

The Weather
OREGON—
Rain, moderate
temperature; southerly winds
strong on the coast. Saturday—
Max. 52; Min. 47; River 18.0
stationary since noon; Rainfall
1.5; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind south.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

TRUSTEES MAY DISCUSS TOPIC OF PRESIDENT

Matter Expected to Come Up for Consideration at Semi-Annual Meeting in Near Future

PRAYER ROOM MEETS APPROVAL OF MEMBERS

Executive Committee Also Confirms Appointment of Language Instructor

Selection of a president for Willamette university may be made at the semi-annual meeting of the entire board of trustees in Salem or Portland some time this month. It was indicated yesterday at a meeting of the executive committee of the board which met in Eaton hall.

Providing that President Carl Gregg Doney's health improves sufficiently to permit his again taking up his duties as head of the institution, it is probable that he will be named president. If his health is believed such as not to permit him to stand the strain of the position, it is likely that a new president will be named at this time.

Doney Still Ill
President Doney's health gave way soon after the completion of the million dollar endowment campaign and from that time on he was in ill health. Last spring the board of trustees granted him a year's leave of absence to recover his health. Dr. Doney leaving Salem about the middle of August for the east. At present he is in Cambridge, Mass.

Those who have seen Dr. Doney recently write that his health is improving slowly and in many respects he has not improved much since leaving Salem. He has said nothing indicating that he might return to Willamette university at the expiration of his leave of absence. He has said all of his household effects here.

Two Are Mentioned
Neither the date of the semi-annual meeting or the definite decision as to where it would be held was reached yesterday.

During the absence of President Doney, Dean George H. Alden has been acting as president, in conjunction with two other members of the faculty who were named on a special committee, of which Dean Alden is chairman, to administer the activities of the university.

There has been considerable discussion as to who might be selected by the board of trustees as president in advent of President Doney failing to return to the campus. Dean Alden, because of his connection with the university over a large number of years and as acting president, is prominently mentioned for the position.

ATTEMPTS TO FOIL OFFICERS BY FIRE

Herbert Thomas and Sons Burn Dwelling to Destroy Evidence of Still

Fear that prohibition officers would find mash and a still in the house occupied by them caused Herbert Thomas and Ray Thomas, father and son, to set fire to a four-room dwelling at the mouth of Foley River, 20 miles from Tillamook, on the night of June 30 last year, according to information unobtainable by H. H. Pomeroy, agent of the state fire marshal's office. Sheriff Ashim of Tillamook county and District Attorney Barrick were instrumental in securing the confession from the father and son.

Man Reported Missing After Motorboat Hits Obstruction in River

The man is missing and another had a narrow escape from death when a motorboat struck an obstruction in the Willamette river near West Salem about 8 o'clock last night and capsized.

Charles Purcell, of Talbot, the missing man, and P. L. Turnidge were returning from Clear Lake, further up the river where they had been engaged in towing logs and logging to some extent, when the accident occurred. The force of the water, which is unusually great at present due to the high water, hurled the frail craft against a partly submerged log. The force of the blow was sufficient to crush the boat, which sank immediately throwing the two men into the water.

COREY REFUTES PIERCE REPORT

Public Service Commissioner Points to Long List of Rate Reductions

Taking objection to remarks made by Governor Pierce in his message to the legislature Thursday, in which he asked that the public service commission be made appointive and not elective, charging that "in not one single instance in 1924 was there a rate reduction made in the interest of the public" and that the commission was the servant of utilities and not the people, H. H. Corey, a member of the commission, yesterday issued a long statement refuting the allegations made by the governor.

Savings to subscribers of approximately \$56,000 annually were made in the rate reduction in telephone exchange rates in Albany, Heppner, Hermiston, Woodburn, Marshfield and North Bend the statement set forth. In addition 72 farmer lines were benefited and a total of \$760 subscribers throughout the state received reduced rates. Toll rates between Portland and Oswego were also reduced, while refunds of \$6000 were ordered.

Included in the activities of the commission resulting in benefits to the public claimed by Mr. Corey were reductions of \$18,000 annually in electric lighting and power rates in 21 towns of the Willamette valley; denial of an increased gas rate in Salem; reduction of farm product rates on branch lines throughout the state, involving an annual savings of \$300,000 to shippers; reduction of intra-state rates on various commodities; prosecuted cases in behalf of shipper and secured reduced express rates which become effective March 1; secured a reduction in rates on wool and mohair; a 10 per cent reduction on fruits, vegetables and produce; reduction on refrigerator car charges and ordered many extensions for patrons who had been denied service by utilities.

"Telephone rates have increased in every state of the union," the report said. "Those in our neighboring states of Washington, California and Idaho are now higher than those in Oregon for exchanges of comparable sizes. There have been no increases in the rates mentioned by the governor during the past four and one-half years" with very minor exceptions.

Marion County Is Found Especially Partial to Twins; Survey Is Made

Census Taken By "Cub Reporter" to Find Exact Number of Twins in County; Salem District Is Well Represented

Did you know that Marion county was especially favored by Old Man Stork in his allotment of twins? Various reports and rumors have so agitated the cub reporter that he has begun a survey of the county in an endeavor to find out just how many pairs of twins there really are in the county.

An investigation of the city school census disclosed the fact that there are no less than 23 pairs of twins between the ages of 4 and 20 in this district alone.

How many will an investigation of the county school census show? Where and who are the oldest pair of twins in the county? Where and who are the youngest pair of twins in the county? If you know any twins in your neighborhood that you think the cub might miss, send their names in to the editorial department of The Statesman. The cub wants to be sure that no one is slighted.

The census disclosed only one family that has been blessed to

TAX ROLL FOR COUNTY SHOWS BIG INCREASE

City Levy Establishes High Record With Gain of 4.6 Mills Over Previous Year's Assessment

RETIREMENT OF BONDS HELPS BOOST FIGURES

Special Taxes in School and Road Districts Contributing Factor

Taxes for 1925, for the city of Salem, will be the largest on record, with a levy of 60.5 mills as compared to 45.9 mills for 1924. It was announced yesterday by County Assessor Oscar Steelhammer.

The tax roll for Marion county for 1924 shows an increase over 1923 of more than \$200,000, according to the complete list of the county. In 1924 the amount was \$1,817,705, while in the previous year it was \$1,610,127, making a difference of \$207,577.

The total tax for city government to be paid by the people of Salem for this year is \$212,267, an increase of more than \$14,000 on the 1924 roll. The increase in the tax levy for Salem is explained by two reasons. These are the exercise of the right to increase the levy 6 percent over last year as provided by the limitation amendment to the constitution, and the small amount required in paying off a part of the bond issue for the city aerial fire truck, amounting to \$16,000. No marked increase in the cost of city government is shown.

A large part of the tax increase in Salem is caused by the school and county taxes. Due to the fact that it was necessary to retire a portion of the \$500,000 bond issue that was voted by the electorate of the district, and that 10 per cent of the \$500,000 bond issue voted by the county several years ago had to be paid, the school tax was increased 2.2 mills over last year.

Special Taxes Voted
Over \$58,200 was voted in special taxes by the road districts to be paid this year. Last year \$44,505 was assessed. School districts voted \$356,998, compared to \$296,780 for the previous year.

COUNCIL TO ACT ON TRAFFIC BILL

Ordinance Designed to Prevent Accidents Near Parrish Junior High

An ordinance which will probably be considered at the meeting of the city council Monday night is the traffic regulating ordinance, designed to curtail accidents among children of the J. L. Parrish junior high school.

If the ordinance passes the city council it will carry provisions that prohibit vehicles from stopping on the east side of North Capitol between D and Lambert to discharge or take on passengers. The idea is to eliminate the stopping of traffic upon the east side of the street in order that there shall be no vehicles from which children can dart from behind or from the front of into the path of approaching vehicles.

The ordinance will also provide that there shall be only three places by which pedestrians can cross the street near the school. One is at the intersection of D and Capitol streets, another at a point directly in front of the school house and the last one at the intersection of Lambert and Capitol.

The ordinance is designed to regulate traffic in order that the accidents to children may be averted. One of the greatest dangers, it is stated, comes from children darting from behind vehicles that have been brought to a stop. Motorists are not able to bring their machines to a standstill in order to prevent a mishap.

COAC FROSH LOSES GAME
CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 31.—The Columbia university basketball team of Portland defeated the Oregon Aggie freshmen five here today by a score of 27 to 25.

GROUND HOG DUE ON EXPLORATION TRIP IN VALLEY

Question Argued Among Local Sportsmen as to Whether Shadow Will Be Seen

Today is, by virtue of tradition, ground hog day. If the animal comes out of his snug quarters beneath the surface of the ground and sees his shadow he will regard this as an indication that winter is not yet over and will return to his hole and prepare for six weeks more bad weather.

If he fails to see his shadow he will be satisfied that winter is really over and stay to welcome the coming of spring. The weather man says that it will rain today. This may mean a continual downpour or else occasional showers.

It all depends how early in the day Mr. Ground Hog arises. Being Sunday, it is probable that he will come out late in the morning and may be out of doors between showers.

BREAK GROUND FOR NEW YMCA MONDAY

T. A. Livesley to Turn First Earth With Spade; Public Is Invited

Ground for the new \$175,000 YMCA building will be broken Monday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock by T. A. Livesley, who donated the lot upon which the new building will be constructed. The YMCA will face the south on Court, just west of the Court apartments between North Church and North High.

Mr. Livesley took an active part in the campaign to provide funds for the construction of the building in addition to contributing to the fund.

An invitation has been extended to the public to be present and watch Mr. Livesley start excavating with a spade.

The building is expected to be completed and ready to occupy late in the year.

SALEM HIGH TEAMS WIN BOTH DEBATES

Local Team Defeats Silverton in Dual Debate By Unanimous Vote

In their first meeting of the season the Salem high school won on both ends of their dual debate with Silverton high, by a unanimous vote of the judges.

The question was: "Resolved, that a strong third political party would promote the interests of good government in the United States."

Homer Richards and Thomas Childs were the Salem high representatives who went to Silverton to uphold the affirmative side of the question. Avery Thompson and Margaret Pro won on the negative side, debating Glenn Parrish and Amos Benson, of the Silverton team, in the Salem high school auditorium. The judges at the local debate were Professors Butler, Bowling and Franstein of the state normal school.

Salem high won the state championship title last year. Another dual debate will be held with Franklin high of Portland next Saturday.

Small Possibility of New Line Being Established

Fred W. Karr, transportation manager of the Salem Pulp & Paper Co., declared that the "Northwestern" will be used in the river run between Salem and Portland, and that there is no serious possibility that another river line will be established on the Willamette river here.

Herrick and Logan Sign Dawes Protocol After Paris Conference of Allies' Financial Ministers



This photograph was made at the close of the conference when an agreement was signed for the division of the money Germany pays under the Dawes plan. Seated, left to right, are Ambassador Kellogg, who will succeed Secretary of State Hughes, and M. Herriot, an agreement was signed for the division of the money Germany pays under the Dawes plan. Seated, left to right, are Ambassador Kellogg, who will succeed Secretary of State Hughes, and M. Herriot, an agreement was signed for the division of the money Germany pays under the Dawes plan. Seated, left to right, are Ambassador Kellogg, who will succeed Secretary of State Hughes, and M. Herriot, an agreement was signed for the division of the money Germany pays under the Dawes plan.

POSTAL RATE BILL STALLED

Stumbling Block Placed in Way of Rate Increase Measure in House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—With the house scheduled to vote Tuesday on a resolution to return to the senate the postal pay and rate increase bill on the ground that it infringes on the prerogative of the house to initiate revenue legislation, Representative Longworth, the republican leader, placed another stumbling block in its path today by declaring his opposition to provisions of the measure as approved by the senate.

Mr. Longworth calculated that the proposed rate increases would not raise more than half the money needed to absorb the salary advances and he asserted he was opposed to enactment of any bill which did not match salary and rate increases dollar for dollar. This is in line with the contention of President Coolidge who informed today by Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, that the measure would provide \$45,650,000 of the \$68,000,000 which it was estimated it would add to the government payroll.

A conference will be held Monday by house republican leaders with a view to determining whether the house post office committee should report a bill carrying both a salary and a rate provision thus bringing the proposal to a vote in the house at an early date.

Buildings for Monmouth Normal Requested By Bill

An appropriation of \$225,000 is asked for by H. B. No. 222, which has been introduced by the Polk County delegation, which is seeking the money to erect and equip two buildings at the Monmouth Normal school. A class room building at Monmouth and a high school building at Independence is sought by the delegation.

Matrimonial Troubles of Charlie and Jack Keep News Gatherers Busy

Dempsey Single, and Wants to Marry; Chaplin Said on Brink of Domestic Shipwreck; Reports and Rumors Whispered

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—The heavyweight champion of the ring, Jack Dempsey, and the custard pie champion of the screen, Charlie Chaplin, have led news gatherers during the past 48 hours or so.

Dempsey is single, according to his own admission wants to get married and is attempting to reconcile matrimony with pugilism.

Chaplin is married and some of his wife's relations intimate that he might as well be single again, it reports of domestic infelicity are true. But Chaplin, unlike Dempsey, will not admit anything and his Japanese man servant will not admit inquiries past the front door of the 40-room mansion in Beverly Hills, near here.

Dempsey will talk on any subject preferably marriage, his possible retirement from the ring without fighting again, and his next bout if he does not retire, or if he does not marry soon or both. Chaplin will not talk at all.

The result has been a series of complications and a flood of reports and rumors.

Here are some samples: Chaplin rumors; Chaplin and his bride are not living together; they are living under the same roof but in separate apartments; they are living together in the closest harmony; they are discussing a "financial settlement" with a suggestion of divorce in the offing; Mrs. Chaplin's relatives already have prepared a set of financial demands to be served on Chaplin; no financial settlement has been discussed but a suit for divorce is being prepared.

Dempsey rumors; Dempsey is married to Estelle Taylor, film actress; they are not married but they are going to be married today; they are going to be married May 20; their wedding is to

PIERCE FILES STATE BRIEFS IN SCHOOL LAW

Governor Places Compulsory Public School Measure Before Supreme Court; Action Is Wanted

PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE DECLARED UNPatriotic

National Board of Education Is Desired, Governor Pierce States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—In support of the Oregon compulsory education law requiring children between eight and sixteen years of age to attend public schools Governor Pierce today filed in the supreme court a brief in which he contended the several states possess all governmental powers not surrendered to the federal government. He also contends that under the reserved powers in the state is that permitting regulation of the education of children.

In an effort to have set aside an injunction obtained by the society of sisters of Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and by the Hill Military Academy restraining the state from enforcing the law, the Oregon governor in his brief declared "that unless Oregon has the power to enforce the law, it is hard to assign any limits to the injurious effect, from the standpoint of American patriotism."

Unless states have such right, he stated, "children may be taught that their true allegiance is to some country other than the United States; that he claims upon them of the religion to which they belong are superior to the claims of the United States; that it is wrong to take up arms in defense of the United States; that the government of this country is a wicked tyrannical one; or they may be intentionally mistaught as to the true character of the government."

Should the Oregon law be held unconstitutional, Governor Pierce sets out, there is no legal principle on which any existing public school law in the United States can be upheld. If a state cannot compel certain children to attend public schools, it cannot compel any children to do so.

The regulation of education is a subject, the governor argued, over which states have exclusive control and with which the federal government has no authority to interfere. Should the Oregon law be held unconstitutional, the states, Governor Pierce declares, will be asked to adopt a constitutional amendment providing for regulation of education by states.

Floral Society Re-Elects Mrs. Everett Anderson

Mrs. William Everett Anderson was reelected president of the Salem Floral society at the regular meeting held last night at the Chamber of Commerce. Other officers elected were Harry Pearcey, vice-president, to serve a second term and Mrs. Sarah Schwab as secretary-treasurer. Edward Gilingham and Miss Edith Hazard were named directors of the society.

The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm was shown in the address made by H. Y. Bateman.

SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

Representative Berger, Wisconsin, socialist, assailed the insurgent group in the house as inconsistent.

The house decided to vote Tuesday on the question of returning the postal bill to the senate.

The Kendrick bill to aid settlers on reclamation projects was approved by a senate committee.

Protest against the British embargo on American potatoes was renewed by the state department.

The house eliminated the appropriation for the tariff committee from the independent offices bill, but another vote will be taken.

The house agricultural committee decided to call members of the president's agricultural commission in hearings on farm legislation.