

City News THE WEATHER Oregon: Rain tonight and Thursday; no change in temperature; fresh to strong south east gales along the coast. Temperature today: Minimum, 41 degrees; maximum Tuesday, 57. Precipitation today, .02 of an inch. Stage of river, 4.8 feet. Direction of wind, southeast.

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UTILITIES TAX PUSHED

House Adopts Postal Pay Bill Report

SENATE IS TO VOTE BEFORE PLAN GOES ON

Overwhelming Vote Grooms Measure; Majority is 370 to 8 Votes

Present Bill Nearly Identical With One Passed a Few Weeks Ago

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The conference report on the postal pay and rate increase bill was adopted today by the house.

As revamped by the conferees the bill is estimated to raise about \$99,000,000 in revenue annually to offset in part an outgo of \$80,000,000 increased salaries.

Representative Bell, democrat, Georgia, one of the house conferees, sought to have the proposal recommitted to conference with instructions to the house managers to reduce the two-cent service charge on parcel post packages to one cent.

As approved the bill is identical with the one passed several weeks ago by the house, except that three cent rate on second class mails and periodicals in the first and second zones, was sealed down to two cents.

Two more meetings have been added to the schedule of U. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent, who in company with E. R. Jackson, crop expert of the Oregon Agricultural college, has been speaking before open sessions of the Grange and Farmers' union.

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Grand Jurors end Labors for Court

After being in session eight days and bringing in 12 indictments the Lane county grand jury was discharged this morning by Judge U. F. Skipworth.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A heavy earth shock began here at 8:51 this morning and continued 10 seconds. Little or no damage was done.

Eugene Farmers Creamery Holds Annual Meeting at Chamber; to Name Officers

Directors for the coming year will be elected late this afternoon at the meeting of the Eugene Farmers Creamery.

With a total of gross sales for the year of approximately \$370,000 the Eugene Farmers creamery in 1924 had the best year since its organization, according to the report submitted at the annual meeting today at the chamber of commerce.

During the year the creamery paid out approximately \$270,000 for cream to farmers, the majority in Lane county.

NEW THEATER FOR EUGENE PLANNED NEAR UNIVERSITY

Erection of a new theater on the south side of Eleventh avenue east, opposite the Sigma Nu fraternity house near Alder street is contemplated, according to steps that have been taken by those interested in the proposition to obtain a city license for the house.

Although definite plans have not yet been completed to the point where announcement of building is ready, it is understood that the proposed theater will be devoted to motion pictures and that a plot of ground sufficient for the building has been obtained through Mrs. D. A. Palm.

City officials today stated that there was no further information available with the exception that an application for a permit was expected.

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Frank B. Kellogg Is Resting Before Going to Capital

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MARKET BILL ADVANCES ON PRIORITY LIST

Preferred Status on List of Less Than a Dozen Measures is Granted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Taking up the Capper-Haugen bill to carry out the co-operative marketing recommendations of the president's agricultural conference, the house today rejected on a point of order the Curtis-Aswell co-operative marketing bill which was offered by Representative Aswell, democrat, Alabama, as a substitute for the pending measure.

The action by a vote of 135 to 78, places the Dickinson measure, which provides for federal assistance to cooperate organizations without federal control before the house as the order of business, another vote on it being necessary for final action.

CASHIER ADMITS \$5,000 SHORTAGE IN STATE'S FUNDS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Shortage of \$5,000 in the state's funds, discovered by a check after State Treasurer T. B. Kay, took office the first of the year, was confessed by Clarence W. Thompson, cashier in the state treasury under Treasurer Hoff and Jefferson Myers, Mr. Kay announced today.

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MEASURE SUBSTITUTED

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HOUSE PLAN FAVORED

The farm bill was placed on the list where action on the legislation by the house could be awaited, leaders explained, with the idea of expediting final action by substituting the house measure for that pending in the senate.

When the rivers and harbors authorization bill, fourth on the senate list, is taken up, proponents of the Cape Cod canal purchase bill and the Gooding long and short haul measure will attempt to use it as a vehicle for putting these bills through as riders.

Other Measures Up

Other measures in the priority list of the senate include the deficiency appropriation bill now under consideration in the house, the bill for reorganizing the prohibition, enforcement agency, and the naval omnibus bill.

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Medill McCormick of Illinois Found Dead in His Room at Hotel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, died here early today.

The senator was found dead in his room at the Hamilton hotel at 10 o'clock.

It was said at the hotel however that the death was the immediate result of gastritis hemorrhages.

Senator McCormick's death was discovered when Dr. Noble P. Barnes, who had been attending him, was called after hotel attendants found his rooms locked and could get no reply to requests for admittance.

A few intimate friends were advised of the death but under a promise to say nothing about it in order that Mrs. McCormick might be apprised in Chicago.

Senator McCormick, who was 47 years old, died at 10 o'clock.

WORD AWAITED IN D'AUTREMONT CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 25.—Southern Pacific railway officials were today awaiting further word from Nogales, Ariz., concerning two men arrested at Esperanza, Sonora, Mexico, suspected of being Roy and Ray DeAutremont, two of the three brothers wanted on indictments charging them with the holdup of a Southern Pacific train in the Siskiyou mountains in southern Oregon, in October, 1923, in which four persons were killed.

Three Southern Pacific agents were reported to have left Nogales to make an investigation following the report that the two men had been arrested by the chief of police of Hermosillo.

Famous Barber is Dead at his Home

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Bernard Bernhard, 87, manager of the Palace hotel barber shop since its establishment in 1875 and credited with having shaved six presidents and former presidents of the United States and scores of visiting members of royalty and other notables, died at his home here today.

Bernhard claimed to have shaved over 100,000 customers and to have dealt out more than 50,000 haircuts.

Gloria Swanson is Greatly Improved

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Gloria Swanson, American film star, who underwent an operation last week, passed an excellent night, says a report from the clinic where she is resting. Her condition this morning was greatly improved, her fever having distinctly diminished.

U. S. Senator Dies



Senator Medill McCormick.

YOUNG STOKES TO TESTIFY; ARRIVES AT CHICAGO COURT

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The trial of W. E. D. Stokes, New York hotel owner and three co-defendants charged with conspiring to defame his estranged wife, Mrs. Helen Ellwood Stokes of Denver, received increased attention today after the unexpected arrival from New York of W. E. D. Stokes, Jr.

No announcement was forthcoming from prosecution or defense as to the probable part of the young man who was mentioned in the defense's opening statement in the present trial, and who was sued by his stepmother in 1923 after a letter alleged to have been written by him in revelation of intimacies with Mrs. Stokes was read in the first Stokes divorce suit in New York.

Stokes Jr., was not quoted, but the Chicago Tribune today said that he had a heated interview with his father upon arrival yesterday, and "there is every indication he will take an active, if not sudden, part in the trial presumably to clear his own name of any alleged misconduct with his stepmother."

Mrs. Stokes today declined to confirm rumors that "Weddie" might testify in her behalf. She said she knew nothing about her stepson's intentions and had not seen him for a long time.

"Poor Fish" Holds No Application in Case of Mackerel

REDONDO, Cal., Feb. 25.—The adjective "poor," as applied to fishing, scarcely applies to the three-pound mackerel F. J. Bennett hooked here yesterday. It was found to contain a 25 cent piece, a nickel, ten pennies, a gold ring and an inexpensive bead necklace.

PORTLAND FIREMAN WILL BE EXAMINED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—Chester C. Buchtel, who confessed to setting 45 fires with property damage reaching nearly \$600,000, while he was a member of the Portland fire department, will be taken before a sanity commission, the district attorney's office indicated today. If the board decided he is unbalanced he will be sent to the state hospital for treatment, it was said. If he is found sane, an arson charge will be pressed.

RESIGNATION OF PRISON OFFICIALS ASKED

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—The majority report of the joint investigating committee demanding by name resignations of approximately 25 prison officials and employees was adopted today by the house, 93 to 12.

HONDURAN GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING ARMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Formal request of the new Honduran government for the purchase of 3,000 American military rifles, 2,000 rounds of small ammunition and 20 machine guns has been approved by the state department and is before Secretary Weeks, who will work out the terms of the sale.

SENATE VOTES APPROPRIATION DESPITE VETO

Revenue From Utilities Plan As Furthered by Senate To be \$40,000

Service Commission Funds Are Approved by Senate In Bill 419

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—The senate today passed house bill 485, which places a tax on the gross earnings of utilities designed to be sufficient to pay the greater part of the expense of the public service commission. It is expected to produce about \$40,000 a year.

The senate passed over the veto of the governor house bill 419, which appropriates \$100,000 for the service commission. Passage of the utility tax bill fulfills a condition imposed by the governor to approve the appropriation measure.

Next Representative A. R. Hunter of Union got house bill 74 providing for an army appropriation for La Grande withdrawn from the table and put up for final passage.

The house passed the bill appropriating \$40,000, providing that the sum must be matched by private subscriptions.

Next Representative Mott sought to have house bill 44, providing for a \$44,000 appropriation at Astoria. The measure was voted down on the ground that the military affairs committee had not recommended favorably on the bill.

The house this morning killed senate bill 227, by Senator Klepper, calling for the holding of a constitution convention. Representative Carlin of Jackson county gave the principal argument for the measure.

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