

IN TODAY'S MORNING REGISTER

The Weather For Oregon—Sunday fair and cloudy with light easterly winds.

Eugene and Vicinity

New store will open to have fountain lunch for high school students.

Leaving resident files; funeral services in Catholic church Monday.

Scoutmasters meet today to outline patrol leaders' training course.

Fruit growers busy and hope to close operations by Christmas.

Dentists change by-laws to allow election in January.

Rabbit men to meet here in January to form valley association.

New Eagle Scout here; Marshall field transfers to Eugene troop.

Scouting is democratic survey of fathers' occupations in city shows.

Woman to test county Mrs. Harry Keeney expert on bird study.

Stages abandon McKenzie pass on regular winter plan for this winter.

Cream sales improve; more sweet product delivered here.

Father O'Hara, pastor of local Catholic church returns from Europe.

Local jewel robbery of valuable jewelry by house prowler last night.

Many visit First National bank on forty-second anniversary yesterday.

Lumbermen invited to attend conference.

School of girls given free clinic for week.

Another woman in case, Mrs. Sina, arrested yesterday.

Agent Fletcher's work praised by farm paper editor.

Library at university is crowded.

McKenzie road good, says forest officer.

Road clearing starts preparatory to next year's construction.

Forest road up Thompson creek to be started soon.

Wagon road not to be closed by association.

Mrs. Will Yoran badly injured in California; in critical condition.

Fruit men will elect officers at meeting Saturday.

H. Harlow chosen head of county agricultural council.

Lane County and Oregon

Small farm sold to Idaho man who comes to Harrisburg to live.

Club program planned at Harrisburg.

Initiation of Masons and Eastern Star held at Harrisburg.

Aid finishes quilt for bazaar at Blachly.

Lodge at Creswell names officers.

Funeral service held for Mrs. Hattie Aylsworth.

Grange play at Creswell proves successful; nearly 40 taken in.

"Gypsy Rover" presented by students at Wendling.

Christian Endeavor at Cottage Grove plans Christmas play.

Installation of officers held by Eastern Star at Cottage Grove.

Chamber of commerce makes plans for year at meeting Friday.

Club plans banquet for wives of Lions on New Year's eve.

Additional news notes and personals. Pages 2 and 4.

Sports

Schedule of league basketball games is made; floors undecided.

Eugene high football games for next year scheduled; mostly at home.

Boxers take training in Eugene seriously; fans get rare exhibitions.

Hounds beat Harrisburg team of local V. M. C. floor.

Hans wins rough wrestling match from Langdon at Oakridge.

TARIFF DRIVE STARTS

FIRST OF REDUCTION BILLS IS INTRODUCED

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Democratic drive to revise the tariff started in the house today with the introduction of the first of a series of reduction bills.

Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, the movement by introducing a bill to repeal the 53 cents a ton duty on coal imported from Canada because of the present anthracite suspension.

A bill proposing an investigation of the textile industry and reduction of the textile duties has been prepared by Mr. Oldfield and he and Representative Hull of Tennessee, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, are planning to offer several other measures to cut or wipe out import duties.

EMPEROR HAS STROKE

(By The Associated Press) TOKYO, Dec. 19.—An official bulletin of the imperial household department says the emperor last evening suffered a sudden stroke of cerebral aneurysm, meaning a fainting.

While the physicians do not believe the condition of the emperor is serious his departure sends the winter has been temporarily postponed.

PAINTING SPELL INTERRUPTS PLANS FOR TRIP

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ITALY CHANGED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTS

Power of Premier Increased and Protection Against Opponents Provided

EVENTFUL SESSION ENDS

Disloyal Citizens Abroad May Lose Rights

PROPERTY TO BE TAKEN

Event and Labor Reform Now Recognized as Only Means Provided to Settle Labor Disputes

(By The Associated Press) ROME, Dec. 19.—Both houses of parliament adjourned tonight for the Christmas holidays after having approved in the brief session since November 13 more legislation designed to change radically the political complexion of Italy than in any session since the advent of fascism.

Indeed, it is believed probable here that no parliamentary gathering in modern times has completed in one session such a program of significant law making. Parliament has acted to protect the government against Italian opponents abroad, it has greatly increased the power of the premier and transferred a large part of local government to the central authority through its "podesta" system.

Acts Summed Up

Among the laws to which the two houses have given their assent and which were summed up in today's session of the chamber of deputies by its president, Antonio Casarano, the outstanding ones follow:

First, the law empowering the government to revoke the citizenship and confiscate the property of any Italian abroad who utters words or commits acts which, even though they do not constitute crimes, the government considers likely to cause disorders within the realm or damage the prestige of the existing regime abroad.

Second, the law making the premier responsible only to the king instead of jointly to the king and parliament as heretofore, and also providing for the fixing or imprisonment of those speaking or acting in a manner derogatory to him.

Adjudication Compulsory

Third, the law recognizing the fascist and labor reform as the only path through which workmen may present demands concerning working conditions and wages and employers may present their conditions of employment. This bill also provides for the compulsory adjudication of all disputes between employers and employees by special labor courts created under the provisions of the law, this being designed to abolish strikes and lock-outs.

Fourth, the law establishing a system of referendum by "podesta" appointed by the central government for all communes of less than 5,000 population, thus virtually eliminating the system of local administrative elections.

Fifth, the law giving extensive administrative powers to all prefects in the kingdom who are also appointed by the central government.

NEW ASSESSMENT R/ SHOWS LARGE INC

FIGURES FOR 1926 HIGH \$25,650,862.36

Decrease in Timber Live Stock and Land Revenue

(By The Associated Press) SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—The assessment roll of Oregon, 1926 will be based, it is an increase of \$25,650,862.36 over the roll for last year, according to the summary which was today completed by the state tax department. The grand total this year is \$1,984,527,618.91, of which \$929,443,911.29 is the total of the summary of the several counties as equalized by the county boards of equalization and \$1,055,083,707.71 is the total assessed property of public service corporations and equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission.

The grand total last year was \$1,958,873,756.61, of which \$410,425,730.22 was the county figures and \$1,548,443,026.39 the utility company figures.

The increase this year in the county rolls is \$19,612,129.88 and in the utility figures \$5,538,731.42.

On the new county rolls the various totals making up the whole are: Tillable lands, \$254,496,535; timber lands, \$49,694,632; non tillable lands, \$85,997,749; improvements on wooded or patented lands, \$39,563,997; town and city lots, \$26,889,519; improvements on town and city lots, \$133,990,192; improvements on lands not wooded or patented, \$1,636,759; railroads under construction, logging roads and rolling stock, \$2,915,310; boats and machinery, \$19,099,732; merchandise and stock in trade, \$47,712,146; farm improvements, motor vehicles, etc., \$5,782,554; money, notes and accounts, \$17,358,347; shares of stock, \$4,492,848.29; hotel and office furniture, \$4,575,741; horses and mules, \$59,352; cattle, \$12,246; sheep and goats, \$8,236,729; swine, \$459,454; dogs, \$146,963; bees, \$79,988; miscellaneous, \$37,481.

The totals making up the grand total utility assessment roll in the terms of appraised value are: Railroad companies, \$95,205,573.89; car companies, \$1,839,979.50; electric and street railway companies, water, gas and electric companies, \$44,417,066.28; express companies, \$31,487,767; telephone companies, \$11,697,489.12.

In the county figures decrease are shown in the assessed value of timber lands, merchandise, shares of stock, horses, mules, cattle, swine and dogs. In the utility figures decrease are shown in express companies only.

SAUNDERS SENDS DENIAL

ARMOUR OFFICIAL REPLIES TO AMBASSADOR

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—George E. Saunders, vice president of the Armour Grain company of Chicago, telegraphed Honorable Pinedon, the Argentine ambassador today that he at no time had intended to make any charge questioning the good faith of the official report on wheat issued in Argentina.

The message was in reply to one sent Mr. Saunders yesterday by the ambassador at the request of his government, asking for full information on charges attributed to the grain company official, which had been published in this country and in Argentina.

Mr. Saunders said his statement had been misinterpreted in the press and that he regretted it was so "misunderstood."

JSE GIVES ADVICE ON DISARMAMENT MEETING

THREE OFFICIALS VISITED BY FORMER LEADER

President and Secretary of State to Confer With Congressmen Regarding Plans

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Coolidge, considering today the league of nations proposal for further disarmament, called into conference Colonel E. M. House, confidante of Woodrow Wilson and Senator Underwood of Alabama, the Democratic members of the American commission to the Washington arms conference.

Invited by Washington by the president, Colonel House was an overnight guest at the White House. After conferring with Mr. Coolidge, the American commissioner to the Versailles peace conference called on Secretary Kellogg at the state department, Colonel House said his visit was purely social.

Court Interest Expressed

Before his departure late today for New York, Colonel House reiterated his interest in the proposal details by the secretary of American adherence to the world court.

"I am very much interested in the success of the world court and think it will carry," Mr. House said. After his conference with the president, Senator Underwood declined to make any statement. It was understood, however, that because of his service as one of the commissioners to the Washington arms conference, the president had sought his views on the league invitation.

Lunches With Borah

Before coming to any conclusion, the president and Mr. Kellogg will confer with several leaders in congress. Mr. Kellogg had a luncheon conference today with Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee.

While neither would discuss the details of their conference, President Coolidge has made it clear that in determining the government's course with regard to the league's invitation, he would be guided largely by the wishes of congressmen.

Senator Swanson of Virginia, ranking Democrat on the senate foreign relations committee, expressed the view that action on the invitation is entirely within the province of the president.

Secretary Has Control

The state assumes to provide the funds for its purpose not in excess of \$300,000, and further agrees to conduct operations in a manner satisfactory to the secretary of the interior. This contract is subject to appropriations being made by the state legislature from year to year.

All work contemplated by this contract shall be conducted in close co-operation between the secretary of the interior and the officials of the state who shall collaborate in forming the necessary plans and procedure to effectuate the provisions and intent of this contract.

No member of or delegate to congress or resident commissioner, the contract says, shall be admitted to any share or part of its contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

70,000 Acres Included

The Kittitas division of the Yakima project includes about 70,000 acres and total construction cost are estimated at about \$15,000,000. All surveys and estimates are completed and a contract also has been signed with the local irrigation district which covers the project.

The government as well as costs in connection with operation and maintenance.

Congress already has appropriated \$750,000 to begin the work, which is contingent upon the contract with the state such as was signed today following authorization of the step by the Washington state legislature.

NEW SECURITY OFFERED

FRENCH INDUSTRIES PLAN TO STABILIZE FRANC

(By The Associated Press) PARIS, Dec. 19.—The proposal of the industrial leaders of northern France to pledge their properties as security for a loan from the United States or elsewhere for the purpose of stabilizing the franc and providing a sinking fund for the country's debts, has given a new trend to the discussion of how to re-establish French finances.

Manufacturers and business men in all parts of France approve of the scheme and say that every Frenchman is anxious to put into effect this practical suggestion to restore confidence and the currency.

The cabinet took the plan under consideration this evening, receiving it favorably. An outline of it was made known to the general federation of French producers, which decided to appoint a commission to study it on behalf of business and industrial interests in France.

WOMAN BURNS HOUSE

MRS. WHELPLEY WANTED TO GET RID OF NEIGHBOR

(By The Associated Press) MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 19.—Mrs. George Whelpley, of Ashland, 69 years old, has confessed, according to Prosecuting Attorney Newton Chace, that on the night of December 12, she set fire to the home of her neighbor, Mrs. Jane McCoy, 70 years old, because she wanted to get Mrs. McCoy out of town.

The fire, according to Mrs. Whelpley, was set on the back porch, with kerosene, during Mrs. McCoy's absence. The fire was extinguished by the Ashland fire department after damage estimated at \$125 had resulted. Mrs. Whelpley will be held to the grand jury on a charge of arson. No explanation of her enmity toward Mrs. McCoy was given other than that she did not like the woman.

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COURT RETURNS VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

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KITTITAS PROJECT WORK WILL START

Secretary Signs Contract With Washington For Yakima Division

NEW ERA IS ANTICIPATED

U. S. to Co-operate With State For First Time

PAYMENT IS \$300,000

Selecting Settlers and Improving Land Among Duties Assumed to Obtain Help from Interior Department

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The first contract between any state of the union and the federal government providing for state financial co-operation in federal reclamation projects was executed here today when Secretary of the Interior Work on behalf of the United States signed an agreement with Washington state in which the latter agrees to pay not to exceed \$300,000 for the development of the Kittitas division of the Yakima reclamation project. Officials of the interior department and the reclamation service look upon it as the beginning of a new era in reclamation.

The contract provides essentially as follows:

The state assumes the duty and responsibility of promoting the development and settlement of the Kittitas division after completion, including the sub-division of lands held in private ownership by any individual in excess of 160 irrigable acres; the securing, selection and financing of settlers to enable the purchase of the required livestock, equipment and supplies, and the improvement of the lands to render them habitable and productive.

PARENTS DISAPPROVE OF SCHOOL GIRLS SMOKING

DEAN SENDS QUESTIONNAIRES TO STUDENTS' HOMES

One Family Says Men Should Obey Same Rules on Campus That Apply to Women

(By The Associated Press) BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—Emphatic opposition to smoking on the part of their daughters has been expressed by a majority of the parents of girl students attending the Boston university consideration of the annual questionnaires, "and the penalty for infraction is expulsion."

"My feeling in the matter," he explained, "is that girls of college age should not be permitted to decide this matter for themselves. There is a point in any system of student government where more mature minds should step in and guide students for their own good."

MODIFICATION LAW WETS' OBJECTIVE

Volstead Act Attacked By Anti-Prohibition Men In House Battle

HIGH OFFICIALS TARGET

Anti-Saloon League Blamed For "Vicious System"

VARE STARTS DEBATES

Effort to Trap Hotel Employees Made By Enforcement Officer Arouses Amusement When Told By Speaker

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—From the floor of the house today wet members poured out a concentrated fire favoring modification of prohibition laws.

The guns of criticism were trained upon the Volstead act by Wayne B. Wheeler, the anti-saloon league and other factors in the enforcement situation.

A dry rally came late in the day, however, when Representative Hudson, Michigan, took the floor for a speech in which he presented an incident involving the trapping of a leading Washington hotel by a prohibition agent, which has drawn several criticisms from the wets.

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Opening debate, Representative Vare, Republican, Pennsylvania, declared expenditure of millions had shown the Volstead act to be "unworkable" and demonstrated that the American people don't want to be bone dry.

Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts, described Mr. Wheeler and the Anti-Saloon league as the mainstay of a "vicious system that is destroying the soul and conscience of America."

"These are the type," he said, "that threaten and insult the president when they are not damming him. I marvel at the patience and tolerance of the quiet man of the White House. I wonder when his patience will run out and he will show his anger in the way of his willies to sit down and stay seated."

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