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FAIR TONIGHT
and Sunday. Slight change in tempera-
ture. Light northeast wind.
Local: Max. 58; min. 33; rain, traces
river, 6.0 falling; atmo., clear; wind,
west.

GERMAN PRESIDENT IS DEAD

POWER LINE EXTENSION ACROSS RIVER

Mountain States Company To Extend System From Independence To Salem To Irrigate Low Lands.

Announcement that an electric line for power, heat, and light would be extended from Independence along the county road to Brunk's corner and thence along the highway to Salem, tapping one of the richest farming districts in the state, was made today by an official of the Mountain States Power company to H. N. Ord, superintendent of the Kola ranch of 1000 acres, 1 1/2 miles east of the county road, at one of the largest plantations to be benefited by the proposed project.

This decision on the part of the power company has come as a pleasant surprise to the farmers in this section and comes only as a result of a decision by the Mountain States company to extend a 60,000 volt trunk line through a unit in the huge trunk line to extend from Canada to Mexico, now virtually completed, which will give an unbroken "tie in" to all power companies along the coast, making interchange of power possible.

Only through construction of such a trunk line could the high-voltage local lines be strung, as the erection of the poles is the greatest expense incurred, and the light lines will find the poles already set. A 2300 volt line, strung on cross bars four feet below the 60,000 volt line, can be transformed for the power, lighting, and heating of farms with a 350 transformer, giving every farmer an opportunity to get a connection.

To Irrigate Land

Proof that the Willamette river bottom land can be successfully irrigated is said to be one of the factors that has brought about the decision to build the power line this spring. Activities last summer, one of the driest encountered

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PARTY BOLLERS PUT ON BOTTOM OF COMMITTEES

Washington, Feb. 28.—As a further step in denying republican party status in the senate to Senator La Follette and his chief supporters, the republican committee on committees, which assigned the Wisconsin senator, together with Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, and Ladd and Franz, of North Dakota to places at the bottom of the list on committees on which they now hold membership. The action, which was taken yesterday over the written protest of the three senators who supported the La Follette ticket in the presidential campaign, would give them the same committee status as though elected on an independent instead of republican ticket. Senator La Follette himself made no reply to the committee letter asking in the case of each senator, whether they desired the democrats or republicans to make their committee assignments.

The committee's action is subject to approval by the republican party conference, to be held early next month, and later by the senate itself. Although some opposition is expected at both stages, administration leaders believe they can carry out their program.

NEW SYSTEM AUTOMATIC LIGHTING FOR OREGON

Legislative Enactment Goes Into Effect August 31 Similar To California And Idaho Laws.

Reform in the motor vehicle lighting system of Oregon is provided in house bill 264, by Shrock, which passed the legislature and which will become effective at midnight August 31. Prior to that time Secretary of State Koser may institute a campaign of education through the state traffic department to make the motorists of the state familiar with the new lighting regulations.

The new system is now used in California and Idaho and is being adopted by Washington. It is in use elsewhere in the United States and its purpose is to bring uniform lighting regulation throughout the country. Headlights, spotlights and fog lights are affected and signal lights on buses.

The position of head lamps is fixed at not less than 24 or more than 50 inches above the surface of the highway, and the act provides that it is impossible to move them so the beam of light can be directed above the center of the lamp. The act will apply to the "eight-point test" which is approved by the Illuminating Engineering association of the United States.

Adjusting Stations. The act provides for adjusting stations. Any garage or shop which will provide itself with the necessary equipment may make application to the secretary of state for a certificate as an adjusting station. The act requires the adoption of certain lenses and reflector devices. At present there are 27 different makes of lenses and reflectors that meet requirements in the state that have the law. Practically all new cars sold in the last two years have lenses and reflectors that meet the requirements.

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STANDARD OIL FIXES GAS PRICES FOR INDEPENDENTS

Washington, Feb. 28.—Independent gasoline interests generally look to the Standard Oil company of Indiana for the establishment of price levels and endeavor to prevent cutting below those levels, the federal trade commission today reported to the senate.

The report, submitted by President Coolidge as a result of a recent senate request, covered an inquiry by the commission into market conditions in 1923-24. While the several Standard Oil companies since the dissolution of the "generally operate less consistently as a group," the report said, the more important members of the group as "fortifying themselves by obtaining control of independent and dominant units in the territories in which they operate."

Two companies—the Prairie Oil company and Standard of Indiana—were declared "in a substantial degree to dominate" the price of crude oil and of gasoline in the mid-continental where about one-half the crude is produced and nearly one third of the gasoline produced is consumed.

Ohio Congressman Wins Speakership of Next Session



LONGWORTH TO BE SPEAKER OF NEXT CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 28.—Nicholas Longworth of Ohio will preside as speaker of the house in the sixty-ninth congress and John Q. Tilson of Connecticut will be the republican floor leader.

The present majority leader was selected by republican members-elect in the house in caucus last night as the first ballot by a vote of 149 to 85. The caucus decision is binding on the majority members and his election to the speakership is certain.

Martin B. Madden of Illinois, for whom the 85 votes were cast, immediately offered a motion by which the selection of Mr. Longworth was made unanimous. The choice of Mr. Tilson was by acclamation.

Other selections made by the caucus at which all but ten of the 234 republicans qualified to attend were present, included Representative Hawley of Oregon as chairman of the caucus and Representative Sweet of New York as secretary and Representative Vestal of Indiana, as republican whip, a post he now holds.

Democrats elected to the new house will caucus tonight to select their candidate for speaker, with Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the party leader, as a certain choice. Upon his defeat when the house organizes, he will automatically continue as the minority leader.

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Changes in Marion hotel management effective May 1 were announced today when it became known that A. N. Pierce, manager of the hotel for the past five years, will go to Corvallis to take charge under lease of the new seven story community hotel being constructed there, which will be christened "Hotel Benton," and James R. Linn, principal owner of the Marion, will assume personal management of the hotel here.

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Fair Inauguration Day
Washington, Feb. 28.—"Fair and rather cool weather" was forecast by the weather bureau today for President Coolidge's inauguration.

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Want Sherriff to Guard Hen Coops As Well as Sheep

Threats of an organization of chicken raisers throughout the county as a chicken protective society to not alone guard hen coops against raids, but raise a voice of protest so the sheriff must heed every time a chicken coop is marauded, are voiced in a letter received from Mrs. Charles E. Allanbach of Gervais, Oregon, sent to The Capital Journal.

This appeal to poultry raisers places the sheriff, as it were, literally between "hell and high-water," as the echo has scarcely died away from the clamor of H. H. Vandevort over the apprehension of sheep-killing dogs.

Suggestions are offered that the sheriff divide his force of four deputies into two squads to be known as the chicken thief squad

and the sheep-killing dog squad, these two squads or two pieces to spread themselves over the county, one squad roosting in chicken coops all night and the other disguised as sheepherders, crouching on the thousand hills armed with ammonia guns lying in wait for dogs. By adroit use of a series of disguises it is believed the deputies could operate in this manner to the eternal terror of chicken-coop looters and carnivorous dogs.

Mrs. Allanbach in her letter is quite pronounced in her views. She addresses it to the readers of The Capital Journal and the sheriff of Marion county.

"I wonder why we pay taxes to support a sheriff's salary to protect us from lawbreakers and then

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SUIT TO FORCE BANK TO PAY FOR KING'S STOCK

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28.—Suit to force Ladd & Tilton bank of Portland and associated defendants to pay back money invested in the Oregon Kings company of Delaware was filed in circuit court today.

The demand is based on charges paralleling those made in reports of Oswald West and George Black, committee of the governor which investigated various corporations recently.

Agnes Boyd Wigle, who declared she bought stock in her own right and has also been assigned stock of other purchasers, asks \$36,620.

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DICKINSON BILL CALLED CAMOUFLAGE

Market Measure Passed By House Declared Another Effort To Kidnap Farmers—Just Mush.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Dickinson cooperative farm marketing bill, substituted by the house for the Capper-Haugen bill was described today by Chairman Carey of the president's agricultural conference as the "cleverest piece of camouflage ever drawn."

Appearing before the senate agricultural committee, he said it was drawn by Henry C. Taylor, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, who, he said, was an antagonist of the conference and would stir up "one of the greatest fights ever seen in Washington," if enacted into law.

The Dickinson bill would propose to extend aid to farmers without the regulatory provisions of the Capper-Haugen measure. It will be just a step toward killing anything that may be done in the future, Chairman Carey declared. "The bureau of agricultural economics which will be given all power by this bill has this power now. The bill merely provides two jankets annually to Washington for 50 members on an advisory council. They will be paid \$25 a day on these trips. The bill also gives four other men \$10,000 a year to give advice which the head of the bureau of agricultural economics can veto."

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GOODING STARTS FILIBUSTER ON HARBORS BILL

Washington, Feb. 28.—Notice was given to the senate today by Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, that unless his long and short freight rate proposal is attached to the rivers and harbors bill that measure has little chance of passing at this session of congress.

When he made his declaration, Senator Gooding had been speaking for more than three hours in favor of his proposition, which was rejected by the house at the last session. There was no indication how much longer he expected to hold the floor.

The conference agreed that the chances of the \$41,000,000 measure had been endangered by what was termed "the filibuster" now proceedings against the Cape Cod purchase, and the proposal to prohibit the charging of a higher rate for a short than a long haul. Senator Robinson, Arkansas, who presided at the meeting said it was agreed that each of these riders would be treated "as separate measures."

EBERT DEAD FROM EFFECTS OF OPERATION

President of Germany Dies From Peritonitis Following Operation for Appendicitis.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—(By Associated Press) Friedrich Ebert, first president of the German republic died at 10:15 this morning from peritonitis which followed an operation for appendicitis five days ago.

The former saddle maker, whose skill in guiding the infant republic through the first turbulent years of its existence, was acknowledged even by his bitter enemies, made a gallant fight for life. But his system had long undermined by an attack of influenza before the operation and his heart was not equal to the burden imposed by the poena which had spread throughout his system.

Around his bedside when the end came were his wife, their daughter, Amalie, and her husband, Dr. Wilhelm Jaenckes, and their sole son to survive the war, Friederich, Jr. State Secretary Meier was the only other person present aside from the doctors and nurses.

The political attacks upon the president which culminated in the Madgeburg trial, and the efforts to connect him with the "charismatic" loan advanced greatly to the burdens imposed upon him as chief executive of a

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FORGED NAME OF SPAULDING TO CHECK FOR \$20

Forging the name of Charles K. Spaulding, local lumberman and capitalist, and representing himself to be a log scaler employed by John Robling & Son, a man who registered as F. D. Miller of south San Francisco succeeded in getting two nights' room rent and the change from a \$20 bill, out of a bogus \$20 check drawn on the Salem Bank of Commerce. The check was returned marked "no funds" as Spaulding does not carry an account in the bank in question.

The stranger evidently is a slick forger of some renown in the northwest as immediately after Manager Pierce had called Detective Tom Swanness of Portland and advised him of the man's age and height Swanness had him spotted and said he could round him up in a short time. No word of his arrest had yet been received this morning.

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FARMERS' BALLOT

To ascertain the sentiment of farmers upon the auto parking limit in the business district of Salem, country readers are requested to cut out, mark with an X their preference and mail this ballot to the Capital Journal.

LOST CHICKENS WHILE IN JAIL

Neighbors took 47 chickens from the premises of Albert Olds while he was in jail, according to complaint filed yesterday at the district attorney's office by Mr. Olds, who lives out near Talbot.

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BORAH TO FORCE VOTE UPON SALARY RAISE

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