

ARMS CONFERENCE SOUGHT

CONVENTION BILL KILLED VOTE 37-18

Jackson County Delegation Pre-Primary Convention Measure Put To Sleep As Is Mills Bill.

The house this morning by a vote of 37 to 18 defeated the primary convention bill introduced by the Jackson county delegation early in the session.

Representative Cowgill, Jackson county, explained that he desired to see the bill passed and sent on to the senate where objections may be brought out against the bill.

"It will probably be put to sleep as has the Mills bill," he said, "but it will give opportunity to bring out points of the measure, and later I hope to be able to draft another measure."

Representative Shumway of Morrow and Umatilla counties opposed the bill on the grounds that it would tie a candidate's hands before he ran for election on a party ticket.

The house this morning passed senate bill 54, a voluminous measure of 120 pages, amending the present state bank code and incorporating new material taken chiefly from the banking laws of New York and California.

No opposition was voiced against the bill.

Representative Cramer, of Josephine county, explained the bill briefly. "It is the safety of depositors we are chiefly concerned with," he explained. "The bill has been prepared after two years of studious work. It has the approval of many bankers' associations."

Other senate bills passed by the house were:

86 amending the law relating to the board of barber examiners, providing that a secretary paid at the rate of \$150 a month shall

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NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE TO BE TAPPED

Bills To Raise Money Before Committee Include Cigarette and Cosmetic Taxes.

In a nutshell the revenue producing bills now before the ways and means committee and the amount that each is estimated to produce are:

Reversion from Yale relief fund	\$ 20,000
Suspension of industrial accident commission aid	50,000
Additional tax on insurance companies	254,000
Cigarette tax	600,000
Quarter mill road tax repeal	265,000
Additional corporation tax	229,200
Cosmetic tax	100,000
Ten per cent of fees from various state activities	200,000
Battleship Oregon refund	50,000
Total	\$1,758,200

In addition to this Governor Pierce has proposed a peddler's license bill estimated to produce \$500,000. Also there is the possibility of a motion picture tax.

Besides the above sums the state has in cash for the committee's consideration \$5,684,981.

Available funds, if the above measures pass, are expected to exceed appropriations by several hundred thousand dollars.

That all farming operations at state institutions should be placed under the supervision of one man, to the end of saving the state an estimated \$100,000 a year, was recommended to the ways and means committee last night by a sub-committee of which Senator Beals was chairman, and this recommendation will be submitted to the state board of control.

Losses in the farm operations at

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He Placed Coolidge In Nomination At Cleveland Convention



Dr. Marica Le Roy Burton

An Arbor, Mich., Feb. 18.—Dr. Marica Le Roy Burton, president of the University of Michigan, died here early today. Death came at the end of a long fight during which he rallied time after time from the ill effects of a complication of diseases.

\$600,000 BOOZE CARGO AND SHIP SEIZED AT SEA

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 18.—The Canadian steamer Coal Harbour, seized as a liquor runner by the coast guard cutter Cabotia near Bolinas bay last night, was towed into port here today, the 14 members of her crew placed in custody aboard the vessel and the work of checking her cargo begun.

A preliminary estimate by customs officials placed the cargo at 10,000 cases of liquor, valued at market prices at more than \$600,000.

Captain C. B. Johnson, of the coast guard cutter, related details of the capture. He said the cutter came alongside the Coal Harbour after an hour's chase.

Two other ships which he believed to be rum runners, one described as a large vessel capable of 20 knots, came close to the scene, took in the situation with their searchlights and steamed quickly away. The cutter had all it could do to take the Coal Harbour, he explained, and could not deal with the other ships.

The Coal Harbour is said to have been operated by the Canadian-Mexican Shipping company, Ltd., of Vancouver, B. C. She sailed from Vancouver, February 4, with liquor billed for South American ports. The same company owns the Quadra, seized with liquor off San Francisco recently, and the Speedway, burned in the Straits of Juan de Fuca not long ago.

BATTLE OVER MOVIE CENSOR BILL RAGING

Stories of \$2000 Shake-Down By Lobbyists To Kill Measure Current—Fake Bill Used.

Members of the house and of the lobby as well, are girding themselves today for the battle that is to be fought around house bill 409, Representative Tucker's moving picture censorship measure, which comes up this afternoon.

Reported out of the committee on health and public morals favorably and without amendment, the bill has stirred up more friction than any during the session, principally because it is reliably reported as being used by certain lobbyists to "shake down" the moving picture distributors.

The story in circulation, which is said to be founded upon more than mere fancy, is to the effect that a certain group of lobbyists made a deal with two representatives of the motion picture distributors to kill the bill for a consideration of \$2000. The agreement to kill the censor bill is, however, said to be incidental to the main agreement. The understanding is that the two motion picture representatives came to Salem to appear before the committee on the censor bill, but had been misinformed as to the date of the committee meeting. While here they were approached by certain lobbyists and shown a copy of another purported bill to prevent theaters from selling standing room tickets and to prohibit the showing of any sex problem films or any murder scenes.

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Catholics Plan Church and School On Highland Ave.

Details of the new Catholic parish of St. Vincent de Paul, with establishment of a church, parochial school and parish house here have been announced by Father Keenan, who has been placed in charge of the new parish by Archbishop Christie.

The new parish has purchased a square block of property containing one and five eighths acres of ground, or 175,300 feet on Highland avenue two blocks west of the Pacific highway and two blocks east of the Oregon Electric at the extension of Myrtle street.

The property is part of the old W. W. Emmons ranch of five acres recently purchased by John Williamson who plans to cut a new street through the ranch and erect 32 houses on it next summer. The new parish block lies at the Highland avenue exit of the new street from the Emmons tract.

Immediate plans call for erection of a \$6000 to \$8000 parochial residence on the tract and a \$15,000 parochial school. Erection of a church is not contemplated immediately, but will be started in a week or 10 days and it is expected to have the new school ready for occupancy for the September term.

The division line of the new parish from St. Joseph's parish in the city is at D street and the new parish extends north to Brooks. Father Keenan contemplates making a canvass of the new parish personally within a short time.

IMPROVEMENT IN KING NOTED BY PHYSICIANS

London, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Improvement in the condition of King George, who is suffering from bronchitis following an attack of influenza, is noted in an official bulletin issued from Buckingham palace this morning. The bulletin reads:

"The king has a fair night. Though there is as yet no change in the bronchitis, the general condition of his majesty shows improvement."

The Prince of Wales, who came to London yesterday from Melton Mowbray, his hunting headquarters, returned there last night. Queen Mary visited the London museum yesterday afternoon and attended a concert last evening.

It is understood that the king contracted a chill Friday evening when he accompanied the queen to the theater. This was his last public appearance before his illness. He had planned to attend the international football game at Twickenham between the English and Irish teams on Saturday, but as a precaution against the cold developing, he remained indoors.

He attended divine service Sunday in the chapel of Buckingham palace and held several audiences on Monday.

18 CITIES TO BE HOOKED UP IN BROADCASTING

New York, Feb. 18.—An eventual linking into a permanent hookup by telephone and stations in 18 cities for simultaneous radio broadcasting of programs furnished by station WEAJ, New York, is contained in a plan for a super-system of radio broadcasting announced by the American Telephone & Telegraph company. The new project provides that the connection be available every night from 8 to 11.

Long Distance telephone lines will be used for the transmission of the programs, John A. Holman, radio casting manager of the telephone company, said yesterday.

"When this program is completed," he said, "a speaker can project his personality in one breath to the firesides and into the hearts of 12,500,000 people."

He added that the radio fans are turning from jazz to better music as the most popular feature of radio programs.

The stations now under contract to participate in the new project, he said, include WCAP, Washington; WJAR, Providence; WBL Boston; WDRH, Worcester, Mass.; WFI, Indianapolis; WGB, Buffalo; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WGR, Buffalo; WWJ, Detroit; WCCO, Minneapolis; WOOO, Davenport, Iowa; WTIC, Hartford, and WEAR, Cleveland.

SENATE FOR REVISION OF ORGANIC LAW

Questions of Constitutional Convention To Be Submitted To People At Election of 1926.

With overwhelming approval the first move for a constitutional convention for Oregon in the year 1926 was taken today when the senate passed the Klepper bill, which is senate bill No. 227. Only Senator Zimmerman voted against the bill.

The measure provides that the question whether the convention be held shall be submitted to the people at the general election in 1926. If the electorate approves the delegates would be elected at the general election in 1928. The delegates would number 50 and would be elected in the same manner that members of the house of representatives are elected, including the same district representation. The convention would be held in Salem in the state capitol, beginning the second Monday in January, 1930. The result of the deliberations of the constitutional convention would then be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the general election in November, 1930. The compensation of the delegates would be \$5 a day during the convention and a mileage of 10 cents a mile.

In explaining the measure Senator Klepper declared that the constitution at present is little more than a code and that it is too easily amended.

The other senate bills passed this morning were:

R. B. by Kinney, relating to fishways.

R. B. 222, by Hall, empowering state highway commission to

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SEEK TO LIMIT LAND AND SEA ARMAMENTS

Coolidge Puts Out Feelers As To Sentiment of Great Powers For Disarmament Conference.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The principal powers have been approached by the United States on the subject of a new arms conference.

Thus far the discussions have not yet reached the advanced point characterized by diplomatic jargon as "formal negotiations" but they have been followed up quietly and persistently in all the principal capitals of the world.

Officials here will not discuss what obstacles may have been encountered, or what measure of success may appear to be held out by the exchange up to the present.

The state department, after being advised that an announcement of the move had been made by Foreign Secretary Chamberlain in the house of commons in London revealed that similar conversations had taken place in Paris, Tokio and other capitals but would not comment further.

The "feelers" that have been put out by Washington are intended to develop whether there has been any change in the attitude of foreign countries who blocked at the time of the Washington arms conference the limitation of any class of land or sea armament, except capital ships.

It is the first desire of President Coolidge to secure an agreement which will end competition in auxiliary naval craft. If something can be done to limit land armaments, such a step would be welcome here, but the Washington government is inclined to regard that problem as an European question.

TWO OSCARS AT OUTS OVER DOG LICENSE

The two Oscars at the court house—lower and Steelhammer, sheriff and assessor, respectively—used to be great friends. Personally still speak when passing in the hall, but do so with slanted eyes and hats slightly tipped down over said eyes. A harsh word might precipitate a conflict.

It all has arisen over the vital question of who is going to collect the dog tax.

Just at present that arduous task is up to the sheriff. Personally speaking the sheriff probably would prefer bringing in six murderers, nine yeggmen and a dozen desperadoes a week, to collecting the dog tax. At any rate it is a job of parts and sought by no self-respecting officer.

As a merry quip, Sheriff Oscar told Assessor Oscar a few weeks ago he understood that the legislature was contemplating shoving this duty over onto the assessor. The assessor hit the ceiling.

By co-incidence some legislator actually introduced such a bill. All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't convince Assessor Oscar that Sheriff Oscar was not at the bottom of it.

Consequently the sheriff carries a sort of cynical smile when he sees the assessor, and the assessor glowers. Incidentally the assessor has put in some strong plugs against the bill in the legislature.

Up to date it is no man's victory. It is still undecided as to who shall collect the dog tax. Anytime that decision is reached there will be no harmony at the court house. For the time being the Damon and Pythias friendship is broken. The outcome is in the lap of the gods.

PHONE COMPANY SPENDS 3 MILLION ON EXTENSIONS

Portland, Or., Feb. 18.—Plans for expenditure this year of \$3,000,000 in Oregon by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company were announced here today by C. E. Hickman, division superintendent. Extensions and improvements to plants and equipment in Portland and several cities of the state are included, and long distance lines are to be extended and replaced in some sections.

Besides \$500,000 to be spent in outside plants and the central office in Portland and more than \$500,000 on new toll circuits and rebuilding present long distance lines, the announcement told of work planned in several cities, including Astoria, Klamath Falls, Salem and Eugene.

After referring to the need of spending \$100,000 in additions at Astoria, Mr. Hickman's statement said:

"Klamath Falls is another city in Oregon where population has increased beyond all estimates in the past." At Klamath Falls underground extensions are planned in some of the downtown sections and extensions are to be made in serial blocks.

Nearly \$50,000 is to be spent at Salem for underground cables and for plant improvement. Long distance lines out of Salem toward Albany, Silverton, Aurora and Minnieville are to be reconstructed.

Similar conditions to those existing in Astoria and Klamath Falls exist in Eugene, where the company has expended large sums in the past year, and where it is necessary to provide additional capital investment, said the superintendent.

GLIMPSES OF LEGISLATORS BY MURRAY WADE

Paris, Feb. 14.—Gloria Swanson, the moving picture star had to be hurried to a clinic in Amstel last evening, where she was operated upon at midnight. The operation was a sequel to one performed some months ago, after which, it appears, she did not take sufficient rest before resuming her professional activities. Her condition today was pronounced satisfactory.

CAVE CLOSING IN UPON BODY OF FLOYD COLLINS

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Sand cave hill, torn open in the struggle to rescue Floyd Collins from the grip of an underground trap, was slowly closing in again today upon his body without human assistance. Unable to release him from the clutch of nature the volunteers who fought to save joined his family in brief and simple funeral services at the top of the rescue shaft and six of his friends fulfilled the legal formalities by announcing his identity and accidental death.

The cement with which it was planned to seal the boulders over his rocky grave did not come and the raising of the rescue shaft and its lateral tunnel indicated nature's intention to seal him up forever. The mud and rocks, held back for a few days by heavy timber in the rescue shaft, were settling back upon him.

DR. SUN REMOVED TO HOME AS DEATH NEARS

Peking, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, South China leader, growing weaker every hour since he was operated upon for cancer, today was removed from the Rockefeller hospital here to the Kuomintang headquarters, established in the former residence of Dr. Wellington Koo, another Chinese leader. It is believed the removal of Dr. Sun to new quarters was prompted by members of the Kuomintang, Dr. Sun's political party, in view of his approaching death.

BROTHER CHARLIE'S GAS STATIONS HELD ILLEGAL

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—In a decree handed down this morning reversing the decision of the district court of Lancaster county, the Nebraska supreme court held that the state gas station operated under former Governor Bryan's administration was illegal. One dissenting opinion sustaining the lower court's decision was given by Justice Thompson.

Mill City Banquet

Mill City, Or., Feb. 18.—The Lasonic lodge of Mill City enjoyed their monthly banquet at the Hammond hotel Monday night. Light, after which they repaired to their lodge rooms and conferred the Master Mason degree upon a candidate.

Van Ness Hotel Burns

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 18.—Five persons were injured and 2 dozen rescues were effected last night when fire spread rapidly through the Van Ness hotel, 621 Van Ness avenue. The flames shot 100 feet in the air from the blazing building. The fire was believed to be incendiary origin.

CHILD WELFARE BILLS KILLED

Two of Senator Corbett's child welfare bills were killed by indefinite postponement. These were senate bills 45 and 44, providing for the commitment of dependent minors to the child welfare commission of the state.

An adverse report was received on the Kinney-Garland bill which would prohibit the advertising of cigarettes along highways or on public billboards and the measure was made a special order for 3 o'clock today.

House joint resolution No. 6, having for its purpose the prohibition of registration on election day, failed to pass the senate.

PITTSBURGH BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED BY BOMB

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 18.—Three buildings in the Penn avenue wholesale produce district of Pittsburgh were demolished by a series of explosions early today with a loss of \$125,000. Windows in a score of other buildings were shattered. Many residents of the region were thrown from their beds by the force of the blast. They escaped with minor injury.

