

PROGRESS MADE ON TAXATION BILL Disposes of Final Organization Details and Starts Work

GET MESSAGE HEARD Houses Have Debates on Revenue Measure

WILEY DEFENDS PLANS

Personal Exemptions Proposed Under New Scheme Approved by Democrats Who Oppose War Levies

Mid-session atmosphere of the house, which is still dark, is remaining debate on the measure, it received the message of President Coolidge recommending an increase in each year's appropriations of \$100,000,000.

Long Debate Heard

Representative of members attentively today to hours of debate on the first bill on the non-partisan bill by the ways and means committee to slash the federal tax by \$225,000,000 next year.

Democratic member of the house declared he would not vote for the measure "unless it is changed," and with Representative of the house.

Democratic member of the house urged a lesser reduction in the tax rates and elimination of the provision to increase exemptions from \$2500 to \$1000 to \$1500 for single persons.

Instead they would reduce the war excise taxes on special levies at various places which they declare are "purely war taxes."

Passage Almost Certain

Members of the committee on the floor of the house on Monday, Dec. 9, 1925.

Mr. M. A. Neel passes at hospital; lived entire life in Oregon.

Springfield car crash when right-of-way question comes up.

Mill worker at Springfield injured in fall of 13 feet.

Dance question raised at board meeting; students not involved.

Plans for opening of Springfield street.

Musical program will be given at Creswell December 15.

Grass grows meeting at Creswell Saturday.

Sam raised at social at Willamette school.

Head takes two falls from Frank Burns and Reed wins from Brown in wrestling match at Heilig.

BORN ON STREET MOTHER IS TURNED AWAY FROM HOSPITAL

TERMER IS PAROLED MURDERERS CONFESSED BY WEALTHY YOUTH

IN TODAY'S MORNING REGISTER

The Weather Oregon—Cloudy with rain north-west portion; moderate temperature; light southerly winds.

Eugene and Vicinity Oregon state teachers' program announced here.

Lowell man fined \$50 for having razor nibbled at liquor cache by deputy sheriff.

Dr. Richmond sells out and will practice medicine in Astoria.

Benefit program for Salvation Army work to be given Friday night.

Orchestra of O. A. C. to in annual debate.

Kilpatrick to speak at university today on Red Cross work.

Reserve force needed, Major John Thompson told.

Banks are accepting Eugene city warrants; a decision of clearing house.

Rev. Mr. Clark will stay in pulp of congregational church on condition.

Y. M. C. A. board meets and names nominating committee; report is heard.

Clothing is mended for tots at W. C. T. U. farm home at Corvallis.

Milk will be served to children at Geary school again next year.

Ship managers meet with H. A. Pillsbury in Portland Monday and Tuesday.

Choir is banished by ladies aid of Central Presbyterian church.

Boys' meeting to sing at Santa Clara church program this evening.

Older boys to meet in Lane county conference in near future.

New troop of Boy Scouts organized at Springfield by Lions Club.

Larceny charge faced by George Thompson on auto deal.

T. O. P. environment sleeker A. T. Imman chief patriarch.

Club meeting held by east Eugene residents to seek better service.

Lane County and Oregon Bridge at Harrisburg will be opened for use of public today.

COMMISSION ENDS CLASS RATE ORDER

Upset In Shipping on Coast Avoided By Action of Commerce Body

ALL GOODS AFFECTED

Insufficient Data Thought Cause of Mistake

PROMPT ACTION IS TAKEN

Higher Charges on Butter, Eggs, Cheese and Other Articles Avoided as Result of Change in Policy

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special to the Register.)—Vacation of the order of the interstate commerce commission recently made for increase of class rates between Portland and San Francisco bay terminals and affecting intermediate points was made known today by Clyde E. Alchison, chairman.

The commission's action, a step that would have upset practically all rates between Portland and San Francisco, affecting nearly every thing shipped on every mile of railroad was avoided. It was plain that the commission in ordering the rate advance had acted from insufficient data.

Order Brings Relief

J. H. Mulcahy, traffic head of Southern Pacific lines in the territory, breathed a sigh of relief when the order came.

The effect of the order, said Mr. Mulcahy, "was to increase rates to impossible heights. The case grew out of a complaint of automobiles from Los Angeles to this territory, and it was based on a mistaken notion of the true situation. It is not only charitable, but fair, to assume that those who filed the complaint had no appreciation of the effect of the kind of an order they applied for."

Date Is Extended

"The first intimation we had of the withdrawal of relief on class rates between San Francisco and Portland, to become effective December 28, came early in November. The commission was advised promptly of the effect the order would have and the date it would be made effective was extended 30 days. Evidently the commission gave consideration to the matter, as today a telegram was received vacating the order."

The status of rates on automobiles, said Mr. Mulcahy, assistant freight traffic manager for the Southern Pacific company, "The present rates on automobiles would have and the date it would be made effective is \$1.44. The new rate will be \$1.65. The same rate will be in effect prior to the enactment of the law."

COURT TO HEAR ARGUMENTS IN GLYDE EVANS CASE

Salem, Ore., Dec. 9.—As a move to test the constitutionality of the law enacted by the 1925 legislature ordering an increase of 50 per cent in license fees for commercial vehicles operating five miles beyond the boundaries of incorporated towns or cities in the state, the Oregon supreme court today heard arguments in the mandamus proceedings brought by Clyde Evans of Portland.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

PEACE ON EARTH—GOOD WILL TO MEN

ENGLAND GERMANY FRANCE

LOCARNO TREATIES

BOY TO BE SENT HOME

RICHARD DUNN GOING BACK TO OAKLAND

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 9.—Richard Dunn, Jr., 15, whose story of adventures in southern Oregon and California, resulted Tuesday in the conviction of Harry McElroy, 26, his alleged coach in ill robberies, is being returned to his parents at Oakland, according to a dispatch received late Tuesday by the juvenile authorities.

Father, Richard Dunn, Sr., a sheet metal worker, is being held in a home as soon as a final indictment against McElroy is disposed of. The lad's mother is under a nurse's care in Oakland, according to the father.

BRIDGE AT HARRISBURG OPENS FOR USE TODAY

WORK WILL NOT BE FINISHED FOR TWO MORE WEEKS

Elaborate Exercises Will Mark Formal Opening of Link Between Counties

HARRISBURG, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special to the Register.)—At last the iron link between southern Lane and northern Lane counties is welded and traffic may now pass from one end of the state to the other without interruption. The opening of the bridge here is planned for Thursday morning of this week.

The bridge is not yet complete, nor will it be completed in the opinion of L. S. Duff, foreman for the Portland Bridge company, contractors, for at least two weeks. The agreement to allow traffic to use the bridge after Wednesday is purely an accommodation on the part of the builders.

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LOW RATES ANNOUNCED TOURISTS TO BE BENEFITED BY LOWER CHARGES

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9.—The transcontinental passenger association today announced that individual railroads in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia will put into effect low round trip excursion rates in 1926 from those states to destinations in the East, including Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans, Montreal, Quebec, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

The rates will become effective next May 22 with a return limit of October 21.

Low round trip excursion rates will also be in effect from the eastern points, including Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans and territory west to California, and the north Pacific Coast, Colorado, Utah, Montana and the national parks.

The rates for the north Pacific coast and California will be effective May 15 to September 30, and to all other territory commencing June 1. October 31 is the return limit.

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BUDGET FIGURES GIVEN CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT

MINIMUM COST REACHED IS OPINION EXPRESSED

Normal Expansion of Nation Will Cause Added Expenditures In Years to Come

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Government expenditures for the fiscal year 1927 were estimated at \$2,495,207,821 in budget figures submitted to congress today by President Coolidge, who declared the minimum cost of running the government had about been reached.

The estimate represented an increase of \$160,033,325 over the funds appropriated for the current fiscal year and the executive suggested that the normal expansion of a growing nation would henceforth involve added expenditures to keep the government's machinery in motion. Despite the increase in the total estimates, the budget figures showed an anticipated surplus for 1927 of \$339,297,000 and an estimated surplus of \$262,041,756 for the current year.

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MARY COMPLETE STATE PROPERTY VALUED AT \$1,084,537,618.91

(By The Associated Press) SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9.—The taxable property in the state of Oregon amounts to \$1,084,537,618.91, according to the assessment roll summary for the year 1925, completed by the state tax commission this evening.

The 1926 tax levy will be based on the commission's figures. An increase in assessed valuations for this year amounts to \$25,626,882, 30 over last year, the report shows. The assessed valuation of the counties, exclusive of utilities, is \$29,483,911.20, an increase of \$19,055,120.38 over last year.

Public utility valuations are placed at \$155,053,707.71, showing an increase of \$6,598,761.42 over the previous year.

The tax levy will be made at a meeting of the state tax commission called for Friday.

PERSHING IS UPHELD TACNA-ARICA ELECTION PLANS MADE BY PERSHING

(By The Associated Press) ARICA, Chile, Dec. 9.—The Tacna-Arica plebiscitary committee today approved General Pershing's motion for fixing the date for a plebiscite. The commission rejected the Chilean motion and the Chileans will appeal to the arbitrator, President Coolidge.

General Pershing's motion named January 15 as the date for the presentation of the election laws, February 15 for the beginning of the registration, March 15 for the closing of registration; three weeks more for appeals and the vote to be taken April 15.

Land Donation Promised The Oregon trunk informed the commission it would donate four acres where the Crooked river bridge crosses. Adjoining these four acres, C. W. Wanzler, division engineer of the department, has 40 acres which he will turn over to the commission for public park.

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Heretofore the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company has been permitted to use highway bridges free. The company has applied for permission to string its cables on the new Alsea bridge and the commission has agreed to issue the permit providing the corporation contributes \$100 a year to the highway department for the privilege.

MOTOR DEATHS INCREASE RATIO NOW FIXED AT 15.7 FOR EACH 100,000

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The 1924 motor accident death rate for the United States was placed by the commerce department today at 15.7 per 100,000 of population compared with 14.9 in 1923, 12.5 in 1922 and 11.5 in 1921.

The figures were compiled from data covering 88.4 per cent of the population of the nation. Deaths numbered 15,528, while in 1923 the total was 14,411 and in 1922 it was 11,666. The total did not include deaths from crossings of bridges, which added 1533 fatalities in 1924.

California's motor death rate was the highest among states for 1924, being 22 per 100,000, though the actual number of deaths there, 1254, was smaller than the actual number of deaths in New York or Pennsylvania.

Wyoming's rate, 27.2 per 100,000 was next highest, followed by Florida with 22.8, New Jersey 21.7; Michigan 21.2; Delaware 19.8; Connecticut 18.4; Washington 18.2; New York 18.1; Rhode Island 17.9; Oregon 17.8; North Dakota's death rate was lowest, 6.6 per 100,000 of population.

Among cities, Paterson, N. J., was given the highest motor death rate, 48.4 per 100,000, though the population, with 49 deaths reported, was placed lowest at it.

The New York city rate was placed at 18.6 with Chicago 15 and Philadelphia 13.5. In San Francisco the rate was figured at 20.6.

MORE OILED ROADS PLANNED FOR STATE

Highway Commission Finds Use on Macadam Gives Good Results

LITTLE MONEY REMAINS Lowell-Oakridge Section Is Refused Support

COST PROVES EXCESSIVE Suggestion to Limit Truck Loads on Paved Highways Leading from Portland Shelved After Long Debate

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special to the Register.)—So successful has been the policy of oiling Oregon state highways in eastern Oregon that the Motor Road loop, that the highway commission today announced that it would have nearly three times as many miles under oil in 1926 as there were in 1925. The oiling in addition to giving a road surface practically amounts to maintenance.

The oil will be spread as follows: All of the old Oregon trunk where there is no hard surface pavement; Willamina to Hebo, Toledo to Newport, Biggs to Wasco, Coos Bay to Myrtle Point, Mount Hood loop, Medford trail, Lava Butte to Lapine, Bend-Redmond and Prineville, Sufert to Dufur, Klamath Falls to Keno, Klamath Falls to Modoc Point, Island City to Elgin.

Only \$500,000 Left A glimpse of the financial sheet of the highway commission disclosed that there remains available for new construction on the highway loop, that there is a large amount of construction now under contract, which will keep the coming year.

Lack of sufficient funds prevents the commission from starting a number of projects which require heavy financing.

One of these enterprises is the Lowell-Oakridge section of the Willamette highway, which Lane county has been unable to bring in vain to have started. The county has \$256,000 of bond money and enough other money available to contribute \$300,000 on the highway.

An estimate submitted from the United States bureau of public roads shows that the cost of the highway amounts to \$400,000. The highway commission had supposed the cost would be approximately \$400,000 or \$500,000 and the commissioners threw up their hands when they studied the federal estimates.

Three Jobs Advertised After a careful survey of the projects which should be advanced this evening, the commission decided to advertise three jobs for the next meeting, January 19, 1926. These are five miles of grading on the Redwood highway, north of Elsie, 1 1/2 miles of surfacing on the Roosevelt highway between Cannon Beach and Hamlet Junction and the bridge across the Siletz river.

A suggestion was made to limit truck loads on all the paved highways leading out from Portland but after debating the pros and cons for an hour the commission decided to shelve the problem for the time being.

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SIGNS OF IMPEACHMENT STIR MITCHELL COURT

MAJOR GULLION MAIN FIGURE IN TURBULENT SESSION

Military Counsel for Defense Brings Contempt Charges Against Officer

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Proceedings of the Mitchell court martial were enlivened today by signs of impeachment and a motion that one of the prosecution counsels be placed in contempt of court.

Added to these irregularities were questions of courage, renewed demands by the court for order and mixed but loud manifestations of commendation and displeasure by spectators who crowded into the room.

Major Allan Gullion, assistant trial judge advocate, stood out as the principal figure in the turbulent forenoon session. It was he who introduced Captain Thomas Mitchell, "deliberately cribbed without permission or authority" substantial parts of the book "Winged Defense."

Attempt to Impeach Made The court ruled out the major's plea and other references to the book's authorship, he argued that the evidence he sought to offer was "admissible to impeachment as a witness."

To this Representative Frank R. W. chief defense counsel, replied with heat, advising the court that there was nothing in the record to suggest that Colonel Mitchell had perjured himself, and asserting that the book contained passages showing it had been compiled from information taken from "existing" public sources, congressional records and personal experience of the writer.

Major Gullion's declaration that the rule "false in one, false in all" applied as justification for the admission of Captain Hart's testimony brought a sharp retort from Mr. Reid who said, referring to opposing counsel, that a "fool in one thing was a fool in everything."

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The court's law member, Colonel Winslow, held, however, that the major had, in the previous occasion, announced his intention to renew efforts to have the evidence accepted by the court and could not be adjudged in contempt.

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PENDLETON MAN TRIED WOOD ALCOHOL DANGER HELD EXAGGERATED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—The statement that wood alcohol and fuel oil are not so deadly to drink as laymen have been led to believe since prohibition was effected, was the only outstanding feature of the trial of "Bill" Hart, Pendleton buckaroo on trial in federal court here for the murder of Matthew Shoeship, a chief of the Umatilla tribe.

Dr. Robert L. Benson of the University of Oregon medical school, who conducted the post-mortem on Shoeship, testified that very little trace of alcohol was found in the dead man's stomach. His statement was made in reply to the query of one of the jurors as to whether it might be possible for a man to drink enough poison moonshine to be unable to sit on a horse, and yet give little trace of the presence of wood alcohol in the stomach.

Dr. Benson replied by expressing the opinion that Shoeship had not drunk enough poison moonshine. "If a man drinks enough to have fallen helpless from his horse, it would have shown in the alcohol fraction in our test, and this was so small that we did not test further to determine what proportion of it might be wood alcohol. Wood alcohol is not so poisonous as some are led to believe it to be, and if there had been the quantity you suggest in the man's stomach, it would have been indicated."

He added that fuel oil in liquor is not regarded as a lethal element. Tom Garland, attorney for the defense, asked if any test was made to ascertain if lead or other poisonous mineral elements sometimes found in improperly distilled moonshine were present, and Dr. Benson replied that no such test had been made.

Five witnesses were examined this morning and 34 yesterday afternoon.

NEW RECLAMATION PLAN IS NOW UP TO HARTLEY

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—The compromise reclamation bill sponsored by the house and senate today and transmitted to the governor's office. The governor has five days, exclusive of Sunday, to act upon the measure before it becomes a law automatically.

The bill would make it possible to develop the Kittitas project, by taking care of the land settlement problem involved, and provides for a method of procedure in future reclamation projects which might be entered into between the state and federal governments.

Governor Hartley vetoed the reclamation bill, which would have transferred administration of reclamation affairs from the department of conservation and development to the state land office, and was sustained in his veto by the house.

BANK LOSS IS ESTIMATED \$5000 IN LIBERTY 2 BONDS TAKEN AT SHEDD

(By The Associated Press) ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 9.—A partial check of valuables missing in the robbery of the Shedd bank early yesterday morning show that \$5000 in Liberty bonds and \$125 in cash from a box containing post-office funds, are missing.

The first hand was believed to be professional crackmen, but Sheriff Richards discovered that the nitro-glycerin had been spilled in many places, showing inability to handle the explosive.

The tools which the robbers took from Hubert garage at Albany, when they stole a car belonging to S. V. Smith, were left at Shedd, but the car has not been found.

CHURCHES STIRRED BY EXCLUSION ACT

Outlawry of War Demanded By Religious Leaders In Detroit Meeting

HEATED DEBATES HELD Report on Prohibition Is Cause of Conflict

CANNON LEADS ATTACK

United States Asked to Join in World Court and Indicate Unmistakable Opposition to Armed Conflict

(By The Associated Press) DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 9.—Prohibition, outlawry of war and Japanese exclusion stirred the executive committee of the federal council of churches of Christ in America to heated debate at today's annual session.

The committee urged a strong pronouncement on the outlawry of war, scored America's attitude toward Japanese immigration and fought to a temporary draw on the "Johnson report" on prohibition, issued under the imprint of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, council last September. Dr. William A. Brown of Union Theological seminary, New York City, led the defenders of the Johnson report, a public account, congressional records and personal experience of the writer.

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