

THE WEATHER
Friday rain in west, rain or snow in east; strong southerly winds.

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SEVENTEETH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, 1920. PRICE: FIVE CENTS

ASSESSOR TO RAISE VALUES 10 PER CENT

Increase Necessary to Off-Set Two-Million-Dollar Deficiency Caused by Act of Last Legislature

ACTUAL TAX PAID NOT MADE, HIGHER

Deputies Assemble in Salem Saturday for Instruction and Supplies

The assessed valuation of property in Marion county in the assessments this year will be increased about 10 per cent. This is to offset the removal of automobiles and mortgage notes from the tax rolls under an act of the legislature of 1919. An announcement to this effect was made by Ben F. West, county assessor, yesterday.

Creage To Be Listed

For the purpose of giving them the annual instructions and furnishing supplies to each, Assessor West has notified all of his deputy assessors to appear at the court house Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Patient Dies After 36 Years at State Hospital

Goidy F. Day, who for 36 years had been an inmate at the state hospital for the insane, died at that institution yesterday of general debility.

CUPID SUFFERS FROM BAD ATTACK OF H. C. L.

LITTLE LOVE GOD BECOMES SHY AND OREGON MAIDS SIGH

Perhaps Youngest Son of Venus Has Become Frightened Among People of Silver Curtain

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—Reports reaching Portland from different counties of the state show an unusual decrease in the number of marriage licenses issued during March. From Hood River comes the report that not one license was issued during March, while other counties report noticeable decreases.

WOMEN LOSE IN DELAWARE

Final Vote Shows 26 to 6 Against Ratification of Suffrage

DOVER, Del., April 1.—The ratification resolution to make Delaware the thirty-sixth state necessary to write the woman suffrage amendment into the constitution of the United States went down to defeat in the house of representatives today.

In a parliamentary sense, according to the rules of the legislature, the suffrage question is not dead for the special session, but legislative leaders generally conceded that the hope for affirmative action in both houses is forlorn.

Daniels' Qualifications Inadequate of War Work

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The relation of the "mental and temporal characteristics" of Secretary Daniels to the alleged unpreparedness of the navy for war in 1917 was discussed today before the senate naval investigating committee by Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired, formerly Mr. Daniels' advisor in the department as aide for operations.

Up to 1917, the officer declared, Mr. Daniels seemed convinced that there would never be another war. The witness described at some length his differences with the secretary. While their personal relations had been cordial, he said, he had found he could not work with Mr. Daniels and resigned as aide for operations in 1916.

SOCIALISTS EXPELLED FROM SEATS

New York State Assembly Votes by Overwhelming Majority to Oust Elected Members Called "Traitors"

CASE TO BE APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT

Legislature Holds Itself Sole Arbiter of Eligibility of Its Membership

ALBANY, N. Y., April 1.—The five Socialist members of the state assembly—Louis Waldman and August Classens of New York; Samuel A. DeWitt and Samuel Orr of the Bronx and Charles Solomon of Kings county—were expelled from the lower house of the legislature today by an overwhelming majority.

The next step in the fight against the Socialist party, characterized as a "traitorous party" by the assembly judiciary committee, will be taken in the legislature tomorrow.

Reports from New York that the Socialists would appeal to the courts were given little or no attention. Most members of the assembly declare that the courts could not review the action of the assembly in voting to deny seats to the five assemblymen, because, they said, "the house is a judge of its own members and its decision is final."

Freak Hen Lays Half-Pound Egg With Another Inside It

DALLAS, Tex., March 31.—Mrs. Robert A. Ferrell of Dallas, is boasting about the unusual performance of her pet hen, "Red Beauty," a Rhode Island Red. The hen recently laid an egg that weighed half a pound. Within was the usual white and yolk, but, as added measure, there also was a perfectly formed and normal hard shelled egg.

NORWEGIANS SETTLE AROUND SILVERTON

SCANDINAVIANS PAY FANCY PRICES FOR SMALL FARMS

New Population Causes Merchants to Employ Clerks Who Speak Language of Newcomers

Norwegians are buying small tracts of land in the vicinity of Silverton. These Scandinavians are coming from Minnesota where they have amassed a considerable amount of money selling farm crops at war prices.

The migrating Norwegians favor the Silverton district because there is already quite a representation of their people located there. They want farms of from 20 to 30 acres, well improved, for which they are paying from \$200 to \$400 an acre.

IRISH TIMES IS AGAINST BILL

Declares it Will Plunge Three Fourths of Ireland Into Anarchy

DUBLIN, April 1.—The Irish Times, commenting editorially on the Irish home rule bill says that, even should it become law, there would remain a wide gap between enactment and enforcement. It declares: "Two points will become more obvious as the bill moves toward the statute book—it surrenders three-fourths of Ireland to the forces of anarchy and plants a cancer in every heart in the empire."

The Freeman's journal says: "The bill can have no other effect than to make confusion more confounded." The Irish Independent says: "The bill was framed on the assumption that the Irish people are idiots and that any abominable system of government is good enough for them."

FATHERS AND SONS FEAST

Annual Gathering of Hi Y Boys Brings Out Spirit of Comradeship

The annual father and son banquet of the Hi Y club of Salem high school was served last night to about 80 members of the club and their fathers. "Eats" were furnished by a group of high school girls who regularly feed the club members, including the Misses Letha Wilson, Margaret Griffith, Jeannette Merideth Dorothy Patterson and Nellie Roland.

Bestroves Equal Opportunity

The worst social result of this growth in domination of trades is "the undermining of the initiative and the equal opportunity of our people and the tyranny which necessarily follows in the commercial world."

Employment Bureau Has Jobs for All Earnest Seekers

PORTLAND, April 1.—The men's department of the municipal free employment bureau here found work for 225 applicants during March, according to figures kept by Director Arthur W. Jones. The number of men obtaining jobs during February was 1750.

Jones Plants Ninety Acres to Hops in Mission Bottom

R. C. Cole, superintendent of the Wolf hop yard in Mission bottom, reports that hops are now five inches high on the 90-acre ranch. This is one of the record yields of gold-eyes.

HOOVER ASKS RESTRICTION OF PACKERS

Expresses His Belief in Existence of Dangerous and Growing Domination of Handling of Food Stuff

RECOMMENDS PROMPT DECENTRALIZATION

Believes That Opportunities Should be Equal for All in Packing Business

NEW YORK, April 1.—A confidential report to President Wilson by Herbert Hoover, in which the food administrator outlined his position on control of the Chicago packing industry, was made public tonight by the Hoover national Republican club with the announcement that the president has directed its publication.

The announcement stated that the report, dated September 11, 1919, was made six months ago, in response to President Wilson's request for Mr. Hoover's observations on recommendation of the federal trade commission with regard to the five large packing firms.

"I scarcely need to repeat the views that I expressed to you nearly a year ago, that there is here a growing and dangerous domination of the handling of the nation's foodstuffs," the report said.

The report reviewed the "underlying economics" of the growth of the packing industry and with regard to the packers' control of refrigeration operations, said: "Provision of stockyards and car services has naturally fallen in considerable degree to the larger and more wealthy packers who have used their advantages as in effect a special and largely exclusive railway privilege with which to build up their own business."

Mr. Hoover said he agreed with the federal trade commission's recommendation that the government take over the stockyard terminals and thought they should be "entirely dissociated from the control of the packers."

If the government acquires the railways it would appear to me that it should, as a part of the system, acquire the yards," he added.

Absolute assurance to the food trades that terminal facilities would allow any manufacturer or dealer in any food product equal opportunity to handle and store his goods pending final distribution was needed, he said. The usefulness of public, wholesale or retail markets "is a matter of great division of opinion" he believed, and added: "The most predominant feeling in the independent trades is that if sites can be made available, adjacent to railway facilities, the trades themselves would solve the matter."

Double-Jointed Egg Is Latest Fancy of Barnyard

GILD HILL, Ore., March 31.—Twin-eggs, nearly normal in size, were laid by a hen on the ranch of C. D. Morgan near here recently. They were joined by a narrow length of shell, and are being preserved for exhibition at the state fair this fall. So far as known, no hen heretofore has laid two eggs in one day, nor has any such freak ever been seen before.

FATE OF YOUNG GIRL PATRICIDE WITH JURY

KILLED SECOND FATHER RECENTLY DURING ASSAULT

Slew Her Own Father Four Years Ago But Was Freed Because She Acted in Defense of Mother

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1.—The fate of Ursula Broderick, tonight rests with 12 men. The case of the 16-year-old girl, charged with first degree murder for killing her stepfather, J. E. Woodlock, who was shot to death April 14 last, went to the jury late today.

Judge Klene ordered that a sealed verdict be returned, when after two hours no word had come from the jury room, and adjourned court, instructing the jury to report at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

In his final address to the jury, assistant Circuit Attorney William O. Reeder, urged that a conviction be returned on the charge, which would carry with it a sentence of life imprisonment.

The girl took the stand in her own behalf and related the incidents that led to the shooting, which she claims was done to protect her honor. The revolver, which she used, she testified, had been bought with the intention of killing herself on account of the treatment she received by her stepfather. The morning the killing took place, she said, her stepfather had carried her from her bed to his own. The revolver was concealed in her nightgown, she continued, and convinced that Woodlock meant to harm her, she fired the shots that ended his life.

SUPREME COURT CLERK GUILTY

Convicted of Disclosing Advance Information of Important Decision

WASHINGTON, April 1.—For the first time in history, a criminal indictment was returned today against persons alleged to have obtained advance information of a supreme court decision for the purpose of stock market speculation.

Ashton F. Embry, former secretary to Justice McKeena, was named as the man who disclosed the substance of the highest court's forthcoming decision in the Southern Pacific case last November. He was said to have received \$600 for the information, whereby the other defendants, E. Millard Mayer, Jr., a New York broker, Barnett E. Moses, lawyer of Washington, and James Harwood Graves, former assistant attorney in the department of justice, were enjoined to sell "short" five hundred shares of Southern Pacific on which a profit of \$1,412.50 was made.

The indictment returned in the District of Columbia supreme court after months of investigation by the department of justice, charged specifically conspiracy to defraud the United States of its right of secrecy surrounding opinions of the United States supreme court prior to public announcement by the justices in formal sessions.

It recited that "from time immemorial" the custom was to deliver all opinions so that all citizens might and did have equal opportunity to be informed concerning them to the end that the court should continue and be regarded as an impartial and public tribunal administering and declaring public law in a public and general manner without favor."

Seattle Yard Sells Out; to Build More Steel Ships

SEATTLE, April 1.—Sale of the Skinner & Eddy corporation's shipyard No. 2 here to David Rodgers, reported in Washington dispatches today will mean the inauguration of a new steel shipbuilding program here, shipping men said tonight. Mr. Rodgers, it became known today, has organized a staff, and is ready to proceed with construction of a number of steel ships for which it is reported he has contracts.

Portland Man May Die From Mysterious Blow

PORTLAND, April 1.—Ernest Roedel, 29, a workman, was taken from the Swift Packing plant today unconscious from a blow on the head which had been received mysteriously, his fellow workmen said. Police officers who investigated said Roedel appeared to have been in a fight. His condition was pronounced precarious.

MEYERS BROS. DISPOSE OF SALEM STORE

In Deal Closed Yesterday Miller Mercantile Company Takes Over Establishment of 40 Years Standing

OREGON CORPORATION IS THE PURCHASER

Incoming Firm Operates String of Business Houses in Western Oregon

After more than 40 years continuous business in Salem, the firm of H. W. & M. L. Meyers have sold to the Miller Mercantile company, an Oregon corporation.

This transfer will be a great surprise to many, as the "Good Goods" store has always been regarded as one of Salem's best, and both Henry and Milton Meyers have been recognized as progressive men with the future of Salem paramount to all other interests, even in selling the business and retiring from Commercial life, the Meyers were greatly influenced in the knowledge they were adding to Salem's future growth and development, as the Miller Mercantile company has proved its loyalty of purpose and exceptional ability as community builders.

"The Meyers policy of selling only 'Good Goods' has also been the policy of the Miller Mercantile company," said one of the principals to the deal, "and that it is a successful one has been thoroughly demonstrated not only by Meyers, but by the success of the Miller Mercantile company, who now have seven stores in operation in Newberg, McMinnville, Sheridan, Dayton, Monmouth, Yamhill and now Salem.

"Each store is a complete unit in itself, operated for the benefit of the community in which it is located. "No outside person, firm or corporation owns a dollar's worth of stock, every member connected with the Miller Mercantile company believes in Oregon and its possibilities; they realize to build and develop the state means greater business and increased prosperity, and the only way to make this increase and development is to strive and work for your home town first.

T. L. Davidson Files as Candidate for Legislature

T. L. Davidson, who lives on route No. 4, yesterday filed with the secretary of state as a Republican candidate for the state legislature. In Mr. Davidson was born on Indian Hill farm, which he owns. He is the son of the late Judge T. L. Davidson, pioneer of 1874, who died a few weeks ago.

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Barnes Cash Store advertisement for Easter Neckwear. Includes text: 'When Buying Easter Things', 'Did you ever think what you might be obliged to pay if it were not for our Retiring From Business Sale?', 'Easter Neckwear For Women and Girls', 'And Don't Forget the Ribbon', '50c to \$5.65 Less 10 Per Cent'.