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## SCHOOLS SCENES OF REGISTRATION

### Ideal Fall Weather Proves Poor Incentive and Response Is Not Good

## ENROLLMENT SHRINKING

### Public Schools and Willamette University Show Decrease Over Last Year; Silverton Under Way

Monday morning found all the schools in the city, from the university to the grade schools, the scenes of a mad rush for registration. Students at all the public schools appeared glad to be back after their long vacation, and showed no small amount of impatience to get under way again.

Registration in the grade schools showed a decrease from the registration made on opening day last year, but this is accounted for on two scores, the early opening and the fair weather. Last year school opened on a rainy day and most of the students were on hand from the first. But with the weather Monday ideal, the incentive to bask in the open spaces probably proved too strong.

According to word received from the office of the city superintendent, the principals of all the grade schools are checking up on the list of all the pupils who did not report for the opening day, and an effort will be made to get them back immediately, even if exercising of the compulsory attendance law must be resorted to. Some of the pupils, it is expected, are still working in the hop yards, and some may be out because of whooping cough, although only two cases of the malady have been reported during the past week at the office of the city health officer.

Although the junior high schools of the city show an increase over last year, the increase is not as large as that anticipated by the school board. The same reason is given that is made to account for the decrease of attendance in the grade schools. Last year the schools opened after the state fair had been held, but this year school opened early, and the fair is held late.

Before school has been under way very long, George W. Hug, city superintendent, predicts the enrollment of students at the junior high schools will attain the increase in numbers that has been anticipated.

At the Salem high school the registration, while being about 20 greater in number than that made last year on opening day, has not yet attained the increase anticipated. Registration was carried on in full force up till 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

At Willamette university, registration went slowly. Reason is given at the registrar's office that today will be the big day for registration. Freshmen were not able to register at all until they were through with their English entrance exam, and that meant that practically all of them would not

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## LARGE GIRDERS ARRIVE

### HUGE STEEL STRINGERS WILL BE USED IN THEATER

There arrived in Salem yesterday the two heaviest single pieces of steel ever brought to this city. They are the steel girders for the new theater being built by George B. Guthrie, on High street. The mezzanine girder weighs over 14 tons, and the balcony girder over 16 tons. They are 63 feet long. The girders could not be brought over the Oregon Electric on account of the street turns coming out of Portland. They were delivered by the Southern Pacific, occupying two flat cars.

Workmen will start today to get the girders in place, after which operations can be speeded up in the construction of this new \$90,000 theater for Salem.

## TWO MORE CLUBS QUIT

### PHOENIX AND K. C. GROUPS VOLUNTARILY DISBAND

Voluntary disbandment of the K. C. and Phoenix girls' secret societies at the high school, was announced Monday, bringing the total to three. One other girls' club, the TNT, remains intact. The Friars boys' club, is reported to have taken similar action.

As every student is required to take a pledge before registering for the fall term at the high school whether or not the club has formally passed into oblivion, this action will be taken as signal that the organization is disbanded. Failure to live up to the pledge is punishable by suspension or expulsion.

## STATE HOUSE "OWNER" IS TAKEN TO ASYLUM

### RUDOLPH PASCHFSKOY GIVEN RUDE AWAKENING

### Promises of 3-Hour Day and 2-Day Week Are Made to Women of Building

While waiting for imaginary papers giving him full control of the capitol building, Rudolph Paschfskoj, 50, of St. Johns district in Portland, was escorted to the county court by Officers Cutler and Hickman and papers, real ones this time, were bestowed upon him and his name entered on the patients' list at the state hospital.

Paschfskoj has been hanging around the state house for several days but it was not until his actions became objectionable that officers were summoned. Promises of shorter hours, fewer days in the week and increased wages were held out to all state employees who would stop and listen.

Harry Minto, son of Chief of Police Minto, was delivering a package to one of the offices.

"How many days a week do you work, son?" queried Paschfskoj.

Young Minto told him. "You are going to work for me and only two days a week. Your wages will be increased," he was informed.

"Me for you all the time," responded the youth as he proceeded to safer and saner quarters.

According to the illusion of the elderly man, the state had "done him out of" his property and in order that he might obtain justice, he was having the necessary papers made out by the secretary of state and was taking over the entire management of the institution. The park-like grounds surrounding the building would prove an excellent playground for his children, he believed.

Visions of the two-day week and three-hour day promised to girl employees went glimmering as the two officers took his arms and escorted him to the police car and before the county court. Explaining the necessity of having a state-owned automobile in which to ride, he was taken to the state hospital. In spite of the warm day Paschfskoj wore a heavy overcoat.

## MITCHELL IS RELIEVED

### STORM CENTER OF ARMY IS OUSTED FROM SERVICE

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Col. William Mitchell, eighth corps air officer and center of a storm of criticisms of the army and navy air services made in a series of statements beginning Sept. 5, was relieved of further duty as corps air officer Saturday by order of Major General Ernest Hinds, commander of the corps area. The order issued Saturday was made public today without comment.

"General Hinds has no comment to make on the order," Col. J. F. Preston, corps chief of staff, said this afternoon. "The order was issued by General Hinds and delivered to Colonel Mitchell Saturday, and it became effective immediately."

Capt. Thomas W. Hastej, assistant to Colonel Mitchell, automatically becomes acting corps air officer.

Mitchell is expected to remain at Fort Sam Houston until summoned by the aircraft investigating board in Washington or until war department orders are issued transferring him elsewhere.

## MINER KILLS OFFICERS

### SHERIFF AND POLICE CHIEF DEAD; MAN SURROUNDED

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Sheriff Orville Litchfield, 34, of Marshall county, and John Leonard, 50, of Toluca, Ill., chief of police were killed tonight by Joseph Spenras, a former coal miner whom the officers tried to capture at Toluca. After the shooting Spenras barricaded himself in his home and tonight was defying capture.

Tonight a crowd of men, well armed, surrounded the house where Spenras had barricaded himself but leaders of the posse said no attempt to storm the place would be made until daylight.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN

### 1925-26 YEAR STARTED IN ELEVEN DISTRICTS

Eleven schools in the county, exclusive of Salem, held registration for the 1925-26 school year Monday. Some of the county schools started work the first of September, while the remainder will open their doors September 23 or October 5.

## SPECIAL ELECTION IS PUT TO SLEEP

### Proposed Charter Amendments and Measure Are Placed Upon Table

## DRUNKEN DRIVERS HIT

### Hard Work Is Advocated for Violators; Service Station Permit Not Granted; Dr. Mott Is Cited

The special election, that has been causing considerable stir in political circles of the city, is a phantom that loomed in the night and has passed. The council, at its meeting last night, laid the measure for providing a special election on the table, along with the measures that were to have been placed on the ballot. It was held that the cost of the special election would be too great, considering that the bridge, street repair and fire equipment measures were not of an emergency nature that would warrant the cost of the election.

The meeting of the council, which was expected to reach a high heat over the measures, was extremely peaceable, to say the least. Mayor Giesy emphatically denied that he had said he would veto the measures to be placed on the ballot, and his declaration that he did not like the idea of the council's using the rumor that he would do so as an excuse for passing him the buck.

The much heralded issue concerning the change in the routing of the buses of the Salem Street railway from Seventeenth to Eighteenth, became a lamb instead of a lion for the time being, and action on the proposed change was postponed, in order to give the street committee another two weeks in which to work on the question. The water question, which has drawn interest in Salem, was barely mentioned, and no action was taken in the matter.

Intoxicated drivers were dealt a blow by an ordinance passed, "prohibiting intoxicated persons from operating motor vehicles." The ordinance gives the city judge

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## EUGENE MAN PRESIDES

### REV. TULLY TO BE FORMALLY INSTALLED SOON

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 21.—The Rev. E. L. Winterberger, pastor of the Fairmount Presbyterian church of Eugene, and moderator of the Willamette Valley Presbytery, will preside at the installing ceremonies at Salem, Thursday night, September 24, when the Rev. N. K. Tully, D. D., newly elected pastor of the Salem Presbyterian church, takes his new position.

## REPORT ON SHENANDOAH CRASH TAKEN BY BOARD

### STORY OF HEROISM REVEALED AT INQUIRY

### All Surviving Men on Dirigible Are Questioned as to Cause of Crash

LAKEHURST, N. J., Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne and the officers and men with him in the control car went to their death attempting to keep control of the great airship Shenandoah near Ava, Ohio, on Sept. 3, the naval court of inquiry was told today by Col. C. G. Hall, an official observer for the army air service, a survivor of the disaster.

Despite the terrific storm which was buffeting the great ship about Colonel Hall said Commander Lansdowne and his men had not lost control of the ship until the actual breaking up of the craft occurred, with the twisting off of the control car. The army colonel was in the car and left it only when he was convinced the ship was doomed.

Lieutenant Commander C. E. Rosendahl, navigator and senior surviving officer, in the first official report ever made of the disaster, added his praise to that of Colonel Hall. He said that all through the period of uncertainty he did not observe a single incident where any person on the Shenandoah did not perform his duty fully, efficiently and well.

"At no time preceding the disaster while I was in the control car," he said, "was there a single word spoken out of the ordinary conversational tone. This was particularly true in the case of the captain, Lansdowne."

Besides these two officers, the court heard stories, some lengthy, and others cryptic, of 21 other survivors of the disaster which cost lives and brought to an end the career of the only lighter-than-air fighting ship the nation possessed.

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## STUDENT STORE BANNED

### WILLAMETTE BOOK STORE PLANS NOT RECOMMENDED

That any plan for a students' cooperative book store should be abandoned was the recommendation made Monday afternoon by a special committee of the executive committee of the Willamette University board of regents. Only books and a few students' supplies will be handled in the future.

Business men, through G. F. McAfee, secretary of the Salem Business Men's League, were opposed to the plan on the ground of unfair competition but were willing if the students wanted to open a store downtown and meet expenses similar to other business houses. It was pointed out that the local business men were heavy contributors to the endowment campaign and place several thousands of dollars in advertising with the university publications.

## NORRIS SEEKS HEARING ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE

### KELSO MAN ACCUSED BY TODD DEMANDS FULL INQUIRY

### Accusations of Complicity in Murder of Editor Will Be Investigated

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—George P. Norris Kelso city engineer, against whom a charge of conspiracy in the murder of Thomas Doherty, Kelso editor, June 19 last, was dismissed last night on motion of Hite Imus, prosecuting attorney, appeared today before Justice McCoy, Castle Rock, before whom A. Kurie Todd, Kelso ex-mayor, obtained the warrant for Norris, and demanded a hearing in the case. McCoy set Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at Castle Rock as the time of preliminary hearing.

Norris, upon his return from Castle Rock, turned himself over to the sheriff and will remain in the custody of the officer until after the hearing. Prosecuting Attorney Imus said that he knew of no evidence against Norris, who was insistent on a hearing to prove his innocence.

Todd went to Olympia early today with the announced intention of asking Governor Hartley to interfere in the investigation into the Doherty murder and to appoint a special prosecutor or investigator. Todd charged that the local officers would not act. Before leaving here Todd asked the Kelso police to provide a guard for him as he left the city and night Sergeant Huntington and Officers Bailey and Kraand rode in an automobile behind the two machines holding Todd's party, as far as the city limits. There were two women and five men in Todd's party, according to the officers.

Friends of Norris were angry over what they termed Todd's malicious persecution of Norris.

Luke S. May, criminologist, in charge of the investigation into the Doherty murder, arrived here this morning from Seattle and declined to make any statement relative to the case. He was in conference with Prosecuting Attorney Imus and Sheriff Studebaker for several hours. He was called as a witness in the Gordon trial, which started this morning.

The jury to try A. H. Gordon, ex-superintendent of the Kelso water system, on a charge of misappropriation of public funds, was completed today with two women and 10 men composing the jury. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Quinn immediately gave the opening statement for the prosecution and Lucien Crawford, city clerk, was placed on the stand as the first witness. He was followed by M. J. Lord, ex-city clerk. Other witnesses will be called by the state.

## HAY DEALERS CLOSE

YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 21.—The board of directors of Northwest Hay association late tonight voted to suspend operations.

## SEPARATE AIR UNIT DEBATED BY BOARD

### Chief of Army Service Favors Aerial Department of National Defense

## DAVIS VOICES DISSENT

### Acting Secretary of Navy Says Another Bureau Not Advisable; Aircraft Probe Is Now Open

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Opening his inquiry into America's air power, the president's special air board brought today to the public view a wide conflict of opinion in the war department as to the relative importance and position of aircraft to other units of the national defense.

For seven and a half hours the board heard those charged with the administration of the army discuss the policy, fundamental ground work and prospects for its air service, about which Acting Secretary Davis said there was no cause for alarm, despite that it was operating with inadequate equipment and was in need of additional funds.

Although Mr. Davis and two of his high ranking officers vigorously opposed the creation of a department of national defense with a directing head of all air forces, which has been urged by Colonel William Mitchell, this proposal drew the favor of Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the army air service.

General Patrick said he believed such a department would ultimately be advisable in the system of national defense, but in the meantime the air service should be made "semi-autonomous" with a position similar to that of the marine corps in its relation to the navy.

Appearing as the first witness, Mr. Davis discussed broadly the policy of the army air service, declared there was "no reason to be panicky" about its condition and that the organization by successfully completing the world flight, had proved itself worthy of public confidence. He was followed on the stand by Major General John L. Hines, chief of staff, Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum, assistant chief of staff, and General Patrick.

The chief of the air service, the last of the four to testify, said that at times his recommendations to the general staff concerning the service had either been ignored or rejected, adding that one of these was to establish the air service as a separate corps, which change he made clear would be the first step looking to the department of national defense.

General Patrick, likewise declared that the air service was in need of larger appropriations and he presented figures showing the recommendations he had made and the amount actually allowed by the budget.

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## OREGON MAN IS VICTOR

### CANBY GUARDSMAN TAKES SHARPSHOOTING HONORS

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 21.—National guard individual championship of the United States went to an Oregon infantryman in the national matches here, the Oregon sharpshooter being Sergeant Ellis E. Brown of Canby, Ore. Sergeant Brown received the gold rifle championship medal from the executive officer of the matches. Oregon infantrymen who beat the national guard of the country in the infantry match last week came in for further shooting honors in the sensational victory of the national guard over the regular army in the United States service team match.

## SHEET ROPE FAILS

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—Miss Margie West, 41, an inmate of the city's internment hospital in the King county jail, fell and broke her back today when she attempted to escape through a window by sliding down a rope to the ground. Miss West had tied several sheets together and had almost reached the ground when one of the knots slipped.

## NEW SEWERS PROPOSED

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—Construction of an improved sewer system to cost \$4,500,000 was proposed in an ordinance introduced in the city council by Councilman John E. Carroll today. Strong opposition because the bill provides for general taxation instead of district assessment was indicated.

## STATE "DRY" FORCES BATTING LIST IS HIGH

### 192 ARRESTED IN JULY AND 135 CONVICTED

### Fines Totalling \$29,292.50 Assessed; Six Counties Fail To Make Report

From 192 arrests during the month of July there were 135 convictions and fines amounting to \$29,292.50 according to reports from 25 counties received by William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner. Six counties, including Marion, failed to turn in a report while five reported no activities. These were Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney and Morrow. Of the amount assessed \$8773.50 was collected in fines.

Sixteen stills were seized during the month and counties report jail sentences ranging from 60 days in jail to nine years in the penitentiary, from Jackson county which made four arrests, and obtained four convictions. Fines levied in this county were \$3350. Liquor destroyed varied from five gallons in Lincoln county to 350 gallons in Linn county.

Washington county topped the list with the number of arrests, 44 being made resulting in 20 convictions. Fines amounting to \$1000 were levied and \$900 collected. Three stills were seized and 180 days in jail meted out. Multnomah county reported 26 arrests, 19 convictions, \$2675 in fines assessed and 573 days in jail.

## LODGE MEMBERS GATHER

### ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAS CONVENE IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Five thousand Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from all parts of the United States and Canada today participated in the 101st session of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows, the Patriarchs Militant and Rebekahs assembly. The conventions convened today.

Opening ceremonies of the conventions were conducted in the public auditorium under chairmanship of Dr. A. Johnson, past grand master of Oregon; Henry Young of Hermiston, Or., grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon, delivered the welcome to the delegates. Most of the afternoon was taken up with sight-seeing trips by the delegates. Grand Sire, Herbert A. Thompson of Detroit in his annual report recommended that all races of the world be admitted into the ranks of Odd Fellowship.

In regard to the homes established by various lodges of the order, it was Mr. Thompson's belief, his report said, that the establishment of such homes, should they become too numerous, should do away with the responsibility of individual members of the order, in that welfare work done en masse lacked the personal touch essential in fraternal work. Closer scrutiny of those admitted to the homes also was recommended, as was a study leading to more efficient management.

## PRISON TOWER BEGUN

### NEW ARSENAL TO BE HOUSED OUTSIDE OF WALLS

The work of erecting a new guard tower at the Oregon state penitentiary is now under way. The tower will be located near the front gate and will be outside of the prison walls. The institution arsenal will be housed in the tower.

Other improvements contemplated include the elimination of steps leading from the prison yard to the guard posts, installation of wire entanglements above the cells and an alarm system to be used in event of breaks or other serious disturbances within the institution walls. The improvements are being made with prison labor and materials.

## RYCKMAN AGAIN CHOSEN

### GAME COMMISSION ELECTS; BIRD REFUGE IS ASKED

PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—At a meeting today of the state game commission, M. L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries until about two months ago, was reappointed superintendent of hatcheries.

E. F. Averill, state game warden, was officially elected director of the educational department.

James T. Jardine of Oregon Agricultural college, outlined a program by which experienced fish cultural might be developed for game commission work. It was decided to request the commissioner of reclamation to turn water back into lower Klamath Lake, thus restoring an 80,000 acre bird refuge.

Two applicants for the position of superintendent of hatcheries were named, E. W. Goff, of the McKenzie hatchery, and J. M. Peters of Astoria.

## FEDERAL DRY FORCE OUT AFTER DEALERS

### Occasional Violators and "Hip Pocket" Offenders Not Concentrated on

## PETTY ARRESTS SCORED

### Operative Dismissed For "Spending Time and Money" in Pursuing and Arresting Flank Carrier

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—The program for prohibition enforcement being developed by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury has reached the stage where a pronouncement of a new federal policy may be expected to be made soon. It will delineate the work which the federal government will attempt to do and will emphasize that part of enforcement to be left entirely to state and local authorities.

Mr. Andrews as yet has nothing to say respecting his plans except in the general way that he believes the chief function of the federal government is stoppage of the sources of the bootleg trade. In this connection it was disclosed today that the prohibition field marshal had ordered dismissal of a prohibition agent attached to the New Orleans administrator's office for "spending time and money" in pursuing, searching and later arresting a woman motorist when he found she carried "a pint flask perhaps a third full."

As a result of the agent's action, which Mr. Andrews regards as having rendered the federal law "obnoxious and cheap," the assistant secretary has informed all administrators and their deputies of details of the case. This was done, he said, for the guidance of the enforcement personnel and he described the dismissal as a disciplinary move.

Disclosure of the incident was regarded as the first step by Mr. Andrews to define the work which his reorganized force will be expected to do and at the same time point out to state and local authorities the part being left to them. Mr. Andrews has believed ever since he took over his enforcement duties that the biggest job the federal corps had to perform was annihilation of the wholesale and importing businesses handling illicit liquor and the dismissal of the agent for arrest of a "hip pocket violator" was accepted as meaning that he is now prepared to more specifically define the enforcement between his own and the state and local forces.

Mr. Andrews conferred again today with Attorney General Sargent and there have been indications that at previous similar conferences the subject of the division of authority and responsibility was discussed. In effecting the recent reorganization of the prohibition force Mr. Andrews has kept the department of justice fully advised of his plans inasmuch as it is that department's duty to prosecute cases developed by the dry agents and Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition prosecution, has conferred often with the treasury official.

## PLANE WRECKED IN CRASH

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Compelled to land in a pasture because of engine trouble, a plane flown by Lieutenant T. J. Koenig, commander of the Sandpoint aviation field, was wrecked near Snohomish today. Neither Koenig nor reserve Lieutenant E. J. McCannahan, who was flying with him, were injured.

## WOMAN BATTLES COP

### TRAFFIC OFFENDER LANDS HEAVILY ON OFFICER

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—Two women were arrested and a traffic policeman was nursing a bruised jaw as a result of feminine protests here today against new traffic regulations on downtown streets.

Miss Nellie Bane landed a sharp left on Patrolman Hacker's cheek and was booked for disorderly conduct after she refused to retreat her steps when trying to cross a street with traffic signs set "Stop."

Mrs. Marie Fowler, taken to police headquarters for testifying on when to cross streets and when not, returned later with her husband to protest against the "humiliation" of her arrest. She then spent 25 minutes in durance vile before depositing \$2 bail.

