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THE WEATHER
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SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1925

PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

ASKS BAN ON INCOME TAXES

PROHIBITION DEPARTMENT IS ASSAILED

Committee To Wait Upon Legislators To Request Abolition of Office Held By Cleaver.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 23.—Sheriffs of the state in session here today decided to ask the legislature to abolish the state prohibition enforcement office now held by George L. Cleaver.

They passed a resolution setting out their belief that local authorities can enforce the law in every part of the state in the sheriffs and district attorneys are given a larger share of dry law violation fines.

They then proposed to name a committee to lay it before the law making body.

Circuit Judge Walter H. Evans, who was formerly district attorney here, told the sheriffs the state would do well to abolish all bureaus for enforcement of special laws and turn their duties over to the local authorities.

"But the enforcement of any law," he declared, "cannot precede public opinion."

The sheriffs also took a fling at W. J. Herwig, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, because of a film shown by the league in churches and before other assemblies.

The film depicts supposed dealings between a crooked sheriff and a dry law violator.

Cleaver's recent report, in which the state officer claimed credit for most of the fines collected from bootleggers and moonshiners was hotly discussed, but nothing was done about it.

One sheriff started to berate the federal dry authorities, but he was suppressed.

Mrs. Martha Randall, of the Women's Protective division of the Portland police department, asked the convention to endorse a bill now before the legislature, regulating dance halls in small communities.

"Federal prohibition operatives have been directed to work with county sheriffs and other duly elected law enforcement officers, but they will not operate on warrants issued to officers of the state prohibition department," said Dr. J. A. Linville, federal prohibition director in his address before the sheriffs yesterday afternoon.

After a long and scrappy debate one of Senator Brown's trespass bills got through the senate today while the other two were tabled for further consideration.

OIL SWINDLE FRAUDS TOTAL \$5,000,000

Bischoff Declares 4900 Out of 5000 Have Faith In Him—Has Only \$2 In Bank.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 23.—Raymond B. Bischoff, held here for Chicago authorities on charges of jarceny and embezzlement involving the fleeing of hundreds of investors in oil and mining projects, declared that 4900 of his 5000 clients still have confidence in him and these 4900 will get their money back.

Bischoff stated that dispatches giving the amount involved in his transactions as \$3,000,000 were conservative, and placed the correct amount at between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. "The 4900 are going to get their money back, though," he said. "They have my personal notes for the amounts they were loaned and these notes do not fall due until 1926."

However, he admitted that at present his account in a Los Angeles bank shows only about \$2 on deposit.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Preparation to prosecute Raymond J. Bischoff, arrested yesterday in Los Angeles on charges of having swindled upwards of 5000 persons, mostly foreigners out of approximately \$4,000,000 today included an investigation of any political connivance of his escape two years ago after his release on bonds.

Bischoff, who has agreed to return here without extradition proceedings was quoted as saying that some high officials here aided his flight with funds. His trial will be started as soon as possible after his return here, State's Attorney Crowe said.

SENATE FAVORS LIMIT ON FEES OF APPRAISERS

The Staples bill providing that the compensation of appraisers of estate shall not exceed \$5 a day was passed by the senate today.

Senator Klepper was the first to oppose the measure. He declared that in half the cases in Multnomah county no charge whatever is made and that, rarely is the charge more than \$3 a day.

He added that cases occasionally arise in which it is necessary to charge much more.

Senator Joseph supported the bill. He declared that the condition in Multnomah county is scandalous and that some judges are accused of building up political machines. Bank supported the bill.

Klepper moved that the bill be tabled as a personal favor to him that he might investigate it in Portland. There was no second.

Only Klepper and Moser voted against the bill.

OPPOSITION TO STONE ASSUMES PERSONAL TURN

Washington, Jan. 23.—Additional opposition to the confirmation of Attorney General Stone to be a supreme court justice developed today in the senate because of the move by the department of justice to return here a second indictment against Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana. There were indications that the matter would be made the subject of senate debate.

ECLIPSE TO BE STUDIED

Photographs of Tomorrow's Observation of Sun in Northeast To Be Taken from Dirigible.

New York, Jan. 23.—Eastern states fortunate enough to be in the path of totality were awaiting today for the phenomenon which will tomorrow plunge this section into temporary darkness during the first total eclipse of the sun it has witnessed for 450 years.

Fair weather has been predicted for the hour of the eclipse but scientists pointed out that this was no assurance the phenomenon would be visible from the ground as even one cloud might blot out the spectacle.

To prevent such an occurrence scientific organizations plan to make observations from numerous widely separated points and from both land and air.

The dirigible Los Angeles will sail aloft during the eclipse with a band of scientists manning intricate mechanisms for photographing the phenomenon, while similar observations will be made from army airplanes with telescopic cameras.

The progress of the eclipse as it rushes through the east will be indicated under the auspices of the Scientific American, which will receive telephone reports from positions along the line of the rushing shadow's path.

Although the material collected during the eclipse probably will not be collected and conclusions of importance drawn for months after the actual observation, it was admitted there was a possibility of startling discoveries being made at once which would throw new light on the previous sum of knowledge concerning the heavens and revolutionize theory.

BURROUGHS WINNER IN SUIT OVER INVENTION

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23.—After 20 years litigation, Federal Judge Paris today decided that Hubert Hopkins, St. Louis inventor, and not Isaac Dement, an eastern inventor, devised in 1904 an intricate "totaling" device for adding machines. The decision in effect upheld the claims of the Burroughs Adding Machine company against those of the National Cash Register company.

Introduced by the Multnomah delegation which repeals the 6 1/2-cent tax levy limitation in the Portland school district.

Senator Zimmerman fought the measure, declaring that in the last ten years the assessed property valuation in Multnomah had decreased more than \$5,000,000 while up-state property had increased more than \$132,000,000. He refused the statement that the bill affects only Multnomah county, declaring that every school district in the state is affected because when values are decreased in Multnomah county they must be increased elsewhere, thereby throwing the burden upon the farmer.

COURT ORDERS YOUTH FREED FROM ASYLUM

Writ of Habeas Corpus Allowed Upon Petition of Attorney For Harold La France by McMahan

Writ of habeas corpus has been granted in circuit court here by Judge L. H. McMahan on petition of Tom Garland, Portland attorney, requiring Oregon State Hospital officials to show cause on February 5, why they should not release Harold La France from the insane asylum. Garland charges that La France is not insane and is being held illegally. La France was received here January 17 from Multnomah county and Dr. John Evans, assistant physician at the hospital, states that on his first examination of La France he found no traces of insanity but refused to make any conclusive findings until he has had ample time for observation.

La France, who is 20 years old, is son of James La France, one of the most notorious criminals in the northwest. James La France is now serving time at McNeill's Island federal penitentiary and has served two terms in the Oregon penitentiary. His first term grew out of a notorious insurance swindle which caused insurance officials throughout the country to realize that they had a master swindler to grapple with. La France left his clothes on the bank of a river in Clackamas county and was considered dead for a time until arrested, and his conviction followed. He returned to the penitentiary in January, 1921, on a forged charge for a three year sentence and following that was sentenced to McNeill's Island.

Young La France was arrested with a companion in Portland on charge of robbing a Portland garage man, but was found insane and sent to the asylum. He had previously served two terms in the state reform school.

In his petition for a writ of habeas corpus for La France, Garland asserts that La France is not now insane and never has been mentally insane, only legally insane, and that for a short time. He states his legal insanity was shown by the fact that he went without proper food or nourishment over quite a long period.

Garland alleges La France was admitted to the insane hospital without physical or psychological examination and without any physician ever having pronounced him insane. He states in the petition that an asylum physician was the first to have ever examined him as to his sanity and that he pronounced him sane. The petition asserts if La France is allowed to remain in the hospital among insane people that not only La France himself, but his mother and two small sisters are apt to be driven insane by such incarceration.

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ONE CHURCH USED BY TWO CONGREGATIONS

Keystone, Neb., Jan. 23.—Cooperation and religious tolerations are receiving a thorough test in a little church here, where both Catholic and Protestant worship in one end of the edifice is the Catholic altar; at the opposite end is the pulpit for Protestant services. Seats are arranged like those of a railroad coach so that the backs face either end of the building. Reversal of the benches thus change the church from one denomination to the other as desired. The church seats about 75 persons. The two denominations hold services at different hours.

WHEAT \$2 AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 23.—Wheat touched \$2 a bushel here today for the first time since the world war and passed that figure. The market was strong at the opening, but the \$2, at which the May future sold, was reached by a steady advance, and was only half a cent above yesterday's closing price. By noon May was \$2.01 1/2 and prices seemed firmer than ever.

Man In Future Healthy Animal Not Intellectual

London, Jan. 23.—Man in the distant future will not be a super-intellectual creature immersed in abstruse problems and lofty conceptions but a person of robust physical constitution with much of the animal about him, in the opinion of the noted anthropologist, Sir Arthur Keith. His version set forth in an interview with the Westminster Gazette, was based in part on his study of a pre-historic skull.

Sir Arthur remarked that he hoped his theory was the correct one, because a "hyper-intellect" caused its owner more pain than pleasure, making him too keenly conscious of his frailty and shortcomings. Moreover, if everybody became hyper-intellectual, the race would perish. It was the animal instinct which had kept the genus homo on the earth.

Referring to the greater brain space of the pre-historic skulls as compared with those of modern men, the scientist says the size of the brain has been gradually diminishing through the ages and at-

HAWLEY OFFERS BILL TO ENABLE WATER PROJECT

Washington, Jan. 23.—A bill which would enable cities in the Willamette valley in Oregon to proceed with a plan to develop a water supply was introduced today by Representative Hawley.

The measure would authorize a grant of approximately twelve sections of federal government land around the headwaters of the McKenzie river in the vicinity of Cedar Lake to an organization which it is proposed to have the state legislature designate as an agency for construction, and land also would be granted a water development organization for a reservoir supply. The organization would have authority to construct and maintain necessary dams, headgates, pipe lines, reservoirs and other appliances needed in its program.

The land affected would remain under supervision of the forest service.

HARD SURFACED ROAD TO FALLS DUE THIS YEAR

Assurance of a macadamized, all rock, all year round road from Salem to Silver Creek Falls by way of Silverton before next winter sets in was made by a trip yesterday of County Commissioner Porter and Smith and County Roadmaster Culver and his assistant Frank Johnson to the falls, where the situation was gone over and determination reached to finish rock and macadamizing the road the coming summer.

At the present time the road is rocky within about two miles of the falls out of Silverton and the remaining two miles is to be completed. The visitors found it impossible to get into the falls with their car, because of the soft, red mud which makes up the winter road at this time of the year, but the party walked into the falls which they found exceedingly beautiful.

The entire road from the Silverton city limits into the falls is in a single road district, District No. 14, the largest in the county. That district now has about \$1000 in the road fund and something over \$2000 which can be used on this work. The district has 24 miles of road in its borders, 19 miles of which are macadamized. There is no pavement in the district, but it is expected in the next year or two a mile or so of pavement may be laid on the Silver Falls road out from Silverton. Large tracts of the Silver Falls Timber company's holdings lie in this road district, which make it a wealthy district from a taxable point of view.

NO STATE AID FOR ACCIDENT BOARD VOTED

Ways and Means Committee Turns Down Appeal For \$175,265; Other Items Are Reduced.

The ways and means committee voted last night to suspend state aid to the state industrial accident commission for a period of two years. The commission placed a request before the committee for \$175,265, but this was not allowed in spite of several laudatory speeches made for the commission after the appearance earlier in the evening of Commissioners Elkins and Marshall, representing the department.

Senator Toose, chairman of the senate ways and means committee, lauded the department for the promptness with which it meets claims and declared it meets them fully without quibbling. Private insurance companies, he said, can't help but lose money if they pay as promptly and fully as the state commission. Their margin of profit, he declared, comes from going into court and cutting down the claims of widows and orphans.

Commissioner Elkins earlier spoke of the large number of large concerns that are withdrawing from operation under the commission and insuring with private concerns. While the commission's action on this, as on all other questions at this juncture of the legislature, is tentative, it probably will be the final action.

The question of reducing from 1 to 1/2 mill the tax levy for the state bonus and commission was let go by for future consideration. Governor Pierce and the budget commission have recommended that the reduction be made for next year. Mark D. McCallister of the house committee said he had investigated privately and was sure the reduction could be made for this year as well, and thereby save the state half a million dollars. He said he had asked for a report from Adjutant General White, and the committee voted to withhold action until this is received.

The committee voted without (Continued on Page Eight)

MAYFIELD GIVEN SEAT IN SENATE

Washington, Jan. 23.—Recommendation that Senator Mayfield, democrat, Texas, be given his contested seat in the senate was voted unanimously today by the senate elections committee.

Only formal action by the senate itself now is necessary to close the contest.

This will be asked for when the report is submitted, in about ten days.

4,700 DIE OF INFLUENZA

Tokio, Jan. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Forty-seven hundred persons are reported dead as the result of an influenza epidemic in greater Tokio which started about 20 days ago.

HIGHER POSTAL RATES VOTED

Washington, Jan. 23.—The senate today voted 50 to 29 against striking out the rate raising section of the administration postal pay and rate increase bill.

DENNIS URGES ADOPTION OF FLORIDA PLAN

Constitutional Inhibition Upon Levies On Wealth Proposed; Vote of People Is Requested.

A resolution referring to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment inhibiting the levying of any inheritance or income tax in the state of Oregon was introduced in the senate today by Senator Dennis.

It is patterned closely after a constitutional amendment recently adopted in Florida prohibiting inheritance and income taxes, and which has resulted in a tremendous influx of capital into that state for investment and development.

Benefits Are Cited

It was these beneficial results flowing to the state of Florida from the enactment of the amendment that prompted Senator Dennis to introduce the resolution, he expressing the firm conviction that if a like measure is adopted by the people of this state there will also be an influx of capital into Oregon for industrial expansion and the development of its resources.

This industrial expansion and development would in turn result in lower taxes, he pointed out. In fact he contends that more population and taxable wealth is the only solution for Oregon's tax problem.

"My reasons for introducing this measure which, if referred by the legislature and later enacted by the people of the state, plainly constitute a bid and an invitation by Oregon to the people of the middle west and east to come here and make their homes and do business unharrassed by the constant changing of tax legislation," said Senator Dennis in discussing the measure.

Would End Controversy

"It is a step following Florida where the passage of a similar measure is proving extremely successful."

"I favor an income tax in principle and two years ago as chairman of the assessment and taxation committee of the state senate, worked hard to assist in writing upon the statute books the income tax law which was later repealed by a popular vote of the people. That repeal has convinced me that Oregon people will never let an income tax measure become a permanent law. Like a family quarrel it will come and go, leaving the commonwealth in an unsettled condition and will cause constant anxiety and uncertainty regardless of which side in the controversy briefly predominates."

"The United States government has made the very words, 'income tax,' unpopular, so unpopular in fact that regardless of whatever merit taxing of incomes possesses, the human disposition rebels when the words are mentioned. "All of this being true and well (Continued on Page Seven)

WOULD COMBINE 2 STATE BOARDS

The board of control and the budget commission would be consolidated under house bill No. 152, introduced by Kilham, Multnomah county, this morning. The bill would amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of chapter 22.

No income tax could be levied in Oregon until after January 1, 1926 under a resolution introduced by Senator Baker county. A constitutional amendment subject to the approval of the people would be provided under the resolution. Congress would be asked to enact legislation enabling the state of Oregon and owners of property along the Silves and Pitney rivers in Harney county to sue the federal government with the view of determining riparian rights under house joint memorial No. 4 introduced by the committee on public lands. The rivers flow into Malheur and Harney lakes located in the federal Malheur bird reservation.

WARREN'S NOMINATION DEFERRED

Washington, Jan. 23.—Action on the nomination of Charles B. Warren, of Michigan, to be attorney general, was deferred today by a senate judiciary sub-committee on the insistence of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana.

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