

Fair and warmer; light to heavy frost in the morning; moderate northwesterly winds.

SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1920.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

NUMBER OF ELECTORATE IS 346,319

Statement by Mr. Kozer Shows Total of Republicans, Democrats and Miscellaneous Voters in Oregon

PAMPHLETS MAILED TO ALL WHO REGISTER

Printing Plant Works Night and Day Shifts to Grind Out Booklets

Olcott Rebukes Senate of Special Session for Failure to Repeal Act

The total registration of voters of all political creeds in Oregon is 346,319. This figure is shown in a statement of registration by counties and parties prepared yesterday by Sam A. Kozer, deputy secretary of state.

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BERRY CONTRACT SAYS 13 CENTS ON MARKET

LOGANS NOT LIKELY TO SELL UNDER THAT FIGURE

Representative of Paulhamus Interests Enters Into Pact With Growers Near Salem

The price of the unsold loganberries will not likely be less than 13 cents a pound this year.

W. J. Trudgeon, local agent for the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Canning company, which is a Paulhamus concern, and which has a cannery at Albany, said yesterday that he had in his pocket a contract for loganberries just written, at 13 cents a pound on the market.

That is, a minimum of 13 cents a pound guaranteed to the grower, and as much higher as the market may go, if it does so any higher.

Mr. Trudgeon said he was authorized to take all the contracts for unsold loganberries that he could get at that price and guarantee in this territory.

Premier Nitti and His Cabinet Has Resigned

ROME, May 11.—The ministry of which Premier Nitti was the head, has resigned.

Premier Nitti has been the object of innumerable bitter attacks in the past year. The Catholics resented the policy of the Italian government toward the Socialists as "excessively mild," but it was recognized that Signor Nitti and his ministers faced an exceptional period of unrest, particularly on the part of labor.

A few days ago the opinion in parliamentary circles was that Premier Nitti was running the risk of being overthrown on account of his lenient attitude during the recent disturbances in northern Italy.

INQUIRY IN RAILROAD DISASTER

Southern Pacific Official Board Takes Testimony and Makes Tests at Scene of Wreck

DISCREPANCY IN TESTIMONY TAKEN

Conductor Pharis and Brakeman Fisch Responsible as Engineer

PORTLAND, May 11.—Had Conductor Anstin Pharis and other members of the crew of Southern Pacific electric train No. 124 been alert at their post of duty, the head-on collision with the outgoing electric passenger train which took a toll of nine killed and many injured, near Bertha station last Sunday morning, would have been averted.

This was the tenor of oral testimony strengthened by actual tests today made at the scene of the tragedy under the direction of the official board of inquiry, called by the Southern Pacific company to fix the responsibility for the wreck. O. O. Johnson, conductor of the outgoing passenger No. 107, gave much of the testimony which tended to fix the responsibility upon the shoulders of Conductor Pharis and Brakeman Fisch.

Mr. Johnson testified that the dead engineer, S. K. Willett, of the incoming passenger.

The conductor and other trainmen, as well as higher Southern Pacific officials, testified that all train orders must be read and understood by every member of the crew. But in the written depositions of Conductor Pharis and Brakeman Fisch, of train No. 124, a discrepancy in statements was found.

"I showed the orders to Fisch and he knew we were to meet No. 107 at the Bertha station siding," stated Pharis in his deposition.

"No, I never saw the orders and did not know what they were," reads the deposition by Brakeman Fisch. "Pharis was in the habit of showing them to me if I was around when he got them, but there were times when I did not know what they were."

In the actual tests with the air emergency brakes at the scene of the tragedy today it was apparently shown that had Conductor Pharis applied the conductor's emergency air cord, even after Engineer Willett had passed the siding where the trains were to have met, his train could have been brought to a stop before it crashed into the outbound passenger.

The taking of oral testimony will be continued tomorrow.

HOOVER NOMINATED BY YALE STUDENTS

FORMER OREGONIAN'S NAME ENTERED BY DEPEW OF BUFFALO

Regular "Republican" Convention is Held With Townspeople of New Haven Attending

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 11.—With an order of business patterned after a regular Republican convention, Yale undergraduates tonight held a mock convention before an audience of 2000 townspeople and "nominated" Herbert Hoover for the presidency. The vote in the formal ballot was Hoover 1,447, General Wood 1,024. Every detail of a national convention was carried out with care by the Yale men.

G. G. Dewey of Buffalo, N. Y., a nephew of Chauncey M. Depew, was temporary chairman and the "key-note speech" was delivered by K. A. Wood, also of Buffalo. Henry H. Luce, of Shantung, China, was permanent chairman and nominating speeches were then called for.

Samuel R. Insull, of Chicago, nominated Governor Lowden, of Illinois; Depew nominated Hoover; William D. Whitney of New Haven, nominated Senator Hiram W. Johnson, and J. Enville of Omaha nominated General Wood. The nominating speeches were limited to five minutes each.

After two ballots in which neither candidate had a two-thirds of the votes, it was voted to make a selection by a majority vote and Hoover won.

Vassar For Hoover Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 11.—Students of Vassar college in a mock Republican national convention held here today nominated Herbert Hoover for the presidency on the first ballot by a 3 to 2 margin over General Leonard Wood, second choice.

SALEM WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. J. E. Scott Succumbs to Four Weeks' Illness; Family Well Known

Mrs. Mary Grace Scott, wife of J. E. Scott, Salem business man, died at her home, 1939 Leslie street at 11:15 o'clock last night after an illness of four weeks. She was 55 years old. Funeral arrangements are to be announced later.

Mrs. Scott was born at Ingersoll, Ont., Canada. She came to Salem in March, 1909, and had lived here since that time. She leaves her husband, two daughters, one son and among other relatives several brothers and sisters, two of whom live in Salem. The daughters are Mrs. W. H. Adrian of Springfield and Miss Eva Scott of Salem. The son is Harry W. Scott of this city. Mrs. Fred L. Scott of Salem is a sister and T. D. Trick of Salem a brother.

Mrs. Scott was a member of the First Methodist church.

GENERAL WOOD AT WASHINGTON

Impressions Gained On His Campaign Tour of Half the Country

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Major General Leonard Wood, here today for a hurried conference with Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and other Republican leaders, declared that in his recent trips over half the country he had found no evidence of "the unrest we find today," he said, "is the unrest growing out of the industrial situation, with the high cost of living and realization that increased wages do not give all one needs in the face of high prices. Present conditions are due more to our own indifference."

"The people are more interested in the cost of living than any other thing," he added.

General Wood declined to comment on President Wilson's letter to Oregon Democrats concerning the league of nations.

On the question of soldier relief legislation, the general said he did not accept the view that there was a reaction against it, declaring it was more of a question of studying methods.

BATHROOM DOOR JAMS, WOMEN SCARED, THEY CALL POLICE

The police were called on the telephone late last night by a woman giving the name of Mrs. Vavra, 521 Union street, who said that someone had gone into their bathroom and locked the door, and that they were unable to get in. She asked to have a policeman come and investigate.

A policeman was sent at once. He found that the door was locked and that the key would not open it, but just as he was on the point of forcing the door he noticed that the latch on the outside of the door had snapped on. When he released the latch the door readily opened and the officer found no one in the room.

After quieting the women, who were badly scared, the officer went back to his beat wondering what other strange thing would come up in his line of duty.

BARS DOWN FOR LOWER GRADE FUEL

Sealer's Department Suspends Prosecutions and Governor Will Pardon Convicted Persons if Necessary

STATE SAVED FROM CRIPPLED CONDITION

Olcott Rebukes Senate of Special Session for Failure to Repeal Act

Gasoline of less gravity than the legal grade of 56 degrees specific gravity can now be shipped into the state, Governor Olcott yesterday made public a statement intimating that, since no branch of the state government, save the legislative branch, has power to suspend laws, he will use the power of pardon and remission of fines delegated to him by the constitution if any vendor of gasoline is convicted of selling under the legal grade.

O. P. Hoff, state treasurer and state sealer, issued a simultaneous statement to the effect that the weights and measures department will suspend prosecutions until the situation is relieved.

Any Citizen May Sue Though the weights and measures department suspends prosecutions it would still be possible for any citizen to take action in court, and this is where the governor's authority to pardon or to remit fines would be applied.

The governor's statement rebukes the state senate of the special legislative session of this year for blocking a repeal of the 56-degree specific gravity law which the governor terms an "absurd statute."

"The many telegrams and phone messages received at this office from all parts of the state indicate that the shortage of gasoline is serious," says Mr. Hoff's statement. "In order that the industries of this state shall suffer as little injury as possible under this condition, it becomes necessary for the weights and measures department to suspend prosecutions where the law governing the test of gasoline is violated until this situation is relieved."

State Law Blamed Governor Olcott's statement, follows:

"The gasoline situation in Oregon has reached an acute crisis through which industries are not only threatened, but crippled, and there is an immediate probability of no more gasoline being shipped into the state. The use of gasoline has become so closely linked with every phase of modern life that any serious curtailment of its supply is nothing short of a catastrophe. The alarming condition which exists is largely due to the law of the 1917 legislature which prohibits the sale of gasoline of less than 56 degrees specific gravity. The 1920 legislature had an opportunity to do some constructive work by wiping this absurd statute from the statute books and the lower house was unanimously in favor of so doing, but in the senate, by a closely divided vote, the amendatory act was killed. As a result the people of the state are facing a condition which already is causing a heavy loss to business."

"This office has been asked to suspend the operation of the law. The executive office, or any other branch of the state government except the legislative branch, has no authority to suspend the operation of this law. When the legislature failed to function by repealing or amending the law, avenues for suspending its operation were closed until the legislative authority again has an opportunity to act."

Constitution Saves Situation "The constitution of the state, however, as a safeguard against situations just such as the present one, or to remedy situations where a grave injustice may have been worked, has extended to the executive office the power to remit fines and to grant pardons. In the light of such a constitutional provision I have no hesitation in saying that the people of the state should have no cause to fear that their industries will be menaced through the operation of a law which has outgrown its usefulness on the statute books. Furthermore, I see no reason why the officials of the oil companies should hesitate to go ahead and import into the state all of the gasoline necessary to place our industries and the operation of cars back on a normal basis."

"It is the duty of the executive to see that the laws are enforced. I also conceive it to be his duty to protect the people of the state, as far as it lies within his delegated powers, against damage or injury that might be sustained through the workings of some ill-advised and unnecessary statute, and that is just what I intend to do if the occasion should arise."

Constitutionality Doubt Some persons express doubt as to (Continued on page 2.)

CLUB LEADER QUILTS SERVICE OF STATE

MAHIN APPOINTED DEPUTY DAIRY AND FOOD OFFICER

Work With Department of Education Covers Eight Years—Convention Seat is Sought

N. C. Maris, who for eight years has been an industrial club worker in the office of the state superintendent of schools and who is now state club leader, has resigned, effective May 15. Mr. Maris has been appointed by J. D. Mickie as chief deputy in the office of the state food and dairy department in Portland.

His successor has not yet been chosen.

Mr. Maris is one of the Republican candidates for delegate to the national Republican convention. He is active in the livestock industry of the state and has considerable to do with the success of that department at the Oregon state fair. His home is in Portland.

SHRINE PATROL IS FIRST CLASS

Captain McAllister's Men Pass Inspection When Reviewed by Portlanders

The marching patrol of the Salem Shriners passed a first class inspection when reviewed by officers from Al Kader patrol of Portland and the army last night and the Salem patrol and its officers were highly commended by the visiting officials.

The inspecting officers from Portland were A. H. Lea, potentate of Al Kader temple; Hal T. Hutchinson, first lieutenant of Al Kader patrol, and Harvey Wells, first ceremonial master of Al Kader patrol.

The inspection qualifies the Salem patrol for participation in the Shrine ceremonials and parades when the imperial conclave comes to Portland in June and the invitation to participate was extended last night together with an invitation to accompany Al Kader patrol on various summer excursions. One of these probably will be to Crater lake for a ceremonial at that place.

The Salem patrol has 27 members. The officers are: Captain, Joseph A. McAllister; first lieutenant, M. L. Meyers; second lieutenant, Allan A. Hall; quartermaster sergeant, D. W. Eyre.

SMALL STORES MADE TARGET

P-T Association Asks Council to Restrict Them in Residence Districts

The Parent-Teacher association of the Lincoln school went on record with a resolution last night discouraging additional business houses in the residence districts and recommending to the city council the passing of an ordinance requiring the unanimous consent of the property owners within 300 feet of any proposed business house before a permit be given for its erection.

The resolution declares "there is an crying need of business houses in the residential districts of the city of Salem and that on the contrary they detract from the beauty of the city and are otherwise objectionable to nearby residents."

Some of the members branded the small business houses in the residence districts as nuisances and it was asserted that their possibilities from the point of view of successful business ventures are not attractive. There was no dissenting vote on the resolution.

Another action of the meeting was a solid stand in behalf of the educational millage measures that are to be voted on at the special election. Col. Carl Abrams explained the higher educational aid bill and Dr. W. Carlton Smith presented the merits of the common school bill. After the bills had been explained thoroughly the chairman asked if anyone present who had any objection to the two bills and not an objection was offered.

A short program was given by the children of the school in a very capable manner.

BUSINESS MEN ARE OFF TO EUGENE, CORVALLIS TODAY

Approximately 100 Salem business men, including 50 Cherrians in uniform, will leave Salem over the Oregon Electric at 8:25 o'clock this morning for Eugene on an excursion at the invitation of Eugene business men.

The primary purpose of the trip is to inspect the University of Oregon and become informed of its needs with reference to the higher educational millage bill to be voted on May 21. The Eugene citizens will escort the Salem men about the university buildings and grounds and be their hosts at a noon luncheon.

After the lunch hour Eugene citizens will take the visitors to Corvallis by automobile where Oregon Agricultural college will be visited. The Salem crowd again will be the guests at a dinner and will take the 6:25 Oregon Electric for Salem, arriving here at 7:45.

OFFICIAL REPORT ON CARRANZA

President Wilson's Cabinet Gives Mexican Situation Only Passing Attention at This Time

CARRANZA HEMMED IN ON ALL SIDES

Mexican President and Few Loyal Followers Make Last Desperate Stand

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Official reports telling of the overthrow of President Carranza of Mexico were before President Wilson and his cabinet today but the new turn of events was understood to have been given only passing attention.

Dispatches from navy officers and state department representatives all have indicated thus far that assurances of protection to Americans and other foreigners had been given by victorious leaders of the revolutionary forces and there was nothing in the situation, officials indicated, that called for attention by the Washington government.

The question of recognition of the new government apparently in process of formation in Mexico may arise soon. It was reported today that plans for asking recognition were being pressed by revolutionary leaders.

Superintendent Oklahoma is en route from New York to Key West but reports from Captain Long commanding the destroyer force now distributed along the east coast of Mexico, told of no disorder.

VERA CRUZ, May 11.—Forces commanded by Carranza fought an all-day battle today against rebel troops under Generals Hill and Trevino between San Marcos in the state of Puebla, and Huamantla, in the state of Tlaxcala, according to advices received here.

VERA CRUZ, May 11.—President Carranza, who is making a stand against heavy forces at the village of San Marcos, 27 miles northeast of Puebla, has not yet been dislodged from his position there by the troops of Generals Hill and Trevino, which are attempting to drive him from his stronghold along the railroad leading from Apizaco to this city.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., May 11.—That an agreement may be reached whereby the revolutionists will gain control of Matamoros, the last large town in this section of Mexico under control of President Carranza, was indicated in reliable sources in Matamoros last night. It is said there is a general desire of army officers in Matamoros to avoid a conflict between the federal troops and the revolutionists and it was reported in some quarters that an agreement by Saturday has been predicted.

EL PASO, Tex., May 11.—With the fate of President Carranza still in doubt, reports of a few minor engagements between federal and rebel forces along the northeastern border of Mexico washed revolutionary headquarters tonight.

Carranza forces at Salinas, Coahuila, were routed by troops under General Antonio Froadas, and after the battle a trainload of wounded federals was sent to Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, it was reported.

Fighting was said to be in progress at Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas, with revolutionists attacking the town.

Eight hundred laborers and their families were reported as having gathered at Monclova, Coahuila, where they were said to be seeking protection from the menace of Carranza forces operating in that region.

Claiming the greater part of Mexico as their territory, revolutionary agents here today began their share of the long task of reconstruction which faces a country torn by war for an entire decade.

BLUEBEARD TO WRITE MEMOIRS

Pen to Give Warning Helpful to Those Starting On Downward Path

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—James P. Watson—that is the name the papers will bear that will commit to San Quentin penitentiary for life imprisonment the bigamist-murderer, Los Angeles county authorities say has confessed to the murders of nine of his score or more of wives—announced today from the prison ward of the Los Angeles county hospital that he would write his "memoirs."

"My pen, he said, "may send forth a warning which may be helpful to many who have started on the downward path."



Retiring From Business

To put forth one's best efforts is honorable, but to exert them where they will accomplish the most, is good judgment.

Yet a Little While

And one of the greatest opportunities to save money on things that are necessary—to exert your efforts where they will accomplish the most—will have passed.

To make things exceedingly interesting, as well as profitable for our customers, we will give a straight discount on Everything of

20%

Not a single reservation. And, bear in mind, many, many lines have already been reduced 20 per cent, 30 per cent, and even as much as 50 per cent. Think of an additional reduction of 20 per cent! Many of the low prices would look ridiculous in print. Come early!

Clothiers and Shoe Men

Cabinets and Rolling Ladders

Five section Men's Clothing Cabinets built of quartered oak and plate glass, with Grand Rapids patent pull out hangers. These are 13 feet long with a capacity of about 120 suits. Strictly high grade furniture at a small fraction of present costs. We have two of these, each \$100.00

Ladders—Two G. A. Milbradt & Co. Rolling Ladders with 57 feet of track. Twelve step type with track on upper ledge and side rollers under base shelf. First class condition. Each, with half of track, \$10.00

All Unsold Fixtures Very Reasonable

All Unsold Shelving at 8c Per Board foot

TO REGULATE SUGAR PROFITS

Department of Justice Issues Orders to U. S. District Attorney

SPOKANE, Wash., May 11.—Margins of profit on sugar sold by wholesalers in the state of Washington must not exceed one cent per pound and for retailers, two cents per pound, according to instructions received tonight at the office of United States District Attorney F. A. Garreant from the department of justice.

The order declared that profits in excess of the one cent and two cent margins would be considered violations of the Lever act, and that prosecutions would follow.

TIMBER FIRE CAUSE OF SUIT

Government Institutes Damage Proceedings Against Lumber Co.

PORTLAND, May 11.—United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys received instructions today from Attorney General Palmer to bring proceedings against the Stanley Smith Lumber company of Hood River, alleging that the company permitted a fire to spread from its land into government timber adjoining without making any attempt to check the blaze. The action is said to be the first of its kind instituted by the government against a lumber company. The company is to be sued for the loss sustained by the government, it is said.