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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled, probably rain tonight and Wednesday. Slight temperature changes. Fresh southerly winds.
Local: Max. 54; min. 41; rain. 17; river, 7.6; atmos. cloudy; wind, south.

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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1925

PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

MUFFLER ON CLEAVER PROBE

PARALYTIC MURDERER MUST HANG

Supreme Court Upholds Conviction of Arthur Covell, Astrologer; Giles Conviction Sustained.

Arthur Covell, bedfast paralytic and famed as an astrologer, must die by the rope. Only action by the governor can save him from the gallows. In the lower court for Coos county, Covell was convicted and sentenced to be hanged for conspiring with his nephew, Alton Covell, a minor, to kill Mrs. Eliza Covell, wife of Dr. Fred Covell. The doctor is a brother of the condemned man, Alton Covell, the boy, who was found guilty of doing the actual killing by suffocating the woman with ammonia, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The alleged crime was committed September 3, 1923. For years Arthur Covell has been a bedfast invalid, and throughout the years that he has been in bed he has made an exhaustive study of astrology. This he has continued during the many months that he has lain on his cot at the state penitentiary. It will now be necessary to take the death sentence can again be passed upon him. The opinion of the supreme court was written by Chief Justice McBride and it affirms the conviction of Judge John D. Kendall's court.

10 LIVES LOST SOUTHERN FLOOD

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 20.—With the list of dead and missing standing at 10, railroad and motor traffic demoralized and the heavy property loss sustained, the crest of the flood, which has been acute in several southern states since Saturday night, today was believed passing. In southern Georgia, where the menace and damage probably has been receding, many streams were flooding.

HUGHES UPHELD BY PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Hughes' statement denying that the Paris agreement involved the United States in European commitments is held by President Coolidge to cover the issue which has been raised by the irreconcilable group in the senate. The president holds no commitments were undertaken by the United States under the settlement and that Secretary Hughes has made clear the whole question. All that remains, the president feels can be considered as unimportant gossip. Mr. Coolidge previously has indicated that he regards the Paris settlement as fair to the United States in that it recognized the justice of American claims for war damages and imposed no obligation beyond the receiving of payments. The impression given at the White House today was that the president is disposed to look upon the Hughes statement as the closing of the matter.

PIERCE TO OF DUNN BILL OVERRIDDEN

Governor Suffers First Defeat When House Follows Senate Lead In Inheritance Exemption.

Governor Pierce this morning suffered his first decisive defeat of the session when the house, following the lead of the senate yesterday afternoon, passed the vetoed Dunn bill of the 1923 session exempting from inheritance taxes estates left to established charities. The bill refers particularly to the Bernard Day estate of about a million dollars, left as a fund to assist students of Lake county in getting an education in the state university, agricultural college and the normal school. Representative Peirce and Shumway cast the only negative votes. The bill is the second to be passed by the house. Woodward, Hamilton, Cowgill, and Hammond spoke in favor of the measure, Pierce arising to oppose its passage.

The committee on medicine and pharmacy reported in favor of house bill 45 by Woodward, Multnomah county, providing for physical examination of children in the elementary schools of the state. House bill 38 providing for repeal of the six mill limitation in taxation in school districts of more than 100,000 was reported favorably by the committee on assessment and taxation. The measure was introduced by the Multnomah county delegation. It is designed for the relief of Portland school district No. 1. The property qualification for voters in school elections where taxation or bonding measures are to be acted upon would be removed by house bill 75 introduced by Woodward, Multnomah county.

WHIPPING POST BILL INTRODUCED

The whipping post may appear in Oregon with its stalwart wielder of cat o' nine tails. Robert C. Wright, a Portland attorney, has written Representative Bennett, Multnomah county, asking that he introduce a whipping post law to be used in punishing male narcotic peddlers and persons who, carrying arms, enter building or public places with intent to rob. Punishment would not exceed fifty lashes. Bennett has referred to proposed bills to the public health and morals committee of the house. "I do not think the punishment suggested too severe, but I fear that many persons would question the method," explained Bennett.

Ma Ferguson Takes Oath of Office as Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—(By Associated Press)—A woman sits today in the seat of power where since the birth of Texas only men have sat. A kiss bestowed on the state's oldest official bible, an oath to uphold the laws, a promise to consecrate her life to her state and Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson of Temple, Texas, became the first woman governor of the Union's largest state. Team work is to be the motto of the Ferguson administration, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson declared in her inaugural address here today. "Recognizing and freely admitting my inexperience in governmental affairs," she said, "I must

First Outpost of Whites in Valley In 1812 Located

A historical secret, located in the bosom of time for more than a century, has been probed and brought to light by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Oliver P. Coshow in locating the exact spot on which was established the "Wallace House," the first outpost of civilization in the Willamette valley, according to information just received by the chamber of commerce from J. Nelson Barry of Portland, secretary of the Trail Seekers. The Trail Seekers is an association incorporating for the purpose of ferreting out historic places, incidents and localities of the past. This first American settlement in the Willamette valley, located in 1812 by William W. Wallace, as an official of the Astorian farm just north of the Bush farm position on the Oregon Electric but a short distance from Salem, according to the discovery of Justice Coshow, who has spent considerable time in delving into the matter, Mr. Barry writes. At this post supplies were gathered such as venison and other natural products which were prepared and sent to Astoria for the support of the central establishment of the expedition as there was not enough game near the mouth of the Columbia to supply the large number of Americans gathered at that point. The Wallace House was also the place where extra men were sent when the number at Astoria was greater than could be maintained at that establishment, the Willamette valley being called by them the "Garden of the Columbia." For a century or more, Mr. Barry writes, the exact location of the

WALSH REPORT ON OIL ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

Washington, Jan. 20.—After rejecting a minority report, 42 to 28, the senate today adopted the majority report on its oil inquiry by a vote of 49 to 30. The report adopted was that drafted by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, the prosecutor of the investigation, approved by all members of the oil committee except five republicans. The minority report signed by five republicans held that Edwin Denby and Theodore Roosevelt were blameless in connection with the naval oil reserves. Administration republicans voted solidly for the minority report, while the democrats and the republican insurgents opposed it. The republicans who opposed the minority report were Senators Borah, Brookhart, Couzens, Johnson, California; Norbeck and Norris.

WANT LIGHTS ON LIVESTOCK

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20.—Nebraska's livestock may be placed in the same category as any other street vehicles, insofar as traffic is concerned, under a bill introduced in the house of representatives by Representative M. H. Brown. The bill would require that all livestock whether being driven in herds or singly, at night on public roads be required to wear "warning lights" to be displayed both in front and rear of the animal. The purpose of the bill is to protect motorists from running into herds and to protect the livestock as well.

\$3,000,000 SNOW IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 20.—Another snow storm swept New York today, causing the marshaling of 417 plows and between 10,000 and 12,000 shovellers to keep the main thoroughfare open. The snow was approaching a depth of 6 inches before the full force was in action shortly before daylight. The work of removing the snow fall was made more difficult by the fact that remnants of the last snow storm, which cost the city approximately \$3,000,000, remained in some side streets despite the labor of the street cleaning forces.

RESTRAINT ON SPECIAL COPS IS REQUESTED

District Attorneys Urge Limit Be Placed Upon Pierce's Power to Name Irresponsible Agents.

By HARRY N. CRAIN District attorneys of various Oregon counties visiting the capitol building on one pretense or another during the past week have been drawing to the attention of legislators the fact that in the introduction of corrective measures dealing with prohibition enforcement they have yet made no move to remedy the fundamental evil of the existing system of enforcement by special officers. Abolition of the present prohibition enforcement department will do little to relieve the abuses that have grown out of the system now in force unless some check is placed upon the governor's authority of issuing commissions to special agents, the prosecutors point out.

SENATE PASSES MEMORIAL FOR CHERRY TARIFF

Without a dissenting vote the senate this morning passed the house joint memorial approving the house yesterday memorializing the Oregon delegation in congress to urge the establishment of a 3 cent tariff on cherries. The morning session of the upper house was brief and adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock. Senator Staples introduced a bill to do away with constables in Multnomah county and place all their work under the sheriff's office. He explains that under the present system there are two constables in Multnomah county, each with a large retinue of salaried deputies. Another bill introduced by Staples today provides \$5 a day compensation for appraisers of estates. He declares that, particularly in Multnomah county, appraisers are paid exorbitant sums for work of very short duration and become a convenient political factor. The Hanks bill providing for an appeal to the circuit court from orders of municipal officers revoicing licenses in soft drink establishments, hotels, etc., which were slated for third reading today, was re-referred to the judicial committee for correction.

PLAN TAX UPON EXEMPT SECURITIES

Tax would be levied on tax exempt securities of level of their inheritance under terms of house bill 79 introduced this morning by German, Multnomah county. The rate is set by the terms of the measure. The rate would range from 1 to 12 per cent depending on the amount inherited. On \$10,000 the rate would be 1 per cent; on \$20,000, 2 per cent; on \$30,000, 3 per cent; on \$40,000, 4 per cent; on \$50,000, 5 per cent; on \$60,000, 6 per cent; on \$70,000, 7 per cent; on \$80,000, 8 per cent; on \$90,000, 9 per cent; on \$100,000, 10 per cent; on \$200,000, 11 per cent; on \$300,000, 12 per cent.

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CECIL OPPOSES AMERICAN PLAN AGAINST OPIUM

Geneva, Jan. 20.—(By Associated Press)—After tonight's adjournment of the international opium conference Vicecount Cecil of Chelwood told the press that he deemed the present situation in the conference critical and declared he would oppose the American proposal to abolish opium smoking in the Far East within fifteen years. Geneva, Jan. 20.—(By Associated Press)—Accusing Lord Cecil of Chelwood of slandering the American people when he alleged they were consuming more opium than the people of India, Stephen G. Foster of Pennsylvania today became the center of the most dramatic session in the international opium conference yet held. The stern rebuke administered by the head of the American delegation was followed by Lord Cecil's immediate withdrawal of his allegation and expressing his profound regret that he had been misled into making an untrue statement. The conference had scarcely recovered from the tension over the Porter-Cecil incident when it was again thrilled by Mr. Foster's appeal for the west to cease exploitation of the east in opium and by his solemn warning that the world was threatened with bolshevism. Col. Dosch Fractures Hip Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—Col. Henry E. Dosch, 54, state secretary of the G. A. R. and secretary of the state board of horticulture, suffered a fractured leg near the hip yesterday when his fell caught in a revolving door at the First National bank and he was thrown to the sidewalk. He was taken to a hospital.

PATCH HOLE ON SUNKEN SHIP

Work of patching the hole in the hull of the Relief, will steamers that sank in the Willamette river at the foot of Court street during the cold snap in December was started this afternoon. A plank will be fastened above the canvas and the water pumped out. The ship was raised a considerable distance yesterday. Officials in charge of the project have stated that the Relief will probably be run to Portland under her own power. The engine will be cleaned as much as possible after being pumped dry, and the trip down the river will take place about Friday morning. The diver went down again this afternoon, fastening a piece of canvas over the hole. A plank will be fastened above the canvas and the water pumped out. The ship was raised a considerable distance yesterday. Officials in charge of the project have stated that the Relief will probably be run to Portland under her own power. The engine will be cleaned as much as possible after being pumped dry, and the trip down the river will take place about Friday morning.

Navy Needs a Driver to Make Officers Work Declares T. A. Edison

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