

WID YOU KNOW That there can be built up in the district around Salem a huge asparagus industry?

SALEM WILL PERSIST TILL HER QUOTA IS PLEDGED FOR THE SECOND LINEN MILL HERE

Weather — OREGON —
Unsettled probably rain;
no change in temperature; fresh southeast winds.
Max. 69, Min. 55, River 3.3 falling, rainfall .8,
Atmosphere cloudy, Wind Southwest.

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 16, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

The Oregon Statesman

A \$600,000 LINEN MILL
Will increase the value of Salem property
materially. Look over the real estate listings
in the Classified columns of The Statesman.
Real Estate Investments in Salem can't help but
be good.

WOMAN ADMITS POISON CHARGE IN CONFESSION

Mrs. Anna Cunningham,
Charged With Murder,
Confesses to Killing Her
Three Children.

GIRL IS PRESENT AS ADMISSION IS MADE

Girl, 19, Pleads With Mother
Not to Confess Poisoning
Plot

CROWN POINT, Ind., April 15.—
(By The Associated Press.)—
Mrs. Anna Cunningham, charged
with the murder today of one
of five members of her family
who have died in the last six years
confessed in the county jail here
tonight to Sheriff Benjamin H.
Strong that she had poisoned
three of her children.

Mrs. Cunningham denied, how-
ever, that she had poisoned her
husband or a fourth child who died
within the six year period. Her
19-year old daughter, Mae, heard
Mrs. Cunningham's confession.

Mrs. Cunningham also confessed
that she had poisoned her son,
David, now ill in a Chicago hos-
pital and said that she had taken
some of the poison herself but
that the amount had not been
large enough to do anything but
make her ill.

The confession of the 49-year
old woman came with dramatic
suddenness. During the after-
noon she had talked to a news-
paper reporter and had admitted
that she might have placed some
arsenic in the food of her son,
David, by mistake, but was em-
phatic in her denial that she had
poisoned any members of her fam-
ily intentionally.

Her daughter, Mae, who had
been in Gary, the family home,
during the afternoon, came to the
jail tonight and Mrs. Cunningham
suddenly agreed to talk if her
daughter was brought before her.
The girl was brought to her cell
but she declined to talk there,
insisting that she first be moved to
another room. This was done
and she asked to have Mae stand
in front of her.

"Now, Mae," she said in a calm
voice without displaying emotion,
"I'm done with the whole bunch
of you. I'm done with you too
and I'm coming clean."

"Oh, mother! Don't talk!
Don't talk!" (the girl screamed and
her mother began calmly to recite
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TEST IN "BOMBING" IS SATISFACTORY

Aircraft Division Gives Im-
pressive Performance in
Defense Program

QUANTICO, Va., April 15.—
The efficiency of aircraft operat-
ing on the offensive, with a battle-
ship outlined by buoys on the
river surface as the main objective
was tested today by the marine
corps aviators and pronounced by
naval chiefs from Washington to
be "impressive and satisfactory in
results obtained."

A feature of the tests, which
included bombing at 6,000 and
3,000 feet altitudes, parachute
jumping, machine gun fire from
air and laying of a smoke screen
about the target was the drill of
five airplanes, flying from one
formation to another and execut-
ing orders as if they had been
soldiers on parade.

Evolution were directed by
radio from the field which at
times was more than a mile away
from the drilling air squadron.
At the conclusion of this exer-
cise which Secretary Wilbur and
Senator Frederick Hale of Maine,
chairman of the naval committee
acted alternately as drill masters,
the two officials joined in saying
that every order they had given
from the ground station had been
executed with the precision and
promptness that marks only the
performance of crack military or-
ganizations.

The spectators who numbered
among others assistant Secretary
Douglas Robinson of the navy,
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Grand Fleet Steams Out to Meet Enemy; Secrecy Commanded

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—
(By The Associated Press.)—The
grand fleet of the United States
turned back tonight to the stirring
war days of 1917 and 1918 as it
plowed its way through the Pacific
for the maneuvers in Hawaiian
waters, the most extensive joint
army-navy war game ever played
and its cruise to Australia. "Radio
silence" was ordered by Admiral
S. S. Robinson, commander in chief
of the battle fleet, who is directing
the attack against the island of
Oahu and the attempt to recapture
the "Gibraltar of the Pacific"
from the hands of the "en-
emy" who hold it.

The radios of the vessels were
silenced in order that the enemy
might not pick up wireless signals
sent from the fleet and thus as-
certain the position of the vessels.
It was pointed out by Admiral
Robinson that the attack on Oahu
depends for its success upon sur-
prising the enemy who must be
kept in ignorance of the fleet's
position.

"Darkened ship" under which

CYCLONE HITS OREGON TOWN

Condon Swept by Twister;
Many Buildings Wreck-
ed in Storm Area

CONDON, Ore., April 15.—A cy-
clone swept through here at 10:30
a. m. today, razing buildings and
unroofing others in its path and
causing damage estimated at sev-
eral thousand dollars. Two high
school students, Arthur Morgan
and George Wescott, were cut by
flying glass when the windows of
the high school were blown in.
The roof of the public school was
blown off, but none of the chil-
dren were injured. The cyclone
was accompanied by a heavy rain.
No reports have been received
from districts adjacent to Condon
concerning the effects of the cy-
clone.

Buildings damaged were: Barn
of M. Fitzmaurice, demolished and
house damaged; big county ma-
chine shed and tool house wrecked;
H. H. Anderson's barn and
garage razed; roof of Congrega-
tional parsonage caved in by the
Anderson barn which was hurled
through the air against it; roof
blown off public school; high
school windows caved in; big
warehouse of Arlington Lumber
company razed; roof blown off
P. H. Hurlburt's house, his garage
demolished and trees in yard razed.

The windows of many houses
were smashed and scarcely a brick
chimney was left on any building
in the town.

PENDLETON, Or., April 15.—
Several big trees were blown
down, a grain warehouse at Ful-
ton was unroofed, several wood-
sheds and small structures were
lifted from their foundations and
telephone lines were put tempo-
rarily out of commission by a high
wind that struck Pendleton about
noon today. The wind came from
the west up the valley of the Uma-
tilla. Rain followed the wind,
which lasted for an hour.

Indian Romance Is Offered by Pupils of Sacred Heart Academy Last Night

Spectacular Lighting Effects and Varied Costumes Are Few of
Achievements of Staging; Large Audience Is Pleased

By AUDRED BUNCH
Practically a full house last
night saw the dramatized produc-
tion of "Kamlakin, the Head
Hunter," at the New St. Joseph's
auditorium, an Indian romance,
featuring authentic tribal melo-
dies, presented by the pupils of
Sacred Heart academy.
Josephine Barr, as Kamlakin,
Prince of the Ravens, is possessed
of intense dramatic power, and
took the leading role last night
with a telling assurance. Marian
Boyle, as Wallajah, the princess,
proved herself the accomplished
dancer of the evening, as well as
a solo dancer of graceful ease.
Miss Nancy Thielson, as soprano
soloist, ensemble violinist and
feature dancer, is a versatile
young artist, who added many
gems to the evening's program.
Spectacular lighting effects,
varied costumes and picturesque
Indian regalia together with an

FRENCH NATION IS PLEDGED TO NEW MINISTER

Acceptance of Office of Con-
troller of Finance by Cail-
laux Brings New Hope to
Republic

ONCE POLITICALLY DEAD STATESMAN, IS FAVORED

Painleve Successor to Deposed
Herriot, Confers With
President

PARIS, April 15.—(By the As-
sociated Press.)—Joseph Cail-
laux, acceptance of the post of minister
of finance in the cabinet now be-
ing formed by Paul Painleve, over-
shadowed all other developments
in France's political crisis today.
The return to power at the head
of one of the most important
ministries of the man who five
years ago was regarded as politi-
cally dead for all time has caused
varied but strong emotions in the
French political world, accus-
tomed as it is to spectacular coups
and dramatic ups and downs of its
statesmen.

Conference Is Held
M. Painleve, on whom devolves
the task of premiership from
which Edouard Herriot was de-
posed, called on President Dou-
mergue at 11 o'clock tonight and
informed him that negotiations
for the constitution of a cabinet
were progressing as normally as
could be expected and that he
would be in a position to present
his ministry to the president late
tomorrow afternoon.

The ministerial declaration will
be read in the chamber on Friday
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PIONEER FAMILY TO HOLD REUNION

Irvine Clan Is Scattered
Through State, to Gath-
er Here Next Month

Of interest to local residents
will be the reunion of the Irvine
family in Salem some time during
the latter part of May or the first
of June, according to Milton A.
Miller, who was a Salem visitor
yesterday. The definite date of
the reunion is to be announced
later.

In sketching the history of the
Irvine family, Mr. Miller stated
that his father, Robert C. Miller
had settled in Oregon in 1847 and
that his mother, Margaret J. Ir-
vine, came here in 1852. To this
union was born five boys and
three girls.

Members of the Irvine family
are in Lane, Linn, Benton, Mar-
ion, Clackamas, Multnomah, Uma-
tilla, Polk, Yamhill and Washing-
ton counties, who are descendants
of Samuel, James, Benjamin, Jes-
sie B., Robert A., Mary E., Mar-
garet Jane and Elizabeth Irvine.
When the family first came to Or-
egon their journey carried them
from Kentucky to Missouri, and
to this state. The mother made
the journey with them and ar-
rived in Oregon in 1852. Soon
after Grandmother Irvine died and
was the first woman to be buried
in Jason Lee cemetery.

NO SUCH WORD AS FAIL

In the bright lexicon of Salem's loyal spirit, there is no
such word as fail—
And that is the sort of urge that is behind the members
of the committees working on subscriptions to the stock of the
second linen mill for this city—
And the hand is to the plow and there is no turning
back—
And no thought of turning back.
Salem is offered the greatest opportunity in all her his-
tory, to begin to get onto the map in a large way as a manu-
facturing center—
And in the line which Nature prepared for her—
Backed by the raw materials of a quality that cannot be
duplicated in North America, and with natural advantages
that do not exist to the extent that they exist here in any
other section of the entire world.
This is a bigger opportunity than most of us have begun
to realize—
And the thing must be put over; and it should be done
quickly—
Reflecting all the more credit upon the loyal spirit and
good judgement of the people of this city.

LINEN EXPERT GIVES DETAILS FOR INDUSTRY

Another Enthusiastic Meet-
ing of Committee and Oth-
ers Interested in Flax Held
Last Night

EIGHT-HOUR SHIFT HAS GOOD RETURNS

First Year Should Result in
\$600,000 From Articles De-
clares Mr. Sanson

D. M. Sanson, president of the
Dominion Linens, Ltd., addressed
one of the most enthusiastic linen
meetings held in Salem at the
Chamber of Commerce club rooms
last night. Mr. Sanson was on
his way to Portland and was pre-
sented upon to wait over here for
the meeting in order to meet the
committees that are in the field
at the present time.

Various phases of the proposed
linen mill were explained to the
crowded meeting. Deep interest
was manifested by the committee
members in the different questions
as they were brought up. The
meeting, purely informational,
was used to bring out nearly every
detail of the project.

It was brought out that the
Salem people were a little slow,
but that nevertheless, members in
the field were enthusiastic, be-
cause of the interest shown. Some
surprising facts are to be present-
ed soon.

Returns Are Good
Through the establishment of
the mill at Salem about 6000
acres of land will be devoted to
the raising of flax. It will also
insure a return of \$600,000 for
the finished article for the year's
work, thus yielding a good profit
on the invested capital.

There would be returned prob-
ably \$42,000 to be used to pay on
the preferred stock, and leave an
additional sum above the insur-
ance, depreciation on the machin-
ery and other costs that enter in
the manufacture of the product.
The figures presented were based
upon the earnings of an eight
hour shift.

One interesting item was
brought out in regard to the sav-
ing that has been made through
the efforts of United States Sen-
ator McNary in removing the im-
port duty. The sum saved would
cover the cost of establishing
three scutching machines in the
Willamette valley, which would
care for the needs of the proposed
mill.

Payments Explained
In explaining the matter of
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Five Men to Face Police Judge for Improper Lights

Five autoists fell into the
clutches of the Salem police last
night and will have to face Police
Judge Martin Poulsen because
they did not have proper lights
when driving in the city, accord-
ing to the police record.

John W. Currie of Independ-
ence was arrested for driving
without a tail light, while Henry
Jaeger, Charles Cool of Grand
Ronde, and Frank Dover will an-
swer to the charge of driving
without proper headlights and
using only a spotlight.

E. P. Thom, 259 Wilson, was
brought in on a charge of driving
with one light, as was C. Ridge-
way.

Ben Dorris Ousted From State Game Commission; Corvallis Man Is Named

Ben F. Dorris, of Eugene, the
"Lane county filibuster king," was
ousted from the state game com-
mission Wednesday by Governor
Pierce and M. H. Bauer, Corvallis
creameryman, named his suc-
cessor. Dorris term of office would
have expired Feb. 25, 1928. He
was appointed on the board June
8, 1923.

The ouster proceedings were
announced after a conference of
several prominent democrats, in-
cluding Governor Pierce, Will
Moore, state insurance commis-
sioner and fire marshal, D. A.
Elkins, state accident commissioner
and Hon. Milton A. Miller, of
Portland. No reasons were ad-
vanced for the change in commis-
sioners.
Dorris has taken an active part

AIR RECORD TO BE ATTEMPTED

Honors For Sustained Flight
Sought; Six-Ton Ship to
Be Used

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 15.—
Plotting a six-ton modified Dou-
glas torpedo plane, Lieutenant B.
H. Wyatt, flight officer of the
North Island naval air station, will
attempt early next month, it was
announced today, to smash the
world's sustained flight record of
14 hours and 53 minutes for sea-
planes, and after resting from this
exploit, a nonstop flight from
Seattle to San Diego.

The present world record for
duration, seaplane, was estab-
lished July 11 and 12, 1924, at
Washington, D. C., by Lieutenants
F. W. Vead and John D. Price of
the navy. They piloted a navy
CS-2 plane equipped with a 585
horsepower motor. Their record
was 14 hours 53 minutes 44 se-
conds.

In his attempt to smash the un-
iversal record of his brother air-
man, Lieutenant Wyatt will fly
what is technically known as the
SDW-1, a plane similar in type to
that used by the army in the
flight around the globe. These
ships originally were designed to
be used by the navy in a world
voyage and later in the navy's pro-
posed aeronautical expedition to
the north pole.

No effort will be made by Lieut-
enant Wyatt in the May flight to
establish any world records for
speed.

In his flight from Seattle to
San Diego, Lieutenant Wyatt will
take off from Lake Washington.
He hopes to make the 1,440 mile
hop in approximately 14 hours.
Because of the danger of flying
over residential districts with a
seaplane carrying nearly a ton of
gasoline, the course of flight will
be down Puget sound to the Pa-
cific and then along the coast to
Point Loma.

NATIVES ORGANIZE

SEATTLE, April 15.—Thomas
D. Page and Charles McIlintock,
respectively, were named at a
meeting here today to draft a
constitution for the Native Sons
of Washington, Inc. The society
is to be modeled after the Native
Sons of the Golden West of Cal-
ifornia.

Murdock, the White Mahatma, to Answer Questions in Statesman

Renowned Mind Reader and Telepathist Will Drive Blindfolded
Through Salem Streets; Skill Is Demonstrated

"Tell me please, Mr. Mur-
dock—"
This is to be a request most fre-
quently heard in judging by the
advance interest manifested in the
appearance of the nation's fore-
most mystic at the Bligh theater
next week.

Murdock has taken upon him-
self the task of becoming a civic
information font. He has prom-
ised to answer all questions asked,
and to make the service wide-
spread has accepted the invitation
from The Statesman to use these
columns.

The Bligh engagement is more
than an ordinary amusement
event. It brings one of the best
known and recognized authorities
of thought transference and oc-
cult interpretation; a character
that stands out with prominence
in the field he so ably practices,
and with the effects that made the act
recognized as a genuine feature in
the biggest theaters of the largest
cities.

WHEELER CASE TO APPEAR IN COURT TODAY

Oil Graft Litigation Against
Independent Candidate for
Vice President Assumes
Shape

WITNESSES AND COUNSEL READY FOR COURT CALL

Venire of 120 Present; De-
fense Attorneys Meet in
Conference

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April
15.—(By the Associated Press.)—
Legal measurements of charges
against Senator Burton K. Wheel-
er of Montana will be taken here
beginning tomorrow when the ac-
cused man will appear in United
States district court to answer to
an indictment brought in Great
Falls more than a year ago.
Special Venire Draws
The 41 witnesses subpoenaed
for both sides in the case, the
special venire of 120 citizens from
which a jury will be drawn, and
all the attorneys in the case are
here. Senator Thomas J. Walsh,
chief of Senator Wheeler's de-
fense counsel, was in conference
tonight with S. C. Ford, W. F.
O'Leary and James H. Baldwin,
other defense attorneys, and but
one defense matter remained to
be settled when they had finished.
That was the question of wheel-
er Blair Coan, former employe of
the republican national commit-
tee had been called as a defense
witness.

Coan Evidence Detailed
Coan testified in the senate in-
vestigation of the Wheeler case
that he had been ordered to Great
Falls by George B. Lockwood,
then secretary of the republican
organization, while the grand
jury that indicted Wheeler was
in session. Coan told the senate
investigators that he was assigned
by Lockwood to investigate Sen-
ator Wheeler and "another sen-
ator" with a view to obtaining
publicity material for use in po-
litical campaigns.

The government has failed to
subpoena Coan and the defense
a few days ago took up the
question of calling him as a witness
for the Wheeler side.

Counsel Are Present
Edwin S. Booth, former solic-
itor of the interior department;
Gordon Campbell, Montana oil
operator; William Spry, former
land commissioner in the interior
department; L. C. Stevenson, an-
other Montana oil operator, and
W. G. Feeley, a Washington at-
torney, all of whom were prin-
cipals in the actions which were in-
vestigated by the grand jury, are
here and ready to testify. Fed-
eral Judge Frank S. Dietrich ar-
rived from Boise, Idaho, this af-
ternoon to preside. Mr. Baldwin,
who is Wheeler's law partner in
Butte, arrived this afternoon and
entered the conference of defense
attorneys.

District Attorney John L. Sla-
tery and R. P. Stewart, special
assistant attorney general assign-
ed to the trial, spent today in
making final preparations for the
trial. They have called 36 wit-
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WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Representative Oldfield, Arkan-
sas, was operated on for acute ap-
pendicitis.
President-elect Machado, of
Cuba was received in Washington
with special honors.
Hearings were opened before
the interstate commerce com-
mission on the Nickel Plate merger
plan.
Aircraft bombing demonstration
at Quantico was said by officials
to have produced satisfactory re-
sults.
The first woman member of
the foreign service, Miss Lucille
Athenron of Columbus, Ohio, was
assigned to the Bern legation.
The war department disclosed
that private recently court mar-
shaled at Honolulu were believed
to have enlisted for the purpose
of fomenting revolution.