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FAIR AND COLDER
Tonight, Wednesday generally fair. Light westerly winds.
Local: Max. 49; min. 42; rain. 32; river, 6.5; rising; atmo. cloudy; wind, south.

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STATE CASHIER SHY \$5,000

STATE GOVERNMENT BILL KILLED BY SENATE

Joseph Resolution Defeated—Recall Change Is Adopted; Busy Morning In Upper House.

Senator Joseph's joint resolution No. 7, proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to engage in hydro-electric development was killed in the senate today. This was adoption of an adverse committee report.

Joseph's joint resolution No. 16, providing for a change in the recall provision of the state constitution was adopted. The Joseph amendment provides that in recall elections no candidate for the office shall be voted on, and in event the official is recalled his successor will be appointed by the appointive power. Only Senators Dunn and Taylor voted against the resolution.

The sheriff of Multnomah county will receive no increase in salary at the hands of this session, the senate today killing by indefinite postponement house bill 474, which proposed an increase from \$4500 to \$5100. The Multnomah delegation of the senate turned out an adverse report on the bill.

Representative Hubbert's joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment whereby the legislature could curb the power of the governor to grant pardons and pardons was indefinitely postponed.

Neither is Oregon to get a divided session of the legislature or increase pay for members of the legislature, the senate killing by indefinite postponement house joint resolutions 18 and 17, providing respectively for those amendments to the constitution.

House joint resolution 16, providing for consolidation of state government was indefinitely postponed.

Other measures killed by indefinite postponement in the senate were:

H. B. 355, Carlin—Allowing appeal to board of control from tax levies made by counties and municipal corporations.

H. B. 328, legislative committee—Relating to transfer of shares of stock in corporations and to make uniform law therefor.

S. B. 212, Joseph—Relating to water districts.

H. B. 274, Carlin—Providing for supplementary Oregon code.

S. B. 252, substitute for S. B. 62—Relating to automobile mechanics.

DRY AGENT TO KEEP NARCOTICS

The house this morning killed senate bill 210, which was designed to transfer enforcing authority of the state narcotic laws from the state prohibition commissioner's office to the state board of pharmacy.

Representative Woodward, Multnomah county, explained that the pharmacy board had no machinery for enforcing the law.

Representative McCallister, Marion county, supported the measure, maintaining that better enforcement would be forthcoming under the state board of pharmacy.

"With all due respect to the secretary of the state board of pharmacy, he has no more training or ability for handling this work than he has for supervising automobile traffic on Mars," explained Woodward. "His business is to issue certificates to persons and to find out that they can distinguish opium salts from talcum powder."

AIRPLANE INVESTIGATORS TO REOPEN HEARINGS

Washington, Feb. 24.—By a vote of five to one, the house military aircraft committee today reversed its decision of last Saturday and decided to reopen hearings next Thursday. The only explanation of today's action given by committee members related to committee finances. It was said that instead of having emptied its war chest, as previously supposed, the committee was found to have more than \$2000 left for expenses.

COMPROMISE SAVE LIFE OF COMMISSION

Agreement Reached Between Governor and Legislature On Public Service Board.

Agreement has been reached between the governor and the legislature whereby the public service commission is to be saved the embarrassment of attempting to operate during the coming two years without funds. By the agreement the legislature is to pass the gross earnings tax on public utilities, amended to apply for only two years, and the governor is to sanction the re-appointment of the public service commission appropriation of \$100,000, which he vetoed Saturday.

At a conference early this afternoon participated in by Speaker Burdick, Chairman Gordon of the house ways and means committee, other members of the house committee and representatives of the house organization an agreement was reached to solve the state's financial tangle, if possible, by following out the joint ways and means committee's program of revenue measures, and on top of these to levy an additional millage tax on property. This legislation, it was agreed, should go before the governor so that he would be provided with all the revenue needed. The governor, of course, will be at liberty to veto whatever he sees fit, and it is a foregone conclusion that he will veto the property levy and allow the others to stand. With the submission of the proposed legislation to the governor the legislature's responsibility will end and will be shifted upon the shoulders of the executive.

State Treasurer Kay was called into the conference. He consented against a plan urged by some members that the legislature make all the appropriations now approved by the ways and means committee and then adjourn sine die, leaving it to the governor to veto them down to the point that they will come within available funds. Should the legislature not be satisfied to accept the revenue producing measures, namely the tobacco tax, tax on gross earnings of utilities and the diversion of receipts of various state activities, it might then levy an additional property tax.

HEAVY SNOW TO DELAY CRATER LAKE SEASON

Medford, Or., Feb. 24.—A later season of snow at Crater Lake is usual and a larger supply of water for southern Oregon than for many years, will result from the record-breaking storage of snow along the Cascade divide this year, according to Peter Gard, the park ranger, who telephoned to Medford last night that there is now 15 feet of snow at Crater Lake rim. Moreover, the snow is packed down and frozen, so that the water content is believed to be twice the average usually found at this time of the year, according to Gard.

PERUVIAN AWARD TO BE DELIVERED FRIDAY

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Coolidge is expected to deliver next Friday to the Chilean and Peruvian embassies his arbitration award on the Tacna-Arica dispute, according to semi-official information received by the Peruvian embassy here.

FARMERS VOTE ON PARKING

The controversy over limitation of parking on Salem streets was won by farmers this afternoon when G. E. McAfee, secretary of the Salem Business Men's league, began distributing blanks among downtown stores for the purpose of having out of town customers register their preferences with regard to the length of time to be allowed. All the larger stores in the city are being given a voting blank.

With only four votes in its favor, Representative Mark McCallister's bill to make amendments in the dc license bill, including the dispensing of license tags by deputy assessors, was defeated in the senate Monday.

School Board to Act Tonight On Secret Societies

The question of secret societies in Salem high school will probably come up for a definite decision at the meeting of the school board tonight. Action was begun at the meeting two weeks ago to inquire into the existence of such organizations, with a possible view to requiring them to post lists of their members in a public place, together with the scholastic grades earned by those members. The problem has been aggravated by the scandal growing out of the arrest last week of 13 high school boys for crap shooting. A former school board committee, investigating high school organizations, is said to have been given the promise by representatives of the societies that the organizations would see to it that their members made no infringing on school rules.

Although one school declared necessary to keep the societies from being considered secret is the full knowledge by school authorities as to the society membership. Principal Nelson this morning admitted that he did not know whether or not any of the 13 boys involved in last week's gambling episode belonged to high school organizations. Inquiry at other sources revealed the fact that a large proportion of the boys do belong to various fraternal clubs of the school.

"At present they're allowed to have student government up there," said one member of the board. "Now if they're going to do such things as gambling it looks as though something would have to be done about it." It was definitely indicated that a large factor in determining the action the board might take would be the question of whether or not the societies had been faithful to

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PRINCE OF WALES TO TAKE FATHER'S PLACE ON THRONE

London, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press)—King George, who is suffering from bronchial trouble, was passed a good night, it was stated in court circles this morning.

His physicians visited Buckingham palace as usual during the forenoon, but issued no bulletin, and if the present rate of progress by the patient is maintained, it is believed no further bulletins will be given out except perhaps a final one announcing his convalescence.

The Prince of Wales under the present arrangements, will take his father's place at the Buckingham palace on March 10 and 19, affording his first opportunity to preside over such important state ceremonies. With the Duke of York still on his hunting trip in Africa, there will come a period during which some provision must be made for carrying on the royal duties.

It is thought a settlement, although will be appointed, although nothing is at yet settled, on the matter will probably be considered at a privy council as soon as the king is well enough to participate in such a meeting.

DRY VIGILANTES BOMB RESIDENCE AT TAGOMA

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 24.—A Tacoma explosion, set off at 2:30 o'clock this morning by a number of men believed to have been members of a vigilance committee organized to combat liquor selling in Ruston, wrecked the building occupied by H. P. Clark and endangered the life of Clark.

Flames broke out immediately after the explosion and destroyed the house. Clark was trapped for a few moments by the fire, but made his escape from the burning building by crawling over the wreckage.

Alaska Rocked By Severe Earthquake, Seward to Fairbanks

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press)—Towns along 468 miles of the Alaska railroad were rocked yesterday by one of the most severe earthquakes ever experienced by Alaskan pioneers, according to reports received last night and today. Chimneys were wrecked, water pipes were broken and a Seward to Valdez cable cut in two by the tremors.

Two distinct shocks were felt here, the second being the hardest. They were accompanied by deep rumbles. Dishes were broken in homes and patients in the local hospital thrown from their beds. The public school was demolished. Clocks were stopped at Curry, near here.

At Seward, 114 miles southeast

OPERATE ON EBERT FOR APPENDICITIS

Condition of President of Firemen Satisfactory; Convalescence To Take Three or Four Weeks.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—An official bulletin issued at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon reads:

"President Ebert's condition is satisfactory. The fever, which rose very high during the night, has receded. His convalescence is expected to take three or four weeks."

Berlin, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press)—President Ebert underwent an operation for appendicitis early today in the west sanitarium.

In a statement his surgeons said that the operation was successful and that the president's condition was satisfactory.

The operation was performed by Professor August Bier of Berlin University, one of the most eminent surgeons in Germany.

The president had not been in good health for the last two weeks, being confined to his bed most of the time. He was supposed to be suffering from influenza, but found himself able to attend the presidential farewell luncheon for the departing American ambassador, Mr. Houghton, last Tuesday.

Subsequently he grew worse and was compelled to cancel all engagements. The attack of appendicitis came on top of gall stone trouble from which the president has also suffered.

The surgeons gave no details of the operation beyond stating that Ebert was under the anaesthetic for an hour and that he had "passed a satisfactory night." A similar statement was made by the president's secretary.

WARRANT OUT FOR WOODS SON

Paris, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Havas news agency from Biarritz this afternoon stated that a formal complaint had been lodged with the Biarritz police against Osborne C. Woods, son of Governor General Wood of the Philippines, in connection with the alleged issuance of a worthless check. It was added that the complaint would be transmitted to police department headquarters at Bayonne tonight and that it was expected a warrant would be issued there tomorrow or Thursday.

CAUGHT SELLING POCKET FLASKS

Perret Brown, J. H. Henderson and Frank Wawema are in the county jail, charged with selling intoxicating liquor to state agents. The roundup of these liquor eaters is the result of a plan executed by the police department of Salem with the aid of these special agents, and marks the detection of a group of "hip pocket" salesmen, as Mayor J. B. Giesy terms them.

"Guilty," was the plea of all three, and they were placed in the jail to await sentence tomorrow from Justice Brazier Small, at 9:30 o'clock.

Another man, W. W. Downing, charged possession of intoxicating liquor, will appear before Justice Small tomorrow to enter a plea.

Michael Sullivan Dead

New York, Feb. 24.—Michael Sullivan, Bronx politician, race ball manager and owner of race horses, died at Mount Sinai hospital today half an hour after he had been shot under circumstances and by persons so far unknown at Taylor's, a Bronx carabaret. Sullivan was taken to the hospital in a taxicab by three unidentified men.

President Ebert Under Surgeon's Knife



President Ebert

GRAND JURORS HEAR WHEELER TELL OF CHARGES

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Wheeler of Montana appeared today before the District of Columbia grand jury, which for three weeks has been investigating new charges against him and others in connection with government land transactions.

The senator was taken into the grand jury chamber immediately after government counsel learned that he wished to avail himself of an invitation extended by Attorney General Stone and make a personal statement to the jurors.

Commissioner Spry of the general land office, J. P. McDowell, an interior department attorney and W. G. Seely, a Washington lawyer who is in the service of Gordon Campbell, the oil man already under indictment with Senator Wheeler in Montana, also appeared before the grand jury.

Representatives of the government indicated that their prolonged investigation into the circumstances under which lease of government lands by Campbell and his associates had been obtained in Montana was about concluded. Within a day or so, they said, facts would be left to the jurors for a decision.

A recess preceded the examination of Senator Wheeler and during the wait he declared he would waive immunity and tell the jurors anything that might be requested.

"I haven't anything to conceal and the fact is I haven't very much information on the subject I understand the jury is investigating," he said. "I shall endeavor to give them everything they ask."

Baptists at Portland

Portland, Or., Feb. 24.—Baptist ministers of the state today opened a week of study and conference here. More than 100 ministers from outside cities and towns are expected to be here by tomorrow. Leading ministers of the state and special guests who are leaders in church work are on the program.

Reestablishment of Normal School At Ashland Is Voted

With only three contrary votes, house bill 87, which provides for the re-establishment of the Ashland normal school, passed the senate Monday. Those voting against the bill were Strayer, Taylor and Zimmerman.

The bill was passed after several members, led by Ritter, had made a determined effort to have it re-committed so that the referendum clause might be attached, their argument being that passage of the bill without the referendum would endanger passage of the bill to establish a normal school in eastern Oregon when that measure goes before the people at the next election.

CONFESSES DESTRUCTION OF CHURCHES

Fireman Fireburg Tells of Firing Temple Beth Israel and Lutheran Edifices.

Portland, Or., Feb. 24.—Chester Buchtel, former member of the Portland fire department, who confessed last week that he had started more than 60 fires, most of them small, today added to the list of his incendiary operations fires which wrecked Temple Beth Israel, the German Lutheran church, St. Charles Catholic church, and the Grace English Lutheran church, Fire Marshal Granfell and the district attorney announced.

Fires at the Kiser motion picture studio in Portland, the Grange hall at Milwaukie, Or., and other blazes were also confessed, adding \$300,000 to the \$200,000 damage previously admitted, the officials announced.

Among the additional fires admitted was one that burned the Northwestern planing mill. The loss in this fire was between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

The new confessions were announced following a trip to the scenes of the fires in company with officers of the fire bureau.

Buchtel's confessions were taken down in writing today in the district attorney's office. He was questioned by C. A. Beckman, deputy district attorney.

The fireman anarchist told in detail how he started each fire. At Beth Israel synagogue, one of the most spectacular of the fires confessed, Buchtel opened a window on the south side of the building and crawled into a small room where he found some books and papers.

He set fire to the papers, placed a chair over the flames and left through the window.

He reported to his company when it arrived on the scene and assisted in fighting the fire.

Broke Church Window
At the German Lutheran church, he said, he found an older broom outside the building and broke a window of the church with it. He then went inside through the broken window and found a box or barrel—he doesn't remember which—filled with rubbish. He dumped out the rubbish and touched a lighted match to it. On leaving the building, he said, a man followed him down Twelfth street. He went into a theater to see a show.

Buchtel said he entered St. Charles Catholic church, east Thirty Third north and Webster, through an open door, and inside he found some paint cans and rubbish, to which he set fire.

On leaving the building, he declared, he saw a man watering a lawn across the street. He left on his motorcycle and did not return.

At the Grace English Lutheran church, Buchtel said, he walked along the side of the church building. A pane of glass in one of the windows fell out as he touched it, crashing loudly to the floor inside.

He climbed through the window and went into a closet, where he set fire to some rubbish. He later returned and watched this fire, according to his statement.

CONFESSES DEFALCATION STATE FUNDS

Cashier Under State Treasurer Myers Shy \$5000 Admits Taking The Money.

Shortages in the accounts of the former state treasurer, revealed when the office was turned over to T. B. Kay by Jefferson Myers early in December, amounting to \$5000, have been located and laid to the door of C. W. Thompson, former cashier in the office, who is said to have confessed to defalcations covering a period of more than three years.

Since Mr. Kay took over the office attempts have been made to locate an apparent shortage of \$5000 which appeared in the inactive fund of the office, but it was not until yesterday that the matter had been sufficiently cleared up to indicate that Thompson might be guilty of misappropriating the money for his own use.

Mr. Kay discovered the shortage when he first checked over the accounts of the office, but the shortage at that time was believed to have been caused by bookkeeping errors somewhere. Further investigation revealed that the \$5000 was actually gone and that the money was made up on Mr. Myers' former treasurer, to make good the amount. It was Mr. Myers' bondsmen, according to the reports, which investigated Thompson's alleged manipulations.

State Treasurer Kay stating that he had nothing to say regarding the matter, as he had had no hand in working out the case and was not familiar with all of the details.

It is understood, however, that the alleged defalcations covered a period of more than three years and the money was taken in small amounts, principally by paying out money on assignments, duplicating the payments when the regular warrants came through and then destroying the assignments.

When it became apparent that he could no longer cover up the shortage, due to the change in the administration, Thompson is said to have called up the Treasury department to transfer \$5000 from the inactive to the active deposit to make the latter balance. The check made by Mr. Kay when he took office revealed the shortage in the inactive account, but this could not be traced for nearly a month. Thompson delaying sending in the warrant for the \$5000 to the Portland bank for that length of time.

Whether or not Thompson will be prosecuted rests entirely with his bondsmen, who have made good the shortage.

TOBACCO TAX OF TEN PER CENT

Over the protest of tobacco dealers who were heard by the ways and means committee last night, for whom John Logan was spokesman, the committee reported out favorably a bill to tax tobacco in all forms. The tobaccoists offered, and told the committee that this alone would produce in Oregon \$11,000 a year, which was far beyond the calculations of the committee. But on cigars, chewing and smoking tobacco and snuff, they said, was impracticable, as on cigars because it would be unenforceable.

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Senator Dunn led off with a speech in favor of the bill, pointing to the need for an additional normal school, both geographically and educationally. Senator Toose backed him up, declaring the Ashland normal was part of the program of the board of regents of the normal school and urging the senate to play fair with southern Oregon.

Dennis moved that the bill go over to this morning to be acted on as a special order along with the Beale branch normal school bill and other educational measures. This motion lost after Senator

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