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ENLARGEMENT OF NORMAL NOW SEEMS FAVORED

Senate Seems to Lean Toward Monmouth Proposition, as of New Ones

ISLAND CITY IN FIELD

Jackson County Delegation Fighting for Establishment of School in This District

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 19.—Although both Ashland, Jackson county, and Island City, Union county, will have bills in the legislature requesting the establishment of normal schools, sentiment among the legislators here Saturday tended to favor the enlarging of the present normal school at Monmouth to avoid duplication of overhead expense.

Although the bills have not yet been prepared for consideration of the legislature it is likely that the Monmouth normal school will request an appropriation of \$145,000 for the establishment of a teachers' training school at Independence, approximately \$75,000 for the construction of a new class room at the school and \$50,000 for additional maintenance. This is in addition to \$276,000 approved for the Monmouth normal school by the state budget commission.

Establishment of a normal school at Ashland will be urged by the delegation from Jackson county. It will be contended according to reports, that the old normal school buildings there are still intact and could be renovated, repaired and made available for school purposes at an expense not exceeding \$100,000. Persons who recently inspected these buildings have disapproved with members of the Jackson county delegation, however, and expressed the opinion that it would be economy to wreck the present structures and use the land for the establishment of a new plant.

Should the latter plan be adopted it would be necessary for the legislature to appropriate not less than \$200,000 for new buildings, with a liberal appropriation for maintenance.

Island City also wants a normal school, and probably will have a bill before the house within the next three or four days. This plant would cost approximately the same as the proposed Ashland normal school.

COMMISSION FAVORS MANY NEW STATUTES

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 19.—Laws empowering the state game commission to use its discretion in opening and closing seasons, uniform season throughout the state on all game birds, game animals and game fish, and a shorter season for hunting deer with the opening date not earlier than September 10, have been recommended to the legislature in the biennial report of the commission filed with Governor Pierce here Friday.

"As the state is developed and highways are pushed farther back into our mountain areas, further restrictions become necessary," said the report. "If, through powers granted by the legislature, the game commission is enabled to meet emergencies which necessarily arise in game administration as in other affairs, years of propagating work may be avoided by correcting dangerous emergencies without the necessity of having to wait possibly two years before the legislature would be enabled to consider such emergencies.

Arrived Yesterday—Ex-Governor and Mrs. Frank M. Byrne and son, Emmons, of South Dakota arrived in Ashland yesterday. They are here on account of Mr. Byrne's health and if they are pleased with the climate they will probably locate here permanently. They have taken the J. J. McNeil bungalow on Scenic Drive which has recently been renovated. Mrs. Byrne is the sister of Mrs. Yockey and the Beaver brothers. Their son, Francis Byrne who has been visiting at the Yockey home has gone with his parents to their new home.

Klamath Falls—American Legion and school memorial gymnasium to cost \$25,000 is authorized; work to start at once.

GOLDFISH BOWL IS LISTED AS FIREBUG

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 19.—For the first time in the history of the Newark Fire Department, a bowl of goldfish has been listed as the incendiary which started a fire.

Rays of the sun passing through the heavy glass of the fish bowl and the water within the sun parlor of the home of Dr. Morris Zimmerman were magnified to such an extent that the cane seat of a chair was set afire. This started a blaze that brought out two fire companies.

DECREASE IS SHOWN IN FATAL ACCIDENTS

SALEM, Jan. 19.—The most drastic fluctuation in the experience of the workmen's compensation in 1924, as compared with the preceding year, was the decrease in the number of deaths from industrial accidents. This was set out in a report prepared here today by the state industrial accident commission for consideration of the legislature.

During the last year 142 fatalities were reported to the commission, as against 178 fatalities during 1923.

"As workmen were employed a total of 23,116,292 days in 1923 and 22,170,061 days in 1924, it will be seen that on the average one workman lost his life in an industrial accident for each 129,867 working days in 1923, as compared with one fatality for each 156,127 work days. During 1924 the total of all fatal and non-fatal accidents reported to the commission was 25,953, as compared with 30,013 the previous year. The decrease was 14 per cent.

"Employers paid to the industrial accident fund \$2,512,948.88 in 1923 and \$2,141,004.59 last year. Of the total income in 1923 employers paid 84 per cent, workmen 8 per cent and interest and miscellaneous items amounted to 8 per cent. Last year, however, while workmen contributed the same percentage, employers' contributions decreased to 80 per cent and the income of the commission from all other sources increased to 12 per cent.

"During the period of 10-1-2 years, from July 1, 1914, to December 31, 1924, the industrial accident commission has paid out or set aside for compensation to injured workmen and their dependents, for medical attention, vocational rehabilitation and other benefits a total of \$16,359,996.63. The administrative expense for this period was \$1,601,890.80.

"In the same period there were reported to the commission 198,239 non-fatal and 1380 fatal accidents.

"Of the fatal cases where widows received compensation, there have been 189 cases where the widows have remarried. During 1923 there were 29 remarriages and in 1924 the number was 30. To care for future payments of compensation already awarded in fatal and permanent disability cases there has been set aside in a separate fund \$3,621,679.71.

"To cover the liability of all unsettled cases, including the large number of workmen who were disabled as of December 31, the commission has set up a reserve of \$871,680.19."

FORMER RESIDENT TO BE BURIED IN CITY

The body of Frank White, a former resident of this city who died at Santa Fe, New Mexico on January 16, will arrive in Ashland for burial tonight, it was stated today by E. A. Hunter, brother in law of the dead man. Hunter is here making arrangements for the funeral, which will be held Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock, from the Church of Truth at the corner of Main and Fifth streets. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

Leland White, son of the dead man, will arrive with the body this evening, having gone south several days ago following the word of his father's death.

Spend Weekend—Aldred M. Beaver and son, Jack, of Portland spent the weekend with Mr. Beaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beaver on the Boulevard.

ATTORNEYS IN BATTLE OVER GIRL'S DEFENSE

Dorothy Ellingson Sobs Out Desire to Pay Penalty for Mother's Murder

TWO LAWYERS HANDY

Public Defender and Prominent Attorney Near Blows Over Who Will Defend Girl

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Dorothy Ellingson, 16-year-old "daughter of jazz" who has confessed to the murder of her mother, today wept in her cell in the city and county jail here, while lawyers wrangled over her defense, just a few feet outside her cell.

"I killed my mother, and now I am ready to pay the penalty. I wish the lawyers and everybody else would go away and let me alone, that's all I ask," she sobbed to Policeman Sullivan who is special guard over her. In spite of all efforts of the matron to quiet her, Dorothy continued to sob and cry out that she wished to "pay the penalty" for killing her mother.

Just outside the woman's ward of the jail waited Alexander Moslin, prominent San Francisco attorney, who asserted the girl's father had employed him to defend her daughter in her coming trial for murder. Public Defender Egan also waited in the ante-room and along with Moslin, claimed he had an appointment to see the mother slayer. Egan declared to police officials that the girl wanted him alone to defend her, while Moslin was equally emphatic in his statement that he had charge of her defense. So violent did they become in their arguments that they were feared they might come to blows. As a result, the police ordered both lawyers from the jail building, and refused to allow either to see the girl. Chief of Police Dan O'Brien stated that when the men had patched up their difficulties, he would allow them to confer with the girl and to aid her in her defense.

Kieth Lord, banjoist in a night life resort orchestra, who was arrested in Los Angeles several days ago, and returned to this city, charged with contributing to Dorothy's delinquency, was unable to furnish the \$20,000 bail demanded at this preliminary hearing this morning, and is being held in jail. Lord stated to newspaper men that he thought the girl was 19 years old, but dropped her later when he found she was but 16. He declared that when he first met Dorothy, she told him she was 19, and it was not until they had been friends for several months that he learned of her youth. Lord stated he had made no preparations for his defense, and was not represented by an attorney at his preliminary hearing.

BIG SUM IS ASKED AS A STATE FUND

SALEM, Jan. 19.—A fund for the development of Oregon, industrially and agriculturally, with the object of attracting new capital and settlers to the state, is proposed in a bill being made ready for submission soon by Representative Collier of Klamath county.

The measure is sponsored by the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce, but it is known generally as the proposal of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, which fathered it at the recent convention of that body in Portland.

By vote of the bill the state would vote \$50,000 for each of the years 1925 and 1926 to be devoted to the purposes outlined and to be expended upon recommendation of the state body, but the fund to be in the hands of a commission of five, consisting of the board of control and two members to be named by the state chamber. It will be provided that vouchers for expenditures must be approved by at least three members of the board.

Eighteen chambers of commerce throughout the state have expressed themselves by letter as favorable to the plan and will urge support of their districts to the bill, which probably will be introduced this week.

MEN WHO ATTACK GOVERNOR DAVIS.



DICK SMITH, W.C. MILLAR & W.H. WEST

Left to right are Dick Smith, managing editor of the Kansas City, Kan., Post; Representative W. C. Millar, member of the Kansas Legislature, who is leading a fight for a change in the pardon and parole system, and W. H. West, shorthand reporter, the three men who heard an alleged conversation between Fred G. Pollman and Russell G. Davis, an alleged conversation between Fred G. Pollman and Russell G. Davis, son of the then Governor Jonathan M. Davis, of Kansas, in which Pollman paid young Davis \$1,250 for a pardon signed by Governor Davis. Governor Davis and his son were arrested.

POSTOFFICE WORKS FOR THRIFT WEEK

In commenting on the activities of National Thrift Week, Postmaster Wagner points out that it is particularly fitting the Postal Service should play an important part in these activities and pay tribute to the first and foremost advocate of thrift—Benjamin Franklin.

Although the first Postmaster General and renowned as a philosopher, patriot, diplomat, inventor and scientist, his name will no doubt live longest by the impression he has made as an advocate of thrift. Many of his writings on thrift have become classics and will be remembered as long as our language is read. One of his most famous sayings—"Never forget to have a penny when all thy expenses are enumerated and paid"—appears on the current leaflet which the Post Office Department is putting out. Postmaster General Now in an address delivered at a 1924 thrift week meeting in Washington, said that if you can do this expression either one of Franklin's—"Incur no expenses, except that which does good to others or yourself,"—you will have said all there is to say on the subject of thrift.

Postmaster Wagner also would have the patrons of his office more clearly understand the purpose and functions of the Postal Savings System, the agency of the Government by which thrift is promoted. Contrary to the conception of many, Postal Savings is not a bank. While it is a savings institution in the proper sense of the term, its similarity to a bank ends at that point. Deposits received from individuals are immediately turned over to local banks after bonds to secure such deposits are received from the banks as collateral.

The policy of Postal Savings also differs from that of savings banks and other savings institutions. The most humble patron of the office is welcomed at the Postal Savings window. His deposit of a single dollar is received as kindly and given as courteous attention as the transactions of the holder of a million dollar account at any bank. And, again, Postal Savings does not look with disfavor on such of its depositors who, having accumulated a tidy sum, make withdrawals for the purchase of sound investments, a home or a business. It is an educational service and if the people can be brought to realize the importance of saving a real service will have been rendered and a definite purpose accomplished.

While the redeposit of Postal Savings funds in local banks insures to the benefit of the community by restoring to active use in the channels of trade funds which might otherwise have remained in hiding in trunks, under mattresses, etc., and while financial profit accrues to the Government by reason of the operation of service, the real value of this service cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It is a potent force for good in any community and plays an important part in the upbuilding of our country today.

RAIL EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN PAY INCREASE

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Wage increases, to be effective as of January 16, were today granted by the United States Railroad Labor Board to 87,000 members of forty-four railroads. Clerks, freight handlers and express and station employes from all parts of the country were included in the increase.

AUTO, ROAD BILLS FLOOD LEGISLATURE

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 19.—Highway and automobile legislation is arriving by the truckload for the consideration of the members of the senate and house. There is an apparent clash between the Oregon State Motor association and the Oregon Automobile association.

The Oregon State Motor association bills are being introduced by Senator Hall, he being a director of the association and also chairman of the senate committee on roads and highways. The motor association wants to cut license fees 40 per cent and increase the gasoline tax so that it will be 5 cents. The trade association warns against flat fees and any attempt to jeopardize the present system of financing the highway bonds. Instead of a 40 per cent reduction on licenses, the trade association favors but a nominal reduction and that only on cars which have been registered for at least four years.

Thirty-five miles an hour is slow enough, in the opinion of the trade association, but it will not make the proposal, believing that the demand should come from the public rather than from the association. Some amendment of this character is expected to appear later.

Proposal for a five-cent gasoline tax is one of the bills of the motor association. There is now a tax of three cents. The five-cent tax is to be used in part for making up for the deficit that would result from a 40 per cent cut on licenses.

GEORGIA TOWNS ARE FLOODED BY RAINS

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—Practically the entire southeast is threatened with enormous property damage from floods rolling down the valleys after three days constant rain. Six or eight people have been killed, and many more are missing as the result of a train wreck, caused by slides and washouts. The town of West Point, Ga., is practically isolated by flood waters of the Chattahoochee River. Four persons are believed to have been drowned at Hammond, La. Several streets of Columbus, Ga., are under water.

Local High School Students Put Out Ashland Tidings

A corps of Ashland high school students Saturday were editors, editorial writers, proof readers and reporters for the Ashland Daily Tidings and the edition which they handled, compiled and managed was a very creditable one.

The newspaper workers were headed by Vernon McGee, who was assisted by Thelma Perozzi, Riley Pittenger, Kenneth Hobson, Grayden Crews, Carlye Van Dyke and Dorothy Reid.

Ashland citizens were unanimous in their opinion that the edition was the best that has been issued and the students should be encouraged along this line.

Taking Vacation

Mrs. Irene Hubbard, nurse at the Community Hospital has gone to Portland for a two weeks vacation.

Vernonia — Largest concrete garage in county and fine bank building are two new structures near completion.

DRY PROBE TO GET UNDER WAY EARLY TONIGHT

Several Members of Legislature Are "Gunning" for Director Cleaver

HAVE RARE EVIDENCE

Legislature Adjourns Until Afternoon Following Short Session in Morning

SALEM, Jan. 19.—Governor Pierce, State Prohibition Commissioner George Cleaver, W. Herwig, President of the Anti Saloon League of Oregon, Representatives of the Sheriff's Association of Oregon, and several district attorneys from various sections of the state have been asked to appear before the legislative committee, which was named several days ago to investigate the conduct of the State Prohibition Department. This committee starts work tonight, and it is believed will have the entire investigation cleared up within a few days.

It is expected that La Rondo Pierce and other former members of the Prohibition department will give sensational testimony concerning the use of funds delegated to the Prohibition Director and the conduct of the office of Cleaver.

Several members of the state legislature have been "gunning" for Cleaver for some time, and it is almost certain that they have some information upon which to base their charges. They first requested that the committee be appointed, and it is known that they had much evidence to present at the time they made this request. As soon as the work was under way, they again concentrated upon Cleaver's personal conduct, and one of their leaders announced today that some sensational evidence in this line would be presented during the hearing.

SALEM, Jan. 19.—The House and the Senate each adjourned until this afternoon, following thirty minute session this morning.

No important measures have yet made their appearance, although it is known that several are to come up, and that many lobbyists for each measure are now at work around the State House.

It is believed the Fish and Game Commission, and the Port of Portland reorganization legislation will be brought out when the proponents of these measures have "enough votes lined up." Senator Toose, of Clackamas is expected to bring out the new income tax bill during this week.

ASHLAND QUINTET TOPS PHOENIX 47-6

Romping all over their lighter and less experienced rivals, the Ashland High basketball squad hung a 47-6 defeat on the Phoenix High five at the Armory Saturday night. At no time during the tussle did the visitors have a chance, and it was not until the second half, when Coach Walt Hughes of the locals had put in his entire second team did they break through into the scoring column.

Hughes started his first stringers, the five men who have carried the burden in most of the games so far this season. These players soon were so far out in front it was certain Phoenix would never be able to again get on even terms, and the only doubt was as to the size of the score.

At half time, with the locals leading, 33-0, Coach Hughes jerked his regulars and pushed his second stringers into the lineup. These boys ran roughshod over the visitors, scoring 14 points while their opponents were able to chalk up but 6.

The game afforded the locals a splendid opportunity to give the second string men a lot of much needed experience. While they furnished no opposition for the first five, the visitors made the second team move plenty, and aided Coach Hughes in his big problem, that of developing second team men.

Weston — Plan to raise level of water works dam six feet, and install sterilizing and filtering system.

STEPS ON BEAR, HIS DAY IS ALL RUINED

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 19.—When Stanley Wal-lota, fifteen, of Blairstown, N. J., goes shooting again he will "watch his step."

Stanley was hunting for game near Catfish Pond, just out of Blairstown, and stepped on "something soft." The something was a bear. Both were equally frightened, but the bear was the quicker and escaped before Stanley could recover enough courage and shoot.

RISE IN GASOLINE TAX NOT FAVORED

SALEM, Jan. 19.—Disapproval of the proposed increase in the gasoline sales tax, reduction in the license fees on used cars and schedule of fees which eliminate the wide discrepancies in licenses of cars whose weight varies but slightly are advocated in a report of the special committee appointed by Governor Pierce to study and recommend changes in the existing system of motor vehicle licensing in this state. The report was prepared by W. B. Dennis of Carlton, chairman of the committee.

The slight reduction in total net income from pleasure vehicles is compensated by an increase in certain other fees, by taxes upon gross revenue of truck and bus lines and by higher licenses on commercial vehicles.

The recommendations of the committee provide for the retention of the principle that motor vehicle licenses are a form of privilege tax. The factor of car value is fixing motor licenses is ignored.

"The committee does not under take to offer an opinion upon the merit or demerit of the general principles involved in the gasoline tax," said the report, "nor upon the question of the wisdom or non-wisdom of placing an additional tax on gasoline at this time, but it does consider it advisable not to resort to the gasoline tax for the purpose of offsetting the loss of revenue caused by reductions in the license schedule."

"On this account it has figured out a new schedule of license fees and reduction for old cars, with additional taxes on certain classes of commercial cars, which makes it unnecessary to resort to the gasoline tax to make up the loss of revenue caused by the discounts.

"From its careful study of this question, the committee is of the very definite opinion that any scheme of reductions of motor vehicle licenses which provides for making up the resultant loss of revenue by additional tax on gasoline is unwise and hazardous.

PETER MURRAY IS CALLED BY DEATH

Peter Murray, for more than 40 years a resident of this city, died at his home on A street early Sunday morning. Murray was 79 years 11 months of age at the time of his death.

He was formerly a surveyor, and many of the lines of this section of the state were laid out under his direction in the early days. He gave up active practice of his profession years ago, but has been a resident of Ashland since his retirement.

Mr. Murray is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Murray. Funeral services will be held at ten o'clock tomorrow morning from the Catholic church.

WEED R. R. MAN DIES IN BAY CITY

WEED, Jan. 19.—David G. Morgan, a locomotive engineer of the Shasta division, who made his home at Weed of late years, was a victim of pneumonia at the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco last Saturday.

He had been an engineer on the Shasta division for many years and was well-liked by those with whom his duties brought him in contact. He was accompanied to San Francisco last week by Tom Milner, and was in a serious condition then, although hopes were had for his recovery.

Lebanon — Four counties represented in important conference at Bend, to decide on legislative program for new Santiam highway across Cascades to Albany and westward. State highway program already pledged to Santiam route.

JOHNSON STIRS UP TEMPEST BY 'DUPE' CHARGES

Claims America Fooled into Signing Paris Reparations Agreement by Allies

HUGHES IS IN DENIAL

British Fear for Failure of Entire Idea if American Opposition to Plan Continues

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The British foreign office today viewed the opposition in the United States voiced by United States Senator Hiram Johnson of California, against the Paris agreement for the collection of reparations from the German nation, as presaging a serious situation. The officials of the office are fearful lest the whole agreement be wrecked by the newly discovered American opposition.

Although the Dawes plan was drawn up by an American, and almost immediately accepted by the Allies, for a time it was believed the United States would not be allowed to join in the benefits of payments. After much squabbling between the diplomats of the various nations, it was finally agreed that America should be given a share in payment of her war damages, and it was thought the matter was definitely settled. Now comes the opposition in the United States which has so far been accomplished.

The British view in the matter, according to officials in the foreign office, is that America is not committed to anything, in a political sense, by the signing of the financial agreement, and will not be forced to aid in the collection of the damages. This work will be accomplished by the other allies, according to the statement made here.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19

Aroused by the tempest in the Senate over the charges made by Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican of California, that the United States had been nearly "duped" in signing the Paris reparations agreement, Secretary of State Hughes today broke a precedent by issuing an official statement, in which he emphatically denied that this country was in any way, "legally or morally" obligated to help the allied powers collect war damages from Germany. He stated that the Dawes plan, which is now in operation, allows for the collection of the damages by the remaining members of the Allies, and that the United States is to have no hand in the collection from Germany, with the exception of receiving the amount of the collections awarded her.

CHAMBER TO MEET AT PLAZA TOMORROW

A report of the activities of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce during the annual meeting of that organization, held in Portland last week, will be given the members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce tomorrow by V. V. Mills and O. H. Carson, two of the directors of the local organization, who attended the State Chamber meeting. The report will be given at the regular weekly luncheon of the chamber, to be held in the Plaza.

A short outline of the work, especially that dealing with those items relating to Ashland and Southern Oregon, will be given by Mills and Carson, Professor Irving E. Waing, president of the State Chamber for the past year, was re-elected to that position at the meeting last week. Frank Jordan, park commissioner, will give an outline report of the activities of the park commission during the past year, and explain the improvements which will be made during the coming year, in order to adequately care for the increased tourists traffic during the coming season.

Leaves Hospital — E. L. McNeil who has been confined to the Community Hospital for some time was discharged yesterday.

Tidings Want Ads bring results.