

CIRCULATION	
Average for February, 1923:	
Daily only	6002
Daily and Sunday	5420
Average for six months ending January 31, 1923:	
Daily only	5809
Daily and Sunday	5481

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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 1923.

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## SCHOOL BONDS ARE APPROVED

### A PORTLAND JEWELRY STORE LOSES \$20,000 SALEM VOTES FOR BETTER SCHOOLS IN MONDAY'S ELECTION

#### HIGHWAYMEN LOOT STORE IN DAYLIGHT

Rich Haul Made in Establishment of Gus Cramer; Proprietor and Employees Bound.

#### LOSSES SAID ONLY COVERED IN PART

Jewels Carefully Wiped Off That Fingerprints May Not Be Seen.

PORTLAND, Or., March 12.—Two armed highwaymen bound the proprietor and two employees one a young woman in the G. Cramer jewelry store on an upper floor in a downtown office building late today and escaped with several thousand dollars in jewelry and watches.

Both bandits were young men, fairly dressed. They wore no masks. They entered the jewelry store and immediately drew their revolvers, ordering Cramer, C. Tonner, a watchmaker, and Miss Mildred Hall, a clerk, to throw up their hands and be silent.

The bandits produced ropes and tied up the three persons but did not gag them. Cries for help attracted other persons in the building soon after the robbers had fled and the police were called.

Losses Partly Covered  
Gus Cramer, proprietor of the jewelry store said tonight that the robbers took approximately \$20,000 worth of loose diamonds rings and watches.

When the two robbers entered the place, Cramer said, they covered the four persons present with revolvers and ordered them to put up their hands. All complied. One robber then held a gun while the other produced a ball of heavy twine and proceeded to the Cramer, C. C. Tonner, J. G. Jasman, clerks and Miss Mildred Hall, a stenographer. He then opened the show-cases, took out the jewels and after carefully rubbing out all fingerprints with a handkerchief and warning the store people not to make an outcry, left with his companion. No one reported having seen the two leave the building but it was apparent that they had left by one of the elevators all of which were crowded with people leaving their offices after a day's work.

Cramer said his losses were only partly covered by insurance. Some of the stolen jewels, he said, belonged to customers who had left them there for various purposes.

#### Richard-Ormbreck Wedding at Silverton Held Sunday

SILVERTON, Or., March 12.—(Special to The Statesman.)—A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. O. Ormbreck Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock when Miss Ruth Ormbreck became the wife of Jessie Richard. The bridal couple were attended by a sister of the bride and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard will live at Salem for the present as Mr. Richard is under the medical care for an injury he received in the Silverton logging camps some time ago.

#### TWO EX-CONVICTS HOLD UP ST. PAUL BANK; HELD HERE

Robert Burns, 40 paroled convict from the Oregon state penitentiary, and Edgar Lewis Smith, West Linn resident, who held up and robbed the State Bank at St. Paul early yesterday only to be captured at Newberg about one hour later, both pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon, when arraigned in the justice court late in the afternoon. A hearing will be given them at 2 p. m. this afternoon before Judge G. E. Unruh.

When arrested \$703.40 in cash was found on Smith. Unmasked they entered the bank shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, ordered W. M. Murphy, acting cashier, and Miss Beatrice Murphy, bookkeeper, to throw up their hands, and proceeded to scoop up what cash could be found in sight. Burns is understood to have covered the employees while Smith took the cash. No patrons were in the lobby at the time and unmolested, they hurried into a waiting automobile and drove off.

#### FOSTER UP FOR TRIAL

Forming Organization to Teach Syndicalism Charge Against Leader.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 12.—William E. Foster, of Chicago, was placed on trial in circuit court here today charged with assembling with an organization formed to "teach and advocate the doctrine of criminal syndicalism."

Three other charges of the indictment, accusing Foster of advocating crime and violence, have been dismissed by the court. Conviction carries penalty of 10 years in prison or a \$5,000 fine, or both.

#### Jurors Questioned

The state questioned the prospective jurors, particularly as to whether they had read alleged propaganda for the defense mailed to voters throughout the country by the American Civil Liberties union of New York. Although 15,000 letters were said to have been mailed to as many voters here only one of the panel called for jury duty recalled having seen the pamphlets.

Mr. Walsh questioned the jurors about a speech delivered before the local club by Allen O. Meyers, assistant general manager of the W. J. Burns National Detective agency.

Eight of the 10 defendants who surrendered Saturday, including Rose Pastor Stokes, Edgar Owen, Max Bedacht, Robert Minor and Ella Bloor, have not yet arranged to give the \$1,000 bonds required. In the meantime they are at liberty on their own recognizance.

#### REFORM AUTO DOES ITS WORK

Hjalmar Fossholm of Silverton Given Ride After Sentence by Court.

The "reform car" was given its second airing yesterday when Judge G. E. Unruh ruled that in addition to a \$10 fine paid for reckless driving, Hjalmar Fossholm of Silverton must be publicly exhibited to the people of Salem. The car bore the inscriptions, painted on two banners, "This is a traffic law violator being taught the rules of the road."

Fossholm, who was arrested by State Traffic Officer John Eakin, was charged with reckless and incompetent driving. It was asserted that he had been caught zigzagging his car down the Pacific highway in order to frighten two girl occupants.

#### AGED PIONEER DIES

WALLA, WALLA, Wash., March 12.—While the funeral of his aged wife was being held in an adjoining room at the home of his daughter here, August Lonnecker, aged 70 a pioneer resident of this section died of pneumonia today.

#### HEAVY STORM KILLS MANY. DAMAGE GREAT

Death List in Hinson Increased to Thirty; Residences and Buildings Unroofed and Wrecked.

#### INTENSITY OF WIND SAID ON INCREASE

Many Victims Being Treated in Hospitals—Death List Increases.

An angry sweep of weather from the Pacific northwest which caused millions in property damage, loss of scores of lives and for a time stifled wire communication throughout a great portion of the country, was swinging northeastward from the Lake region and lower Mississippi valley tonight with diminishing intensity.

Communication facilities were being restored to normal in the east and central west, trails again were moving on schedule, blustery winds were subsiding and snow flurries and driving hail storms tonight were turning to rain. Continued cool throughout the northwest, central and valley states was forecast for the next 24 hours by spring temperatures were in early prospect.

#### Damage Great

The storm that was central over Missouri Sunday night moved rapidly northeastward to the upper lake region with a marked increase in intensity during Sunday night and it continued to advance northeastward over Michigan and Lake Huron Monday with decreasing intensity.

Sunday and early Monday the storm had been attended by strong shifting winds and gales in the lake region, the great central valleys and along the north Atlantic coast and by precipitation almost generally east of the Missouri and lower Mississippi valley.

Damage which will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars was done by the wind in Indiana today.

Business buildings, residences and barns were unroofed and wrecked in many localities and livestock on farms was killed. The heaviest sufferers were the telephone, telegraph and interurban companies.

Many Deaths Result  
Twenty known dead and property damage expected to reach \$250,000 was the toll in Madison and Chester counties, Tenn., and two towns, Hinson and Deadenburg, were especially hard hit.

At least nine deaths resulted in Kentucky. Reports from Richmond said that three persons lost their lives in that vicinity when the wind lifted a small farm house with three adults and 10 children from its foundation, carried it 50 yards and hurled it to the ground in splinters.

At Lexington, the betting shed at the Kentucky Racing association track was wrecked, plate glass store fronts shattered and telephone poles and trees felled. A workman was killed near Eldorado, Ark., when an oil derrick blew over on him.

Many derricks were demolished and a heavy loss from damage to storage tanks and other buildings is reported.

Property damage estimated between \$300,000 and \$500,000 was caused in Montgomery county, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 12.—The death list from Sunday's storm in the little town of Hinson, in Madison county, Tenn., was increased to 20 this afternoon when 10 additional bodies were brought into Jackson by train, according to dispatches received here from Jackson.

More than 75 storm victims are now being treated in Jackson hospitals.

#### SAY LIQUOR IS DELIVERED TO JUDGE

Many Grave Charges Made Against C. J. McFadden; Intoxication Alleged.

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 12.—Liquor seized by officers in raids in the ninth judicial district of Nevada was delivered to the home of Judge Clarence J. McFadden, district judge, according to testimony given in the Nevada legislature today which heard evidence offered to support removal charges against the judge on file in the legislature. A witness also testified that Judge McFadden was intoxicated at times and that he frequented places where liquor was sold.

In court and out, the judge's method of dealing with attorneys was antagonistic, witnesses testified. He admitted attorneys to practice in an irregular manner, collected no fee and threatened to eliminate an unfriendly attorney from the community, according to the evidence submitted today.

The hearing will be resumed tomorrow when witnesses for Judge McFadden will be heard.

#### FIGHT BEGUN BY GOVERNOR

Pierce Offers Data in Defense of Increased Tax on Gasoline.

In an address before the Salem Chamber of Commerce at noon yesterday Governor Pierce inaugurated a fight against a proposed referendum of an act of the recent legislature adding another 1 cent tax on gasoline. The move to refer the measure is already under way in Portland, and it is said there is to be a conference there this week of those who oppose the increased tax.

Highways Threatened  
Governor Pierce declared that the movement seriously threatens the future of Oregon highways and finances, and that if the law is referred it will mean that the state is unable to complete necessary links in a highway system that has cost millions upon millions of dollars. It will mean that many districts will go without the roads to which they are entitled. It will mean that practically no new construction can be undertaken.

"In 1922," said the governor, "automobile license fees yielded to the highway fund \$2,558,987. The gasoline tax yielded \$948,509 the same year. It is estimated that the license fees will yield approximately \$2,500,000 in 1923

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#### RHINE PAYMENT PLAN REVEALED

Twelve Annual Installments Provided for Minus Ship Receipts.

PARIS, March 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Secretary of State Hughes has before him today the allied plan to pay the costs of the American military occupation of the Rhineland as telegraphed to him by Assistant Secretary Wadsworth who is conducting the negotiations with the allied financial experts here.

The essential features of the plan are, first, to reduce the total by the amounts received from the sale of German ships and the appraised value of those retained by the United States and second, to pay the remainder in 12 annual installments, out of the future receipts from Germany on the reparations account.

Secretary Hughes' reply is expected in time for the next conference meeting Wednesday.

#### FRENCH READY TO EVACUATE RUHR VALLEY

When Germany Begins Payment on Reparations France and Belgium Will Leave, Report.

#### DEATH OF OFFICER LAID TO OWN MEN

Action Is Wanted, Not Promises, Declare Representatives of Invaders.

BRUSSELS, March 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The French and Belgians by declaring this afternoon that they are ready, when Germany begins payment to evacuate the Ruhr and the territory recently occupied on the right bank of the Rhine, believe they have dealt a big blow to German propaganda, entirely contravening the German statement that they were actuated by political motives in occupying the district.

A formal declaration given out in the form of a communique following today's conference of Premiers Poincare and Theunis, was in part as follows:

It was noted in some quarters that no mention was made of the Rhineland in the statement.

Want Action  
As regards the evacuation, it is pointed out that the same principle is applied as when the Germans evacuated French territory after the Franco-Prussian war, the troop withdrawal being carried out progressively as the French paid the indemnity. The Franco-Belgians say:

"What we want from Germany is action not promises."

With this political aspect of the conference settled, the rest of the meeting was devoted to the immediate aspect of the situation, especially to obtaining coal for Belgium and coke for France from Ruhr. Stipulations were made that any German workmen helping to load coal at the mines would not be allowed to become the objects of German reprisals when the Ruhr is evacuated.

The conferees took special measures for granting import and export licenses and facilitating the foreign trade of the occupied region. These measures are said to have been taken in consequence of the complaints recently made by Switzerland and Holland and in an effort to relieve dissatisfaction in the England occupied area around Cologne.

#### DUSSELDORF, March 12.

Owing to interruption of the military telephone line, due, it is believed to sabotage, details of the situation in the region of Recklinghausen are lacking. The guards throughout the Ruhr have been increased.

LONDON, March 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German government, say a Central News dispatch from Berlin, has issued an official statement declaring that the assassins of the French officer and civilian slain Saturday night at Buer, were French soldiers and not Germans as alleged by the occupation authorities.

BERLIN, March 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The French authorities in the Ruhr have arrested Frauline Marie Tugers, a member of the reichstag at Herdecke, near Hagen.

#### Mehava Collegian Makes Big Grades at Corvallis

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 12.—Harrison Phillips of Mehava received grades averaging "A"—96 per cent—for the fall term at the college. Sixteen students made "A" averages. Three of these were girls. Three were freshmen, one sophomore, four juniors, four seniors and four special. Eighty-six made averages above 93 per cent, 27 of whom were girls.

#### BETTER SCHOOLS IN MONDAY'S ELECTION

By a majority of 266 votes, Salem taxpayers yesterday authorized a bond issue of \$500,000 which means that the three-year building program made by the school board of the district may be carried out.

A total of 1361 votes was cast, a record vote in city school elections, according to those who have watched local selections. The vote for the bonds was 811 with 545 against and five votes defective.

The building program as outlined by the school board with the Chamber of Commerce provides for a permanent unit and equipment at the high school, one permanent unit and equipment at Grant school, one permanent unit and equipment at Washington school, one permanent unit and equipment at Lincoln school and a number of needed improvements at McKinley, Englewood, Garfield, Highland, New Park and Richmond schools.

#### ROAD WORK WILL BEGIN

South End of Polk County Highway Agreed to by Both Factions.

Through an agreement that will serve temporarily, contractors will begin paving the West Side Pacific highway south of Monmouth by starting at the extreme south end of the project where a mile and a half of the stretch is common to both sides in the warring Polk county factions.

The highway was routed from Monmouth south. Independence citizens took up the fight, insisting that it should run from Independence south. The lower courts in three cases affecting the West Side highway, held with the highway commission, but the case has been appealed to the supreme court where it is now pending.

Contractors Protected  
It is believed by the time the contractors, Cummins & LaPointe, have finished the mile and a half which is satisfactory to both sides, the supreme court will have handed down its decision.

Should the supreme court hold against the highway commission it was agreed yesterday that the state shall reimburse the contractors for their losses. This agreement was made for the reason that it will cost the contractors more proportionately to pave a mile and a half than it would the whole eight miles.

Government Urges Action  
The highway department has received a letter from C. H. Purcell, district engineer representing the federal bureau of public roads, which will share the cost of the construction, arguing that this project and also the Holmes Gap-Bicknell job, be expedited.

The Purcell letter follows: "It has come to our attention through the local press that pavement is under way to further delay the construction of Oregon federal aid project No. 57 (Monmouth-Benton county line section of the West Side highway.)

"We feel compelled to protest any further delay in the construction of this project. The record of this project shows that it was formally presented for approval as a federal aid project on November 26, 1921. The project statement was approved on May 24, 1922. On July 28, 1922, a cooperative agreement was finally executed by the state highway department and by the secretary of agriculture under which the state agreed to construct this project in accordance with plans previously submitted by the state and approved by the bureau of public roads. Bids were opened with our approval on May 10, 1922, and very satisfactory bid prices secured.

Funds Tied Up  
"By reason of litigation regarding funds involved, the state delayed the award of the contract during the season of 1922, and the project has remained in an uncompleted condition with the federal and state funds tied up. In the meantime, believing that the state would comply with its legal obligations, we have approved other projects upon this same highway which will not properly serve the public until the Monmouth-south and Holmes Gap-

"But there remain many acres of land," Mr. Work said, "barren because of the sandy, unwatered soil. So monumental is the task of converting these vast expanses of arid desert into farm lands that corporations financed by private capital have been unable to overcome the natural barriers. It remains, therefore, for the national government to solve the problem of reclaiming these lands."

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Survey of the Big Bend district of the Columbia river recently ordered by the interior department is to mark the inauguration of an active policy in the interest of western irrigation projects, Secretary Work indicated today.

"As secretary of the interior," he said, "I am particularly interested in seeing the successful development of these barren districts of the west until every acre shall be under cultivation producing whatever crops are suitable to their soil."

The Big Bend project constitutes the largest single irrigation enterprise in the United States, comprising three million acres of which at least two-thirds are deemed "reclaimable" by the department.

"Young People's Society Gives Program at Church  
SILVERTON, Or., March 12.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Trinity Young Peoples' society gave a program at Trinity church Sunday afternoon to an audience of over 200.

The program consisted of the following numbers: Selection by Trinity band; vocal solo by Miss Esther Larson, piano accompaniment by Miss Dora Henriksen; reading by Mrs. L. M. Larson; piano trio by Miss Louise Henriksen, Miss Ethel Larson and Miss Dora Henriksen; concert solo by Harry Larson with piano accompaniment by Mrs. L. M. Larson; vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Maria Tingstad with piano accompaniment by Miss Nettie Benson; reading by Silas Torvick; talk by Rev. George Henriksen; selection by Trinity band.

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THE WEATHER	
OREGON: Tuesday, rain.	
LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)	
Maximum temperature, 54.	Minimum temperature, 37.
Rainfall, 4.8 feet, rising.	Wind, 19 mph.
Atmosphere, cloudy.	Wind, south.