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NORMAL BILL PASSES HOUSE BY 47-9 VOTE

Appears as Thought Measure Will Finally Get Through

CONSIDERABLE DEBATE

Old Buildings Will Probably be Utilized in Establishing School Here

SALEM, Feb. 20. — The Ways and Means committee today approved the following bills, calculated to bring eight hundred thousand dollars annually to the state for use in meeting general expenses.

A tax of ten per cent upon all cigarettes, cigars and tobaccos, snuff, cosmetics and the gross earnings tax against all public utilities of the state. The committee also reported out the bills repealing the quarter mill road tax for the suspension of state aid to the industrial accident commission, and the repeal of the appropriation for the battleship Oregon.

Governor Pierce today vetoed Senator Maglarkey's bill providing for the appointment of all state officers by the secretary of state, upon the grounds that at present there is no necessity for the bill. The senate shortly afterwards overrode his veto on the bill. The kindergarten bill, providing kindergarten for all school districts of the state of the first class was killed through indefinite postponement by its friends in the senate and the commission of education.

The house this morning passed a bill providing for the establishment of a normal school at Ashland, providing for a levy of one twentieth of a mill annually for the support of the school in Southern Oregon.

But nine votes opposed the Ashland bill, which was passed after considerable debate, during which it was shown that the Monmouth state normal school was at present unable to provide the number of graduate teachers required by the state.

The Monmouth school, according to figures presented, has an attendance close to 900, but has practice facilities for only 600 students, and now draws upon the schools of Monmouth, Independence and five county districts for school children for embryo teachers to "practice on."

The old normal buildings at Ashland will likely be utilized to a large extent. It was shown that Oregon required between 1200 and 1300 new teachers each year.

MINERS ENTOMBED BY BAD CAVE IN

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 20. — Fifty miners were entombed many of whom may have been killed by an explosion in the Mine City coal company mine here this afternoon. All the rescue crews have been assembled. A hundred and twenty men were at work at the time of the blast, which was believed to have been due to an electric spark igniting mine gas. Six dead bodies had been removed by three o'clock. Two others were rescued from the shaft and taken to the hospital.

Churches to Start Cleanup of City at Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 20. — In spite of councilman interference, Mayor Fred R. Goddard and Chief of Police Harry Loucks are assured the unwavering support of the better element of citizens in their announced determination to give Klamath Falls a moral cleansing.

This was assured today when local ministers, without exception, announced themselves as being strongly in favor of the much-needed moral and social awakening and pledged themselves to aid wherever and whenever possible to make this a better place to live.

The fight for an honest enforcement of the laws and a cleaner city has just begun, and with the churches now ready to line up their forces for a determined and lasting clean-up, the mayor and chief of police are assured of victory in spite of any temporary obstacles a reluctant council might throw across their path.

Students to Act in Capacities of City Officials

MODESTO, Calif., Feb. 20. — Mayor Sol P. Elias announced today that Modesto's annual juvenile government week be held April 6 to April 11. The purpose of the week is to afford the pupils of Modesto's grade schools an opportunity to become acquainted with the methods of procedure in the city government.

Last year a mayor and four councilmen were elected by the students, who manifested a large interest in the affair. In company with Mayor Elias and the other city officials they made a complete tour of Modesto's civic institutions and departments.

Ward heelers are said to be active in the local schools, backing their respective candidates for the position of mayor.

MRS. PAGE IS FIGHTING FOR CAR OWNERSHIP

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 20. — The testimony of Rose L. Page of San Francisco, widow of Arthur Page, reputed bootlegger who plunged to his death November 12, last, while driving a Chrysler roadster that plunged over an embankment in the Siskiyou was heard by Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Page is seeking possession of the car, and contesting the confiscatory action of the state of Oregon, under the transportation clause of the Volstead Act.

Mrs. Page, now living in San Francisco, claimed ownership of the car, and testified that her husband was driving it without her knowledge or consent. A bill of sale to her from a San Francisco auto firm, and an insurance policy in her name, and California license cards, were introduced to prove the contention.

Mrs. Page said that she stored the car in the Tivoli garage at San Francisco, with oral instructions to her husband, not to drive it. She left for a visit with relatives in Seattle and Portland, Page to join her later, and move to Montana, on account of Mrs. Page's health. Her first knowledge that the Chrysler car was used, was when she saw it in Ash-

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DISCUSSIONS FEATURED AT KIWANIS LUNCH

Short discussions of community problems, led by Sylvester Patterson, old time resident of this section and V. V. Mills, business man of this city, featured the weekly luncheon of the Ashland Kiwanis club today.

Patterson chose as his subject the water problem facing the city. He declared that the development of the Ashland Creek possibilities for augmenting the water supply could be undertaken at a much lower cost than any other development proposed. Several members of the body spoke on the subject, and asked Patterson questions concerning the matter.

The subject chosen by Mills was "The Chamber of Commerce as a Community Proposition." Mills described the chamber as the clearing house for community booster and development spirit. George Briscoe, president of the local chamber took part in the discussion, declaring that every member of the club should be an active member of the chamber.

The club will send out cards to be used by residents, warning peddlers to keep out of town, it was decided by the members.

Carl Loveland Jr., furnished the music for the meeting. The little fellow sang "Why did I Kiss that Girl" and "Oregon", the latter composed by his father. He received a real hand for his efforts.

MITCHELL AGAIN TAKES STAND ON AIR FORCES

Says "We Can Blow Any Ship Afloat Now Clear out of the Water"

DEFENSES USELESS

Says Only Sand Filled Projectiles Used in Sinking Battleship Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. — Hitting back fiercely at his critics who for the past week have been attempting to discredit his charges, and ridicule him before his investigators, Brigadier General Mitchell today declared before the members of the house aircraft investigating committee, that the sole reason why the battleship, Washington, was not sunk during the recent air bombing tests was that no real explosives were used in the bombing operations by the navy airmen.

Mitchell declared, and offered proof that only sand filled projectiles were used in the attempt to sink the Washington. He further stated that even these projectiles, by their weight alone, breached the armor plate on the Washington, the most modern of the American battleships.

The Washington was sunk off the Virginia Capes two months ago. The big battleship, which was ordered destroyed in order to confirm with the terms of the first disarmament conference, without the attacks of a fleet of navy planes for three days before she was finally riddled and sunk. Mitchell declared that no explosives were allowed to be used in the bombing operations, but that the aviators took aloft with the sand filled containers which were dropped on the ship. These he said pierced the big vessel through and caused her to sink.

Mitchell declared that no matter how fully protected, both under and over the water line a capital ship was, it could not hold out against an air attack, saying "we can blow any battleship in the world, no matter how powerful or well protected, clear out of the water." All methods of protection from air attacks at the present time are useless he said.

He added that overseas the casualties from anti-aircraft gun operations were only one tenth of one per cent of the aviators killed.

ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL IS KILLED BY LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Feb. 20. — Despite the vigorous fight made by Senator Garland in behalf of his bill to prohibit the advertising of cigarettes in Oregon through the medium of posters, paintings or signs, the senate, by a vote of 17 to 11, defeated the measure when it came up for final consideration.

Senator Garland charged that there had been a decided increase in the use of cigarettes in the United States during the past few years, with the result that the manufacturers had become wealthy and financially able to carry on an effective campaign of billboard advertising.

New Association Development Here Is Called Rumor

The rumor that a second fruit and produce association would be organized and operated here has been emphatically denied by those who were supposed to have been taking a leading part in the proposed enterprise, according to reports given today.

Recently changes were made in the management and directorship of the present fruit and produce association. Following this there were rumors that another association would be organized, but it is said, those who were figuring on the new project realized when they carefully surveyed the field that the production in the Ashland territory would not justify another company.

MAN EXECUTED

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 20. — Just as the sun peeped over the Wasatch mountains today, Henry Hett was put to death by a firing squad for killing a police sergeant in Pierce on November 23, 1922.

Chief Figures in the News of the Day



Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, has written...

Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, has written "The United States in liquidation of her war debt. Henry Ford has begun the manufacture of all-metal airplanes at a new factory in Dearborn, Mich. United States Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, has introduced a resolution in the Senate calling for the return of all property held by the alien property custodian. General Isaac Sherwood, of Ohio, eighty-nine years old, veteran of the Civil War, has made his farewell speech to the House of Representatives in Washington. He retires March 4.

FIRST GAME OF BIG HOOP SERIES ON THIS EVENING

Medford and Ashland High Tossers Ready for Opening Whistle in Series Which Will Decide Championship of Section

BY TUT JACKSON With every member of both squads in tip top shape, and their final workouts a thing of the past, the Ashland and Medford High school basketball teams will tangle this evening at the Armory in the first of a four game series.

The winners of the series will be adjudged Southern Oregon champions, eligible to enter the state championship tournament at Salem.

The second game of the series will be staged in Medford tomorrow night. The teams will then skip a week, and on March 6, the third game will be played on the local floor. The following evening the fourth tussle will be staged in Medford. Should a fifth game be necessary to decide the championship, it will be played on a neutral floor, at a date to be set later.

The Ashland tossers went through a light workout last night at the Armory, their final practice before the series opens. Coach Walt Hughes worked the boys on shooting fouls, with a light floor practice. The Ashland mentor was taking no chances on injuring any of his men and having them on the shelf for the big tussles of the year.

Marske and Butterfield, the forwards who have carried the load at the scoring positions during the year appeared to again be back in form after Marske's enforced layoff of about three weeks. The little forward over-matched himself with some mumps bacilli, and was out of the two Salem tussles and the Grants Pass game. He appears to have lost none of his speed or eye for the basket through his illness, and Hughes is counting upon him for plenty of baskets tonight.

Butterfield, who has been high point man in most of the games this year, appears as steady as ever, and the Medford gang will have to watch him pretty close.

BIBLE IN SCHOOL MEASURE KILLED

SALEM, Feb. 20. — Senator Garland's pet measure, providing for the creation of a commission to select certain passages from the bible, to be read in the public schools of the state, was yesterday painfully put to death in the house by the committee on health and public morals, which recommended that the bill not pass. The recommendation was adopted without deliberation.

POSTOFFICE AT RUCH IS BROKEN INTO, ROBBED

Bandits Get \$155 in Robbery of Postoffice Near Medford

FINGERPRINTS FOUND

Safe Broken Into, Money, Stamps, and Merchandise Removed by Burglars

MEDFORD, Feb. 20. — Robbers—probably two—entered the Ruch postoffice and general store at Ruch, 12 miles southwest of this city, Wednesday night by prying open the front door with a pick, and stole money to the sum of \$155 and a pair of shoes and other merchandise. The thieves entered the safe by knocking off the knob and secured \$20 in stamps and \$35 in coin belonging to the postoffice. They also secured \$100 belonging to C. M. Ruch, store proprietor and postmaster, in the money till.

The robbery was discovered yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock but according to the postmaster the crime was committed about 10 o'clock Wednesday night, lights being seen by passersby in the building at that time, while all was dark about 11. An auto was heard about that hour, but as cars are continually passing nothing was thought of it.

Immediately following the discovery of the robbery, Postmaster Ruch notified the sheriff's office and postoffice department by phone. Postal Inspector George Housen and Sheriff Jennings and Deputy Forencrook went to the scene and secured a number of fingerprints.

No tracks were left around the building, which is about 60 yards from the Ruch home. It is thought the crooks drove up to the front porch, which stands high, and thus kept off the ground, which is muddy.

Postmaster Ruch said it would take some time to check up on the losses, as every little while he discovered something missing from the shelves, and the theory is advanced that a supply of food was taken along.

FORMER PRISON WARDEN GUILTY

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 20. — Albert Sartain, former warden of the federal prison here, and Lawrence Reihl were today found guilty of having conspired to solicit and accept bribes from the prisoners of the institution, in return for "soft births."

L. Fletcher, former deputy warden was found not guilty. Sartain was sentenced to 18 months and Reihl to a year and a day. Reihl's sentence was lighter since he was not an official at the prison, the judge stated.

POSTOFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

Monday, February 23d, being recognized as a national holiday on account of Washington's Birthday falling on Sunday, February 22d, the Ashland postoffice will observe the same as a full holiday. Service same as on Sunday. No city or rural delivery.

Spring Hath Come, Pelicans Arrive at Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 20. — The pelicans are here! And spring must be just around the corner. Just as the sun went down last evening a flock of the long billed, squawky things swooped down on Lake Ewanna, examined the shore line for the old familiar haunts and landmarks, finally decided their reckoning was right and turned in for the evening without giving a whoop whether the reception committee was out to meet them or not.

The flock was not large, merely the vanguard of more to follow. As correctly as can be learned the white pelicans who come to Klamath Falls for their northern visit fly from the Gulf of Mexico northward. Great swarms of them are to be found during the winter months on the Mexican coast. Ungainly in appearance and awkward as they appear the pelicans are said to cover as much mileage in a day's flight as any feathered animal. They fly high in the air.

This is an extremely early date for the appearance of pelicans far north as Klamath Falls.

German Officers Pay Penalty For War Crimes

AMIENS, France, Feb. 20. — Nine German officers were today condemned by a French court-martial by default for crimes committed during the recent war. Lieutenant Borsmann was sentenced to hard labor for life for overriding the opinion of a German doctor and ordering the wife of a French officer from a house, although she was so ill she died while being moved.

Twenty years at hard labor and 10 years solitary confinement were among the other sentences imposed for crimes which include the pillaging of houses and castles.

OIL STATION ROBBERS ARE GIVEN TERMS

Eastwood Gets 15 Years, Elak 10 Years and Duff 5 Years

Robert Duff, Roland Eastwood and Steve J. Elak, who pleaded guilty to robbing the Union Oil station here last month, were sentenced to long prison terms late Wednesday afternoon by Circuit Judge Thomas.

Eastwood, accused of being the man behind the pistol in the hold-up was given a 15 year term, Elak, who superintended the crime, received a ten year sentence, and Duff, an 18 year old boy who admitted he took the money from the station till, was sentenced to five years.

Hunger was given by the trio, as the motive for their crime and all told the court that their first move following the robbery was to eat.

The men, on a pretext of buying gasoline, entered the station, and at the point of a gun, held up the operator and rifled the cash register of \$16.

Elak was arrested while attempting to buy a light globe for an auto, and Eastwood and Duff were captured near the Jackson Hot Springs on the Pacific highway, while walking to Medford by Traffic Officer McMahon, Game Warden Parr and Chief of Police McNabb of Ashland.

The hold-ups were en route from Los Angeles to Seattle in an automobile, and told the court they had been unable to obtain work in the south, and were "drifting north."

Judge Thomas in passing sentence urged the prisoners to "re-make their lives in prison and

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OPEN GATEWAY SYSTEM TO BE USED BY FOSTER

A new system will be inaugurated in the land settlement campaign in Oregon this year, according to Arthur Foster, field representative of the Land Settlement department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who is to open an office here in the near future. Mr. Foster states that the gateway system will be used in getting in touch with the tourists, who may be interested in locating in Oregon. Offices will be established here and at Ontario, where the incoming tourists can be met and, if interested, directed to the various points of interest which might result in getting them to locate. Quality, not quantity, is sought, he explained, for settlers with a little money are needed, rather than those people who want to go to work.

The irrigated portions of Southern Oregon are to get considerable attention this year, Mr. Foster states. Last year 600 settlers were brought to Oregon and this year a much greater number are expected. The irrigated lands in this part of the state are to come in for their full share of these. The Ashland office will be opened as soon as there are enough tourists passing through who show an interest in locating here.

NEW MANAGER APPOINTED FOR ASSOCIATION

Carl J. Brommer Takes Charge of Fruit and Produce Association

HAS MUCH EXPERIENCE

Knows Marketing Problems, and Is Well Acquainted With Problems Now Facing Farmers

Carl J. Brommer of Medford has been appointed manager of The Ashland Fruit and Produce association and has already taken charge of the business. Mr. Brommer has recently been connected with The Farm Bureau Exchange of Medford and was very successful in his work in connection with the exchange which has proved a successful link between the producers and the markets.

The new manager told The Tidings this morning that the main problem the local association faces is to get all growers of the Ashland district in harmony with the association and its functions. He said he was anxious to have the producers drop in and get acquainted with him and to talk over their problems.

Mr. Brommer, previous to his employment with The Farm Bureau Exchange, was a farmer, living a few miles northeast of Medford for 15 years and thus knows intimately the problems confronting the growers. His experience with the exchange at Medford has given him an insight into the problems of distribution of farm products and the many difficulties of marketing. He contemplates the development of a larger distribution of feeds through the association to the growers of the district, as well as the enrollment of more growers as association customers.

Mr. Brommer said that the farmers of the Ashland district could today purchase feeds at a lower price than they could be purchased in carload lots. He is optimistic that the association will enjoy prosperity and that it will continue to prove of great benefit to the growers.

\$400,000 PAINTINGS ARE REPORTED GONE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20. — A nation wide search was launched this morning for those responsible for the theft of art treasures valued at more than \$400,000 which were stolen last night from the palatial residence of Martin Weinschenck, noted art collector.

"Boy Blowing Bubbles" by Marillo, and "The Vocal Lesson" by Metsu, world famous paintings, valued at \$175,000 were among the paintings found missing when the collector returned from Catalina Island early this morning.

BRAZILIAN TRIP MEMBERS ARE LOST

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. — The Alexander Hamilton Rice expedition into the Brazilian interior to study for tropical diseases has not been heard from for fourteen days, according to a radio message today from Walter Hinton, hydroplane scout for the party. An air search for the missing party is now under way. The expedition plunging into the jungles is meeting with cannibals and war like natives.

President Favors Congress Repeal Inheritance Tax

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. — The sharp clash in the next congress, over tax revisions for the country, which is expected to split the republican majority into two distinct groups was made virtually certain this morning, as the result of President Coolidge flatly advocating the repealing of the federal inheritance taxes.

Representative Green, chairman of the ways and means committee, today voiced his strong disapproval of the plan advocated by the President.

The proposal made by President Coolidge was for the federal government to get out of the inheritance tax field, leaving the levying of this tax to the states, and the plan will probably be included in the Coolidge - Mellon plan which will be presented to the sixty-ninth Congress.