

City News

THE WEATHER Oregon: Rain west, snow or rain east of the Cascades tonight and Tuesday. Warmer in east portion tonight. Southerly gales. Temperature Sunday: Maximum, 45 degrees; minimum, 36. Precipitation, .20 of an inch. Stage of the river, 3.3 feet. Direction of the wind, southeast.

Adventurers' Go Home-- Two forlorn little boys, one aged 11, the other 8, arrived in Eugene Saturday afternoon on a Willamette valley motor truck having taken this means to start out on a "trip around the world" from their home at Portland. The boys were scared as night came on and Will Hodges, proprietor of the Eugene Steam Laundry, seeing them aimlessly waiting for another truck to return north asked them where they lived. They sobbingly told their tale and showed their food supply for the world trip which consisted of some prunes. One of the boys also had an equipment of a book of adventure which he stated was all wrong and not at all like the real thing as far as they had experienced it. Mr. Hodges took the boys to the Osburn hotel where they had supper and spent the night which they declared was the biggest adventure of their journey. They were sent home last evening and they stated that they were through with the road.

Meeting is Wednesday-- The monthly church day of the Eugene Baptist church which is usually held on the last Tuesday of the month has been transferred to Wednesday this month and will be on Wednesday of this week. The women will meet in the afternoon and all interested are invited. There will be a special program. A church fellowship dinner is to be served in the evening, and the metropolitan quartet will give its concert at 8 o'clock.

General White Coming-- General George A. White, commander of the national guard of Oregon, will be here this evening to attend the smoker and entertainment to be held by the Eugene guardsmen. A basketball game between Company C of Eugene and Company D of Roseburg will start the affair off at 6:15. This will be followed by a supper and a big program of snappy events, according to the committee in charge.

Returns from Session-- Sheriff Frank E. Taylor of Lane county returned from Portland after attending the annual meeting of the sheriffs of Oregon. The convention was a big success in every way and much good was accomplished, according to Sheriff Taylor. Law enforcement officers from practically every county of the state were present for the meetings, the sheriff said.

Leaves for Portland-- Mrs. I. O. Loughery, assistant at the office of Ralph P. Laird, director for this district of the federal revenue, has left for Portland on visit of a few days.

Twelve members were added at last night's meeting of the Bible Standard club, making a total of 47 during the last three months in which the

A Storm at Sea--!



But Mary saw a yellow figure burble down out of that upper chaos, a scream still on his lips, his poor groping fingers catching at the black void. He fell and plunged into the sea.

"Wide Waters" By Captain Dingle Starts February 2

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HOME EDITION

POWER BILL PROPOSED

January Building Runs High

PERMITS PASS MARK SET FOR JANUARY, 1924

Thirty-Six Permits Granted So Far This Month; 25 For New Homes

First Month Of Last Year Already Is Beaten By About \$23,000

Building permits in Eugene during the month of January have averaged more than one a day, and the total for the 26 permits granted thus far is \$188,200. This exceeds the January, 1924, figure by more than \$23,000, with six days left to go. Only six months in 1924 showed total building figures to exceed that already reached this year.

Building permits last January totaled \$115,175, and in February they dropped to \$108,800. September, October, November and December showed totals less than \$100,000.

"Most of the building permits thus far this year have been for new homes," said W. H. Alexander, building inspector. "From the way the year is starting off I wouldn't be surprised if we would set a new record in 1925."

An average of almost a new home a day has been reached this month, and the present total is 25, ranking in prices from \$2000 to \$10,000.

Today's first permit was issued to Fred G. Stickle for a \$3000 home on 1528 Charnelton street, Saturday afternoon. A. A. Reeves was granted a permit to erect an \$8000 apartment house at 1262 Nineteenth avenue east.

Clearing of Pass To be Tried Soon

BEND, Ore., Jan. 25.--The long-discussed attempt to clear the McKen's Pass is scheduled to be undertaken Thursday of this week, according to officials of the stage line.

The pass at the top of the Cascade mountains was closed the last of October with the first heavy fall of snow. The stage line between Bend and Eugene has not been in operation since then. The snow is 18 feet deep at the pass, according to estimates.

Rector to Attend Portland Session

Rev. Frederick G. Jennings, rector of the St. Mary's Episcopal church of this city, leaves tomorrow for Portland where he will attend the annual diocesan convention of the Episcopal church of Oregon. Rectors of the various parishes of the state will be present for the sessions including Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner of Portland, bishop of Oregon, Mr. Jennings expects to remain in Portland until Friday.

Price of Refined Sugar Takes Drop

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.--The price of refined sugar to wholesalers at the refineries was reduced by 25 cents a hundred pounds today, making the new case base \$6.25 and the new beet base \$6.05.

President Plans New England Trip

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.--President Coolidge plans to make a trip to New England either in April or in June.

AMENDMENT OPPOSED AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 26.--The senate of the Texas legislature today rejected ratification of the federal child labor constitutional amendment, 20 to 2.

Construction on Cut-off is Going Ahead Steadily

By March 1 expectations are that full time action on the rail construction work on the Southern Pacific cut-off will be under way, according to Dee Wright, in charge of the work stock of the Kelly and Sullivan contracting firm, who is a visitor here.

"Work has been slowed up considerably by the heavy snows," Mr. Wright said. "About 150 men are employed at Wolf mountain and supplies and equipment are being sent in over a stretch of about eight miles by sled from the Henry and McFee camp," he states.

The heavy snow extends from the rail head to the Reserve line and this has hampered work outdoors although tunnel operations are in progress. The trail to Odell lake is open and it is possible to go by foot or on horse back to that point from Oakridge rail head, Mr. Wright said.

All work on the Klamath end of the line has been closed down since before the holidays and it is expected that three months of favorable weather will complete the present contract of the Utah Construction company. The company had about 700 men at work when operations ceased. A crew of about 300 men are maintained on tunnel work on both sides of the Cascades by the Stewart and Welsh Construction company.

J. THOMPSON, 89, OREGON PIONEER, DIES IN EUGENE

A pioneer of Oregon, who crossed the plains by ox-team in 1862 to settle in this state, died Sunday at his home, 1754 Lawrence street. He was Johnston Thompson, 89 years of age, who has been a resident of Lane county for the last 15 years. Mr. Thompson served in the state legislature as representative from Malheur county in 1870, having been a resident of that section for a number of years. He settled near Pilot Rock when he first came to Oregon.

Born at Zanesville, Ohio, October 26, 1835, Mr. Thompson moved to Iowa when a boy. He married Miss Zerelda J. Rankin in 1872, and moved to Kansas the same year. He came back to Oregon in 1891, settling in the Mohawk valley.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter, as follows: W. E. Thompson, Portland; George H. Thompson, Le Grande; E. P. Thompson, Seattle; Miss Grace Thompson, Eugene. Mr. Thompson was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and the Presbyterian church.

The body is at the Veatch chapel, where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Bend to Feature Products of Lane

As one of the features of the annual "Oregon products dinner of the Women's Civic League of Bend" will be products of Lane county and a request from the Bend organization to the Eugene Fruit Growers' association for canned string beans has been received through the Eugene chamber of commerce from the Bend chamber.

The Oregon products dinner will be held February 8, according to the word from Bend.

STILL OWNER SENTENCED PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26.--Jim Woodcock, owner of a farm on the Unashilla Indian reservation and a director of the school in his district, was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$100 by Federal Judge Bean today. Woodcock pleaded guilty to running a big still.

MR. JOHNSTON TO APPEAR AT SALEM TONIGHT

Joint Committee Of State Legislature To Hear His Testimony

Local Attorney Planning To Tell Facts, He Declares Before Leaving

Some interesting details of state prohibition enforcement in Lane county will be given by Clyde N. Johnston former district attorney of Lane, who left this morning for Salem where he will appear at 8 o'clock this evening before the house and senate joint investigation committee.

"I will tell a good many facts about actions of the state department in Lane and I want plenty of publicity on it as I have nothing to conceal," is the statement of Mr. Johnston before leaving for the Salem meeting.

Bribe Attempts Hinted. Among other items of interest to be presented to the legislative investigation committee are alleged attempts to bribery in order to "frame" Mr. Johnston and the sending of women operatives into Lane to obtain evidence against the former Lane district attorney.

A liquor law operative who worked in Lane recently and was known as "Brady" while here is said by Mr. Johnston to have been connected with the state department. This agent was alleged by Mr. Johnston to have spent considerable time in attempts to obtain evidence that might involve the district attorney.

Woman is Accused. Minnie Larkin, a woman operative, who appeared here about two years ago bearing credentials from Mr. Cleaver and stating that she was ordered to work in Lane county was arrested a few hours later in company with an alleged rum runner with an automobile load of liquor. The woman admitted that she was sent in to Lane to "frame" Mr. Johnston, the former Lane official states.

Another alleged agent of the state prohibition department came to Mr. Johnston some time ago with an offer of a bribe of \$1000 and \$5 on each case of liquor that could be sent into Lane without molestation from the district attorney. Mr. Johnston states that he framed a trap for this agent but that the alleged state operative evidently grew suspicious as he left but later wrote a letter and asked an answer to his proposition.

"Trap" is Alleged. Mr. Johnston states that another woman operative also came to Lane county to trap bootleggers, she said, but that she too attempted to trap the district attorney. Mr. Johnston states that in the case of the Larkin woman that he will have some interesting testimony to offer at the hearing of the joint committee.

The former district attorney also takes exception to many of the items in the report of Mr. Cleaver concerning amount of fines in Lane county and cases handled here by the state department.

"Since Mr. Cleaver took office there have been 22 agents working in Lane at various times. At one time five were here for a period of three weeks and their total net results was nothing in the way of convictions," Mr. Johnston said.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT AGAIN ON NOMINATION

Nomination Return Is To Be Sought, As Result Of Late Conferences

Matter Is Discussed With President; Future Plan Is Outlined

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.--(AP) The senate today recommitted to the judiciary committee the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be a supreme court justice.

The action was taken after an hour's discussion in executive session and had the approval of the administration leaders, who have conferred with President Coolidge.

It is probable that Mr. Stone will appear before the committee to make a statement with reference to the action of the justice department in seeking a second indictment against Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, in the District of Columbia.

LOCALIZE CONTROVERSY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.--(AP) Administration senators expect to localize in the judiciary committee the whole controversy over confirmation of Attorney General Stone as a justice of the supreme court.

As a result of week-end conferences it has been decided to seek return of the nomination to the committee, which once reported it favorably, so that Mr. Stone and other department officials can present their side of the dispute centering about the move to secure a second indictment in the District of Columbia against Senator Wheeler, democrat, of Montana.

Case Talked Over

At the present stage, the Wheeler case presents the chief obstacle to Mr. Stone's confirmation, which the leaders had hoped to bring to a vote today. The whole situation, including the plans of the justice department in connection with the case and the outlook presented by a democratic-republican insurgent combination to hold up the Stone nomination, was talked over yesterday by senate leaders, with Mr. Stone and Assistant Attorney General Donovan, who plans to present the evidence against Senator Wheeler to a grand jury here next week.

Senator Curtis of Kansas, the republican floor leader and Senator Watson of Indiana, the assistant leader, also talked today with President Coolidge.

President Informed

President Coolidge is presumed to have received first hand information regarding the Wheeler case from Assistant Attorney General Donovan, who accompanied the executive on an overnight cruise down the Potomac yesterday, on the Mayflower.

With the Stone nomination issue thus breaking into an already crowded situation in the senate, leaders there are hesitant in predicting when any of the pending matters will be disposed of. As to the matter of appropriation bills, however, the senate has kept pace with the house. The latter body, having disposed of the most important of the supply bills, is beginning to slow up its work so as not to find time on its hands.

All features of his talk with the justice department officials and of the tangle in the senate were given to the president by Senator Watson, who had been commissioned to make a report to the White House on behalf of the senate leadership. There was no indication of administration opposition to the move to refer the nomination back to committee and Senator Watson said he expected none in the senate.

New Secretary Gets Pointers



This photo just taken at the White House, shows C. Bascom Stemp (left) retiring secretary of the president, giving a few pointers to Representative Everett Saunders of Indiana, who will succeed him March 4.

SHERIFF TAYLOR IS DEFENDENT IN SUIT FOR FALSE ARREST

Another suit for alleged false imprisonment has been filed against Sheriff Frank E. Taylor who is named jointly with Al Haney, deputy sheriff of the Oakridge district and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company as defendants. The complaint asks \$10,000 as damages for the alleged false arrest.

It is alleged in the complaint that R. H. Mason was arrested at railroad construction camp 23 above Oakridge December 7 and charged with forgery and larceny. He was brought to the county jail but released the next day. No charge was filed against him or warrant issued, the plaintiff alleges.

Byron Wheeler recently filed suit for \$50,000 against Sheriff Taylor for alleged false imprisonment while he was being held here for the California authorities as a suspect in a bank robbery. Later, it was proved that Wheeler was not the man wanted.

6 MEN JAILED ON MOONSHINE CHARGE

Six men arrested Sunday about 15 miles north of Oakridge by Deputy sheriffs Al Haynie and Perry Stellmacher are in the Lane county jail and are scheduled to have hearings this afternoon.

The men are said to have been found in possession of a still, about 40 gallons of mash, and other equipment for the manufacture of liquor. The men are Ernest Hebert, Charles E. Lee, Morris Wood, Harry M. Zak, Virgil Osburn, Charles Sheldon.

Deputy Sheriff Haynie reported today that a long trip over the hills through heavy snow was necessary to reach the place where the still was being made ready for operation. The men were brought here yesterday on the afternoon train from Oakridge.

Booth Planned For O. A. C. Exposition

Preliminary arrangements are being made for a Lane county booth to be maintained at the annual Oregon Agricultural college exposition to be held the latter part of February. The arch and decorations used at the chamber of commerce booth at the annual Lane county fair will be used for the Corvallis show.

Harold Rowley, Eugene student at O. A. C., will have charge of the booth, where Lane products will be displayed and literature distributed, according to E. Eugene Chadwick, chamber secretary.

BIDS TO BE CALLED ON SIUSLAW FERRY PLANNED BY COURT

Bids for the operation of a ferry across the Siuslaw river between Florence and Glenada will be asked by the county court this week, is the announcement today. It is planned to operate the ferry free for foot passengers but charges for automobiles. The charge transportation of a car on the ferry will not exceed 50 cents, according to present plans.

The bid for the operation of the ferry for the next year will be let to the lowest responsible bidder, is the announcement. The agitation for a free ferry on the Siuslaw has been under way for some time and recently a petition was presented to the court asking that the county establish such a service. The county has been paying \$100 a month and fees for the operation of the present ferry.

Two Cars Are Robbed of Wheels

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Jan. 26.--(Special)--Two Ford cars were robbed of a front wheel each while parked in Springfield last evening. The right front wheel was stolen from the car of G. R. Fish, Eugene Motor Route B, while it was parked in front of the Springfield Christian church during services. Another was taken from a car parked on Second and Main street, said to be owned by a Eugene man. The wheels were stolen about 8 o'clock, it is thought by police. Police Officer Charles Nolt is working on the case. Both cars were found to be jacked up, and the wheels removed from the axles.

TODAY

By ARTHUR BRISANE (Copyright, 1925, by King Features, MM Syndicate, Inc.) New York reformers, earnest, sincere, demand drastic new blue laws. They would limit all public activities on Sunday strictly to church services. No golf, no baseball, no moving pictures or theaters, only church, Sunday school and pious meditation.

The plan is well meant, also foolish. Nothing would hurt churches more than an attempt at compulsory church attendance. They had a law in New York state once against exhibiting flowers in any window on Sunday. But the time for that has gone by.

Reformers should study a wise statement by a learned French bishop in the time of Louis Fourteenth. A priest wrote to him about his plans

AMENDMENT IS ASKED; PEOPLE WOULD DECIDE

Senator George Joseph Has Proposal; Modeled After Plan Of 1921

Columbia River Suggested As Potential Power Possibility

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 26.--(AP)--Senator George W. Joseph today introduced a joint resolution proposing to submit to the people a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to engage in water power development. The measure is patterned closely after a measure introduced by Joseph at the session of 1921. It is so drawn that the state could engage in water power development either independently or co-operatively with any other state or states, with the federal government or with all of them.

The resolution points out that such development would effect an immense saving of coal, oil and fuel, and that over half a million acres of land in the northeastern part of the state could be irrigated by electrical energy so developed.

Credit Loan Provided. The measure provides that notwithstanding the state's constitutional limitations, the credit of the state may be loaned and indebtedness incurred for, the purpose of providing the necessary funds to acquire and develop hydro-electric power and to sell it throughout the state. It would give the state the right to contract with political or municipal subdivisions of the state, with the United States and with other states concerning the development, conservation and use of interstate and other waters for the generation of power.

"Water power is an inexhaustible and eternal resource," being replenished annually," said Senator Joseph in commenting on the measure. "In this respect it is unlike any other natural source, all others are exhaustible."

"The world today is turning to our inexhaustible water power for its light, heat and power."

"Oregon, Washington and California, have within their boundaries over two-thirds of the potential hydro-electric energy of the United States."

Oregon Far Behind. "While California and Washington have both made progress in the development of their water power resources, Oregon with its one-third of the water power energy is thirty-third in development."

"The Columbia river has been referred to as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, single units of potential hydro-electric development in the world. The United States, Oregon and Washington, own this magnificent river, but it perennially rolls away in waste to the sea."

"The government and the two

Bad For Churches Bad For Schools His Head Is Saved

to stop peasants dancing and drinking on Sunday afternoon. The bishop wrote to the priest, "You set a good example, refrain from foolishness yourself. But let the poor dance, and forget their misery."

Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, of the Lutheran church, says this country is the most backward nation of the civilized world, in its failure to provide week day religious instruction for public school children.

That is not the opinion of the people of this country generally. They have confidence in their public schools. They believe that reading, writing and arithmetic can be taught successfully. They respect the rights of fathers and mothers to establish