

City News
THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair and colder tonight; Saturday fair; moderate west winds. Temperature today, minimum, 39 degrees.

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ROAD CONTRACTS LET

Election on Tax Measures Provided

VOTE TO ENSUE IF REFERENDUM STEP IS TAKEN
September 8 Set as Date of Possible Election; Nine Measures Up

Provision is Made in Bill Passed at Close of Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—If the referendum is invoked against any of the revenue producing measures enacted by the legislature, including the cigarette and tobacco tax, a tax on gross earnings of corporations and the provision that self-supporting state commission shall pay 10 per cent of their revenues into the state general fund, the election will be held September 8, and at the same time nine measures adopted by the legislature for reference to the people will be voted on.

Excavation is Started—
Excavation was started today on the new building on Seventh avenue street between Willamette and Oak street for the Grays Cash and Carry store. This work which has been held up for about six weeks due to adverse weather conditions is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Water Shut Off—
Five men are working in several places of the main line, forcing a hole under the railroad track to run a water pipe to the millrace. Until this pipe is finished the university campus will be without millrace water.

Many Attend Rehearsals—
Interest is increasing in the Eugene dramatic society and in addition to the 50 attendances at each rehearsal there are many visitors present, according to George H. McMorrin, president. The members of the society are numbering more than 180.

Who Postponed—
Mazzone's like for next Sunday is postponed, announce the members.

BLACK and WHITE and READ ALL OVER
The WANT AD COLUMNS

Portland Fireman Who Set Many Fires



CHESTER C. BUCHEL
ON HIS MOTORCYCLE RACED TO THE FIRE STATION
ON HIS 'DOKY OFF' BECAME A FIREBUG
— WAS FRIGHTENED OF FIRE AS A CHILD.

Strange Arson Career of Portland Fireman Shown; Always Had Fire Mania
By NEA Service
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—He would set a fire and then speed by motorcycle to the fire house to join the crew dashing out to extinguish the blaze.

Hoosier Truants Return to Seats Tired but Happy
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 27.—Sessions of the Indiana legislature, blocked for two days by the absence of democratic members, who left the state and went to Dayton, Ohio, in an effort to block action on a Gertzman bill, were resumed today when the truants returned to their seats.

Postal Pay Bill UP TO PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The fate of the postal pay and rate increase bill now rests with President Coolidge the senate having joined the house in approving the conference report virtually substituting the house bill for the measure previously twice approved by the senate.

Rotary Club Will Hear County Agent
O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent, will be the principal speaker at the moon luncheon meeting of the Eugene Rotary club to be held at the Osburn hotel Tuesday noon, according to announcement today of Carl G. Washburn, president.

Small boy Injured In Auto Accident
Struck by an automobile, Willie Hunt, 7, was severely injured last night at Eleventh avenue and Wilkes street, and taken to Eugene hospital for treatment.

Traffic Officer Here
Kenneth Bloom of Albany, assistant state traffic chief, was a local visitor today.

Returns to Marshfield
Floyd Lutz of Marshfield, who has been visiting in Eugene for the last few days, returned to his home today.

STATE SOLONS ADJOURN AMID JOY FESTIVAL

Many Bills Are Passed at Sessions of Final Day of Legislature
Cottage Grove Armory Bill Approved; but Governor Promises Veto

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—Oregon's thirty-third legislature, which has been in session 46 days, adjourned at 10:50 last night. Some of the members immediately started for their homes; others were leaving today. Songs, stunts and story telling marked the closing of the session and after the final gavel fell the members enjoyed a social session when wives of the senators served coffee and cake.

Jackson Plan Loses
Assailed by Butler, Joseph, Garland and other senate members, the Jackson county plan, which was substituted for the original Jackson county primary election bill went down to the defeat in the senate yesterday afternoon by a vote of 19 to 11.

1058 Claims are Filed for Bonus At Local Office
Miss Grace Norton, executive secretary of the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross, filed her 1058th bonus claim today.

Appeal on County School Cases Set
To represent the Lane county school boundary board at Salem on an appeal of a decision of the local board made to the state board of education, E. J. Moore, county superintendent of schools of Lane, will go to Salem Monday, according to announcement today.

President Approves Of George Neuner
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—George Neuner was nominated by President Coolidge today to be United States district attorney for Oregon.

OAK TREE FIVE CENTURIES OLD FALLS IN GALE

Eighty-Four Men Thought To Have Lost Lives in Fierce Storm
FRANCE AND ENGLAND STRUCK BY HIGH WIND; WALL IS BLOWN OVER

PARIS, Feb. 27.—"Charlemagne's oak," five centuries old and one of the largest and most ancient trees in the forest of Fontainebleau, fell a victim of yesterday's violent storm. The gale continued today and, according to the weather man, the end is not in sight. The fate of the famous oak was but one item in a long tale of trees uprooted and houses unroofed in all parts of the country.

Eighty-Four Lost
HULL, England, Feb. 27.—Eighty-four men are believed to have been lost in the fierce gales which have swept the Icelandic fishing grounds the last four days.

Seven Killed
SARREBOURG, France, Feb. 27.—Seven persons were killed and 15 injured here yesterday when the workshop in which they were employed was crushed by a wall blown over by a high wind.

Speakership to be Decided at Caucus To be Held Tonight
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Although both camps were confidently claiming victory in the speakership contest between Nicholas Longworth of Ohio and Martin R. Madden of Illinois to be decided at the caucus tonight of republican members-elect of the house, neither was showing any laxity today in efforts to line up the new members arriving in town for the meeting.

Postmaster Test For Lane Pending
Examinations by the civil service commission for the position of postmaster at Madel will be held here Saturday, March 21. The office at Madel is designated as fourth class and the salary last year was \$857.

ST. PAUL FIRE DOES \$150,000 DAMAGE
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 27.—A fire early today wrecked the interior of the Kendrick building and caused a loss estimated at \$150,000. No one was injured. Three persons reported missing were located.

TEAPOT DOME OIL LEASE HEARING SCHEDULED
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 27.—Trial of the government's suit for annulment of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lease held by the Mammoth Oil company will proceed on March 2, next, Judge T. Blake Kennedy of the U. S. district court decided today, in overruling the government's petition for a continuance.

JAPAN SUBMITS ALIEN LAND LAW TO DIET
LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Japanese government again has submitted to the diet the alien land law of 1910 which has never been promulgated, says a dispatch Reuters from Tokyo. The present bill, the message states, amends the law to permit the right of land ownership to any resident alien except nationals of those countries not granting similar rights to Japan.

Sues for Husband



Navy intrigue is charged to be responsible for confinement of Lieutenant Frank Kennedy, above, in the state insane asylum at Napa, California, according to his wife, above. In habeas corpus proceedings to free her mate, the wife accuses Lieutenant F. W. Christie of having conspired with other officers to oust her husband. She says they dislike him because he was not an Annapolis man, and also sought to injure him because she had spurned alleged advances of Christie. Mrs. Kennedy also claims that the suicide recently of Lieutenant Albert P. Burleigh was a result of the navy intrigue.

Police Search for Reputed Gunman in Hoteling Inquiry

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The police investigation which was started when Ralph P. King, former policeman in Hawaii, told detectives he had been asked by Richard (Dick) Hoteling to murder the latter's sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Hoteling, centered today in a search for Al Reels, reputed gunman. Reels, according to King, was one of the two men who had accepted the \$3200 from King but that they had had no intention of harming Mrs. Hoteling. Hoteling, wealthy clubman and amateur actor of wide reputation, today reiterated his conviction that an investigation will disprove all of the tales and accusations made by King and Madison.

BULLETINS

PANAMA, Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The national assembly today declared the District of San Blas in a state of siege owing to the recent uprising of the Indians there in which a number of Panamanians were slain.
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MANY BIDS ARE SUBMITTED TO HIGHWAY GROUP

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Worth of Work Is to be Done

From Six to Fourteen Bids Received on Each Piece of Road Work

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—Contracts for hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of road work were let today by the state highway commission.

The following contracts were acted upon this morning: Coos and Curry counties, furnishing and hauling materials for 21 miles of surfacing and resurfacing work on Bandon-Sixes river section of Roosevelt highway, to John Hakanson, Oakland, Ore. He bid \$81,465 on one proposal, \$84,870 on another, both bids being lower than the nearest counter offer for investigation.

Curry county, grading 5.4 miles of Myers creek Burnt Hill section of the Roosevelt highway. Lowest bidder, S. S. Schell, \$140,430 with concrete pipe, \$141,794 with cedar culverts. This will also be held a few days for investigation.

Umatilla county, roadbed widening of 12.8 miles on Emigrant hill section of Old Oregon Trail to W. H. Oliver Portland, \$71,078.50. Held for government approval.

Josephine county, roadbed widening of 2.2 miles of Wolf creek-Grave creek section of Pacific highway, to Washburn R. Hall, Portland, \$25,005.50. Clatsop county, grading 10.8 miles of Cannon Beach Junction-Hamlet Junction section of Roosevelt highway, to Greenwood and Dann, Portland, \$140,400. Held for government approval.

All of the following bids on road work in Baker county are held back pending securing of right of way by Baker county court: Middle bridge-Love bridge section of Baker-Cornucopia highway, 3.3 miles of grading, low bidder H. C. Boyer, Ontario, \$16,150.70. Grading Black bridge-Emigrant creek section 10.4 miles and Sag-Halfway section 2.9 miles of Baker-Cornucopia highway, low bidder, Jas. Crick, \$124,848.

Grading 9.3 miles Steeles gulch-Baker-Cornucopia highway, low bidder, Greenwood and Dann, \$95,500. The following contracts on bridges were let: Over Powder river near Baker, on (Continued on page six)