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LAME DUCK SESSIONS ABOLISHED

Comment on the Day's News

THESE words are written at Eugene, where the Oregon press conference is in session.

HERE is a sidelight that might be of interest: Attendance at this year's conference is about equal to previous years.

Newspaper men, like other people, are working harder this year, with smaller staffs.

WHAT is the main topic for discussion? Why ask that? It is the depression, of course.

These are the questions that are being asked. JACK PRICE, of Crater Lake, tells a good one along that line.

WALTER MAY, of the Oregonian, talks on "Prospects and Strategies in the Business Field." By that, he means what business men may expect, and how they ought to go after it.

THIS writer has an idea that if people talked less about the depression and spent more time attending to the business that is to be had, accepting things as they are and going ahead with them to the best of their ability, we should all be better off.

He admits that things are pretty bad, but points out that they might really be worse. IN the last three years, for example, he tells his hearers, 5400 banks have closed their doors in this country.

But listen to this: These 5400 closed banks, frightful as their total is, have affected only nine tenths of ONE PER CENT of all the bank deposits in the United States.

AND here is something else: In spite of unemployment, with people living up their savings, savings deposits in this country are now at their peak—that is to say, they are larger than ever before. And there are MORE savings depositors than at any time in the past.

SAVINGS deposits, of course, are at their peak, because people are piling their money and waiting, instead of using it. But at least the money will be there when people get their courage back and again start doing business.

THERE is much talk of the machine age taking every body's job away. But Mr. May quoted to his hearers these significant figures:

In 1900, there were 309 industrial workers out of each thousand of population. In 1930, there were 368. That sounds as if the machine were really CREATING JOBS, instead of taking them away.

20TH AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF U. S. RATIFIED

Missouri Gains Distinction As 36th and Last Needed State to Approve Change In Congressional Dates.

By James Cope WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP) The twentieth amendment, eliminating defeated legislators from participation in the government henceforth and hastening inauguration of president and new Congress, became today a part of the constitution of the United States.

Submitted to the states by congress on March 3 of last year, it was ratified in record time, the state of Missouri winning the distinction of being the thirty-sixth and last needed state to approve this modernizing legislation.

Effective Oct. 15. The amendment will become operative October 15 next. After that each regular session of congress will begin on January 3, every year, with no fixed adjournment date, and each new president will be inaugurated January 20.

Had it been in force now, Franklin D. Roosevelt would have been president since last Friday. The new, overwhelmingly democratic congress would have been in session since January 3, instead of the filibuster ridden and night helplessly present short session which must adjourn March 4 and can not possibly dispose of its big tasks in that time.

The ratification was a victory climaxing years of patient effort for the veteran independence Senator George Norris of Nebraska. He called the outcome today with the statement: "The enactment of this amendment is a triumph for the people."

WIFE OF ASHLAND MAYOR SUCCEUMBS

Mrs. Thornton Wiley, 47, wife of the mayor of Ashland, died suddenly this morning, of heart failure, while alone in her home. She had been ill for several years.

About eight o'clock, Mayor Thornton drove one of his children to school. When he returned he found his mate had passed.

Four children—three attending college at Napa, Calif., and the husband survived. The sudden passing was a shock to scores of friends in Ashland.

THOUSAND VOTES GIVEN POPULAR GIRL NOMINEES

Here's an opportunity to nominate a Rogue River valley girl for the MEDFORD MERCHANTS-MAIL TRIBUNE popularity contest, now in progress. Fill out this nomination blank and give to any one of the merchants participating in the novel contest.

I wish to nominate Miss _____ Address _____ as a competitor in the Merchants-Tribune Popularity Contest. (The merchants and Mail Tribune reserve the right to reject any nominee). It is not necessary to sign nomination blank unless desired. This nomination entitles this candidate to 1000 votes.

LOSS OF LIQUOR DEEP PUZZLE TO FORMER SHERIFF

Report By Grand Jury That Big Share of Confiscated Booze Gone Is Mystery To Ex-County Officers.

The grand jury, William E. Grieve of Prospect, foreman, which adjourned Saturday, following the return of a report setting forth that confiscated liquor was missing, according to an audit of the records, from the liquor vault in the courthouse basement, will reconvene Monday, February 6, and, it is predicted, will stay in session until its term expires February 27.

The grand jury also reported on the prohibition fund of the county, and found no discrepancies, as so often charged during the late campaign.

Mystery to All. The liquor evaporation is somewhat of a mystery to all concerned. Former Sheriff Ralph Jennings said this morning he "had no idea where it went, but wished he did." It was the opinion of the former official that the shortage occurred when the jail was in the city hall, and the confiscated booze was stored in the jail office, and not under separate lock and key.

One interesting angle to the mystery is that during the final days of the campaign, there was a widely circulated rumor to the effect that liquor had been stolen from the sheriff's office. It was generally regarded as "just another campaign canard."

8.05 PCT. BEER WINS APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The Collier-Blaine bill to legalize 3.05 per cent beer and wine was approved today by the senate judiciary committee after an attempt to limit the alcoholic content to 2 per cent was rejected.

The committee adopted an amendment to prohibit sale of 3.05 per cent beverages to children, on motion of Senator Borah (R., Idaho).

The Volstead law modification proposal now goes to the senate, but promptly will be referred to the finance committee for consideration of its provision levying a tax of \$5 a barrel.

W. M. Clemenson, chairman of the inter-club committee, extended a cordial greeting to all and promised that his committee would be on the look-out throughout the year to make all Kiwanians and visitors welcome.

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Committee Probes State's Finances; Barnes Sales Tax Hearing Tonight

GOVERNOR PENS NOTE TO SOLONS ON ROAD POLICY

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The fifth of a series of special messages to the legislature by Governor Julius L. Meier, this one dealing with the highway commission program, was expected during the day, word from the executive offices today indicated.

The house passed one bill during the morning, that introduced by Representative Charles Huntington of Lane county. It would prohibit the running of livestock at large on public highways in parts of the county not already covered under the act.

KIWANIANS ENJOY ROUSING PROGRAM AT NOON SESSION

A meeting characterized by honest-to-goodness pep and enthusiasm, was held today by the Kiwanis club at the luncheon session at the Hotel Medford, and all members came away feeling and looking better.

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RIDES MULE TO SENATE SESSION



C. "Nifty" Garrett, new democratic state senator from Sumner, Wash., arrived in Olympia astride a mule for the opening of the legislature. His mount was bedecked with signs and he was accompanied by a band of musicians dressed as farmers.

ROLF ON TRIAL FOR SLAYING HUNTER FRIEND

Selection of a jury in the trial of Reinhard A. Rolf of Central Point, was delayed this afternoon, when the regular panel was exhausted, and the court ordered a special venire of 15 names to fill the jury box.

Reinhard A. Rolf of the Central Point district, went on trial in circuit court this morning before Judge H. D. Norton, charged with involuntary manslaughter, when he accidentally shot his hunting companion, Joseph St. Germain, in mistake for a bear, in the Butte Falls district last October.

Rolf, a man in his thirties, plainly showed the effects of worry as he sat with counsel. He is represented by Attorneys E. E. Kelly and Frank DeSouza. Rolf's wife sat with him, and also showed the effects of the strain, giving way to tears upon one occasion.

Jurors called to the jury box, were quailed by the defense, if they held any bias against hunters who slew accidentally. The first juror examined was D. M. Lowe of the Ashland district, who said he had hunted for 30 years in the west.

Rolf, through his attorneys will contend that the tragedy was accidental, that the lights and shadows of the timber, made it difficult for the defendant to see distinctly, and that St. Germain at the time was wearing clothing of a color, corresponding to that general hue of a bear.

The defendant was indicted by the grand jury last November. The hunting accident occurred while Rolf and Germain were in the Butte Falls district last fall. They were proceeding through the woods. Rolf in front and St. Germain following. When Rolf stopped, according to the information at the time, he saw what he mistook for a bear between two logs. He fired a shot. His companion and friend cried in anguish, revealing to Rolf he had made a tragic error.

THOS. NICKERSON NATIVE SON, DIES

Thomas Jackson Nickerson passed away at the residence of Mrs. Cynthia E. Culbertson on Western Avenue, early Monday morning, after a lingering illness, at the age of 57. He was born on Williams creek, and is a native son of Jackson county. His father, William Nickerson, was a pioneer of this district, and donated the land which is now the Missouri Flats cemetery, on the Applegate.

Mr. Nickerson leaves a host of friends in the Rich and Applegate sections. He leaves two sisters in Washington, and the following nieces and nephews: Elsie Lindley and May Gocher of Grants Pass, De Elsie Gohliette of Bridge, Ore., William B. Tetteroff of Grants Pass, Mrs. R. L. Evans and Herbert Tetteroff of Medford.

BLAZE DESTROYS HOME, CONTENTS NEAR CENTRAL PT.

The home of Mrs. Lizzie Owens, just west of Central Point, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin shortly after noon yesterday and all furnishings with the exception of a sewing machine and bed clothing also went up in flames.

Mrs. Owens, who lived alone in the house, was there when the fire broke out, but it had spread through much of the interior before she realized what was happening. She summoned the Central Point fire department, which was unable to check the blaze, which was roaring through rooms and doorways, when the men arrived at the scene.

Through the use of snow, the barn neighboring the farm house and Mrs. Owens' car were guarded against the flames. An auto stationed in the road in front of the house blistered by the intense heat.

No definite information could be received, but it was estimated that the house was valued at approximately \$2000. Furniture treasured by Mrs. Owens for many years was also destroyed.

Silver at 16 to 1 Is Wheeler's Aim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) told the senate today he would offer his bill to remonetize silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 with gold as an amendment to the pending Glass bank bill.

Wheeler's announcement was made after Senators Thomas (D., Okla.) and Ashurst (D., Ariz.) again had demanded currency relief.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The metropolis prepared a notable funeral today for Miss Elizabeth Marbury, 76 years old, who considered herself a failure.

A renowned leader in theatrical, literary, political and civic life, she nevertheless believed that any one of millions of obscure housewives was more successful than she. When asked for her ideas about success for women, she would say: "There is only one real success for women; that is to marry happily and have children and a home. In other words, to bring forth life as God intended a woman should."

SECRET SESSION WORKS TO KEEP OREGON SOLVENT

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Delegated the task at a conference between state officials, legislative leaders, members of the highway commission and two Portland bankers, which lasted for more than two hours in the executive chambers this morning, a committee composed of Governor Julius Meier, State Treasurer Rufus Holman, Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss, Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, and Senator H. C. Wheeler and Representative L. F. Allen, chairman of the senate and house who have serious concerns respectively, today started an investigation into the present financial condition of the state.

The committee was instructed to determine as accurately as is possible within the next few days the current condition of the state treasury, and to make recommendations to the ways and means committee as to possible methods of relieving the cash shortage which threatens to place the state on a warrant basis.

Because of the depletion of state funds and the immediate need for action to protect the state's credit, the committee was asked to report as promptly as possible, and announced that it would again convene this afternoon to start its work.

Attending this morning's conference in an advisory capacity were Hon. F. Edolstein of the United States National bank of Portland, and Palmer L. Pales, attorney for that institution. It was a star chamber session from which even the press was barred.

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Opposition to any consolidation or liquidation of the World war veterans state aid committee, but on the other hand making recommendations to stop payment of cash bonuses, prevent transfer of bonus payments for loans, and provisions to increase the interest rate on loans to six per cent and limit loans to 40 per cent of the appraised value for the next two years are the pertinent contents of a report to the governor and both houses of the legislature by the special committee of the American Legion of Oregon today.

These recommendations resulted from a series of conferences held in Salem Monday by 150 Legionnaires from all parts of the state, and culminated in a session of the special committee here yesterday. The report was submitted here late today to the governor and members of the legislature.

Amos F. Smith Taken By Death

Amos Francis Smith, 33, a resident of Jackson county for some time, passed away very quietly at the Convalescent home Sunday morning, after two weeks' illness. He had worked at one time for Hugo Daley, and was hitchhiking with Elmer Adams of this city.

Remains are at the Peri Funeral Home, and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Plan Notable Funeral for Woman Who Counted Life Failure Without Children

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REPUBLICANS RUN OUT ON HOOVER AS FINAL DAYS LOOM

Former Supporters In Congress Figure President Can Do Them No More Good—Burns Private Papers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The Republicans in congress are running out on Mr. Hoover in substantial numbers. He cannot count on his normal Republican support in the votes that are to come before March 4th.

They figure he can do them no good any more. His power of appointment has been taken away by the senate Democrats, who have refused to confirm any of his nominees. He cannot offer any jobs to his brood of lame ducks.

Also the boys who aspire to future success read the last election returns much more closely than you know. The underlying feeling was forcibly illustrated when he was overrudden on the Philippine independence bill. If he had vetoed that bill prior to election he would have been sustained in both houses. The roll-calls prove it. In the house 83 Republicans voted against him. Not more than half belong to the rebellious farm bloc. The rest are old guardsmen who ordinarily support a Republican President at any price.

That may be one of the reasons why Mr. Hoover began to burn up his papers this week. The White House lawn was littered with paper ash from the incinerator in the executive office. Mr. Hoover personally picked out the things to be burned. He did not burn them himself. That task was entrusted to his personal stenographer, Miss Shanker. She watched each letter go up in smoke.

Those who have talked recently with the executive say he has given up hope of being able to accomplish anything before his term expires. Noon, March 4, cannot come too soon for him.

The drive for beer and repeal has slowed down to a walk. The reason is that everyone knows now there is no chance of getting legislation at this session. The measure will certainly be voted on in the senate before adjournment, and probably passed. A beer bill may go to the President. He is ready to veto it and it cannot pass over his veto. Repeal cannot get through the house. Action will come when the Democrats take over.

Another case where Mr. Roosevelt (Continued on Page Four)

HEARINGS ON AID FOR FARMERS TO RUN SEVEN DAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Public hearings beginning Wednesday on the domestic allotment farm relief bill were decided upon today by the senate agriculture committee.

Chairman McNary (R., Ore.) said it was hoped to conclude the hearings in "six or seven days."

Open sessions are planned for 10 to 12 a. m. each day. Representatives of producers, processors and manufacturers have asked to testify. McNary planned to go over the list and determine definitely which ones should first be heard.

'Poor' Albany Lady Helped By County Had \$4500 Estate

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Porter, deceased, appealed for county aid almost 11 years ago and since that time has been receiving \$10 a month until her death last week. Yesterday it was revealed that she had left an estate of \$4500 in cash. County officials are now preparing a claim of \$1500 against the estate.