

SENATE PASSES TRAIN BILL

COPCO AND
K. I. D. ARE
IN SESSIONConference Preliminary
To Arbitration of
DisagreementsM'CORMICK SITE IS
STUBBORN PROBLEMJacob Files Frequent
Objections During
Discussions

Preliminary moves toward arbitration of differences between the Klamath Irrigation District and the California Oregon Power Company struck a bad snag this morning when the discussion reached the fourth problem for settlement, namely: that of the McCormick site.

Only a few of the water users of the district were present at today's preliminary meeting. J. C. Boyle, assistant general manager of the California Oregon Power company, and directors of the district board discussed the questions for proposed arbitration.

McCormick Site Is Problem
The first serious disagreement occurred when the question of the McCormick site was broached. Director Joe Jacob declared that he could see no reason why the California Oregon Power company should have any interest whatever in the site, nor why they would object to the Klamath Irrigation district owning the property.

Several reasons were set forth by Mr. Boyle as follows: The fact that the power company will start a project for regulation of the stream flow of the Klamath river in the near future, and that this project will shut on the McCormick site, as well as the fact that the location of the site is desirable to the company for elimination of interference in other operations.

Explains Copco Position
"It is the wish of the company to be allowed to bid on the site in accordance with the law, on the same basis as any other prospective buyers, instead of allowing the sale of the site put through in a special bill favoring the district," declared Mr. Boyle today. "When the McCormick site was first advertised for sale in 1927, the California Oregon Power company considered the site of no value for power purposes, and did not bid upon it at the time, but reserved."

Great Northern
Given Permit To
Tap Timber Belt

ST. PAUL, Feb. 13. (AP)—Officials of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways today announced the roads had received permission from the interstate commerce commission to construct a \$1,500,000 extension into valuable timber lands of Oregon.

Six billion feet of timber, they said, will be tapped by the new line which will be a subsidiary of both roads. The extension will consist of about 35 miles of new track west of Eugene, Ore., to be built by the Oregon Electric railway. It will enter the virgin timber regions of the Siuslaw valley.

Opposition of the Southern Pacific was overcome in obtaining the extension.

The Nightly Argument

AUNT HET
By Robert Quillen

"Bill has got religion an' joined the church, but I notice it's just repent'n' religion—not the give-it-back kind."

POOR PA
By Claude Callan

"Our two daughters-in-law don't like each other, but they visit each an' forth. Each one wants to find out whether Ma an' me have done anything for the other one."

Committee Have
Plan To Remove
Tax on PropertyPropose Increase in Rate on Excise and
Income Tax Laws, and Reenactment of
Excise Tax Law With Increase.

SALEM, Feb. 13. (AP)—Out of a series of conferences by legislative leaders during the past two years has grown what is considered well-defined tax program of the present session. It embraces a group of four or five prospective bills calculated to wipe out completely the state tax on property next year and thereafter by increasing the rate of the present excise tax law from 5 to 8 per cent, re-enacting the intangibles tax act with an 8 instead of a 5 per cent rate, and possibly increasing the range of the income tax rate from 1 to 8 per cent instead of from 1 to 5 per cent as at present.

The assessment and taxation committees of the two houses have formulated this program after calling into conference the members of the state tax commission, one of the conferences being in the office of Governor Julius L. Meier yesterday.

If this group of measures is launched the committees will drop house bill 174, which provides for enactment of a retroactive intangibles tax law at the 5 per cent rate to cover incomes for 1929, and which was designed to make unnecessary a refund of the tax collected for that year under the old act that was held unconstitutional by the supreme court.

Will Not Surrender
This does not mean, however, that the tax committees will surrender immediately to the demand for a refund. It is planned to include another bill in the new group which would authorize a refund of collections under any tax act that might be invalidated by the courts. An effort will be made to appeal the intangibles case to the United States supreme court. Should the court refuse to accept the case, or should it affirm the state supreme court, then the general act authorizing a refund would be applied to the intangibles collections of 1929.

After a study of authorities tax leaders think there is no doubt that the case is appealable, since the state court's decision hinged on the interpretation of a provision of the federal constitution. It is pointed out, however, that (Continued on Page Twelve)

Southern Oregon Livestock association, Klamath County Potato Growers association and Pomona Grange have all gone on record as opposing Senate Bill number 161, limiting the length of freight and passenger trains, it was announced today through the office of C. A. Henderson, county agriculturalist.

The bill, which has been hotly contested by the railroad companies operating in Oregon, passed the senate yesterday and is expected to be before the house during the early part of the coming week.

Action opposing the enactment of the bill into law was taken by the agricultural and livestock interests of Klamath county on the grounds that reduction of freight rates would result in various farm products originating in this district and are largely due to the ability of the railroad companies to operate longer trains and otherwise reduce overhead expenses.

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce has also gone on record as opposed to the bill.

Filibuster
In Senate Is
Short Lived

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—Senator Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, concluded his filibuster in the senate today and moved to send the bill including the \$20,000,000 compromise relief plan back to conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—The senate encountered a filibuster today by Senator Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, which blocked action on the \$20,000,000 drought relief compromise and threw a scare into leaders who want to avoid an extra session.

NICARAGUA TO
BE EVACUATED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—Acceptance by President Moncada of Nicaragua of a definite plan of the United States to substantially reduce marine forces in Nicaragua by June and pave the way for complete withdrawal after the elections of 1932 was announced today by Secretary Stimson.

Orders for the removal of troops to become immediately effective, are those on combat duty against the insurgent forces and total about 500. The remaining marine force will be stationed in Managua, the capital, and will devote their attention solely to training purposes and as an aviation unit required in some sections due to lack of roads.

All marines under the plan will be sent to Nicaragua following the 1932 election.

The withdrawal plan is linked with a plan to increase immediately by 500 the Nicaraguan national guard, which will wage a vigorous campaign against bandit forces, most prominent among whose leaders was the elusive "General" Sandino.

The plan was devised by Stimson while in conference with American Minister Hanna, Major General Frank R. McCoy, army officer who supervised the 1928 election, and Brigadier General Douglas McDougal, former commander of the Nicaraguan national guard and a United States marine officer.

SALEM SALESMAN IS
IN CRITICAL CONDITION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13. (AP)—Theodore E. Byrd, 32, district manager for the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner company, shot himself with suicidal attempt through the right temple while lying across a bed in a room at the New Salem hotel at 10 o'clock Friday forenoon. According to Dr. G. E. Prime, attending physician, Byrd has no chance for recovery, and his death at the Williams sanitarium, where he was taken following the shooting, is expected within a few hours.

Weather

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows that the barometric pressure is rising today and this would indicate a continuance of fine weather.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:

High, 34; low, 21.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Fair and cool with moderate winds.

OREGON: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Saturday, unsettled in the west portion; no change in temperature. Moderate southeast winds offshore.

Some
Events Of
Friday, The
13th

MARION, O., Feb. 13. (AP)—Friday the thirteenth brought the thirteenth daughter to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Chandler, who reside on a farm near here. The mother is 41 years of age and the oldest daughter is 29. Ten of the 13 daughters are living and reside with their parents.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13. (AP)—Friday the thirteenth brought ill-luck early to Albert Richard Wetten, Oregon author and playwright. Returning to his home at 1 a. m., he discovered that one butter knife was all that remained of a set of sterling silver. The burglar left no clues.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (AP)—The Cunard liner Mauretania will sail for Cherbourg and Southampton tonight at five minutes after midnight, to avoid any conflict with passengers who feel dubious about putting out to sea on Friday the 13th.

PORTLAND PAIR
MOVED TO JAIL
IN HILLSBORO

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13. (AP)—The doors of the Multnomah county jail opened today and Nelson C. Bowles, capitalist, and Irma Loucks, his former secretary, were one step nearer their trial for the murder of Mrs. Loucks.

The two, in custody of three deputies, were taken to the Washington county jail in Hillsboro where the murder trial will be held. They are charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Mrs. Leone Bowles, prominent society matron, who died in Miss Loucks' apartment from a knife wound the murder trial will be held. They are charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Mrs. Leone Bowles, prominent society matron, who died in Miss Loucks' apartment from a knife wound.

Miss Loucks today complained of being ill and apparently suffered a recurrence of the nervous disorder which made it difficult for her to walk.

Bowles seemed in good spirits and bade goodbye to his 47 companions in the jail corridor. They wished him "luck."

The 18-mile drive to Hillsboro was made in 25 minutes. The case will be heard before Circuit Judge George Bagley, probably late this month. The case was taken to Washington county on a defense motion for a change of venue.

Possibility that Nelson C. and Irma Loucks may go to trial within ten days for the murder of Mrs. Leone Bowles in Portland, was seen today in the announcement of Circuit Judge George Bagley that his calendar is clear and he can hear the case at any time the state and defense are ready.

Legislature May
Dispense With Its
Morning SessionsMore Time Is Required For Committee
Work. New Holiday Proposed. Senate Defeats Band Tax Bill.

SALEM, Feb. 13. (AP)—Forenoon sessions of the legislature may be cut out during the remainder of the present legislative period, if a concurrent resolution introduced today by Senator J. E. Bennett is adopted by both houses. Instead the time would be given to committee meetings.

The resolution's preamble explained that since the legislative period is rapidly approaching the normal closing date with much important work yet to be done the committees should be enabled to get pending bills before the two houses for final action.

Two sessions during the day, said the resolution, are confusing and make it almost impossible for chairmen of committees, especially the minor committees, to get quorums together for business.

The resolution directs the president of the senate and the

CONTROL
OF BIRTHS
IS URGEDGillette Bill Is Backed
In Hearing Before
CommitteeCHARGE STORK WITH
BEING CAUSE OF WARIncrease In Population Of
World Held To Be
A Menace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—Scores of advocates of birth control packed the committee room today as hearings on the Gillette bill to legalize dissemination of contraceptive information opened before a senate judiciary sub-committee.

The day was to be devoted to hearing proponents of the bill, with tomorrow given over to its opponents.

Women Support Bill.
The bill of Senator Gillette, republican, Massachusetts, was described "as the most important piece of social legislation to come before you at this time or any other time," by Mrs. Thomas K. Hepburn, of Hartford, Connecticut. She declared the question of birth control is at the bottom of all prevailing social ills, including poverty and unemployment.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, of New York, the country's foremost birth control advocate, was introduced by Mrs. Hepburn. A woman of middle age, quietly dressed in brown, Mrs. Sanger traced the history of the birth control in the United States.

Speaking in an earnest voice, she contended the federal law, known as the "Comstock" law, in 47 states that permit a physician to give his patient scientific contraceptive information.

"The effect of the law is simply to keep alive hypocrisy and superstition," she declared. "The harm that it has done far outweighs the good."

"It has increased crime, the dissemination of unsanitary information and abortion."

Shows Birth Decline.
Dr. J. Whitridge Williams, of Johns Hopkins university, declared "a huge bootleg trade has grown in contraceptive devices and information."

He cited figures to show the average number of children in a family has declined from 5 or 6 to 2.

"The average doctor," he said, "objects to the present law against birth control for the same reason he objects to the prohibition law and narcotic law, because it attempts to tell physicians how to prescribe treatment for their patients."

Stork Cause of War.
"Birth control," said Rev. Charles Francis Potter of New York, "tends to prevent war. The bird of war is not the eagle, but the stork. Nations expand beyond the ability of their own land to sustain. They demand

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She's Such a Cut-Up!



The hatchet on the face of Miss Wynne Gibson isn't intended to bring forth any sharp retorts about these movie-cut-ups. She's only illustrating the latest in beauty marks for Washington's birthday.

VANDERBILT
SAYS HE WAS
MISQUOTED

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13. (AP)—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., today told his version of the Mussolini hit-run story for which Major General Smedley D. Butler was ordered to face court martial, and asserted the anecdote would have "proved merely a squib compared to issues which testimony taking would have been made public" had the court martial not been called off.

Vanderbilt said General Butler "took a story of mine, twisted it around to score a point for himself, and make me the goat." "Testimony I would have given at Butler's court martial," Vanderbilt said, "would have brought out statements made by the general at a gathering of members of the American affiliated lecture bureau last November."

"These statements," he said, "concerned 'failure of a foreign power to live up to the terms of the naval pact entered into last year between the United States, Great Britain and Japan.'"

Vanderbilt said the third speaker at the November meeting of the lecture bureau in New York, at which he and Butler spoke, was "an official of a foreign government."

Vanderbilt's story of the Mussolini incident was as follows: "I was riding with Mussolini, who drove a small child ran in front of the machine at a sharp turn in the road and was hit. I looked back to see if the child

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New Quakes Rock
Stricken Areas
In New Zealand

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 13. (AP)—Severe earth shocks which rocked the Hawkes Bay district at noon today did considerable damage in the town, already virtually destroyed by quakes of a week ago.

Walls left standing in the ruined business area fell, inflicting minor injuries upon workers. All further work of clearing the town was halted. There were many narrow escapes as returning residents leaped from beneath tottering masonry.

The coast to the south of the town was hidden in clouds of dust. The director of the geological survey, after inspecting the Hawkes Bay district, reported that the quakes there February 3 raised the coast line at Napier three feet, seven feet at Patane and six feet at Tongoro.

FORMER LEGISLATOR
DIES IN CALIFORNIA

PORTLAND, Feb. 13. (AP)—Word was received here today of the death of Seneca C. Beach, 70, former state legislator, and well-known printer, at his home in Los Angeles.

He was born in Iowa in 1860. In 1891 he opened a job printing shop here. In 1894 he was elected to the legislature, and was returned in 1895,

LENGTHS
OF TRAINS
LIMITEDSeventy Cars Would Be
Maximum Limit Of
Freight Trains14-CAR LIMIT FOR
PASSENGER TRAINSSafety Is Held Basis Of
Bill; Senator Upton
Father of Bill

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13. (AP)—While the house ended another controversy of the session in defeating the old age pension bill, the senate listened to a lengthy debate upon the railroad bill forcing trains to limit their length to 70 cars freight or 14 cars passenger. The measure was approved by just enough votes to carry it through, 16 to 14. It now goes to the house.

As a result of time being taken up over discussion of this and other measures, the senate did not clear its calendar for the day, but will carry over several bills. Today it will consider 28 proposals, most of them amendatory bills. The house will consider 23 bills in addition to three resolutions and several motions, among which are the police pension fund and changing the name of the Roosevelt highway to the Oregon Coast highway. It is expected the session will continue through until Saturday noon.

Upton Author of Bill
The limited train bill in the senate would provide that all freight trains not be permitted to haul more than 70 cars and passenger trains not more than 14 cars. It was introduced by Senators Jay Upton, J. E. Bennett, W. E. Burke, Gus Moser and Joe Dunne, and was sponsored by the railroad brotherhoods.

Rates Enter Discussion
Safety precaution was the basis of support of the measure, while opponents declared it would impair the efficiency of the railroads, require additional expenditure of money, and that long trains were not a detriment to safety of crew members.

The matter of rates entered into the discussion, the statement made by opponents that eliminating long trains would possibly wipe out the ten per cent differential rates for Portland over Seattle, the bill establishing an artificial barrier to the mountain barrier to carriers into Seattle.

How Senators Voted
The vote on the measure was: For: Bailey, Bennett, Booth, Burke, Dunne, Fisher, Francisovich, Hall, Kiddle, Kuck, Miller, Spaulding, Strayer, Upton, Wheeler, Marks.

Against: Billingsley, Brown, Carner, Crawford, Dunn, Eberhard, Eddy, Johnson, Jones, Mann, Moser, Schulerich, Staples, Woodward.

Bill Wins Attention
The bill had attracted wide attention in the state and had been the subject of several hearings before the senate.

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LATE NEWS

CONTRACTORS DEMAND MONEY.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—Contractors constructing reclamation projects in western states have advised Commissioner Mead that unless funds for paying them are assured in the meantime they would be forced to stop work March 1. Over 1000 men would be affected.

BAKER MAN IS KILLED.
BAKER, Ore., Feb. 13. (AP)—Frank McCullough, 60, a retired farmer, was killed by carbon monoxide gas in his garage at Haines today. He was in the closed garage only ten minutes. The engine was running. His family said he had been suffering from heart trouble.

PROPOSE CHANGE IN PRIMARY DATE.
SALEM, Feb. 13. (AP)—Senator M. E. Bennett's bill to change the date of primary elections from May to September found considerable favor when it came up for third reading today, but was tabled for further consideration. This was done on motion of Bennett himself after technical points in the measure had been discussed.

COMMITTEE APPROVES MEYER.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—The nomination of Eugene Meyer to be governor of the federal reserve board was approved today by the senate banking committee. The vote was 12 to 3. Senators Brookhart, Iowa, and Blaine, Wisconsin, republicans, and Fletcher, democrat, Florida, voted against a favorable report.

WILL GIVE VIEWS ON BONUS LOANS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—Chairman Hawley of the House ways and means committee today announced the treasury was preparing a statement to present administration views on the bill to increase loans to veterans.

PRESIDENT CREIGHTON DIES.
OMAHA, Feb. 13. (AP)—Rev. William H. Agnew, S. J., president of Creighton university, died today at St. Mary's hospital at Rochester, Minn. He was widely known in Catholic circles as an educator and sociologist.

REPORTS ON RED CROSS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (AP)—Representative Sandlin, democrat, Louisiana, said today he has been advised by the Red Cross that the "general feeding" program will start March first.