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DUPLICATIONS AND LOSS IN EDUCATING NON-RESIDENTS HIT

Continuing Appropriations For Agricultural College Should Be Abolished, Says Majority Report Of Ways And Means Investigators; Survey Recommended

Reapportionment of the millage tax levy for the Oregon State Agricultural college and the University of Oregon on the basis of existing conditions, discontinuance of the practice of making continuing appropriations for extension service and experimental work of the college and adoption of a legislative policy of passing upon these appropriation requests at each session, adoption of a tuition fee schedule requiring non-resident students to "pay either all or a larger part of the cost of their training" on a basis to be determined through a survey to be made by qualified and disinterested experts, and an annual audit of the affairs and funds of the two institutions of higher learning are the principal recommendations contained in a report of the majority of a sub-committee of the joint ways and means committee appointed to examine the college.

The majority report is signed by Representative Homer D. Angell, chairman; Representatives W. Carl-

LINDY SILENT; DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY

Pan-American Airport, Miami, Fla. (AP)—A stare from the cold blue eyes that have the look of eagles in their depths, a tightening of the jaw muscles of an imperturbable, sunburned countenance and a shrug of the slender shoulders were Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's answer Wednesday when asked by the United Press concerning his engagement to Anne Spencer Morrow, daughter of the American ambassador to Mexico.

Colonel Lindbergh had just arrived from Havana, completing the last leg of his round trip flight which inaugurated the Pan-American-Miami mail service for the United States government.

But it was in a little private office of the Pan-American Air Lines that the important question was put. "Colonel, without any desire to intrude upon your private affairs, may I ask if you have anything to say about the announcement of your engagement to Miss Morrow?" the United Press correspondent asked.

The slim figure, which had been leaning at ease against a desk, stiffened as though from an electric shock. The long brown fingers clutched a flying cap with the grip of a steel trap.

Lindbergh's blue eyes blazed. For a moment they attempted to stare down those of the questioner, while the aviator's facial muscles gradually set in a fixed line. Then, he snapped out through barely opened lips:

"Any more questions?" It was obvious Colonel Lindbergh was not discussing his engagement. He declined even to so much as acknowledge hearing further questions upon the subject. He would neither confirm nor deny that he was engaged, or anything else. He simply would not speak, standing there with slightly flushed face and little beads of perspiration on his forehead, until the subject swung back to aviation.

Lawmakers Listen; Old Ladies Winners; Bulb Money Saved

By DON UPJOHN

Legislators have listened to the plea of a little grey-haired old lady and her slightly crippled husband, and the pleas of countless others like them.

At a special meeting of the house horticultural committee Tuesday amendments were placed in the proposed new nurseryman's law by which exemptions from its provisions are made in a substitute bill which will relieve small growers of ornamental flowering plants and also of gladiolus bulbs of coming under the state nurseryman's law which would require of them the payment of a \$15 annual license fee.

These amendments were agreed to by Secretary Cole of the state board of horticulture, and others

Good Evening!

DON UPJOHN
OFFERS
Sips for Supper

We understand the Noo Statesman plans on a dairy cow edition for its slogan pages soon. We presume this issue will be called the Moo Statesman.

Al Rushlight, the great plumber representative from Multnomah, is driven almost frantic these days with water pipes busting daily in Portland and he held on the firing line down here. Who says these legislators never make sacrifices to serve the people?

Speaking of Al, Al Lindbeck was complaining to us up at the statehouse yesterday of the shortage of eggs around here just now. Al should meet this Mildred Harris, Charlie Chaplin's ex-wife, who's shining over at the Elsinore—she's a good egg.

Sumpter Craig, expert proof-reader at the state printing department, gave us a good chiding yesterday for the carefree way in which we spread our commas around. Sump should remember, that in the hurry and the hurry of getting out an important and intellectual production such as ours, that fussing around with commas can have no place. After we prepare our column, our secretary grabs a handful of commas and throws them at our column so they land where they land, like oceanic shreds on a custard pie. Outside of a professional proof-reader like Sump, our readers are so thrilled and enthralled by the contents of our column, they never fuss over whether a few commas are upside down or not.

Sure, by all means pass the \$500 appropriation for a picture of Walt Pierce in the state capitol. A governor who can take office with the state in good financial condition, and leave it over a million dollars in the red, should have his picture where future generations can give it such ugly looks as they deem it deserves. The \$500 won't make the deficit he created much larger, and will afford the younger generation a good example.

"A Devoted Reader," tries to kid us about saying that the Elsinore was named after a character in Shakespeare, and gravely informs us it really was named after a mythical castle in Denmark. If this devoted reader was as well up on her editorials in the Statesman as she is in her Shakespeare, she would have known just what we were getting at, and that we're not such strangers to Mr. Shakespeare and his works ourselves.

NAVY BILL NOW SIGNED

Receive Cooking School Honors

PHONE PUZZLE PERSISTS

ELECTRIC IRON IS DOOR PRIZE FOR SALEMITE

Many Other Gifts Are Distributed In Fourth Annual Show

Capital Journal Is To Again Demonstrate On Thursday

Miss Constance Hason, Route 4, Salem, won the attractive door prize, a Westinghouse automatic electric iron, which was awarded at the close of the opening class of the Capital Journal's fourth annual free electric cooking school Tuesday afternoon at the Elsinore theater.

TO UNRAVEL STATE LAND BOARD'S MIX

An attempt to solve the state land board's difficulties over the royalties on sand taken from the Columbia river is presented to the legislature in H. B. 485 introduced by McAllister of Marion county, Wednesday morning, as a substitute for his first bill, H. B. 183.

The new bill authorizes and directs the land board to co-operate with the Washington authorities in collecting for, receiving and collecting royalties and other revenues for the taking of sand, gravel and other material from the Columbia river. The state land board is also given authority to enter into necessary agreements with the state of Washington to collect such revenue. Assignment of the state claims is also allowed.

The substitute bill omits the section of H. B. 183, vigorously objected to by the land board, which provided that \$5000 of land board funds should be taken to defray expenses connected with legal proceedings to obtain such royalties.

James Scott of Umatilla and Swift of Umatilla introduced H. B. 482, providing for the licensing of all persons engaged in farm produce commission business, as a substitute for H. B. 272. The state marketing agent is given supervision.

The much heralded gross sales tax bill made its appearance in the house Wednesday morning under the title of H. B. 534 under the sponsorship of Senator Miller and Representatives Loneragan, Howard and Burdick.

The one cent gasoline tax for the benefit of the highway fund bill was also removed from the realm of the "third house" when it was introduced as H. B. 483 by Speaker Hamilton and Senators Bell, Hall, and Norblad.

BIRTHS MORE THAN DEATHS IN JANUARY

There were seven more births than there were deaths during the month of January, according to statistics compiled by the Marion County Child Health demonstration. During the month 63 persons died from a variety of causes, while there were 70 babies born.

Salem Now Acting Take Ice Off Street Autoists Are Glad

Tuesday the city had a squad of men out with picks and shovels attacking the ice and snow in the city streets. Wagons were hauling away the debris as fast as it could be piled loose after its two weeks of solidifying under an almost continuous freezing temperature.

The sight of scores of motorists helplessly trying to get their cars backed away from the curbs until assisted by generous hearted pedestrians had finally proved too much and the city rallied to their assistance by a practical demonstration of man power.

In addition to the great benefit this move will be to the motorists, it is also pointed out it will be of even greater benefit to a number of men who will be given employment, many of whom no doubt would have had to accept aid from the city for a livelihood unless some form of employment came to the fore just at this juncture.

While the city authorities had been expecting that a chinook wind would come along and clean up the streets in a hurry, the weather acted up on them by staging the longest continuous demonstration of freezing witnessed here for years. Some of the old-timers are freely predicting a speedy breakup within a short time which will finally clean off what ice and snow escapes the vigilance of the present street cleaning gangs, but as these predictions have been coming daily since the freeze started, there are others who take the present prognostications as meaning that the breakup will come when it arrives.

SIX DEAD, MANY HURT IN SOUTH IN MARDI GRAS

New Orleans (AP)—Mardi Gras has glittered and sparkled in New Orleans but not without its toll.

Six persons dead and more than a score injured, some seriously, were left in the path of the carnival king, when the supreme monarch deplored upon the royal yacht for his distant "palace."

Henry J. Laux, 38, was crushed to death when he fell under the wheels of a carnival truck; Mrs. Margaret Wappler, 53, died from the blow of a hit-and-run automobile driver; Mrs. Elizabeth James, 42, succumbed to injuries received when she was hurled through the door of a nautomobile that struck a carnival truck and three negro celebrators died in gun battles.

Automobiles also took their toll of injuries. Three white men were beaten and cut in a street fight with half a hundred negroes.

Chandler C. Lusenberg, former district attorney of Orleans Parish, was hurt seriously when he was catapulted from a float in the Comus parade Tuesday night.

FARM INCOME HALF WHAT IT SHOULD BE

Corvallis, Ore. (AP)—The average farm income for the average family of five in Oregon was declared here Wednesday at sessions of the Grange national school to be scarcely half what was deemed necessary to maintain a wholesome living standard.

The standard farm home was the theme of final discussion of the school. James Farmer, national Grange lecturer, said the public must be educated up to the value of farm products just as it is to manufactured products. The Grange, he said, must make this a part of its program, to train the consumer to pay what farm produce is worth rather than to seek to give the lowest possible price.

NORTHCOTT IS NOW VIEWING SAD CELL LIFE

San Quentin, Calif. (AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott, who came to San Quentin prison to await death on the gallows for the murder of three small boys in southern California Wednesday witnessed one of the grim scenes typical of San Quentin's "condemned row."

The youthful convicted slayer, who entered prison with a grin on his face and "wise-cracks" for those he had met on his journey from Riverside, saw Edgar La Pierre, Oakland slayer, stumble back to the death house after a farewell meeting with his wife.

When La Pierre, who has exhausted his appeals for clemency, dies on the gallows Friday for killing a policeman, Northcott will be number 13 on the list of those awaiting death.

This morning Warden James Holohan allowed La Pierre to say good-bye to his wife, who is serving 10 years in connection with the crime for which her husband must die. Both husband and wife were shaken by the last meeting.

Warden Holohan said today that Northcott probably would not meet Sarah Louise Northcott, variously termed his "mother" and "grandmother," for several days.

"I think it might be better if they waited a while to see each other," the warden said. He gave no indication as to when he would allow the re-union.

2 STREET CAR MEN HURT IN COLLISION

Portland (AP)—Two street car men were injured in a collision between two east bound Rose City street cars here Wednesday.

Fred Reik, 45, motorman of the rear car, suffered back and internal injuries.

John Becker, 29, conductor of the forward car, received injuries to the back and both legs. Both were taken to a hospital.

The rear platform of the forward car and the front platform of the rear car were demolished. No passengers were aboard either car. Officials of the street car company said the car men were unable to explain the accident.

CONGRESS LEARNS HOOVER PRESIDENT

Washington (AP)—Complying with provisions of the constitution that fail to take into account the modern speedy dissemination of news, congress met in joint session Wednesday to learn that Herbert Hoover was elected president and Senator Curtis vice-president last November.

The session was held in the larger chamber of the house and there the tellers, Senators Shortridge, republican, California, and King, democrat, Utah, and Representatives Gifford, republican, Massachusetts, and Jeffers, democrat, Alabama, made the formal announcement while filled galleries listened.

DUNNE'S PLEA FOR PROBE IS RE-REFERRED

Effort Of House Group To Clear Up Inspired Tangle Fails

Lobby Line-Up Shifts; Spencer Decides To Direct Battle

BY HARRY N. CRAIN

The jangle of telephones continue to befuddle and confuse the legislators, who at this late date and despite the "revelations" of Oswald West at the hearing on the Burdick home rule bill are frankly confessing that they don't know what it is all about.

Following a hearing lasting well into the early morning one day last week, the house committee on resolutions Tuesday brought Senator Dunne's memorial for a congressional nationwide investigation of telephone rates, practices and interlocking ownership of subsidiaries back into the house with a favorable report, which was adopted.

The house had already passed the Garlin memorial almost in the same direction, but became suspicious when anonymous arguments against acceptance of a second memorial along the same line began to gain circulation. Some of the house members began to figure that perhaps the telephone company knew more than it was telling about the origin of the propaganda seeking to influence them to turn down the

ousting of Oregon Voter Force Is Aim

That the Oregon Voter Legislative service, headed by C. C. Chapman of Portland, be immediately removed from the state house was a demand made upon the secretary of state Wednesday by a concurrent resolution introduced by Senators Hall and Dunne. The resolution charged the Voter force with lobbying and recalled mention of the Voter's activities in the proceedings of the federal trade commission's investigation of utility propaganda.

Mr. Chapman declared that reports that he or his employees were lobbying or that there was any thing irregular in the Voter's conduct at the legislature were untrue and without foundation.

COMMITTEE FAVORS CHAMPOEG MONEY

Washington (AP)—The bill to authorize an appropriation of \$125,000 for aid in construction of a building in memory of the pioneer settlers of the Oregon territory at Champeog, Oregon, was favorably reported by the house public buildings committee Wednesday.

The government would put up \$125,000 for the memorial, providing the state of Oregon appropriates \$100,000 to help meet the cost. The state would be responsible for the care and upkeep of the memorial after its construction.

TROTSKY ARRIVES; IS SPIRITED AWAY

Constantinople (AP)—Lena Trotsky arrived in Constantinople aboard the soviet steamer Illitch and with his wife and two children, was spirited Wednesday from the vessel to the soviet consulate.

Capital Post Aids Elderly 2 On House

Reveille will sound Sunday morning for many ex-service men as are willing and able to leave the warmth of heavy blankets with assembly and roll call at the Kingwood service station in West Salem at 9 o'clock sharp.

Some time ago the parents of an ex-service man lost their home through fire and members of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, have volunteered their services in the erection of an adequate dwelling for the elderly people.

Tribute to the ability of Charles Robinson, representative from Clatsop, representative from Clatsop

GANGSTER, 12, JOINED IN 150 THEFTS, CLAIM

Chicago (AP)—Twelve year old Joe Dowling, who carries a gun and has a gang, told police Wednesday he had taken part in 150 burglaries since he was nine years old.

When arrested last night as he was offering a \$150 diamond ring for sale for \$5, Dowling had a loaded pistol in his pocket, a flashlight and a ring of keys. Two boys, one nine the other 13, were arrested at the same time, but Dowling told police they had been on only three "jobs" and were "amateurs."

He was asked about the pistol.

"A guy's gotta have a gun," said the boy, who is small for his years. "Suppose the Dicks caught me, and I had a chance to shoot it out with them? I've had lots of guns. Some I got in flats. One time me and a kid named Coughlin—he's doing a stretch now—stole a car and drove to Gary, Ind., and bought two shot guns from a guy. On the way back Coughlin took a shot at a farmer in a field and knocked his hat off."

Police said they had verified several of the burglaries to which the boy confessed.

AIR LINE WILL REACH NORTH

Portland, Ore. (AP)—Charles V. Eakin, president of the Union Air Line announced Wednesday that coast air service will be extended to Ketchikan and Juneau, Alaska next summer.

Three flying boats have been ordered for this service from the Douglas Aircraft company, Los Angeles, Eakin said. The ships are twin-motored and have a cruising speed of 100 miles per hour, seat 16 passengers and carry a total payload of 6,000 pounds.

Fuel for 15 hours cruising is carried. Delivery is scheduled for June 1, Eakin said.

Increase of the capital stock of the company from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000 has been authorized for the purpose of extending the service to Alaska.

Fiancee of Lindbergh Quiet, Home Loving; Doesn't Talk Much

Mexico City (UP)—Miss Anne Spencer Morrow, the quiet, home-loving girl who is to marry the world's most famous flier, went about her normal life Wednesday ignoring the fact that the chief topic of discussion among millions of people was her romance with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. Miss Morrow and her family, beyond the bare announcement of the engagement made Tuesday by Ambassador and Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, indicated plainly that public curiosity was not to be satisfied.

Mexico City society was chiefly interested in the belief that the wedding would be held here, probably in the spring. The Morrrows, however, gave no hint.

15 CRUISERS TO BE BUILT CAL DECIDES

Aircraft Carrier Also Is Due In Act Signed By Mr. Coolidge

Measure Gets Approval Despite Clause As To Time

Washington (AP)—President Coolidge Wednesday signed the naval building bill calling for the construction of 15 cruisers and one aircraft carrier.

The president's approval was given in spite of the measure's clause requiring that all the vessels be laid down by July 1, 1931, which he had opposed. His opposition to this provision was based on the view that it called for expenditures at future dates with no advance knowledge as to the condition of the treasury when they would be made.

In addition to providing for the construction of the vessels, the measure calls for an international agreement establishing the rights of neutrals at sea in time of war, under an amendment sponsored by Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee and Senator Reed of Missouri.

The president affixed his signature to the measure, the last major legislative project of his administration.

AVERS PEOPLE HERE AGAINST FEE REDUCTION

Ninety per cent of the people of Marion county are opposed to motor vehicle license reduction on used cars, Representative Romeo Goulet of Marion told the house and senate highways committees Tuesday afternoon.

"A few radicals who make a lot of noise want it," he added, "and a few politicians take advantage of it."

Sentiment in the committee trended against any attempt at this session to use car reduction. Senator E. F. Bailey said reduction according to age of cars is in the interest of used car dealers. Representatives Andrews and Peters and Senator Klepper were against it.

Senator Upton said he was against the reduced license bill of the special senate committee, against the increased gasoline tax and in favor of issuing more highway bonds.

Senate bill 118, proposing to take the limit off the number of traffic officers that may be appointed, was not acted on, but probably will have a hard time getting a favorable report from the committee. Senator Klepper suggested that a small clothing allowance should be given the traffic officers, and this brought a protest from Senator Eddy.

"This thing is becoming chronic," Eddy said. "It's about time to rear back and say 'hold on.' Influence is being brought to bear on this committee to create sympathy for these Alaska."

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