

WEEK ACTIVE POLITICALLY OVER OREGON

Rumors Today Are That Robert N. Stanfield Will Run For U. S. Senate.

GOV. MURRAY MAY VISIT LA GRANDE

Local Legislators Expected to Make Announcements — Kiddle Mentioned For Senate Post.

Politically, the last seven days have been unusually active, not only over the state but in this county as well. Numerous reports have been heard of this man or that man aspiring to office, and in some cases new candidates have announced themselves.

The most interesting rumor heard today was that former Senator Robert N. Stanfield is contemplating seeking the Republican nomination in the May primary election for the toga now worn by Senator Frederick Steiwer. The rumor was persistent in La Grande but it could not be verified locally.

"Alfalfa Bill" Coming West

Another news development occurred in Oklahoma City yesterday which has a direct bearing upon local politics. It was announced that an April speaking tour would carry Gov. W. H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray's personal campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination to Oregon and Nebraska. Gov. Murray will go to Oregon for addresses between April 11 and 16, it was stated. His itinerary has not been announced, but a news story a few days ago said that Gov. Murray probably would open his Oregon speaking tour either in La Grande or Pendleton.

In the legislative race, it is expected that State Senator Colon R. Eberhard, Republican, and Representative Victor Eckley, Democrat, will announce their candidacies for re-nomination and re-election in the near future.

Also Sam Brown, holdover senator from Marion county, announced in Salem last night he would be a candidate for the presidency of the state senate at the 1933 session which convenes early in January. Brown will have opposition for the position from Portland and Eastern Oregon, according to present information. Senator Fred E. Kiddle, of La Grande, at the close of the last session loomed as the 1933 president, while Senator Joe E. Dunne, of Portland, has been reported as seeking the chair. Senator B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, may again be a candidate for a post he has long hoped to secure. Willard L. Marks, president of the 1931 session.

FOUR WINNERS SELECTED IN COVE GRADES

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore. (Special)—The grade children's tryouts yesterday in the declamatory contests four winners were selected. In Division 3 (third and fourth grades) Imogene White was selected in the first place, and Gretchen Harris in dramatics. In Division 4 (sixth to eighth grades) LeRay Wilson won in the humorous class and Billy Duncan in dramatics.

NORTH POWDER PICKS WINNERS

The grade school held their declamatory contest Monday afternoon. In the lower division Marjorie Rohrer won in the non-humorous. She spoke on "The Children's Hour." Blake was first in humorous on "Little Orphan Annie." In the upper division, Betty Lillard, non-humorous, "The Highway Men." Frances Cuck, humorous, "The Snack." The girls will go to Union Friday night to compete with several other schools to see who will go to La Grande April 2. The high school will have no preliminary tryouts but two, one humorous and one non-humorous will go to La Grande.

Boone Named As Member of Board

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Mar. 24 (Special)—W. C. Harding, of Roseburg, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce secretaries at the concluding session of the 12th annual conference here. Leonard Gilkey, of Albany, is the retiring president. Mr. Cramb, Bend, was named vice president, and E. G. Harlan, Eugene, re-elected secretary-treasurer. The board of directors was chosen as follows: Harold Boone, La Grande; Jim Smith, Corvallis; and Earl Reynolds of Klamath Falls.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Probably showers tonight and Friday, clearing Friday; cooler in the interior; diminishing south winds shifting west and northwest offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—40 above.

Minimum: 36.

Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 47, minimum 332.

Condition: Partly cloudy, rain 24 of inch. Range—15 degrees.

WEATHER MAR. 24, 1931

Maximum 51, minimum 30 above.

Condition: Partly cloudy, traces of precipitation.

13 of an inch. Range—21 degrees.

Young 'Tornado' Pays Visit To Inland Empire

70-Mile-an-Hour Wind Reported at Pasco — Air-mail Fliers Directed to Safe Landings.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24 (AP)—Communication between Pasco, Wash., and Portland was broken today by what was described there as a "tornado." Only a brief telephone dispatch from Pasco was received by Varney air lines here, telling of the storm.

The Pasco airport operator reported a high wind blowing and a small hangar had collapsed. He warned that it was unsafe for planes to land.

Shortly thereafter all communication with the Washington point was severed. Ground lines, presumably, blew down and it was believed the antennae of the Pasco radio stations had been damaged since radio calls to Pasco brought no response.

Two planes which were flying toward Pasco when the storm broke were directed safely.

Roy Warner, flying the regular westbound morning plane from Boise to Pasco landed at Umatilla. Joe Smith had taken off from Portland for Pasco but was directed by radio to return to Swan Island.

Airport weather officials here said the Pasco disturbance could not be called a "tornado." It was, they said, a storm of small size which had moved inland from Tacoma Island.

At 7:45 a. m. Pasco reported a southeast wind of only 28 miles an hour. It increased within an hour to a velocity of 50 miles.

STORM AREA RELIEF WORK GOING AHEAD

Red Cross, American Legion and Neighbors Aid Stricken Thousands.

DEATH TOLL NOW AT 358 PERSONS

Appeal For Contributions Broadcast — Governor Makes Personal Survey of District.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 24 (AP)—Relief agencies and neighbors of the stricken lent a hand of mercy to the South's tornado victims today as the death list grew to 358.

Bureau workers with the American Red Cross, the American Legion and other organizations to bury the dead, care for the injured, house the homeless and launch a program to rehabilitate the devastated regions.

The Red Cross established relief headquarters here and authorized eight centers of operations over the storm area after the arrival of Dr. W. R. Klein, general medical advisor, and Wade Downing of the Washington office.

Field representatives pushed into the less accessible communities dashed off by the freakish winds of Monday night to survey damage and determine the amount of aid needed. An appeal for contributions was broadcast here last night after relief workers conferred and estimated from \$150,000 to \$200,000 would be required for immediate needs of the storm victims.

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Bank Committee Is Selected At Meeting of Nine

An executive committee of three business men was appointed last night to confer with the officials in charge of the liquidation of the frozen assets of the United States National bank. A group of nine representative men who were elected from among those who signed waivers turning over a part of their checkings and savings accounts, met last night at the St. Francis hotel and selected the members of the committee. They are Ed Moon, Peter Biever, and Edward Hart. They will start plans immediately for conferring with the liquidation officials, they stated this morning.

Members of the original committee, from whom the executive committee was selected are Mr. Biever, Mr. Hart, Mr. Moon, Dr. J. L. Ingles, M. H. Allen, S. B. Morgan, E. A. McEachern, H. C. McClay, George Anderson.

Round-Up For Children To Be Held on May 1

The annual Summer Round-Up for children, a major health project of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, was inaugurated in La Grande seven years ago, following the plan of the

Easter Services To Be On Sunday

The annual Easter services held by the Eastern Oregon Commandery, No. 8, of the Masonic lodge, will take place on Sunday, March 27. During past years the services have been held at one of the local churches, but this year they will be held at the Masonic hall at one o'clock, and will be followed by a dinner at 2 o'clock.

Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be the principal speaker of the day, and special music is being arranged.

Mr. Knapp, of the Commandery and his families are invited to attend both the services and the dinner, and the invitation is also extended to all visiting Sir Knights, it is stated.

Relief Flour Is Coming to County

Rev. Paul De P. Mortimore, chairman of the local Red Cross, announced today that application has been made for the distribution of 28,000 pounds of relief flour to La Grande for distribution in Union county. Mr. Mortimore requested that the shipment be milled in this county for 45 new vessels of 500,000 gross tons and for the reconditioning of 19 vessels of 160,000 gross tons.

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DEATH SENTENCES OF SEVEN UPHELD

One of Group of Eight Negroes Wins Appeal in Montgomery, Ala.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 24 (AP)—Death sentences of seven of the eight negroes convicted at Scottsboro, Ala., a year ago of assaulting two white girls were affirmed today by the Alabama supreme court.

The death sentence of Eugene Williams was reversed and he was remanded for trial.

The supreme court fixed Friday, March 25, as the date of execution for the seven prisoners.

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Those whose sentences were affirmed were: Willie McGee, William Robertson, Andy Wright, Olin Montgomery.

DEFER ACTION ON OFFER OF LOCAL FIREMEN

Action on the proposal made recently by the volunteer firemen to donate their services for the remainder of 1932 was deferred until April 6 at last night's commission meeting.

J. S. Hodgins informed the commissioners that J. H. Peare and heirs of Dick Kelly, deceased, own jointly four or five acres of land near the sewage disposal plant. He claimed that the market value of the property, held at \$2500, has been practically destroyed, but that the owners are willing to settle their damage without action and desist from the commission appoint a committee to negotiate. The matter was referred to the city manager and the city attorney to report back next Wednesday.

A request from Lorraine Wallace for a rooming house license was referred to the city manager with power to act.

Hoover Hails Construction Of Big Steamer As Part of General Revival

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—President Hoover today pressed a button in the White House officially launching the new Grace line steamer Santa Rosa at Kearney, N. J., and shortly after made a public gesture hailing the construction of this vessel as a "revival of shipbuilding" in the United States.

The chief executive spoke of the "far reaching benefits" of the merchant marine act of 1928, with the aid of which, he said, orders have been placed for 45 new vessels of 500,000 gross tons and for the reconditioning of 19 vessels of 160,000 gross tons.

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Two Kidnapers Now Sought In Lindbergh Case

New Jersey State Police Are Searching For Harry Fleischer and Abie Wagner.

WOMAN IN KIDNAPED

LINCOLN, Neb., Mar. 24 (AP)—Miss Laurel Morrison, 30, Aurora, Neb., beauty parlor operator, was missing today and the police expressed belief she has been kidnapped for \$1000 ransom.

A letter demanding that amount was received at Aurora yesterday by Miss Morrison's partner in business but while neither its contents nor the address on the envelope were in the missing woman's handwriting, the writer explained the substance was "dictated" by an other individual.

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 24 (AP)—Police investigating the kidnapping of the baby son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh concentrated their efforts today in a search for two known kidnapers who have disappeared since the child was stolen.

They are Harry Fleischer, Detroit gangster, and Abie Wagner, an alleged associate of Alvin Karpis, who Long Island failed to trap them but the hunt has only been intensified by their elusiveness.

"Abie Wagner, recorded as a known kidnap, was alleged to have been around central parts of New Jersey shortly before the kidnapping," Superintendent of State Police H. Norman Schwarzkopf said in today's bulletin.

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FORMER UNION NEWSPAPERMAN BURIED TODAY

McMINNVILLE, Ore., March 24 (AP)—Funeral services were held here today for D. T. Asbury, former newspaper publisher of Canyon City and McMinnville, who died at his home here Monday night.

Asbury came to Oregon in 1881. He learned the printing trade in Union, and in 1884 bought the Canyon City News which he published until 1899. He then purchased the Yamhill County Reporter. In late years he had operated a job printing plant here.

Asbury served as master of the Masonic lodge at Union from 1902 to 1908. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons and of the Eastern Star. His widow and two children survive.

Wind Storms Felt In La Grande Area

The heavy wind storms that raged over much of the Inland Empire were felt here today in the form of high winds. No damage was reported in the city, although the Observer leased wire Associated Press report was interrupted early this afternoon when wires "went out" over La Grande around noon today.

Mrs. Hartley, Of Cove, Buried Today

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. Eva Mae Hartley died at Hot Lake Tuesday of pneumonia, after a seven-day battle for her life. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Methodist church in Cove, with burial in the Cove cemetery.

The deceased was born in Cove, June 5, 1905, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Baker. On Sept. 2, 1929 she married Ray Hartley and two sons were born, Alfred George, now 7, and Roscoe Clark, 4. She was a member of the Methodist church and a teacher in the Sunday school. Besides her husband, sons and parents, she is survived by three brothers, Roy J. and Earl M., of Cove; Ray O., of Pendleton, and one half-brother, Dr. C. E. Saunders, of San Jose, Cal., and other relatives and a host of friends.

NO INSTALLMENT OF "KITTY FLEW" TODAY

Because of lack of space, the Observer was unable to print today's installment of the serial "Kitty Flew." Today's installment will appear in the regular edition tomorrow.

Gasoline Causes Dangerous Burns

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 24 (AP)—Explosion of gasoline, which caused a fire in a store, critically burned Mrs. Jack Ford of North Coquille. At a North Bend hospital to which she was taken it was said her recovery is doubtful. Her husband was severely burned in extinguishing the fire.

Bank, Closed In December, Re-opens

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Mar. 24 (AP)—The Gloucester National bank, oldest bank in Massachusetts and fifth oldest in the country, which closed last December, reopened for business yesterday.

All former officers remain in charge.

The bank was established in 1790.

LEADERS IN TAX BILL BATTLE



Here are two of the leaders in the current battle in the house of representatives over the revenue measure, which was scheduled for a vote today. At the left is Rep. Philip D. Swing, California Republican, who is the author of the amendment that would restore the high surtax rates. At the right is Rep. Florentino H. LaGuardia, Republican insurgent, who started the revolt by introducing an amendment to increase the normal tax rate. He also favors taxing sales of stock shares.

Terrified Girl Tells Story Of Frisco Slaying

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (AP)—A 20-year-old girl, terrified almost to the point of collapse, this morning sobbed out a story of how her 21-year-old companion, Paul Herman Hanson, was shot and killed by two men on a lonely road near here last night.

The girl, Miss Alice Olson, a stenographer, told police the youth was killed as he resisted efforts of the two men to assault her.

As Hanson fell before the fire from the men's guns, she said she fled amid a hail of bullets and managed to elude pursuit by hiding in a field. She crept to a highway and stopped a passing motorist.

The youth's body was found by police near the automobile in which Miss Olson said they had driven to the spot. They had been keeping company for the past 18 months, she said.

The girl told police they were sitting in the parked automobile when the two men, one armed with a rifle and the other with a pistol, suddenly appeared beside the car.

She and Hanson were ordered to get out of the car, she said, and then the youth was pulled from (Continued on Page Six)

Price of Oil Up In The Mid-West

TULSA, Okla., Mar. 24 (AP)—Dollars will flow from wells of the Midcontinent area again next week.

The Continental Oil company announced last night it would post a top price of \$1 a barrel for Midcontinent crude petroleum, effective April 1. The prevailing top price is 85 cents.

An increase to \$1 was sought vainly by state officials of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas in a campaign for restriction of production last summer and fall. Prices were as low as 10 cents.

Governor William H. Murray cut Oklahoma's output by martial law. National guardmen of Texas also were called out. The Kansas flow was reduced by civil action.

SURGE OF BUYING FOLLOWS

NEW YORK, Mar. 24 (AP)—The first advance in crude oil prices of the Midcontinent field since Nov. 2 caused a surge of buying of oil companies securities in the stock market today.

First Offers Are Made For '32 Wool

PORTLAND, Mar. 24 (AP)—First offers for 1932 wool clip of the Pacific coast have been made in the Columbia river section of Oregon. The Heppner district firm offers of 16c lb. have been made for average clip. To date there have been no confirmation of business but some winter loans have been made in that district with advance of around 6c lb.

While there has been no business confirmed at Yakima, eastern buyers are reported as offering a dime there, the same as at Heppner. Many buyers are now on the northwest coast, ready to do business at the low price in effect.

Morgan Supporting "Block Aid" Drive

NEW YORK, Mar. 24 (AP)—J. P. Morgan delayed his dinner last night to make his first radio speech. It was an appeal for support for the "block aid" drive to keep the city out of a canvass of 16,000 city blocks here.

He pointed out that the canvassers will discover needy cases on their rounds, leading to prompt aid.

DIVING STAR DIES

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 24 (AP)—Anne Booker, 22, diving star whose back was broken in a high dive at Miami 3 years ago, died in a hospital today.

The girl's bravery, despite a broken back, attracted surgeons and bone specialists to study her case.

Train Was Late But Passengers Lost Their Peeve

STOODARD, Wis., Mar. 24 (AP)—Old No. 12 on the La Crosse & Northwestern was late and the passengers were peevish.

But they got over it when they learned what happened.

Mrs. Ellen Joseph's home was on fire. The fire department was handicapped because its hand pump was frozen, so the train engineer stopped and solved the problem by thawing it out with live steam.

Official Crushed To Death

GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 24 (AP)—Joseph Zaharis, state highway department inspector, was crushed to death under the wheel of a gravel truck near Wishram Wednesday. He was checking gravel on the North Bank highway when a truck backed over him, and the rear wheels crushed his chest.

Roosevelt Wins Georgia Support In Primary Vote

New York Governor Overwhelms Judge Howard, of Atlanta, Who Favored Garner.

ATLANTA, Mar. 24 (AP)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt won Georgia's 28 convention votes in yesterday's Democratic presidential preference primary by overwhelming Judge G. H. Howard of Atlanta, who advocated the candidacy of Speaker John Garner.

The New York executive had a popular plurality of approximately ten to one on the latest tabulation and 398 of the possible 410 county unit votes had been placed in his column with five counties missing. Judge Howard was leading only in Catocosa county, and newspaper correspondents there said complete returns would give the county to Roosevelt.

Latest returns gave Roosevelt 571,071 popular votes to Howard's 57,177. If he captures Catocosa county's two unit votes and wins in the five missing counties, his supporters have predicted, he will score a grand slam with 410 county units and have the unanimous approval of the state convention.

Georgia was the first southern state to hold a preference primary. It is the adopted state of Governor Roosevelt who visits Warm Springs regularly for his health. The state regards the election as a referendum on its Democratic candidates.

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Criminals Seek Freedom For Al Capone, Charge

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—An attempt by criminal organizations headed by Al Capone to secure his freedom through control of public officials was charged today by Frank J. Loesch, president of the Chicago crime commission, in a letter to Senator Borah.

Loesch, in a long letter reviewing attempts of Chicago gangland to control public officials, said that the crime commission, in a letter to Senator Borah.

"It is my opinion based upon these facts and other indications that the combinations here now formed for getting men into public office turn very largely on the effort of the criminal organizations headed by Al Capone to control sufficient of the elected public officials, party lines notwithstanding, to get Capone freed from the penitentiary sentence now hanging over his head, or secure reduction of the sentence."

Loesch said those who know the situation believe that the crime commission, in a letter to Senator Borah.

"You can't take any more away from the worker and the farmer than already has been taken," he said. "The people of the Midwest are on the verge of revolt now. If you want to add fuel to the flames, pass the sales tax."

The general feeling in the northwest and the midwest west," said Senator Wheeler, "is that the administration's relief measures adopted by congress have not been of any benefit to the small business man or the farmer."

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YOUNG WOMAN PLUNGES FROM FIFTH FLOOR

NEW YORK, Mar. 24 (AP)—A 23-year-old girl identified as Laura Anderson, died this morning in Mt. Sinai hospital after falling from a window of the luxurious apartment of Philip S. P. Randolph Jr., wealthy broker and social registerite.

Her body was found in a court below the bathroom window of the girl's fifth floor apartment shortly before midnight.

A note left in the Randolph apartment and addressed to "Dear Thomas," told of her regret at "not being able to keep a promise" and asked that her mother Mrs. Milesen Smith, of Toronto, not be advised of her suicide.

Randolph was not in the apartment at the time of the leap. He was reported by business associates to be out of the city.

Fame Exacts Price From Ann Harding

HOLLYWOOD, March 24 (AP)—Martina Gabor, wife of the price-famous actress Ann Harding, today told of her regret at "not being able to keep a promise" and asked that her mother Mrs. Milesen Smith, of Toronto, not be advised of her suicide.

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Dr. Hibbard, of Burns, Is Game Commissioner

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24 (AP)—Dr. L. E. Hibbard, of Burns, was selected yesterday by the Oregon game commission. Hibbard has long been active in promoting the large game industry in the state. His term becomes effective at once.

Dana resigned from the commission to seek the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

Storm Warnings Up Along West Coast

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24 (AP)—Southwest storm warnings were up at all Oregon and Washington coast stations today for southwesterly gales tonight, diminishing and shifting to westerly winds tomorrow.

Rough seas and stiff winds were reported all along the coast today. Some delay to shipping was experienced.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 24 (AP)—Late rallies in wheat prices today resulted largely from pre-holiday adjustments of accounts and from widely varying export estimates of North American export business.

Some estimates put the total of Canadian wheat sales at 1,500,000 bushels, and noted 200,000 bushels of wheat sold to the United States. Other estimates of Canadian export sales were down to 750,000 bushels.

Wheat closed irregular at 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 c. to 1 1/2 c. advance compared with yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 1 1/2 c. higher, oats 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 c. up, and provisions 7 to 17 cents down.

PORTLAND, Mar. 24 (AP)—After striking a new low for September and July under influence of the bearish Chicago market, the Portland exchange quoted all options at an advance. May closed with an advance of 1 1/2 c. to 1 1/2 c. and September were each up 1/2 c. but.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat advanced 1/2 c. but barley was down 80c. There were no sales of futures.

SALES TAX REJECTED IN HOUSE TODAY

Action Removes Levy Originally Slated to Yield \$595,000,000.

FORMED THE BASE OF REVENUE BILL

Vote on Count By Tellers 223 to 153—Party Lines Split Wide Open in Balancing.

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—The sales tax was rejected by the house today after fierce debate which split both parties and brought an open dispute on the floor between Democratic leaders. The vote on a count by tellers was 223 to 153. As the house was in committee of the whole, no roll call vote was taken.

In the closing moments of debate two of the Democratic leaders, both house veterans, Bailey, of Illinois, and Byrne of Tennessee, arrayed themselves on opposing sides with Bailey advocating and Byrne opposing the tax. The Republican leadership held firmly for the tax.

The ways and means committee in a final gesture to save the tax had written into the bill sweeping exemptions which covered food, clothing and long list of necessities.

Removes Big Levy

The action removes the 2.25 per cent levy that originally was slated to yield \$595,000,000. The provision formed the base of the measure designed to return sufficient revenue to balance the 1933 federal budget. Now another search for revenue to balance the budget is required.

Action came after nearly three weeks of bitter debate.

The house agreed to vote on the motion by Representative Doughton (D., N. C.) to strike the sales tax from the revenue bill today at 3 p. m. Eastern Standard time.

(An effort to add all electrical power and energy exemptions from the sales tax in the bill failed by a 153 to 54 vote.)

The Leibach amendment to exempt from the sales tax materials going into the manufacture of the Jones-White act was approved 149 to 145.

Crisp Amendment Approved

The crisp amendment exempting from the sales tax materials used in the manufacture of medicine, farm implements, insecticides and malt syrup used in making bread was approved.

The exemption of harness and parts of farm machinery was proposed by Representative Buttress (R., N. D.).

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GOV. MEIER TO SPEND EASTER IN CALIFORNIA

PORTLAND, Mar. 24 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier and Mrs. Meier left here last night for San Francisco where they will spend the Easter holidays with their two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Ehrman Jr., and Mrs. Fred Gane.

The governor expects to return to Salem next Monday afternoon. During his absence Willard L. Marks of Albany will again be governor by reason of his position as president of the state senate. It was indicated however Marks will not be required to come to the state capital during the brief interval Meier is out of Oregon.

Prior to his departure Governor Meier called a meeting of the state board of control in his office in Portland. At this session the board again deferred action of an annual session contract which has been under consideration for the past two weeks. The governor requested further study upon the bids and conditions surrounding their submission.

Salem Fire Causes \$100,000.00 Damage

SALEM, Mar. 24 (AP)—Fire which started shortly after midnight in the basement of the MacMarr grocery store here tonight, gutted the entire building wiping out two other business firms on Commercial and Court streets during the early morning hours. Damage was estimated at \$100,000.

Other stores gutted in addition to the grocery store were the Director's department store and Byrne's Out-Rate store. Pic for a time threatened to gut the entire block.

The fire company which adjoins Millers', Salem's largest department store.