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CAVES HIGHWAY TO BE COMPLETE BY JANUARY 1ST

AUTOMOBILES CAN NOW TRAVEL OVER THE FIRST FOUR MILES OF THE ROAD

EMPLOYEES BEING RELEASED

Recent Snow Storm Did Not Seriously Delay the Grading Operations Says Mr. Leahy

The Cave Highway is now rapidly nearing completion, according to Joe Leahy, who came in from the camp Tuesday. Mr. Leahy stated that the first of the year will see the road wholly completed and ready for use. At present time, the highway is passable to automobiles half the way up or a distance of about four miles. The men are being let off as rapidly as possible and there are but two gangs, composed of about 50 or 60 men still on the job.

The highway is 10 feet wide, although the specifications called for eight feet. Engineer Peters of Bellingham, who has had charge of the engineering part of the work, found that the road could be widened without a great amount of extra time or expense. The maximum grade is six per cent, allowing an easy climb to the top. The highway terminates 900 feet below the cave entrance. A camp site is being provided at this place.

The recent snow did not seriously hamper operations according to Mr. Leahy. Small slides were encountered in a few places but for the most part the road was uninjured. There was about six inches along the highway. Mr. Leahy left last night for his home in Fresno, where he will spend the holidays. He will return here about the first of the year to wind up the work.

OPPOSES VOTE ON IRISH TREATY

One of the Negotiators of Document Makes Statement

Dublin, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Opposition to referring the Anglo-Irish treaty to the Irish electorate was voiced by George Duffy, one of the treaty negotiators, in an argument for ratification before the dail eireann today.

Miss Thelma Wilkinson, of Williams, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the city shopping.

BURMESE ASSOCIATIONS DEMAND FREEDOM FROM BRITISH EMPIRE "WITHOUT VIOLENCE"

Mandalay, Burma, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Demand for a free Burma without the British Empire, tempered by adherence to the principle of non-violence, was the chief sentiment expressed at the ninth annual conference of Burmese Associations, which recently held a four-days session here. This meeting, called by nationalist leaders "the most momentous conference that Burma has ever seen," was attended, in spite of the railway breach, by over 25,000 delegates, including more than 1,000 women.

The conference opened with the presidential address of U. Mye, who wore the insignia conferred by King Mindon. In his address, U. Mye urged the intensive pushing of the boycott against foreign goods, the support of the national education movement, absolute non-cooperation with the government, a cold reception for the Prince of Wales, and a united stand for complete independence. In concluding he said:

"Compatriots, as we all know, we non-whites are struggling hard against the political and economic domination of the whites. The fight is really an uphill fight. We are between the Scylla of foreign exploitation and the Charybdis of political domination. Racial discrimination is the doctrine of the whites. The fetish of white domination and ex-

BRITISH DELEGATION CHANGES SAILING DATE

Washington, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—The British delegation to the arms conference today cancelled reservations on a steamer leaving December 21, satisfied there was little chance of finishing the conference before the middle of January.

PREFERRED CART DRIVERS SALARY TO TEACHERS

Berlin, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Middle-class Germans are so hard up that recently a Potsdam candidate for an instructor's post informed the government that he would become a dust-cart driver rather than have the privilege of bringing up young Potsdamers. He said the peddling business would pay much better.

GERMAN NOBLES EXPELLED

Berlin, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The Association of German Nobility has expelled Freiherr von Brandenstein, the premier of the middle-German federal republic of Thuringia, who is a member of the majority socialist party. The reason is that he suppressed reactionary propaganda.

ALANSON B. HOUGHTON



Congressman Alanson B. Houghton of New York who has been appointed ambassador to Germany. Mr. Houghton is a native of Cambridge, Mass., a graduate of Harvard and of the universities of Göttingen, Berlin and Paris. He speaks both German and French fluently. He is fifty-eight years old.

GAS TAX LIKELY TO PROVIDE FOR 1925 FAIR FUND

LEGISLATORS LOST IN ATTEMPT TO FIND WAY FOR FINANCING EXPOSITION

5 BILLS ON SUBJECT IN HOUSE

Senator Smith's Anti-Millage Bill Reported Unfavorably by the Committee

Salem, Ore., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—An amended bill, incorporating an increased gasoline tax with the general provisions of the Kubi bill, was considered today by leaders planning the financing of the exposition. Senate and house leaders asserted that the gasoline tax measure was the most feasible and predicted its passage. Five bills on exposition financing were before the house today on their merits.

Seven emergency bills have been referred back to the legislature as worth of consideration, among them a bill to enable Multnomah county to pay present salaries to deputy sheriffs, and the norblad bill appropriating funds for continued transportation of 2200 school children from outlying areas into school districts. Three bills have been reported unfavorably, including Senator Smith's providing that all millage tax bills be suspended.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—After brisk debate the house at noon today by an overwhelming majority laid on the table a motion by Bennett, of Coos county, to postpone indefinitely the direct property tax bill, and as a result this measure, along with the gasoline and income tax bills, will be considered by the house this afternoon. The vote indicated the house practically a unit for the "Oregon 1925 Exposition," the only question being as to the best method of financing.

Senator Eddy obtained promise of exposition leaders to put into the gasoline tax bill a provision that out of \$3,000,000 to be raised, 10 per cent shall go to counties according to proportion of the sale of gasoline for preparing county exhibits at the exposition.

SPEED RECORD IN MURDER CASE

Trial of Jo Heil Started Tuesday Afternoon, Ends Today

Portland, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—The case of Joe Heil, charged with the murder of Jerry Powers, pool hall proprietor, went to the jury at noon after a trial breaking the speed record. It started yesterday afternoon.

ELEVEN IN JURY BOX TO TRY PETE BEEBE

Albany, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Examination of the fourth panel has begun in the trial of Pete Beebe, for the Painter murder. Eleven are in the jury box.

P. I. REORGANIZATION BEGUN

Governor General Wood Announces Plans for Consolidation

Manila, P. I., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Governor General Wood has announced that he already has begun work on plans to consolidate certain government activities on an economical basis, in order to obtain sufficient funds for the care of lepers and the insane, and for education, public works and public welfare work in general.

"This does not mean, however," said the governor-general, "that the services of certain officials or employees will have to be dispensed with in the government. We want all the officials we need, but we do not want the unnecessary ones."

One of the first steps taken toward pruning down the expenses of the government is the announcement of the merging of the mint bureau with the insular treasury, the mint becoming simply a division of the treasury instead of a separate bureau.

BILL PASSED BY SENATE OVER GOVERNOR'S VETO

Salem, Ore., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—The senate passed over the veto of the governor the Motor Bill of the last regular session providing for regulation of motor bus lines by the public service commission.

NEVADA TO EXECUTE WITH LETHAL GAS

Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Nevada's lethal gas law providing that capital punishment be executed by administering some form of gas to condemned persons will probably be tested in the Supreme Court soon, when Geo. Jon, a San Francisco Chinese, and Jughlio Sing, a Chinese of Carson City, pay the death penalty for killing one of their countrymen. The two are the first to come under the penalty of the new gas law. An application for a trial has been made, and if this is denied the men have no alternative course under the law.

OHIO UNIVERSITY GETS MANY FOOTBALL OFFERS

Athens, Ohio, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Ohio University seems to have made an impression in the East this fall in football that will aid in schedule-making this winter, preparatory to next season. Ohio played three times in the East, losing to Syracuse and West Virginia and defeating Columbia.

Offers for next season have been received from Center, Kentucky, the Navy, Annapolis; Georgetown, Washington, D. C.; Columbia, New York; West Virginia, Morgantown; West Virginia Wesleyan, and Bethany. Several of these games, it was stated, probably will be scheduled.

Monday to Be Holiday

Merchants of the city will observe Monday as a holiday, as Christmas falls on Sunday. Banks will remain open Saturday night from 6:30 to 7:30 in order to care for persons wishing to use them. Drug stores will probably remain open until noon Monday.

SACRAMENTO VOTING TODAY

Two Initiative and Two Bond Measures Are Considered

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Two initiative and two bond measures are on the ballot at a special election being held today in Sacramento. One initiative measure proposes the repeal of an ordinance passed by popular vote several months ago which prohibited the use of one-man street cars by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Repeal of the ordinance was made a condition in a recent state railroad commission finding which allowed the company to raise its fares in the city. Use of the one-man cars and the removal of certain other restrictions, it was ruled, will permit the retention of the five-cent fare now in force.

The second initiative measure is a prohibition enforcement ordinance, popularly labeled a "Little Volstead Act." Opponents of the measure contend it goes even further than the federal prohibition act.

The issuance of \$900,000 in bonds for completion of the municipal filtration plant is another proposition to be voted upon. The second bond measure would provide for issuing \$200,000 in bonds to improve wharfage facilities along the Sacramento river.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Choice steers	.....\$6.50 @ \$7.00
Choice dairy calves	.....\$8.50 @ \$9.00
Hogs, prime light	.....\$8.50 @ \$8.75
Best valley lambs	.....\$8.25 @ \$8.75
East Mountain Lambs	.....\$8.50 @ \$9.00
Eggs, buying price	.....44c @ 45c
Eggs, selling price	.....48c @ 50c
Eggs, selling candled	.....46c @ 50c
Eggs, white henneries	.....52c @ 54c
Butter, extra cubes	.....41c @ 41 1/2c
Butter	.....40c
Wheat	.....\$1.04 @ \$1.10

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Cattle, steady; hogs, 10c to 20c higher; sheep, 25c lower; eggs, firm; butter, steady.

STATE SENATE PASSES BONUS DEBT MEASURE

IS FIRST BILL TO RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN SESSION

FUND NOT FOR PREVIOUS DEBT

Six Vetoes of the Governor Are Sustained and Road Committee Has Hot Meet

Salem, Ore., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—The first bill passed by the state senate was the measure providing that money received under the bonus act shall not be applied to payment of debts contracted before receipt of the bonus.

The senate yesterday sustained the governor's veto of six measures passed at the last regular session.

Hot words were exchanged at the hearing last night of the house roads committee between Arthur Spencer, Union Pacific attorney, and John F. Logan, representing the Motor Bus Association, over provisions which Spencer said would make possible the granting of exclusive franchises to the bus lines.

IRISH TRUCE NOT OBSERVED

Kidnappings Furnish One of Common Forms of Outlawry

London, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Five hundred and ninety-five breaches of truce in Ireland have occurred since the unsigned terms were agreed upon, Thomas Watters Brown, Attorney General for Ireland, told the house of commons.

The incidents include 206 kidnappings, in 144 of which the persons kidnapped are known to have been released while 150 of the other breaches relate to drilling, etc., not involving interference with individuals.

"Has anybody been punished for these very serious offenses of kidnapping?" the questioner insisted. "A number of persons have been punished," was the attorney general's brief reply.

ARROWHEAD DEEP IN FIR TREE

Rings Indicate That Indian Relic Was Shot 175 Years Ago

Raymond, Wash., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—An arrowhead shot into a huge fir tree near here many years ago was recently discovered in a log cut by a local lumber company. The rings above the arrowhead were counted and they showed 175 years of growth.

The arrowhead was of blue flint and well formed. Historians here believe it was made by a member of the Chinook or Chehalis tribes, who occupied this section at the time it is thought the arrow was sent into the tree.

BEARS ARE THICK IN OLYMPICS

Hunters on Peninsula Bring in Large Kills—Stock in Danger

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Cougars and bears have been reported prowling in considerable number in the Olympic Peninsula section and other districts near here.

Recently several bears appeared at North Beach, a summer resort on Willapa Harbor, Washington. A locomotive engineer reported that he saved several sheep from a bear by blowing the whistle of his engine and frightening bruin away. Another bear entered a pig pen, killed a 150-pound porker and escaped with part of the carcass.

Four cougars were killed in the Olympic Mountains recently in one day and night by John Bunch. This is believed to be the largest bag of cougars yet taken in the Olympics. A bounty of \$20 is paid on each cougar killed, for it is estimated that one cougar kills 50 elk and deer each year.

SUGAR REFINERY NO LONGER A MONOPOLY

Washington, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—The anti-trust suit begun against the American Sugar Refining Company in 1910, is to be disposed of by decree approved by Attorney General Daugherty, who announced the company was no longer a monopoly.

SURGEON URGES REMOVAL OF ALL APPENDICES

Kane, P., Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Ewan Kane, the surgeon who last summer cut out his own appendix without first taking an anesthetic, has suggested to the Elk County Medical Society that a law should be passed by the next state legislature compelling every child to have its appendix cut out. Properly performed and with the right hospital care afterward, he said, the number of deaths from such operations would be few. He contended that many human ills were directly traceable to "diseased appendix. Chronic invalidism from rheumatism, dyspepsia and other illnesses are results of chronic appendicitis, he said.

WHOLE HOOSH OUTFIT

Toronto, Ohio, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Officers searched the boarding house of John Szabol here six times without result. The seventh time they found two stills and 200 gallons of mash under the front porch of the house. Szabol was fined \$400.

Claud Booth arrived yesterday from Corvallis where he has been attending O. A. C. He will visit over the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Carl Gentner.

EDWARD J. HENNING



Edward J. Henning has been appointed assistant secretary of labor. He was born in Wisconsin and lives in San Diego, Cal.; he is a lawyer and a high officer in the Loyal Order of Moose, as is his chief, Secretary Davis.

ERUPTION OF MOUNT LASSEN NOT PROBABLE IS VIEW OF GEOLOGIST FAMILIAR WITH REGION

Redding, Cal., Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—Eruptions are not liable to occur at Lassen Peak, the only active volcano in the United States proper, as long as the mountain continues to emit smoke and steam, as it is now doing, according to M. E. Dittmar, geologist and authority on conditions in the Lassen section here.

Dittmar, known as the "father" of Lassen National Park, which includes the volcano and the country surrounding it, recently returned from an extensive tour over the section.

The action of the volcano, the geologist declares, is similar to that of a steam boiler. As long as steam can escape there is not any danger of an explosion but if the steam is confined and cannot escape, the pressure gradually increases until finally the boiler blows up, just as the top of the mountain blows off if gas and steam inside is confined.

There is a great deal of steam and gas coming from the cracks in the mountain, Dittmar reported. Before the big eruption of 1915 there was very little steam emitted.

Several geysers have made their appearance since the eruption in

LEGISLATION BY "BLOCS" TO BE PROHIBITED

MEASURE IS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO PUT STOP TO COMBINATIONS

GROUPS CONSIDERED MENACE

Members Who Violate Proposed Law Would Be Subject to a Fine of Thousand Dollars

Washington, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—A bill prohibiting the formation in congress of "blocs" based upon particular pursuits or geographical locations for the purpose of "in any way affecting legislation" was introduced today by Representative Ansover, republican of New York.

Senators and representatives would be subjected to a fine of \$1,000 if they were proved they belonged to a "bloc."

OHIO EXPLOSION KILLS MANY

From Ten to Twenty Believed Dead in Columbus Store

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—From ten to 20 people are believed to have been killed in a gas explosion which destroyed Wright's women's furnishing store in East Main street here late today.

D. O. K. K. CEREMONIAL TUESDAY

Dramatic Order Knights of Khorasan Here December 27th

There is fun and furnishings and dramatic splendor a plenty in the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorasan, and all will be on display next Tuesday evening when the ceremonial is put on in this city. Probably the uninitiated will think a circus has come to town, and those who are initiated will know that it is worse than that.

The D. O. K. K. is the dramatic branch of the Knights of Pythias, and occupies the same relation to the general fraternal order that the Mystic Shrine does to the Masonic order. The D. O. K. K. ceremonial here will be in charge of the Medford temple, the only one in Southern Oregon, the jurisdiction of which also extends into California. There will be a large number of Knights of Pythias for initiation into the temple, and there will be mirth and merriment, banqueting and social intermingling, till morning doth appear.

SMITH, BROWN AND JONES STILL GOING STRONG

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—There are 8,060 Smiths listed in the new Cleveland city directory just issued. The Brown family is second with 1,530 named and the Joneses come third with 1,395.

The longest name is Schimmelpfening and the shortest Er.

The Aackbee family easily secured first place in the book, while Mr. Zyznowski ran last.