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THE WEATHER  
OREGON: Unsettled local snows east.  
Rain west tonight and Thursday. No  
change in temperature.  
Local: Max. 46; min. 39; rain, .19;  
river, 8.5; atmos., cloudy.

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 12 SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

# SENATE PASSES SHOALS BILL

## FIGHT LOOMS ON ROAD AND AUTO BILLS

Pierce's Commission and Committee Members Back of Auto Association Proposals to Clash.

By Harry N. Crain  
With proposed bills effecting automobiles and roads, buses and trucks, licenses and fees pouring in from half a dozen angles, legislation of this type promises well to bring forth some of the most heated battles of the present session, and the usual drab and colorless meetings of the roads and highways committee hold out the prospect of some interesting displays of vocal pyrotechnics.

It now appears that the sessions of this committee will see two weighty and thoroughly organized aggregations in open clash on some vital issues, not so much on what is to be done as how it shall be done. Shifting their forces first to one side and then the other as the focal point shifts from one subject to another will be the minor groups of automobile dealers, truck men, stage operators and the like.

## SIX INDICTED FOR CRIMES IN POLK COUNTY

Dallas, Jan. 14.—Six indictments four open and two secret, were returned by the Polk county grand jury this morning in a supplementary report.  
The grand jury recommended the parole of Robert Weiser, Floyd Calhoun and Monroe Washler, indicted on the charge of burglary of a store in Falls City a month ago, to someone else than their parents. They are youths of eighteen and nineteen years, all ex-reform school inmates. Judge Ramsey is inclined to disregard the recommendation.  
Harry McKenzie was charged with statutory rape. The girl was fourteen years old. He is a married man of 23. Frank Cooper, arrested October 16, is charged with the same kind of crime with a fourteen year old Alcie girl. He is out on bail.  
Robert Sutphin, also indicted, was arrested a month ago also on charges of statutory rape. A fourteen year old girl of Ballston is named.

## FARM BOARD VISITS COOLIDGE

Washington, Jan. 14.—Desiring to present to congress at the earliest possible date recommendations as to farm legislation, President Coolidge invited members of his agricultural commission to the White House today for a breakfast table discussion of views of the commissioners as thus far developed.  
Chairman Croy of the commission announced after the conference that the commission's report on relief for the cattle industry would be completed during the day and transmitted to the president. The recommendations have not been disclosed officially, but it is understood they will urge increased credit facilities and a tariff on hides and leather.  
The breakfast discussion related to the whole work of the commission, the prospects for early completion of the work and the legislation needs to carry out the commission's recommendations.

## REPARATION DISTRIBUTION AGREED UPON

All Powers Represented at Inter-Allied Conference Sign Agreement Closing Most Successful Meeting

Paris, Jan. 14.—(By Associated Press).—All the powers represented in the inter-allied financial conference today signed the agreement regarding distribution of the Dawes annuities.  
Rumania and Italy signed with reservations.  
Limitation of the American damage claims to \$550,000,000 was stricken out. This was the only change made in the text of the agreement before its signature.  
Signature of the convention brings to a close what has been by common consent the most successful inter-allied meeting since the armistice.  
This result is attributed to the example set at the beginning of the conference by the American delegation and the British chancellor of the exchequer, Winston Churchill—an example of moderation, good will and determination to effect a settlement.  
Everyone seems satisfied that order has been evolved from chaos at the expense of the least possible sacrifice to each of the participating nations.  
Even the smaller powers, notably Rumania, whose situation is undeniably hard, go away with the conviction that their interests

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## AGED RECLUSE BADLY BEATEN BY FOOT-PAD

Roseburg, Jan. 14.—Billy Brown 75 years of age, a resident of the Canyonville vicinity, was attacked, bound and gagged by an unknown assailant today who attempted robbery, and is lying in a critical condition at Deer Park Inn, a resort about three miles south of Canyonville.  
Brown who lives alone in a small tent house in the canyon, has been known for years to keep a large sum of money near him at all times. His savings have been carefully hoarded and according to rumors have been buried in various places in the vicinity of his tent home. He has been employed as a carpenter on many small jobs in recent years and is well known in the southern part of the county.  
Early this morning an unknown man appeared at his tent and asked for a hammer. He said that his car had broken down and that he wanted a hammer to make repairs.  
As the old man turned away he was struck behind the ear and knocked down. His assailant leaped upon him, bound and gagged him and placed him upon his cotting him securely. The tent was thoroughly ransacked, but a purse containing \$1500 located in the bed upon which the old man was bound, was overlooked, although the blankets were searched.

## Woman Seeks \$2000 Damages for Assault Made as Xmas Gift

Clara B. Fee, wife of George Fee, on whose home place not long ago was discovered one of the largest stills ever picked up in Marion county, secreted in a deep well under the house, has filed action in circuit court against Henry B. Blair, to collect \$2000 she is asking for damages because of an alleged assault upon her by Blair.  
The assault charge was something in the nature of a Christmas present, as she says it occurred on December 25, last year. She declares that Blair, in her home, struck her face and body, that he beat her on the head, pulled her over the stove burning her in several places on the body and hands and bruising and cutting her to

## Mrs. Sweetin Begins Long Prison Sentence



MRS. ELSIE SWEETIN

## Mystic Number 13 Luck Charm For Sam Botts

Thirteen has no terrors for Sam Botts, motorman on the Salem street railways who is celebrating his 30th birthday today.  
For thirteen years he has been a motorman on the street car lines and when he retires has a 13 acre ranch to settle on east of town. He just missed by one day his birthday being celebrated this year on the 13th but that doesn't worry him, either. He is motorman on the Commercial street car lines and says he feels 13 years younger than he did 13 years ago.

## HOUSE QUILTS AFTER SESSION OF HALF HOUR

The house adjourned after a half hour session this morning during which four new bills were introduced and previously read bills referred to various committees.  
Appropriation of a fund of \$30,000 is sought for construction of an armory at Forest Grove in a bill introduced into the house this morning by the Washington county delegation in the house and senate. Provision is made in the bill that an equal sum would be raised by private subscription.  
The law requiring that analysis of all culverts for municipal, county and state construction be filed with the secretary of state before being offered for sale would be repealed by house bill 29, introduced by Cowgill, Jackson county, this morning.  
House bill 28 introduced by the joint roads and highways committee at the request of the governor's special committee would provide the funds derived from the two-cent gasoline tax would go to the state highway maintenance fund and not to the general highway fund.

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such an extent she was compelled to remain in bed for a week and thereafter to remain in the house for several days. She says she is not yet entirely recovered.  
She asks for \$2000 in general damages, \$50 for cost of treatment and \$30 for loss of her services to her husband.  
Lester Fee, who was granted a precept by Governor Pierce a day or two ago from the county jail to attend the funeral of his father, is a brother of Mrs. Fee's husband. The still found on her place, Lester Fee, claimed belonged to him and that his brother or his brother's wife knew nothing about it. The brother was picked up with Lester, but was liberated after questioning.

## BONUS LOANS OF \$773,200 MADE HERE

318 Ex-Service Men Purchase Property Through Commission in Marion County.

Three hundred eighteen loans for the purchase of property in Marion county have been made by the state of Oregon through the state bonus commission to ex-service men of Oregon, according to W. P. Simpson, secretary of the commission, in his biennial report.  
Of these loans in Marion county, 141 are for farm property, to the amount of \$361,800, and 177 are for city property, to the extent of \$411,400, or a total amount of \$773,200.  
Applications have been received from 33,986 ex-service men for cash bonus or loans since the establishment of the commission, June, 1921. The first cash bonus was paid in March, 1922, and the first loan was made in May, 1922.  
Of those applying, 22,781 asked for cash, while 11,205 asked for loans on real property.  
"We have actually paid 21,815 cash bonus claims, to the amount of \$4,711,621.12," says Mr. Simpson. "The last cash bonus was paid at the end of the year 1923, and the last loan will be made at the end of June, 1924."  
The total number of loans made throughout the state is \$912, involving \$11,555,700, according to Mr. Simpson.  
The commission has rejected 1257 applications.  
Foreclosure proceedings have been authorized on 98 pieces of property on which the commission has advanced loans, including 74 farm loans, and 24 city property loans. In this group, 15 cases were settled before completion of foreclosure proceedings. Forty four foreclosures have been completed, and the state has owned 24 farms and 10 pieces of city property to the amount of \$114,990 thereby. In addition, 12 pieces of property, 12 of them farms, have been deeded to the state, worth \$26,500.  
There is now undergoing foreclosure proceedings on 30 farms and nine city properties, worth in all, \$24,100.  
The commission is leasing six pieces of property, on which rent is being received, and three farms are being occupied on which no rent is being paid.  
Thirty four pieces of land reverted to the state are lying idle, including 31 farms, and 3 pieces of city property.

## UNIFORM ROAD LAW BILL FOR STATES FAVORED

The Hall joint resolution calling for a joint committee to confer with similar committees from the legislatures of Washington and California with a view to enacting uniform rules relating to speed, lights and other phases of automobile travel received a favorable report of the committee on roads and highways. It provides that the committee if possible report at this session, but if not possible to report at this session it shall report at the next session. On motion of Joseph the resolution was tabled pending further study.

## WASHINGTON GOVERNOR DENOUNCES AMENDMENT

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 14.—Departing from his prepared inaudible address, Governor Roland H. Harley dwelt upon his reasons for his opposition to the ratification of the child labor amendment.  
"Imagine a boy 18 years old and not working," Governor Harley declared. "Why, that fellow (Harley said 'son of a gun') wouldn't be fit to live." Referring to his speech against Governor Harley, referring to the proposed amendment, said, "can you fathers and mothers imagine that I'll tell you that they would have a sense of a time with me if I were young enough to raise any more children."  
The printed state budget was placed on the desks of legislators today. It comprises three tables. One of these is the group of activities supported in whole or in part by direct appropriation by the legislature. The estimated requirements of these activities as presented to the commission amounted to \$8,362,548. Of these requests the commission recommends appropriations totaling \$5,527,596. It refers to the legislature without recommendation requests aggregating \$1,711,143.  
Another table covers activities supported in whole or in part by continuing annual appropriations and by mortgage taxes, aggregating \$14,619,257.36 estimated for the biennium.

## ADVOCATES OF CHILD LABOR LAW ASK SESSION

In the hopes of winning over enough lawmakers to pass the joint resolution calling for adoption of the proposed child labor amendment to the federal constitution, representatives of a number of Portland women's organizations are endeavoring to obtain a joint session of the two houses for next Tuesday night to present arguments in favor of the measure. Representative Woodward, who introduced the resolution, is sounding members this morning in the hopes of arranging such a session.  
Mrs. J. W. Fowler, president of the Consumers' League of Oregon, communicated by telephone with Meindl of the house resolutions committee this morning, with the view of arranging such a joint session for Tuesday night. Meindl declined to take action until the membership was sounded on the matter.  
"Such a session would create precedent for other legislation matters," explained Meindl.  
Snow at Pendleton.—Snow fell heavily but intermittently in Pendleton last night and early this morning but in the city itself was coming rapidly. A few flakes were melting down later this morning.

## CHINAMAN GETS \$1350 DAMAGES FOR ASSAULT

Dallas, Or., Jan. 14.—John C. Young, Chinaman, was awarded damages of \$1350 after the jury deliberated for 30 minutes yesterday, in the case in which he was suing August Bannach for \$10,000 damages for assault committed in October. The case was over a bill. Bannach is a deputy sheriff and constable at Grand Ronde, Polk county.

## Jazz Mad Maid Murders Mother To Go in Movies

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Anna Ellington, 47, a housewife, lies dead today with a bullet hole through her head, while the police of the state are searching for her daughter, Dorothy, 18, who has fled.  
The girl, described by her relatives and the police as pleasure loving and impatient of restraint, is supposed to have disappeared about the time that her mother met death. She had filled a suitcase with her "best clothing, leaving the remainder scattered about in disarray.  
The tragedy was discovered by Earl Ellington, brother of the girl, when he returned from work in the drug store, where he is employed as a clerk. His mother's body was lying across a bed. Nearby was a pistol with two cartridges discharged. One of the bullets had gone wild. The other had struck the victim in the back of the head.  
The girl is believed to have fled to Los Angeles where a friend is said to be employed in a motion picture studio. Besides her clothing she took \$10 in currency and a \$25 money order.  
The supposed waywardness of the girl caused the father, Joseph Ellington to separate from his family and move elsewhere a month ago, the police said.  
"Jazz mad," was his description of his daughter's love of life and adventure.  
"Mother and Dorothy could never get along," Earl Ellington told the police. "Dorothy wanted bobbed hair and fancy clothes. She was overflowing with enthusiasm and 'pop.' Mother opposed her bitterly. But Dorothy was determined to play."

## FILE PROTEST AGAINST PIERCE TAX ON SALMON

Protest against Governor Pierce's recommendation for an additional half cent a pound tax on all salmon caught within the waters of Oregon was lodged with the chief executive by the Wholesale Fish Dealers' association of Oregon today. Clyde Chase of Reedport, secretary of the association, presented the protesting resolution adopted by the fishermen.  
The resolution points out that the tax would not be paid by the consumer or by the wholesaler, but would be passed on to the fishermen.  
"Imposition of the tax would work a gross hardship and injustice upon the commercial fishing industry of the state insofar that it would result in unfair competition and strikes," the resolution declares.  
The document then points out that no change in the present half cent poundage tax levied by the state of Washington is contemplated. Were the governor's recommendation carried out by the legislature, thereby setting the Oregon poundage tax at one cent a pound, a differential of 50 cents per hundred pounds would be levied against Oregon dealers.

## ASK \$2,500,000 OVER REVENUES FOR BIENNIUM

Appropriation requests submitted to the state budget commission and recommended by the commission to the legislature, together with those that are submitted to the legislature without recommendation amount to \$2,501,912.32 in excess of the estimated revenues accruing to the state during 1925 and 1924 under existing laws, namely the direct property tax and all other sources to which the 6 per cent constitutional limitation does not apply.  
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## PLANS OUTLINED FOR PROBE OF CLEAVER'S PROHIBITION BUREAU

Plans were quite definitely laid here today for an investigation of the state prohibition department as it has been administered by George L. Cleaver. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Senator Garland, chairman of the committee on alcoholic traffic, will call his committee together and it is probable that the investigation plans will crystallize at that time. It is expected that as a result of the making a resolution will be introduced by the committee calling for the investigation. The members of the committee are Garland, Elders, Butler, Hays and Johnson, and there is no doubt that the resolution will have the signatures of all of them.  
It is understood that the state

## PIERCE PROMISES FISHERMEN JOB

That the next member of the state fish commission to be named by him will be appointed from the district along the coast south of the Columbia river was the promise given by Governor Pierce last before noon today to the delegation of fishermen who waited upon him to protest against increased poundage taxes on fish.  
"I'll promise to name a man from your district, that is, from Tillamook south, to fill the next vacancy, which will occur in June," the governor said. Commissioner Kendall's term expires then.  
"As for the tax, everyone believes that the only equitable tax is the one that someone else pays. It is up to the legislature to say where revenues are coming from. As for myself, I believe that every industry should be self-supporting."

## FIFTH STATE REJECTS CHILD LABOR LAW

South Carolina Solons Unanimous Against Measure; Five States Reject to Two Ratifying

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 14.—The proposed twelfth amendment to the constitution, relative to child labor, was rejected by the South Carolina legislature today. The senate and house adopted a resolution refusing to ratify it. In each case the vote was unanimous.  
Chicago, Jan. 14.—(By Associated Press).—Action on the child labor amendment to the federal constitution by legislatures of 14 middle western states is expected soon, according to reports from state capitals received here today. Five of these state bodies now have the measure before them and half a dozen others expected to vote as to whether they favor enactment as the twentieth constitutional amendment a law regulating the labor of minors under 18 years of age. Two states have ratified and five rejected the amendment.  
Supporters of the effort to prevent exploitation of childhood where deemed detrimental to the child and the future of the race, are urging early action in the legislature. Industrial and farm organizations are opposing the amendment.  
Discussion of possible referendum on the proposal is heard in Ohio, Michigan, South Dakota and Kansas, the governors of the latter two states having recommended its submission to the voters. Massachusetts, by referendum, disapproved the amendment.  
The proposed amendment is pending before the North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Missouri legislative assemblies.  
The proposition is expected to come up in the legislatures of

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Under the house bill, the Henry Ford offer for the Shoals establishment would have been accepted. This offer, however, has been withdrawn since the house acted. The vote today however at least means a temporary end to the senate fight which has been in progress since this session began. The roll call showed fifty senators in favor of the Underwood bill to thirty opposed.  
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After two hours debate the Jones substitute was rejected, leaving the Underwood measure intact for the time being at least. The vote was 43 to 38.  
The McKellar substitute was immediately voted down.

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The bill is patterned after the law now in force in the state of Washington and provides that the banks shall be non-profit institutions, with the rate of interest to be paid deposited depending upon the earning of the banks.  
Oregon banks and bankers, Representative Gordon declares, have shown a marked lack of interest in the stimulation of home building through convenient financing methods.  
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