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BOYS' HOME IS THEME OF MESSAGE

Governor Olcott's Special Message to Legislature Not Sensational—Advocates the Building of New Training School Derived From Fund Known as State Road Tax.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—Oregon's legislature reconvened this morning after a recess taken last Thursday. Several bills were on the calendar for third reading in both houses.

A joint session of both houses was arranged for 2:30 to receive a special message from Governor Ben W. Olcott. The governor gave no advance intimation as to the nature of the communication.

Governor Olcott prefaced delivery of his message by saying that he regretted, in a way, that publicity and attendant surmises that had preceded its delivery had the effect of creating the impression that something spectacular was on the boards. Just the reverse was the case, he said. The subject, he said was "an every day one" but nevertheless a mighty big one. It is simply "boys." He added he was sure everyone within range of his voice would say the reformation and saving of just one boy was sufficient warrant for the presence of each person.

New Training School
The governor then proceeded with his message, which recommended the building of a new training school for boys to be built from funds derived from turning back into the general fund of proceeds of an annual tax levy of one-fourth of a mill known as the state road levy.

The governor reminded the legislators that he had dwelt at some length in his first message to this legislature on the condition of the boys' training school, on the inadequacy of its plant to meet the functions which it is supposed to perform, and upon the economic waste entailed in not going to all possible lengths to reclaim for good citizenship boys who are confined there.

He said he had not included in his message his plan for financing the building project because he was not certain of its feasibility when he wrote the message. Further study, however, convinced him that his plan was practicable.

Divert Road Money
The governor then presented his plan for obtaining the money for the new training school plant. The four mill levy for roads, he said was provided before the state adopted its present policy of issuing bonds which are to be retired from the automobile license fund and gasoline tax. This plan, he said, had provided a surplus over requirements for the road needs. He then proposed that the direct property tax of one-fourth of a mill be returned to the general fund to come to the relief of the state institutions "which are sorely pressed for adequate funds."

"This one-fourth of a mill road levy, according to the estimate by the state tax commission, will amount to \$260,207 for the year 1921. For the coming biennium, on the same basis, it would amount to over \$520,000. The few miles of road that sum would build, I consider of small importance compared with the immense good it may now do if diverted into other channels."

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 17.—W. O. Smith of Rosemead, a suburb, charging that an attempt had been made to kill him, today caused the arrest of his wife, Pauline Smith. He said a shotgun had been discharged at him through his bedroom window. He was slightly wounded. Mrs. Smith denied the charge.

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Texas Democrats Give Wilson Walking Stick For Stand on League

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A walking stick made from wood cut out of the heart of a native Bois d'Arc tree planted in Texas in 1870, was presented to President Wilson today by Representative Parrish, of Texas. The stick, of a light golden brown, with a silver head, bore the inscription: "Presented by the democrats of Wise county, Texas, as an endorsement of your stand on the League of Nations."

The president received Mr. Parrish seated in the White House study, and after remarking on the beauty of the gift said he would treasure it not only on that account, but also because of the sentiment expressed by those who gave it.

The president also was given a photograph of Sam Woody, described by Representative Parrish as 94 years of age, the oldest loyal democrat of Wise county.

MRS. CYRUS HALL MCCORMICK DIES AFTER OPERATION

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick, wife of the chairman of the board of directors of the International Harvester company, died here today. Complications believed to have ensued from an operation several years ago for gall stones caused her removal to a hospital early this month. An operation was performed January 6. Her condition had been favorable until Sunday when she suffered a relapse.

Mr. McCormick, who was in New York on business started home at once arriving a few hours before her death. Gordon, the eldest son, a student at Princeton, arrived too late. Mr. McCormick came on a fast train out of New York but telegraphed ahead and chartered a special train at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were married March 5, 1889. She was born in England. One of her most notable benefactions was the establishment of the Elizabeth McCormick memorial endowment fund for "improving the conditions of child life in the United States." More than 1000 communities are said to have benefitted. It was in memory of her only daughter, who died in 1905. Cyrus McCormick and Gordon, are the only surviving children.

PRICE DECLINE IS SHOWN, PORTLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Living costs last December as compared with those in December 1919, showed an increase in 21 of the principal cities and a decrease in ten according to the monthly review today of the department of labor. The greatest decrease noted was in Chicago 3.6 per cent, and the largest increase was in Los Angeles, 6.2 per cent.

Of the cities which showed decreases Portland, Ore., followed Chicago with a decrease of 1.9 per cent; Seattle 1.8 per cent; San Francisco 1.4 per cent and New York 1.2 per cent.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 17.—Six bandits killed two railroad officers here today, after holding up an automobile and seizing \$12,000 belonging to the New York Central railroad. The officers were killed in resisting the highwaymen.

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AUTOMOBILE IS HELD GUILTY IN BOOTLEG CASES

U. S. Supreme Court Holds That Innocence of Driver no Defense When Motor Car Holds Booze—Other Decisions Handed Down.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Seizure of automobiles or other conveyances in which liquors are transported illegally is authorized whether or not the owner of the conveyance has been found innocent of contravening the law, the supreme court held today in deciding a case from Georgia.

In the case at issue, federal agents seized an automobile owned by J. W. Goldsmith, which had been loaned by him to a friend and in which intoxicants were transported illegally. Goldsmith contended that he did not know that the machine was to be put to such use, but the government's contention that when he entrusted his property to another he assumed the risk of loss from whatever cause it might occur, was upheld by the court.

Justice McKenna, who read the opinion of the court, went back to the mischievous statute for initial justification of the government's contention, quoting from the ancient tablets to the effect that "if an ox gore a man that he die, the ox shall be stoned and his flesh not eaten." From that day to the present, the court held, the instrument of facility used in violation of the law has been subject to condemnation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The supreme court today refused to review the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by George F. Howe of Seattle, Wash., to prevent his removal to New York where he is under indictment on charges of using the mails to defraud. The lower court dismissed the application for a writ.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The supreme court refused today to review the conviction of California of Joshua Sykes, A. M. Dean, John Ferguson and Joseph Crocker on charges of conspiring to obstruct execution of war legislation through a local sect, known as the "church of the living God."

HOPS TOP LIST IN ACRE VALUE FOR U. S. CROPS

WASHINGTON.—Corn, king of crops, produced an average of only \$29.93 an acre to farmers based on December 1 farm prices while hops produced \$486.10 an acre, according to averages for the country as a whole issued by the department of agriculture. The value per acre of hops in 1919 was \$874.75, while corn's average value per acre was \$38.49. With the exception of rye, cranberries, soy beans and sorghum strip the average value per acre last year showed heavy reductions from 1919 because of the declines in prices.

Wide variation is shown in the value per acre of the various crops, while the averages for different states show a broad range for each crop. The average farm value per acre of the important farm crops as estimated by the department of agriculture for last year and for 1919 follows:

Table with 3 columns: Crop, 1920, 1919. Includes Hops, Cranberries, Tobacco, Potatoes, Sweet potatoes, Sorghum sirup, Soy Beans, Rice, Peanuts, Beans, Hay, Cotton, Buckwheat, Grain sorghums, Winter wheat, Broom corn, Cowpeas, Clover seed, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye, Oats, Spring wheat.

Harness Is Captured
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—Chester Harness, who escaped from the state penitentiary last April was returned yesterday from Winnemucca, Nev., where he was arrested several days ago. Harness, who was committed from Multnomah county upon conviction of larceny, escaped from the prison wood camp.

Escort Plays Part of Hold Up Bandit Between the Acts

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Katherine L. Gibbons of Cleveland, before going to the theater last night, left her diamond rings at the home of friends, when her escort, John Burke, warned her of footpads. When she returned, the rings were gone.

Mrs. Gibbons, in reporting the loss to the police, casually mentioned that Burke left the theater in the second act and returned later. He was arrested but released. Burke went to police headquarters today and demanded an apology. The suspicious police re-arrested him and declared they found Mrs. Gibbons' three rings in his possession.

ROSEBURG STARTS FIGHT AGAINST PARK EXTENSION

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 17.—A vigorous protest has gone forward from the Roseburg chamber of commerce to the Oregon delegation in congress against the senate bill now before congress providing for the extension of the boundaries of Crater lake national park to include Diamond lake and the surrounding territory.

It appears that Douglas county is in a fair way to lose this vacation spot and unless immediate pressure is brought to bear, the Oregon delegation doubtless will ratify the bill, which will mean its passage.

Large Tract Included
Few people in the state seem to realize, it is declared, what a tremendous loss this will be to Douglas county. The proposed extension does not merely include the shores of the lake and a comparatively small adjacent area, but instead it takes in 125 square miles of valuable land, now devoted to grazing purposes—one of the most beautiful and attractive vacation spots in Oregon.

The area desired by the national park will extend the park boundaries westward to the Douglas and Klamath county line, from the south border northward about eighteen miles to a point northwest of Diamond lake, thence east to a point connecting with the extension of the present eastern boundary of Crater lake. The area of the park will be almost doubled and the land to be taken includes some of the most valuable portions of the Umpqua national forest reserve.

Prompt Action Asked
For pleasure purposes the withdrawal of the lake and its territory and its incorporation in the Crater lake park would be a loss, it is argued, as at the present time a person can go to Diamond lake without any cost other than for the trip, can fish and hunt without restriction except for the state law, can camp in an ideal spot set aside by the forestry department and carefully guarded from ranging stock and can in many other ways enjoy a vacation season at the lake.

In the event it is included in a national park, an entrance fee will be charged and many restrictions made. Roseburg and Douglas county residents are making a determined fight to defeat the purpose of the senate bill and a barrage of telegrams left here for Washington, D. C., urging Oregon representatives to use their influence to prevent the passage of the measure.

LOWDEN AND COXEY HARDING VISITORS

MARION, O., Jan. 17.—Frank Lowden, former governor of Illinois, and a leading candidate last year for the republican presidential nomination, was called in consultation by President-elect Harding today to discuss various problems of the coming administration. Mr. Lowden has been mentioned variously for a cabinet portfolio and for a diplomatic mission, with speculation favoring the latter.

Will H. Hays, the republican national chairman, was another of Mr. Harding's callers during the day. The day's appointment list also included Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon, Ohio, the one-time leader of "Coxey's army."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Both Attorney Archibald Johnson, son of United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson, and Miss Isabel Chase, San Francisco society girl, were able to be around today following an automobile accident in which the two were injured Saturday night.

STATE TO AID PROSECUTION OF BANK CASE

Rawles Moore Returns From Salem With Aid of Atty. General and Bank Examiner Pledged — Governor Reserves Petition Decision.

Prosecutor Rawles Moore has returned from Salem, where he held conferences with Governor Ben Olcott, and Attorney General Van Winkle about the Bank of Jacksonville cases, scheduled to come up for trial at the February term of the circuit court.

The net results of the meetings were: Governor Olcott gave no decision, one way or the other, relative to the petition of the citizens of Jacksonville for the appointment of a special prosecutor to try the cases.

Attorney General Van Winkle approved the plan of Prosecutor Moore for the handling of the cases, and promised any aid sought. Bank Examiner F. S. Bramwell will visit Medford next week to outline a plan of action in the prosecution of the bank cases, and go over the data with Prosecutor Moore, and confer with county officials regarding the same.

The Attorney General's office coincided with Prosecutor Moore's view that he should be in charge of the cases. The petition of the Jacksonville citizens for a special prosecutor was sent before Thanksgiving, and the county seat residents have been anxiously awaiting for a reply.

Departmental officers at the state capitol are highly interested in the bank trials, according to Prosecutor Moore, because of the connection of the state bank examiner's office with the suspension of the institution.

FIRST MAN TO BE MARRIED IN CITY DIES, AGED 67

Louis Doren, who for 18 years has resided at Wellen, Ore., died in Medford Sunday morning at the age of 67 years. Mr. Doren was a native of England, and came to this country when a small boy.

He came to this locality before any buildings were erected where Medford now stands, and after it became incorporated, he and Mrs. Doren were the first couple married in Medford. Mr. Doren also helped to construct the county court house at Jacksonville. He leaves, besides his wife and children, Samuel Doren, Ager, Cal.; John Doren, Ager, Cal.; Catherine Flock, Montague, Cal.; Maggie Morris, The Dalles, Ore.; Hattie Henderson, Gold Hill, Ore.; Hazel Doren, Lulu Doren, Wave Doren, Annie Doren, Central Point, Ore.

The remains are at the parlors of Weeks-Conger Co., and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

PORTLAND GAS RAISE GRANTED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—Increase in gas rates for Portland and vicinity served by the Portland Gas and Coke company was authorized today by the public service commission. The meter rental was increased from 50 cents to 85 cents a month. The rate on gas for the first 10,000 feet was raised from \$1 to \$1.25 per thousand.

NEBULA DRIER NO. 584 BREAKING SPEED LAWS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 17.—The nebula drier No. 584 in the constellation of Cetus has broken all known records of the heavens. It is dashing through space away from the earth at a velocity of almost 2000 kilometers a second, the highest speed ever attained by a celestial object. This was the word received at the Harvard college observatory today from Dr. V. M. Slipher of the Lowell observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., in announcing the result of observations there.

11 Members National Guard Arrested for Lynching Ala. Miner

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 17.—Eleven members of company M, Alabama National Guard, were in jail here today charged with lynching William Baird, a miner at Jasper last Thursday night. The men, five non-commissioned officers and six privates, were arrested after Leslie West, a taxi driver, is said to have confessed the part he took and named the soldiers. Announcement of the confession was made by Judge Horace C. Wilkinson, special assistant attorney general named to investigate the lynching.

OREGON HIGHWAY WORK INCREASED BY 600 PER CENT

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—The actual mileage of pavement laid in the state under the supervision of the state highway commission during 1919 and 1920 represents an increase of six hundred per cent over the mileage of pavement laid during the preceding two year period, according to the report of State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn, in the fourth biennial report of the commission made public today.

There has been an increase of 450 per cent in the grading done during the past two years over the amount done in the preceding biennium and an increase of 220 per cent in the broken stone and gravel surfacing completed by the commission, according to the report.

"During the biennium," reads the report "the commission has expended exclusively of market roads, the sum of \$19,980,410.61, of which state funds amount of \$17,819,790.00, county and co-operation \$839,741.68, and federal aid funds for post roads \$1,320,878.93. The work accomplished totals 347.2 miles of paving, 369.4 miles of crushed rock or gravel macadam; 761.4 miles of grading."

In addition to the paving, grading and leveling of roads the commission built 107 bridges during the two year period, according to the report, costing \$837,000.

OREGON MAN KILLED IN CALIFORNIA

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 17.—A man thought to be George McKee of Oregon was found dead yesterday on the Southern Pacific tracks five miles from this city. Coroner Pope is unable to determine whether suicide or foul play caused death. The man was about 25 years of age and an angler's license bearing the name "George McKee" was found in his pocket, the description on the license tallying with that of the dead man.

The engineer of the train saw the body across the tracks too late to stop, and the man died soon after being picked up. Later it was discovered that the surface of a field near the scene of death showed evidences of a struggle and there were also indications that the body had been dragged to the rails.

MANILA REPORTS RUSSIAN WIFE OF U. S. NAVAL OFFICER KILLED BY JAP, SUICIDES

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 17.—The Russian wife of Naval Lieutenant Warren H. Langdon, American officer killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok recently, ended her life upon learning of her husband's death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vladivostok.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—William C. Langdon, father of Lieutenant Warren H. Langdon, U. S. N., who was killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok a week ago, today scouted the report that his son's Russian wife had committed suicide after his death. It was absurd, he said.

JAP POLICY IN SIBERIA IS INVOLVED

Shooting of U. S. Naval Officer Brings up Entire Question of Military Domination in Russia — Japan More Concerned About Far East Than California.

TOKIO, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Government officials have not as yet made public the text of the American note protesting against the shooting of Naval Lieutenant W. H. Langdon by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok. Publicists, however, express the belief that Washington has not only asked reparation with guarantee against such incidents in future, but also has aimed pointed out to Japan the wisdom of reducing, if not withdrawing altogether her troops from the country, where she possesses no sovereign right, but the littoral of which is dominated by her military power.

This would open the old thorny question which Japan herself has been finding difficulty in settling. A division of opinion exists in government circles as to the Siberian problem, it is reported here. Leaders of the military party insist Japanese troops should remain in Siberia, while the peace party is seeking ways and means to abandon any adventure which it is claimed, is ruinously expensive and without hope of compensation. The impression existing here that Japan will insist upon solving the question in her own way and at her own time, if for no other reason than to assert the doctrine that she is paramount in the Far East.

The Haru cabinet appears to retain its strength, and it is believed it will survive the impending session of the Japanese diet at which relations between this country and America will be discussed.

Jap Monroe Doctrine
The correspondent of the Associated Press who has just returned to Tokio from a visit to many of the larger cities of the Far East, found some uneasiness everywhere regarding relations between Japan and the United States. In well informed circles these misgivings appeared to be based more upon what was described as "Japan's resentment to any American policy calculated to curb Japanese expansion in Asia," than upon the California question. The latter problem, while touching Japan's national prestige and the interests of Japanese in America, is apparently not regarded with the same seriousness as the question of Japan's vital interests near Nippon.

No Need for Alarm
In diplomatic circles here the opinion prevails that the situation does not justify the pessimism noticeable outside the borders of the Japanese empire. On the contrary it takes the view that the attitude of both the Tokio and Washington governments is based on confidence that a solution for troublesome matters now in the foreground will be discovered. Japan's people protest against California legislation, but remember the government has encountered difficulties in satisfying public opinion.

Efforts of the American state department, through Ambassador Roland S. Morris, have profoundly impressed the Japanese with the fairness of the United States. For this reason the killing of Lieutenant Langdon is genuinely regretted here because it is believed it will have the effect of re-opening the entire question of Japanese military occupation of Siberia, concerning which America has in the past sent several protests to Tokio.

Liberty Bonds

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's 92.30; first 4's 87.70; second 4's 87.20; third 4's 87.72; fourth 4's 87.42; fifth 4's 90.60; fourth 4 1/2's 87.82; Victory 3 1/2's 97.18; Victory 4 1/2's 97.22.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Japanese sentry who shot Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, chief engineer of the American cruiser Albany, at Vladivostok, gave a version of the affair before a Japanese court of inquiry coinciding with the dead officer's ante-mortem statement. This sentry has been recommended for court martial.