of the insurance department, it was indicated here today.

The insurance men in laying their case before members of the legislature charge that Mr. Moore not only approved, but engineered the deal whereby the business of the defunct company was turned over to the Budd Jones company, by whom Myrton Moore, son of the commissioner, is employed, and ask that it be determined whether or not Myrton Moore profited in any manner by the business thus accruing to the Budd Jones agency.

Commissioner Moore, according to the complaints of the insurance men, had no legal or moral right to so transfer this business without first having been authorized to do so by the court, and without specific approval and order of a court had no authority to release, or approve, the same.

HOUSE PASSES 3 RESOLUTIONS

Three resolutions were passed upon by the house at its first order of business after organization, one introduced by Representative R. E. Bennett of Multnomah county provided for the supplying of copies of the Oregon code, statutes, and newspapers for the members of the house.

A second, introduced by Representative Fred J. Meindl, of Multnomah, called for a joint session of the house and senate at 2:30 p. m. today to hear the governor's message.

The third was introduced by William F. Woodward, of Portland, calling for adoption of the proposed child labor amendment of the federal constitution, was referred to the resolutions committee.

Legislative Sidelights

Senator Upton will introduce a bill providing for the creation of an antelope refuge in Lake county as a means of preserving that class of game.

A closer regulation of dance halls in non-incorporated centers will be the aim of an amendment L. L. Swan, Linn county, hopes to have made to the present law. If adopted, it would be necessary for a dance hall proprietor to obtain the signatures of twelve citizens of his school district on his application for license.

Fred L. Gifford, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Oregon, is among those who are circulating in the lobby. Gifford is here to keep an eye on legislative affairs from the angle of the "invisible empire," and has established headquarters at the Marion hotel.

A. H. Lee, former secretary of the state fair board, was down from Portland to attend the opening sessions of the legislature.

Newspaper Men Solve Mystery of Klamath Murder

Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 12.—How two Klamath Falls newspapermen, commissioned as special state agents by Governor Walter M. Pierce, made an arrest and obtained a confession concerning the killing January 4 of Oscar Erickson in the robbery of a card room, was revealed here today when officers arrested two men and held them under a charge of first degree murder.

A posse is now closing in upon a lonely cabin in which the alleged actual killer is reported to be hidden and other officers in this city are searching for two other members of the gang named in the confession which the newspapermen obtained from John Taylor, 26. Taylor is the son of a pioneer family of Jackson county.

The two men who arrested Taylor and obtained his confession, are W. H. Perkins, news editor of the Klamath Falls Evening Herald, formerly of Salem, and Tom Malarky, a reporter for the same newspaper.

SHERIFF TO SELL MAUSOLEUM FOR \$41,743 OWED

Paris, Jan. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—The entire war claims of the United States, both for its occupational forces in Germany and for damages sustained—roughly \$25,000,000 yearly out of the proceeds of the Dawes plan of reparations and the payments will extend over about 25 years.

Paris, Jan. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Allocation of 2 1/2 per cent of the receipts from Germany under the Dawes plan, beginning with the first annuity, to payment of American war damages, is the first definitely settled point in the discussion of the inter-allied financial conference.

The other points in which the American delegation is interested are in a fair way toward the settlement to the satisfaction of Washington, but considerable more negotiation is necessary and the chances are that the elementary meeting of the conference, which was postponed from today until tomorrow, may be put off another day.

The share to be reserved to the United States will decrease the percentages of the allies, France ceding the greater part, or 1 1/4 per cent, but it is pointed out that extension of the period over which the occupation expenses were spread under the Wadsworth agreement compensates largely for these concessions, as it will take 50 per cent less from the reparations payments.

The decrease in percentages will be further offset by the fact that within a couple of years, after Belgium has been paid her priority in full, the Belgian percentage will fall from 8 to 4 1/2 per cent.

SEEKS RATIFICATION OF CHILD LABOR BILL

A joint resolution calling for the ratification of the proposed child labor law amendment to the constitution of the United States was filed this morning with Fred Drager, chief clerk of the house, by William F. Woodward, Multnomah county.

ARREST DAVIS AND SON FOR TAKING BRIBE

Retiring Governor of Kansas Personally Appears In Court In Answer to Warrants.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Governor Jonathan M. Davis of Kansas personally appeared in court here today to answer to warrants sworn out by County Attorney Tinkham Yeate charging him and his son, Russell, with accepting a bribe.

The bond for each defendant was set at \$1000 and a hearing was set for Friday, January 23 at ten o'clock.

Governor Davis had not decided whether he would attend the inaugural ceremonies this noon for his successor, Governor-elect Ben S. Paulen. He had prepared a brief address to be delivered as retiring executive but his attorneys differed in advising whether he should attend.

AMERICA TO GET SHARE OF GERMAN COIN

Rome, Jan. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—So peacefully did the chamber of deputies resume its sessions today that the event came as an anti-climax. The galleries were crowded in anticipation of great excitement. Instead the sitting proceeded with the greatest calm.

The premier this morning presided over a council of ministers to decide on a plan of campaign for the parliamentary session in the afternoon.

In the evening he is to preside over the grand fascist council in the hall of the capitol of the Palazzo Venezia. This meeting is today down rays for upholding and applying fascist principles in the light of the present political struggle.

CELIA BOLLMAN DENIES CHARGES

Celia Bollman, former secretary to Governor Pierce, most emphatically denied allegations made in the second amended complaint of Alice Bozell in alienation proceedings that she was registered at a hotel on different occasions with Fred Bozell, husband of the plaintiff.

In fact she denies each and every allegation to the second amended complaint of Mrs. Bozell by published charges of liquor drinking by members of congress, Representative Tillman, democrat, Arkansas, urged the house today not to dignify them by authorizing an investigation to determine their truth.

Killed by Explosion

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 12.—One person was believed killed and 15 were injured when a new boiler being steamed up in the Long Beach steam plant of the Southern California Edison company exploded here today.

Envoy to Britain Who Succeeds Hughes As Secretary of State

Speaking generally, Marion county's legislative delegation fared quite generously in the distribution of committee assignments announced by the president of the senate and speaker of the house today.

No important chairmanships are assigned to the local members, but the county is given representation on practically every committee having a hand in the shaping of legislation vitally effecting this section of the state.

In the upper house Senator Brown is assigned the chairmanship of the committee on penal institutions, of which Senator LaFollett is also a member, and draws down places on the committees on county and state officers, public lands and irrigation.

All Get Chairmanships In addition to his customary place on the ways and means committee Senator LaFollett is assigned the chairmanship of the committee on horticulture, and will sit as a member of the committee on municipal affairs, penal institutions and public buildings.

ITALIANS FAIL TO STAGE RIOT

London, Jan. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—London is again fog-bound. The worst fog in many years yesterday caused a number of street accidents and some deaths. Traffic stopped almost entirely. Scores of omnibuses were parked along the curbs.

There were numerous collisions between buses in which passengers were injured. One bus was overturned. The fog in some places was impenetrable for more than two yards, and lamps or flares were of little use.

An airplane with passengers left France in sight yesterday, but upon nearing London found the land invisible. The pilot picked up the airframe by the tops of the radio masts which pierced the fog zone. He landed safely, but the passengers were immediately lost, as the visibility was limited to five yards. It took the airman some time to locate the machine.

ROBBER JIMMIES HIGHLAND STORE

A prowler was seen in Doe's store at Highland avenue and Fair Grounds road last night shortly after midnight, by Charles Rice, who lives on Fair Grounds road. Mr. Rice reported to the police station and investigation proved that the store had been broken into by a "jimmie," used to punch a hole in the door, but the burglar was not there.

Lee C. Ruffe, now being held by the police, was picked up in a small car at Highland avenue near the Fairgrounds road by officers Olson and Wiles shortly after the attempted robbery, burglary, and an assortment of burglar's tools were found in his possession. The license number of the car was 51,450, which proved to be first by T. J. Hannah, 325 1/2 First street, Portland.

FIGHT PROMISED DAILY TAX BILL

One of the early fights of the session will be over Governor Pierce's veto of the Daily Inheritance tax bill of the last session.

COMMITTEE BERTHS ARE ASSIGNED

Marion County Delegation Fares Generously In Distribution of Plums In Both Houses.



Frank B. Kellogg

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INDIFFERENCE NO CAUSE FOR DIVORCE HERE

Merely because a wife was cold and indifferent toward her husband and has refused to live with him as his wife since last November, is not ground for divorce in this state and so Judge McMahon told Robert D. Lee in circuit court today when refusing to grant Lee a divorce, although the wife had defaulted in answering to Lee's complaint.

ASK CHANGE IN BIRD SEASON, EASTERN OREGON

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—Richard W. Price was absent from the regular monthly meeting of the state game commission today.

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INVITES PROBE OF PROHIBITION EXPENDITURES

Governor Walter M. Pierce read his message before the senate and house in joint session in the house chamber at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Senator Moser, president of the senate presided, and the gallery was packed with spectators. The governor posed for the regulation flashlight just before he began his message. The governor walked around the house during the recesses greeting old friends and shaking hands with strangers.

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In addition to his customary place on the ways and means committee Senator LaFollett is assigned the chairmanship of the committee on horticulture, and will sit as a member of the committee on municipal affairs, penal institutions and public buildings.

Allocments in the house give chairmanships to all of the Marion county representatives. Reynolds heading the committee on labor and industries, McCallister the committee on corporations, Settlemier the manufacturing committee, and Wilson the committee on counties. The other committee assignments of the local representatives are as follows:

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