

## ALL RECORDS TO BE BROKEN IN POLL TODAY

Weather Man Predicts Good Day for Practically Entire United States; Interest Keen

## ALL SIDES CLAIM VICTORY IMPENDING

Republicans Predict Landslide of at Least 350 Electoral Votes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—A forecast of fair weather for virtually the entire country, with dry roads in the agricultural sections of the middle west, led to predictions that tomorrow's vote would be by far the largest ever recorded in a presidential election.

Two vice presidential candidates also prolonged their speaking campaigns until tonight. Governor Bryan spending the final hours before election in a circuit of five Nebraska cities, and Senator Wheeler winding up his long speaking tour in Baltimore. Having concluded his campaign Saturday, Charles G. Dawes rested at his home in Evanston.

During the day new figures regarding campaign expenditures were filed in Washington, but in no case did the totals given bring party statistics down to date. The present official reports made to any government authority show collections of \$3,743,000 by the republicans up to October 31; of \$618,331 by the democrats up to October 29; and of \$245,000 by the La Follette-Wheeler managers up to October 19. Chairman Borah of the senate campaign fund investigating committee announced that no statement of com-

## SEASONAL LABOR PEOPLE MEET HERE

Work of Year Is Reviewed and Plans for Expansion Made for the Future

Work of the last year and plans for expansion in the future were outlined Monday at a meeting of the seasonal employment commission, which has as its purpose an equitable distribution of labor in the interests of both the employer and the worker. One of the features of the commission is the regular issuance of bulletins giving information upon labor conditions in all parts of the state, and issued at no expense to the state.

Members of the commission who met here yesterday were C. A. Gram, state labor commissioner; A. W. Jones, government employment agent at Portland; W. H. Fitzgerald, federal director of the United States employment bureau; C. A. Kella, of Salem, local United States employment bureau representative; and Miss Louise Shields, welfare worker, of Salem.

The bulletin service is highly appreciated through the state, Miss Shields, secretary of the commission, said. This year there were 250 names on the mailing list, including large growers, newspapers and the auto camp grounds. Reports from the migratory workers showed that many of these obtained work through the bulletins, while the growers reported that crops were all harvested at the proper time, spite of a general labor scarcity. Early in the spring the service will be resumed, Miss Shields said, and plans are now under way for the second annual conference of the principal Oregon growers who employ large numbers of pickers. This meeting will probably be held in March.

### THE WEATHER

OREGON—Unsettled with rain and moderate temperature; fresh southerly winds in the interior and southerly gales on the coast.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 53. Minimum temperature, 47. River, 17.1; rising.

Rainfall, .15.

Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, south.

## Vote 'er Straight

This is a Republican year, and it is a fine time for all Republicans to present a solid front.

And Republican principles mean as much right now as they ever did in the whole history of the party. But for the solid front of a solid party, there might be breakers ahead of our country.

So Why Not Go Right Down the Line?

## Remember the Boom

after the election of McKinley? Well, there is a greater one ahead after the shouting is over for the victory of

Coolidge and Dawes

## Vote 'er Straight

## CONSOLIDATION IS ADVOCATED

## Gov. Pierce Names Committee to Draft Bill in Interests of Economy

Consolidation of many commissions in the interests of efficiency and economy is to be considered by a committee of seven in Portland this coming Saturday, it was announced Monday in a letter from Governor Pierce to Senator E. J. Toose, of Oregon City. The committee will consider the present situation and draft a bill to be presented to the legislature, abolishing, consolidating and coordinating activities of the state. The governor said that an attempt was made in the last legislature and that he believed there was sufficient time to prepare another bill, together with arguments, and present it to the 1925 legislature.

"My experience as state senator for eight years and governor for nearly two years has convinced me that changes should be made in the government of the state of Oregon," Governor Pierce wrote. "At the present time many activities are overlapping. Duties are duplicated by different departments. There are numerous boards and commissions collecting fees amounting to several hundred thousand dollars and spending these collections without submitting the cost of their activities to either the legislature or the budget commission of the state. It is my opinion that large savings could be made by having all fees paid direct to the state treasury, and all state activities performed only after a careful budget has been allowed and appropriations made by the legislature."

Members of the committee named by Governor Pierce are Senator Toose, A. K. McMahan, of Albany; R. L. Sabin, Jr., Portland; Senator W. G. Strayer, of Baker; Senator Fred Fish, of Eugene; Leonard Andres, Portland; and J. P. Newell, of Portland.

## T. G. BLIGH GREAT LOSS TO SALEM

By ELLA McMUNN

Five minutes ago, over a friend's telephone, came the news that Thomas Gregor Bligh is dead. Sitting in front of the fireplace and listening to the rain upon the roof, while pink chrysanthemums nodded in at the window had reminded us of Thanksgiving, and Thanksgiving had reminded us of Mr. Bligh, so that we had not that place yesterday afternoon when a burning snag close to the road fell on him.

My personal grief at the loss of this kind, generous, jolly, good-hearted friend stuns me at this moment, so that I cannot express what his going means to the city of Salem, even though we may be sure that his activities, as far as possible, will be carried on by Mrs. Bligh and his son Frank.

It must be twenty years at least since he came to Salem and began to tear down shabby buildings and erect good ones; to start picture shows; to establish hotels; in short to build up the town, and all this during the dull period when most of us thought he was throwing money away. But Mr. Bligh was successful in every undertaking and many discouraged people took new heart from his optimism, and keep the ball rolling along development lines until

## RIBBONS ARE AWARDED AT STOCK SHOW

New Royalty Chosen at Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland

## MONMOUTH PERCHERON RECEIVES HIGH PLACE

E. T. Evans' "Maple Grove Sensation" Made Reserve Grand Champion

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—Royalty opened its ranks today to admit new grand champions, competitors in this year's Pacific International Livestock exposition, now being held here.

First blue ribbons to appear were among the perchérons, where Maple Grove Wonder, owned by J. O. Singmaster, of Keota, Iowa, was adjudged grand champion stallion and Maple Grove Sensation, owned by E. T. Evans, of Monmouth, Or., reserve grand champion stallion.

In the Clydesdales, the grand champion stallion is William Woodmack, owned by Harvey White of Tekoa, Wash., and the reserve grand champion stallion is Jessica's Rainier owned by C. W. Bowers of Sacramento, Cal.

J. M. Fruits of Idaho carried all honors in Hampshire swine. Washington balanced the lists when Escalon Lady 20th, owned by Kenneth Hinshaw of Golden Dale, was declared grand champion Berkshire sow. Rieck Brothers of Macleay, Or., won with Waldo Hills challenger as grand champion Berkshire boar. Mr. Fruits' Sour Dough Jim and Silver Belle are grand champion boar and grand champion sow, respectively, in the Hampshire class.

Although few prizes in the cattle division were announced, Adaso Second, property of the University of Idaho, was named reserve grand heifer champion.

Earl Klahr, 15 year old corn champion of Parma, Idaho, was honored at a banquet of boys and girls club members at the Portland chamber of commerce tonight. Klahr won the sweepstakes in the land products show.

Newberg high school of Newberg, Or., won first prize in the

## Mrs. Harding's Condition Is Reported to Be Better

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 3.—Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, widow of the late President, who has been ill of kidney trouble for several weeks, was slightly improved tonight, although complications have arisen, a bulletin issued by Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, at 7 o'clock said.

Dr. Sawyer's formal statement said: "Mrs. Harding is some better tonight after resting well today. New complications have developed, however, which are yet undefined."

## THREE MORE DIE FROM PECULIAR NEW SICKNESS

Long Conference Held Between Medical Authorities and Los Angeles Mayor

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3.—Three deaths here today from what state and city medical men have diagnosed as pneumonia plague brought the total mortality list attributable to the disease since October 19 to 24, according to an announcement tonight by Dr. W. H. Kellogg, director of the California state hygienic laboratory.

Dr. Kellogg's list of remaining patients isolated at the Los Angeles General hospital showed six still affected with malady there. Federal, state, county and city medical men held a lengthy conference today with Mayor George E. Cryer, discussing measures to eradicate the disease. All agreed that with prompt and drastic measures the situation could be controlled.

According to Dr. Kellogg and Dr. Elmer R. Pascoe, acting city health commissioner of Los Angeles, two localities in the city and one in the county are under quarantine for the disease.

## STUDENT YWCA COUNCIL MEETS

Miss Jennelle Vandervort, of Willamette, Head of Northwest Group

Representative of all the colleges of the northwest, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, the Executive council of the Seabeck Division of the student YWCA meets at Willamette this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Miss Jennelle Vandervort of Salem, a senior in Willamette, is chairman of the executive council and has complete charge of the northwest territory.

One of the outstanding points of discussion will be the portion of the \$112,000 that the student YWCA of the United States is to provide toward the national budget, that the Seabeck division will be responsible for. Willamette's apportionment is \$151 but the total amount for the northwest ter-

## LEGION NOMINATES OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Clifford Brown Unanimous Choice for Commander; Election December 1

Nomination of officers for the coming year, a feature of the meeting last night of Capitol post No. 9, American legion, leaves men named for the four highest positions unopposed. Names placed in nomination were as follows: Clifford Brown, commander; Dr. Carl Wanner, vice commander; Charles Goodwin, adjutant; Dr. W. I. Lewis, finance officer; Don Wiggin and Dr. C. B. O'Neill, quartermaster; Rufe White and Bob Harpole, chaplain; Robin D. Day and C. K. Logan, historian; Brazier C. Small, Dr. R. L. Wood, J. M. Panek, Carl Gabrielson, W. K. McKnight, George Griffith and Dave Shadle, for members of the executive committee. The election will be held Monday night, December 1.

Reports on the Armistice day dance were given by Biddy Bishop with Clifford Brown reporting on the sale of tickets. The punch and cloak room concession for the dance was given to the American legion auxiliary. Newell Williams delighted with a vocal solo while Rufe White delivered his famous "campaign address."

Plans for the American legion show are progressing, according to Rufe White, chairman of the committee. Other members of the committee, named by the chairman, are Carl Wanner, Ed Rowland, Clifford Brown, Carl Gabrielson, C. B. O'Neill, W. K. McKnight, Headrick and Newell Williams.

## Come Early and Avoid The Rush, Is Request

An urgent request has been issued by U. G. Boyer, county clerk, that everyone intending to vote today do so as early in the day as possible. The polls will close promptly at 8:00 p. m., and a heavy influx to the polling places at the end of the day will not only result in inconvenience to the voters and tellers, but might easily make it impossible for some to cast their ballots.

## COOLIDGE ASKS ALL VOTERS TO ATTEND POLLS

Citizens of United States Called Upon to Cast Ballots According to Lights of Own Consciences

## NO APPEAL MADE FROM STANDPOINT OF PARTY

Audience Is Largest That Ever Listened to One Speaker in History

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—President Coolidge, in a talk over the radio tonight to the largest audience ever addressed on one circuit, called upon the American citizens to go to the polls tomorrow and make their choice of public officers "solely in the light of their own conscience."

The president appealed to the voters to approach the ballot box "in the spirit that they would discharge a sacred duty, and there, disregarding all appeals to passion and prejudice, dedicate themselves truly and wholly to the welfare of their country."

He declared the decision should not be so directed that a minority would control the government and asked that everyone who has the right to vote, "without reference to party," exercise that right tomorrow.

The text in part follows: "The institutions of our country rest upon faith in the people. No decision that the people have made in any great crisis has ever shown that faith in them has been misplaced. It is impossible to divorce that faith which we have in others from the faith which we have in ourselves. The right action of all of us is made up of the right action of each one of us. Each of us is determined to meet the duty that comes to us, we can have no right to expect that others will meet the duties that come to them. Certainly we cannot expect them to so act as to save us from the consequences of having failed to act. The immediate and pressing obligation for tomorrow is that each one of us, who is qualified, shall vote. That is a function which cannot be delegated, which cannot be postponed. The opportunity will never rise again. If the individual fail to discharge that obligation, the whole nation will suffer a loss from that neglect."

"America, more thoroughly than any other country, has adopted a system of self-government. Sometimes we refer to it as the rule of the people. Cer-

## KAY-MYERS FIGHT HOTTEST IN STATE

Contest for State Treasurer Expected to Be Closely Contested

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—Four of Oregon's congressional delegations are in the lists fighting in the election tomorrow.

United States Senator Charles L. McNary, republican, is opposed by Milton A. Miller, democrat; F. E. Culter, progressive and R. Robinson, socialist labor.

W. C. Hawley, republican representative from the first district, is opposed by H. L. Clark, democrat, W. J. Butler, independent, and Upton A. Upton, socialist labor.

N. J. Sinnott, republican representative from the second district, is opposed by James Harvey Graham, democrat.

## Governor Proclaims Legal Holiday Upon Sixth Armistice Day

Armistice day, Tuesday, November 11, has been proclaimed a legal holiday in Oregon by Governor Walter M. Pierce. The proclamation, in full, is as follows:

"The dark and somber days of November remind us that Tuesday, November 11th will be the sixth anniversary of a day that will be celebrated in story and song as long as civilization lasts. That day made two million soldiers boys on European battle fronts happy and thankful that the end had come to the greatest conflict of arms since the beginning of time. A hearty response from the blood soaked battle fields of Europe was found in the hearts of mothers, fathers and friends in America that the terrible conflict was over and the thought that our loved ones would soon return was uppermost in every breast.

"It is both fitting and proper that on this sixth anniversary day we should cease from our labor and celebrate Armistice Day by giving thanks to almighty God who made victory ours on that bleak November day, making it

possible for America to have returned to her sons from foreign fields also giving America the opportunity to bind up the wounds of war and lead the world into a higher and better civilization. We should not forget on Armistice Day those who are still living who were wounded in the awful conflict especially those made blind by the ravages of the war. The day should be one of observance and thanksgiving rather than one of celebration, one of study and thought in regard to our duty as American citizens to our country and the duty of our country to the world.

"I, therefore, ask that the assemblages be held in all cities and villages of this state, that all take part and assist our returned soldier boys in making the sixth anniversary one to be ever remembered. We should be thankful that we live in America, and at this time that we are allowed to enjoy the wonderful pleasures and privileges of an American citizen, blessings made possible by the sacrifice of our fathers, mothers, and daughters."

## AUTO SMASHUP FATAL TO TWO

T. G. Bligh and L. C. Davis Killed Late Monday Morning

T. G. Bligh, prominent Salem man who has engaged in the hotel and theater business for the last 15 years, and L. C. Davis, his companion, were killed in an automobile accident just west of Grand Ronde shortly before noon Monday. Mr. Davis was killed instantly while Mr. Bligh died on the way to the hospital at Medford.

Mr. Bligh had engaged Davis to build a summer cottage at Neskonwin and had driven to the coast Thursday, taking his large touring car and a load of supplies. The accident occurred while the two men were coming back to Salem.

From marks along the highway it is believed that Mr. Bligh had driven too close to the edge of the embankment, the soft ground giving way beneath the heavy machine which was almost demolished. The men were picked up by passing motorists, Mr. Bligh remaining conscious but unable to speak, until he passed away.

Delbert Feller, day clerk at the Bligh hotel, is a nephew of Mr. Davis' who was a brother of Mrs. C. E. Feller.

Thomas Gregor Bligh came to Salem from Vancouver, B. C., in 1910, practically penniless. At the time of his death he was making ready to open the new Salem hotel at High and Ferry as well as making plans for a large opera house, theater and business block on the site of the old Salem hotel at High and State. His first business connection here was as manager of the old Star theater on Commercial, now destroyed. He also owns the Bligh hotel, Bligh theater and numerous apartment houses in the city. Last year he built the Bligh block at Liberty and Court, with other local men. It is estimated by those in touch with his activities that he has left property totaling approximately \$250,000.

Mr. Bligh was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 25, 1874. When he came to Oregon from Vancouver, B. C., in 1899 he engaged in business in Portland until 1910, when he moved to Salem. He was a member of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and of the Elks lodge. Though he had taken out his first naturalization papers many years ago, it was not until the last naturalization court that he became an American citizen and entitled to vote.

Mr. Bligh is survived by his widow, Anna Bligh, and one son, Frank Donald Bligh.

James E. Dodge, of Bull River, British Columbia, came to Salem on Saturday last to pay a visit to his uncle, T. G. Bligh. Mrs. Bligh showed him around Salem, and he was much pleased with the city, and he was expectantly waiting for his uncle to come home from Neskonwin. The reader can imagine his shock and disappointment to learn that he was not to see his uncle alive. Mr. Dodge is a son of a sister of Mr. Bligh.

## DAVIS GIVES RADIO SPEECH

Less Than Twenty People Compose Immediate Audience of Nominee

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—John W. Davis closed his campaign tonight with an address over the radio, the first ever made by a presidential candidate on the eve of election day.

The nominee spoke in the presence of the smallest audience and in the smallest room he has visited as a speaker during the campaign. Not more than 20 persons were present.

Yet, he was heard by numbers too great even for radio experts to estimate.

His words were sent out by a chain of broadcasting stations with an aggregate power to carry them to listeners-in of every state.

He spoke "not merely as a candidate appealing for your votes but as an American speaking to Americans concerning matters which involve our common well-

## BOB ISSUES LAST PUBLIC STATEMENT

Republican Threats Will Be Ineffective, Is Claim By La Follette

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 3.—Senator Robert M. La Follette, independent presidential candidate, came back to politics after a day of rest on his farm.

In a formal public statement he charged again "this time-honored threat of industrial depression" as a factor in the election.

"Calvin Coolidge has authorized the republican national committee to run 'an elect or starve' campaign in the closing days of the contest," his statement said. "This time honored threat has outlived its effectiveness. Wage earners independent business men and farmers have learned from previous campaigns that such threats are only the bluffing methods used by desperate parties and candidates just before election and that they are never carried into effect. The very interests that make such threats cannot afford to go through with them.

"The cry was raised against Woodrow Wilson in the campaign of 1912. He was elected and there was no shut down in industry.

## FLAX OPTION GIVEN MILES BY CONTRACT

Papers Signed Last Night; Organization of Company Will Get Under Way Immediately

## TWINE MILL SLATED TO OPERATE IN JULY

Fibre to Be Furnished By State on Basis of Belfast Quotations

A contract was signed, last evening, between Governor Pierce and Warden Dalrymple, representing the state flax industry at the penitentiary, and B. C. Miles, in which it is provided that Mr. Miles shall have an option, till the first of January, to purchase 45 tons of flax fiber for the last six months of next year, and 100 tons for the year 1926.

Means a Twine Mill. This means that Mr. Miles will at once organize a company to build a twine mill in Salem; that this will represent an initial investment of \$150,000, and that it will be the object of the management of the company to be organized to get the machinery in full operation by the first of July of next year.

Mr. Miles proposes to furnish at least \$50,000 of the amount himself, and he has another definite promise of \$25,000, and several smaller ones, from \$1000 up to \$5000.

Last night, immediately after the signing of the option, Mr. Miles called to his son-in-law, Robert H. Dunn, who, with Mrs. (Continued on page 2)

## CUT PAVEMENT PRACTISE HERE

City Council Scores Salem Water Co. and Method of Laying Pipes

Practice of cutting the new pavements was heavily scored at the regular meeting of the city council last night. Particular mention was made of the new Twenty-third street pavement, on which the Salem Water company had made cuts for water connections. Mayor Geisley stated that 10 days after the new surface had been laid a cut was made to allow the making of a water connection for a house, built before the pavement was laid.

Another cut made near Mill street, one of the councilmen stated, was causing considerable trouble. Water was undermining the new pavement and the cut was left unguarded for some time.

"The people," Mayor Geisley said, "have to pay a heavy cost on new surface and the useless cutting should not be allowed."

The matter was referred to the street committee with instructions (Continued on page 2)

## Election Returns

The Statesman will be glad to give all the election news possible this evening over the telephone, also the megaphone will be used out of the main window upstairs. Our friends are invited to make the downstairs office headquarters. The news department will not be open to the public but every item of information received upstairs will be transmitted downstairs over the telephone and on to the streets.

It is an election of unusual importance and the interest is great. The Statesman office will be open at least until two o'clock. The bulk of the votes will be in by that time and how the election is usually close the successful candidate for president will be announced by midnight.