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COMMISSION IS OPPOSING THE PROPOSED BILL ON HIGHWAYS

Proposal to Deduct Five Per Cent From Funds Brings Objection

WANT ALL FINANCES

Commissioner Gives Notice That All Highway Funds Should Be Kept Intact

SALEM, Jan. 25. — (UN) — Commissioner H. B. Van Duser, speaking for the highway commission at a conference held with the roads committee, declared he was firmly opposed to the proposed titling bill, which would take five per cent or approximately \$284,000 each year from the highway fund and urged that should certificates of convenience and necessity be granted by the state to bus and truck companies, the state should hedge them about in such a manner that they would acquire no profit from the grant.

In outlining the position of the highway commission on these two issues Van Duser said the commission was anxious that no inroads shall be made on the highway finances.

Under present conditions, he said, gasoline revenue is applied to maintenance and reconstruction and that the money derived from the motor vehicle licenses goes to discharge the retirement of bond indebtedness payments and new construction.

After the payment on the bonds is made there remains near \$1,500,000 for new construction and a like amount is to be received under the federal aid act. It can be readily seen, Van Duser pointed out, that a titling of five per cent would reduce the amount to be put into new construction about \$284,000 annually.

In commenting on the measure that provides for certificates of convenience and necessity shall be issued to the operators of bus and truck lines, Van Duser told the two committees that it was the position of the highway commission that if the certificates are granted they should be hedged about by conditions that would prevent the making of private profit by them.

He suggested that the value of the franchise should be appraised at the time of issuance and at stated periods during its time.

Barrel of Beer Saves Aviator

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 25. — (UN) — Subsisting for three days on barreled beer, while snow-bound with his airplane on a mountain 12 miles southeast of Mexicali, was the experience related here by W. J. Barrows, pilot of the Ryan air lines.

Barrows, one of three men engaged in the transportation of beer from Mexicali to Tijuana by airplane, alighted on a plateau 400 feet above sea level, where trucks were to deliver his cargo of beer.

Three feet of snow covered the plateau when he landed and his plane was unable to take off. Three days were required for the snow to thaw sufficiently to allow an ascent. During that period beer was his only food, Barrows declared.

Visiting with Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Holman of Grants Pass spent the week-end in Ashland visiting with their daughter, who is a stenographer for Briggs & Briggs.

Arrived in Ashland — Reverend A. L. Whitcomb of Long Beach, Cal., has arrived in Ashland and is conducting services at the Free Methodist church.

HIGH SCHOOL FIVE TO PLAY CENTRAL POINT

Both Boys and Girls Teams Will Meet on Junior High Floor

Central Point boys and girls teams will meet the Ashland high school basketball teams at the Junior HI gym tomorrow night, according to arrangements completed today. This arrangement makes it necessary to postpone the inter-city series of games scheduled for the same evening, and it is thought that these games may be played later in the week. The girls games will start promptly at seven thirty, and the boys will play immediately after.

Coach Gripe's players have displayed an excellent brand of basketball so far this season, and it is predicted that one of the fastest games of the season will be staged when they meet the fast Central Point quintette.

On Saturday night the Mt. Shasta team will journey to Ashland where they will meet the local high school five. Mt. Shasta has been winning regularly this season and expects to give the locals a tough game.

DENY REPORTS THAT CHAPLIN CASE FIXED

Chaplin's Personal Attorneys Say That No Settlement Attempted

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. — (UN) — Reports that negotiations to settle the Chaplin divorce case out of court are under way were denied by Nathan Burkan, personal attorney to Charlie Chaplin, who said that no settlement will be considered that does not remove the stigma from Chaplin's two children and clear the comedian's reputation.

"The paramount issue in this case," Burkan said, "is the stain upon the children and we will never agree to any settlement that does not completely clear them."

Reports that Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys are willing to settle the case out of court are of no importance, Burkan said, if they leave the children out of consideration. Arrangements for payment of alimony and a divorce are secondary, he declared emphatically to the accusations against Chaplin's character contained in his wife's charges.

Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys have made no overtures toward a settlement, Burkan said, adding that he expected the case to take its regular legal course through the courts of California.

TURKS POOL FILIPINOS WITH CAMERA POWDER

MANILA, Jan. 25. — (UN) — Two Turks from Constantinople, hearing that there were economic possibilities in the Philippines, arrived in the Sulu Archipelago recently and succeeded in reaping a rich harvest of pure gold before they were thrown in jail. They spurned rubber, hemp, pineapples and other tedious methods of gaining a livelihood.

With a few cans of flashlight powder they were able to convince several hundred wealthy Mohammedan Moslems that two gold pieces could be made to grow in place of one. Their method was simple. An earthen bowl, a ten dollar gold piece, a pinch of powder and a match.

The powder was carefully spread over the coin and a match applied with the proper prayer to Allah. In place of the one gold piece, presto! there would be two. A little of the mysterious powder over the pair of coins and puff, there would be four.

Finally their fame spread for miles around and several thousand dollars in gold pieces were collected for Allah's great test. He would be called on to double the whole amount. By clever sleight of hand the Turks attempted to exchange the pot of gold for a package of lead. They succeeded temporarily but were caught and placed in prison.

The more a thing is exhibited, the less we think of it — for instance the leg.

MAYOR PIERCE AND COUNCIL OUTLINE WORK

Plans of New City Administration Given at Noon Lunch

WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Proposal to Have Lithia Water in Plaza Block is Favored

Municipal affairs, including projected water improvements and the poultry industry, were discussed by Mayor Pierce and members of the city council at the forum luncheon today noon at the Lithia Springs hotel.

Mayor Pierce's talk, which will appear complete in The Tidings tomorrow, was devoted to the water improvements, together with the reports and recommendations of the engineers. He emphasized the importance to the city of the replacing of the Lithia water pipe line.

Favor New Project

Upon the conclusion of his talk the members, by a rousing vote, expressed favorable sentiment to the proposal to have the Lithia water piped to the plaza block, where it would be automatically led for tourists and visitors throughout the summer months.

Dr. E. A. Woods, chairman of the council sanitary committee, declared that Ashland could become one of the greatest poultry centers of the Pacific coast, by reason of its favorable climatic and soil conditions. He said he had made a careful examination of sanitary conditions and had reached the conclusion that Ashland should not pass any poultry ordinance which would hinder this rapidly growing industry.

Other council members who spoke briefly were O. T. Bergner, Dan Kay, J. E. Thornton and Charles A. White. Five Chief Clint Baughman told of the equipment which had been added to the fire department recently and predicted that when some of the water improvements are completed this fall, the city can expect a lower insurance rate.

Irving E. Vining, president of the state chamber, told of the annual meeting of that organization to be held in Portland next Monday and urged representation from Ashland. On motion of V. D. Miller the members voted to urge the directors to authorize the expenses of President O. F. Carson and urge him to attend the meeting.

President Carson told of the big development meeting to be held at Grants Pass next Friday evening, at which time the development work of Southern Oregon will be taken up. This meeting is called because of the Crescent City harbor appropriation and all communities of this section of the state have been urged to send delegates.

President Carson said Ashland should send at least 30 delegates and he asked that all persons who can go to leave their names with him or at the chamber of commerce.

Western Pacific Head to Retire

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25. — (UN) — Charles M. Levey tonight explained why he had resigned from the presidency of the Western Pacific railroad company, a post he had held for the last 11 years.

"I have worked hard all my life and am still healthy enough to enjoy travel and other pleasures," Levey said. "I am going to try to find the time to do many things which I was unable to do before."

Levey's resignation was tendered at a meeting of the board of directors in New York, and becomes effective February 1. H. M. Adams, vice president of the Union Pacific, and former freight traffic manager of the Western Pacific, was named to succeed him.

NEW FLAT RATE TO ASSIST AIR MAIL

Air Mail Seen to be Carried for Ten Cents a Half Ounce

That the new flat rate on air mail to go into effect Tuesday, February 1, is going to popularize the air mail service with the Ashland public is indicated by the local interest shown in the change. Postmaster F. D. Wagner of this city, asserts, "The new rates have always been more or less confusing to the ordinary patron, in their application."

Under the new regulations air mail postage will be ten cents for each one-half ounce or fraction thereof, regardless of distance or character of air mail route or routes over which the mail is carried. This rate also includes postage to and from air mail routes, regardless of distance.

To Great Britain and other foreign countries to which the domestic rate of letter postage applies the flat rate of 10 cents for one-half ounce or fraction thereof will apply when letters are intended for transmission by the U. S. air mail service to those countries to France and other foreign countries where the U. S. postage rates do not apply. One-half ounce letters will be accepted for transmission by U. S. air mail service when 13 cents postage is affixed, 23 cents when the letter weighs more than one-half and not to exceed one ounce, and 34 cents for more than 1 ounce letters not exceeding one and one-half ounces; 44 cents for letters of one and one-half to two ounces, etc.

Special air mail stamps are to be had at the Ashland postoffice but any U. S. postage stamps may be used in payment of air mail postage. "Via Air Mail" should be written plainly on the envelope when ordinary stamps are used.

ATTENDEE MEETING

Christian C. Walsenburger, veteran member of the fraternity of the city, attended the notable meeting of members of the Masonic order held at Marshall Hall Friday evening, when two tributes of Masons from Portland and Willamette valley points participated with their Coos Bay brethren and joined in an elaborate program.

Woodburn — Fruit Grower's Cooperative Association paid out \$131,829 to members last year.

Many Apply For Lindsey's Job

DENVER, Jan. 25. — (UN) — Applications for appointment to the office of juvenile judge of Denver were pouring in to the county commissioners here tonight, only a few hours after the Colorado supreme court had declared Juvenile Judge Ben B. Lindsey had not been legally elected.

It appears possible that the commissioners may appoint Judge Lindsey to the office from which he has been deposed by the court ruling.

C. D. Vale, one of the commissioners, said tonight he knew of no one more fitted for the office. Mrs. Lena M. Bangs, courthouse librarian; Judge Walter W. White, justice of the peace, and Attorney Frank S. Hays will probably receive consideration from the commissioners for the post.

AMERICAN LEGION MEET TONIGHT

Local Organization Has Big Program for the Coming Year

Ashland Post No. 14 will hold their regular meeting tonight in the Pioneer hall, with Millard Grubb as the new commander for 1927.

There is much work to be accomplished and it is hoped that there will be a big turn-out. It is hoped that tonight the question can be brought to a head if or if not Post No. 14 will be represented at the National Convention at Paris in September. Plans are under way for the addition to the clubhouse in the way of a kitchen, and the program for the 1927 Community Welfare as outlined by the National Commander.

OFFICIAL'S WIFE KILLED SAVING CHILD'S LIFE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 25. — (UP) — Senhora Marieta Murinho, wife of a chief of the Ministry of Agriculture, mother of seven children, and prominent in Rio de Janeiro society, lost her life when she saved her daughter, Rosita, 9 years of age, from being run down by an automobile.

Senhora Murinho succeeded in warning her daughter of the impending danger, and Rosita leaped to safety. The mother was struck by the car, and died from her injuries.

WAR PLANS IN CHINA SPEEDED UP BY GREAT BRITAIN TODAY

Troops Are Concentrated in Chinese Waters to Protect People

TROOPS ANNOUNCED

England Announces War Strength Available for Service in China

LONDON, Jan. 25. — (UN) — With south China's armies converging on Shanghai the British war office speeded up concentration of troops in Chinese waters to protect the lives of 40,000 foreign residents.

Three brigades, an armored car company and auxiliary British units will constitute Britain's major defense of its Chinese possessions.

General William Duncan who has been placed in charge of the thousands of men will sail Tuesday to take command.

Announcement of Great Britain's full war strength available for Chinese service came simultaneously with schedule of a special cabinet meeting for Wednesday, a suggestion that parliament's opening by advanced due to the critical situation overseas and a centering of all government interests in the conversation in Hankow between Foreign Minister Chen of south China and British counselor O'Malley.

BURGLARS IN LOCAL STORE LAST NIGHT

About Three Hundred Dollars Worth of Merchandise Taken

Perrine's store on the Plaza was broken into sometime last night and men's, women's and children's clothing amounting to probably \$300 was stolen, according to reports made to the local police this morning.

Access to the store was made through a back window, by the use of a step-ladder which was found in the back of Simpson's Hardware store.

KLAMATH INDIANS LOSE IN REQUEST

Government is Upheld in Series of Six Test Cases

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25. — (UN) — Klamath Indians, reputed to be the second wealthiest tribe in America, must content themselves with government allocations of funds, rather than own, control and manage to their liking valuable white pine timber claims on the reservation.

The United States government was upheld today in its refusal to turn over these claims to the Indians by a decision handed down by Federal Judge Bean in six test cases tried last month at the Medford court term.

The decision has a far reaching effect on the government policy on Indian reservations and will save the government vast sums of money and conserve these valuable timber claims, in the opinion of United States Attorney George A. Neuner.

ROSE GIRL MURDERER RESORTS TO POETRY

Poem of Despair is Given to Press by the Murderer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25. — (UN) — "This world I owe nothing; it owes me a grave — St. Peter here I come."

Thus ended the poem of despair written by Earl J. Clark, "rose girl murderer," which he gave to the press today from his cell in the county jail, where he is under sentence of death.

Clark wrote his thoughts while he was being brought from Minot North Dakota, where he was recently recaptured following his escape from the county jail here, March 18, 1926.

He has been sentenced to hang for the murder of Charles Silva, a sailor, following a quarrel over a 17 year old girl. So that her sailor sweetheart would know when Clark was away, the girl always pinned a red rose on her breast.

SENATORS WHO DRINK WET ARE UNDER FIRE

Vote Dry and Drink Wet Men Are Severely Scored in Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. — (UN) — United States senators who "vote dry and drink wet" were under fire today in an impromptu senate prohibition debate.

Heretofore prohibition speeches have been taken as a matter of course. Senators have made long and numerous speeches both for and against the 18th amendment, but always they have been considered to have been "talking for the record," and the benefit of "the folks back home."

Today wet senators dropped generalities and jumped into personalities.

"Senators countenance violation of the prohibition law under their very noses," Senator Wadsworth, New York republican, charged.

Senator Bruce, Maryland democrat, went Wadsworth one better and declared:

"Since I have been here you could put all senators who have refused a drink into one taxicab."

Then, with a flourish of his hand, Bruce pointed to three senators and exempted them.

"Three of my friends here are sincere in their dry beliefs," Bruce said. "My friend from Ohio, Mr. Willis; my friend from Texas, Mr. Sheppard, and my other friend from Ohio, Mr. Foss."

On the other "dry" senators Bruce refused to comment.

For every \$5,000 invested in Oregon factories, one new employe is added to the payroll.

Hood River — Campaign is started to interest orchardists in diversified farming, especially in feeding cull apples to hogs.

CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO SHOW SOME SPEED IF WORK FINISHED

With Only Six Weeks to go Many Appropriations Still Pending

RADIO BILL FAVORED

Is Only One of Major Bills That Seems Assured of Passage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. — (UN) — Congressmen will have to move faster if members wish to close the last session of the 69th congress with their set program completed.

With only six weeks to go seven appropriation bills are still pending. Four have been disposed of. But two items of major importance have been passed by senate and house and five items remain either in committee or awaiting places on legislative calendars.

Accomplishments of this session of congress so far are as follows:

- 1—Passage of interior, agriculture, treasury and postoffice and independent offices appropriation bill.
- 2—Passage of rivers and harbors bill.
- 3—Extension of maternity bill for two years.
- 4—Defeat of Lausanne treaty.
- 5—Shelving of Geneva poison gas protocol.
- 6—Defeat of tax reduction in the house.

Parts of the session program still waiting attention include:

- 1—First deficiency, navy, war, state, justice, commerce and labor, District of Columbia, legislative and second deficiency appropriation bills.
- 2—Boulder Dam.
- 3—Muscle Shoals.
- 4—Farm relief.
- 5—Railway consolidations.
- 6—Radio control.

Aside from the appropriation bills but one major item seems assured of passage and that is a radio broadcasting control bill.

JURY WILL CONSIDER MINISTERS CASE TODAY

It is Expected That Arguments Will be Completed Today

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 24. — (UN) — At noon today the jury, which for more than two weeks has heard testimony in the murder trial of the Rev. J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth, probably will take the fate of the "Texas tornado" in its own hands.

By that time it appeared today arguments for the defense and prosecution will have been completed.

Confident of acquittal on a charge of murdering Dexter E. Chippis, in his church study July 17, last, Norris listened calmly to Judge H. N. Hamilton's charge to the jury and to the summation by the state.

Judge Hamilton set forth that three verdicts are possible: murder, manslaughter, or acquittal. Prosecutor John Shelton pleaded for a murder verdict, punishable by a maximum penalty of death.

Marvin Simpson, chief of defense counsel, commanded the jurors to read the Bible if they believed it was wrong for a minister of the gospel to take a human life. Referring to contradictory testimony he reviewed the trial of Jesus Christ, when the disciples related different stories of the event.

STILL LOOKING

The big reward offered for the capture of the D'Antremond brothers for the Eskiyon train holdup of more than three years ago is still awaiting claimants and Uncle Sam is bearing no stone unturned in running down the perpetrators of this crime.

All postoffices of the United States are being newly re-warded to this effect at this time.

'Twas Once a Thing of Beauty

