

## FIRST NATIONAL TO BUILD MODERN HOME

Southwest Corner of State and Liberty Is Site for \$450,000 Building

## STRUCTURE 10 STORIES

Construction Slated to Start Soon After Expiration of Present Leases; Plans Are Forced to Move

The erection of an eight or ten story building on the southwest corner of Liberty and State is to begin next summer for the First National bank of Salem, according to announcement made Monday morning by officers of that institution. The building is to cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000, and the land, which is owned by T. A. Livesley, a director of the bank, and equipment will represent an outlay of about \$150,000, it is understood.

Erection of the building will necessitate the evacuation from the property of Pomeroy & Keene, jewelers, and several others, but it is reported that agreement has been reached with them to vacate by June 15, immediately after which the work of tearing down the present building will begin.

It is understood that the directors of the bank have made arrangements with architects already to draft prospective plans for the new building, and arrangements are now underway to obtain plans for the interior decorating and fixtures, which are to be of the most modern design.

George F. Rodgers, late president of the bank who was killed in an airplane accident last year, first conceived the idea of such a building on the location decided upon and the plans just revealed by the officers of the bank are an indication that Mr. Rodgers' idea is to receive fulfillment.

If plans now contemplated are carried out, there will be two entrances on State street, one an entrance to the bank and the other to the building. The property of the site extends to the center of the stairway that leads to Frank Myers' rooms above the Spa. It is thought that arrangements will be made to construct the stairway in the new building that it will give access to those rooms as well as to the bank building. As for means of conveyance, the plans include two fast elevators which will give the building the best elevator service in the city.

It is reported that architects are examining various banking buildings on the coast with the idea in view of infusing into the building contemplated the best and most modern arrangements that can be obtained. New vaults and banking equipment throughout will be installed.

The bank, according to the plans as now set up, will occupy the entire first floor, and the remainder of the building will be devoted to office rooms.

Officers of the bank are Daniel J. Fry, president; E. F. Slade, vice president; J. H. Albert, cashier; N. E. Eakin, assistant cashier, and W. I. Needham, trust officer; directors are T. A. Livesley, R. M. Hofer, D. J. Fry, Paul B. Wallace, J. H. Albert, John H. McNary, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner and E. F. Slade. The First National bank owns the property it now occupies on North Commercial street, but as to how it is to be disposed of has not yet been determined.

The bank was first organized in 1885, and until September, 1923, was known as the Capitol National bank. Its resources are over \$1,400,000, capital \$125,000 and surplus \$25,000.

Pomeroy & Keene have purchased the building. (Continued on page 4)

## STATE FLAX MAN QUILTS

CONFLICT IN AUTHORITY DISPLEASING TO FISHER

John J. Quinaud, prison engineer, has been placed in charge of the flax department of the institution as successor to Robert Crawford, flax superintendent, who Monday handed in his resignation. Governor Pierce refused to comment upon the transfer of duties other than to say he would "not tolerate further clashing of authority at the institution."

Mr. Crawford will remain in the employ of the flax department. After serving under the Withycomb and Olcott administrations he became superintendent when Governor Pierce took office.

## DECORATION OF STATUE ARMISTICE DAY FEATURE

WAR MOTHERS AND AMERICAN LEGION IN CHARGE

Plenty of Action Assured Salem Wednesday; Business Houses to Close

As a part of the Armistice day program Wednesday, the statue in front of the county court house will be decorated by War Mothers and the American Legion, with a brief accompanying program. The parade will halt before the soldier monument while flowers will be heaped at the base. The civic organizations of Salem are invited to participate in helping the War Mothers and American Legion in the decorating.

The "Star Spangled Banner" will be sung by Mrs. Hallie Hinges accompanied by the Salem band. While Mrs. Hinges is singing the flag will be raised and immediately at the conclusion of the anthem it will be lowered again to half-mast.

The drum corps of the American Legion will play "Taps," and as a closing tribute a salute will be fired by a squad from Company F. Cassius Peck of Portland will deliver a short address during the ceremonies.

Sale of American Legion tickets is going good, and with two football games, two dances and three theaters honoring these for admission, prospects are bright for record breaking crowds at all attractions.

A feature of the celebration this year will be the appearance of the 186th Infantry band, the largest and best military organization in the state.

Immediately after the Willamette-Albany clash on Sweetland field at 9:30 o'clock the Armistice day parade will get under way from Marion square. The annual Salem-Eugene high school football game will be played at 2:30. Practically all business houses will close for the entire day.

## SIX ARE HURT IN CRASH

FOUR SALEM PEOPLE SLIGHTLY INJURED IN COLLISION

When the machine driven by J. T. Thompson of Silverton collided with the one driven by V. C. Bishop of Salem at the corner of Center and Summer streets Sunday, six persons were slightly injured, according to reports.

In Thompson's machine Mabel F. Anderson of Salem suffered bruised knees, Ida A. Anderson of Mouthmouth received a cut leg, and J. T. Thompson sustained a dislocated shoulder.

The three persons hurt in the Bishop car were Donna Bishop, V. C. Bishop, Jr., and Mrs. V. C. Bishop, all of whom received slight cuts and bruises.

## FIRE VICTIM IS FOUND

MAN DIES, TWO STILLS EXPOSED IN SEATTLE BLAZE

SEATTLE, Nov. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Charred beyond hope of identification the remains of a man known only as "Pete" were taken from the embers of a fire which destroyed two buildings and which deputy sheriffs declared exposed two stills near here this afternoon. Besides the stills one of 100 gallons capacity, the other 65, were found a large number of charred barrels, officers stated, which they said were evidently used for storing mash.

## LITTLE WAIF WELCOMED

WOMAN, 72, WILL REAR 16TH CHILD, SHE SAYS

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 9.—Mrs. J. V. Speed of this city upon whose doorstep was found a month-old girl Sunday morning, said today that she will keep the child and adopt it. Mrs. Speed has reared 15 children not her own and although 72 years old says she will be glad to rear the 16th and give it a start on life's journey. Mrs. Speed and her daughter, Miss Marjorie Speed, were awakened early Sunday by the cries of an infant and found the baby in a grocery box on their back porch.

## WHITMAN OVERCROWDED

75 LAGGING STUDENTS WILL BE DROPPED FROM ROLL

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 9.—Because there are 75 more students in Whitman college than allowed by the rules, this excess will be dropped at the end of the present term, according to the administration. The students who will be dropped will be those with the poorest scholastic standings. At present there are 154 on what is known as the blacklist, those having a grade below 60. Thirty of these have been placed on probation because of extremely low grades.

## MITCHELL COUNSEL DEFENDS CRITICISM

Attorneys Will Attempt to Prove That Statements Were Justified

## DEFENSE SCORES OFTEN

Attack Made by Mitchell Is Repeated, Amplified and Defended; No Attempt Is Made to Cover

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Another bombardment of the administration's aviation policies, accompanied by the lowering of bars to admit testimony intended to justify Colonel William Mitchell's previous published attacks, marked today the opening of his defense before the general court martial trying him of charges specifying conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

From the time the court met until it recessed tonight, the defense had its way, being overruled just once, and then on a minor objection. It thrust a 22,000-word statement into the record without opposition, supported the air officer's San Antonio declaration that the war and navy departments were incompetent, criminally negligent and almost treasonable in their conduct of the national defense, and put the first of its witnesses on the stand. The latter were permitted to testify on air service controversy issues.

Repeated objections raised by the prosecution as to the admissibility of the witnesses' testimony were rejected by the court. It was only when Representative Frank R. Reid, chief civilian defense counsel, asked Maj. Charles Spatz for his opinion of army general staff officers, that the prosecution's objection was sustained.

The opening statement of the defense, comprising 74 closely typewritten pages, was in effect a detailed analysis of Colonel Mitchell's San Antonio statements on which the charges against him were based.

Every charge he made at that time against the war and navy departments was repeated, amplified and defended on the ground that it was true, and could be proved.

As soon as Mr. Reid concluded his opening statement he sought to show that Colonel Mitchell's charge that officers and agents of the war and navy departments had given congress incomplete, misleading or false information about aeronautics was true.

He selected Brigadier General Hugh Drum, one of the assistant chiefs of staff as his target, and then called Major General Amos A. Fries as the first witness to deny the staff officer's statement

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## ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW REVIEWED BY GROUP

5-DAY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CONVENTION CLOSURES

Benefit of Prohibition is Detailed; Liquor Problems Are Debated

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The five day conference of the anti-saloon league delegates with government officials, church leaders and public figures in business, athletics, journalism and medicine closed tonight with a review of prohibition enforcement from the aspect of the country, the state, the nation and the law, the last by Andrew J. Volstead, father of the dry law.

Representative Cooper, a veteran railroad engineer, reviewed the benefits of prohibition for the working man and declared the rank and file of the labor men are against any modification whatever of the prohibition law.

Senator McKinley told the convention that among the 393 delegates from all the countries in the world at the recent inter-parliamentary conference in Washington, he had never seen a sign or smell of liquor, nor heard it mentioned.

The number of habitual drinkers in the senate could be counted on the fingers of one hand, he said.

The conclusions of the league's "enforcement crisis" convention were summed up tonight in resolutions which "insist that the people of the country have the right to expect that the secretary of the treasury shall manifest equal concern to secure efficient enforcement of the prohibition law as to secure the collection of income and other taxes."

A number of recommendations for strengthening prohibition enforcement legislation were announced, including:

Placing all prohibition department appointments under civil service.

Deportation of aliens convicted of liquor violations.

A law divesting all liquor whenever obtained, of its legal status.

A law making it a felony to (Continued on page 2)

## LEAVES ACTIVE DUTY

CAPTAIN HENDRICKS IS ON RESERVE LIST

After three years of active service in command of Company F, 162nd infantry of Salem, Captain Paul Hendricks has been placed upon the reserve list. It was announced Monday at the office of the adjutant general. Captain Hendricks served on the Mexican border and during the World war with the Salem military unit.

Election of a company commander will be held in the near future. The man so chosen will be required to pass an examination as to qualifications before a commission is issued.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN PACT OF FRIENDSHIP NEEDED

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IS SAID GUARANTEE OF PEACE

Amity Between English Speaking Peoples Is Urged by Ambassador

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The greatest guarantee of world peace is the understanding between America and Great Britain, the British ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, told a meeting tonight of the English speaking union of St. Louis.

Those who are trying to build up that understanding and friendship, he said, are not trying to establish a world dominating alliance but rather are endeavoring to erect what will become a real temple of peace in all parts of the world where men of English speech come together.

"If I believed Anglo-American friendship would develop into a big, brutal, bullying power," he asserted, "I should never desire to see it take root. But because I believe, in spite of some lapses which are unavoidable in view of human imperfections, that the British-American ideal in life is just and square dealing, therefore, I, for my part, shall continue to advocate a clear, frank understanding between our two countries as long as there is any breath in my body."

The growth of the English speaking union, the ambassador said, is a proof of feeling that friendship between all branches of the English speaking world is a necessary factor for the well being of the world.

"The idea of the necessity of a good understanding between the United States and Great Britain is not new," he continued. "We find in many British and American writers of distinction, including Thomas Jefferson, before, during and after the revolution, they realized the advantage that would

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## PARENTS TOLD OF DUTY

NO NEED TO SOW WILD OATS DECLARES POLING

"If we, as religious parents, will do our duty to our children, there will be no need for them to sow wild oats," declared Rev. C. C. Poling, pastor of the local First Evangelical church, speaking before the Salem Ministerial Association, of which he is president.

When the prayer life of a church weakens, he continued, evangelism in that church weakens and dies, for "God honors definite and intelligent prayers."

Evangelism Dr. Poling defined as a furthering of the Christian life, and when asked by Dr. Fred C. Taylor of the First Methodist church what place he would give in evangelism to religious education, he asserted that religious education certainly has a place in evangelism, as is worked out in sermons and in the Sunday school.

## CONVICTS ARE NOT SEEN

OUTSIDE AID BELIEVED GIVEN TO THREE PRISONERS

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 9.—At 9 o'clock tonight no trace of the three convicts who bound a guard and four inmates in the state penitentiary hospital and escaped over the wall, early Sunday morning had been found. The warden's force has been busy since the break running down clues and rumors of the convicts whereabouts.

One report had them in the vicinity of Touchet, where three strange men were seen.

The three men seem to have vanished immediately after they scaled the prison wall and disappeared in a westerly direction. The blood hounds were unable to secure a good scent Sunday morning due to the frosty condition of the ground.

There is a certain amount of feeling, that the convicts might have had outside aid in making their getaway, after getting over the walls. The condition of Warren Daniels and Earnest Brown were such that officials feel they could not have gone far without a lift.

Frank Holmes, a big powerful man, fitted in well with the strong arm tactics employed by the prisoners in their break. He was in the hospital for stomach trouble and the other two had been confined for some time for tuberculosis.

Warden Long stated today that he was not going upon the theory, that the convicts had outside aid in the break.

## MISTREATMENT CHARGED

OLYMPIA, Nov. 9.—Thurston county commissioners today appointed a committee of three members to investigate conditions at the county poor farm. The action follows charges of alleged mistreatment made by Perry McFarren, aged inmate, who recently confessed to having set fire to the barn at the farm.

## REDUCTION MADE IN AUTOMOBILE TAXES

Federal Slice Lowers Levy From Five to Three Percent on Machines

## OTHER CUTS TENTATIVE

Reduction in Other Articles Contemplated; \$100,000,000 Is Now Left to Be Apportioned by Board

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Substantial reductions in the automobile taxes and repeal of many miscellaneous excise levies were tentatively agreed upon today by the house ways and means committee in its preparation of a tax reduction bill.

With only \$100,000,000 of the prospective \$300,000,000 treasury surplus left to apportion in reductions among these taxes, the committee struck a snag in attempting to comply with the numerous appeals for relief, and after an all-day discussion, put over until tomorrow final decisions.

None of the tentative changes in rates agreed upon today was announced by Chairman Green pending final disposition of all rates in the group, but a reduction in the levy of automobile passenger cars from 5 to 3 per cent, and repeal of the taxes on automobile trucks and accessories were understood to have been approved.

Tentative repeal of the following taxes also was reported: Cameras and lenses, photographic films and plates, jewelry, firearms (except pistols) and shells, art works, yachts and motor boats, and some occupational taxes such as those applying on cotton and grain exchange brokers.

Reductions in the levies on alcohol and cigars also were favored in the temporary program. The former would be cut in half, from \$2.20 a proof gallon, to \$1.10. The taxes on admission and dues were not taken up.

Changes thus approved would account for more than the \$100,000,000 available for tax reductions in the excise group, if the \$300,000,000 limit set by the treasury and tentatively accepted by the committee is to be rigidly observed.

On this point, however, considerable difference of opinion has developed and Chairman Green declared today he did not think the government would face a deficit next year if the total reduction should amount to \$350,000,000.

Other committee members expressed the opinion that a reduction close to this figure would be decided upon.

## WILL SELECT CADETS

NATIONAL GUARD BOARD TO MEET IN PORTLAND

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## EXCHANGE OF PULPITS PROPOSAL IS ENDORSED

SALEM MINISTERS TO FACE NEW CONGREGATIONS

Organization of County Ministerial Association Is Being Contemplated

A general exchange in pulpits sometime during the course of the winter, and the organizing of a Marion county ministerial association were the chief matters discussed at the meeting Monday of the Salem Ministerial association.

Rev. Thomas Acheson, pastor of the Jason Lee Methodist church, brought up the idea of an exchange of pulpits. He suggested that once or twice during the coming winter that the ministers exchange pulpits with each other.

The purpose, as Rev. Acheson expressed it, would be to show that the churches are united and that they are all working for one purpose, namely the furthering of the Christian religion, and to give the various congregations some idea of what other congregations are receiving. The plan was adopted.

The dates for the exchange have not been set, but due to possible conflict with other engagements, it is not probable that any exchange will take place until the first of the year.

According to some of the ministers present there has long been a feeling that a county association of ministers would be beneficial both to the ministers in the city and the ministers outside the city. A motion was passed to instruct the secretary to invite all of the ministers in the county to attend the next meeting of the Salem association with the idea in view of forming a county association.

The next meeting, according to announcement of the program committee, will be in the form of a luncheon, to be held at one of the local churches, probably at the Jason Lee Methodist church. The meeting will be called for noon instead of the regular hour of 10:30 in the morning.

It was brought out at the meeting that the various ministers in the association are to conduct the services each Sunday at the state hospital with the exception of the second Sunday in the month.

## HAMLET WEARS TUXEDO

GRAVEDIGGER AFFECTS DRESS IN NEW PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Hamlet in a 1925 dance, frock, and a grave digger wearing overalls and a derby were offered tonight to New York first nighters at the Booth theater in the latest portrayal of Shakespeare's tragedy of the melancholy Dane.

And the representative audience liked it. Except for one brief incident when Hamlet, waiting for the ghost of his father, was distracted by an outburst of the very latest "blues" from a dance band within the palace, there was not the slightest hint of amusement interspersed with the generous applause.

Designed, according to the producer, "to prove the plays the thing," the modern settings were followed faithfully in every detail. On the court scenes the ladies were appared in this season's frocks and most of them smoked cigarettes. Soldiers carried the automatic rifles of the doughboy in France and up to date telephones were in evidence in some scenes.

At no point was the idea of burlesque permitted to intrude. At the end of the first act, Basil Sydney, the Hamlet of the play, was given an ovation and repeated curtain calls brought the entire cast to the footlights.

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## FATHER DENIES THAT HE KILLED DAUGHTER

Dr. Blazer Undergoes Four Hours of Gruelling on Witness Stand

## IMMORTALITY PROFESSED

Physician Declares He Believes "Child-Woman" Had Soul; Insanity Theory Receives Support

LITTLETON, Colo., Nov. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—For four long, grueling hours today an old, weary father occupied the witness stand and defended himself against the charge of slaying his 34-year-old daughter, Hazel Blazer, the first-born and a helpless cripple and imbecile almost from birth.

When court opened, Dr. Harold Elmer Blazer was sworn in as a witness and for the major portion of the court day continued his testimony before such a crowd as never before jammed itself inside the four walls of the Arapahoe county district court room.

Despite its announced intention of pleading not only insanity but also that it was no crime to slay this "human husk" that "had no soul," the defense executed an about-face movement today in its examination of Blazer by interrogating him as to his church connections and his orthodox beliefs on immortality. In the course of this examination, it elicited from the physician his declaration in belief of immortality and the girl's soul.

It came as a surprise to listeners who expected the doctor would be questioned on this aspect, if at all, by the prosecution.

"I believe in immortality; I believe my daughter had a soul, and I did not slay her," the elderly country doctor declared on direct examination by H. W. Spangler of his staff of defense counsel.

In the face of cross examination by Prosecuting Attorney Jool E. Stone, Dr. Blazer maintained his composure, although often admitting that he "didn't remember" when confronted with apparently conflicting statements made by himself during the coroner's inquest several months ago and in direct examination today.

Blazer's testimony that his "spells" rendered him unaccountable for his acts, found support in the testimony of Dr. Daniel E. Phillips, professor of psychology at the University of Denver. In response to a series of hypothetical questions, Dr. Phillips declared that he did not believe that in the condition Dr. Blazer was in on the day of the crime he was "able to distinguish between right and wrong."

Dr. Cyrus H. Pershing, Denver alienist, made a similar answer in response to the same hypothetical question that was propounded to Dr. Phillips.

"I suffered these spells, which made my head heavy and my tongue numb often, and they recurred more and more frequently after my wife's death early in 1924," Dr. Blazer declared. "I could think at these times, but I was not sure that my conclusions were correct. Because of this, I gave up my practice fearing that I might prescribe for my patients incorrectly."

"I know that I suffered from high blood pressure and feared that I might be taken away suddenly by a stroke of apoplexy. I abhorred the thought that my daughter, Hazel, might become a burden on others or be placed in an institution. I never mentioned this to my wife, but I worried over this eventually more than a little."

On the day of the tragedy the defendant declared he had clear and independent recollection of but one thing—"helping with the washing in the morning." Reduced circumstances, brought (Continued on page 3)

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