

**Weather — OREGON —**  
Unsettled with local rains and moderate temperature; moderate variable winds. Thursday—Max., 62; min., 33; river, 3 feet, falling; rainfall, none; atmosphere, clear; wind, west.

# The Oregon Statesman

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SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 27, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## COUNTY SHARE LICENSE FEES OVER \$64,000

Distribution of Motor Vehicle Receipts completed by Secretary of State Thursday

## NEW RECORD IS SET FOR 6-MONTH PERIOD

Counties Receive One-Fourth of Total \$3,981,377.59; State Gets Remainder

Marion county will receive \$64,928.41 as its share in the distribution of receipts from motor vehicle licenses for 1925, according to a statement issued Thursday by Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state. The county turned into the state a total of \$269,303.86 between September 16, 1924 and March 14, 1925. Of this amount \$194,785.24 goes to the state highway fund. Refunds amounted to \$207.75 while the county's share of administration expenses amounted to \$9,382.46.

Distributions of the receipts this year exceed those of 1924 by \$406,000, according to the report. Distributions for 1925 are \$3,981,377.59 against \$3,574,929.41 for 1924.

## Highways Are Aided

The money is apportioned to the 36 counties of the state according to the registration from each county, one-fourth of the net receipts going back to the county and the remaining three-fourths to the state highway fund. This latter amount is available as other monies credited to such fund, that is, for the payment of the principal and interest on highway bonds, for upkeep and maintenance of the highways and for new highway construction.

Of the total of \$3,981,377.59 net receipts to be distributed, refunds amounting to \$2,890.63 were made and estimated administrative expenses amounting to \$143,831.87 deducted. The balance, amounting to \$2,995,344.40 was apportioned to the counties and the remaining three-fourths amounting to \$2,986,033.19 to the state highway fund.

Huge amount received On September 15 a distribution will be made of the moneys received from motor vehicle licenses up to that time. Since January 1, 1920, \$19,665,765.10 has been received from motor vehicle licenses and apportioned on the basis of one-fourth to the counties and three-fourths to the state highway fund.

During the period the counties received \$4,916,441.29 and the state highway fund credited with \$14,749,324.81. The total receipts from motor vehicle licenses during 1924 amounted to \$4,766,453.90. It is estimated that the receipts from the licenses during 1925 will aggregate between \$5,300,000 and \$5,400,000.

## PACIFIC TRADE SAID IN DANGER

Testimony Introduced in Wool Rate Hearing Says Commerce Will Suffer

PORTLAND, Ore., March 26.—Pacific coast commerce will suffer, whether rail or marine, industrial expansion will be retarded and railroads will be adversely affected if the application of Boston wool interests for joint through rail and water rates is granted by the interstate commerce commission, according to testimony by witnesses today in the hearing before Commissioner J. B. Campbell of Washington, D. C.

H. R. Brashear, traffic manager of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and J. E. Davis, assistant general freight agent of the Union Pacific system, testified that the issues involved are of far greater scope than the one question of wool rates.

## Prairie Fires Raging in West; One Hundred Thousand Acres Burn

VALENTINE, Neb., March 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Prairie fires raging along the South Dakota-Nebraska border since late yesterday, tonight remained uncontrolled after devastating an area estimated at 100,000 acres lying largely in the Rosebud Indian reservation in Tripp county, South Dakota, and was moving eastward along the Niobrara river, fanned by a strong northwest wind with an estimated velocity of 40 to 50 miles an hour. The fire started northeast of Cody, Neb., had soon gained such headway with the aid of the gale-like wind that women and children at Cody and Nenzel were routed out of bed and all male citizens of the towns went to combat the flames which for a time threatened destruction of both places.

Tonight practically every man in Valentine was out fighting men-

acing flames and volunteers were being rushed from all towns in this part of the state to aid in the attempt to extinguish the blaze which has done an unestimated amount of damage in southern South Dakota and northern Nebraska. Reports as to the extent of the conflagration could not be confirmed owing to the fact that all telephone lines in the district are down. One report had it that the devastated area running through the Rosebud reservation was 100 miles long and nearly as wide.

WHITE RIVER, S. D., March 26.—Three prairie fires were raging in the Rosebud reservation tonight while ranchers and Indians were fighting desperately to check the flames. Three inland villages had been turned to ruins by blazes and one

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## TAX FRAUD IS INVESTIGATED

Former Employes of Revenue Bureau Said to Have "Sold Influence"

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Arrests made in Connecticut and here are believed by internal revenue officials to have broken up a group of former employes of the bureau of internal revenue engaged in an alleged attempt to "sell influence" among taxpayers on the claim that it could have tax assessments reduced.

With the arrest of John F. McCarran an ex-employee of the New Haven bureau gave out details of an alleged effort of those two and Frederick Sutherland, apprehended here to collect fees from the New York New Haven and Hartford railroad company for "reducing" a fake assessment of more than \$1,000,000. Sutherland, until a few days ago an auditor in the income tax unit was accused by the bureau of drafting the fake assessment letter.

Officials of the railroad called the matter to the attention of treasury officials as soon as they were approached on it and the investigation that followed resulted in the arrests. Bureau officials who were quick to see the danger of other swindling attempts of similar character in view of the large number of former employes who are well acquainted with the routine in the bureau and could, if so inclined, make convincing representations of "influence."

## DISBARRED LAWYER TO FIGHT CHARGES

Elmer S. Smith, of Centralia, Declares Supreme Court Is in Error

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—Elmer S. Smith, Centralia attorney disbarred by the state supreme court February 24 on charges that he advocated I. W. W. principles in violation of his oath as an attorney, today filed a petition for rehearing. Five judges must concur a rehearing is to be granted, as disbarment proceedings are heard by the court of nine judges. In his petition for rehearing, Smith charged that the supreme court violated six amendments to the U. S. constitution in disbarring him and based their arguments for disbarment on evidence which the state board of law examiners had rejected.

The amendments stated by Smith were articles 1, 5, 6, 7, and 14 including the right of free speech, the right of freedom from search without a warrant, right to speedy public trial before an impartial jury and the right to life, liberty and property. Quotations from purported I. W. W. literature, included in the supreme court decision were from publications not circulated after 1917. Smith alleged in his petition and the literature itself was seized, he claimed, in an illegal manner without a search warrant. He was entitled to a jury trial he claimed under articles 6 and 7 of the amendments to the United States constitution.

## PIERCE GIVES PROCLAMATION

Governor Asks Churches, Schools to Observe Revolutionary Anniversary

Observance of the 150th anniversary of the battle of Lexington and Concord, the first real struggle of the Revolutionary war, will be made in Oregon in every church on April 19, the anniversary date, and in the public schools the following day.

In view of the coming anniversary, Governor Walter M. Pierce Thursday issued the following proclamation:

"The 19th day of April, 1925, will be the One Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Lexington and Concord, the first real battle in the first war in the history of mankind where the issue was human rights. The American revolution established a new era in human affairs. Plain, ordinary people dared to take down their old flint-lock muskets from above the fireplace and go out and bravely face in bloody conflict the men who wore the British uniform, because they represented a government which was seeking to kill independence and freedom born across the Atlantic but nurtured and matured on the stormy, inhospitable shores of New England.

"For eight long, weary years the war that commenced at Lexington continued, between the greatest nation on earth, and the brave, though badly organized, American colonies. When the fates gave their final decree to the Stars and Stripes at Yorktown, a new nation came forth in the affairs of the world, built on the rock of individual rights of man, with its chief cornerstone 'equal rights to all and special privileges to none.' The American Revolution freed not only America from the oppression of the privileged few, but, re-acting upon Europe and the world has finally broken

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## DEATH SENTENCE WILL BE PASSED

Mandates for Resentencing of Covell and Peare Issued Thursday

Mandates were issued Thursday by Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the supreme court, in the cases of State vs. Covell and Peare, both of whom are under death sentence, for the murder of Jim Culver, a laborer. Both crimes were committed in Coos county. Sentences will probably be passed next week upon the return to Coos county of Judge Kendall, who is sitting in Portland this week. Covell is a paralytic and has been confined to a cot in the hospital ward of the state prison since being received. Peare is an elderly man, while Covell is past middle age. The crimes were committed about two years ago.

Both men appealed their cases to the supreme court, which upheld the verdict and sentence of the lower court.

## SINCLAIR CASE COMES TO END; DEFENSE REST

Die Is Cast in Famous Teapot Dome Oil Lease Controversy; Closes in Fiery Burst of Argument

## FILING OF BRIEFS IS YET TO BE COMPLETED

Distinguished Counsel Clash in Bitter Rebuttal as Case Ends

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 26.—(By The AP.)—The die of unknown shape which will mold the Teapot Dome controversy into its final form is cast. The case ended shortly before noon here today in United States district court and Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy will await the filing of briefs both by the government and the defense before he decides whether Harry F. Sinclair or the United States shall possess the big Wyoming oil reserve.

## End Is Fiery

The case came to an end in a fiery spurt of argument between Owen J. Roberts, government attorney, and counsel for the defense, the Mammoth Oil company. After 13 days of tranquility, in which about 1,500,000 words were put into the record of the case, the high tension verbal exchange marked the 14th day as the only exciting one in the trial.

## Counsel Clash

Argument between counsel started when Mr. Roberts in his final argument accused Martin W. Littleton of defense counsel of going outside the record in the case when he addressed the court yesterday and declared that government counsel "had put the mustard plaster of silence across the mouths of Sinclair and Albert B. Fall," former secretary of the interior, who executed the lease to the oil company in speaking of indictments against them in Washington.

## Questions Unanswered

Mr. Littleton objected and then called attention of the court to the testimony of M. T. Everhart, son-in-law and partner of Fall, who was called to the stand by the government and partly sustained by Judge Kennedy in refusing to answer questions on the ground that he might incriminate himself.

Mr. Roberts apologized to Mr. Littleton then and went on with his argument, flaying the defense for its failure to call to the stand Edwin Denby, former secretary of the navy.

Mr. Littleton then protested that Mr. Roberts himself had gone outside the record in the case in referring to a remark in which Mr. Roberts made reference to

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## OREGON RAILROADS WILL BE EXTENDED

Over 140 Miles of Road to Be Built in Central and Southern Parts

SPOKANE, March 26.—Announcement that an application has been filed with the interstate commerce commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of 143 miles of new railroad in central and southern Oregon was made here tonight by Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern railway. Mr. Strahorn announced that application for the extension of the lines of the railroad was made on March 19, following a meeting of the board of directors of the railway held in Portland. He said the estimated cost of the construction will be approximately \$4,500,000.

Application was made for the construction of the following rail lines: From the Sprague river terminus of the road in a general northerly direction to Silver Lake, Or., a distance of 63 miles. This is a part of the main line from Klamath Falls to Bend, Or.

From mile post No. 43, on the same line in a northeasterly direction to a point on the Williamson river, a distance of 15 miles.

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## OTHER DEATHS ARE NOW LAID TO SHEPHERD

Exhumation of Bodies of Mrs. Emma McClintock and Dr. Oscar Olson Is Demanded By Crowe

## DEATHS DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN MYSTERIOUS

Opening of Graves to Be Started Immediately; Results in Doubt

CHICAGO, March 26.—The graves of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock and Dr. Oscar Olson will be opened and the bodies examined for evidence of poison or other unnatural cause of death, under an order signed late today by Coroner Oscar Wolff. Exhumation will be started Friday afternoon. Mrs. McClintock was the mother of the "Billy" who died last December of typhoid fever which the state charges was caused by germs fed him by William D. Shepherd, his foster father. Dr. Olson, brother of the chief justice of the Chicago municipal court was the McClintock family physician and also died under mysterious circumstances, according to his brother.

## Shepherd in Bull Pen

Shepherd, who was refused release on bail yesterday by Chief Justice Hopkins of the criminal court, was paraded in the bull pen of murderers' row today and a man who looked at the eight prisoners in the pen said he believed Shepherd "looked like" the man who purchased a microscope from his firm.

The state charges Shepherd obtained the typhoid germs from a biological school here and gave them to young McClintock whose will left the bulk of his \$1,000,000 estate to Shepherd.

## Demands Further Probe

At several stages of the investigation Judge Harry Olson has demanded that the bodies of his brother and "Billy's" mother be exhumed but that matter has been delayed on the ground that it will be difficult to trace poisons in bodies so long buried. Mrs. McClintock died 16 years ago and Dr. Olson three years ago. But with the indictment of Shepherd for murder and the confession of Charles C. Fajman that Shepherd had plotted to kill young McClintock with typhoid germs, intimated in the manner in which Dr. Olson and Mrs. McClintock came to their deaths, again took a prominent place in the investigation.

## Crowe Asks Search

The coroner said that State's Attorney Crowe had requested the exhumations. When the first investigation into the death of young McClintock was started Judge Olson asserted the circumstances of Mrs. McClintock's death were spurious and he was confident his brother did not die from natural causes.

Dr. Olson died a short time after Shepherd visited him in his sick room, according to Judge Olson. Following the death of McClintock, the physician was "Billy's" constant friend and advisor and was always distrustful of Shepherd, the judge said.

## JONATHAN TOPIC OF POLING TALK

Bravery of Old Testament Character Is Discussed By Evangelist

"A man who didn't know how to run up a white flag—who never was prepared to cry 'comrade' to the enemy—this was Jonathan of the sons of Saul, in the Old Testament. Jonathan was one of the most brave and noble souls in the history of ancient Israel."

These were the words with which the Rev. Charles Poling introduced Jonathan as the subject of his sermon last night at the First Presbyterian church. "A buck private had a great deal to do" with Jonathan's success, Jonathan was a prince, and a glorious one at that. But his armor bearer was a most important factor in the glory and success of this prince. What the world

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## STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS GIVEN ROUSING SEND-OFF



Front Row—R. Drager, Heenan, J. Drager, Olinger. Back Row—Duffey, Ashby, Ellis, Coach Huntington. Olinger was unable to make the trip, his place being taken by Nash. Hansen is also making the trip east.

"ON TO CHICAGO!" With this cry to be heard for blocks, hundreds of high school students gathered at the Oregon Electric station Thursday afternoon to bid goodbye to Salem high school's championship basketball team which left at 4 o'clock to uphold the west in the national interscholastic tournament at Chicago, beginning March 31.

School was dismissed early and long before the train arrived standing room was at a premium in the vicinity of the station. Students filled the platform and the street between the station and the train. Cheers were given and the team given a rousing send-off by citizens.

When the team left yesterday they had with them a total of \$2141.17, including a contribution of \$115.17 by the Lions club. This fund was turned over to Coach Huntington, who will pro-rata it among the players as daily spending money.

Personal donations amounted to \$1100; Salem high school organizations contributed \$250; the tag day sale netted \$275 more; the dance an additional \$275; the Snapho Dramatic society \$50, and about \$25 in miscellaneous contributions.

Before leaving Salem Coach Huntington and the members of the team said that while they did not know how far they might proceed in the tournament, each game would be entered in the spirit that it was the last and determining game of the tournament and that they would do their best.

The team is expected back in Salem April 5 and will stay for the entire tournament, no matter if eliminated, according to plans.

## OVERHEAD BRIDGE CONTRACT IS LET

Portland Firm to Construct Crossing Between Marion and Jefferson

Pearson & Company of Portland with an offer of \$9902.50, was awarded a contract for the construction of an overhead crossing in connection with road changes on the Marion-Jefferson highway at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Thursday. County Judge Hunt and Roadmaster Culver attended the meeting.

The overhead crossing is to be completed within 70 or 80 days and will serve to shorten the distance between the two towns and eliminate a dangerous railroad crossing.

Of the total amount necessary to build the overhead crossing, the Southern Pacific will pay \$12,500, according to a proportionment made by the public service commission.

## Woman Senator Is Named On OAC Board of Regents

Senator W. S. Kinney, the only woman member of the 1925 session of the Oregon legislature, representing Clatsop county, was Thursday named a member of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college by Governor Walter M. Pierce. Mrs. Kinney was appointed to succeed M. S. Woodcock of Corvallis, who died a week or two ago.

## HIGHEST BRIDGE PLANNED

PORTLAND, March 25.—The state highway commission, meeting here today, awarded a contract for a highway bridge across Crooked Finger in Jefferson county. The bridge when completed will be the highest in America. It was said, for it will be 340 feet above the river.

## JURY NOT YET COMPLETED IN MURDER TRIAL

Dorothy Ellingson Faints Twice During Procedure of Empanelling Superior Court Jury

## GIRL IS SAID TO BE IN HIGHLY NERVOUS STATE

Venire Exhausted in All Day Examination; Eleven Are Accepted

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—While the machinery of the law shaped a jury in superior court here today to try her on a charge of murder, Dorothy Ellingson, who at the age of 16 shot her mother rather than stay at home and away from the night life of San Francisco, sat through the proceedings tremblingly twisting the handle of her handbag. Twice she fainted, both times outside the court room after the crowd had cleared out and she was on her way back to jail.

## Girl Is Guarded

The first time was at the noon recess, the last time just after adjournment of the afternoon session which Judge Harold Londerback prolonged until 6 o'clock in a vain effort to complete the jury. On each occasion attendants caught her before she fell and carried her away.

The police woman in attendance seated within a few feet of Dorothy's place at counsel's table, carried a bag filled with restoratives. The girl had fainted so many times since the trial began Monday the police and attendants had come to take it as a matter of course, they were prepared for her to sit through the sessions stolidly and then, as the tension relaxed, to crumple, chalk white in the arms of whoever accompanied her.

## Venire Is Exhausted

The jury venire was exhausted shortly before 6 o'clock with 11 jurors, nine men and two women seated permanently with the problem of selecting the twelfth juror and a possible alternate left for tomorrow when two veniremen report.

For the girl the hours of plodding examination in the close room seemed to pass like days.

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## CULT LEADER HELD FOR INVESTIGATION

Bail Is Fixed at \$5,000; Criminal Charges Are Preferred By State

OROVILLE, Cal., March 26.—Mrs. Anna Rhodes and her husband, Edward Rhodes were arrested in their home at East Briggs, near here today on a criminal charge in connection with the investigation being made into the death of Herman R. Schalow, brother of Mrs. Rhodes, so-called "brand victim."

The warrants served on Rhodes and Mrs. Rhodes charge a criminal offense, assault upon the person of Schalow with instruments capable of causing great bodily harm. The couple were placed in the county jail here and at a late hour were endeavoring to obtain the \$5,000 cash bail or bonds fixed by justice of peace Harry S. Hill.

Schalow died in a local hospital recently presumably from a cerebral infection. After his death a series of severe burn scars were found on his body. Investigation has established that the burns inflicted on Schalow two weeks before his death during a ceremonial held in East Briggs by what is described as a "fanatical religious cult."

## THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON

Charles L. Kagey, resigned as American minister to Finland.

Impending resignations in the Shipping Board were indicated.

Secretary Jardine outlined his views on the needs of the farmer.

Wilders Meadell of Kansas, consented to accept the post of commissioner of pensions temporarily.

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