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UNSETTLED TODAY
Probably rain in north and west portions tonight and Wednesday No change in temperature; fresh, strong south winds.
Local: Max. 55; min. 42; rain, .02; river, 4.6, falling; moon, part cloudy; wind, southwest.

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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1925

PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

WOULD UNSEAT BROOKHART

ROBBERS PICK ONLY QUALITY MERCHANDISE

Dresses, Coats, Suits and Hats Valued At \$1000 Taken in Robbery of Director's Store.

AURORA STORES ROBBED
Aurora, Or., Mar. 3.—Burglars last night stole about \$1000 worth of merchandise from the general store of W. and Snyder. Before leaving to cart their loot away in the auto the robbers helped themselves to a hearty lunch in the grocery department.

The "silk stocking gang" is at work again. After months of respite from the activities of this clever group of merchandise thieves the Salem police were again called upon this morning to attempt solution of the latest coup of these master sky-light operators.

Director's department store was entered sometime during last night and goods valued at \$1000 were removed, including 100 silk dresses, five women's coats, 22 women's hats, five aprons, 10 men's suits and three suitcases.

Old Gun Suspected
Police investigation this morning revealed the job to have all of the earmarks of the work of the "silk stocking gang," to which has been laid the robberies of the Miller store and the West Fur company last spring and summer, and no less than half a dozen similar burglaries in Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Silverton, McMinnville, Astoria and other points.

Entrance to the Director store last night was gained through a skylight reached through a hallway and stair entrance opening out on Commercial street from

GOVERNOR KILLS BILLS TO SPEND OVER \$135,000

All armory appropriation bills passed by the legislature were today vetoed by Governor Pierce, aggregating \$100,000. These provided for the construction of armories at La Grande, Cottage Grove and Forest Grove.

Through the item veto privilege the governor lopped \$20,000 from the appropriation for the University of Oregon, medical school in Portland, and cut \$10,000 from house bill 491, which appropriated \$50,000 for destruction of predatory animals. He vetoed an appropriation of \$6925 for a supplementary Oregon gun code, provided in house bill 274.

The governor's veto messages on all three of the armory bills are identical. Concerning his veto of the supplementary code measure the governor says "I am convinced that this is one saving that can be made without great inconvenience to anyone."

PIERCE FREES FAIR OFFENDER

Bend, Or., March 3.—Mrs. Lola Duval, serving a 60-day sentence in the Deschutes county jail following conviction on a possession of liquor charge, has been granted a reprieve by Governor Pierce. Authority to release Mrs. Duval was received in a telegram from Sheriff S. E. Roberts this morning.

Alleged Slayer of Crippled Daughter Pleads Insanity

Denver, Colo., Mar. 3.—First degree murder charges were filed against Dr. Harold E. Blazer, retired physician at Littleton, near here, today, in connection with the death of his invalid daughter, Hazel Blazer, 32 years old.

Denver, Colo., March 3.—"If I killed my daughter I did wrong." This qualified confession came from the lips of Dr. Harold Elmer Blazer last night in the first extended statement he has made since his daughter, Hazel, was found dead in the family home one week ago today.

His next sentence was: "If I did kill her I have no recollection of it." Hazel was 32 years old. She

AUTOBUS BILL HELD ILLEGAL

House Measure Assessing Heavier Fees On Motor Carriers Unconstitutional, Is Opinion.

House bill 413, the bus bill, which is being watched eagerly in all parts of the state, is unconstitutional, according to an opinion received by Governor Pierce today from Attorney General Van Winkle. The bill proposed to increase the fees of motor buses and trucks and to apply the same regulation to delivery vehicles operating in a radius of more than five miles from the establishment employing them. Defective title and text are the basis of the opinion, more than one subject being covered by them. Governor Pierce would not say today whether he will approve or veto the bill. Should he approve it, the act doubtless would go to the supreme court.

The opinion quotes the constitutional provision which says: "Every act shall embrace but one subject, and matters properly connected therewith, which subject shall be expressed in the title. But if any subject shall be embraced in an act which shall not be expressed in the title, such act shall be void only as to so much thereof as shall not be expressed in the title."

"An examination of the title and text of the act under consideration," says the opinion, "reveals clearly that this provision of the state constitution is violated by it in that it contains provisions on two or more subjects, and at least two subjects are expressed in the title. One is: 'To provide revenue for the use, maintenance, repair and construction of public highways * * * by imposing a charge upon motor vehicles.' The other is: 'Providing for the supervision and regulation of such motor vehicles, and the operation thereof.'"

"It also includes, as germane to the foregoing subjects, the raising of revenue to defray the cost of administering the act and conferring jurisdiction over such matters upon the public service commission, and other adjective provisions. That these are separate and distinct subjects cannot well be doubted. The first is a revenue measure, while the latter is an exercise of the police power and not necessarily or properly related to each other, consequently, if either is taken as the subject of the act the other cannot be considered germane to it."

House bill 21, a companion measure imposing a 50 per cent increase in fees on peddlers' vehicles, was signed by the governor today.

GERMANY TO SELECT PRESIDENT MARCH 9

Berlin, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The date of the German presidential election, at which a successor to the late President Ebert will be chosen was officially chosen today as March 9.

STATE MONEY FOR HOSPITAL DIES BY VETO

Governor Applies Axe To Bill Appropriating \$52,000 To Maintain Memorial Hospital.

The Dornbecher Memorial hospital project in Portland is knocked out by Governor Pierce's veto today of house bill 467, which provided for appropriations for salaries, wages and operating expenses of the institution when it shall have been built.

The governor also vetoed house bill 193, which provided an appropriation of \$15,000 for the state land settlement commission to clean up its debts and get back again on an operating basis. The governor recommends that the commission sell one of its model farm projects to acquire the necessary funds.

Relative to the Dornbecher hospital bill the governor says in his veto message: "This bill appropriates \$32,040 for salaries and wages in connection with the Dornbecher Memorial hospital in Portland, and \$20,020 for operating expenses in connection with the Dornbecher Memorial hospital. This hospital is not yet constructed. I do not believe that money should be appropriated from the general fund for the maintenance and support of a hospital in the city of Portland at this time."

FORMER SENATOR WILLIAM CLARK VICTIM OF COLD

New York, Mar. 3.—William A. Clark, 86 years old, former senator from Montana and pioneer of the copper mining industry, died in his 15th avenue home last night of pneumonia, following a cold contracted a few days ago.

Mr. Clark, who was vice-president of the United Copper company, maintained a residence in Butte, Mont., his home city, in addition to one here.

An idea of his wealth is given by the fact that as far back as 1889 he refused \$50,000,000 for one of his copper mines. This rise to wealth was during a career which included the occupation of a farmer's helper, school teacher, bank student, miner, prospector, banker and art collector.

Mr. Clark's widow was Anna LaChapelle, a Canadian physician's daughter, who became his ward on the death of her father and who was married to Mr. Clark in 1897. Mr. Clark was first married to Kate Stauffer of Connellville, Pa., in 1869. She died in 1893.

Mr. Clark's residence was one of the most pretentious structures in New York and at its completion in 1912 it was said to have cost \$5,000,000. In Mr. Clark's house had been a collection of art which had been a hobby with him.

SOVIET PLANS TO DIG FOR HIDDEN LIBRARY

Moscow, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The Soviet government today took steps to excavate under the towers of the Kremlin for the famous hidden library of Ivan the Terrible (1530-1584), said to include 800 volumes bound in pure gold and many Arabian, Persian, Assyrian and Byzantine manuscripts and parchments of priceless value.

Smokers Pay For Increase Given Judges

When Governor Pierce yesterday signed the bill increasing the salary of supreme court justices from \$5,250 to \$7,500 a year, a puff of smoke, figuratively speaking, went up all over the state.

The total increase for the seven justices means \$8,750 a year. This further means, under the terms of the new tobacco revenue tax bill at the rate of 2 cents a package for tax, that 437,500 additional packages of "fags" must be smoked in Oregon next year to keep the wheels of justice revolving smoothly. Add to this an approximate 10 per cent for expense of collection it would be a total of 441,875 packages of "fags" to cover the additional salary costs.

There are 20 cigarettes in a package, and the salary boost, thus translated into terms of cigarettes under the new tax law, means that a total of 8,837,500 cigarettes extra will have to be smoked by the good people of Oregon a year just to cover the cost of the increase. This is a little over eight cigarettes for every man, woman and child in Oregon. And it will be a few more than that for some man, woman or child, since Brigadier General White has quit puffing the pernicious pill.

COUNCIL PASSES DRUNKEN DRIVER ORDINANCE ANEW

Rules were suspended last night in the city council to permit the immediate passage of an ordinance prohibiting intoxicated persons from operating a motor vehicle in the city of Salem, and setting as punishment for violation, fine from \$50 to \$500, six jail sentence from five days to six months, and revocation of driver's permit from three months to a year.

Three readings of the ordinance were unanimous in a vote, which was followed by a favor of the ordinance. Alderman Johnson urged the necessity of such a law, and asked for immediate enforcement.

A salary increase of the city treasurer is embodied in an ordinance brought before the city council last night, and read for the first and second time. Alderman Rosebraugh moved that the rules be suspended and immediate passage of the ordinance be voted, but one vote defeated the motion. It was explained that this increase was provided in the city budget, but the ordinance was referred to committee action, pending the third reading at next council meeting. The ordinance would increase the treasurer's salary to \$1,650 per year.

MELLON CLAIMS PROBE FAILURE

Washington, March 3.—Secretary Mellon in a letter to President Coolidge today informed the executive that the treasury's "accusers," charging irregularities in the handling of federal securities remain "as far now from proving their charges as they were in 1920."

The secretary added that with the exception of a "petty theft" involving \$130,000 in bonds, the two and one-half years of investigation by Charles B. Brewer, department of justice agent and the more recent investigation by a special house committee had developed nothing further than a reiteration of the original charges made in 1920 by J. W. McCarter, a former deputy register of the treasury.

Mr. Mellon's letter, written as a reply to the report submitted by the house committee yesterday advised the president that the treasury administration regarding the handling of the federal securities as having been remarkably free from irregularities.

INAUGURATION OF COOLIDGE TO BE SIMPLE

Showy Splendor of Past Events To Be Entirely Absent; Capital City Unusually Quiet.

Washington, Mar. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—In setting that reflected only dimly the showy splendor that has shone upon inaugural history for a century and more, the American government brought to completion today its plan to install a new national administration at noon tomorrow.

Everything considered it was the quietest March 3 of an inauguration year that Washington has seen in many a decade. The ceremonies tomorrow will be some what more extended than those of four years ago when President Harding ordered that the whole inauguration be attended by utter simplicity but on that occasion the impending change of government stirred the capital to a high pitch of expectation and brought here a tremendous crowd of spectators.

Today the wide avenues of the capital were almost barren of pre-inaugural crowds and only a few scattered reviewing stands and a profusion of red, white and blue which draped almost every building along the line of tomorrow's abbreviated parade evidenced the near approach of another inauguration day.

At the White House President Coolidge was a little busier than ordinary, receiving distinguished visitors and keeping pace with the

SENATE AGREES TO GRAZING FEE CUTS THIS YEAR

Washington, March 3.—The senate today approved a house resolution authorizing the secretary of agriculture to waive one-half the grazing fees charged on public lands during 1925.

Washington, March 3.—The final deficiency appropriation bill was sent back to conference today by the house with a rider to authorize expenditure of \$150,000,000 on public buildings.

Washington, March 3.—The house today adopted a resolution expressing "an earnest desire" that the United States adhere to the world court protocol. Senate action or presidential approval is not necessary on the resolution, which simply expresses the opinion of the house.

OREGON-AGGIES SERIES TO OPEN ON THURSDAY

Eugene, Or., March 3.—Another change was made this afternoon in the schedule for the championship series of the northern section of the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference, between the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college basketball teams.

According to the latest agreement reached between the athletic officials of the two schools the first game of the series will be played in Eugene on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The second game will be played at Corvallis Saturday evening, and the third game, should a third game be necessary, will be played either in Salem or Portland.

JAPAN FAVORS CONFERENCE

Tokio, Japan, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Baron Shidehara, the foreign minister, replying to a question in the upper house today, said Japan was prepared to participate in an armament conference, should America call one, but preferred that the agenda be discussed in advance.

UNDER FIRE



Sen. M. Brookhart

PIERCE SIGNS REVENUE BILL

Suspension of Accident Commission Levy And Bonus Millage Slash Win Approval.

Governor Pierce today signed two of the revenue saving measures approved by the legislature. They were house bill 500, which suspends state aid to the industrial accident commission for two years, amounting to about \$175,000, and house bill 497, which reduces the millage levy for the state bonus commission from one to one-half mill, amounting to about half a million dollars.

The governor has signed the following appropriation bills: H. B. 488—For state and supreme court libraries.

H. B. 499—For installing fire exists and repairing elevators in capitol and supreme court building.

H. B. 479—Salaries and expenses of state livestock sanitary board.

H. B. 473—Salaries in attorney general's office.

H. B. 490—For eradication of rodents.

H. B. 495—Expenses of general and biennial elections.

H. B. 470—Salaries and expenses of educational department.

H. B. 472—Salaries and expenses of supreme court.

H. B. 492—For transferring convicts.

H. B. 468—For support of homeless, neglected and abused children.

H. B. 476—Salaries and expenses of labor department.

H. B. 481—For Oregon Agricultural college under Smith-Lever act.

H. B. 475—Salaries and expenses of Oregon national guard.

H. B. 493—For payment of interest on irrigation district bonds.

H. B. 477—For salaries and expenses of state engineer.

Other bills signed today were: H. B. 170, Loneragan—To exempt from estate and inheritance taxes property previously taxed within five years.

H. B. 132, Kilham—For uniform system of accounts for state institutions.

REPUBLICANS OF IOWA ARE CONTESTANTS

Accused Senator Says He Will Carry Fight To Home People To Prove His Republicanism.

Washington, Mar. 3.—A contest of the election of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, republican, Iowa, was filed with the senate today by officials of the republican central committee of Iowa.

At the same time a copy of the papers were personally served upon the senator by R. B. Burnquist of Fort Dodge, chairman and H. E. Spangler of Cedar Rapids, counsel for the committee. Senator Brookhart had announced earlier that when the senate adjourned he would go to Iowa to make a contest against "that gang" with "no quarter" asked.

Senator Brookhart, who already has been read out of the party councils by the republican senate organization, previously had declined to accept service unless by a United States marshal. Just as he was leaving his office for the senate chamber today, however, Burnquist and Spangler handed him the formal notice of the contest.

Half an hour before Senator Brookhart had announced that he would take his fight against the state committee to the people of Iowa by campaigning. He said later in reply to the charge that he had been elected through fraud and deceit by representing himself to be a republican, that the people of Iowa had passed upon his republicanism at the polls.

The charges brought against Brookhart are these outlined in a formal resolution adopted by the state committee at Des Moines last January. Burnquist asserts, that the meeting of the committee was a duly constituted one, "but the senate asserts that a number of members of the committee already have informed him of their repudiation of the action.

HOTALING SAYS KING'S STORY OF PLOT IS UNTRUE

San Francisco, Mar. 3.—Richard M. Hotaling, wealthy clubman and land owner here before the county grand jury last night and denied in detail the charges made by Ralph King, an acquaintance, that he had conspired to kill his sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Hotaling, because of a grievance against her.

Asked to explain his acquaintance with King, who is a former Hilo, T. H., jail keeper, Hotaling said: "I am a bachelor without any family to support and I have frequently befriended young men in whom I have taken an interest. King was a delightful companion; full of weird stories. I liked him. He interested me very much and so I aided him with small sums of money when he needed aid."

Hotaling said that he once gave King \$250 for a trip to Honolulu. The grand jury, after hearing Hotaling's story, continued its deliberations for one week.

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.

Form with checkboxes for parking limits and fields for Name and Address.