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WEATHER
Highest yesterday 70
Lowest last night 40
Tonight and Saturday
fair.

BODY OF MURDERER VICTIM WRAPPED IN A HOP SACK TAKEN FROM RIVER TODAY

Hole Through Head Shows Manner in Which Frank Bowker Met Death at the Hands of Young Hecker—Weighted with Heavy Stones.

13 1/2 miles from Portland on the Oregon City road, three miles this side of Gladstone, is believed now to be the place where the body of Frank Bowker was murdered Sunday night. Captain of Detectives Harms, Inspectors Schulpius, Cason and Barker, and Deputy Sheriff Kendall returned last night from scouring the country and reported their findings.

If their theory proves correct, the burden of detection and prosecution of Russell Hecker will rest on Clackamas county, as the responsibility will be placed on the county in which the actual crime was committed.

Pool of Blood Gives Clue.

The officers learned of the spot while running down another report that blood had been found on another road. L. B. Johnston, an employee of the Khan-Herbert company at Gladstone, found a large pool of blood beside the road near the city limits at 6:30 o'clock Monday morning. He said it was large enough to attract notice, but he paid no attention to it until he read the newspapers later in the day.

He then told about the blood spot in Gladstone and when the officers stopped there yesterday they heard of the find and went to the place immediately.

Ideal Spot for Murder.

On one side of the road is a large timber tract and on the other is the Southern Pacific right of way. It is an isolated place and there is no house nearer than a quarter of a mile. Captain Harms said it would be an ideal place to commit a murder.

Substantiating the new theory is the report that an automobile was seen standing at practically the same place, headlights burning, about 10 o'clock Sunday night, approximately the time the murder is supposed to have been committed. Rains which fell in the intervening time had washed nearly all the blood away and only a faint blotch, which is very uncertain, was found by the officers when they reached the spot.

Fight Probably Occurred.

Captain Harms said he thought it entirely probable that Bowker would begin to ask questions after he had been driven out a little further than he thought necessary, and that the questions would have been pointed before they reached Gladstone. The fight would have occurred in such case at or near the place where the blood was found.

The entire matter will have to rest until the chemical analysis of the gravel is made. The detectives made no effort to question Hecker when they returned and probably will not talk with him about their discovery until the examination is finished and the report is received from the chemist.

Hecker Known at Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 21.—Russell Hecker, the young man who has confessed to the killing of Frank Bowker, of Portland, formerly lived in Marshfield, as well as his victim. It was something of a coincidence that both the murdered man and the confessed murderer formerly resided in Marshfield.

Young Hecker when a mere youth came here from Albany and worked as a bell hop at the Chandler hotel. Later he was engaged as operator of a moving picture machine for E. M. Thurber when the latter operated the Orpheum theater and for a time played with the McCormick jazz orchestra and part of the time sold tickets at the McCormick dances. On a later occasion he visited Coos Bay when a member of McKelroy's jazz band.

When he lived here Hecker had a good reputation and the young man was quite well known about the city. He resided here for probably two years.

Bowker Remembered.

Bowker was a former member of the old Coos Bay Concert Band. He was also here last summer when the Elks state convention was held in Marshfield, coming as a member of the band from Portland.

When he resided in Marshfield Bowker at one time worked as a barber in August Farley's barber shop. He had a wife and twin daughters when he resided here.

He was seen not many months ago in Portland about the hotel offices by Marshfield men. At that time he had his violin case with him and later he was arrested for playing illegally which he carried about in the violin case.

C. H. Medley, who has been in San Francisco for the past few days looking after business matters, returned to this city today.

BODY IS RECOVERED.

ALBANY, Or., April 21.—Grapplers at 10 o'clock today raised the body of Frank Bowker, wrapped in a hop sack and heavily weighted with stones, from the bottom of the Calapooia river near here. The body was taken from the river about a mile below the bridge where Hecker's father told the police the boy had dropped it Sunday night. Officers who examined the body of the dead man stated the bullet that killed Bowker had entered through the neck, passed out through his eye, causing instant death. Hecker in his reported confession said he threw the body from the bridge in a hop sack.

(By United Press.)

ALBANY, Or., April 21.—Bowker's body was found in shallow water when the grapplers, almost two feet of their search, had been sopping farther and farther down stream. The body was found much deeper below the bridge than was expected by the searchers and when it was in a crouching position in the hop sack, with bullet wound in neck and over eye, indicating that the shot was fired from behind the bullet penetrating the head.

Trails of blood found on the high bank near Gladstone this morning led police to believe that the murder was committed near the supposed river cache, where the two men, Russell Hecker and Frank Bowker, were taken to examine. It is the opinion of the officers that a fight took place here and that Bowker was killed.

A Woodburn garage man reported he saw blood on Hecker's fingers Sunday night and that the boy appeared very nervous. The police now where the case is complete against young Hecker.

Body Near Bank.

(By United Press.)

ALBANY, Or., April 21.—When the body was within two feet of the east bank of the Calapooia river, and was taken to the Albany morgue, being held in the sack until the arrival of the Portland officers. The police today are analyzing the supposed bloodstains on the gravel where a pool of blood was seen Monday on the road 13 miles from Portland toward Oregon City. It is believed to be the spot where Bowker was killed.

WILL CHASE BOOZE RUNNERS BY RADIO

(International News Service.)

DENVER, April 21.—The first radio station in the United States, it is believed, will be used here to stop the federal customs building. Purchase and installation of the plant will begin as soon as formal approval of the project is received from Washington.

E. H. McClennahan, prohibition director and enforcement officer for the district of Colorado, announced that the radio system is to be employed principally for the detection and capture of "booze runners."

We are anticipating some bold attempts to bring down liquor to Denver this summer," McClennahan said. "There is practically no bond liquor in the city at this time. It is almost impossible because of heavy snows in Wyoming. When the trails, however, there probably will be a rush of booze from Canada. The radio will enable us to get ahead of impending excursions into the United States and into Colorado over the Wyoming line from Canada."

Numerous prohibition agents stationed throughout Colorado will be equipped with small, portable "radio sets" to keep in touch with the major headquarters.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR VISITS

Senator I. L. Patterson, Seeking Nomination for Governor of Oregon in City.

STANDS FOR ECONOMY

Believes That Salaries of Governor and of State Employees Should Be Revised to Pre-War Basis and Commissions Consolidated.

Senator I. L. Patterson, of Polk county, Republican candidate for governor of the state of Oregon, was a visitor in Roseburg today and accompanied by W. J. Weaver, manager of the Empique hotel where Senator Patterson was a guest last night, and A. C. Marsters of the Roseburg National Bank, visited a number of the leading men and women of this community. Senator Patterson is on a trip into southern Oregon and is going from here on to Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland, stopping at the smaller towns and cities enroute.



State Senator I. L. Patterson, Republican Candidate for Governor of Oregon at Primary Election.

Understands thoroughly business principles and economy.

As collector of customs for eight years and a senator for two terms, Mr. Patterson acquired a wide knowledge of governmental administration that equips and qualifies him for the office he now seeks.

In both capacities he acquitted himself with credit.

Although during the tight years of his occupancy of collector of customs the business of the office doubled, he succeeded through the introduction of economies in reducing the administrative expenses more than one-half, and the achievement won for him the commendation of the assistant secretary of the treasury.

As a member of the ways and means committee of the 1915 session he led a successful fight on the floor of the senate against a salary raise that had been precipitated on the treasury by the house. In the 1921 session the movement was rejected on a lower scale, and while the senator voted for practically all county salary bills, he balked on most of the salary increases for state officers, including that of the governor.

He is the author of the budget law passed by the 1921 legislature, and which was one of the most constructive measures enacted during the session.

A "dirt" farmer himself, the senator supported the farmers' cooperative market bill of the 1921 session, and his legislative record on the road and alien land ownership question is in accord with the planks in his platform on these subjects. He also voted for the automobile license tax bill, which he now recommends to owners of used cars.

Rearer in the old school of politics, the senator was always inclined to follow the organization program in the senate whenever possible.

He was generally sufficiently progressive, however, to break away from the organization when any vital issue was jeopardized by its program. One of the 1919 session, the senator was strongly inclined to join with the senators warring war on the paving monopoly, but finally wound up with the opposition.

Retrenchment and the application of business principles in the administration of state affairs is the cardinal plank of the platform on which Senator I. L. Patterson is seeking the republican gubernatorial nomination.

The senator's retrenchment program contemplates:

1. Reduction of all salaries—including the salary of the governor—to a pre-war basis.
2. Abolition of all superfluous

PORTLAND TRAGEDY RESULTS IN DEATH OF EX-SERVICE MAN

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Or., April 21.—Mrs. J. L. Cave, of this city, is in a serious condition at a hospital with a bullet wound in her head inflicted late last night at her home by J. R. Chambers, an ex-service man, who shot himself dead after wounding Mrs. Cave and Harry Post, a guest at the Cave home.

Mrs. Cave is the mother of Chambers' wife, who recently separated from her husband. Chambers sent threatening letters to Mrs. Cave and last night appeared at the latter's home, where his wife was living. He fired a shot at Post when he went to the door, shattering Post's right hand, and then fired through a window at Mrs. Cave, after which he turned the pistol on himself, shooting himself dead.

MILLION DOLLARS TO FIGHT RAGING FLOODS

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The immediate appropriation of a million dollars to fight the floods along the Mississippi river will be asked in a joint resolution in the house today.

NIGHT OF TERROR IN STREETS OF BELFAST

BELFAST, April 21.—Hundreds of gunmen participated in street battles during the worst night of terror Belfast has known in months. Seventeen persons were wounded. Gangsters boldly exchanged shots from the streets with snipers on the roofs.

HOSPITAL BE PROVIDED FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Harding today signed the bill authorizing the appropriation of seventeen million dollars for building additional hospitals for the care of disabled veterans of the world war.

TARIFF BILL SHOVED ASIDE FOR BONUS BILL

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The tariff bill will be shoved aside to clear the way for the soldiers bonus bill, Senator McCumber announced today. The finance committee expected to start work on the bill today.

ARGUMENTS IN OLIN CASE HEARD TODAY

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The supreme court today heard the arguments in the case of Charles Olin against Oregon state officials in which Olin contended that aliens had a right to fish in the Columbia river in Oregon, and that the right was acquired under a compact between Washington and Oregon. Olin's attorney contended that this right was exempted from the law passed by Oregon in 1919 requiring aliens to obtain licenses.

boards and commissions, and the consolidation of overlapping commissions.

3. More economical administration of the affairs of the state institutions.
4. Redemption of the bond issues authorized by the state.
5. Veto of all extravagant and wasteful appropriations.

Need is Retrenchment.

"Taxes of the state and its subdivisions for the year 1921 are in excess of \$49,000,000, and with over \$4,000,000 in delinquent taxes on the rolls, the great need of this state is retrenchment and the application of business principles in the administration of public affairs," says the senator in his platform in discussing what he terms the "tax crisis."

"The way to relieve the tax burden is to retrench," he continues. "Only last year when farmers and business men were being distressingly defaulted, the governor's salary was increased from \$5,000 and \$7,500—an increase of 50 per cent. I propose to stop the orgy of salary raising. I shall insist that the salary of the governor be reduced to \$2,000, and that the salaries of all state officials and employees be revised downward to the pre-war basis.

"Upon the governor rests the responsibility for imprudent or extravagant appropriations of public funds. Through the single item veto, a practically unused power, he alone can eliminate any wasteful or imprudent items of appropriations. If elected I shall feel a personal responsibility for every appropriation of public funds, and will use the power of the item veto to relieve the burden of the taxpayer."

COUNTY'S OLDEST RESIDENT DEAD

Hardy C. Stanton Dies at Age of 95 Years Following a Stroke of Paralysis.

WAS BORN IN NEW YORK

Set Record for Speed in Crossing Plains Making Trip by Mule Team in Three Months, At That Time An Unusual Occurrence.

H. C. "Uncle Hardy" Stanton, Douglas county's oldest resident, died at 5:45 this morning following a week's illness. "Uncle Hardy," as he was known to practically every Roseburg resident, was 95 years of age and would have celebrated his 96th birthday next September had not death reached him. In spite of his advanced age he was very spry and suffered a stroke of paralysis which resulted in his death this morning. For many years his vitality has amazed the people of this city, who loved him dearly. He loved to work in his garden and every year has spaded up his large yard and planted it in vegetables and berries. He was an expert gardener and his gardens were always an attraction. His eyesight was good and he walked much of the time without the aid of a cane, his health being unusually good for a man of his advanced years.

He was born in Westerly, Green county, New York, on September 27, 1826. He came to Oregon in 1853 and made a record trip across the plains. He always loved to tell of his experiences in coming to Oregon for it was a quite unusual adventure. His party made the trip with mule teams in less than three months, setting a record for rapid travel in those days. The way was beset with danger and adventure and his brilliant memory enabled him to tell many thrilling stories of exciting times of the early days.

He first went to Corvallis and stayed there about a year, and in 1854 came to Douglas county and took up a claim in Garden Valley. He had a very fine farm there until the great frost which destroyed all of his possessions and left him stripped of practically all worldly goods. Undaunted by this disaster he went to Idaho where he engaged in mining for several years. Returning to Roseburg he became postmaster, receiving a commission which still has its place in the family home and which bears the date of October 11, 1867.

He established himself in the general merchandise business in 1871 and conducted the post office in connection with his business. He was burned out in the big fire but soon re-established himself and was again appointed postmaster in 1883, having held the position continuously up to that time and continuing for many years following. He retired from business about 20 years ago and has since lived in retirement at his home in this city.

In the late 50's Mr. Stanton took the agency for the Portland Oregonian and continued as its agent for a number of years and was reputed to be the oldest agent of that publication in Oregon. During his lifetime he devoted much of his time to the improvement of Roseburg. A man of progressive mind he was constantly upon the alert for opportunities to make improvements and assisted in many substantial matters which resulted in the betterment of Roseburg. Before the city was organized with a mayor and council, he was chairman of the council, the duties being similar to those now devolving upon the mayor. He was councilman when A. C. Marsters was elected Roseburg's first mayor and served very efficiently as a councilman for a great number of years. He also served as school director for some time.

Religiously Mr. Stanton, in his early life was affiliated with the Methodist church and during late years with the Episcopal church. He was a hard worker in the Methodist church and held the office of Sunday school superintendent for a number of years. Since affiliating with the Episcopal church he has been a frequent attendant and worker in that denomination.

He was married in 1873 to Jennie M. Sinclair, who still survives. Of this union was born three children, Mrs. F. C. Deszendorf, Washington, D. C.; Cole E. Stanton, Pomfret, Center, Conn.; and Mrs. Lillian Tabke, of Minnuth, Oregon.

Ward of the death of Mr. Stanton has been wired to the two children on the Atlantic coast and funeral arrangements are being held up until their arrival.

"Uncle Hardy" was one of Roseburg's most honored and respected residents. In his long span of life he has never passed an opportunity to reach forth a helping hand to the needy who came within his knowledge. His patience and kindness

NEWS-REVIEW RADIO SET IS SHIPPED BY EXPRESS FROM SAN FRANCISCO TODAY

Radio Engineer Representing News-Review in San Francisco, Telegraphs That Set Has Been Received There, Tested, and Shipped to This City—Installed at Once.

The Westinghouse radio receiving set recently ordered by the Roseburg News-Review, was shipped by express from San Francisco today, according to a telegram received from the radio engineer who has been representing the News-Review in San Francisco. The set has been thoroughly tested and has proven satisfactory in difficult try-outs, the telegram reported and will be shipped today by express and should arrive in Roseburg early next week.

This set is one of the best money could buy. It is a high priced set, complete in every detail and equipped with the necessary apparatus to pick up and amplify radio concerts so that they can be heard for considerable distance.

The set is equipped with a complete tuning apparatus and detector and three-step amplifier with large magnavox and under favorable conditions the signals picked up and repeated should be heard for a distance of about one block from the News-Review office.

It is possible that such results will not be achieved at once with this set as it will be forced to operate under difficult conditions. At this time of the year and during the summer months, static is very bad and interferes greatly with the operations of radio instruments. Also the fact that Roseburg is a considerable distance from the large transmitting stations will also have an effect in the results obtained.

Erection of an aerial and the installation of such wiring as it necessary to connect up the radio set, will be started at once and no delay will be experienced in getting the set in shape for immediate operation. As soon as it is installed tests will be made and as soon as the necessary adjustments are made the set will be turned over for the entertainment of the public.

It is planned to place the large magnavox outside the News-Review building where it will sound directly into Jackson street and where a large number of people can gather to hear the concerts which it is hoped to reproduce here.

The radio receiving set is one of the most complete to be installed in Southern Oregon. The News-Review

view has been extremely careful in the selection of this outfit as there are so many different makes of sets on the market, some reliable and some not reliable, that it is necessary to use great care if good results are to be obtained. The Westinghouse company is nationally known as one of the leading electrical companies of the world and their products are known to be among the best. They are now among the leaders in the radio field and their equipment is considered of the finest quality.

The receiving set purchased is one of the finest made by the Westinghouse company and is one of the highest priced receiving sets which they manufacture. It was selected for the News-Review by one of the leading radio engineers of the Pacific coast, a man who understands the radio work from every angle and is well acquainted with all types and makes of machines. He has thoroughly tested the set before having it shipped and reports it to be an exceptionally good outfit. It is necessary to experiment for some time in order to get a set working properly and consequently a date for a public entertainment with the set cannot be announced at this time.

COAL MINES CUT OFF WHEN BRIDGE BURNS

DENVER, April 21.—A half dozen coal mines near Walsenburg, Colo., were cut off from railroad communication when the bridge on a railroad spur burned out last night. Adjutant General Hamrock said he had a report that the bridge was first blown up and the wreckage burned.

BOY INSTANTLY KILLED IN COAL SLIDE

SEATTLE, April 21.—Archibald Grove, 15 years old, was instantly killed here today when he was caught in a coal slide on an eighth level of the Black Diamond Coal Mine. Coroner Corson is investigating the tragedy.

RUSSIA REPLIES TO THE ALLIES DEMANDS

(By Associated Press.)

GENOA, April 21.—The Russian government has granted recognition de jure and adequate financial help, they state in their reply submitted to the entente today, they are willing to admit Russia's war and pre-war debts, waive counter-claims and restore nationalized property of foreigners to the former owners or satisfy claims of foreigners in cases where the property cannot be restored. As justifying their contention that the allies could not as a matter of right demand compensation for the property, the Russians cite the abolition of slavery in the United States, where neither Americans nor foreigners were compensated. They also cite the adoption of prohibition in America, a case wherein no compensation was given the producers of alcoholic drinks when national prohibition was adopted.

Reply Covers 22 Pages.

GENOA, April 21.—(By U. P.)—The reply covered 22 pages of typewritten matter, the general acceptance of the terms of the allies experts laid down at London covered the first half of the note, the second half being argumentative.

Germany Replies to Proposal.

GENOA, April 21.—(By A. P.)—Germany today formally replied to the allied proposal that the Germans take no further part to negotiations between the allies and the Russians, but the reply does not modify the effectiveness of the Russo-German treaty. The effect of the Russian and German replies is to bridge over the crisis which threatened to disrupt the conference.

Russia contended that her counter claims should be recognized Foreign financial help is absolutely essential to Russia's reconstruction. Without it she cannot burden the people with debts they cannot pay. The Russian delegation insisted, following the declaration that Russia would recognize her war debts provided both debts and interest are "written down."

and above all his exemplary character endeared him in the minds and hearts of all and the entire community grieves with the bereaved family in this time of sorrow.

TWELVE ARE INJURED WHEN OIL EXPLODES

DOWNEY, Cal., April 21.—An explosion occurred today in the underground tanks of an oil station here, followed by an explosion in an oil truck. Twelve persons were seriously injured and scores were injured slightly.

SKIES BRIGHT OVER UNIVERSITY RACE

SEATTLE, April 21.—With no wind and the skies bright, Washington today watched her eight oared racing crew with California to decide the western rowing championship for another year. Washington outweighs California by one pound. The event took place on Lake Washington, with the northern university the favorite in the betting. The winner will go to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to row in the inter-collegiate regatta.

BURGLAR ALARM FOILS BANDITS

(By Associated Press.)

HIDGEFIELD, Wash., April 21.—A burglar alarm foiled four bandits who tried to rob the La Center State bank early this morning. The alarm aroused the bank president, S. F. Meyers, who with other men attacked the robbers. The bandits escaped in a running battle, abandoning their automobile, which was found here with several bullet holes in the back. It had been stolen at Woodland.