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ROAD BILLS TO PRECEDE ORGY OF HIGHWAY BOND ISSUES

Passage of the Wilson River Road Toll Bill Brings Other Demands

MANY BONDS RETIRED

Pay As You Go Plan Results in Two and Half Million Being Retired

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—Governor Patterson recommended a passage of the graduated income tax bill in a special message before a joint assembly of the house and senate here this afternoon.

He pointed out the huge deficit facing the state and said that he thought this was the best plan to eliminate the difficulty. In this connection he asked the passage bill submitting a question to repeal the six percent limit amendment to the vote of the people.

He called attention to the fact that the income tax bill would not be available until 1928, and therefore recommended a five percent tax on fee and license revenues of the state boards and commissions for 1927 reducing this to two and one half per cent thereafter. He desires to repeal the six percent limitation because he wants the revenue from the income tax unlimited by it.

The governor declared that he thought a graduated tax with a maximum of not over three percent would solve the financial difficulties without undue burden to any person or class of industry.

SALEM, Feb. 2.—(UN)—As an indirect result of the passage of the Wilson river toll road bill through the house a bond issuing orgy is in sight that will, if successful, boost the toll of highway bonds up to more than \$5,500,000 above the maximum total ever outstanding since the commencement of the road construction program.

With the Wilson River toll road bill, which calls for an expenditure of nearly \$2,500,000 and requiring that the road be completed in 1928, passed through the lower house, the Roosevelt highway people are beginning to congregate at the front with the demand that if the Wilson River road is to be constructed out of bonds that bonds be issued at the same time for the completion of the Roosevelt highway. The Roosevelt project would absorb some \$5,000,000 out of bonds.

Then to top this off a delegation from eastern Oregon will come in to demand that the Canyon City-Dayville road be reconstructed, also out of bonds, at an additional expense of \$600,000. These instances are but a sprinkling of the demands that will undoubtedly bob up in front of the highway commission in the event of the passage of the Wilson River road bill, with its statutory mandate of immediate construction.

During the past years the highway commission with its "pay as you go" plan, has retired approximately \$2,700,000 of outstanding highway bonds and paid accrued interest. So it can readily be seen from this relation that the bond financing of the Wilson river project will practically wipe out all advance made by the commission in the retirement of its capital debt.

Postpone Bill

SALEM — Feb. 2. — (UN)—Already having voted to raise the salaries of county officials the house of representatives postponed indefinitely any further consideration of Representative Lewis' house resolution No. 13, providing that on any bill raising the salaries of district or county officials there must be included a clause referring the matter to a vote of the people.

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CITY COUNCIL HAS INTERESTING MEET

City Dads Asked to Look Condition of Old Mine Road

The attention of the Ashland City Council was called to the condition of the road commonly known as the Ashland Mine road, north of the city, at their regular meeting last evening.

Postmaster F. D. Wagner appeared before the Council and made an appeal that this matter be fully investigated as it is a rural mail route. The matter was discussed and turned over to the street committee.

A resolution, recommended by M. J. Olson, sexton of the Ashland cemetery, was brought up suggesting that a drain tile should be laid in the Mountain View cemetery. This was turned over to the cemetery committee to act as they see fit.

J. Edw. Thornton made a motion that the city hall be re-lighted and calsonimed and that new chairs be purchased. C. A. Malone, city electrician, reported that the city hall should be entirely re-wired as it had never been properly done, and estimated the cost at about \$250.

A bill for \$100 was presented to the city by J. R. Pittenger, whose cow was killed during the month of December by a wire which had fallen over his yard. This was turned over to the Finance committee to investigate.

The Board of Directors of the Bellview school district No. 23 in a petition to the Council asked that the water main be extended from the old Normal school to the Bellview school to supply the children of that school with water. This petition was turned over to the water committee.

Mayor Pierce, at the request of Dr. E. A. Woods, set aside the last week in this month to be known as "Narcotic Education Week." Education and prevention of narcotics will be taken up in the programs of the city schools, churches and clubs, during this week. The move is a national one and was started by the "World Conference."

STATE INVESTIGATES POISONING OF SIX

County Health Officers Call on Outside Help to Solve Mystery

WESTMORELAND, Cal., Feb. 2.—(UN)—A state investigation to fix responsibility for the poisoning of six persons, two of whom died, was asked today by county health officers.

The poison victims were taken ill after dining at the Mint Cafe, according to Dr. H. S. Brooks, county health officer, who closed the eating place and asked the state board of health to send an inspector to make a complete study of the poisonings.

The dead are Helen Hooper and John Lake, 3. Mr. and Mrs. John Lake and Mrs. Henry Hooper, are patients at a hospital. Floyd Hayner, asserted proprietor of the cafe was not arrested.

Kansas Farmers May Locate Here

W. A. Owens and son of Ness City, Kansas, were visitors in Ashland yesterday with J. C. Hopper, vice-president of the State Bank of Ashland, who knew them intimately in Kansas. Mr. Owens lived for a time at McMinnville about 35 years ago and is leaving Kansas because of his rheumatism.

During their stay here yesterday Mr. Hopper showed them about Ashland and gave them a drink of Lithia water. Mr. Owens was much impressed with this section and promised to return here early this summer with a view of locating here permanently.

"They are fine farmers and would be a valuable asset to this community," declared Mr. Hopper today.

1200 MARINES TO LEAVE SAN DIEGO FOR AN UNKNOWN PORT

Mystery Surrounds Leaving of Largest Group Marines Since War

GIVE SEALED ORDERS

No One in the Navy Department Will Admit They Know Final Destination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(UN)—Sailing under sealed orders for a destination somewhere in the Orient, 1200 marines under command of Colonel C. S. Hill, will leave San Diego Thursday on the transport Chaumont, the navy department announced tonight.

Mystery surrounds the final destination of the largest group of fighting "devil dogs" to leave the west coast since the world war. No one in the navy department professes to know where they are headed for.

The marines have been assembled at San Diego from all guard duty and Pacific coast stations.

The only information given out on the troop movement is that the marines are going to an Asiatic station by the way of Honolulu.

Naval officials are of the opinion that the Chaumont will receive wireless orders at sea to direct the marine detachment to its ultimate destination.

The marines are not going to Honolulu for the information given out carries them past this point the naval officials say. It is a week's journey to Honolulu. Another week will be required for the Chaumont to reach Guam and the detachment could not be destined for that tiny island, officials say for there would be no accommodation for them.

Manila is five days from Guam with Shanghai four days from the Philippines. The only possible destination is Shanghai, according to those who are in close touch with the situation.

Naval officers further point out that the marines would be sent to relieve forces already on duty there.

Observers see in this troop movement determination of the administration to protect Americans in China without evacuation of Shanghai.

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Medford Basketball Crack Team Loses To Normal Quintet

Reminiscent of the bitter contests between Medford and Ashland high schools was the basketball game last night between Company A, Medford national guard, and Ashland Normal, which the local collegians won 34 to 27, after battling every inch of the way from opening whistle to last.

It was a game which kept the spectators on their toes at all times. Personal fouls were called thick and fast; with Marske, Kinney and Caldwell being taken out of the game on the personal foul rule. In fact, toward the close of the game time had to be taken out until a member of the Normal second team could change to his gym suit and take up the battle after so many of the first team members had been removed from the game.

It was a game that everybody enjoyed because for the most part the players on both teams were former members of the Medford and Ashland high schools and rivals in many hard fought games of former years.

The Normal basketball team will meet the O. A. C. rooks at the local armory Friday evening, and they promise the same sort of a game because of their determination to avenge the defeat they suffered at Corvallis last month.

Normal Quintet Will Play Rooks Friday Evening

Ashland Normal's speedy basketball quintet will make a determined effort to even up with the O. A. C. Rooks in a return basketball game at the local armory here Friday evening.

The normal basketball team got off to a great start last December when they defeated the O. A. C. Varsity five on the local floor. Then, when the future profits took their trip north they played the Aggie Rooks at Corvallis and took a trimming by the lowly freshmen.

The return game is scheduled here for Friday evening, and the normal basketball team would rather win this game than any they have played thus far this season.

Those who witnessed the bitter struggle last night know that the normal players are fighters, and this is the same sort of spirit they will display Friday evening.

NOTED MISSIONARY TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Man Who Spent Years in China to be at the Baptist Church

Rev. Eubanks who has spent most of his life as a missionary in China, and who has recently returned to America from that land which is attracting worldwide attention just now, will be the speaker in the pulpit of the local Baptist church on Sunday morning, February 6, at 11 a. m.

"Rev. Eubanks has a message right from his hot bed of world affairs that is captivating the people wherever he goes. Without doubt he is one of the outstanding missionaries of all time," Rev. Woodworth, pastor of the local Baptist church stated. "There is a real treat in store for those who can possibly attend this service, as the man will have a message of first hand import from China where so much is at stake just now." Rev. Woodworth further stated, Mr. Eubanks will speak at but the morning service on account of other calls being made upon his time, according to those making plans.

Marshfield claims 7,000 population, and North Bend, 5000.

Just In The Nick of Time



INTER-CITY GAMES TO BE PLAYED THURSDAY NIGHT

Faculty and High School Seconds Will Play First Game

The third of the games in the city wide basketball league will be played tomorrow evening, in the new junior high gym. The first game will be at seven o'clock when the faculty team will meet the High School seconds; at eight o'clock the Lithians will meet the Normal Seconds; and at nine o'clock the H-Y Employed Boys will meet Battery E. There will be some fast games in tomorrow night's clashes, according to members of some of the teams, as neither the Faculty nor Battery E teams have lost a game in the league, and competition is keen between all teams. "It is hard to say just from here which team will emerge the victor in this league, but it is going to be a fight to the finish," Mr. Walter of the Y. M. C. A. stated. Those in charge are looking for a good sized crowd of spectators at the games tomorrow night and are making plans accordingly.

GOLD HILL BOY IS DROWNED IN ROGUE

GOLD HILL, Feb. 2.—(UN)—Ray Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Paul of this city, lost his life by drowning when he was hurled into the icy waters of Rogue river from a scow which was being used by bridge contractors working on the state highway bridge across the Rogue.

There were two young men in the boat at the time it started down stream, and they successfully shot the treacherous riffles just below the bridge structure and landed it on the bank. They were about to remove it from the water, but the boat was replaced in the river and three young men got into it and were apparently going to cross the river when it capsized, throwing them into the stream.

Two of the youths were able to swim ashore, but the Paul boy, being crippled and a poor swimmer, sunk beneath the muddy water of the raging stream. The body has not been recovered.

WILL SETTLE CONTROVERSY WITH CHINESE

Great Britain Believes Negotiations Will be a Success

Optimism Prevails Rumors of Failure of Proposals Are Denied by the Authorities

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Peaceful settlement of the controversy over the British concessions in China is believed imminent on the basis of messages received from Hankow and Peking.

Despite reports of another press association that negotiations looking to the return of British concessions to the Chinese had broken down, officials here maintained an optimistic view.

They pointed out that they were in constant communication with representatives in the orient and that nine of their advisers from the Far East indicated any hitch in the discussions now going on there.

The British foreign office was in touch with Miles W. Lamson, British minister to Peking and the Cantonese Chinese information bureau received a message direct from Hankow, timed noon. Neither of these sources mentioned the negotiations and the assumption was that they were progressing peacefully.

Church Society is 46 Years Old

Christian Endeavor societies throughout the world are today celebrating the 46th anniversary of this organization, and as a part of the state-wide program in Oregon, Judge Jacob Kansler of Portland, president of the state association, will broadcast over KGW between 7:45 and 8 o'clock tonight.

In the 46 years the society has grown from one society with a membership of 12 persons to 80,000 societies with a membership of more than 4,000,000. There are seven societies in Ashland.

The three senior activities in this city will hold a union meeting next Sunday at 6:30, the meeting place to be announced later.

SENATE OVERRIDES PRESIDENT'S WISHES

Funds Are Voted for Immediate Construction of Three Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(UN)—Overriding President Coolidge and in the face of a veto threat, the senate today voted funds to begin construction of three new cruisers.

Work on the new war vessels is to start before July 1, and \$1,250,000 was included for this purpose in the naval appropriation bill. The final vote was 49 to 27.

Senate bolting from the administration ranks by republican leaders the three cruiser amendment was stricken from the bill in the house. It was immediately reinserted by the senate committee and passed over the opposition of the president and the budget bureau.

The measure must now return to the house for conference. Senate navy leaders have been assured the house will permit the cruiser appropriation to stay in the bill and leave the final decision up to Coolidge.

Administration adherents request delay on the cruiser construction because of pending negotiations for another disarmament conference which may be called to consider limitation of light cruisers.

Twenty four republican senators bolted from the leadership of Senator Curtis, Kansas, majority ruler, and voted for the cruisers. They were joined by 25 democrats. All of the so-called insurgent group supported the president and voted against the appropriation. Against the cruisers were 19 republicans, seven democrats and one farmer-laborer.

RELIGIOUS FANATIC STRANGLES A GIRL

Declares That He Was Jesus Christ, Fanatic Kills Indian

TOLEDO, Ore., Feb. 2.—(UN)—Declaring that he was Jesus Christ and that any person not willing to follow him would meet with dire consequences, Alexander Hill, apparently a religious fanatic, Tuesday morning strangled to death Minnie Washington, a Siletz Indian girl.

The body was discovered in a shack a short distance from the Washington home, by Ernest Copeland a resident of Siletz, Ore. According to Copeland, Hill is said to have made strong statements of his identity and intentions. Hill has been employed in a lumber camp near here but was discharged Monday when his actions alarmed fellow workers. He had been attending religious services nightly and after the Monday night service he said he was going to the Washington home and that surprising developments would shortly take place. It is believed that Hill lured the girl from her home that night and killed her because she refused to follow him.

The farm relief and branch banking bills have been buffeted around congress for years, each kicked out of bounds by the opposing bloc. Both sides have come to see that it is practical politics to combine so that everybody can get what he wants.

The first maneuver of this kind came today with negotiations of the financial group behind the banking group and the farm behind McNary. Senate galleries looked down on the strange sight of the urban spokesman of the banking group, Senator George Wharton Pepper of Pennsylvania, with his head close in whispered conversation with the little giant of the farm bloc, Senator McNary of Oregon.

The result was the gentlemen's agreement which was temporarily thwarted by Senator King.

RATE REDUCTIONS ARE UPHELD BY THE COURT

Thousands of Dollars Will be Refunded to Shippers

SALEM, Feb. 2.—(UN)—Freight rate reductions on farm products in interstate shipment in Oregon ordered by the public service commission in January, 1924, are upheld by the supreme court decision handed down by Justice Rand.

The action of the supreme court will necessitate the refunding to carriers of the difference between

FARMERS AND BANKERS WILL VOTE TO PASS M'NARY BILL

Opposing Sides Call Truce to Enact Farm Legislation

PLANS ARE APPROVED

Reach Gentlemen's Agreement to Help Each Other Next Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Farmers and bankers, ancient economic and political enemies, have called a brief truce to help each other force pet legislation in the last days of the expiring congress.

They arranged a gentlemen's agreement today to vote Monday on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill and Thursday of next week on the Pepper-McFadden bill to permit national banks of the federal reserve system to engage in branch banking.

When this program was presented to the senate in the form of unanimous consent agreement it was temporarily frustrated by the objection of Senator King, Utah democrat, who has refused to be aligned with either group.

McNary announced, however, that he would press for adoption of this program again. The two groups hope by that time to have called King off.

These two bills are backed by two of the strongest groups in the senate. They have effected a working combination that means business and has the power to put a program through despite temporary delays.

This unique bunting of strange bedfellows is a new development of the well known bloc system, which has grown up in congress since the war. Hitherto it has been a war between blocs, farm blocs, banking blocs, insurgent blocs, administration blocs, dry blocs, wet blocs, veteran blocs, fly by night blocs, organized on the spur of the moment to force through some pending bill. The system has been condemned by both post-war presidents as inimical to representative government as America has known it. But it has thrived in face of opposition from the executive branch. Now the blocs have decided that their competition has too often resulted only in the killing off of each other's measures, so that nobody got anything.

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"BUD" FISHER'S WIFE IS GIVEN DIVORCE

Famed Cartoonist Said to Have Had Habit of Wife Beating

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(UN)—The idea of a man amusing the public with his cartoons and then going home and beating his wife was too much for Justice Tierney of the supreme court, who granted a divorce Tuesday to Mrs. H. C. Fisher, wife of "Bud" Fisher, the cartoonist.

"It is unthinkable that a man like Mr. Fisher would do such a thing," said the justice, "but the evidence shows that he did and I shall grant Mrs. Fisher a divorce."

The cartoonist's wife accused her husband of beating her, embarrassing her by walking around their apartment clad only in his underwear, and failure to support her.

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