

FARM AID BILL PASSES HOUSE

BONUS BOARD CHANGE BILL DUE TO SPITE

Efforts To Abolish Present Commission Originate In Its Refusal To Stand For Irregularities

By Harry N. Crain
Blocked in their first attempt to gain control of the state bonus commission, through a bill to abolish the present commission and substitute the board of control, by reason of criticism which branded their efforts as political spoils work to secure the scalp of Major W. P. Simpson, against whom the minority republican members of the present commission have been warring for several months, sponsors for the movement have launched the attack from a new angle, and have reentered into their ranks Representative Hammond, of Clackamas county, who stands to lose \$993 by the present commission's refusal to stand good for alleged irregular acts of Hammond while attorney for the commission in his county.

Hammond for the past few days has been actively engaged in an effort to pledge members of the house to vote for house bill 220, the instrument by which it is now hoped to wrest control of the commission from the governor and his appointed commissioners.

House bill 220 is purported to have been prepared by the legislative committee of the American Legion, and to contain its program of approved alterations in minor provisions of the bonus act. It is and does all that, but between the time it was handed to Representative Hammond for introduction and the time it made its appearance in the house bearing the name of Representative North, it had been altered to contain another provision of which the legion knew nothing and which it does not approve.

It now contains a clause removing from the hands of the governor the authority to name to civil-

RETIREMENT FUND PROPOSED FOR TEACHERS

Senator Eddy today introduced a concurrent resolution providing for a special committee to investigate the feasibility of a teachers' retirement fund. It calls for a committee to be composed of the chairman of the senate and the house committees on education, one member from each of the committees and the state superintendent of schools.

Among other measures introduced this morning was one by Senators Kinney and Garland prohibiting the advertising of cigarettes on billboards.

SEVENTEEN PETTY THIEVES ROUND UP AT ST. JOHNS

Portland, Feb. 2.—Seventeen men and boys ranging from 15 to 35 years were rounded up in St. Johns over night by police and jailed on charges ranging from larceny to contributing to delinquency of minors.

Over two years they have, according to detectives, stolen milk bottles, auto accessories and groceries, jewelry from homes and cash and other valuables wherever found.

\$500,000 OFFERED SURVEY ON TO CUT-OFF LEG

Brother of Explorer Pinned In Cave By Rock Seeks To Save Him By Amputating Limb.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press)—An offer of \$500 to any surgeon who will crawl through Sand cave to Floyd Collins, chloroform the imprisoned man and amputate his leg was made today by Homer Collins, a brother, eyes a special despatch to the Louisville Post.

Homer Collins, grief stricken and worn by exposure, led another rescue party 300 feet into the narrow opening of the cave early today, muttering through clenched teeth, "I'm going in there and get him."

After more than five hours of chipping flinty limestone by the light of gasoline torches, several of the party again appeared at the surface, wet and grimy with rock dust, asking for more gasoline and light.

Around the mouth of the cave scores of persons stood in soggy mud, awaiting a call for whatever to do more than cheer the volunteer rescuers who, when they reached the outside world, grabbed sandwiches and a cup of coffee and returned underground.

GARLAND DENIES DISCOURTESY TO PIERCE IN PROBE

Arising on question of personal privilege this morning Senator Garland, chairman of the committee investigating the state prohibition department, refuted what he termed propaganda that has gone out over the state to the effect that the committee had been discourteous to Governor Pierce.

A public hearing on the whole subject is to take place tonight in the senate chamber at 7:30 o'clock for anyone who desires to be heard. This will be largely to clear the skirts of the committee relative to any persons who after the report is in might declare they could have submitted important testimony had they been given an opportunity to appear.

Highly Educated Cow Forces Futile Midnight Search by Possessor

The disadvantages of being owner of an educated cow has come home strongly to Walt Penaberton, well known prune rancher and prune buyer for the Drager Fruit company.

Just as Walt was ready to retire last night, while the wind was howling and rain coming down in sheets, a neighbor banged on the door of Walt's ranch house. "Come out! Come out!" shrieked the neighbor, over the wall of the wind. "Your cow is loose."

Efforts to Locate Body of Drowned Man in River Fail

That Charles Purcell was drowned in the Willamette river Saturday night shortly before 8 o'clock was established without a doubt yesterday after a searching party led by his uncle, N. S. Nade, and P. L. Turnidge, companion of Purcell in the wreck of the power boat.

Turnidge was rescued by W. B. Gerth, store keeper of west Salem, who went in his power boat to the point across the river at which Turnidge was clinging to some tall willows, just sticking above the surface of the water. He had been clinging there for nearly 20 minutes when rescued, and was badly chilled, and nearly exhausted from the efforts to stay up.

Had Purcell been able to make his way to these willows after the overturning of the boat, he would likely have been rescued also, but he could not make it, hampered as he was by heavy clothing.

The two men had started from Buena Vista, across the river from Talbot their home, about 3

FAIR GROUNDS SUBMERGED BY FLOOD WATERS

B. C. Miles is awaiting the outcome of attempts to get suitable drainage facilities at the fair grounds before beginning work on the construction of his linen mill on Fairgrounds road, he stated this morning.

"The city is doing all it can to improve the drainage of this area," says Mr. Miles, "by putting in an eight-inch drain pipe, but eventually someone must put in a bigger drain pipe. The state fair board will likely act soon, as all the surface water that is now flooding my site is coming off the fair grounds and the big farms to the east."

A committee from the state fair board will appear before the ways and means committee during the current session of the state legislature, and request a special appropriation to expend in draining the fair grounds, according to Mrs. S. Wilson, assistant secretary of the state fair board, who attended the meeting of the fair board in Portland Saturday.

"The flood is awful here today," asserted Mrs. Wilson this morning. "A swift current is swirling past the office. Water is much higher than it was Saturday. It is all through the machine sheds, and is endangering the new pavilion and the auto buildings."

"We've been trying to work out a drainage plan and hope to have it ready to submit to the ways and means committee when the appropriation is requested."

Walls and roads will be damaged quite a bit, according to Mrs. Wilson, who asserts that it is impossible to traverse the walk to the station now. Land to the east, south and north drains to the fair grounds, says Mrs. Wilson.

Walt knew that his cow was no such thing, but nevertheless he pulled up his suspenders, put on his slicker and went to the cow house to investigate. Sure enough the cow was gone. She had hooked her horn under the hook on the door, opened the door and departed, this being a cow of a highly educated variety.

Walt started out into the storm. For 45 minutes he battled the elements, fell into mud holes, banged against prune trees, stumbled over fences and nearly suffered decapitation from divers and sundry clotheslines.

15 KILLED BY AUTO CRASHES IN 2 STATES

Sunday Fatal To Motorists of California and Washington; Seven Killed By Trains.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press)—Fifteen persons were killed yesterday in automobile accidents in California and Washington.

Four men in an automobile rode onto the grade crossing of the Sacramento Northern electric line at Del Paso, near Sacramento, when the machine was rammed by a northbound train, killing the occupants of the car. They were: Matt Sabich, driver; Marian Sabich, John Pullz and M. Dittanga, all of Sacramento.

At Los Angeles three women were killed and 10 other persons, including five children, were seriously injured. Mrs. W. J. Janssen, wife of a physician, and her mother, were killed when a Pacific Electric train struck their automobile at a crossing west of there. Mrs. Sakiki Urushibata, 29, was crushed to death when she was pinned beneath her overturned automobile.

Walter Cummings, 15, was killed and his brother, Andrew Cummings, was injured, when they were struck by an unknown automobilist who hit the youths on their bicycles, near Redley, 20 miles south of Fresno, The autoist fled.

An unidentified man was fatally injured in Oakland last night and M. C. Morgan was held by the police when a witness said the automobile he was driving struck the man.

Three high school students returning from a basketball game early yesterday morning were

VANDALS PLUNDER M'KINLEY SCHOOL

When the McKinley school at the head of High street was opened this morning it was discovered that vandals had been at work there over Sunday weeking furniture, throwing ink about the rooms and splattering up the black boards, and working havoc and destruction, as far as possible. The motor had been entirely removed from the phonograph and taken away, but no other articles had been stolen as far as could be determined.

Apparently the vandals had enjoyed a repeat of hotcakes made on the stove of the kitchen cafeteria as they left batter smeared over the top of the stove and on the floor.

The damage was done in three reports was also received today by County Superintendent Fulker-ton that some one had broken into the Sweets school house last night. No details were learned, however.

BLACK MAILERS TAKEN IN BATTLE

Newark, N. J., Feb. 2.—Four alleged blackmailers are under police guard today, one of them probably dying, after a gun fight with three detectives, who trapped them in an attempt to secure \$10,000 from a Catholic priest. One detective was wounded.

Major Gjedsted Resigns As Chief Aide To White

After serving for four years as chief assistant in the offices of Adjutant General George A. White, in command of the Oregon National Guard, Major C. E. Gjedsted submitted his resignation today and left the office. No explanation of the sudden move was made by either Gjedsted or the adjutant general.

MATCH GIBBONS WITH DEMPSEY ABOUT JUNE 1

New York, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press)—Tom Gibbons, St. Paul, heavyweight today came to definite terms with Tex Rickard for a title match with Jack Dempsey about June 1, either in New York City or Jersey City, with an understanding that the winner will oppose Harry Wills, negro contender in September.

Rickard announced his plans for two little heavyweight shows this year after an hour's conference with Gibbons and the latter's manager, Eddie Kane. At the same time the promoter asserted confidence that he would have little or no difficulty signing Dempsey for the title holders part of the program.

Kearns made this announcement after being advised of the report from New York that Gibbons had come to terms with Tex Rickard for a match with Dempsey. Kearns said he had nothing further to say on the New York report.

Rickard declared he regarded Gibbons as a logical contender for Dempsey's crown. He did not reveal details of the agreement reached but it was understood that the St. Paul fighter was guaranteed not less than \$100,000 for a return go with the champion.

Gibbons expressed a preference fighting Dempsey in New York, where an official decision is possible, but Rickard refused to say whether he would make use of the Yankee stadium here or his Jersey City arena, Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Wills already has an agreement with Rickard covering the proposed program by which the negro would battle either Dempsey or Gibbons in September.

Rickard professed a conviction that Dempsey had decided definitely to fight once or twice more before retiring. According to word from Los Angeles, Saturday, the champion himself had altered his plan to quit the ring and decided to fight Gibbons or any other challenger.

LOS ANGELES TO MAKE ALL NIGHT AERIAL TEST

Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 2.—Commander J. H. Kline Jr., executive officer of the naval air station here, announced that the dirigible Los Angeles probably would depart about noon today for all night test flight over New Jersey, lower New York, Philadelphia and cities within 200 miles of its base.

The flight is to determine the fitness of the Los Angeles for a flight to Bermuda about February 14. If the Bermuda trip is successful, the Los Angeles may visit Buenos Aires later.

False Teeth Given as Cause of Divorce as Is Weeding of Onions

Francis E. Monnell has presented a ground for divorce un-precedented in the legal lore of this or any other county, say old attorneys. In seeking to have severed the marital bonds which have attached her to Emmett E. Monnell since August 24, 1924, when they were wedded in La Grande.

LEGISLATURE ENTERS UPON FOURTH WEEK

Fight Upon Governor Occupies Center of Stage; Senate Objections To Farm Relief Measure.

At 11 o'clock today the state legislature convened for its fourth week, and this week, from all appearances, will be one of the most strenuous of the 40-day session. It is likely to be attended with much bitterness in the contents over the various measures, and several bills, like the port bill of last Saturday, will furnish the basis of battle between Governor Pierce and anti-administration forces. On the governor's side will be an array, not of political followers or friends, but of those who for the time being have chosen to support Pierce's contentions.

Among the earliest of the week's important measures will be the eastern Oregon farmers' relief bill, proposing an appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the soldier bonus sinking fund, to enable agricultural states in the frost-bitten area to purchase seed-wheat. This measure may not go through with any thing like a bang, especially in its present form, although it is statewide in its application. Sam

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NEW PRISON NOT NEEDED ASSERTS SENATOR TOOZE

That the state of Oregon has a number of needs much more pressing than that of a new building for the state penitentiary was the opinion expressed by Senator F. J. Toozé of Clackamas county, chairman of the senate committee on ways and means, in an address before the Salem chamber of commerce this noon.

Among the state's needs, as outlined by Senator Toozé, are extensive improvements in the normal school system of Oregon, a new building at the state school for the blind, a new state tuberculosis hospital, a new wing for the insane asylum at Pendleton and improvements in the feeble minded institution and a new boys' reform school.

"It seems as though there is a request for about \$10 or \$15 for every dollar we have in the treasury," said Mr. Toozé.

The speaker stated that the penitentiary should be so organized that every man or woman confined there should earn his own living. He advocated building a new and large inclosure around the building in order that none of the prisoners should be kept in idleness. "Many of them are now in idleness at our expense," he said.

Of the taxes that support the state institutions approximately 85 per cent come from the farmers of the state, according to Senator Toozé.

SCHOOL MARM BEAT HIM UP?

Constable DeLong will go to the Union Hill school tomorrow with a warrant for the arrest of Vera Trask, school teacher, on a charge by W. Green, who lives near Sublimity, naming assault and battery. Mr. Green charges that when he went to see the school teacher about some school business, said to be in regard to something Mr. Green's children had done, the teacher attacked him.

\$1,500,000 RESEED LOAN BILL PASSES

But Two Votes Recorded Against Measure Providing Loans At Rate of 6 Per Cent On Crops.

House bill 261, providing for a loan of \$1,500,000 to eastern Oregon farmers for obtaining seed to replant crops frozen out a few weeks ago passing the house this morning. Cowling of Jackson and Kirkwood of Multnomah voted against the measure.

Representative Gordon, Multnomah, of the ways and means committee, spoke for the bill, explaining the plight of the eastern Oregon farmers whose wheat was frozen out. Roberts of Wasco also spoke for the measure.

The measure provides for loans at the rate of 6 per cent to be covered on first mortgages on crops, the mortgages to run until the loans are repaid. The money will be obtained from the state ex-service men's bonus fund. The state board of control will act as the loaning agency, making such rules as necessary.

Kirkwood of Multnomah county opposing the measure, declared that it was not yet too late for Portland bankers and other private financial interests to work out a program for relieving the farmers.

"From the standpoint of sound business principles it is a wrong move for the state to loan this money," he said.

Kirkwood quoted President Cleveland's statement made in vetoing a measure, that "it was the business of the people to support the government; not for the government to support the people."

PLANE MAIL ROUTES, ALASKA

Washington, Feb. 2.—The outbreak of diphtheria at Nome and the efforts to rush anti-toxin there by dog team or by airplane have spurred postoffice department officials in their plans for developed air mail routes in the territory.

Authorization has been granted by congress effective July 1 to establish air mail routes in Alaska, provided the cost is not greater than by present methods. Postmaster general, already has made experiments between Fairbanks and McGrath, which have demonstrated the superiority of the airplane mail over other methods.

It is considered likely by postal officials that the air mail service will be established in Alaska the coming year and prove invaluable, especially in winter.

ENGINE HELPER KILLED AT DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 2.—Harry Gaynor, 56, a machinist helper in the Southern Pacific railroad roundhouse at Dallas, was killed this morning at 11:30 o'clock when struck by a switch engine in the railroad yards, with Engineer Claude Richardson at the throttle. No one saw the accident, and the first inkling anyone had of the disaster was at the time he was found beside the track with a fractured skull and with both legs broken.

Mr. Gaynor died on the way to the hospital. He had lived in Dallas 20 years with his widowed mother, Mrs. Gaynor. He is survived by his mother and two sisters, Mrs. Georgia Chapman of California and Mrs. Walter Williams of Dallas, who sailed from New York this morning on a trip to Europe.

Wounded Widow Dies. Clarkburg, W. Va., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Georgia Warden, 23-year old widow, shot last Thursday by Season C. Woods, 22, a former Yale student, when she refused to marry him, died today. Woods killed himself.