

THE WEATHER Oregon: Unsettled and cold tonight and Saturday moderate southwesterly winds. Temperature Thursday: maximum, 57 degrees; minimum, 41; direction of wind, southwest. Stage of river, 6 feet.

Cotta Finished--The terra cotta work on the new McCall-Schaefer building at Tenth and Willamette street has been finished, and workmen are now plastering the interior of the building. The terra cotta finishing on the entrance to the new Lowell building is exceptionally beautiful, having a specially prepared and the top having a border of heads across the entire length. Water drains are being installed along the front edge of the room.

Dismissed--The suit for \$25,000 damages for alienation of the affections of wife, Sadie Mock, brought by Guy against J. G. Preston has been dismissed as the case has been settled out of court, is the announcement. A. Hardy represented Mr. Preston and Fred E. Smith the plaintiff. H. E. Slatery represented Mrs. Mock who is defendant in the divorce brought by her husband. This was also withdrawn.

Is Asked--William Long filed suit for divorce from his wife, Mrs. J. J. Long today in circuit court. The plaintiff charges desertion and inhuman treatment. The couple were married December 2, 1924, and have one daughter, age 14. Alimony of \$25 a month and custody of the child is asked by the plaintiff who is represented by Clyde Johnston.

Work Progresses--Work on the remodeling of the National bank is progressing in satisfactory manner and it is expected that within the next month \$150,000 improvement project will be completed. Practically all the new pipes are in place and the paint and floor polishing will soon be in progress. This part of the work is expected to take at least two weeks, ending to bank officials.

Men Takers Through--Fred Byron and Charles E. Vogel, census takers of Douglas county, have completed their work here and made final reports here at the office of Ralph P. Laird, director. Two more enumerators are at Douglas county at present. Census takers of Lane have not completed their count, is the announcement.

McKenzie Beat Eagles--The McKenzie Pioneers club defeated the Eagles in a fast basketball game last night by a score of 7 to 5. Following the game the McKenzies had a meeting in the central council room at the Y. W. C. A. Guy Green, manager from the Whitman club, gave a talk to the 17 members present.

From Portland--Frank L. Chambers returned from Portland today after a short visit to his brother C. M. Chambers who is undergoing an operation at a Portland hospital.

Is in Portland--H. McDonald of the Rex and the theaters, is in Portland on a business trip, and expects to return today.

Star to Entertain--The Angeline chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will entertain at the (Continued on page five)

FISTS FLY!



WHO weel hurt me, ha? demanded Tony, stepping forward and touching Joe's head. "Leave him to me, Joe," she said quietly, and methodically went to work upon the fighting Tony. He used his fists freely. Tony was almost felled by straight jabs to the head and body.

Captain Dingie's "Wide Waters" A Great Sea Story Starts March 2 in THE GUARD

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TAX ACTION PROPOSED

Dry Enforcement Office Opposed

SHERIFFS VOTE FOR ABOLITION OF STATE PLAN

Express Belief That Local Authorities Can Cope With Situation

Committee Named To Lay Matter Before Legislature At This Session

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—Sheriffs of the state in session here today decided to ask the legislature to abolish the state prohibition enforcement office now held by George I. Cleaver.

They passed a resolution setting out their beliefs that local authorities can enforce the law in every part of the state if the sheriffs and district attorneys are given a larger share of dry law violation fines.

They then proposed to name a committee to lay it before the law-making body.

Circuit Judge Speaks Circuit Judge Walter H. Evans, who was formerly district attorney here, told the sheriffs the state would do well to abolish all bureau for enforcement of special laws and turn their duties over to the local authorities.

"But the enforcement of any law" he declared, "cannot precede public opinion."

The sheriffs also took a filing at W. J. Herwig, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, because of a film shown by the league in churches and before other assemblages.

The film depicts supposed dealings between a crooked sheriff and a dry law violator.

Report Discussed Cleaver's recent report, in which the state office claimed credit for most of the fines collected from bootleggers and moonshiners was hotly discussed, but nothing was done with it.

One sheriff started to berate the federal dry authorities, but he was suppressed.

Mrs. Martha Randall, of the women's protective division of the Portland police department, asked the convention to indorse a bill now before the legislature, regulating dance halls in small communities.

"Federal prohibition operatives have been asked to work with county sheriffs and other duly elected law enforcement officers, but they will not operate on warrants issued to officers of the state prohibition department," said Dr. J. A. Linville, federal prohibition director in his address before the sheriffs yesterday afternoon.

Average Salary in High Schools \$1516

The average salary received by men teachers in Lane county high schools is \$1516, according to a survey of salaries compiled in the state superintendent's office, received today in the city school office. Fourteen men are employed whose salaries average \$1516, while the average for women runs from \$1234 to \$1302.

Thirty-eight women in Lane high schools average \$1302 in their salaries, while five average \$1170, and six average \$1234.

Lane county is not mentioned among the six ranking counties, in salaries for either men or women.

STEAMER FOUNDERS LONDON, Jan. 23.—Lloyd's announced today that the British Mexican Petroleum company's small deep steamer Red Line No. 1 foundered in Bristol channel last Wednesday with a loss of nine lives.

Pick Out the King—Ready For a Spin



Can you recognize royalty at a glance? If you can, here's where you can prove it, for one of the four gentlemen in the above photo is a king. He on the right is King Christian X of Denmark, busily engaged in his favorite winter sport, ice yachting.

LANE LEADS STATE IN LIBRARIES SENT FOR SCHOOLS HERE

Lane county leads the state in the number of traveling libraries, having 108. The next highest number, 64, is recorded for Marion county. These figures are contained in the annual report of the state library board, copies of which have been received by E. J. Moore, county superintendent of schools.

The 168 traveling libraries in Lane directed by the state library officials reported 1058 borrowers during the past year. A total of 473 shipments of books were sent out from the state library to Lane and these contained 1407 volumes, the annual report shows.

The field included by the traveling libraries covers 191 school districts of the county which is the largest number of any one county of the state, the report states.

"The Lane county school districts have shown a keen interest in the facilities for obtaining books through the plan of shipments from the state library and every district some time during the year received consignments of books," Mr. Moore states.

The facilities of the traveling library are available for organizations, community clubs and information on applications for this service can be obtained from the state library board.

Talk of Educator To Be Interesting

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, who will speak at the teachers' institute to be held at the Frances Willard high school Saturday, January 31, at 10 a. m., has an important and interesting message for all educators of Lane county and efforts are being made to have a large attendance at the meeting. Notices are being sent out today from the office of the county superintendent of schools to all county districts. "We desire every teacher, who can possibly come, to be here, as it will probably be the only opportunity of hearing Superintendent Churchill in Lane county this school year," is the announcement.

MR. COOPER NOMINATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Robert A. Cooper, former governor of South Carolina, was nominated by President Coolidge today for reappointment to the federal farm loan board.

CLYDE JOHNSTON FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE OFFICIALS

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—Although he had promised to appear before the prohibition department investigating committee yesterday afternoon and a meeting was called especially for the purpose, Clyde N. Johnston, former district attorney for Lane county failed to show up.

The committee voted to subpoena Johnston. Commissioner Cleaver himself was present and offered to tell the committee about his dealings with Johnston, but the committee desires to have the two men face to face when each offers his testimony.

Former District Judge Ashby C. Dickson was called as a witness by the committee yesterday and all his testimony tended to favor Cleaver and the agents employed by him.

Mr. Dickson said that as far as he knew Cleaver always cooperated with the local officers of Multnomah county.

Three Bandits Are Caught by Quick Work of Officers

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 23.—At 7 o'clock last night three men in an automobile from Los Angeles held up at the point of a pistol the Union Service station at Ashland and took \$18 in cash.

State Motor Traffic Officer J. J. McMahon was called at once from the theater next door, and with Game Warden Roy Parr, started an investigation which resulted in one of the robbers being captured in the car in an hour, and who is alleged to have confessed that his two companions were enroute by foot to Medford.

In the captured car, McMahon, Parr and Chief of Police McNabb of Ashland intercepted the two men in front of Jackson hot springs and captured them. The three men made a confession, according to the officers, stating that they had stolen the car in Los Angeles and enroute to Ashland had committed burglaries in two towns. The three prisoners gave their names as Roland Eastwood, unaturalized Englishman, 30; Steve Elesh, Los Angeles, 25; and Robert Duff, San Francisco, 18.

NOMINATION OF HARLAN STONE BEING BLOCKED

Senators Ask Further Inquiry Into Case In Which He Acted As Counsel

Move Is Started By Senator Overman, Democrat, Of North Carolina

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Additional opposition to the confirmation of the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be a supreme court justice developed today in the senate because of the move by the department of justice to return here a second indictment against Senator Wheeler, democrat, of Montana. There were indications that the matter would be made the subject of senate debate.

ACTION BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Confirmation of the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be an associate justice of the supreme court is being blocked in the senate to permit further inquiry into a case in which he acted as counsel for the executors of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Senator Overman, democrat, of North Carolina, who had the nomination held up for a time in the judiciary committee has been joined in his request for delay by other senators, including Heflin, democrat, of Alabama.

CLEAR LAKE PLAN SUBJECT OF BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A bill which would enable cities in the Willamette valley in Oregon to proceed with a plan to develop a water supply was introduced today by Representative Hawley.

The measure would authorize a grant of approximately twenty sections of federal government land around the headwaters of the McKenzie river in the vicinity of Clear Lake to an organization which it is proposed to have the state legislature designate as an agency for construction, and land also would be granted at water development organization for a reserve supply. The organization would have authority to construct and maintain necessary dams, head gates, pipe lines, reservoirs and other appurtenances reserved in its program. The land affected would remain under supervision of the forest service.

Winnipeg Wheat Passes \$2 Mark

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 23.—Wheat touched \$2 a bushel here today for the first time since the World war and passed that figure. The market was strong at the opening, but the \$2, at which the May future sold, was reached by a steady advance, and was only half cent above yesterday's closing price. By noon May was \$2.01 1/4 and prices seemed firmer than ever.

Investigation Planned

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Preparations to prosecute Raymond J. Buschhoff, arrested yesterday in Los Angeles on charges of having swindled upwards of 5000 persons, mostly foregners, out of approximately \$4,000,000, today included an investigation of any political connivance of his escape two years ago after his release on bonds.

BREAKDOWN OF CONFERENCE IS DECLARED NEAR

Private Meeting Held In An Effort To Save Situation, But Fails

Stephen G. Porter Of United States Plans To Leave For America

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23.—A prominent missionary today informed a Reuter's correspondent that the military authorities in the province of Fukien had beheaded 200 Christian Chinese farmers because they refused to grow opium. The missionary added that although the Chinese officials were compelling the farmers to cultivate opium, 1500 Christian families had refused to obey the orders and that the executions followed.

MEETING HELD

GENEVA, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A private meeting today between Representative Stephen G. Porter, of the United States and Viscount Cecil of Great Britain in an attempt to save the opium conference from a breakdown resulted in failure. Mr. Porter stated that unless conditions changed radically, he would return to the United States within a few days.

"I consider the situation has reached such a stage that my continued presence would imperil The Hague opium convention," Mr. Porter said. Previously under the chairmanship of Dr. Zahle of Denmark, the representatives of the countries having far eastern possessions, where the opium smoking practice prevails, held a private meeting to frame the text of a resolution setting up the joint commission and to examine generally as to means for saving the conference from a breakdown.

Woman Hunter of Alma Gets Bounty

Ouda Gold, wife of Charles Gold, of the Alma district in southern Lang county was paid the county bounty today for the killing of a bobcat near her home. This is the first bounty paid to a woman this year for bringing down a predatory. Mr. Gold was here today and reported that there are plenty of "wild kitties" in the Alma section with a few cougars also prowling through the timber.

A bobcat bounty was also paid to C. A. Park of McKenzie bridge at the office of the county clerk.

Night Fire Takes Auto Warehouse

BEND, Ore., Jan. 23.—Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed an automobile warehouse and eight automobiles which were stored in it. The cars were second hand machines and were valued at between \$100 and \$500 each.

Absence of wind is thought to have saved a number of nearby buildings which seemed threatened for a time. Roy Fox owned the building, which was partly covered by insurance. It was valued at \$1600 and is a total loss.

To Be Transferred



Alanson B. Houghton of New York, now ambassador to Germany, is to be transferred to London, succeeding Ambassador Frank B. Kellogg, newly appointed secretary of state.

Today Is Busy Day At Salem

Senate. Resolution introduced for constitutional amendment prohibiting inheritance tax and income tax.

Another resolution introduced to prevent enactment of income tax law before 1930.

Passed house bill introduced by Multnomah delegation to remove 0.5 mill tax limit in Portland school district.

Staples bill providing that the compensation of appraisers of estates shall not exceed \$5 a day was passed.

Following senate bill were introduced today: S. B. 63, Dennis Taylor and Ritter—Providing for normal school east of Cascade mountains.

S. B. 64, eastern Oregon senators and representatives—Providing for relief of grain farmers.

S. B. 65, Senator Upton and Representatives Hamilton, Celler and Burdick—Providing for pure water supply for Bend.

S. B. 66, providing for colonization of idle lands.

House. Adopted house joint resolution No. 3 which would provide a constitutional amendment permitting Klamath county to issue bonds to cover outstanding warrants up to April 1, 1919, adopted. About \$78,000 is necessary.

Adopted senate joint memorial No. 1 calling for federal recognition of the Umatilla rapids project and its hydro-electric development.

Passed house bill 26 providing for classifying a three-quarters ton capacity motor vehicle carrier as a truck.

Passed house bill 37 providing that foster parents may be beneficiaries under insurance policies of adopted children.

Passed house bill 18 extending the time limit for obtaining refund on gasoline taxes for farmers and others using the fuel for other than motor vehicles.

Passed house bill 39 giving fraternal insurance organizations more latitude in the disposition of surplus funds.

Ex-service men may transfer their loan securities under an amendment (Continued on page three)

FLORIDA PLAN SUGGESTED BY BRUCE DENNIS

People Of State Would Be Called Upon To Vote On Amendment

Believes Industrial Expansion Would Result In Lower Taxes

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Both senate and house adjourned at noon until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—A resolution referring to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment inhibiting the levying of any inheritance or income tax in the state of Oregon was introduced in the senate today by Senator Bruce Dennis.

It is patterned closely after a constitutional amendment recently adopted in Florida prohibiting inheritance and income taxes. Senator Dennis expressed the opinion that if the measure is adopted by the people of this state there will also be an influx of capital into Oregon for industrial expansion and the development of its resources.

"This industrial expansion and development would in turn result in lower taxes," he said.

"My reasons for introducing this measure, which, if referred by the legislature and later enacted by the people of the state, plainly constitutes a bid and an invitation by Oregon to the people of the middle west and east to come here and make their homes and do business unhampered by the constant changing of tax laws."

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EUGENE STECKER IS UNDER ARREST

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—Eugene Stecker, also known as The Stecker, who aided Grover Bergdoll, millionaire draft dodger, to escape from his mother's home here in 1920, surrendered today to government officials in the federal building. He said he left Bergdoll in Germany.

Stecker is held under \$10,000 bail for trial on charges of aiding in Bergdoll's escape and of harboring a fugitive from justice. He told officials his hair had turned gray from worry.

Stecker said he had a row with Bergdoll about three years ago when he wanted him to return to this country and surrender. Since then, he said, he had seen Bergdoll often but was not very friendly with him. Stecker said he came to this city about ten days ago and wandered around not knowing where to go. His wife, who divorced him, went to Germany and is still there.

TODAY —Good Excuse Given —Two Maniacs Fight —Two Billion Hours

By ARTHUR BRISBANE (Copyright, 1925, by Star Company) Our European friends, statesmen of England, France, etc., say this country is now tied up in the reparations mess, and that we have made ourselves practically responsible for Germany's debts. Our statesmen say no, we were only trying to get a few hundred million dollars out of the scoundrel. In any case, you will probably discover that we have given Europe a chance to say, by and by: "You have not kept faith and so we shall not pay what we borrowed from you."

John Kuehn and Albert Joe fought desperately with heavy mops. Before they were separated, Kuehn was killed. Keepers overpowered Joe, the winner. Both were mad, men and fought in an asylum. "Oh, you say 'crazy, etc. That explains it.' What does it explain? Were those two maniacs any more crazy or wild than the civilized nations that recently started fighting and kept at it until millions were killed?"

Just as you make up your mind that prohibition is a failure, because the rich man gets what he wants, when he wants it, etc., statistics come along to make you think again. More money in savings banks, fewer citizens in jails, some jails closed, fewer go to insane asylums. Bigge wages might explain some of that. But then comes this: In New York, (Continued on page four)