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DISCUSSES IMPROVING CITY

to Have Vacant Lots

The company decided to give all their employees who had been working for them two years a Christmas present of ten per cent of their wages during the year. Wednesday's checks were for the first half; the other 5 per cent will follow about July 1. This is the first year the Southern Pacific has shared their profits with the men.

Over \$600 was distributed to local employees and the men were feeling pretty good over the second Christmas. Those who have not been in the service two years were envious but look forward to the time when they will get a share of the bonus.

Plenty Cars In Local Yards.

There is no car shortage in Dallas, now, according to Agent I. N. Woods, of the Southern Pacific company. "The yards are blocked with cars. Even, now, however, the California Fruit Packing company, formerly the J. K. Armsby company, is waiting for three cars to ship prunes to New York. There seems to be some little thing wrong with the cars or their routing instructions most of the time, which keeps us from always being able to furnish local shippers with cars. We have cars in the yards now which the packing company want, but they came from El Paso, Texas and cannot be sent farther east than that."

FIRST LOANS APRIL 1

RURAL CREDITS LAW INVESTIGATED BY LAND BOARD.

Funds Will Be Provided At Once By Investment of \$50,000; First Issue Over Million.

The first loans under the recently enacted rural credits law will be available between March 15 and April 1. Within the first year it is estimated by the state land board that between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 in bonds will be available, according to the board, which held a meeting Wednesday to discuss the operation of the act.

The board decided that of the bond issue of any one year, 10 per cent will be in five-year bonds, 10 per cent in ten-year bonds, and the remainder in long term bonds. To raise money at once for the loans, State Treasurer Kay is authorized to invest \$50,000 of the state industrial accident commission fund at par in the five-year bonds. The object in investing the state's money in the bonds is that it is conceded the five-year issue will not prove so attractive to bond buyers.

The long term bonds are to be put on the open market and are expected to bring a premium.

The loans will be made through the state land board's attorneys but the administration of the rural credits funds and the school funds will be separate even to the stationery in order that the administrative expense of each may be figured entirely independent of the other.

When the board deems it advisable it will appoint a board of appraisers whose duty it will be to examine properties upon which loans are made and who will give particular attention to the use to which the loan is put. Under the law the uses to which the money is put are bound by certain restrictions.

The board is now working out blanks for mortgages and other forms which will be used.

Oak Dale Timber Claim Sold.

Carl Gerlinger has sold his 140-acre timber claim at Oak Dale to George Bayless, who will plant 16 acres of it to prunes. Mr. Taylor also purchased a small sawmill from Henry Fern, in the same neighborhood, and his son has started to work on the claim.

Barham Sells Interest in Warehouse.

A. J. Barham has his half interest in the Dallas Warehouse company to A. R. Friesen of North Dallas. Mr. Friesen also purchased one half of the stock, which includes sashes, doors, shingles and the like. The new partnership of Friesen and Walter Barham took effect Tuesday.

Non-Residents Pay Taxes First

Most of the taxes collected by the sheriff's office thus far have been from non-resident taxpayers, through the mails. About \$16,000 had been collected yesterday afternoon at three o'clock and 370 receipts had been issued. About 90 per cent of these paying have sent in the full amount, not waiting for October to pay half of their taxes.

EIGHT LAWS UP JUNE 4 NEW PROHIBITION LAW

BIG ROAD BOND ISSUE HEADS THE LIST.

Twenty-Ninth Legislative Session Closes After Members Make Speeches and Sing Anthems

Eight important measures, headed by the \$6,000,000 road bond proposal, will be placed on the ballot for consideration of the voters at the special election on June 4.

The legislature decided to refer to this election all constitutional amendments and other questions which otherwise would have gone on the ballot at the November election, had the special election not been authorized. All acts of the legislature against which the referendum is invoked will also be on this ballot. The eight propositions follow:

State issue of \$6,000,000 in bonds to begin construction of a comprehensive system of roads and highways embracing entire state.

Direct expenditure of \$100,000 a year for four years to build a new penitentiary at Salem.

To raise pay of legislators from \$3 a day to \$6 a day, extend legislative session to 50 days and limit number of bills that can be introduced by each member and each committee.

To authorize assessors of western Oregon counties to restore Oregon and California grant lands to tax rolls.

Requiring municipalities to hold their primary and general elections on same day state primaries and general elections are held.

To provide for classified assessment of property with graduated rate of taxation on property of different classes.

To enable Port of Portland to build or to subsidize steamships and operate line of steamers to foreign and domestic ports.

To prevent repeal of any parts of state constitution by implication.

The work of the twenty-ninth legislative assembly of Oregon was over at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. At that hour, headed by the venerable Colonel Mercer, sergeant-at-arms of the senate, the senate marched solemnly into the house singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," in which the members of the house and visitors joined. Then, crowded in the central aisle and about the speaker's desk near which was a piano, the crowd sang "Dixie" and other popular and favorite songs. "Aloha Oe" and "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgotten" were sung with spirit.

Then cheers were given for Speaker Stanfield, President Moser and others and the business of the hour resolved itself gradually into a series of short speeches by various members, who told of the pleasant work of the session and the delightful acquaintances made and friendships formed.

All enmity was forgotten at the session's end. Mrs. Alexander Thompson of The Dallas, the only woman member, exemplified this attitude by kissing Representative Tichenor, with whom she had violently disagreed during the session.

It was a literal example of what happens figuratively at the close of nearly every legislative assembly. Men who have wrangled and squabbled and log-rolled against each other, or accused each other of collusion or impugned each other's motives, kiss and make up in the closing hours—figuratively.

Representative W. V. Fuller and Conrad Staffin of this city have returned home after 41 days' experience under the big dome.

W. C. T. U. Institute Tuesday.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a county institute at the Dallas Christian church, beginning at 10:30 next Tuesday morning and continuing throughout the day and evening. The county president, Mrs. Blanch Paul of Falls City, will have charge of the meeting during the day and the state president, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, will address the audience in the evening at 7:30. Readings and special musical selections will be given. Luncheon will be served at noon. Delegations from all parts of the county are expected to attend the institute.

Gunsmen's Averages Differ Little.

Four out of the six members of the La Creole Gun club, who participated in last night's shoot, averaged 87 per cent. L. C. Muscott was high man with 88 and H. W. Stone shot the best individual target, 89 out of a possible 90, but his average was the lowest, 85.

U. S. PROHIBITS LIQUOR SHIPMENTS IN DRY TERRITORY

Believed President Will Sign Bill in Few Days; Would Be Draconic Measure.

Absolute prohibition legislation took its longest forward stride in the nation's history Wednesday when the house after two hours of uproarious debate, approved by a four to one majority a senate measure which would raise an iron-clad barrier against importation of liquor into prohibition states. It is expected to receive the approval of President Wilson within a week, adding immediately to the "bone dry" territory about one-third of continental United States.

The provision is regarded as the most far-reaching that could be enacted by the federal government, and as sweeping as would be possible under any method short of a national prohibition amendment. It would cut entirely liquor importations, amounting now to millions of dollars annually, into the large number of states which have forbidden manufacture or sale but have permitted importation for personal use.

Advocates of prohibition divided among themselves over the expediency of the step, some friends of the cause declaring so drastic a law would have a reactionary enthusiasm. In the same way those who have opposed prohibition were not unanimously in opposition when the vote was taken. The roll call brought cheers and cries of "bone dry" from all parts of the house, however, and the result was greeted with a noisy demonstration.

A provision barring liquor advertisements from the mails in states that prohibit such advertising is included in the measure, which came before the house as a rider to the annual postoffice appropriation bill, inserted by the senate last week on motion of Senator Reed by a vote of 85 to 11. Although the appropriation bill will go to conference because the house disagreed to other senate amendments there is little possibility that the prohibition amendment occurred in without change, will be altered. Members of congress are taking it for granted that President Wilson will approve it.

Although some members had given it as their opinion that the legislative features added to the postal bill would not be effective until July 1, the effective date of the appropriations it carries, senators and representatives who are considered authorities said tonight that all the legislative riders, including the Reed prohibition amendment, undoubtedly would become operative as soon as the president has signed the measure. Dry advocates were jubilant over it. The national legislative committee of the Anti-Saloon league issued a statement saying congress' action had "cleared the decks" for the national amendment.

Many of the wet advocates in congress, particularly those with brewers among their constituents, also declared themselves as much pleased with the outcome.

Branson Trial Starts Monday.

Judge H. H. Belt, Miss Blanche Barrett and Oscar Hayter will leave Sunday for McMinnville for the special term of circuit court, which will convene Monday for the re-trial of the Branson murder case. Judge Belt expects the first three days of the term at least will be consumed in picking a jury and has ordered the state's witnesses to appear in McMinnville March 1. There are 70 names on the first jury panel. Oscar Hayter will assist Vinton and Barrett for the defense.

Snow Causes Shut-Down at Camps.

Over two feet of snow fell in the mountains above Black Rock Monday and Tuesday and caused the sawmills there to close down. Operations will not be re-commenced until the snow goes off. With yesterday's snowfall there is now more than 30 inches in the timber. The Willamette Valley Lumber company's sawmill closed yesterday morning for a brief period, until logs get to moving in here fast enough to keep it going. No logs have been brought in since the Tuesday storm.

Artisans Plan Mock Trial.

Homecoming Meet'g With Bell Call Will Be March 21.

A trial that will be of more interest to Dallas people than any other held this year will begin the evening of Wednesday, March 7. It may

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Dairy Expert Is Making Arrangements for Meeting of Milk, Butter and Cheese Producers.

Milk, butter, cream and cheese producers of this county and the entire northwest will meet soon to discuss means of extending the market for their products, according to the plans of G. E. Freyart, government dairy expert, who is now in Portland making arrangements for the convention. Mr. Freyart thinks this plan will lead to the opening up of a great dairy industry in Oregon.

A convention of dairy instructors, including experts in the government service and dairy men from the agricultural schools of the coast, will be held on February 28, and the two days following will be devoted to the general meetings, which will be held at the Hotel Portland.

A special exhibit of fine dairy products will be held at the Portland in connection with the meetings of dairymen, various dairymen of the northwest having been invited to compete. As judges of the exhibit, the following have been selected: Butter section, Thomas F. Wright, of Washington State college; cheese section, P. L. Lucas, of the Oregon Agricultural college; milk and cream sections, C. P. Hoyt, of Salt Lake City, milk specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture.

An important feature of the program will be the demonstrations of butter-making processes by which it is hoped to bring about the desired commercial utility of Oregon butter. According to Mr. Freyart, butter is already being produced in this state at less cost than in the east and middle west, and should shortly become an export of great economic value.

To Build Spur on Steep Grade.

The Spaulding Logging company has started construction on a 2000 foot railroad spur for transferring logs at its camp above Black Rock. The spur will be built on a 25 per cent grade and will be operated on a cable.

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Salem Commercial Club Will No Longer Sustain Loss of From \$12 To \$15 a Day.

Two licenses have been issued for ferries to operate across the Willamette between the old ferry landing on this side and the landing on Water street, between Court and Chameketa streets, in Salem.

One of the licenses went to Captain Mitchell of Portland, who already has his launch, "The Frolic" on the river and is getting in shape the barge to be carried across by the launch. Work is progressing rapidly on the Polk county approach; it is practically ready and things are moving a little faster on the roadway from the landing on the Salem side.

The Salem Ferry company started operations Wednesday and the railway jitney service went out of business. Single teams and small autos were charged 15 cents, large autos and two-horse wagons, as well as trucks paid 25 cents a crossing, while foot passengers got off for a jitney.

At the time the jitney service was started, an agreement was made between the railroad and commercial club that the club was to guarantee any deficit arising from the motor service, and the club was given the right to cancel the agreement at any time. This right was exercised Tuesday afternoon when the officers of the club served written notice on the representative of the company, withdrawing the guarantee. Since the jitney motor has been running, there has been a daily loss of from \$10 to \$15 a day, which has been paid by the commercial club.

As one ferry has been established and there will be another within a few days, the club has withdrawn its guarantee.

The notice was served on A. A. Mickel, agent of the Southern Pacific at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the following letter addressed to Ivan G. McDaniel, manager of the club: "You are authorized to inform the Southern Pacific company that in accordance with the agreement had with that company on January 12, 1917, we the directors representing the Commercial club do hereby cancel our liability in guaranteeing any deficit that may arise in the operation of the motor car between Commercial street and Kingwood Park after Monday, February 19, 1917. This action is taken because of the installation of a ferry between the two counties. However, we urge the Southern Pacific company to maintain as frequent service as possible without this guarantee."

Shotgun Wounds Are Fatal.

Independence Boy Instantly Killed Last Tuesday.

Vila McMans, 8-year-old son of J. C. McMans, who lives east of Independence on the Marion county side of the Willamette river, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon by receiving the contents of a shotgun shell full in the face. The shotgun was in the hands of his thirteen-year-old sister, who had picked up the gun from a corner in the kitchen where it had been left by Mr. McMans.

J. C. McMans started out in the afternoon to hunt rabbits with a shotgun. He returned from the hunt and set the gun in a corner of the kitchen. The girl picked up the gun to remove a shell when it was discharged. Practically the whole front of the boy's face was torn off. Stray bullets penetrated the breast of the mother, who was standing nearby.

Two doctors from Independence were called but no aid could be rendered. No blame is attached to any one on account of the death, as in the opinion of Coroner Clough it was entirely accidental.

Cattle Thin Around Falls City.

Cattle are in poor shape around Falls City according to Ed. C. Richmond, who returned Tuesday from a buying trip in that section. Mr. Richmond bought eight head but says the best stock has been sold; he went into the Siletz basin but met with little success.

The Past Noble Grand club will meet with Mrs. H. R. Cosper next evening.

BARHAM SELLS INTEREST IN WAREHOUSE.

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