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## Narrowly Escapes Death

Friday afternoon, Jan. 30, 1925, will be remembered by Kenneth Sims as long as he lives. He is one of the climbers for the Mountain States Power Co. and was on a pole near the city limits of Jefferson to make some connections with a nearby house, when he thinks his left elbow brushed against the 11,000 volt wire, and the current shot through him and burnt a hole in his right hand to the bone and another bad burn on the left hand. Had he not had hold of the ground wire he would have been instantly killed, he thinks, but this and his safety belt he owes his life to. He was brought to his home and medical attention given. He is nursing two very sore hands, but otherwise is feeling fine.

Luckily he is under the compensation act, which helps a lot, and the M. S. P. Co. is rendering all the assistance necessary.

## Otis Compton Home

Otis Compton arrived from Honolulu Tuesday night on a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. Compton and his sister, Mrs. John Legner, after an absence of three years, during which he was in the U. S. Navy.

He has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and in China, and spent eight months in the government hospital in Honolulu.

In an interview yesterday morning Mr. Compton said, "I have seen lots of country. Our ship came nearly being wrecked in coming across. When I left the Islands on January sixth, the sun was shining. Between San Francisco and Portland a 27-year-old divorcee jumped overboard and was drowned, and two others jumped overboard between Honolulu and San Francisco." Mr. Compton says he likes the Pacific Paradise.

## Mobile Minstrels Please

A large crowd greeted the Mobile Bay Minstrels of Aumsville, an amateur organization, at the Z. C. B. J. hall Tuesday night, and all were highly pleased and well entertained. The jokes were new and catchy and "brought down the house." After the performance a dance was given, the music being furnished by the Steelhammer family of Woodburn. Come again.

## P-T. Next Thursday

Next Thursday night is the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, and if the attendance grows as on former meetings the school auditorium will be filled. The meetings are becoming interesting as subjects pertaining to the local school are discussed. A good program will be rendered. Everybody is invited.

## LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR CLASH

### Removal of Port Commissioners Prompts Action to Curtail Appointive Power.

Salem.—While the first two weeks of the present session were rather dull and uninteresting, the third week witnessed the long-expected break between the governor and the legislature. The governor opened hostilities when he attempted to remove five members of the Port of Portland commission and appoint in their places new men. The legislature promptly took up the game of battle by passing a bill which takes from the governor the appointment of members of the commission and places it with the legislature, and in the bill the commissioners which the governor sought to remove are named.

The speed with which this bill was passed up to the governor is a shining example of how a well-organized legislature can function when there is an incentive. After a discussion of four or five hours the bill passed the senate and within an hour after it reached the house it passed that body. In the senate only Flisk, Joseph, Kinney and Zimmerman voted against it and in the house only Mott and Miller. Undoubtedly the governor will veto the bill, and it certainly will be passed over his veto.

**Would Curb Governor's Powers.**  
Several other measures aimed at the governor's appointive powers were introduced, among them bills to transfer appointments to the fish commission, game commission and the penitentiary to the board of control. What the outcome will be in the struggle between the governor and legislature no one can foretell, but most observers look for some turbulent times during the remainder of the session.

The indications are that this week will close up the investigation into the state prohibition department. Just what the recommendations of the special committee of investigators will be is as yet a matter of guess, but it is not likely that there will be a full committee report favoring abolition of the department. There is a possibility that the committee may be equally divided on this question and another possibility that a majority may favor abolition.

George L. Cleaver, head of the department, has already been censured for being too active politically and there is a possibility that the committee may recommend his withdrawal as prohibition commissioner.

Testimony of sensational nature was spread before the legislative committee investigating the state prohibition department. From this testimony it appeared that the office of Cleaver spent more time in checking up on officers than in running down moonshiners or bootleggers.

**May Investigate Penitentiary.**  
Investigation into the affairs of the Oregon state penitentiary to determine whether the institution has been conducted efficiently under the present administration, probably will be demanded in a resolution now being drafted. Although no definite plan has been worked out, it was reported that the investigation might be conducted along lines similar to that of the probe now involving the state prohibition department.

The joint ways and means committee of the house and senate reported out favorably a bill providing for an appropriation of \$1,500,000 with which to assist the farmers of the state whose crops have been destroyed because of the recent cold weather. The money would be loaned to the farmers under the direction of the state board of control and would be secured by a first mortgage on the growing crops for 1925 and 1926.

**No Auto License Changes.**  
The road legislation is slowly assuming shape and it appears now as though there will be no change in the present charges for licenses of automobiles and tax on gasoline. The laws are likely to remain much in their present form, due to the wide difference in the theories of the new bills on the subject and the seeming

impossibility of compromising on a common ground.

The house bill, sponsored jointly by Representatives Swan and Oakes, which seeks to extend provisions of the railroad regulatory act over highway carriers, both freight trucks and passenger busses, promises to provoke a hotter fight than on any other road measure, with both opposing viewpoints armed strongly for the fray. Already this bill brought out the most heated committee hearing so far held at this session, when railroad attorneys appeared before the joint roads and highways committees and urged that bill No. 59 was fair and just and should be adopted for the best interests of the state.

As strongly against it are the organized truck and bus lines.

It appears now that there will be no bills for severance tax, motion picture tax, fish poundage tax, cigarette tax or other taxes which Governor Pierce suggested. The governor has not prepared any of these bills himself and no one else appears enthusiastic enough over such subjects to take the time to draft them and lobby them through.

Two pardon bills fell by the wayside in the house when they were reported adversely and were, upon vote, indefinitely postponed. One provided the supreme court should have the pardoning power after hearings, while the other prescribed the drawing of juries to determine pardons, hearings to be public and expenses to be borne by the applicant.

A bill altering the present marriage license law as it pertains to medical certificates has been introduced by Representative Tucker, Linn county. It would abolish the medical certificate now required and permit use of a personal affidavit of applicant in its stead. The latter would have to swear that the applicant had been free from disease for a year preceding date of application.

**Legislative Junkets Off.**  
There will be no legislative junkets to the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college during the present session, according to announcement made by the joint ways and means committee of the senate and house. In lieu of the customary junkets, committees of the ways and means committee will inspect the educational institutions and report their findings to the legislature.

A joint house resolution, introduced by Speaker Burdick, would require the state supreme court to give its opinion upon important questions upon "solemn occasions" when required by the governor, the senate or the house of representatives, and all such opinions shall be published in connection with the reported decisions of the court. It is provided that a constitutional amendment providing for this shall be submitted to the people at the next general or special election.

**School Bible Reading Asked.**  
Senator Garland has introduced a bill providing for a commission of nine members to select certain portions of the Bible each year to be read in the public schools, the parts selected being designed to teach morality and respect for law. The state superintendent would be ex-officio chairman. The other members would be chosen from church denominations, not more than one from each denomination, and one member to be a Jew, one a Catholic and one a Christian Scientist.

Text books for high and elementary schools of the state, purchased by the (Continued on page 2)

## Six Win Prizes

Mrs. Alta Rodgers, teacher of the third, fourth and fifth grades, has adopted a good plan to secure study and deportment in her classes, and the plan is prizes. The time to determine winners runs through the semester.

Out of the three classes, two from each received a 50c piece from their teacher for good deportment and spelling, and shows that competition and an incentive brings results. The winners are Maurice Shelton and Bernice Simmons, third grade; Leona Zavodsky and Billie Earle, fourth grade; Harry Wesely and Esther McKnight, fifth grade. I. V. McAdoo made the presentations, and told the children that the opportunity to make good was with them, but that they must keep their foot on the brake so they can stop when they feel themselves slipping away from duty and honor.

## Masquerade a Success

The masquerade dance at the Z. C. B. J. hall Saturday night was a success in every particular. Music was furnished by the Arnold-Kalina orchestra, the costumes were many and varied and the crowd large and orderly.

Among recipients of prizes were: Mr. White, Mr. Forge, Mr. Rowling, Mr. Simmons, Mrs. R. L. Hixson, Misses Leta Couey, Frances and Sylvia Wesely, Delta and Elsie Piatt.

There will be a dance at Richardson Gap Saturday night, Feb. 7, instead of the 14th as announced, and the above orchestra will furnish the music.

## Bridge Club With Mrs. Myers

The regular fortnightly meeting of the bridge club was held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Myers last Friday. Luncheon was served at one o'clock, the twelve members of the club being seated around a long table, on which a red cyclamen formed the centerpiece.

In summing up the afternoon's games Mrs. J. S. Sticha was awarded the first prize and Mrs. R. L. Hixson the consolation.

## Prizes in Window

At last the Tribune can announce that the prizes offered by the Scio merchants are now on display in the south window of Joe Wesely's store. Look at them. They are worth the wholehearted patronage you can give the merchants contributing to the purchase of them to be given to some lucky person or persons.

Howard Watenpaugh of Union, Oregon, is assisting at the high school during the illness of his brother, Prof. H. L. Watenpaugh. He is employed at the experiment station at Union.

## By-Law Changes Made

At the special meeting of the stockholders of the Scio Mutual Telephone Co. last Saturday the by-laws of the company underwent a great many changes that have for the ultimate end the betterment of the lines and the service over them. Another change is that of the annual meetings, which are to be held by each line having one director and they to elect the presiding officers at that meeting. The business of the company is to be directed by an executive committee of five members, which is to be elected annually, and is to have certain jurisdictions over subordinate lines when the owners fail to act. This, it is thought will result in all lines being kept in good repair. The five minute limit for using the lines is to be enforced, except for business matters. It is hoped to have the by-laws ready for publication next week.

The officers are J. D. Denmore, president; L. P. Arnold, vice-president; J. B. Couey, secretary; Scio State Bank, treasurer; S. B. Holt, Joe Dobrkovsky, H. O. Shilling, H. E. Chrisman and I. V. McAdoo, executive committee.

## Crabtree to Have Revival

A two week's meeting is to be held in the Christian church at Crabtree, beginning Sunday morning, Feb. 3, conducted by Teddy Lenvitt, the well known evangelist.

The congregation has recently purchased a piano, installed electric lights and are otherwise making extensive plans for the meetings, which no doubt will be largely attended, as the Lenvitt's friends in Linn county are legion.

## Council Meets Tonight

The city council will meet tonight in regular monthly session. There is considerable business to be transacted and all members should be present. This is also the time for any citizen to be heard on any subject of civic improvement or other matters affecting any or all citizens. The hour is 7:30 prompt.

## Community Club to Meet

The Roaring River Community Club will meet next Monday night at the Bergen school house, and a good program has been arranged and a basket supper is planned, we understand. This club is young, but it is tackling real problems at that. Everybody is invited.

George Merdian, a former resident of Scio, arrived Tuesday evening from Seaside on a business trip. Mr. Merdian looks well, and he says the Seaside climate has helped a lot in restoring his health.

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