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RAIN  
Tonight and Tuesday: normal temperature, fresh southerly winds.  
Local: Max. 55; min., 43; precip. 15.1; rain, 1.27; moon, cloudy; wind, southwest.

FORTY-NINTH YEAR, No. 44

SALEM, OREGON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1927

PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND WHERE STANDS FIVE CENTS

# FLOODS HALT RAILROAD TRAFFIC

## TITHING BILL VOTE EXPECTED BEFORE NIGHT

Climax of 42 Days of Deliberation with Result so Far in Doubt

Another Tobacco Tax Introduced as Substitute Building Bill Up

By Harry N. Crain  
The senate reached the climax of its 42 days of deliberation this afternoon when the governor's tithing bill came up for consideration as a special order of business at 2 o'clock with the alignments hanging so loose as to leave the result of the debate and roll call in doubt.  
Opponents of the measure, which would dip into the funds of the highway commission to the extent of some \$412,000 this year, were at noon claiming 13 votes against the bill, a loss of one since last Friday, while the friends of the administration could only muster 12, leaving 5 still to be decided during the course of the debate. Supporters of the proposal were dependent upon an opinion of the attorney-general on the effect that this title will not apply to the industrial accident commission funds and the promise of the governor to

## \$300,000 LOSS DUE TO FLOOD IN MEDFORD

Medford, Or., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Damage estimated at \$300,000 was caused yesterday in the upper Rogue river valley by unprecedented flood conditions due to melting snows in the mountains, heavy rains and the release of storage water in immigrant dam above Ashland as a precautionary measure against the dam breaking.  
Five blocks of East Medford lying along Bear creek were flooded, causing dozens of families to leave their homes and residential streets became raging torrents when the crest of the flood dam waters swept over the lowlands.  
The southern portion of Medford was swept by the overflow from Griffin creek. Basements were flooded and the fire department was called to clear the federal building and Medford hotel basements.  
The crest of the flood came at 1 o'clock. At 10:20 the rain ceased, the sky cleared and this morning Bear creek was back in its channel.  
The Southern Pacific right of way north and south of this city was damaged by the water and traffic paralyzed. Resumption of service is expected today.  
In the country districts scores of bridges were washed out and fields under from one to four feet of water.  
Automobile traffic on the Pacific highway in the Siskiyou mountains was halted and northbound automobiles held at Red Bluff, Cal., owing to silt at Red Bluff river overflowed and is running level over the Hay Gold line. The Bybee bridge district was a lake.

## GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Uphoff  
Bully for John  
John Hallamson, the North Salem empire builder, is going to open his new Hollywood theater on his birthday. That had known how to get the people of this town interested.

Eddie Dittmars, from down Fairfield way, was telling us he has been clipping out our column right along and has an almost complete file from its beginning. Now, folks, there's a lad that knows his onions. If Ed keeps that up he is going to go far in this life and nothing can stop him.  
Fairfield, we might say, is one of the paradise spots of the Pacific coast, being where our wife was born. We like to believe in a Fairfield and no takers.

A Modern Love Missive  
A Canadian lad writes down to an English girl, "Hello, honey, I'll be down to see you at honey time, and we'll have a hives together. Say, boy, page the bee inspector! Who says the English are a stolid nation?"  
Ralph White went to Hartman's window the other day and we saw a little gold cupid in the window bust out into hilarious mirth. Which proves to us what we always heard, that love laughs at locksmiths.

Some of the furniture in this town goes back to Louis XIV—and some of it goes back to the installment house.

We didn't intend to say anything more about valentines this year. But we are getting tired of Walt Thompson walking around looking suspicious like, and think we will say that two coming one we mailed in. Walt couldn't conceal his tracks—not even behind a valentine, and we just wanted to let him know we didn't slip anything over on us, with all his foxxy, detective ways.

We understand some of these days the salesman is floundering on having a slogan page on dogs, Clean and pigorous, as it were.

We notice that Jalen Smith's dog, little Nip, named after us, has an absence of tail—one might almost say cur tailed.

"Too Many Weddings and Too Many Wives"  
Judge Kelly sentenced Alexander Campbell to a term in jail on a charge of polygamy.

Far be it from us to criticize our kindly judge, but here was Mr. Campbell, named after the great Alexander, who simply followed in the footsteps of such men as Solomon, Mohammed, Haroun Al Raschid and our own Brigham Young, and then going to jail for it—

It's too much—as Judge Kelly figured when he found out about the extra wife.

DO IT NOW.  
By Stoddard King

When I am three score years and ten,  
And life has lost its stress and tension,  
I'd like, with other aged men,  
To have a governmental pension.  
But how absurd it is to wait  
Until deep wrinkles line my brow!  
I think I shall persuade the state  
To let me have my pension now.

Ours is a rich, a prospering land,  
A country full of milk and honey;  
And I would like some cash on hand  
Now, when I really need the money.

Later, when I am old and bent  
And when my locks are white as snow,  
I shall not need a single cent,  
For I shall have no place to go.

If it be granted that my need  
Is such that I deserve assistance,  
Then let the checks be sent in good speed,  
And not postponed to some dim distance.

I want my share of public cash,  
While I am still this side of fifty,  
When I'm improvident and rash,  
And not when I am old and thirty!

## WILLAMETTE EXPECTED TO TOP 25 FEET

At Noon River Passed 17 Foot Mark—Maximum Expected Tomorrow

Santiam Dike Near Jefferson Breaks Flooding Road—Little Damage

While five inches an hour, the Willamette river had passed the 17 foot mark at noon and 23 although reports from upper sections report a drop. It is expected to reach a maximum of 25 feet by tomorrow night, unless heavy rains continue and send it higher. A total of 1.11 inches of rain is reported by the local weather bureau for the week-end, with 1.27 inches falling over Sunday with more rain predicted. Mill creek is reported the highest this year. Little damage has resulted, outside of flooded highways and basements, although the lowlands are all submerged. The four years ago the river passed the 20 foot mark.  
Traffic over the Pacific highway at Jefferson was blocked until noon Monday by water liberated from a dike placed along the Santiam above the highway bridge which gave way Sunday night. Patrol officers were placed at the bridge to warn motorists and traffic diverted to other routes.

## FLOOD WATER COVERS ROADS ABOUT EUGENE

Eugene, Or., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Eugene was drenched by a record rainfall yesterday, when 2.46 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period. The Willamette river was a raging torrent this morning, the stage of the river being 16.5 feet. It had risen seven feet since Saturday.  
Residents in the lowlands along the river were forced to leave their homes as the waters swept down. A number of families were marooned in the upper rooms of their homes and were being rescued today by boats.  
The big dam at Westfir, on the upper Willamette, was reported this morning to have been washed out, but the report could not be verified.  
A small roadhouse at Judkins Point, on the Pacific highway just south of here, was reported washed away.  
A service station between here and Springfield was moved across the highway by the flood water. A grocery store was moved for some distance.  
The Pacific highway was covered by water on both sides of Eugene, and cars were unable to get through.  
All streets east of Sixth in Springfield were reported to be under nearly six inches of water.  
Several people spent the early morning hours in trees, waiting for rescue boats. One boatload tipped over and difficulty was experienced in getting the occupants to dry land.  
Fifty persons were marooned in the Mohawk district with ten feet of water over the road. The district is east of Springfield. Boats were operating this morning, bringing the people out.

## First White Child Born in America 1004 Was Swede

Chicago, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Conning old Viking sagas, Dr. Armand Johnson, president of the American Sons and Daughters of Swedes, says he has found records that the first American white child was born somewhere in New England nearly six hundred years before Columbus discovered America. The boy was named Snorri, and was the son of Thorfin and Godfred Karlsen, said Dr. Johnson, former professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, and author of several books on the Swedes in America. The society of which he is president is supporting a movement for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Swedish settlement in America.  
In about 1003, Dr. Johnson said the saga showed, Karlsen, a Swede, descended from a Swedish uplander, fitted out an expedition and sailed from Sweden with his wife and some settlers to visit Vinland, as the Vikings had christened America. He took ample supplies and cattle, intending to settle the country. After three years in a little village they fortified on a New England river they returned to Scandinavia. Snorri was born in 1004.

## COAST GUARD VESSEL LOST WITH CREW

Provincetown, Mass., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Somewhere in the churning sea off High Head today were the bodies of six members of the crew of the coast guard patrol boat 258, who lost by a single hour a plucky all night fight against death in one of the wildest north-easters that has occurred. Cape Cod in nearly 20 years. The boat had been out looking for rum runners.  
Two bodies were pulled from the raging surf late yesterday, a few hours after the craft, disabled in motor power and radio, had been swept to destruction.  
At five o'clock Saturday afternoon the craft was sighted, thru the muck of the blizzard. Flashing blinker lights told observers ashore that the engines had gone dead and its radio was powerless.  
Soon two destroyers were steaming to sea from Boston under forced draft and with two cutters following closely.  
At that time the 258 was three miles off shore with two anchors overboard and a tremendous sea running. Crews from three gun stations paced the shores with guns and breeches buoys, waiting for the chance to rescue that was never to come.

## U. S. MARINES SEIZE RAILROAD IN NICARAGUA

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The American government's determination to take a firmer hold on the situation in Nicaragua is becoming hourly more apparent.  
Without officially acknowledging any intention to interfere directly in the continuing Nicaraguan factions, the state and navy departments have agreed upon a line of procedure which is expected generally to intensify as the situation in Nicaragua is becoming hourly more apparent.  
Not only have American marines and bluejackets taken over control of the vital national railway from Managua, the capital, to Corinto, but the American legion guard at Masagua has been moved from barracks in town to Loma, the hill fort which dominates the city.  
The official explanation of the movement of the marines from barracks opposite the presidential palace to the Loma is that it was "in order to afford better protection to foreign lives and property."

## Moonshine Kills Baby

Moonshine kills baby  
Moonshine was given as the cause of the death today of Miller Solich, three year old boy, and the serious illness of his brother, George, aged 6. Coroner W. J. McGregor ordered a rigid investigation in order to determine where the boys obtained the liquor.

## 17 KILLED BY STORM ALONG EAST COAST

Millions of Dollars Property Damage Caused by Snow and Gale

From Maine to Delaware Ships Tossed About—Resorts Hit by Waves

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Seventeen deaths and millions of dollars in property damage were caused by a snow, sleet and wind storm that had abated today after raging in the north and middle Atlantic states for 48 hours.  
From Maine to Delaware bay, mountainous seas tossed ships about like match boxes, shattered dwellings and swept away piers and board walks. High tides carried waters hundreds of feet inland. Snow fell to a depth of two feet in some places while the temperature dropped to 15 degrees below zero.  
The storm took its heaviest death toll off Provincetown, Mass., where eight coast guardmen lost their lives when patrol boat 258 was tossed ashore. The boat's entire crew was lost as two destroyers vainly rushed to rescue them.  
Other deaths attributed to the storm included five in Southbury, two in Boston, one in Pittsburgh, and one in New York.

## BEHEADING OF AGITATORS ENDS CHINESE STRIKE

(By The Associated Press)  
Cantonese who took Hankow last week, continue steady drive on Shanghai.  
"Reign of terror" in Shanghai streets which resulted in summary beheading of political and labor agitators by Chinese authorities produces swift decrease in strike activities; the number of those executed is variously estimated at from 20 to 30.  
Marshal Chang Tso-lin, Manchurian leader, who is driving through Honan province on the Continent, is temporarily held up when troops of General Wu-Pei-fu, nominal master of the province, disbanded part of Chang's forces and seize ammunition train.  
Great Britain, in agreement with cantonese, will hand over the administration of Hankow and Kiang-tai to the nationalists who will establish a special Chinese municipality.  
The agreement indicates that an effort will be made to amalgamate all foreign concessions at those places into one municipal district.  
Negotiations are opened along similar lines with the northern government at Peking to apply the principles of the Hankow agreement throughout China.

## JUDGE LINDSEY LOSES APPEAL

Denver, Colo., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The plan of Judge Ben B. Lindsey, founder of the Denver juvenile court, for a rehearing of the decision closing him from his position was defeated by the supreme court. Judge Lindsey's contention had not been given a chance to present his case properly and asked that the supreme court reconsider its recent decision holding him out of the office for his irregularities in one precedent.

## Pottery Trust Loses

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The government won in the supreme court today in its prosecution of the Trenton and 22 other pottery companies under the Sherman antitrust law.

## ENDURANCE AUTO TEST Of 101 Hours Duration WILL START TOMORROW

An effort to establish a 101 hour endurance drive of an automobile without sleep or food save milk, will be made in Salem starting Tuesday (tomorrow) afternoon when Albin Prybylek, world famous driver, starts on what he is determined will be 101 hour continuous journey through the streets of this city.  
Prybylek's present record now stands 100 hours and he will attempt to break this time by driving 101 hours long hours.  
Prybylek arrived in this city a few days ago and started whipping himself into shape for the ordeal of remaining seated at the wheel of an automobile for four days and four nights without sleep. He will live entirely on milk during the entire drive.  
The test is one of the most difficult ones ever attempted in this country.  
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## HEAVY RAINS SEND STREAMS OUT OF BANKS

Rail and Highway Traffic at Standstill in Many Parts Western Oregon  
Rogue, Applegate and Illinois at Highest Stage—Many Cities Isolated  
Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Rain and highway traffic was virtually at a standstill and wire communication was seriously crippled in some parts of western Oregon today, the result of torrential rains during the last 24 hours.  
The Southern Pacific office here reported this morning that all their wires were out south of Roseburg and that no trains were operating south of that point because of flood conditions.  
The Rogue, Applegate and Illinois rivers were at their highest stage in 25 years and still rising when the latest available information came in late last night. A Southern Pacific bridge at Tule was washed out and the tracks were covered with water for several miles.  
Cottage Grove was practically surrounded by flood waters last night and the flow river, east of Cottage Grove, had overflowed its banks. The coast fork of the Willamette river, which flows through Cottage Grove, was threatening to overflow. A large section of the

## ST. PAUL SEEKS PORTLAND ENTRY VIA NORTHBANK

Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway wants to come to Portland, using the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway tracks. This was stated by H. E. Hyram, president of the Milwaukee system as a reason why the Milwaukee receivers are opposing the merger of the Great Northern, Southern Pacific and Spokane, Portland and Seattle. Hyram came to tell the Portland chamber of commerce of the attitude of his company toward the consolidation plans.  
"If the proposed merger of the Northern lines is permitted, the doors of Portland will be forever closed to us," said Hyram. "The Milwaukee system is only one half finished in the northwest. Development was stopped at the outbreak of the war, and it has been retarded since then by financial difficulties.  
"It has been our plan to extend our system to Portland for some time. This situation as now exists offers so many restrictions and especially in the building of an entirely new line into Portland that such construction is almost an impossibility.  
"The only avenue open for us to come here and to give this city the advantage of our 10,000 miles of railroad is to enter the city over the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, by being grouped with one of the Portland lines. This would afford Portland direct access with the east over our system."

## WILLAMETTE TO NET FISHERS

By a vote of 22 to 5, Representative Lonerger's bill closing the Willamette river to commercial fishing passed the senate today and it is now ready for the signature of the governor.  
The measure was reported in the afternoon with a divided report, and a few minutes afterwards it was passed. Senator Jones, of Clackamas, signed the adverse report, and also spoke against it on the floor.  
Senators Moser and Hark championed the measure.

## Snapshots of Legislators as Sketched at the Capitol By Staff Cartoonist Murray Wade



RECHAS R. LAFFLETT, YOUNGEST SON OF FORMER SENATOR LAFFLETT—LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON  
REP. WILBER HENDERSON SMILING  
YOU SHOULD SEE HIM CROAK—HE'S GOT SMOG AND LOVE AND WATE AND HAPPINESS—ALL DOWN PAT—RAGES RANCH HAWARD LOCK—LIKE AN ANTELOPE  
SENATOR MILLER  
JUST MANAGED TO KEEP HIS MIND OFF HIS NEW HOTEL ENOUGH TO DO GOOD WORK ON THE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN  
SENATOR BEAL'S CHAIRMAN COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION COMMITTEE  
LONG HOURS OF GRINDING COMMITTEE WORK DOES NOT PALE HIS ELEGANCE  
REP. HERBERT GORDON IS NOT VERY BUSY  
JUST CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
REP. FRED SETTLEMYER DID THE LAMBSKIN WORK ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS 35 YEARS AGO  
REP. JIMMIE OLSON HAS MORE FRIENDS THAN SOME POLY-HEAVY TAN REVEREND IDEAS  
REP. HELLER REP. WILSON REP. NEWMAN GRAN UNDER 40 FEET