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CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—An interesting mayoralty campaign progresses here where everything is done energetically. Mayor Thompson conducts what he calls "a jack-ass show" displaying a desert donkey with dummies representing his opponents on his back and an elephant representing the Republican party.

The mayor intimates that the donkey knows more than both his opponents combined. Concerning the elephant he says it can go nine days without drinking, but "who wants to be an elephant?"

Mayor Thompson's opponent, Judge Lyle, is also a political impresario. To offset the desert donkey, at his meetings, he displays a collection of sawed off shotguns, sub-machine guns, explosive bombs, and other tools of the gangsters trade. He says the gangsters want Mayor Thompson again, and fear him, Judge Lyle.

Judge Lyle, still offsetting the donkey, uses his best language. He calls Mayor Thompson "Jumbo Flood Relief Quack."

Dr. John L. Robertson, supporting Judge Lyle, says Chicago was "headed for vigilante and lamp-post" meaning mob rule, when Judge Lyle came to the rescue.

The campaign is getting warm even for Chicago where nothing is done coldly.

Mayor Thompson has sued Judge Lyle for \$100,000 and meanwhile the Chicago American, full of local patriotism wishes you to know that government records concerning crime, show that Chicago stands No. 68 from the top. Outside editors are requested to stop kicking Chicago's crime dog around. Let them look to their own crime records.

Florida will be pleased to hear that the city with the lowest crime record in the United States is Tampa.

That Chicago deserves the crime reputation is partly the result of good newspaper reporting. Everything is done and told spectacularly, and never to be forgotten names are invented for the criminals. You would never guess from Paul Block's quiet home paper

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Abe Martin



"Here's a little more I drew seventy miles without lags" he whips on her, "new says, 'I've got a car that's gone ever since I was a kid. I've never been in a car since then. I'm a kid of a kid. My father was a kid of a kid. It's a crime in every generation mother draws out."

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FREE BOOK BILL GETS HOUSE OKEH

Measure Now Goes to Senate—Emergency Board Power Curb Voted in Senate—Old Age Pension Bill Up for Final Ballot.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—(AP) The house of the Oregon legislature placed its approval upon the measure providing free text books to all pupils of public elementary schools in the state. The act, known as the free text book bill now goes to the senate. After more than two hours of debate the amended bill, eliminating high schools from its benefits, was passed by a 45 to 15 vote late yesterday.

Prior to this special order, the lower house also ended the legislative controversy over the manner of selecting the Port of Portland commission, by approving the senate amendments to the Angell Act with but one vote in opposition, that of P. O. Delap of Klamath.

Goes to Governor. The measure which now goes to the governor names Harry L. Corbett, Kenneth D. Dawson, Rufus C. Holman and Helman Lueddemann members to fill vacancies occurring this June. All nine members will be elected after 1932 as their terms expire.

While these issues were being debated in the house, the senate, following three hours of oratory, approved two measures which would curb the powers of the emergency board in authorizing deficiency appropriations. One limits biennial expenditures to five per cent of the total legislative appropriations for state purposes, while the other leaves the amount to the ways and means committee.

Criticism Heard. Three votes were cast against the free text book bill. Criticism of recent expenditures of more than half a million dollars by the board to meet deficiencies was reflected in the discussion.

Taking the place of the textbook and Port bills on special order the old age pension measure will be placed for final vote today in the house. In addition a joint session of the two houses for observance of Lincoln's birthday will be held. Senator B. L. Eddy will address the session on this occasion as will also Colonel W. D. B. Mercer, sergeant-at-arms of the senate. Twenty-five other bills are up for final passage during the day in both houses.

Opens Book Debate. Mrs. Dorothy Lee, chairman of the house education committee, opened discussion in favor of the free text-book bill, declaring the principle of providing all equipment for schools was not carried out unless the books likewise were provided. She stated the books were a part of the school system, and should be provided by the state.

Two amendments to the bill eliminate the tax school from its benefits and limit the cost per pupil to \$1.50 to the state. Not all of the books will be secured the first year, the measure providing purchase by degrees, and is estimated will require three years time to supply all required.

Objects to Cost. Opposition, led by Ralph Hamilton of Bond, was based upon the need for relief to taxpayers, which was characterized as the greatest problem facing Oregon at this time. Hamilton did not oppose the principle of the measure, but said this was not the time for its enactment.

Those who objected to the measure, are inconsistent, he stated, by asking the legislature to reduce taxes while at the same time asking endorsement of this measure. Solution of the textbook question would be quickly purchased by the state and resale to pupils at one-third the cost of present supplies, he suggested.

The fact that the bill applies only to public school children, and does not include denominational and private schools, was the reason for a negative vote by Representative John A. Tohrnburn of Washington county. Others who

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Apple Vendor Recognizes Old Friend On Sidewalk

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—(AP) Crowd passed the corner of Market and New Montgomery streets, scarcely noticing R. B. Newhall or his apple, "unemployed apples" were no longer a novelty. Along came a man with a baby "possum" on a string. Here was something new. A crowd gathered. "Big red apples!" Newhall called.

Lose Prize Horses



Mrs. Muriel Vanderbilt Church of Newport, R. I., lost two horses in the \$325,000 Oakland, Cal., Horse Show fire.

FRUIT MEN HIT BILL TO LIMIT TRAIN LENGTH

Traffic Association Declares Measure 'Vicious' Legislation—Call for Meet Issued.

The Rogue River Traffic association this week filed a protest Jackon county members of the legislature, against the passage of the proposed measure, limiting the length of empty car trains on the Southern Pacific railroad to 70 cars. The valley farmers were urged to vote against the bill, listed as "vicious."

Other fruit districts of the state filed a similar protest. Empty car trains range from 100 to 125 cars. In the height of a shipping season, the bill could react detrimentally to the fruit industry. The bill originated in Portland.

Issue Meet Call. The Pacific Pear Growers Council, through David R. Rosenberg, president, of this city issued a call for a meeting of northwest fruitmen to be held in Portland Saturday, February 28. The purpose of the meeting is to hold an informal discussion of northwest fruit prospects and the coming season prospects. Fruit growers and shippers of the Wenatchee, Yakima, Spokane and Hood River districts will attend.

Guy W. Connor, chairman of a committee conferring with the state board of horticulture on a reduction in charges for inspection, etc., etc., reported that the matter was under consideration.

Less business than usual came before the noon meeting today. Raymond R. Ketter, during the course of a round table discussion, recited Abraham Lincoln's observation on economic conditions, viz: "Prosperity is never as prosperous and bad times never as bad as they seem."

This brought forth two yawns, one about a popular, low-priced auto, and one about how laying shans view the depression price of eggs.

CHINESE DEVELOPMENT BOON FOR WEST COAST

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Harry E. Bryan, New York, chairman of the board of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad, returning here after a visit of several weeks in China, declared an era of development which means today that nation is entering upon a period of the greatest commerce the Pacific coast has ever known.

Grant Rail Link. The Oregon Electric company was given permission today by the interstate commerce commission to construct a short extension of its line in Lane county, Oregon, to connect with the Southern Pacific.

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extended. "Pewee" Newhall. "Joe Farrell! I'm a son-of-a-gun!" the apple vendor retorted, scarcely noticing R. B. Newhall or his apple. "unemployed apples" were no longer a novelty. Along came a man with a baby "possum" on a string. Here was something new. A crowd gathered. "Five cents a look at the trained "possum," Farrell shouted at the crowd, "and an apple thrown in."

PLUS VOICES PEACE PLEA OVER RADIO

Head of Catholic Church Opens New Vatican Station With Impressive Words—Reception Marred By Interference.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP) Pope Pius XI spoke over the air today the words which opened the radio station of the Vatican City, and the world listened.

His voice was heard from HVJ at 10:52:45 (E. S. T.). Crisply and clearly the voice of the supreme pontiff of the Catholic church came over the air, marking an epochal occasion in the history of radio and of the Catholic church. The pope spoke in Latin, and despite an occasional slight interference his voice was plainly audible to radio listeners.

For twenty minutes before his voice was heard the new radio station of the Vatican was on the air. Promptly at 10:30 came the fanfare of trumpets which signaled over seas and mountains the holy father's arrival at the station. Receivers at Albany.

While he inspected it, from the power room to the automatic sender, radio listeners stood by throughout the United States and in other far lands. In New York and elsewhere in more than one Catholic church parishioners listened and waited before receiving sets placed before altars.

The only bar to good reception was an intermittent high-pitch whistle. Static was absent and there was no fading. At 10:41 an announcement from Vatican City station announced that Pope Pius was about to transmit several Morse characters, officially opening the station. They did not, however, come through to American listeners.

Interference Heard. After the pope had spoken for about ten minutes the whistle grew worse, interfering frequently with clear audibility, but it died away just as he finished speaking. To listeners the disturbance had all the indications of a heterodyne.

The pope concluded his address at 11:05 (E. S. T.) He had spoken for twelve minutes. From the microphone of the radio station he proceeded to the Pontifical Academy of Science, to address the academy. The day was the ninth anniversary of his papacy.

The pope spoke in a clear voice, without hesitation. He threw all his vigorous personal into the talk and the half dozen privileged persons with him in the little room saw him first his right arm occasionally and bring his hands down sharply on his right knee to emphasize his words.

Spoke in Latin. He spoke in Latin but he seemed eager to press home his points even to those listeners who did not understand the ancient tongue. "Let the first word," the pope said, "be to the glory of God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men."

He addressed his message to all his congregation throughout the world, to the princes of the church and the missionaries, and prelates abroad, adjuring them to continue in their work of propagating the faith of the church. "Be ye diligent," he urged them, "persevere in your apostolic labors."

To the rulers of the world he

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KLAMATH BAKERIES SLASH BREAD PRICE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP) All bakery owners in Klamath Falls today announced an immediate cut of between two and three cents a loaf on bread. The reduction was made on request of store owners and is in line with similar cuts in other cities.

DAME NELLIE MELBA SUFFERS A RELAPSE

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Dame Nellie Melba, famous Australian prima donna who has been seriously ill, suffered a slight relapse Wednesday and probably will not be able to leave the hospital for another fortnight. Her health had been improving for the last three weeks when the relapse occurred.

Many Get Commissions. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The house today amended the navy supply bill so as to permit all the midshipmen in this year's class at Annapolis to accept commissions. The vote was 91 to 50.

BEAUTY BRUISES BUSTER



In the latest battle of Hollywood, Buster Keaton, screen comic, was the casualty. He came out of his dressing room nursing a face covered with scratches administered by Kathleen Key, a former film beauty. The actor said the beating followed an argument over money.



Associated Press Photo

DR. YOUNGSON DARING BANDITS TO BE SPEAKER GET WORN OUT LINCOLN FEAST BILLS IN HAUL

Portland Divine to Review Life of Former President at Annual Meet—Good Program.

Although today was Lincoln's birthday and a legal holiday, general business was carried on as usual, only the banks, courts, county and city offices being closed, but a general holiday atmosphere seemed to prevail to such an extent that business was reported this forenoon as much slowed down. The streets of the business section were decorated with flags at the curbs, and flags were flown

from large buildings and were displayed here and there at homes throughout the resident district, in observance of the day.

The only outstanding public gathering observation of the day will be the annual Lincoln banquet at the Hotel Medford, to begin at 7 p. m. Indications early this afternoon were the banquet would have the usual large attendance from all parts of the county in addition to the big Medford attendance, including that of the always good-sized Ashland delegation.

Tickets Available. Those who have not already purchased tickets can obtain them at the Hotel Medford prior to the beginning of the banquet.

This is one of the "off-years" when a number of prominent Republicans, who are most always sure to attend the Lincoln banquet, are busy with the legislative session at Salem, and therefore cannot attend. The finishing touches of the banquet decorations were all completed by this afternoon. The banquet will begin promptly at 7 p. m.

Rev. Dr. William Wallace Youngson of Portland, district superintendent of the Portland district, Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, who will be the chief speaker, arrived in the city late this forenoon.

The program interspersed with music features, follows: Sparrow in Charge. The assemblage will be called to order by County Judge Alex Sparrow, retiring president of the association, and the invocation will be delivered by Rev. C. H. Porter. Then will follow the report of the nominating committee and election of officers, following which the banquet will be served. It is understood that Miss Regina Johnson, associate editor of the Ashland Tidings, will be elected president.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address will be read by George Washington Noble of Ashland, and then the address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. Dr. W. W. Youngson on "Abraham Lincoln—The First American."

The banquet will be closed by the singing of the national anthem by the assemblage.

Robbery of Mail Truck at Washington Station Is Disappointment—Clerk Beaten.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A daring holdup of a mail truck carrying registered pouches in the Union station here early this morning was announced by postal officials today as setting the robbers nothing but mutilated currency.

The stolen sacks, taken after a mail clerk had been beaten with lead pipe, contained only old bills cut in half for shipment to the treasury department.

Police and government operatives watched many portions of the hospital and its outskirt for the robbed men.

The treasury department said the other halves of the mutilated bills had been received here in a previous mail shipment.

The robbery occurred between 2 and 2 a. m. in the Union station concourse.

Peter Johnson, in charge of 28 sacks of registered mail being shipped from the Federal Reserve bank in New York to the treasury, was the mail clerk bludgeoned by the robbers.

OLD AGE PENSION SURVEY FAVORED

SALEM, Feb. 12.—(AP)—What appeared in the debate to be strong opposition to Senator B. L. Eddy's old age pension investigation bill melted away when the measure went to vote and the senate passed the bill today by a vote of 27 to 2. The negative votes were Senators Charles Hall, Gus C. Mosser and Jay H. Upton.

The bill provides that the governor appoint an unsalaried commission to investigate the subject and report back to the 1933 legislature, the measure calling for a \$1500 appropriation to cover the expense.

RED CROSS DROUGHT DRIVE NEARING GOAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The Red Cross campaign for a \$1,000,000 fund for drought relief had reached a total of \$7,716,999 today.

Plane Contribution To Safety In Skies

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP) A foolproof airplane which its inventor claims will neutralize all spin nor dive and will land itself in the latest contribution to safety in the air. While more than a hundred aeromathical experts and financiers watched, the plane was successfully tested at Glenn H. Curtiss airport yesterday. Piloted by Henry White, it made half a dozen short flights and came to a near-perfect landing each time with the pilot's hands high above his head.

LOAN BOOST ON VETERAN BONUS GETS APPROVAL

Bacharach's Proposal for 50 Per Cent Increase Sanctioned By House Ways and Means.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee today adopted a modified Bacharach proposal to increase the loan value of veterans' certificates to 50 per cent.

The original plan was sponsored by Representative Bacharach, republican, New Jersey. The plan is estimated to cost between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000, Representative Ramseyer, republican, Iowa, said.

The measure also would reduce the interest rate on loans to 3 1/2 per cent. The increase is from 2 1/2 to 50 per cent of the face value of the veterans' certificates.

As approved by the committee, the measure would enable veterans to borrow more than twice as much money as under the existing law.

It was indicated by Chairman Hawley that early house action would be requested. Ramseyer said the committee agreed unanimously on the plan and that a bill to carry out its provisions will be introduced tomorrow by Chairman Hawley and brought back to the committee for a favorable report.

ADVOCATE QUIZ ON TELEPHONE RATES IN STATE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP) That the state legislature direct the state public service commission, or whatever body or commission may succeed it, to undertake an immediate investigation of telephone rates, services and practices in Oregon is one of two major recommendations on the report of the special committee appointed to investigate rates charged by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

The other main recommendation is that in those cities where the company is operating without franchise, which includes Portland that a privilege tax be imposed upon the company by the municipality.

Oregon Weather. Generally cloudy tonight and Friday, becoming unsettled in the afternoon. No change in temperature. Moderate to fresh west winds offshore.

Little Lad Wants To Stay With Mother In Medford; Court Must Decide Issue

(By Jess Nealon.) He is asking for extradition papers to send the mother back to California, where she will go on trial for kidnaping her little son. And Kelly and Kelly, local attorneys, are appealing to Governor Meier to refuse the extradition. They will appear in circuit court tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to ask that the best interests of the child be served by leaving him with his mother, due to change of circumstances since the decree of divorce was granted his parents.

Since King Solomon is no more to solve the ownership of a child the custody of Buddy rests in the hands of the court.

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NATION IN TRIBUTE TO A. LINCOLN

Virtues of 'Honest Abe' Extolled Throughout Land On 122nd Anniversary of Birth—Old Home Focal Point.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—(AP)—One hundred and twenty-two years ago today a boy was born in the backwoods of Kentucky. No particular importance was attached to his coming, but today, the anniversary of his birth, an entire nation paid tribute to the memory of the most famous backwoods rail splitter of them all.

In the schools, memorial halls, and other places throughout the length and breadth of the country, Americans talked again of "Honest Abe" and listened to others extolled the virtues of America's Civil war president. Springfield, focal point for exercises honoring Abraham Lincoln's memory because he lies buried here, heard him described as a world figure who had "taught lessons which mankind, whether east or west, must take to heart."

The speaker was Katsuki Do-buchi, the Japanese Ambassador, who pleaded last night for a return to the ideals of Abraham Lincoln. "The nations," said the ambassador, "are now becoming more and more interdependent. We can conceive of few problems, which, though apparently domestic and generally so called, do not produce direct or indirect effect upon all nations. In such a world society, no nation, however powerful, however self-sufficient, can be independent of other nations and indifferent to their weal or woe. To-day Lincoln's idealism cries for rescue as it did when Lincoln saw in America a house divided against itself. In saying this I do not refer to any specific country—rather I have in mind all countries in the world."

New Era Dawning. "Happily for mankind a new era is dawning. From behind the clouds of suspicion, fear, and rivalry, the light of international co-operation and humanitarianism is gradually emerging. Governor W. M. Brucker of Michigan, speaking before the Mid-day Luncheon club, read in public for the first time the letter from an eleven year old New York girl which influenced the emancipator to grow a beard. The letter, written by Grace Bedell of Westfield, N. Y. follows in part: "Westfield, Chautauque county, New York, "October 15, 1863. "Hon. Abraham Lincoln, Dear Sir: "My father has just come home from the fair and brought home your picture. I am a little girl only 11 years old, but want you should be president of the United States very much. So I hope you won't think me very bold to write such a great man as you are, x x x "I have got four brothers and part of them will vote for you anyway. If you will let your whiskers grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you. You look a great deal better for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers, and they would teach their husbands to vote for you and then you would be president."

Lincoln Took Advice. As a result of this letter from

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 11.—Well, here I am back in Little Rock just three weeks later than when I visited this section, and still there is a division of opinion in Washington as to how these folks should be fed. I don't think we have anybody in Washington that don't want to feed 'em their way. I tell you one fellow that is certainly with 'em, and that is the weather. It has certainly been the warmest winter in years. If the weather man ever deserts 'em with what little clothes and bed coverings they have, why, they will suffer. That was a mighty fine thing Mr. Hoover did about his salary donation.

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