

Weather — OREGON
Unsettled, probably rain;
cooler in the interior; fresh west and northwest
winds. Friday—Max., 53; min., 38; river, 2.8
falling; rainfall, .03; atmosphere, cloudy; wind,
northeast.

The Oregon Statesman

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SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 28, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CONVICTS CONFESS MURDER

SEN. WHEELER CHARGED WITH OIL GRAFTING

Candidate for Vice President
on Independent Ticket Is
Indicated by Grand Jury
for Conspiracy

INVESTIGATION OF OIL LEASE BRINGS CHARGES

Illegal Use of Government Oil
Land Declared to Be
Uncovered

WASHINGTON, March 27.—
Senator Wheeler of Montana, in-
dependent vice presidential candi-
date last fall; Edwin S. Booth,
former solicitor for the interior
department, and Gordon Campbell,
a Montana oil operator, were
charged in an indictment returned
by a grand jury here today with
conspiracy to obtain illegal use
and possession of government oil
land.

The grand jury, which has had
before it for two months an investi-
gation of the granting of oil land
leases to Campbell and his assis-
tants, terminated its proceedings
by the action just after Assistant
Attorney General Donovan and
special government counsel had
summed up the testimony at a
brief morning session.

Senator Walsh of Montana, at-
torney for Mr. Wheeler, arranged
for arraignment and placing of
\$1,000 bond for his client, while
the defendant senator issued a
statement expressing surprise that
an indictment had been found and
predicting that "within the case
comes to trial, the public will be
convinced of my complete inno-
cence." Neither of the other de-
fendants were in the city. Mr.
Booth, like Senator Wheeler, ap-
peared as witness before the grand
jury early in its proceedings and
waived immunity.

Senator Wheeler's statement
further declared that the "grand
jury had been permitted to take a
recess of four weeks which is, to
say the least, an almost unheard of
proceeding," after its examination
of witnesses had been concluded,
and that this action had convinced
him no indictment was to be
brought. He said the only evi-
dence brought to his attention
when he went before the grand
jury as a witness, "was the same
as the evidence presented to the
Borah committee which investi-
gated the charges against me."
The committee's report to the
senate on this investigation exoner-
ated Senator Wheeler.

The full charge on which the
indictment was based was set
forth in a 29-page document pre-
sented by the jury. Campbell, it
said, induced various persons to
enter claims for lease of govern-
ment land, the leases on which
were to be assigned to himself for
the benefit of the three men
charged with conspiracy. A series
of "overt acts" specified as
part of the alleged conspiracy re-
late chiefly to a lease granted in
the name of James A. McGowan
who was described as a conspira-
tor also, but was allowed to testi-
fy before the jury and was not in-
dicted.

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encourage your boy and help
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his good will in any way he
can.

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ready paid, ignore this notice
and accept our thanks.

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Linen Mill Promotion Campaign Stimulated by Sanson Last Night

The linen factory promotion
campaign undertaken by Salem
citizens is to continue and reports
will be made at a future meeting,
according to the decision reached
last night. The main auditorium
of the Chamber of Commerce was
packed last night.

R. M. Sanson, linen expert and
manufacturer of Toronto, Canada,
and Lockport, N. Y., explained the
advantages of the Willamette val-
ley in utilizing the flax grown
here and converting it into fin-
ished goods. With the establish-
ment of a factory, fully 5,000 ad-
ditional acres of land would have
to be put to work at growing flax,
he said.

The linen expert went into the
details of the new plant here,
which included cost of produc-
tion, cost of erecting a factory,
markets for the finished product,
amount of imported goods, and the
possible output of a mill in this
vicinity.

The proposed mill must cause
more flax to be grown in this
vicinity, was the declaration of the
speaker. A mill costing about
\$600,000 would utilize the product

of 5,000 acres of flax, he said.
This would care for about 400
spindles and 200 looms, which
would be used in manufacturing
"bread and butter" lines of linens.
Of course, finer lines of goods
could be led up to, but the chief
product of the new mill would
have to be the simpler makes of
linens, which would find a ready
market.

The new mill would give em-
ployment to about 260 persons in
the vicinity, with additional per-
sons to be employed in the out-
fitting mills that must necessarily
be operated in connection with the
mill. Fully 65 per cent of the
labor would be done by women.

Cost of the new plant was given
by Mr. Sanson as about \$600,000,
who had secured figures from
various firms in the east. The
larger portion of that sum going
into spinning machinery, most of
which would have to be secured
in a foreign market.

It is absolutely necessary that
the mill be established in this
community in order that the

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RATE HEARING IS CONTINUED

Rail-Water Charges on Wool
Argued Before Interstate
Commission

PORTLAND, Or., March 27.—
Bern Levy of San Francisco, as-
sistant general freight agent for
the Santa Fe railroad, testifying
before Chairman Campbell of the
interstate commerce commission
here today, declared that inter-
coastal steamship lines that ply
through the Panama canal and al-
ready registered as a serious men-
ace to transcontinental railroads,
would probably wax fatter still at
the expense of the rail carriers if
the combination rail-water rate on
wool from interior points to Bos-
ton were granted.

"Our chief apprehension in
case this rate would be put into
effect," said Mr. Levy, "is that it
would arm our competitors, the
intercoastal steamship lines. We
would be carrying traffic to them
by hauling wool from the interior
to the ports for loading on the
steamers for the haul to the east.

"The effect would be to make
them stronger, with improved ser-
vice and facilities, so that they
would be placed in a position to
take still more of our tonnage
westbound as well as western
wool sent east to market."

POLING STRESSES GYPSY CHARACTER

Few Content With Drifting
Life While Others Have
Ambition He Says

"Gypsy-like, many people are
content to live in a tent, a shack
or a wagon. They just like that
kind of a life. They have no high-
er ambition. Others are ambitious
to live in elegant houses, or to
build skyscrapers. Exactly, so
you constantly find some people
who were tramps and gypsies in
character. Others are poble and
pledged to build elegantly and to
erect eternal structures whose
tops touch the ethereal blue."

This paragraph introduced last
night's sermon of the Rev. Chas.
Polk at the First Presbyterian
church.

"The contractor knows the most
important thing about his great
building is its sure foundation.
Character building, too, depends
upon its foundation stones," con-
tinued Mr. Polk. "Knowledge,
faith and love lie as the only safe
foundation on which character
can be built. You can't build with-
out any one or all of these. You
are absolutely certain to go wrong

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ANNUAL MEET BIG SUCCESS

Marion County Health Asso-
ciation Re-Elects Mrs.
J. A. Carson President

Delegates and representative
citizens gathered at the Chamber
of Commerce Friday for the
fourth annual meeting of the
Marion County Health association
and late in the afternoon closed
one of the most outstanding meet-
ings of the organization.

Mrs. John A. Carson was re-
elected president, Mrs. C. W.
Keene, of Silverton, first vice
president; Mrs. H. Overton, of
Woodburn, second vice president;
Miss Elizabeth Putnam, secretary,
and Mrs. F. A. Elliott, treasurer.
Heads of various committees were
also selected and include Mrs. E.
E. Fisher, supplies; Gladys Steele,
nurse; Mrs. W. H. Byrd, publicity;
Mrs. Fred H. Thompson, educa-
tion, and Mrs. Mason Bishop, spe-
cial school committee. Officers of
the finance committee will be
named later.

Representatives from the vari-
ous communities in the associa-
tion are Mrs. E. E. Fisher, Salem;
Mrs. A. Lemon, Silverton; Mrs.
H. Overton, Woodburn; Mrs. O. V.
White, Stayton and Mrs. J. G.
Fontaine, Jefferson.

Dr. Walter H. Brown, director
of the Marion county health dem-
onstration, was the principal

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LIONS DISCUSS PARKING RULES

Many Objectives Are En-
dorsed at Meeting of
Club at Noon Friday

Discussion of the present traf-
fic regulations of the city, and
the objectives of the Salem Lions
den took up the main portion of
the time of the Friday noon meet-
ing at the Marion hotel.

The objectives of the Lions club
were the endorsement of the two-
hour parking law, the taking up
of the matter of discussing the
head-in parking ordinance, the
turning in the street, only at in-
tersections, the creating of a
boulevard to regulate automobile
traffic, creating of a safety zone
near the Parish school, to lend
aid to the Boy Scout work, and to
cooperate in the matter of getting
an improved road to Silver Creek
falls.

A committee of Lions, headed
by Newell Williams and Lions
Gliese, Orr, Baker and Mott, was
appointed to consider the parking
ordinance.

JURY BOX NOW FILLED IN GIRL MURDER TRIAL

Three Women and Nine Men
Comprise Body That Will
Cast Verdict in Dorothy
Ellingson Case

GIRL STRIVES HARD TO HOLD SELF IN CHECK

Defendant Faints Twice in
Courtroom as Tension
Is Relieved

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—
After five days of patient effort
a jury had been completed this
evening to decide the fate of 16-
year-old Dorothy Ellingson, the
worldly wise child of jazz, charged
with the murder of her mother,
who was shot fatally in the bed-
room of their home last January
after a quarrel over the girl's con-
duct.

With the selection of the jury
and two alternates, Judge Harold
Loudback adjourned court un-
til Monday morning when opening
statements will be made and evi-
dence presented.

Three Women Drawn
The jury finally sworn in after
monotonous days of questioning
challenging and excusing, contains
nine men and three women. Both
of the alternates are women. Most
of the men and women are of mid-
dle age or elderly. One of the
men, a salesman, married and the
father of a young child, is youth-
ful in appearance. The women on
the jury are mothers. One of
them has two girls and a boy; the
other two young sons.

Among the male jurors are a
retired grocer, a motor transport
superintendent, two contractors,
a painter, a book seller's clerk, a
carpenter, a retired storekeeper.
Several are the fathers of grown
children.

Trial to Go On
Attorneys on both sides denied
that there is any basis for the
report published here today to the
effect that a plea of guilty to some
degree of crime might suddenly
end the trial.

Counsel said they were prepar-
ing to a head with the case and
anticipated no compromise.

Earl Ellingson, brother of
Dorothy, may be the first witness
called by the prosecution. He dis-
covered the body of his mother

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HIJACKERS ARE HELD KILLERS

Murder of Captain and Son
Declared Witnessed;
Trial Date Is Set

VICTORIA, B. C., March 27.—
Owen B. Baker and Harry F. So-
wash were committed for trial
here today on a charge of murder-
ing Captain William Gillis and his
son, William, aboard the liquor-
laden schooner Beryl G at Sidney
Island, B. C. September 15. The
trial has been set for the next
assizes in May.

Paul Stromkins confessed partici-
pating and chief witness of the
crime who collapsed at a prelimi-
nary hearing this morning when
Baker and Sowash focused their
eyes on him while he was relating
incidents of the liquor hijacking,
testified this afternoon that after
boarding the Beryl G. Captain Gil-
lis' son appeared on the deck. He
said he saw Sowash, who had fol-
lowed the youth from below, kill
him by knocking him down on the
deck as he stepped from the com-
panionway.

"Sowash said to Baker: 'I killed
him,'" Stromkins asserted. "Bak-
er then shook hands with Sowash.
While I did not see Baker kill
Captain Gillis, Baker later told me
he had to shoot the old man be-
cause he was too strong for him."

BODIES TAKEN FROM GRAVES FOR AUTOPSY

Mother of Youthful Million-
aire, and Dr. Oscar Olson,
Said Not to Have Died
Natural Deaths

CHEMISTS TO DETERMINE PRESENCE OF BACTERIA

Remains Are Declared to Be
in an Unusual State of
Preservation

CHICAGO, March 27.—From
the grave in which it had lain for
16 years the body of Mrs. Emma
Nelsson McClintock, mother of the
late William Nelsson McClintock,
youthful millionaire, was taken
today for a belated autopsy. Like-
wise the body of Dr. Oscar Olson,
brother of Harry Olson, chief
justice of the municipal court, was
exhumed after a three year's in-
terment.

To Examine Bodies
Both will be examined by cor-
oner's chemists to determine, if
possible, the cause of their deaths.
Justice Olson has claimed that they
followed closely the associa-
tions of two persons with William
D. Shepherd, whose wife was
guardian of young McClintock,
and chief beneficiary of the boy's
\$3,000,000 estate. Dr. Olson's
body was reported to be in good
condition. That of Mrs. McClin-
tock was pronounced in "extreme-
ly good condition for the time it
has been buried." Dr. McNally,
coroner's physician, said that a
complete chemical analysis of the
organs of her body would take
at least a month.

Results in Doubt
Both Mrs. McClintock and Dr.
Olson died of heart disease, a pre-
liminary examination of their bodies
showed according to a state-
ment by Coroner Oscar Wolff. So
far as it is possible to determine
now, the statement said, the state-
ment made by physicians at the
time that Mrs. McClintock and Ol-
son died are borne out.

Coroner Wolff ordered their
disinterments yesterday on applica-
tion of State's Attorney Robert
E. Crowe. From time to time,
suggestions that criminal agencies
were employed in the deaths of
Mrs. McClintock and Dr. Olson
were made by Justice Olson.

Shepherd's lawyers said they
welcomed this, the latest step in
the investigation of young Mc-
Clintock's death, the responsibility
for which Shepherd has been
charged in a grand jury indict-
ment.

SHRINE CLUB TO BECOME ACTIVE

Plans for Summer Months
Outlined by Fred A. Wil-
liams, President

At the regular monthly meet-
ing of the Salem Shrine club a far
reaching program full of interest
and activity was outlined for the
next few months.

More than 10,000 Shriners
will pass through Salem during
the national convocation of the
Knights Templars at Seattle and
the national Shrine convention at
Los Angeles this coming summer,"
said President Fred A. Williams.

"There are 200 Shriners within
the city of Salem and surrounding
country. Some will travel by
auto and some will travel by
train, but we can sell Salem to
these visitors for much or little,
according to the efforts exerted
by the nobles of this vicinity."

It is planned to hold several
"get together" meetings for the
nobles and their families, the first
one being just after Easter, in or-
der to urge the importance of the
opportunity at hand and foster
greater cooperation.

More definite and detailed plans
will be announced very shortly.

Sweeping Prairie Fire Leaves Charred Ruins of Midwestern Ranches

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March
27.—(By The Associated Press.)
—Prairie fires which swept west-
ern south Dakota yesterday and
last night were brought under
control today after having left
in their wake miles of blackened
prairies with smoldering ruins
of ranch homes and haystacks
here and there.

Fires in the northern part of
the state subsided late in a dimi-
nishing wind early today with
ranchers and Indians working to
check the flames along the South
Dakota-Nebraska border on the
Rosebud Indian reservation. The
total damage caused by the spec-
tacular blazes will not be large it
was indicated today. The country
through which the flames raced is
sparsely settled with only small
farm and ranch buildings in wide-
ly separated areas, one fire which
traveled for 20 miles along a 10
mile front on the Bennett-Wash-
burn county line, caused no
damage except to haystacks, no
farm buildings being in its path.
No reports of death in the fire
have been verified though many

fire fighters were severely burned
by the flames, several being taken
to hospitals for treatment. Live-
stock generally was protected from
the fires.

Out of the blaze-swept area
came several stories today of des-
perate efforts made to save vil-
lages and homes from the fire.
At Wapakala, northern South Da-
kota, townspeople checked the fire
at the very outskirts of the vil-
lage. Similar successful efforts
were made at a number of small
inland towns in the Rosebud res-
ervation.

There were two separate series
of fires. One swept down from
North Dakota and into Corson, S.
D., while the other sprang up in
Wassabaugh and Mellette coun-
ties and driven by the heavy wind
moved down into Todd and Ben-
nett counties before being checked.
Several smaller independent
blazes started both east and west
of the Missouri river, but the dam-
age was confined to prairie land
and hay stacks. East of the river
fires were checked near Alexan-
dria, Virgil and Miller.

STATE ISSUES HUGE WARRANT

Total Amount Due on Prin-
cipal and Interest April
1 Over \$2,000,000

Probably what is the largest
warrant in the history of the state
was issued Friday by Sam A. Ko-
zler, secretary of state, for \$2-
173,852.50. This is to cover \$1-
286,000 - of principal and \$887-
652.50 interest on road bonds
payable April 1, 1925. Of the
amount of principal paid \$1,000-
000 is to be refunded on April 1
by a recent \$1,000,000 issue of
bonds by the state.

The secretary of state also is-
sued his warrant for \$440,500 to
cover the interest on \$200,000,000
of World War Veterans' state ad-
vance bonds which becomes pay-
able April 1, 1925. This makes a grand
total of \$2,614,352.50 due on ac-
count of principal and interest on
bond issues of the state as of
April 1, 1925.

Warrants have also been issued
in favor of the county treasurers
of the various counties of the
state, distributing one-fourth of
the motor vehicle license fees on
account of the distribution made
as of March 15, 1925, which em-
braces the receipts from such
sources from September 15, 1924,
to March 15, 1925.

Moneys remitted to the various

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COLD WIND STOPS TRACK WORKOUTS

Willamette Athletes Call Halt
in Training; Will Turn-
out Monday

The Willamette university track
and baseball squads were unable
to workout on the field yesterday
because of the rain and cold wind.
The men are still soft and uncondi-
tioned and it was feared that the
exposure would develop a number
of "buck skins" sore arms and
dozen and one other forms of stiff
muscles that are common during
the early part of the training sea-
son.

A number of the ment went
through a light workout in the
gymnasium which is in very good
shape for such work since the
bleachers have been removed, giv-
ing lots of floor space.

If the weather permits the squad
work will begin in earnest next
Monday when all of the men will
be back in town and able to re-
port for practice.

Coach Guy L. Rathbun will take
charge of the baseball men and
Coach Leslie Sparks will handle
the track squad.

RAILROAD CASE NEARING CLOSE

Monopoly of Transportation in
Oregon Is Charged at
Open Hearing

WASHINGTON, March 27.—
Final arguments over the demand
of the Oregon public service com-
mission that the railroads serving
that state be required to build
more than 400 miles of a new line
in the eastern half of the state be-
gan today before the interstate
commerce commission.

W. P. Ellis, attorney for the
state commission opened with the
declaration that Oregon was suf-
fering from railroad monopoly its
transportation facilities being di-
vided between the Union Pacific
and the Southern Pacific systems
and that the transportation busi-
ness, actual and potential in the
territory to be opened would just-
ify the construction. His stand was

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GENE TUNNEY WINS OVER HARRY GREB

Light Heavyweight Champ
Gets Newspaper Decision
Over Middleweight

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 27.—
(By Associated Press.)—Gene
Tunney of New York American
light heavyweight champion de-
feated Harry Greb of Pittsburgh,
former holder of the title and pre-
sent world's middleweight cham-
pion in a ten round no-decision con-
test here tonight.

Greb began to show a flash of
his old time speed in the ninth,
resching Tunney with wild lefts
and right swings to the head while
Tunney continued his smashing
body attack. In the tenth they
started off by an exchange of
punches to the head in the center
of the ring. Tunney plied into
Greb forcing him to break ground.

Harry scored a half dozen times
with a tantalizing left with Tun-
ney countering with punches to
the body that made Greb hang on
whenever they clinched.

When they came up for the
eighth, Greb fell into a clinch and
wrestled Tunney into the ropes,
causing the referee to caution
him. Gene took Greb with three
short right uppercuts and a mo-
ment later chased him into the
ropes putting over a right and left
to the head. Greb immediately
went on the defensive to escape
Tunney's savage attack.

Tunney won because of his
smashing body attack forcing the
Pittsburgher to wince and break
ground under a terrific bombard-
ment of short rights and lefts.

KILL STRANGER OFFERED RIDE NEAR SEATTLE

Newspaper Account of Dis-
covery of Skeleton Leads
Oregon Prison Inmates to
Clear Up Mystery

CRIME COMMITTED YEAR AGO IN MAY

Robbery Motive of Pair Now
Serving Five Years for
Jackson Burglary

JACKSONVILLE, Or., March
27.—Armond B. Dorner and
James Mack, sentenced to the
penitentiary from Jackson county
December 6 last for burg-
lary, are believed by authori-
ties here to be the men who,
according to a Salem dispatch,
confessed to the killing of an
unidentified man near Che-
halis, Wash., last May.

A newspaper story of the finding
of a skeleton of a murdered man
near Chehalis, Wash., caused two
inmates of the penitentiary to con-
fess voluntarily to Warden A. M.
Dalrymple Friday that they were
guilty of the crime. Relief from
an accusing conscience was given
as their reason. Warden Dalrym-
ple is withholding their names.

One of the men wrote a note to
the warden Thursday night, in-
closing the clipping that told of
Deputy Sheriff Joe Coleman find-
ing the skeleton while fishing
along Tilton river about 28 miles
east of Chehalis, Sunday. The
press account stated that a bullet
hole was found through the right
temple, down through the neck.
It was buried in a shallow grave
and covered with brush. Nothing
found on the body gave any clue
to its identity and reports of any
missing persons in the neighbor-
hood were lacking. The man ap-
parently had been between 35 and
40 years old.

Interview Requested
"I am writing these few lines
under a very-strained condition
but I trust that you will advise
us in the very best of your knowl-
edge," the letter from one of the
men read. "I saw in a newspaper
Monday night a item of which I
am enclosing with this. I pre-
sume you think us very foolish for
saying anything about a happen-
ing such as this as it was so
well concealed. But I can not
stand the strain it has upon my
mind so—and I have come to
the conclusion that we want to
confess and pay the penalty what-
ever it might be. So we'll tell you
to have a private interview with
you, and you only."

This request was granted and

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FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

The Shipping board held hear-
ings on bids for five large ships
in the Pacific trade.

President Coolidge appointed a
commission to study the question
of disposing of Muscle Shoals.

Former Governor Morrow of the
Panama canal zone was appointed
as American member of the Tac-
na-Arica boundary commission.

Secretary Wilbur ordered court
martial proceedings against a
number of officers as a result of a
liquor raid on the transport Beau-
fort.

Senator Wheeler of Montana,
Edwin S. Booth, former solicitor
of the interior department, and
Gordon Campbell oil land operator
were indicted by a federal grand
jury.

Senator Couzens of Michigan
denied that other former minority
stock holders of the Ford Motor
company had signed waivers to
permit reconsideration of their last
assessments.