

The Weather — OREGON — Cloudy with light local rain; moderate temperature; moderate westerly winds. Friday—Max. 57; Min. 46; River 12.8 rising; Rainfall 1.09; Atmosphere cloudy; wind northwest.

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EIGHT PAGES TODAY
Early Shopping Saves Late Hopping—Avoid the Rush and Worry of Late Shopping. Merchants Are Announcing Many Suggestions Suitable for Christmas Gifts—Read the Ads.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 22, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

TONIGHT SEES LAST PROGRAM OF CORN SHOW

Crowds are Greater Than Ever Before; Estimate Made That 10,000 Will Visit Annual Exposition

NEED OF FACTORIES DISCUSSED BY KAY

Crops That Re-Inforce Soil Also Urged; Schubert Octette Pleases

Crowds were greater the second day and night of the annual Marion county corn show and industrial exhibit and it was estimated that 2,100 people saw the show during the first day and about 2,250 for the second day. Today a much larger crowd is expected. Estimates by the officials of the exposition state that fully 4,520 visitors will be in attendance today. This attendance is much heavier than last year.

Open Until 9 p. m. A. S. Dudley, manager of the State Chamber of Commerce, will deliver the closing address of the meeting tonight which brings the show to a close.

However, it has been arranged that no exhibits will be torn down before 10 o'clock Saturday night, which will give every person ample opportunity to attend the corn show.

Tom B. Kay gave the main address last night and graphically told of Oregon's greatest need in the way of factories and industrial projects. Of the vast amount of farm land which Oregon has for cultivation, only one-third is actually used at the present time, was the statement of the speaker. The entire state was walking up to the opportunities that are presenting themselves, he said.

Linen Industry Stressed Kay urged the farmers to cultivate crops that would reinforce Oregon's dwindling resources, and forests a better use than was sure to come upon the land when the timber was gone. Attention must be paid to the linen and flax industry in the Willamette valley, and industry must be developed to give employment to the many people who are here at the present time, he declared.

The Schubert Octette entertained the visitors at the corn show last night and they received several encores. Such numbers as "Since She Went Away" and other titles were sung. Much favorable comment was heard in the audience regarding their appearance.

Members of the octette are Gladys Stevenson, Eva Roberts, Ruth Bedford, Hilda Amster, Della Amster, Byra Gleason, Helen Hamilton, Grace Fowler and Belle Wick, accompanied by Miss Minnetta Magers is director.

MOTHER, INSANE KILLS CHILDREN

Note Indicates Woman Hanged Boy and Girl and Then Killed Self

MASSILLON, Ohio, Nov. 21.—A note found on the dining room table when he returned from a hunting trip early this afternoon directed Donald Burkhardt to the basement of his home, where he found hanging from a beam the lifeless bodies of his wife, Mrs. Ruth Burkhardt, 32, and their two children, Nellie May, 8, and Donald, Jr., 7.

Mrs. Burkhardt had been in ill health for some time. Police Chief Edward Ertie, who was called to the scene of the triple tragedy and who cut down the bodies, expressed the opinion that the mother had strangled the children before trying ropes about their necks and hanging them in the cellar.

The note indicated that Mrs. Burkhardt hanged her two children, went upstairs and wrote the note and then killed herself by the same method.

Mrs. Burkhardt's note asked her husband to "be good to my baby and be good to yourself." It continued: "Please forgive me what I have done, but my head! Oh, I believe I am insane. Please dress us all in white. My Donald and Nellie are dead, and I am going now."

A third child, Grace, was at the home of Mrs. Burkhardt's mother, Mrs. John Schurmeier, north of here.

YMCA Building Is Sold to Automobile Dealer; Consideration Is \$20,000

Sale of the YMCA building at Commercial and Chemeketa to Fred E. Kirkwood for \$20,000 cash was announced Friday by the board of directors of the YMCA. The new owner will take immediate possession and begin remodeling the lower portion of his property, which will be used for automobile purposes. Mr. Kirkwood, who is local distributor for the Hudson and Essex automobiles, is located at 246 State.

Under the terms of the contract the YMCA will be permitted to use the building and swimming pool as in the past until July, when the new YMCA building on Court street is expected to be completed. The sum received for the old building is equivalent to the amount needed to furnish the new structure with modern equipment throughout, according to advices from the international building committee. Should the new building not be completed the YMCA offices will remain, and \$75 a month paid in rent until ready to move.

The board of directors met at noon Friday and rejected the offer for the building. Later they reconsidered the proposition and the acceptance followed.

Immediately upon selling the building word was broadcast that as the remaining \$14,000 due to fill the quota of \$200,000 had been underwritten by the 65 members of the building campaign committee, and that all pledges were binding. Special letters are being written to all subscribers to the fund today.

No time is being lost in getting the new building under way, and a committee consisting of Paul Wallace, T. A. Livesley, Tom B. Kay, B. C. Miles and Curtis Cross was named to take charge of the building plans. These plans have not sufficiently matured for the committee to set a date to advertise for bids on the construction of the new building. In order to complete the building within the contemplated time it is expected that the preliminary business will be carried on speedily and actual construction begun as soon as the weather permits.

NAVAL BOARD GIVES REPORT

Preliminary Survey Submitted to President Coolidge Yesterday

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The special naval board appointed by President Coolidge to formulate a policy regarding aviation in the fleets presented a preliminary report to the secretary today stating that it had completed its work except for a study of "tests in connection with the battleship Washington." These tests now are in progress at the Virginia capes. The report contained no reference to finding, which may have been reached.

A list of witnesses, totaling about 60, was attached to the report made today. The board noted that Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired, regarded as one of the most strenuous critics of the present naval aviation policy, had failed to appear before it when invited, instead sending a reference to "various published articles" on the subject.

Will Take No Part in Contest for GOP Leader WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—President Coolidge, it was stated officially at the White House today, will take no part in the contests for republican leadership in congress, the senate end of which will come to a head at a party conference next Friday.

Mr. Coolidge feels, it was said, that it is not his part to dictate or to suggest in such decisions and that he believes such a choice as is made by the memberships will be satisfactory to the administration.

Burglars Enter Salem Leather-Goods Store The establishment of F. E. Shaffer at 170 South Commercial, was entered by prowlers last night and about \$18 in checks and currency, a .32 hammer pistol and a brown traveling bag was taken away. Entrance was gained by prying a strip from the rear door, which had been left unbarred, and the insertion of a strip of metal tripping the lock.

The handbag was marked with the name of C. B. Sackett and can be identified. The establishment was not patrolled by Merchant Patrolman Rowe.

FLOODS' RAGE IS NOT EXPECTED

Bureau Does Not Believe Willamette Will Rise to Dangerous Level

There is little danger of the Willamette river rising to the flood stage at this time unless there is a continuation of very heavy rainfall. The rapid rise of two days ago has abated to a great extent and although a rise is still being recorded, it is not expected to be out of the ordinary, according to advice from Clarence Oliver of the local branch of the U. S. weather bureau.

The Santiam river is high but has not affected the Willamette, which was recorded at 12.3 feet late last night. It is said that a height of 20 feet is necessary to flood the lowlands, and the local bureau does not expect this. Reports are received regularly from other bureaus in the vicinity, and anyone anxious about an abrupt rise may receive advice by calling Clarence Oliver, either at 1074 or at 225.

FINE NEW HOME FOR SALEM BANK LIVESLEY'S AIM

After YMCA Building Is Completed Capitalist Institution May Rise

At the meeting of the Salem YMCA board of directors at noon yesterday there were congratulations all around on the completion of the \$200,000 building fund campaign.

T. A. Livesley, who was the chairman of the campaign committee, and who was the largest subscriber to the fund and one of the hardest of all the workers, was given an ovation.

In responding very briefly Mr. Livesley thanked all the crusaders who had labored so hard and long.

He said that he had one more thing in which he would take great satisfaction, and that was in seeing a creditable First National Bank building in Salem.

It is well known that Mr. Livesley is on the official board of the First National, and that the office of that bank expect to erect a new building on the corner of State and Liberty, where the Pomeroy & Keene jewelry store now stands.

NORTH HOWELL AWARDED FIRST

Salem Heights Second in Community Awards; 8 Districts at Show

North Howell, scoring 482 points out of a possible 500, secured first place in the community exhibit department of the Marion county corn show and industrial exhibit, Friday, with Salem Heights registering 481 points, only one point below the winner, placing second.

Communities showing this year are Marion, Fruitland, Sunnyside, Liberty, Labish Center, North Howell and St. Paul-Champos. Four communities entered last year. Brush Creek taking first; North Howell second; and Salem Heights third.

Sweepstakes for the best 10 ears of corn went to E. G. Weisner, of North Howell, the best 50 ears of corn went to A. E. Hughes, of Woodburn, and the best single ear of corn by Mr. Weisner. Other corn awards were as follows:

Coron J. S. Coombs of North Howell first prize for the best 50 ears of yellow dent corn; E. G. Weisner of North Howell second; and A. E. Hughes of Woodburn, third.

Ten ears yellow dent—First, E. G. Weisner, North Howell; second, Phil May, Mt. Angel; third, Einar Fromel, Mt. Angel.

Fifty ears white dent—First, A. E. Hughes, Woodburn; second, Harry Hughes, Woodburn; third, Harry Hughes, Woodburn.

Ten ears white dent—First, Harry Hughes, Woodburn; second, Harry Hughes, Woodburn; third, A. E. Hughes, Woodburn.

Ten ears flint—First, Roy Miller, Monmouth; second, S. M. Ray, Monmouth; third, Roy Miller, Monmouth.

Fifty ears flint—First, Roy Miller, Monmouth; second, E. M. Ray, Monmouth; third, S. M. Ray, Monmouth.

Popcorn First, Mrs. Joe Bern, Mt. Angel. Second, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Independence.

Boys' Best 10 Ears Corn First, George Wisner, North Howell.

US DELEGATION RECEIVE CHECK IN OPIUM WAR

Effort to Broaden Scope of Conference Is Halted When Committee Casts Contrary Vote

AMERICANS HOLD PLAN MAKESHIFT

United States Suggests Opium Traffic Should Be Stopped in Ten Years

GENEVA, Nov. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American delegation's effort to broaden the scope of the international opium conference met with a check today when the business committee, after a lively session lasting into the night, took action, seven votes to four, tending to shut out consideration of several points in the plan submitted by the Americans.

China, Cuba and Italy supported the United States in its endeavor to make the conference agenda extensive enough to cover all aspects of the opium and narcotic drug evil. Japan voted for a motion to limit the conference action, but with the reservations. M. Sugimura the chief Japanese delegate explained tonight that the subject at issue probably would be brought to the floor of the conference and fought out at a plenary meeting.

Representative Stephen G. Porter and his fellow American delegates who regard the decision as a makeshift most likely will seek to have the American suggestions discussed by proposing amendments from time to time to the full conference.

The Americans have suggested that the importation of opium into the far east for smoking be discontinued within 10 years. They also desire to have the manufacture of opium entirely prohibited. Other countries want hashish put on the agenda, but the Indian and English delegates are opposed to this.

The business committee will report its finding to the full conference tomorrow morning.

GORE IS NAMED NEW SECRETARY

Agriculture Head Appointed By President Coolidge Until March 4

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—It was stated today at the White House that President Coolidge expects to appoint Howard M. Gore, at present acting secretary, as secretary of agriculture to serve until March 4, when he becomes governor of West Virginia.

Mr. Gore has been acting secretary since the recent death of Secretary Wallace.

Such an appointment will give the president ample opportunity also to survey the field of candidates for the office after March 4, for which many recommendations have been submitted by farm leaders at the request of Mr. Coolidge.

It is understood the president giving serious consideration to the recommendation of William M. Harding, president of Kansas Agricultural college; Louis J. Taber, master of the national grange, Columbus, Ohio; G. I. Christie of Purdue university, Indiana, a former assistant secretary of agriculture; and C. W. Pugsley, professor of South Dakota Agricultural college, also an assistant secretary of agriculture.

Silverton Christian Church Plans on Big Home-Coming

SILVERTON, Nov. 21.—(Special to The Statesman.) The Christian church of Silverton has made plans for a home-coming service to be held November 23. An all-day service is in order and a basket lunch will be served at noon. A program has been prepared for the day with Rev. Allyn Eason and Rev. Mr. Kendall, both former pastors, as the principal speakers.

On his return, Prosecutor King will be handed a report of Columbus analytical chemists who made an examination of the lungs and asphyxiated of Mrs. Sheatsley in an effort to determine whether she breathed after entering the fire box. On findings of the chemists will depend to a large extent, Mr. King said, what course he will follow. He has asserted that if it is found Mrs. Sheatsley did not breathe in the furnace it will strengthen the contention of the coroner that she committed suicide.

MRS. HARDING DIES



Photo of Wife of Late President Harding, Taken Shortly Before She Was Stricken By Fatal Illness.

COST RANGES IN IRRIGATION

Wide Divergence Given in Report Covering 43 Active Districts in Oregon

Irrigation costs per acre in the 43 active districts in Oregon range from \$1.24 per acre in the Jefferson water conservancy district, to \$116.86 per acre in the Medford district, which is pushed a close second by the Grants Pass district, with a cost of \$114.53 per acre, according to a report received by Jefferson Myers, state treasurer. The report covers costs per irrigable acre from only 29 of the districts, making an average of \$48.51, while 36 of the districts, with 13,130 settlers, have an average of \$6.75 settlers on each.

Only two districts report a per acre cost in excess of \$100. These are the Medford and Grants Pass districts, in southern Oregon. The Medford district, with 9500 acres, has a cost of \$116.86 per acre; an indebtedness of \$1,901,150; \$1,110,000 in outstanding bonds; \$1,215,221.10 total indebtedness, and 2800 settlers. Legal expenses were \$17,584.60, and engineering expenses \$95,671.45. The Grants Pass district, with 13,000 acres, has a cost of \$114.53 per acre; an indebtedness of \$1,459,000; legal expenses, \$2172, and engineering, \$49,633.08.

The 43 districts have a total indebtedness of \$14,872,906.98; (Continued on page 3)

PLEASURE YACHT HELD BOMBARDED

Millionaire's Craft Is Fired on While on Cruise; Shots Cross Bow

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 21.—The cruising yacht Cocoon, with the owner, Mr. M. Belding, wealthy New York silk manufacturer aboard, was fired on by coast guard patrol boats shortly after dusk tonight two miles off Miami and boarded and searched, Mr. Belding reported here tonight. Shots from two one-pounders were fired on the Cocoon as the craft with a party of Mr. Belding's friends, returning from a fishing trip, headed toward the government cut and Biscayne Bay, Mr. Belding said.

After boarding the Cocoon, guns drawn and making a search of the vessel, coast guard officers expressed regret at the incident, he said.

Mr. Belding said tonight that he was convinced that the coast guard boats knew the identity of the Cocoon. The yacht was lighted from stem to stern, the manufacturer said.

Mr. Belding will protest to Washington, he declared.

LOST AVIATORS RETURN

BLAINE, Wash., Nov. 21.—Edward and David Mooney, aviators of Anacortes, Wash., landed near this city yesterday, having been lost in a heavy gale, accompanied by fog, after leaving Vancouver, B. C., Wednesday, in a seaplane.

They declared on returning tonight by stage from the home of their parents in Anacortes, they made minor repairs to the plane.

MRS. HARDING DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

End Comes Peacefully at 8:55 A. M. at White Oaks Farm; Relatives are Present at Bedside

DEATH OF MR. HARDING WAS MOST SEVERE TEST

Passing of Late President Proves Trying Ordeal; Weakens Strength

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—A little stone tomb in Marion cemetery next Monday evening will be the scene of the final meeting to part no more for Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

Mrs. Harding died early today at the home of Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, son of the late Dr. C. Sawyer, President Harding's physician. She had been critically ill for several weeks at White Oaks farm, the Sawyer home where she had been living. Next Monday her body will be placed in the tomb in Marion cemetery beside that of her husband.

End Peaceful The end came peacefully to the widow of the late president of the United States at 8:55 o'clock this morning while a brother and close friends stood by. She did not recognize them, however, as in early evening before she had lapsed into the death coma.

Only 15 months ago Mrs. Harding, leaning on the arm of George B. Christian, Jr., private secretary to President Harding, followed the tier of her husband to the little tomb and saw it placed tenderly inside, there to await her coming. Rows of soldiers stood at attention as their commanding in chief had been consigned to a temporary resting place in the tomb.

Four weeks ago today Mrs. Harding visited the tomb and talked personally with every member of the military guard which has been on duty there during the months of waiting for her final visit.

Next Monday afternoon that little handful of men will be drawn up at present arms by Lieutenant Walter Lee Sherkey while the body of Mrs. Harding is placed beside that of her husband. Then they will be sounded and the little (Continued on page 3)

PLAN CLEANUP ON CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Presbyterian Subscriptions Expected to Reach \$75,000 By Monday

The building fund for the new Presbyterian church has reached a total over \$45,000, according to reports last night. During the meeting 35 subscriptions were turned in making a total of 173 subscriptions during the campaign. On account of the weather many of the prospects have not been interviewed and consequently the subscriptions have not been as numerous as they might have been.

Sunday and Monday will be the cleanup days for the campaign and at that time it is expected that the subscriptions will go over the \$75,000 mark, the first step on the \$125,000 building fund.

The final report of the campaign is to be given Tuesday night at 6 o'clock and at that time the prospects have not been interviewed and consequently the subscriptions have not been as numerous as they might have been.

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