

**The Weather** — OREGON — Unsettled with rain and moderate temperature; strong southerly winds. Tuesday—Max. 54; Min. 31; River 5.0 rising; Rainfall .65; Atmosphere cloudy; wind south.

# The Oregon Statesman

**EIGHT PAGES TODAY**  
Women prefer morning newspapers as buying guides. The woman orders the groceries, buys the baby shoes and advises the bread winner about his next suit.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 19, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## POLICE HAVE NO CLEWS ON FIRE TRAGEDY

### Cremation of Woman Declared to Be Most Baffling in History of Columbus Police Annals

### CORONER SAYS CASE IS ONE OF SUICIDE

### County Prosecutor Spends All Day Questioning Family and Witnesses

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 18.—Police tonight admittedly were without a clue to the mysterious cremation late yesterday of Mrs. Addie Sheatsley, 50, wife of the Rev. U. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ Lutheran church of Bexley, a suburb, whose charred body was found in the heating furnace in the basement of their Beasley home.

County prosecutor King, with police Lieutenant Shellenbarger, spent the entire day questioning members of the family and witnesses.

No information that would throw any light on the case was obtained.

The only witness to testify tonight was the driver of a bread wagon, who left bread at the Sheatsley home about 2 p. m. yesterday. He declared that he had not seen the woman at that time nor had he heard or seen anything unusual about the home.

The tragedy last night said by Coroner Murphy to be a suicide, but declared to be a murder by County Prosecutor King, is one of the most baffling in the history of the Columbus police department. The Sheatsleys have lived here for nine years, all of which time the minister has had charge of the church. Their domestic relations have been as amicable as police were told.

### Child Questioned

Clarence, a son of Mr. Sheatsley, was twice questioned by the prosecutor as to why he did not report the finding of his mother's body in the furnace shortly after 3 o'clock. Testimony showed that his older brother and both sisters came home more than an hour earlier than the father but that the younger boy did not report his finding.

Milton, an older brother, said that he attended classes at Capitol university during the morning and that all members of the family were present for dinner at 12 o'clock. He said the two girls left home about 12:15 p. m. leaving Clarence, his father and mother alone in the house. Testimony of the prosecutor's hearing indicated that the minister left home about 1:30 p. m., and Clarence testified that he left about 15 minutes later.

Milton returned about 3:15 p. m., and smelled a peculiar odor even before he had entered the house, he said. He did not investigate, thinking it was a rabbit pet burning, he said. Questioned as to the odor, he said it was like "burned hair or flesh."

### Open Furnace Door

Not until his sisters returned from school about 4:30 p. m., and were attracted to the furnace by the stench did Milton investigate, he said.

He accompanied the girls to the basement and opened the furnace door a trifle, but hurriedly closed it when a volume of smoke and fumes poured forth, he said. He soon afterwards went out to practice football.

He was called home an hour later and was told that a "mama" had been found in the furnace.

Police said no member of the family was regarded as a suspect. Another angle was injected into the case when Clarence testified that he had missed a bottle of acid which usually was kept in the

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## SALEM GERMANS ORGANIZE CLUB

### Meeting Called for Labor Temple Night; Will Also Elect Officers

All persons of German descent are being urged to attend a meeting at the Salem labor temple at 8 o'clock tonight for the purpose of organizing a German club and to elect officers.

Discussion of such a club has been under way among those of German descent for some time, but it was not until recently that sufficient interest had been aroused to merit the calling of the meeting.

## FULTON SAYS HE DID NOT FRAME BOUT

### Minnesota Pug Says He Is Made Goat; Denies Any Arrangements With Opponent

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18.—Fred Fulton, Minneapolis plasterer, who last night "took the count" after 35 seconds of fighting in a bout at Culver City with Tony Fuente, Mexican heavyweight, was arraigned in justice court here late today with his manager, Jack Reddy, on charges of violating the state law against prize fighting. The pair were released on cash bail of \$1,000 each, pending preliminary hearing next Friday.

Fulton was arrested as he was leaving his hotel in Culver City today, suitcase in hand. He was brought before Burton Fitts, chief deputy district attorney, still lugging the suitcase, and questioned concerning reports that last night's fight had been "framed."

"If the fight was framed will I go to jail?" he asked.

"If the fight was framed I expect you to say so," replied Fitts. "Was it framed?"

Fulton declined to answer.

"Were you supposed to be knocked out in the first round?" Again he refused to answer.

"Were you to receive money for being knocked out in the first round?" persisted Fitts.

"I refuse to answer," Fulton replied.

"It'll be made the goat sooner or later, anyhow. I deny that I was to be knocked out."

## PIERCE CREWS HIT BY WEST

### Special Committee Dismissed Because It Was Doing Duty, Be Declares

PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—Oswald West, chairman of the special stock and bond sale investigating committee which was dismissed from further service by Governor Pierce Monday afternoon, strikes back at the chief executive and the commissioner in a statement issued by him.

"The committee was discharged," he charged, "because it was performing its duties without fear or favor, and because its investigations were extending into the activities of the present corporation commissioner."

West, in issuing his written statement, relates that he and George Black, the other member of the committee, had begun an investigation into the facts surrounding the reorganization of the Columbia River Packers' association, Inc. West learned yesterday that Corporation Commissioner Crews had issued a permit for the marketing of the securities of the new corporation, and West called him on the telephone, asking that this permit be suspended pending the completion of the committee's investigation.

Not being satisfied with the conversation held with Crews, West and Black wrote Governor Pierce yesterday, informing him of their investigation, and of their request made to Crews.

The letters sent by the governor to each of his two committee men dismissing them from further service seemingly passed the committee's letter on its way to Salem, West suggesting that Commissioner Crews beat the committee's letter to the governor's office, thus accounting for the clause in the governor's letter to the effect:

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## Riccardo Martin Likes Audience Which Reciprocates With Feeling

### American Metropolitan Tenor Gives Splendid Concert Before Large Audience at Grand Theatre Last Night

By AUDRED BUNCH  
Riccardo Martin liked the audience that greeted him last night. He said so himself. And the audience liked him—from the instant he stepped on the stage—and their rapid and increased applause at every possible opportunity proved it.

## PENSION FUND BEING SOUGHT BY METHODIST

### Plans for \$250,000 Endowment Discussed Here By 35 Ministers From Salem District Churches

### MEDFORD CONFERENCE REVIVES OLD CAMPAIGN

### Movement Begun Several Years Ago; Evangelistic Program Outlined

Definite plans for a campaign to raise \$250,000 were made Tuesday at the convention of Methodist ministers of the Salem district. A total of 35 ministers gathered and formulated plans for the campaign in the Salem district by which an endowment could be secured to provide funds for a pension for worn-out preachers and their widows.

This plan has been underway for about eight or 10 years and has been pushed aside because of more urgent demands. However, at the last Methodist conference in Medford it was voted to resume the work on the endowment and consequently the action followed here.

### Details Discussed

Details for the Salem district were discussed and worked out and the manner of procedure was decided upon. Publicity campaigns and other meetings in the district have been devised to reach the public.

During the past the pioneer ministers have worked at a salary sometimes less than \$500 a year. Now that they are worn out and have rendered great service to the church they should be cared for. At the present time there are 43 retired ministers or widows in the conference and the church can not give them what the church law provides. It was also agreed that the endowment drive should cul-

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## DRY AGENTS TAKE 19 IN SEATTLE

### Officers Stop Large Party Staged by Former Police Lieutenant

SEATTLE, Nov. 18.—Three men arrested by Roy Olmsted, former Seattle police lieutenant, and 13 others last night by federal prohibition agents, were today arrested by United States immigration officers for examinations as to their citizenship. Olmsted and the 16 others, including his wife, were taken in a raid during a party at Olmsted's home. Those taken into custody were released on bond and United States Commissioner Elliott set December 16 for a hearing.

Based on an affidavit of prohibition agent Corwin the complaint upon which Commissioner Elliott issued a search warrant said that Olmsted had papers and documents relating to the sale and possession of intoxicating liquor on the premises and that Olmsted and others arrested were engaged in the sale and traffic of liquor."

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## Nearby First Half of Fund Is Raised

### Total of 110 Pledges Made to Presbyterian Building Fund Campaign

Subscriptions totaling \$6000 were received by the building fund committee of the Presbyterian church yesterday and a total of \$34,400 of the \$75,000 of the fund unit has been secured. Expectations are that the subscriptions will amount to more than \$40,000 by tonight.

On account of the weather and general conditions many of the prospects were not interviewed and for that reason the committee in charge is very enthusiastic about today's work. A total of 110 pledges have been received.

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## WARDEN QUITS AND CONVICT FOLLOWS HIM

### Prisoner Leaves Salem When Head of Penitentiary Resigns; Is Caught Again

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 18.—John Ryan, alias Frank Weir, who admitted to the police he was an escaped convict from the Oregon penitentiary was captured here today by L. F. Rasmussen and his two sons, after being chased from their home.

"I told the Oregon penitentiary warden the last time I was there I would stay as long as he did," Ryan told the police. "He resigned, May 8 and I left the next day."

## CONGRESSMAN DIES

AMARILLO, Texas, Nov. 18.—Former Congressman John H. Stephens, who represented the 18th Texas district for 20 years, died today in Monrovia, Cal. Relatives here were advised today. His home was in Vernon, Texas.

## ONE KILLED IN COAST STORMS

### Fear Expressed for Safety of Men Aboard Tug in Trouble on Strait

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 18.—One man was electrocuted and a small amount of property damaged as a result of a heavy gale which swept the northwestern coast of Washington tonight.

Fears were entertained for the safety of those aboard the tug Bonilla, reported in a brief wireless dispatch to be in trouble two miles west of Cormana lighthouse on the British Columbia shore at the entrance of the strait of Juan de Fuca. The United States coast guard cutter Snohomish broadcast that she was standing by, but failed to mention the danger of the tug's trouble or the number aboard.

John H. Brown, 26, a mill worker, was killed when he attempted to throw aside an electric wire, broken by lightning which had fallen in front of him.

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## SOLDIERS BETTER SINCE DRY LAWS

### Practically No Drinking in Army Now, Reads Report Made by WCTU

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—That a very marked improvement had taken place in the army under prohibition was the verdict ascribed to the officers of Miss Rebecca N. Rhoades of Bellefont, Pa., who reported at the Women's Christian Temperance union convention today for the department of soldiers and sailors.

"Officers told me there was practically no drinking in the army any more, as compared with conditions before the adoption of the 18th amendment," she said. "They sent a request that WCTU women act as camp mothers next year."

Miss Rhoades reported that her department had equipped five battalions with athletic and recreation requirements and had distributed 13,000 comfort kits last year. She has visited 90 army camps and obtained 7,000 soldiers' signatures to pledges of total abstinence.

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## MORPHINE IS SMUGGLED IN FROM JAPAN

### Newspaper States That Large Quantities of Drug Is Sent to United States From Nippon

### FAR EAST QUESTION DEBATED BY LEAGUE

### Conflict Between United States and Japan May Ruin League Protocol

GENEVA, Nov. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Delegates to the international opium conference in session here exhibited considerable interest today in what was regarded as a sensationally worded article in the conservative Geneva newspaper, the Journal de Geneve, entitled "Opium and the United States."

Although the United States did not participate in the first conference on Far Eastern opium problems, the editorial alleges that the slow death of that conference represents a new episode in the struggle between Japan and the United States which has caused the ruin of the league of nations protocol for the Pacific settlement of international disputes.

The newspaper continues by alleging that although the Japanese by Draconian methods have succeeded in preserving themselves from the opium vice, they nevertheless import huge quantities of the narcotic to manufacture morphine which they later smuggle into China and the United States.

The article insists that the United States, actually in the present conference as she was by implication in the preceding conference, will find herself in opposition with the interests of Japan and India.

It concludes with the fervent hope that the second conference may succeed, otherwise American public opinion will certainly draw the inference that the league of nations, already judged dangerous from a political point of view, is not even useful in a humanitarian domain.

## POLK COUNTY CLERK QUILTS

### Floyd D. Moore Resigns to Study Law Here; Will Practice in Salem

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 18.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Floyd D. Moore, county clerk of Polk county, who has been in that office for six years, handed his resignation to the county court today to take effect December 1. His successor has not yet been named but it is quite probable that Hugh G. Black, county clerk elect, will be appointed to fill out the term. Mr. Moore did not attempt to succeed himself for the office, but has entered in William's university law school as a senior and wants to spend more time with his studies. He expects to engage in the law practice in Salem at the end of his school work.

Mr. Moore came to Polk county in 1916 as rural school supervisor and was so engaged until his election to the county clerk's office in 1918. He was formerly a teacher in Multnomah county and a student of law at the Northwestern college of law in that city.

He has been active in civic matters since he entered the court house and served as a member of the city council for more than two years from which he resigned because of his other duties. He was active in chautauqua work and a member of the commercial club since he came to Dallas. He is a member of the Masonic, Eastern Star and K. of C. and M. W. of A. lodges, having been district officers in the last two mentioned and very active in the Masonic organization.

He has been a republican all ways, he says, and expects still to boost the party, but will not seek public office in the future as he is most interested in his chosen profession. Mr. Moore has always been active in politics and was mentioned as a candidate for secretary of state's position early last fall, but could not be induced to make his departure from its midst.

He is president of the county clerks' state association and has taken active part in the framing of some of the present laws on the statute books. Polk county keenly regrets his departure from its midst, but his many friends wish him well in his new endeavors.

## Chief Justice Taft, Showing Marked Recovery From Recent Illness, Visits the White House



This photograph shows Justice Taft leaving the White House with Secretary of War Weeks after a call on President Coolidge. The improvement in the condition of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was very noticeable.

## RAIL TRAFFIC BEST IN YEARS

### Railways are Through Peak Load Without Car Shortage for First Time

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The 1923 class one railroads of the country got through the peak traffic movements this year without a car shortage for the first time in their history, it was revealed today when the car service division of the American railway association presented its 1924 report to the board of directors. The report also showed that seven new transportation records had been set throughout the industry, generally during this period.

That 1924 was the best year in which the carriers averted the usual autumn bugaboo of a dearth of freight cars was contributed to a new system in the handling of "empties." In the past, it was pointed out, it had been customary to mobilize great fleets of rolling stock which were concentrated regionally for the movement of crops and coal.

This year the car supply situation was analyzed in advance so that it was dealt with in fractions of itself, the report showed. This was particularly reflected in the home lines than ever before. Western owned cars for example, were rushed back to their home yards at far greater speed and their unloading, loading and general handling measurably expedited.

The considerable degree to which the improved system seemed to gather its own headway without noticeable coaxing or monitoring from headquarters in Washington was taken to indicate the likelihood of its becoming permanent.

These results were obtained, it was further pointed out, in a year which except for coal, coke and ore, bade fair to become the heaviest transportation year in American railroading. The loadings of all commodities, with these three exceptions was one per cent heavier than in the record breaking year of 1923.

### \$500,000 Blaze in Honolulu

HONOLULU, Nov. 19.—(By the AP.)—Fire destroyed the Pan-Pacific Traders building. Loss estimated at \$500,000.

## Pound Pup Population Peculiar; Pets Peacefully Permit Petting

### Thoroughbred Cunnies and Mongrels are Included; Homes Found if Possible and Few Dogs Put to Death in Merciful Manner.

Three collies, two airedales, one Llewellyn setter and one common mongrel are the extent of the present population of the city dog pound located at Thirteenth and Ferry. The Llewellyn setter, picked up about a week ago, is a full-blooded and very valuable dog, according to Mr. Redke, city dog catcher. Despite considerable advertising, no one has claimed it.

The population at the pound necessarily from day to day, Mr. Redke stated, and while about an average two to three dogs are taken up each day, most of them are reclaimed before the day is over. Never has there been more than 15 dogs in the "pen" at one time.

The city ordinance provides that any dog running around the street loose, or proving himself a nuisance in any way, may be taken up and incarcerated in the pound. Dogs like those are secured upon complaint of Salem citizens or may be discovered by Mr. Redke in his rounds about the city. They are taken to the pound where they are kept for a period of five days, and their presence there advertised in local papers. If they are not claimed at the end of five days, they may be sold to anyone desiring them, and who

promises to relinquish ownership after payment of a proper sum for the dog's care should the true owner come around later for the dog.

Contrary to the general impression, very few dogs are killed. In some cases, where a dog is not reclaimed and cannot be sold, or given away to a responsible party, it is humanely disposed of by asphyxiation. This is seldom necessary, however, and last winter only 12 dogs were handled in this manner.

The dogs imprisoned at the pound are given the best of care. Individual kennels are provided for unsociable dogs, and group kennels for those that are inclined to be peaceable. The kennel floors are covered with straw, and the stalls are comfortable. The dogs are well fed on scraps of meat purchased by the city from local markets.

Dogs which have been taken up by Mr. Redke may be recovered upon identification and the payment of a \$2 fee. The second time a dog is taken up and recovered, the fee is \$4. In case a sale has been made before the owner calls, the dog may be secured by the payment of a fair sum to the purchaser, and the fee to the pound.

## EXHIBITS ARE READY TONIGHT

### Armory to Be Opened For Entries for Annual Marion County Corn Show

The armory is resounding with the noises from hammers and saws today. Fred Erickson and a force of carpenters are on the job preparing a frame work the same as last year for the biggest Marion county corn show and industrial exhibit. It is expected that they will be finished by noon so that during the day the 32 industrial exhibits can be arranged.

The armory will be held open Wednesday night to allow for the arrangement of the exhibits.

W. H. Ballie, president of the Marion county community federation will be on hand to receive, check and place the corn exhibits, and W. H. Ballie, extension farm worker from OAC will care for the corn grown by the boys club work and the bread baked by the girls in their club work. In addition, the various displays that can not be finished during the day can be arranged during the evening. All exhibitors are showing the spirit to get the work in by Wednesday evening, so that they will be prepared to give the finishing touches to their displays Thursday morning. Indications point to the biggest and best corn show and industrial exhibit that has ever been held in Salem. It will be formally opened Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Harley O. White, president of the Salem chamber of commerce.

## Local Oil Company Man Receives New Promotion

One of the latest promotions in the ranks of the Standard Oil company here is the appointment of Paul M. Green as director of the service station salesman. Green has been with the company about four years and two years of that time was served with the Salem station. He is very well known in Salem and his many friends rejoice in his advancement.

Director of service station salesman is a position newly created by the Standard Oil here and was awarded to the service station men who, according to the officials here, merited the position.

## Legality of Publication of Income Tax Returns Will Be Determined

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The government's action to test the legality of the publication of income tax returns by newspapers has been started and an indictment in one case is expected within a few days.

Attorney General Stone announced today that he had instructed United States attorneys to institute proceedings "in six or seven" instances, but he declined to indicate the newspaper against which grand jury presentments have been ordered. He said, however, that one suit will be filed soon and in well informed quarters it was said the attorney general believed the indictment may be forthcoming within 48 hours. There were indications that it was already under consideration by a grand jury.

Almost simultaneously with Mr. Stone's announcement the bureau of internal revenue sent additional instructions to internal revenue collectors which will act to restrict the time in which the public may make use of the income tax records under "public inspection," provisions of the law.

Commissioner Blair requested the collectors to limit the books to public examination to three days a week and three hours a day, advising them that experience since the books first opened had demonstrated that many persons desired to see the records for no obvious reason.

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## CATTLEMEN TO RECEIVE FIRST CONSIDERATION

### Agricultural Commission Shapes Program; Advantage to Be Taken of Short Term of Congress

### WORK WILL TAKE AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS

### Committee to Endeavor to Stabilize Cattle Industry; Promise Aid

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The commission appointed by President Coolidge to solve the problems of American agriculture began today to shape its program, so as to take advantage of the coming short session of congress for any remedial legislation which it may by that time have concluded to be necessary.

After an all day session, behind closed doors, the commission announced however, that it would be impossible to complete its work before congress convened next month and that after its session tomorrow immediate recommendations looking to the stabilization of this phase of the agriculture. An early decision on this matter is anticipated.

At the session today 11 bureau chiefs and members of various government commissions were called in for consultation. Data requested included information on the government's financial structure as relating to agriculture particularly from the federal farm loan board, the federal reserve board and the war finance cooperation; and on government statistics, collected and dissemination by various agencies and the purpose thereof.

The product of the meeting of the products will constitute one of the main branches of the inquiry and one of the first requests of the commission was for a digest of the several bills pending before congress relating to that question. Present laws on the subject also will be studied to determine possible flaws in administration.

EDITOR DIES

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 18.—Ambrose N. McKay, general manager of the Salt Lake Tribune and first vice president of the Associated Press from April, 1919, to April, 1920, died here tonight after a short illness. He was 56 years old.

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