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M'Nary-Haugen Bill Introduced

Measure to Contain Equalization Provisions Modified

Washington, D. C.—The McNary-Haugen bill vetoed last session by President Coolidge has been started on its way through congress again in slightly modified form.

Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, new chairman of the senate agricultural committee, put the new bill in the senate legislative hopper.

The new measure contains the controversial equalization objected to by the president as unconstitutional in vetoing the original bill, as a means of raising funds to meet the cost of marketing surplus crops.

The equalization fee, however, would now be invoked only after co-operative marketing associations with the aid of government funds found themselves unable to handle the surplus and the fees then would be applicable to all commodities, when required, instead of to only a part.

Republicans Control Senate

Continuation of republican control in senate was assured with an announcement by the five western independents that they would assist the old guard in organizing that body.

Their declaration was made after Senator Curtis, Kansas, republican leader, had assured them that a majority of the republican senate conference "took the position that there should be no unnecessary delay in securing a vote" on the three measures which the independents had proposed.

These are a farm relief bill along the lines of the McNary-Haugen measure a bill to curb the issuance of labor injunctions by the federal courts and a resolution proposing an inquiry into the administration policy in Latin America.

While agreeing to go along on the question of organization, the five independents—Blain and Lafollette of Wisconsin and Frazier and Nye of North Dakota, republicans, and Shipstead, farmer-labor, Minnesota—announced that they would reserve their rights "to pursue an independent course of action upon questions which may arise during the session."

Senate Bars Vare

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Hopes of the friends of Vare that his case would prove stronger than that of Smith were shattered, for the senate vote to deny him the oath of office was 56 to 30 while that in Smith's case was 53 to 28.

Mexican Quiz Ordered

An inquiry into charges published in Hearst newspapers that President Calles of Mexico ordered more than \$1,200,000 paid out of the Mexican government treasury to four United States senators was passed by the senate.

Co-operation of the state department in the investigation was asked by Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, who offered the resolution of inquiry and was named chairman of the investigating committee. The committee membership includes Senators Jones, Washington; Johnson, California, republicans; and Robinson, Arkansas, and Bruce, Maryland, democrats.

Gun Elevation Voted

The "big navy" bloc won a victory when the house, without a record vote, approved overwhelmingly an appropriation of \$940,000 to elevate the guns on the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada to meet the range of British and Japanese warships.

An amendment was attached, however, to prohibit use of the money for any modifications on the ships that would violate the Washington disarmament treaties. This, in effect, puts up to President Coolidge the determination on gun elevations.

Placing the full support of his administration behind it, President Coolidge transmitted to congress the army engineers' plan for controlling Mississippi river floods.

Steiwer Given Places on Two Big Committees

Washington.—Senator Steiwer was kindly treated by his party associates, when the Republican caucus approved committee assignments and awarded to him a place on two of the major committees of the senate—judiciary and naval affairs. The latter place he had particularly requested.

Steiwer also received assignments to banking and currency and privileges and elections committees, which are often entrusted with important legislation, although not rated as first rank. The banking and currency committee will deal with any changes in the federal reserve act or other banking proposals, while the elections committee ordinarily deals with election contests. As for minor committees, Steiwer goes on Indian affairs and on claims.

Senator McNary, besides being chairman of agriculture, retains his membership on commerce, irrigation and manufactures and is transferred from Indian affairs to public lands. Stanfield of Oregon was chairman of the public lands committee in the last congress. The chairmanship is now taken by Nye of North Dakota.

Vare is Denied Oath to Office

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"Red Devils" Take On Heavy Schedule

The Press is in receipt of the game schedule of the Helix "Red Devils" basketball team, from E. E. Tate. The Helix team, faster than ever in playing independent ball this season, and have shouldered big expense to secure games with the outstanding teams of the state.

Owing to this fact, and realizing that the fans of Athena and other nearby towns should appreciate the opportunity to witness the games, Mr. Tate and the members of the Helix team are depending to some extent on attendance from these towns to pull the expense bill out of the hole.

Helix is prepared to give the fans their money's worth. They have a splendid gym over there with generous seating capacity. Games have been scheduled Whitman college, Goldendale Fireman, Grass Valley Zebras, City of Portland Basketball Team, and others. Announcement of playing dates at Helix will be given as they are sent in.

Rebekah Officials

The Rebekah lodge met Tuesday evening and entertained Mrs. Etna Sanderson, president of the Rebekah Assembly. Mrs. Nellie Bean, Mrs. Sanderson Sr., of Freewater, and Mrs. Eva Kimmouth of Walla Walla, were visitors, also. Election of officers was held as follows: Charlotte Dickenson, Noble Grand; Belle Pinkerton, vice-Grand; Maude Logsdon, recording Secretary; Celia Harden, financial Secretary; Bessie Thompson, Treasurer. Laura Gross, Katherine Keen and Bessie Thompson served refreshments.

Mrs. Tompkins Entertains

Mrs. John Tompkins entertained the M. E. Home Missionary society at her home Wednesday afternoon with a large number of members present. The home was elaborately decorated with Christmas appropriateness. After the business session an Xmas playlet was given in which the following ladies took part: Mesdames H. H. Hill, Ralph Singer, W. O. Read, W. McPherson, Clarence Hand. Visitors present were Mrs. Mable Coppock, Mrs. Chance Rogers and Mrs. Edgar Adair. The next meeting of the society will be at the home of Mrs. McPherson.

13 Jurymen Hear Drumheller Case

Breach of Promise Suit In Walla Walla Superior Court.

Walla Walla.—Thirteen Jurymen are hearing the breach of promise action which started Monday in superior court wherein Mrs. May Kelly is suing George Drumheller for \$100,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. The thirteenth juror was chosen in the case a jurymen becomes ill, that the trial efforts will not come to naught. Will E. Estes is the 13th juror and he will sit before Judge E. Davidson of Ellensburg.

Both Mrs. Kelly and Drumheller were on the stand yesterday and the testimony of both was heard by a crowd which packed the small courtroom, with scores standing in the corridors straining to hear a word now and then.

Mr. Drumheller was called by the plaintiff as the first witness, and entered a general denial of the charges. Mrs. Kelly followed the general line of her written complaint in her testimony.

Drumheller said Mrs. Kelly had worked for him most of the time since 1910 for a wage of \$50 a month; he also borrowed some money from her. He felt friendly towards her, but he said there had never been any discussion of marriage between them, or anything at any time out of the way.

Mrs. Kelly, a widow, was in tears at times as she gave her testimony. She stated she got money from Mr. Drumheller frequently, and in large amounts, and that they had arranged to be married. In November, 1926, she stated, he told her he was to marry another, later doing so.

Jurors are: R. H. Hughes, C. H. Tullock, G. W. Phelps, H. H. Killen, A. N. Walker, Mark Bolter, A. Larson, B. J. Sims, Pierre Ganget, Frank Dalton and Henry Hoffman. Will N. Estes is the 13th juror.

George Rummens, of Seattle, and Earle Benson are attorneys for Mrs. Kelly, and Francis Garrecht, of Spokane, and Marvin Evans, of Walla Walla, attorneys for Mr. Drumheller.

To Hold Food Sales

The Baptist Womens' Society have organized themselves into two divisions for handling cooked food sales. Mrs. Emmet Lee and Mrs. Jess Smith heading the divisions. There will be a cooked food sale on the third Saturday of each month at Steve's store, beginning at 1 o'clock P. M. Mrs. Lee's division holds the sale tomorrow.

New Rotary Plow Prepares Seed Bed In One Operation

A tool that promises to revise plowing methods, at least for certain conditions, has recently been developed in the form of a rotary plow now being manufactured in Salem, Ore. For centuries the American farmer has plowed his fields with the same type of instrument. In Palestine and other sections of the world the same type of crude wooden plow is used today as in pre-historic times.

The new spading plow can be attached to an ordinary tractor. The spading wheels revolve at such a velocity that the soil is thoroughly pulverized and prepared for a seed bed in one operation. Deep plowing can be done by driving at the rate of 2 1/2 miles an hour, or moderately deep at the rate an ordinary plow team travels.

Cost of preparing the soil is found to compare favorably with the cost of the several operations ordinarily required. Advantages are more thorough incorporation of organic refuse with soil and ability to fit the soil when the moisture conditions are right. This one operation prepares the land to take the smallest seed and if dry weather follows the soil can be rolled to avoid any excess looseness of land.

Soil specialists from the Oregon experiment station who have seen demonstrations with this spading plow believe it to be a very promising implement for various conditions. A large type of the machine is also made to use with powered tractors. It is now being used extensively in South America.

Oregon Granges Are Prospering

There are 227 Granges in this state, Clackamas county having the largest number, 19. Lane coming next with 17 and others following Washington county 13, Columbia, 12, Linn and Union each 10, Baker, Multnomah, Wallowa and Wasco each 9, Marion, Polk and Yamhill each 8, Deschutes, Grant and Lincoln each 7, Benton, Douglas and Umatilla each 6, Jackson and Tillamook each 5, Crook, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Josephine, Morrow and Wheeler each 4, Clatsop 3, Coos and Sherman 2 each, Lake and Malheur 1 each. State Master Palmer reports the order in prosperous condition throughout Oregon.

Christmas Tree Exercises

The Baptist Sunday school is giving their Sunday school program for Christmas, on Friday evening December 23rd at the church at 7:30 o'clock. There will be readings, playlets, songs, drills and processions, and a real Santa Claus with his bells and gifts, coming in a whirlwind of snow.

Dean Straub; "Grand Old Man of Oregon" Honored



A life-size portrait of John Straub, dean emeritus of men of the University of Oregon, was unveiled at the Homecoming ceremonies of the University. The picture was painted by Julian Lamy, noted artist of New York. Many words of praise for Dean Straub, who has served the University for 50 years, were heard at the ceremony. Dean Straub was described as "Students' friend and counselor for 50 years." He is still active on the campus, and holds a prominent position in the Greek department.

Ted Roy Second In National Sing

Agnes Davis and Wilbur Evans Score First In Final Tese.

Portland.—Ted A. Roy, 22-year-old tenor who won \$2000 in gold and one year's tuition in a leading musical conservatory by taking second place from a field of ten contenders in the finals of the Atwater Kent radio audition, is a junior at the Oregon Agricultural college, at Corvallis, and a resident of Pilot Rock, Or. The contest in which he participated was broadcast from WEAF, New York city, last Sunday night through a nation-wide chain of stations including KGW, The Oregonian station, during the regular Atwater Kent hour.

Agnes Davis of Denver and Wilbur W. Evans of West Philadelphia were adjudged the first prize winners from among the ten finalists in the Atwater Kent national audition over WEAF.

Roy's victory in the final contest climaxed a persistent series of triumphs covering a period of three months' efforts. His initial victory was in the local contest conducted in Corvallis in September. Then when the Oregon-state audition was broadcast from the Oregonian station three weeks later he bested the field of nine contenders to win state honors. In the district elimination at San Francisco he also won first place, thereby acquiring the right to represent the west in the New York city finals. He shares parallel honors with Emile da Prato, San Francisco soprano, who won second place in the girl's class.

Coming from pioneer Oregon stock, Mr. Roy is a typical westerner. The major portion of his life has been spent at Pilot Rock where his father, L. E. Roy, settled 37 years ago and established a blacksmith shop. It was through young Roy's labors in his father's smithy that he acquired the title of "the singing blacksmith."

From early childhood, young Roy demonstrated unusual aptitude as a singer. He inherited a fine tenor voice from his father, a singer of more than average ability, and through the urging of his friends he went to Pendleton while still in his early teens for professional coaching. While attending high school there he continued his musical study.

Umatilla County is Second in Valuation

Salem.—Multnomah county's valuation has increased from \$321,825,485 a year ago to \$326,301,360, according to the 1927 tax roll.

As usual, Umatilla county is first in the list: Multnomah, though it has decreased as compared with a year ago. The respective figures for that county are \$45,798,254 and \$43,206,479.

Patient Slightly Injured

While enroute from Weston to Portland for medical treatment, J. E. Lumsden was slightly injured when the auto, driven by Mrs. Lumsden, went into the ditch at the Coppock place on the highway east of town, on account of snow on the pavement. Mr. Lumsden who was on a bed in the car, received slight bruises about the head. Help soon arrived and the car pulled back on the road, after Mr. Lumsden had been brought to Athena in a passing car. Ralph McEwen accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden to Portland, the three taking the train at Pendleton.

Zero Weather

This part of Umatilla county has been experiencing winter weather since last Saturday night when the thermometer registered 7 below zero. Since then the weather has moderated. The ground is covered with about two inches of snow. In the Helix district, the snow was drifted considerably by a strong wind.

Cholera Breaks Out

Salem.—A representative of the state veterinarians' office will leave for Tigh Valley, Wasco county, to inoculate hogs, where cholera has made its appearance. The disease was reported to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, by C. W. Daugh, Wasco county agent.

Arab Camel Driver And Prospector to Get Arizona Honor

Quartzsite, Ariz.—The resting place of "Hi Jolly," picturesque Arabian, who drove camels and hunted for gold on the Arizona desert in the early '50s, is about to be immortalized by the Quartzsite Women's club.

"Hi Jolly," whose real cognomen was beyond the linguistic abilities of Arizona settlers of 1850, brought the first herd of camels into the desert here to be used by the army for transportation.

His camel driving days ended when the rocky desert formation proved beyond the endurance of the camels. He then turned to prospecting.

Although this ended the camel freighting, it was not the end of the desert. As they roamed wild over the camels, they frightened Indians and stampeded herds of cattle. Finally they went the way of the buffalo as they were hunted and killed.

The Quartzsite Women's club plans to obtain title to the lonely graveyard located in the desert wastes and have the school children erect a monument over the grave of Arizona's first Arabian resident.

Athena Full Time Students at O. A. C.

Oregon Agriculture College.—Athena is represented by two of the 3433 full time students registered at the college this term. The total enrollment including summer session and short term courses is nearly 5000 in addition to those registered for extension courses.

Elsa Ringel is a senior in the school of home economics. She is a member of the Greater O. A. C. committee which has for its aim the promotion of the welfare of the state and college by fostering a finer college spirit and a keener interest in higher education throughout the state. Miss Ringel has also participated in co-ed sports.

Granville Cannon is a freshman in the school of agriculture. He is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, men's social fraternity, and also a Beaver Knight member from that organization. The Beaver Knight chapter of the National Order of Intercollegiate Knights fosters student body traditions.

Two Mac Hi Men Play in 35 Games

Milton Eagle: The Medford game terminated the brilliant career of two Mac-Hi's valiant Pioneers, Merle Hufford, sensational halfback, and "Stonewall" Max Carney. They have both played on the Mac-Hi football team for four years and have won fame by their splendid playing. These two men have played in a total of thirty-five games, vanquishing twenty-seven opponents, tying two, and bowing down to six. They have helped win the Eastern Oregon championship for two successive years, and as a final reward, they got to play for the state championship. Merle won his fame by his spectacular open field running, while Max won his by his ability to hold that line.

St. Johns Won Game

The St. Johns, Wash. high school basketball team took the first game of the season from Athena, Thursday evening of last week, on the home floor, score 22 to 11. Athena potted two baskets at the start of the game, but the St. Johns lads soon closed up the gap, and led throughout. The Adams boys and girls' teams play Athena in the home gym, Monday night.

Will Hold Turkey Shoot

The Athena Gun Club will hold its second turkey shoot of the season on the home shooting grounds, Sunday. Shooting will begin promptly at 10 a. m. The traps will be in readiness and the turkeys on hand at that hour, and scatter gun devotees from Pendleton and other nearby towns are coming to participate in the shoot.

The Etude Club

The Etude Club met at the home of Mrs. Loyd Michener Thursday afternoon with Miss Evalyn Sellars and Miss Mildred Bateman as hostesses. Mrs. C. M. Eager gave a musical reading, "The night Before Christmas." Mrs. O. H. Reeder rendered a vocal solo, Miss Zola Keen a piano selection. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Oklahoma Governor Bars Legislature

Calls Out State Troops to Prevent Meeting to Impeach Him

Oklahoma City.—Three companies of Oklahoma City units of the national guard were called out by Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett, under proclamation of Governor Johnston, to prevent meetings of the state legislature.

Governor Johnston in his official statement to General Barrett asserted his belief that all matters connected with the meeting of the legislature should be held status quo until the various court actions had been decided.

Calling of the militia followed the voting of five charges of impeachment against the governor by the insurgent house committee, ready to be passed on by the house scheduled to reconvene Monday.

Members of the Oklahoma legislature, who have been playing a game of hide and seek from state militia in an effort to meet and vote on impeachment charges against Governor Henry S. Johnston, met at the breakfast hour in a downtown hotel Tuesday and impeached the executive.

O. P. Hill, speaker of the house of representatives, announced he had been informed the senate would meet and receive a committee from the house with the charges. Members of the senate met in caucus and pledged full support to the house.

Chief Justice Fred T. Branson of the state supreme court and Charles B. Cordell, president of the state board of agriculture, also were impeached. Justice Branson was charged with "corruption in office" and Cordell with alleged "payroll padding."

FEDERAL DRY AGENTS MADE 64,986 ARRESTS

Washington, D. C.—Sentences aggregating 4,477 years and fines totaling \$5,775,225.48 were imposed this year for violations of the dry law, Dr. J. M. Dorian, prohibition commissioner, declared in his annual report to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Doran presented a matter of fact story of the bureau's accomplishments, asked for no new legislation, delivered no lectures on prohibition, and made no spectacular claims about enforcement work.

"Prohibition agents made 64,986 arrests during the year ended June 30, 1927, and seized 7,137 automobiles, valued at \$3,529,296.70, and 353 boats, valued at \$316,323," he reported. "As a result of the work of such agents 51,945 prohibition cases against individuals were handled in federal courts and 36,546 persons were convicted, of which number 11,818 were given jail sentences."

WAR CLOUD DISPELLED

Poland and Lithuania Agree to Settle Their Differences.

Geneva.—Poland and Lithuania formally declared themselves at peace at a special session of the council of the league of nations. They agreed to enter into direct negotiations with each other for the settlement of their differences. This probably means that full diplomatic relations will be restored shortly.

Premier Waldemar of Lithuania and M. Zaleski, Polish foreign minister, announced before the council that they accepted the Polish-Lithuanian settlement.

Premiers Pilsudski and Waldemar have agreed to enter negotiations as soon as possible in order to establish relations between their two states which will "insure a good understanding between the nations, upon which peace depends."

Alleged Rum Ring Leaders Sentenced.

Tacoma, Wash.—Elmer Gibson, ex-sheriff of Grays Harbor county, was sentenced to serve 18 months in the United States penitentiary at McNeil Island and to pay a fine of \$5000 for violation of the federal prohibition law. Sentence was pronounced by Judge Cushman in United States district court here. A. J. Curtis and R. G. Lane received similar sentences. Gibson, Curtis and Lane were the reputed leaders of the rum ring.