

2 IRRIGATION BILLS FOR STATE RELIEF READY FOR VOTE

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 24.—Senator George E. Davis of Vale has in tentative form two irrigation bills that are expected to be introduced the coming week, one relating to obligations or contracts between the state and the federal government and the other relating to water rights, both designed to afford relief to the Warm Springs district, though they are general in their application.

Under the former the state board would have authority to enter into obligations with the federal government for construction, operation and maintenance of the necessary works for the delivery and distribution of water under the provisions of the fact-finders' act of December 5 last, and this contract to provide for payment of charges to the United States upon the basis authorized by the fact-finders' act, and under such rules as may be promulgated by the federal reclamation service.

The water rights bill provides that whenever any irrigation district has in good faith undertaken to appropriate water for irrigation purposes and has constructed or partly constructed a storage and distributing system, and is proceeding to apply the waters to beneficial use, it shall have an extension of time until January 1, 1935, in which to complete the appropriation of water.

Should the board of directors desire to sell any excess storage, surplus water or water rights, or to dispose of by contract or lease any undeveloped hydro-electric power, provision is made in the act for these to be done.

COPCO FORUM HAS JOLLY SMOKER

Over 75 employees of the California Oregon Power company attended the Forum "Smoker" given by the Copco secretarial department last night. The whole affair was a rousing success with something going on all the time. The program covered a varied entertainment, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, a blind-folded boxing bout and other stunts coming under the latter head. The main feature was the lecture on the Philippine Islands by Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent of Crater Lake National park. Mr. Thomson's talk was illustrated by a large number of attractive slides and proved interesting and educational.

James Stevens, baritone, delighted his hearers with three numbers, being accompanied by S. M. Scott at the piano.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program, this detail being ably handled by the committee in charge, most of whom showed the results of some excellent K. P. training in the late war. A series of similar entertainments are planned for the future by the Forum to augment the present program of educational activities now under way.

BERGDOLL'S PAL IS SICK OF IT ALL

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—Eugene (Ike) Stecker, who aided Grover C. Bergdoll, draft dodger, to escape to Germany nearly five years ago and who voluntarily surrendered yesterday, will be tried at the March term of court. He said today when brought from prison to the federal building that he would plead guilty and have his trial over with quickly.

Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, mother of Grover, said today that so far as she knew her son was still in Germany. She said she had a letter from him recently dated Weingarten, Wurttemberg.

"I am sick and tired of the whole business," said Mrs. Bergdoll to federal agents. "I wish Grover would have sense like Ike and come home."

Want Advance Date Commercial Fishing

There will be a spirited contest in the legislature regarding advancing the date for commercial fishing in the Rogue river from May 15 to April 1.

Mr. Chenoweth, representative of the fisherman's union at the mouth of the Rogue, was in Medford this week in the interest of the change. The movement is said to be supported by some labor unions.

Rod MacLeroy, owner of the cannery at the mouth of the Rogue, was also in the city this week regarding this proposition and other things of interest to sportsmen.

Game Association Meeting

The Jackson County Game Protective association will meet at the public library in Medford Monday evening, January 26, at 7:30 to take action regarding several important measures before the legislature. All interested in game and fish should be present.

Mr. Ralph S. Stewart, who was prominent in musical circles in Portland, and who recently moved to Medford, promises to be active in musical circles here. Mrs. Stewart has a rich soprano voice and will sing for the first time at the Christian church Sunday at 11 a. m. Her selection being "God's Love is Above the Night."

Sports

MEDFORD DEFEATS PHOENIX, 44 TO 14, ASHLAND VICTOR

The Medford H. basketball team defeated that of Phoenix H. last night, by a score of 44-14, before a fair sized crowd.

Despite the top-sided score both teams worked hard and the Medford quintet especially, showed flashes of real floor work and shooting.

Phoenix puts a good team on the floor for a small town and deserves much credit for having a scrappy bunch of players. Kerns was the feature of the game from their standpoint, his dribbling being the best seen on the local floor this year, although he did not convert many of the attempts at baskets.

At the start, Phoenix seemed unable to stop the Medford offense. On two successive plays where the guard came in, Williams and "Red" White flipped the ball through the ring with no opposition, the guards being drawn to another part of the floor. The first quarter ended, the score stood 12-1 with Laing doing the most scoring for Medford.

Referee Shoeffel called the locals repeatedly for running with the ball. On account of the new ruling on this phase, only one step is allowed before starting a dribble or pass.

At the intermission the count was 20-5. Merve Chastain played the best game for Medford, shooting baskets after basket even with a guard hanging onto him. His all-round play was the real reason Medford won by as large a score as they did. When the rest of the men seemed fagged he was still going hard.

Of the two guards, "Red" White did the better work, on the offense he being one of the mainstays and repeatedly "shoots" the opponents when they had the ball.

Phoenix was weak at times in following up their shots, and were called often for hooking. Although 17 fouls were chalked against them, they were of a minor sort.

Laing at center got the tip-off from his man every time and also was high point man of the game. Knips was not up to his usual form in shooting and had no luck whatsoever with foul shooting, missing six.

Of the seven penalties against the Phoenix team, only two were converted by Medford, M. Chastain and Laing each throwing one.

The preliminary was between the picked grade school team of Medford and the A. H. and Y. M. C. A. The former won by a large score. This squad of youngsters has played in several starting games and have developed good teamwork and players, who will some day, not far off, be on the high school line-up.

Tonight Medford H. plays a return game at Phoenix and a number of Medford fans are planning to take in the contest.

The line-up of the game: Medford (44) M. Chastain (13), Laing (15), Knips (4), White (14), Williams (6), Lawrence (2), Hiden (2). Phoenix (14) Kerns (4), Stephens (2), Arnold (6), Martin (2), Burleson (2), Reed (2).

GARDNER WINS IN PORTLAND BOUT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—Pinky Gardner, New York light-heavyweight contender, defeated Louis Pergaudis, Greek matman, in their match here last night. Gardner lost the first fall in forty-seven and a half minutes when he gave in to a short arm scissors, but he took the second fall by tossing Pergaudis off the mat. Pergaudis forfeited the deciding fall, being unable to continue the match.

SPORT BRIEFS

(By the Associated Press.) The University of Idaho basketball team left today for Missoula where the Vandals will meet the University of Montana five in a Pacific coast conference game tonight. Idaho defeated Gonzaga, 24 to 19, by scoring nine points in the last three minutes of a northwest conference game last night.

By defeating the Whitman college five last night 12 to 11, the Oregon Argies won their fourth Northwest conference basketball game of the week and their third successive game by a one-point margin. The Beavers won three of their four games in the last few minutes of play.

PITTSBURG BUILDS TO GIVE GIANTS BATTLE FOR FLAG

PITTSBURG, Jan. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Radically reconstructed as a result of their 1924 showing and with a new infield, composed largely of youngsters, the Pittsburgh Pirates loom as a potentially strong, but uncertain entry in the coming National league race.

Most observers pick Bill McKeech-nie's crew to finish well toward the top.

The Pirates figured in the most sensational trade of the winter season when they sent three veterans—Charley Grimm, first sacker; Rabbit Maranville, second baseman; and Wilbur Cooper, southpaw pitcher—to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for George Grantham, second baseman; Al Niehaus, first sacker and Vic Aldridge, right handed twiler.

Relative advantages of this wholesale transaction have aroused keen debate that the Pirates will go into the race with plenty of outfield strength and a fine pitching staff.

Max Carey, Carson, Bigbee, Hazen Cuyler and Clyde Barnhart probably will patrol the outer pastures, reinforced by Grantham, who is expected to be transformed into a regular outfielder.

The infield is the Pirates' question mark. Grimm will be replaced by Niehaus, a newcomer. Reports say Niehaus is a good fielder and sensational batter. At second, Eddie Moore, a sensation in his debut last year, will succeed Rabbit Maranville. The short stop post falls to Wright, who in 1924, his first season with the majors, broke the record for assists and drove in 111 runs. Harold Traynor will be at third.

The pitching staff, in addition to Aldridge will be made up of such stars as Lee Meadows, John Morrison, Ray Kremer, Emil Yde and Babe Adams.

Two promising recruits also are on the list. Kremer and Lide made good last season, their first with the Pirates.

TRIPLE TIE STILL ON COLLEGE FIVES

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—At the close of the second week of basketball in the northwest section of the Pacific and Northwest intercollegiate conferences, Washington maintained the undisputed lead in the northern section race and Washington, Idaho and Oregon were tied for first place in the Northwest standings.

Idaho's 21 to 15 conquest of Gonzaga last night failed to break the triple tie. The 12 to 11 victory by O. A. C. over Whitman last night tied the Argies with W. S. O.

Standings of the conferences follow: Northwest conference: Washington, 4, 9, 1,000; Idaho, 3, 9, 1,000; Oregon, 2, 9, 1,000; W. S. C., 4, 1, 800; O. A. C., 4, 1, 800; Montana, 1, 1, 500; Whitman, 1, 6, 142; Gonzaga, 1, 6, 143; Pacific, 0, 2, 000; Willamette, 0, 2, 000.

NURMI TO TRY FOR NEW RECORDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Jule Roy of Chicago and Paavo Nurmi of Finland will meet tonight at the Brooklyn college games, but they will not appear in the same race. Just as the moon has eclipsed the world's greatest light so has the draftsman from Abo come between fame and one of America's greatest athletic stars.

Nurmi will run in the 2000 yard event while Roy will enter a race over half that distance.

Nurmi expects to lower two world marks to make his American conquests an even dozen.

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SHUT OFF SENATE ORATORY ON NAMING STONE TO BENCH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Republican leaders invoked the senate rules today to shut off an incipient discussion in the open of Attorney General Stone's nomination to the supreme court.

When Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, one of those who have advocated further investigation of the matter, sought to speak Senator Curtis of Kansas, the republican leader, made a point of order that such a question could be discussed only in executive session.

President Cummins upheld the objection, but Senator Heflin contended that he wanted to correct a statement in the New York World that he was opposing Stone's confirmation because he was an attorney for J. Pierpont Morgan.

With Senator Overman, democrat, North Carolina, Senator Heflin, said he opposed Mr. Stone only because of his arguments before the supreme court in the Owenby case which involved a litigation affecting the Morgan estate.

Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, objected to further observations of that kind, but Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, took up the argument of the other side and President Cummins ruled that Senator Heflin could answer the newspaper story.

PIONEER CITIZEN OF PORTLAND DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—Colonel Sylvester C. Simmons, 84, a pioneer of 1854, who came to Oregon with his parents from Missouri in an ox team, died here today. For 25 years he had been custodian of the city hall.

He went to school at Bethel institute in Polk county. In 1859 he married Julia A. Burford, herself a pioneer of 1852. Three years later he was drawn to the gold fields at Salmon river, Idaho, but before long became a stage driver.

For some years he drove stage in the employ of the Oregon Stage company and H. W. Corbett, part of the time on the night run between Albany and Eugene.

From this job he went into the trucking business in Portland, at which he continued until appointed custodian of the city hall.

He is survived by his son, C. C. Simmons, and two daughters, Mrs. I. B. Riddle of Roseburg and Mrs. Manuel Ziegler of Portland. Mrs. Simmons died about five years ago.

The flag on the city hall has been placed at half-mast. Funeral arrangements are to be announced later.

LABOR POLITICIAN FACES LIFE TERM

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 24.—Peter Teler, at one time candidate for congress in this district on the former labor ticket, was found guilty by a jury in the superior court of murder in the first degree this morning. He was accused of shooting and killing his former wife here November 10 last. They had been divorced some time before the tragedy. The defense pleaded insanity. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

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