

WEATHER FOR WEDNESDAY—Unsettled and cooler with local rains; moderate variable winds. Max. 71; Min. 50; River 2.8, falling; Rainfall .02; Atmosphere part cloudy; Wind southeast.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 13, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HINDENBURG IS NOW HEAD OF GERMAN NATION

Former Field Marshal of Republic is Inducted into Office; Solemn Oath is Given

COMMUNISTS DERISIVE AS CEREMONIES OPEN

Cries of "Long Live the Soviet Republic" is Shouted Through Chamber

BERLIN, May 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg at high noon today solemnly pledged his word as a man that he would faithfully fulfill the duties of president of Germany to which office he was elected on April 26. The oath of office was administered by the president of the Reichstag, Paul Loebe, in the presence of all members of the house with the exception of 46 communists who left the chamber when von Hindenburg appeared, shouting "Down with the monarchists! Long live the soviet republic!"

Neither Herr Loebe's invitation to the president-elect to subscribe to the constitutional oath nor the president's reply after being sworn in contained the slightest element of ambiguity to which even the staunchest republican might make objection and von Hindenburg added utterance that both the offices of president and the reichstag represented the sovereign will of the German people gave emphasis to his manifest desire to leave no doubt in the minds of his auditors with respect to his political interpretations of the constitutional significance of the office into which he was today inducted.

This was the first time since November 18, 1919, that the field marshal had entered the reichstag building. Then he and General Ludendorff, came in response to an urgent summons from a parliamentary inquisitorial board which was investigating the German general staff relative to unrestricted submarine warfare and the extent to which it was familiar with the policy of mediation and the efforts of the late President Wilson in this direction.

On that occasion Hindenburg and his quartermaster general were summoned to give account of their stewardship as leaders of the German armies and among the men examined there were independent socialists, several democrats and representatives of the other political parties.

Today von Hindenburg entered the Reichstag as president-elect and less than twenty paces from the speaker's desk where he took the oath of office sat Ludendorff among the rest of the deputies.

Led by Herr Loebe the new president appeared at the speaker's stand a few minutes after 12 o'clock. He ranged himself among the men surrounding him; he was attired in civilian clothes with black frock coat, but wore no decorations. The reichstag president lost no time in informing the new executive of the nature of the oath he was expected to take; whereupon the document was handed to von Hindenburg who, in a loud staccato voice announced with the double addition of a religious affirmation repeated the oath. He followed this with a brief supplementary speech, in which he made specific reference to the republican constitution.

ELECTION IS NEXT

Student Nominations Are Held at High School Thursday

Cecil Edwards and Homer Richards are candidates for the office of president of the Salem high school student body as a result of nominations held Tuesday morning. In cases where an office is not contested the nominee will be declared elected.

Other officers nominated yesterday were: Vice president, Mildred Pugh; secretary, Carolyn Lambirth; Clarion, editor, Donald Deckebach, Leroy Crose, Charles Hagaman; editor Clarion annual, Ross Harris, Raryl Myers; yell leader, Garlen Simpson; sergeant-at-arms, Don Kelly; athletic manager, John Drager; Robert Kitchener; Clarion manager, Eola McMillan; Ezra Webb; forensic manager, Kenneth Allen, Martin Redding, Harold Tomlinson; girls' song leader, Josephine Albert, Maxine Glover, Fay Wolf.

Relegation of Arms Discussed in Bitter Fight in Conference

GENEVA, May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—After a bitter forensic fight in the military committee, armored trains figuratively steamed out of the league of nations palace tonight. By a vote of 13 to 11 the governments reported at the conference of the control of traffic in arms and munitions, sitting on the military committee, decided the sale of these would not be subject to international supervision.

After excluding armored trains the committee eliminated flame throwers, the use of which in war, Hungary recently protested on the ground that she herself, under the Trianon treaty, had been forbidden to employ them. The committee made no pronouncement of its views as to whether flame throwers should be used in wars.

Tanks alone remain as the sole representative of that original list of employments of war which figured in the draft convention under a special heading and which before the list was scaled down included warships, armored trains, airplanes and tanks. In the control label category, however, there are numerous other instruments of warfare such as artillery and munitions.

With the delegates wondering how they would make public opinion understand the reasons for these exclusions, there was eager discussion of another development which plainly caused the greatest gratification in conference circles. The American delegation was responsible for this when Representative Theodore E. Burton made

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INFANTS' BODIES WILL BE EXHUMED

Court Issues Order After Investigation of "Baby Farm" Deaths

NEW YORK, May 12.—Court orders for the exhumation of the bodies of the two babies who died in the "baby farm" of Mrs. Helene Auguste Geisen-Volk, were issued by Supreme Court Justice Cottillo today.

Assistant District Attorney Ryan told the court he expected to get evidence to warrant a charge of homicide. The bodies to be exhumed are those of Agnes Toohy, 18 months old, who died last December 15, and William Winters, six months, who died last February.

Witnesses have told Ryan that Mrs. Geisen-Volk, a former German Red Cross nurse and the widow of a Prussian army officer, had dashed the Toohy's child's head against a wall when angered by its continued crying the night before its death.

SOLUTION SOUGHT

Meeting Held to Discuss Farm Problems; Profits to Be Figured

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 12.—(By Associated Press.)—The problem of setting up an agricultural problem calculated to insure the farmer "cost of production plus a fair profit" on his products remained for solution with a council of twenty-five, chosen by representative farm organizations of the middle west at the farm conference here today. The conference here called by the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America to formulate a program for farm relief to which the many agricultural interests could subscribe was to have ended today, but it was decided to continue the meeting tomorrow when the council was unable to complete its work. More than 300 delegates were in attendance.

The plan was to select a subcommittee of five men which would decide upon a course, submit it to the council and then endeavor to obtain its ratification by the meeting as a whole.

While there was no controversy apparent in the council's deliberations, two sharply divergent schools kept the body from agreeing upon a program this afternoon. Both were avowedly prepared to support the principle of cost of production plus a fair profit.

STATE MAN DIES

W. M. Smith, World War Veteran, Succumbs to Blood Poisoning

William M. Smith, 27, a veteran of the World war and laboratory assistant for the Oregon state highway department, died at the Salem hospital last night following a few days' illness from blood poisoning. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Rigdon mortuary and will be announced later.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. O. G. Smith, of Long Beach, Cal., four sisters and four brothers.

CONTRACTS GIVEN SALEM TEACHERS

Board Signs Up Three, in High, and Junior High and Four in Grades

Eleven teachers were elected by the Salem school board last night for the coming year. Three instructors were engaged for the high school, three for the J. L. Parrish Junior high school and four teachers for the grades.

E. E. Bergman was engaged as instructor in the machine shop under the Smith-Hughes educational act, Lewis A. Woodworth, a graduate of the University of Chicago, as instructor in Latin and French languages. Mrs. Woodworth is head of the Spanish language department of Willamette university. Lawrence Spitzberger has been secured as instructor in the physical education department.

BOARD CONSIDERS ROUTINE AFFAIRS

Health Demonstration Work in Schools is Reviewed Again Last Night

Routine matters were considered by the Salem school board at their regular meeting last night with Dr. H. H. Olinger presiding. A report of the work being carried on in the Salem school by the Marion county child health demonstration was made by Geo. W. Hug, superintendent of city schools.

A report on the organization and procedure of the organization at the Garfield school was made to the board. High compliments were paid to the manner of conducting the physical examination of the pupils. It was brought out that many of the parents were present for the examination.

STEPS ARE BUILT

Work Started on Seniors' Annual Gift to Willamette Campus

Work was started Tuesday morning on the east steps of Walker hall at Willamette university which are to be rebuilt by the senior class as their gift to the university. The plans are to replace the old wood steps with a new entrance of brick and cement. This will be a much needed improvement as several of the wooden timbers are already far gone with dry rot and decay.

The work has been given to Wechter & Hughes, local contractors, and is to cost the class approximately \$450. About a week will be used in the completion of the job.

It is a tradition at Willamette that each incoming and outgoing class give the university some gift in the form of a campus improvement and it is through this manner that Willamette has a large number of cement sidewalks and other desirable improvements.

MITCHELL, S. D., May 12.—The state gasoline stations here increased its prices 1 cent a gallon today, making the retail price 21 cents. Standard and independent dealers continued to sell for 20 cents a gallon.

CHERRIANS TO HAVE PART IN BIG FESTIVAL

Invitation from Portland Royal Rosarians is Accepted Last Night by Salem Booster Order

COMMITTEES NAMED ON VARIOUS EVENTS

Gabrielson to Captain Drill Team While Dr. Epley to Get Tall Hat

The Cherrians will take part in the floral parade of the Portland Rose festival Thursday, June 18. The invitation from the Rosarians and Rose Festival officials was given last evening at the monthly dinner held at the Chamber of Commerce, and was officially accepted.

S. C. Pier, prime minister of the Rosarians, in extending the invitation, said: "The Cherrians and Rosarians have built up a most delightful friendship and one that will last for all time.

"We will put on this year the finest and best Rose Festival we have had," declared Mr. Pier. "We will have a pageant that will be one of the most wonderful ever produced. We will offer you something you will never see."

Program outlined. J. R. Raley was introduced as "the man back of the Pendleton Roundup," and manager of the Rose Festival and "Pageant of Roses."

Mr. Raley said: "We will make the rose festival the greatest pageant ever produced in the country. We now have a chorus of 1800 rehearsing. The stadium of Multnomah field will seat from 17,000 to 20,000. The pageant will be produced on the stage at Multnomah field each evening during the rose festival."

The coming rose festival will begin Monday evening, June 15, with the production of "The Pageant of the Rose." Tuesday will be for the ceremony of the Royal Rosarians. Wednesday will be designated as water carnival day. Clara Pomeroy was elected to the supervisorship of penmanship and spelling in the Salem schools.

AMY LOWELL DIES

Widely Read American Poet Passes Following Paralytic Stroke

BROOKLYN, Mass., May 12.—Miss Amy Lowell, the poet and sister of President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard university, died suddenly at her home here today. A paralytic stroke which came without warning, was the cause of death, which occurred late this afternoon. Dr. Theodore Eastman and Dr. Charles Allan Porter were summoned and shortly afterward President Lowell arrived at his sister's home.

Miss Lowell was taken ill suddenly at her home on April 11 and was obliged to cancel a projected trip to Europe. The illness, a recurrence of an old complaint, was said at that time to be not dangerous. A statement issued at that time by Miss Lowell's secretary said that there was no immediate danger but that the patient was being carefully watched.

WOODBURN LADY CALLED BY DEATH

Funeral Services for Mrs. John F. Steelhammer to Be Held Thursday

Word was received in Salem last night that Mrs. Jennie M. Steelhammer, wife of John F. Steelhammer of Woodburn, died suddenly in that city Tuesday morning. She is survived by her husband and two boys, John F. Jr., 16, and Carl G., 14. Three sisters, Mrs. Belle Shantz of Salem, Mrs. Hattie West of Warren and Mrs. Luella West of Winlock, Wash., as well as a brother, Frank Goode of San Francisco also survive her. She was a sister-in-law of Oscar Steelhammer, Marion county assessor.

Mrs. Steelhammer was born in Kansas 47 years ago and has lived in Oregon for over 20 years, making her home in Salem before her marriage in 1906. She was active in Eastern Star work at Woodburn and was a member of the Daughters of the Nile. Her husband is engaged in business in Woodburn and is well known here, playing in the Salem band with his brother.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Methodist church at Woodburn. Burial will take place in the Silverton cemetery.

NAB STILL OWNER

Paul Munro Enters Plea of "Not Guilty" in Justice Court

Paul Munro of Salem was arrested yesterday by Roy Bremmer, deputy sheriff, and was arraigned in justice court to answer a charge of possession of a still. Munro entered a plea of not guilty and was released on his own recognizance.

BOOZE ARMADA CLEARING SEA OF RUM BOATS

Huge Vessels Declared Leaving for More Friendly Quarters; Coast Guard Ships Active

LARGE-FRENCH CRAFT IS ENCIRCLED ABOUT

Barrage of Highpower Motor Boats Hold Liquor on Outlaw Carriers

NEW YORK, May 12.—While coast guard officials were announcing today that rum row was gradually crumbling under the dry navy's blockade, which opened just a week ago, word came ashore that another liquor carrier, a big French steamer had arrived on the row.

The new steamer was loaded to the gunwales with a wet cargo, according to wireless messages to the coast guard. No sooner had she dropped her anchor than four of the dry navy's vigilant pilot boats were buzzing about her, bringing her in circle designed to endure as long as the big ship may remain. Capt. W. V. E. Jacobs, New York commandant of the coast guard, announced that several of the rum fleet masters isolated from shore for a week now, were weighing their anchors and hunting new waters.

"The rum fleet is gradually disintegrating," he said. "And the situation is practically the same as it was yesterday."

It was learned that every one of the contraband carriers that had weighed anchor and left for more friendly waters, had been followed by one or more dry navy craft. The blockade had sprung one tiny leak during last night when one small dory got through. The little fugitive managed to get to water too shallow for the pursuer's invasion.

There was talk of a shakeup of land forces of the prohibition unit with the arrival in the city today of Assistant Prohibition Commissioner James E. Jones and Field Supervisor John E. Murphy.

Complete details of the proposed changes were not obtainable, but it was announced that the 50 enforcement agents under the supervision of R. Q. Merrick, divisional chief, had been put under the direction of Palmer Canfield, state prohibition director.

ROCKPILE LOOMS FOR PRISONERS

County Jail Crowded With "Long Termers;" Need of Work Keenly Felt

With the prospect of an overpopulation in the county jail, as a result of the unusually large number of convictions arising from liquor cases, the county court is faced with the problem of caring for the men and providing work for them to do.

At the present time 21 men are confined in the county jail, many of them there to serve sentences of six months to a year. Conditions at the present time will not permit many more than 25 to be held in the jail. As a deterrent to crime, and as a possible remedy for conditions, it has been suggested that some sort of work be provided by the county. At a meeting of the county court yesterday, at which Judge Hunt and the commissioners were present, plans were discussed for putting the prisoners to work on road building.

HUGE 500 GALLON STILL CAPTURED

Plant Found Near Newberg Rivals Mount Angel Distillery

PORTLAND, Or., May 12.—Cleverly hidden in a cove on the banks of the Willamette river about 6 miles east of Newberg, one of the largest moonshine plants ever discovered in Oregon was found Monday night by federal and state officers and the distillery was destroyed.

Included in the seizure were two 250-gallon copper stills, each equipped with oil burner, so that no smoke might reveal the location; 6500 gallons of mash, much of which was contained in newly constructed vats; 1800 pints of finished liquor, packed and ready to be transported to the local market; and about 200 gallons of liquor in five-gallon kegs. The two men operating the still escaped.

Preparations are being made to entertain a large crowd.

Willamette Student Withdraws Following Charge By Officials

What promised to develop into a campus scandal at Willamette subsided Tuesday when charges against F. M. Chapman, prominent student and member of the law school, which would have resulted in his dishonorable dismissal from the institution, were quietly settled, the matter dropped and Chapman withdrew from school. Smell if liquor upon the breath of the student following a dance was reported to school authorities and proceedings instigated.

According to Chapman and his was hearsay only and the charges attorney, the evidence presented were filed that would have resulted in his dismissal under a cloud, and the charges were not substantiated in fact. Dean George H.

Alden refused to comment upon the affair but Ray Smith, secretary of the law school, said that a settlement had been effected and that the affair was a "dead" issue. Chapman's father, a Portland banker, accompanied his son and attorney in order to get at the bottom of things.

Chapman has a brilliant record at Willamette and has been active in student affairs, being clever with musical instruments. He refused to leave the institution, he said, until the charge against him was removed. Following this he withdrew from the school. Regardless of the charges, as a private institution, the faculty has the right to drop any student that it may desire at any time if they be

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GET MORE NAMES FOR LINEN MILL

Additional Subscriptions Received—Will Be Made Public Thursday

All workers are being urged to get out and work harder on soliciting subscriptions for Salem's quota, towards erecting a new \$640,000 linen mill here, in order that the proposition may be put over at the Thursday noon meeting at the Salem Chamber of Commerce. The extra work Wednesday and the solicitations of Thursday morning will be enough to put the mark at \$275,000.

It is understood that some of the workers have secured one or two fairly large subscriptions, which will be made public at the complimentary luncheon Thursday noon.

Much enthusiasm has been shown by the workers in the field, but many of them have sacrificed much in getting the matter before the people. It is thought, however, that if the workers will buckle down to the job and make it \$275,000 by Thursday noon, plans may be figured out by which Salem's quota may be assured.

TENTATIVE DATE SET AT JUNE 12

Annual Commencement Exercises Will Probably Be Held in Armory

Tentative selection of June 12 as the commencement date of the Salem high school, has been made by George W. Hug, superintendent of schools, who has been appointing a committee of one to secure a building for the day. The exercises will be held at the armory, providing the date is open.

The 1925 class is the largest one in the history of the local high school and numbers 230 students. Consequently, it is difficult to secure a building large enough to care for the students and their guests. Even with the use of the armory, the graduates are to be limited to the number of guests that will be able to attend the exercises. The high school auditorium is not large enough and it was necessary that a larger place be secured.

Members of the school board last night viewed a large map that has been prepared to show the location of the students in the Salem school district. Red and yellow headed pins are used to show where each pupil lives in the high school and was designed to show the relative needs for school buildings in the various districts of the city. To complete the map, several students of the high school were employed during the past two weeks.

PAINTERS HOSTS

Delegates to Central Labor Council and Friends Entertained

Celebration of their 15th anniversary in Salem will be held by the painters' union in the labor hall Friday night. All delegates to the central council and their friends are invited to attend.

An extensive program has been arranged by the committee of which Roy Shumake is chairman. This will include some good speakers, singing, stunts, while many valuable prizes will be offered. A big feed is also promised by the committee.

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KLAMATH FALLS MAN IS NAMED AS PRESIDENT

A. Fred Glover to Head Oregon Retail Jewelers' Association During Ensuing Business Year

A. A. KEENE, OF SALEM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Salem Man Retires From Office; Convention Presents Resolutions

A. Fred Glover, of Klamath Falls, was elected president of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association at the closing session of the 18th annual convention Tuesday. Klamath Falls was selected as the site of the 1926 convention late in July. A. A. Keene, Salem, is the retiring president.

Other officers elected were W. H. Saxton, Portland, first vice president; W. F. Bertram, Marshfield, second vice president; R. G. Warren, Corvallis, third vice president and A. A. Keene, Salem, secretary-treasurer. The officers and F. W. Heitkemper, Portland, and F. M. French, Albany, will compose the board of directors.

Long in Office

Mr. French, who retired from office after 18 years of consecutive service as secretary-treasurer, or since the organization of the association, was presented with a smoking jacket and an Indian robe last night in appreciation of his long and faithful service.

Two committees named yesterday were membership, consisting of Mr. Keene; W. A. Saxton, Portland, and F. M. French, Albany, and Heitkemper, Portland; Carl J. Greve, Portland and O. L. Skeie, Eugene, resolutions committee.

Resolutions urging the repeal of excise tax on jewelry; indorsement of Sterling Silver week, May 21 to 30; urging the Oregon jewelers to join the National Retail Jewelers' publicity association and appreciation for their entertainment while in Salem, were adopted. The session closed with a banquet at the Marion hotel last night.

Hawley is Speaker. Business enterprises engaged in by the government have proved to be losing propositions, Congressman W. C. Hawley told the jewelers in the morning session, speaking on "The Relation of Government to Business." There is a growing tendency of disapproval in both houses in congress and among representatives of both parties, he said. Congressman Hawley held that the government should levy the minimum of taxes necessary to secure funds for carrying on the government.

"I believe the jeweler pays a disproportionate amount of present taxes," Congressman Hawley said in closing. "In addition to the income tax, which must be paid by all, he is forced to pay an excise tax, which though reduced during the last year, was 5 per cent." The speaker intimated that it would be abolished in another year or two.

Other speakers yesterday were Carl T. Grieve, Portland, on "What the Association is Doing

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TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Director Lord of the budget bureau renewed his prediction of a \$108,000,000 surplus for the current fiscal year.

President Coolidge's attitude toward the French debt conversations was disclosed as hopeful that they will lead to a definite refunding program.

A new federal grand jury began reconsideration of the conspiracy charges growing out of the naval oil reserve leases.

The navy department announced plans for a commercial survey flight of the Los Angeles over Philadelphia mobilization district.

It was stated that the American charge at Berlin would make verbally such expression as he deemed appropriate in connection with President Hindenburg's inauguration.

The International Council of Women adopted resolutions urging extension of laws for protection of women and children and urging women to join educational and political parties.