

PRISON TRANSFERRED TO BOARD

PREDICT COLD WAVE TO LAST SEVERAL DAYS

Minimum of 11 Above at
Salem with 39 Below
at Meacham

Freezing Weather Grips
Entire State—No Relief
Promised

COLD SNAP RECORDS	
Salem	11
Portland	15
Roseburg	18
Umatilla	18
Baker	18
Marshall	20
Klamath Falls	21
La Grande	21
Medford	21
Grants Pass	22
Pendleton	22
Eugene	24

Freezing weather still gripped Salem and western Oregon today and in the eastern part of the state sub-zero temperatures prevailed. Continued cold tonight, with slowly rising temperature Saturday was the forecast. The weather bureau was not prepared to say this morning that the end of the cold wave was in sight. Indications were for freezing conditions for several days.

The minimum reached last night was 11 which is the coldest registered since December, 1924. The previous cold wave recorded 26 on December 14. Damage to crops, especially hazel and loganberry vines is feared because of the bright sunshine. A thin mantle of snow will cover the ground.

Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 21.—(P)—Coldest temperatures of the winter, one degree below zero, was recorded here last night. Clear skies and bright sun this morning failed to detract from the chill of a breeze from the north.

La Grande, Or., Jan. 21.—(P)—The official thermometer recorded a minimum of 13 below zero here last night and at 7:30 a. m.

COMMITTEE PICKED TO STUDY CONSOLIDATION

Under the MacPherson house joint resolution providing for a committee of two senators and three representatives to make a study of the state governmental machinery and report back not later than the 20th day of this session, President Corbett of the senate today appointed Senators Bell and Hunter as the senate members. The investigation is to be of the form of developing a simplified form of government.

The senate bill providing that cities and towns that are road districts should retain to taxes of 50 per cent of the road taxes collected from them by the county courts was indefinitely postponed today by the adoption of an adverse committee report. The measure was fostered by the League of Oregon Cities.

The house this morning adopted a resolution by Representatives Cramers and Potter calling for a survey of the building needs of state institutions by the committee on public institutions. A survey with recommendations covering a 10 year program would be made by the committee which would be instructed to report back to the house by February 15.

STORK HOVERING OVER JAP EMPRESS

Tokyo, Jan. 21.—(P)—The republican newspaper today published what they called well founded conjectures that the slight illness of Empress Nazako was due to the fact that she is to become a mother. Court physicians refused to comment.

KANSAS BANDS ANTI-FAG LAW

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 21.—(P)—Kansas, after trying for 20 years to enforce a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, is now surrendering to the issue. It voted with representatives yesterday to repeal the act with a victory in the house, supporters of the bill forecast similar action by the senate, which voted to amend the act two years ago by a three to one majority.

GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Cujohn

We read in yesterday's slogan page of the Statesman where Mr. Ike Patterson, our governor, is a corn raiser.

Now as all our readers know, we believe in slogan pages and in boosting the country.

But the very idea—

Of telling everybody that the ice is raining corn—

It's all right to tell the truth about a public official, but to pry into his private life, and inside his very shame, as it were—

And here to the world such tender facts as these is an outrage of the worst type—

And think how it will interfere with our governor's efficiency by having every chithead in the state peering at him when he should be paring appropriation bills rather than corn—

But at that, we see both Big Ike and Little Ike twinkle in the senate a few minutes yesterday.

Henry Frisen of Portland was fined by Justice Small yesterday for speeding.

When we say Dan Fry is equal to matters a little—

Henry wasn't the only one who was freelin' yesterday—

Frisen & Fry would make a good firm to have in this town. Think of an ad reading "Frisen & Fry, electric refrigerators and electric heaters."

With all the cold weather, we are advised Dan Burns, just the same.

But even the cold weather doesn't prevent Ike from keeping on raising his corn. We hope the legislature don't step on Ike's foot—

And still he sets the corn all shocked, at least, or the corn will get shocked.

Came to the Willamette valley, where winter time is spring time, and the rain is all heavy sun, and it never blizzards or snows or hurricanes about—

The last two spring days we tripped out into the open, with our H. V. D's, rolled up at the bottom, and just reviled—

It's great to live where winter time is always spring time—

That is, until some small kid cracks you in the ear—

With a snowball.

DIARIES

By Stoddard King
But lately, passing through a shop proceeding more or less at random.

A counter beckoned me to stop; I had some diaries on top.

I glanced to think as I departed. How many diaries I've started.

There comes, in the affairs of men, an age, or I may say so, when, like a star, at the least, every ten.

For some dark, evasive reason, they ought to keep a record.

Of their careers, however checkered.

And so each buys a book, and writes.

Or starts to write, a daily journal, putting on paper, late at night, his list of sorrows and delights.

His inmost thoughts, his deeds, his joys.

Alas! We are of common clay. And diaries are institutions.

That linger with us for a day, and then dry up and blow away.

With other noble resolutions. I'm disappointed, steeped in sorrow.

I'll start a diary tomorrow.

HOUSE PASSES PRISON BILLS FOR GOVERNOR

Measures Carry Emergency Clause and Await Patterson's Signature

Purchasing Bill Introduced—Busy Day Ends in Adjournment Monday

All that now remains to effect the transfer of the control of the state penitentiary from the jurisdiction of the governor to the state board of control is the signature of the governor, and that may be attached today. Since the measures carry the emergency clause they will be immediately effective.

The bills, five in number, made their appearance in the house today. Under suspension of the rules they were rushed through all three readings and placed on final passage. One and no explanation was made of them on the floor. Only Representatives La Follette and Hazellet voted against them.

The kingpin bill of the group effects the transfer. Most in importance is the measure that changes the designation of the head official at the prison from that of "warden" to "superintendent," leaving the second officer to be known as the warden. The idea is that the warden's duties shall be directly in relation to the custody of the prisoners.

The other three bills are of incidental nature, but necessary in connection with these.

IDAHO OBJECTS TO USE OF LAKES FOR IRRIGATION

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 21.—(P)—The use of Priest Lake or Coeur D'Alene lake for storage reservoirs, as contemplated by the Columbia basin project would be detrimental to Idaho and should not be permitted.

Warren G. Swendland, former commissioner of irrigation, reported today to Governor H. C. Baldrige in a special report on allocation of the Columbia river water supply.

In recommendations called to the attention of the legislature, Mr. Swendland recommends that "such action be taken as may be deemed necessary to prevent the use of Priest and Coeur D'Alene lakes for irrigation storage in connection with the Columbia basin project."

He further recommends that "Idaho inform the state of Washington of its willingness to continue the study of Pend O'Reille lake and river, to the end that final conclusions may be reached for use in negotiating a compact."

Further information of Pend O'Reille lake and river should be supplied by the Columbia basin interests, the report stated and "when this data and information are available, Idaho should analyze the same and conduct further field studies to determine to what extent it at all, Pend O'Reille lake could be used for the Columbia basin project and what negotiations are necessary in a compact to protect the state's interests."

Fundamentalist Pastor, Weeping and Halting, Tells How He Murdered Chipps

Courtroom, Austin, Texas, Jan. 21.—(P)—Frank Morris, noted fundamentalist pastor of Fort Worth, on the witness stand here today, told his story of how he killed Dexter H. Chipps, wealthy lumberman, in his church office last July 11.

Weeping and halting over each word, he related how Chipps had gone to his office, had demanded that he cease attacks on Chipps' friends, had threatened to kill him and of how he shot Chipps when he saw the latter come in with his hand on his hip pocket.

Before giving this part of the story he had heard himself bitterly lambasted and warmly defended by attorneys in arguments over the admission of certain evidence. He sat silently in the witness box for more than an hour listening to these arguments in which much of his past was raked over.

Dr. Norris coughed considerably, holding a handkerchief to his mouth frequently.

Big Utility Concerns Seeking To Purchase Salem Water Plant

The Salem Water, Light & Power company may be purchased by a large nation-wide corporation that makes a business of buying and operating private plants in cities in every part of the country.

This possibility is seen following information that has come to light to the effect that three different firms have approached officials of the local company with a view to making the purchase. Paul H. Wallace, head of the Salem firm, this morning declined to comment on the proposition, but admitted that inquiries have been made as to the plan for sale.

The idea of nation-wide water companies, holding and operating plants in nearly every state in the union, was practically unknown two years ago, but has grown up along with systems of chain stores and similar projects. One such company bought out 19 private water plants at a cost of \$10,000,000 a short time ago in the state of California, making a total of 16 such plants that have been acquired by the same company in that state in the last two years, including those at Fresno and Bakersfield. The same corporation owns 33 other plants in various parts of the United States, principally in the east. So far as is known it has not yet made any acquisitions in the Pacific northwest.

Each company follows a plan similar to that of many of the chain stores by selling stock locally in each city into which it goes. In some cases there is a holding company and an operating company operated in connection with it.

It is thought that the fact that negotiations have been under way between the local water company and the city with a view to purchase by the city, has been a factor in giving publicity to the local firm, with the result that it has come to the attention of the large water corporations.

SMITH AWAITS SECOND SLUSH FUND PROBE

Washington, Jan. 21.—(P)—Denied a seat in the senate to which he holds a certificate of appointment, Frank L. Smith of Illinois, must await the results of his primary campaign last year and a vote of the funding before learning whether he will sit in the present congress.

The vote by which the senators designate was refused the oath of office pending the inquiry by the elections committee was 48 to 23. It was reached late yesterday after nearly two days of debate.

Smith had no comment to make, but he left immediately for his hotel to prepare a statement for publication.

The elections committee has been called to meet tomorrow to make arrangements for a public hearing for Smith. He will be given every opportunity, according to its members, to add any details he desires to the testimony he gave last summer before the Reed campaign funds committee regarding contributions he received from Samuel Insull and other public utilities officials in Illinois.

The inquiry is expected to get under way in the near future.

The vote denying the former chairman of the Illinois commerce commission a seat at this time found some of the republicans sided against him. He had previously been named upon to support him, but the opposition which comprised 15 republicans, mostly insurance, 22 democrats and the one farmer-labor member, Senator Shipstead of Minnesota.

COUPLE SHOT DOWN IN AUTO IN ALABAMA

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 21.—(P)—The story that a jealous lover shot down A. B. Moore, 46, Southern railway superintendent of safety and sanitation, and then fatally wounded Mrs. Ruby Thornton, 23, as she fled from the scene of her companion's death on a lonely road near Birmingham, was advanced by detectives today.

The bodies of the man and woman were found Wednesday night where Moore had parked his automobile in a pine thicket near the road.

Moore had been killed by a shotgun discharged directly into his face. Mrs. Thornton's body was 75 feet away. She had evidently attempted to flee from the assailant as her wound was in the back of the head.

Mrs. Thornton, the mother of a 3-year-old daughter, had been living with her parents here during the absence of her husband, J. C. Thornton, an insurance agent, who it was said had been out of the city several months.

Although Mrs. Moore and her three children have been residing in Chattanooga, Tenn., for several months, Moore's parents denied the couple were separated.

BOOTLEGGERS SENT TO JAIL

Silverton, Ore., Jan. 21.—(P)—A guilty to charges of possession and sale of intoxicating liquor in the justice court here, Fred Stewart, older brother of the "youngest" bootlegger recently arrested, was fined \$100 and given three months in the county jail; Tom Graham was fined \$200 and sentenced for four months in jail and E. A. Sewells fined \$100. Had Stewart been also arrested, he would have been taken to the county jail in Salem this afternoon.

Sewells, Stewart and Hicks were arrested last Thursday afternoon while Graham was arrested at his place on the Albany about 4 o'clock this morning. In addition he was charged with having made in his possession. Sewells' sentence was lighter than the others as this was his first offense. Stewart has been in trouble here before.

The two men who received jail sentences were taken to the county jail in Salem this afternoon.

ONLY ONE SIDE SAYS COOLIDGE

Washington, Jan. 21.—(P)—There is only one question at issue between Mexico and the United States that of whether American property is to be taken from its owners without compensation, was reiterated with emphasis today at the White House.

The president believes from certain activities in the United States he has observed that the American public does not even yet fully realize that this is the issue and that if that question could be settled there would be no further trouble.

The president has difficulty, it was said, in seeing how Americans can be on but one side of that question. The Washington government is on one side, it was stated, and the Mexican government on the other.

WASHINGTON IN GRIP OF WINTER

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 21.—(P)—Old Man Winter slashed Washington tonight to his very arms today, and blew across the land a frosty breath raising a temperature here from 16 degrees above zero to 23 below.

Ellensburg apparently held today's record, with the minus 23 score. Spokane's official reading this morning was 21 below.

Yakima, Wenatchee and Walla Walla, in eastern Washington reported 19, 19 and 17 below zero.

On the coast, Everett observed 16 below, and Olympia 15 below.

TRIM BUDGET FOR \$104,675 ADDITIONAL

Ways and Means Committee Goes After Frills and Furbelows

Predatory Animal Fund Eliminated—Uplift Work Curbed

By cutting out some appropriations bodily and trimming others down to the screaming point the ways and means committee last night found a way to save \$104,675 more in state finances.

The predatory animal hunters' fund, which has been talked about more than any other thing in the budget, was cut out entirely.

It is now inclined to frown. Every body was good to the state penitentiary and its entire estimate of \$419,000 was allowed without a quibble.

The tuberculosis hospital in Salem has asked for \$226,422 and was allowed \$207,000, the item of \$19,422 for capital outlay being deferred. Before allowing the request of the state engineering department the committee decided to do some investigating and so

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JURY FAILS TO CONVICT RUM FLEET BRIBERS

New York, Jan. 21.—Eight of the 14 defendants in the so-called Costello rum ring, today stood acquitted of charges of operating a rum fleet between the United States and Canada and of paying bribes to coast guardsmen.

As to the others the jury was unable to agree after deliberating 24 hours. The trial had been in progress more than two weeks.

The verdict reported here yesterday was saying that the indictment of "under cover" agents used by the government in procuring evidence in the case, New York newspapers quote one of the jurors as saying after the jury was discharged.

This juror, whose name was withheld, was quoted as saying he would have remained in the jury room "until tomorrow" before convicting any one on the testimony of "such witnesses as the government produced."

Many of the witnesses were former coast guardsmen, defendants in the case, who confessed and took the stand as government witnesses. Several said they accepted bribes from the rum ring, and then became "under cover" agents under A. Bruce Hickox, head of the prohibition department's secret agents.

In arguing to the jury Nathan Burkan, of the defense counsel, characterized such men as "rats" and referred to Hickox as a "mysterious and invisible hickox" who employed "pirates, hijackers and crooks and bribe takers."

CHURCH REVOLT PASSES PEAK

Mexico City, Jan. 21.—(P)—Adolfo Tejeda, minister of interior, is quoted by the newspaper Excelsior as declaring that the "Catholic revolution" has passed its peak.

The Catholic revolution, he said, made a fundamental mistake in attempting to organize such a movement. The uprising now being put down by the federal troops were the maximum efforts of which the clergy was capable, he added.

The political and social defeat of the clergy was long ago attained; he said. The armed rebellion was due to failure. However, if the army had not controlled the situation and the revolution instead of being stamped out had gained vigor, the world would have witnessed all the revolutionary forces rush forth to the support of the government.

Evidence of this the minister said, was seen in numerous demonstrations by the peasants, workers and liberal elements in behalf of President Calles throughout the country.

ROCKIES IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Denver, Colo., Jan. 21.—(P)—The extreme low temperatures which prevailed in Montana yesterday night had the state gripped in a frigid embrace early today and have spread southward, with no promise of relief before Saturday. At Casper the temperature was officially reported at four below zero, but unofficial advice from 10 to 15 below. The cold wave came in with a light snowfall.

At Denver a fine snow is falling and the mercury is falling rapidly, standing at 12 above at midnight after a mild sunny day. A severe cold wave is predicted for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Temperatures in Montana late last night ranged from one below at Missoula to 25 below at Helena, with Miles City, Helena and Anaconda reporting 4, 6 and 12 below respectively.

Trains were reported from a halt at two hours late, but telegraph and telephone companies reported no great amount of wires troubled.

Patterson's Axe Swings on Moore; Resigns on Request

Moore, state insurance commissioner under Pierce, announced through his office this afternoon that he had submitted his resignation to Governor Patterson to take effect February 1. Moore admitted that his resignation had been requested but stated that he was glad to step out to give his attention to private business in connection with mining interests in eastern Oregon.

Clair Lee, Eugene insurance man, will be the successor to Moore.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

The grand jury today returned two secret indictments against a number of men and not true bills.

A true bill was returned against Alfred T. Allison, charged with attempting to utter forged checks, it being alleged he tried to pass one at Bishop's store and also at the Johnson Clothing company. Kenneth Loter is charged with a statutory offense against Mabel Porter in another true bill.

I. M. Jackson was also indicted for burglary not in a dwelling, it being alleged he entered the store of Kraus & Salter at Aurora, Jackson is a two time loser in state prisons, serving both at San Quentin and here, being released from the Salem prison November 15. The crime he is charged with was committed on December 29.

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ANTI-FOREIGN SITUATION IN CHINA SERIOUS

Washington, Jan. 21.—(P)—The American destroyer Parrott has gone from Shanghai to Foochow where the British military preparations to evacuate foreigners will sail early next week.

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MEDIATION OF OIL DISPUTE IS APPROVED

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Votes for Roberson Resolution

Frazier Seeks to Prevent Intervention by Coolidge During Recess

Washington, Jan. 21.—(P)—The Roberson resolution merely would express the opinion of the senate and would be in no way binding on the administration. Secretary Kellogg has disclosed that he is studying the possibility of arbitration and President Calles of Mexico has accepted in principle that method of adjusting the present difficulties, but no definite official steps to set the arbitration machinery in motion has yet been made.

Approval of