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RAIN TONIGHT
And Saturday; moderate temperature;
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FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 44 SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

50 ENTOMBED IN COAL MINE

FISH BILL IN OTHER FORM REAPPEARS

Measure As Amended Names Kendall, Crocker and Eakin; Doomed To Veto and Defeat.

By HARRY N. CRAIN
Senate bill 94, the famous Ritter fish bill that was originally designed to take from the hands of the governor the power to name the members of the state fish commission, is again in the limelight, this time in the house.
Referred to the committee on judiciary when it came up for third reading yesterday, the bill came back into the house this morning with amendments that take the appointive power from the governor long enough to insure the reappointment of F. P. Kendall, present chairman of the commission, whose term expires June 1, and then hands it back, the bill providing that the successors to the three commissioners named in the bill shall be appointed by the governor as their terms expire.
The three commissioners named and the duration of their terms are as follows:
F. P. Kendall, until June 1, 1925; L. L. Crocker, of Roseburg, until June 1, 1927, and Walter Eakin of Astoria, until June 1, 1929.
Sponsors of the amended bill are open in their assertion that the governor has definitely made up his mind to let Kendall out at the expiration of his present term, June 1 of this year, for personal reasons, and they claim that Kendall's services are invaluable to the commission, because of his long experience and thorough understanding of the fishing industry.
The bill is the last effort of the fishing interests to save the commission from the hands of inexperienced commissioners whom the governor may name, and is reported to have already decided upon, but it will fail. That much

LEVENS GIVEN MORE MONEY FOR DRY LAW

Only Senators Clark, Hall and Upton voted against senate bill 203, which would increase the fund allowance for the state prohibition department from 25 to 30 per cent of the moneys received from fines under the act.
After Senator Eddy has explained the bill Senator Hare spoke in favor of it. The hottest debate on the measure was between Hare and Joseph, although both were supporting it, their argument centering on the blame that should be attached to Governor Pierce, W. J. Herwig and George L. Cleaver for the maladministration of the law in the last two years.
Hare stated that the committee that investigated the department was now in full accord on the bill. He said he first believed, after the investigation, that the department should be wiped out utterly, but that he was so impressed with William S. Levens, the newly appointed prohibition commissioner, that he believed the law should be tried two more years.
"I don't believe Mr. Levens will turn money over to Superintendent Herwig of the Anti-Saloon league and I don't believe the governor will be allowed to put a state star on the breast of every man who puts his arm around him and cries a little bit," said Hare. "I think if the governor attempts to interfere in the department the new commissioner will tell him to go get some one else for commissioner."
Senator Upton opposed the bill, declaring that the increased funds allowed the department amounted to a punishment of local officers.

PIERCER VETO TRAFFIC BILL OVERRIDDEN

Senate Votes 22 to 8 To Centralize State Traffic Department In Office In State Secretary's Office

Senate bill 34, centralizing the state traffic department in the office of secretary of state and enlarging the number of traffic officers from six to 25, was passed over the veto of the governor by a vote of 22 to 8 in the senate this morning.
The fight against the veto was carried on principally in the lobby and stressed the assertion that the governor was simply seeking to enlarge his patronage by shifting the traffic squad into the highway department, which he controls.
The veto will also be overridden in the house, according to Joe Dunne and George Brandenburg, president and manager of the Oregon State Motor association, who fostered the bill and have been in the lobby practically every day since the session opened in the interest of this and other bills sponsored by the association.
In his veto message on the bill Governor Pierce said that there is no necessity for the measure; that the highway department already has authority to employ as many traffic officers as it may deem necessary; that the secretary of state's office is no place for the traffic enforcement powers, which are in the nature of police duties; that the bill authorizes the secretary of state to buy unlimited equipment for the traffic department, and that no safeguards against extravagance and waste are provided. The governor suggests the creation of a separate bureau in the highway department to handle traffic law enforcement.
The senate passed the following other bills this morning:
S. B. 224, Joseph—Relating to property exempt from taxation.
S. B. 172, Upton—To enable state fire marshal more effectively to administer the fire laws.
S. B. 234, Joseph—Legitimizing common law marriages after one year and children issuing therefrom.

COMPULSORY AUTO INSURANCE BILL STRANGLER

House bill 370, providing for compulsory automobile liability insurance to be handled by the state industrial accident commission was chloroformed in the house this morning by indefinite postponement. "It is not my child and I have no objection to indefinite postponement," Representative Mott, who introduced it, told the house.
House bill 345, which, on its face, called for a uniform set of casualty insurance rates in Oregon, was also indefinitely postponed. The bill, if enacted into a law, would have kept casualty companies from quoting differential rates for burglar alarm systems which had shown by test their superiority over others.
Indefinite postponement also was the fate of house bill 116 setting the salmon catch limit by "rolling on the lower Rogue river at two chinooks and four silver-sided a day."
Senate bill 188, pertaining to street and sewer assessment procedure was another measure indefinitely postponed.

MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK BILL SIGNED BY PIERCE

Governor Pierce this morning signed house bill 461, authorizing the formation of mutual savings banks in Oregon. The bill amended by the senate and brought back to the house yesterday failed to meet approval. Representatives Gordon and German were named as a conference committee by Speaker Burdick. Agreement was reached with the senate committee to withdraw the latter's amendments. Signing of the bill was one of the first acts of the governor this morning.

To Spend \$50,000 In Betterment of City Phone System

In addition to expenditures made during the past year by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in this vicinity, Manager Dancy announces that another \$50,000 of new money will be spent for additions and improvements to the company's plant and equipment in this territory during the current year.
The expenditure will cover, in addition to the money used for connecting new telephones, the installation of a new section of long distance switchboard. There will also be added in the central office a new section of subscribers' switchboard.
Many additions to the outside aerial cable plant will be made in the section of the city north of State street, and the underground plant on Liberty street, north of Chemeketa street, will also be extended.
In addition to the work on the exchange property in the city, there will be much reconstruction work on the long distance lines leading out of town. The extension to the long distance plant in the immediate vicinity of Salem will include the installation of a new talking circuit between Albany and Salem. Another project provides for a new circuit between this city and Silverton which, when completed, will eliminate the old Northwestern long distance line along the highway between these two cities.
This construction program is a part of the \$3,000,000 program for the state recently announced by Division Superintendent Hickman and shows the confidence which officers of the Pacific company have in the future growth of this community and Oregon.

HOUSE PASSES NORMAL SCHOOL FOR ASHLAND

Reestablishment of the Ashland normal school will be effected if house bill 87 passed by the house this morning becomes a law. The bill provides for a tax levy of one-twentieth of a mill for maintenance purposes and for an appropriation of \$175,000 for new buildings necessary.
Considerable argument rose over the bill, although only nine "no" votes were checked up. Those voting "no" were Bennett, Graham, Hesse, Reynolds, Russell, Settlemier, Shunaway, Wilson and Teegarden.
Insinuation that there had been a trade of votes on normal school matters in order to get the Ashland measure passed was made by Representative Graham.
"I am opposed to that type of legislation," he declared. "Bills should stand on their merit."
Representatives Hamilton and Cowell spoke for the bill, declaring that the state was now unable to obtain enough teachers trained in Oregon.

FORTIETH DAY PASSES WITH MUCH TO DO

Theoretically the thirty third legislative session comes to a close today, the fortieth day, but with it comes the realization that those closely in touch with the situation that there is no prospect of cleaning up the business that has accumulated through nearly six weeks of wasted and petty effort before Wednesday or Thursday of next week, or perhaps later.
So far practically none of the appropriation bills have yet been acted upon, a matter of some 60 or 70 bills to go through both houses, and there is all the important problem of raising sufficient revenues with which to meet the appropriations and incidental expenses of state government during the coming two years.
Out of the ways and means committee has come recommendation for a diversion of some of the fees collected by self-supporting state departments, which means a row of more or less imposing proportions. They also have asked for a 10 per cent tax on cigarettes, cigars and tobacco, and a like tax on cosmetics, which is already bringing down an imposing lobby. The gross earnings tax they propose on public utilities is also going to find some opposition.

KINDERGARTEN BILL RE-REFERRED IN SENATE

After an argument on the floor, the senate again re-referred the kindergarten bill, house bill 204. Opponents demanded that it be amended so that the question of establishing kindergarten in districts of the first class should be referred to the people of the district and not established on petition of 25 or more persons.
The senate killed by indefinite postponement the Zimmerman bill for purity in elections, designed to limit the expenditure of money; house bill 375, by Collier, pertaining to registration of voters, and house bill 330, increasing the salaries of judges of district courts.

HUGHES ASKED TO TELL OF MUZZLING KOROLYI

Washington, Feb. 20.—Chairman Borah was directed today by the senate foreign relations committee to ask Secretary Hughes for the fact regarding charges that the state department had "muzzled" Count Michael Korolyi, former president of Hungary, during his visit to this country.

6 PERCENT LIMITATION HITS TAXES

Attorney General Asked If Tobacco And Cosmetic Taxation Are Affected By Constitution.

A new problem developed today relative to efforts being made by the ways and means committee to raise enough revenue to meet the state's needs in the next two years. This is the question whether the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment would apply to tobacco and cosmetic taxes, and other assessments that the committee will ask the legislature to make. The committee and Attorney General Van Winkle are to day wrestling with the question.
The attorney general held last fall that the income tax was affected by the 6 per cent limit, the opinion being based on the peculiar wording of the 6 per cent amendment which says that by the process of taxation no more revenue shall be raised in any year greater than that raised in the previous year plus 6 per cent. The term "revenue" would apply as well to any other kind of tax. On the other hand there is precedent to indicate that a limit of this kind has not usually been applied to excise taxes.
It is believed the only solution to the question will lie in the supreme court. Should it be held that the limitation does apply to the proposed special taxes then the bills now approved by the ways and means committee would considerably exceed the legal limitation and the present financial program of the committee would be much crippled. The only thing, apparently, to forestall a serious condition of financial affairs would be to repeal the 6 per cent limitation, and this could not be done except by referring the question to the people.
The tax commission in December in December levied about \$1,000,000 less than it could have levied under the 6 per cent limitation, but this has been more than exceeded by the special revenue bills now before the legislature.

KING GEORGE MAKES BUT SLOW PROGRESS

London, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—A bulletin issued from Buckingham palace this forenoon regarding the condition of King George, who is suffering from bronchitis, said:
"In spite of a somewhat restlessness tonight, the king is making slow progress."
The king apparently suffered a good deal of trouble from the bronchitis during the night as the official bulletin records the fact he was somewhat restless.

PRISON WARDEN GUILTY OF BRIBERY

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 20.—After sixteen hours in United States court here today, A. E. Sartain and Lawrence Reith were convicted by a jury of conspiracy to accept bribes. L. J. Fletcher was acquitted.
The three defendants were charged with conspiracy to receive bribes from wealthy inmates of the Atlanta federal penitentiary where A. E. Sartain was warden and L. F. Fletcher was deputy warden. Reith's home is in Columbus, Ohio.
James N. Linton of Columbus, attorney for Reith, filed a motion for a new trial and Judge Ervin announced that he would defer passing sentence until noon this counsel might be heard.

EMERGENCY OFFICERS BILL PASSED

Washington, Feb. 20.—The emergency officers retirement bill was passed today by the senate.

Coolidge Feels Effect of Own Economy Order

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Coolidge felt the effect of his own economy campaign in the executive offices today when, growing weary of wrestling with an ancient and dull edged knife eraser, he made a request for a new one.
Instead of receiving the shiny and keen eraser of other days, he had the old one returned to him with the word that no new ones were left and no authority had been given to purchase a further supply.
The president received the news and his old eraser with out comment and returned to his work.

ART TREASURES WORTH \$500,000 ROBBERS LOOT

Hollywood, Cal., Feb. 20.—Renaissance paintings and other art treasures valued at nearly a half million dollars, missing from the Hollywood home of a German art collector, were being sought by police and private detectives here today.
Martin Weinschenck, president of the Dantzig, Germany, firm of M. Weinschenck & Co., owner of the stolen collection discovered the loss when he returned home last night, he told police. Among the paintings cut from their frames or carried away from them and all by the looters he listed:
Coolidge's "Daughter of Phillip II of Spain and Elizabeth of Valois" valued at \$125,000; "Vocal Lesson" by Metsu, valued at \$125,000; Murillo's famous "Boy Blowing Bubbles," valued at \$60,000; a series of pictures by Teniers, a Madonna and child, and other paintings by Correggio, and other works by Baeker and Loran.
The thieves also obtained, he said, old lace valued at \$12,000 and other art objects, but left behind them practically as valuable a collection of paintings and other treasures as they had taken away.
In a locked closet, for instance, undisturbed amid the general array of the looted home was antique silver valued at \$50,000.

BRITAIN TO BACK U. S. IN ARMS MEET

Cooperation of France Secured Also For New Limitation of Armaments Conference.

London, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Another step toward bringing about a new limitation of armaments conference in Washington developed today when it was announced in diplomatic circles that the attitude of the British government was at all times to back up any move by the United States to establish international peace on a firmer basis.
While the conversations designed to bring about such a conference had been going on for some time in London and Paris, as well as in Tokio, it was stated, it was considered that the plans for the conference were well along now in the preliminary stage and that the conference was likely to be called for the coming summer.
This was predicted on the understanding that the attitude of the Americans who have been consulted was to endeavor to set a date which would make it possible for Austen Chamberlain, British secretary for foreign affairs to attend the conference and that he had promised to make the journey to Washington if possible.
As viewed in London the conference would be confined to naval limitations, but there are hopes that perhaps the conversations

RUSH RESCUE CREWS TO AID TRAPPED MEN

Fate of 50 Miners Caught By a Blast in Colliery Unknown—Dead And Wounded Taken Out.

Sullivan, Ind., Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Two men are dead, three seriously injured and thirty-five entombed with little chance of being brought out alive as the result of an explosion in the City Coal company's mine here today.
This information was given to the Associated Press by G. M. Inglesman, an official of the coal company this afternoon. "There appears to be little chance for those now in the mine," said Mr. Inglesman.
The mine is 350 feet deep. It is less than two years old. Representatives of the operators here have no definite details of the explosion except advice that several of the miners had been killed.
Sullivan, Ind., Feb. 20.—The fate of fifty miners entrapped by a blast in the City Coal company mine near here was unknown at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Two unidentified dead had been taken from the mine and three men seriously injured had been rescued.
Reports brought to the top by men engaged in seeking the dead and injured indicate it is probable many others are dead.
All mine rescue teams in the district have been rushed to the

13 BOYS CAUGHT SHOOTING CRAPS

Thirteen high school boys were caught shooting dice behind the store owned by Kirby Ross, on Church street, opposite the high school building, this morning. The dice and a small quantity of money were taken by the police, and the boys required to appear before Judge Paulsen at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The names of the boys apprehended are as follows:
Denton Dalrymple, aged 17; Elton Lilly, aged 15; Virgil Holly, aged 17; Albert Walker, aged 15; Donald Morris, aged 16; Harry Steinbock, aged 16; Gillis Griffin, aged 15; Virgil McMorris, aged 20; Carl Van Vleet, aged 15; Lloyd Davenport, aged 15; Delbert Schwalbaur, aged 17; Selmer Larson, aged 18; Henry Hendrickson, aged 16.
A complaint has been filed against Ross for allowing the gambling to go on in back of his store building. It has been reported for some time that boys were "shooting craps" behind his store.

DEATH KNELL RUNG IN HOUSE ON MANY BILLS

Senator Eddy's senate bill providing for killed colleges in high school when approved by vote of the people of the district was killed by indefinite postponement today on the adoption of a majority report of the committee on education, signed by Clark, Flak and Johnson. A minority report recommending that the bill pass was signed by Garland and Toole. There was no argument on the measure, Senator Eddy conceding that it was too late in the session to discuss the merits of the bill.
The following bills were killed by indefinite postponement:
H. B. 289, Horcher (by request)—Relating to the revocation of operators' and chauffeurs' licenses.
H. B. 125, Cromer—Prohibiting certain livestock from running at large on state highways.
H. B. 307, Judiciary committee—Providing that salaries of justices of the peace shall be fixed by county courts.
H. B. 304, King—Pertaining to holding county fairs.
H. B. 432, Clackamas delegation—Fixing salary of chief field deputy of Clackamas county sheriff's office.
H. B. 438, Lemerang (substitute for H. B. 83)—Pertaining to execution of writs by sheriffs.
H. B. 439, German (substitute for H. B. 376)—Relating to liens on structures.
S. B. 214, Senator Dennis and Representative Hunter—Relating to costs on application for change of venue.
S. B. 142, Clark (by request)—Providing that certain persons may be released from jail after 60 days.

INDICTED FOR STAMP PLOT

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 20.—Four indictments charging V. Zoffarelli, prominent Cleveland attorney, Nicol Salupo and Iligo Russo, with conspiracy to defraud the government and Cleveland banks in what Assistant United States District Attorney Miles E. Egan calls "a half million dollar revenue stamp counterfeiting plot," were returned today by the federal grand jury.
One indictment names the three men on a conspiracy count, while the others, in addition to conspiracy charge each with uttering, publishing and passing counterfeit stamps in specific instances.
Spaulding Buys Timber
Portland, Or., Feb. 20.—Fourteen and one-half million feet of government timber was sold through the United States land office here yesterday at a total price of \$27,251, according to Frank O. Nartup, receiver. A block went to the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company of Salem. It consisted of 3,440,000 feet of fir in Polk county and was sold for \$520.83.

EQUALIZATION BILL DEFEATED

By indefinite postponement the senate today killed Senator Toose's bill equalization of taxes by property classification. Senator Corbett, chairman of the taxation committee, explained that the bill was too deep a study to be taken care of at this session and that a resolution would be introduced calling upon the state tax commission to make a study of the subject in the next two years and report to the next session in 1927. Senator Toose agreed to the action taken.

GLIMPSES OF LEGISLATORS BY MURRAY WADE

