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## Radio Contest Starts Slowly; Now is the Time To Get a Radio Easily. Who Wants One?

### PLANS FOR AIR UNIT REJECTED

House Military Committee Discards Proposals to Revise Defense System

### NEW MEASURE DRAFTED

All-Embracing Bill Drawn Up By Committee to Be Submitted; Program Outlined Development

WASHINGTON, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The numerous proposals which have arisen out of the turmoil of discussion over revision of the national defense to give increased recognition to aviation were thrown into the discard today by the house military committee.

In rapid succession, it disappeared the proposals for a department of national defense, a unified air service and a separate air service and a separate air corps, in the army and then voted to draft an all-embracing bill of its own to provide for a larger air service, but one that would harmonize with the defense organization as it now exists. The committee made clear, in announcing its plan, that it would give careful consideration to a five year building program for the army air service, made public during the day by the war department.

The program as endorsed by Secretary Dwight Davis, contemplates an increased expenditure of \$20,000,000 annually for the air service and at the end of five years would provide 2200 new airplanes. The house naval committee recently approved a five year program for the naval air service which involved a total expenditure of \$85,000,000 and was designed to provide 1,000 new planes at the end of the period.

The military committee voted 11 to 10 against a bill to establish a department of national defense in which land, sea and air armaments would be given co-equal status, and 16 to 5 against a unified air service. The vote against a separate air corps in the army, which was endorsed by Major General Mason M. Patrick, army air chief, was 15 to 6.

A bill sponsored by the war department to carry out recommendations of the president's air board also was rejected, 11 to 10. Chairman Morin of the committee explained this plan was rejected on the ground that it did

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### FRONZ ON WIRE TAPPING

Eaves-dropping on phone calls not countenanced

SEATTLE, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Abandonment of wire tapping by federal agents to obtain evidence against liquor vendors has been ordered by the government, it is persistently reported in legal circles here. Official confirmation of the reports is lacking.

"Whispering wire" evidence sprang into prominence in the trial and conviction of Roy Olmsted, former Seattle police lieutenant and a number of co-defendants here. Olmsted and 20 associates are to be sentenced by federal Judge Jeremiah Netzer Monday.

Fred C. Brown, former county prosecuting attorney, and Olmsted's defense attorney, asserted Richard L. Fryant, federal prohibition sleuth, told him instructions have been received from Washington, D.C., that "whispering wire" evidence is not to be used by the government in the future.

### Who's Who

Salem Public Schools  
LAURA BATES EATON  
Laura Bates Eaton, in charge of the special room at Richmond elementary school. Three years in Salem, eight years' teaching experience. Graduate of Oregon state normal school. Actively interested in art work as well as in work with pupils requiring special attention.

### Freshman Glee Saturday; Rush for Tickets Opens

Students to Compete in Eighteenth Annual Contest, Original Songs to Be Judged on Merit of Words, Music and Presentation

One thousand reserve tickets have already been dealt out to Willamette university students for the 18th annual Freshman Glee to be held by the school. The Glee will take place Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the Salem armory. A general invitation has been extended to the public to attend the Glee. So popular has the event proved in years past that the crowd last year began to fill the armory fully an hour before the opening of the Glee.

A special program has been arranged for the occasion, according to Egbert Thompson of Salem, manager of the Glee.

### PAULUS COMPANY TAKES KINGS CANNING PLANT

Drying of Prunes to Feature Season's Pack

Dehydration Plant to Be Tested With Loganberries to Feel Market

Robert C. Paulus company, local packers, have leased the entire plant of the Kings Food Products company. For the last three years the plant has been inactive after the Food Products project went on the rocks. Included in the lease is the right of the Paulus company to sublease as it may desire. As in previous years, however, the Oregon Electric Railroad company will take space in the warehouse for storage of hops.

Drying of prunes will be one of the big functions of the plant, according to Robert Paulus. "We will test the dehydration plant with loganberries," declared Mr. Paulus. "We have not been able to ascertain even approximately whether or not it can be run economically enough to com-

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### ASK FOR GAS FRANCHISE

Rich Pockets of Natural Gas Found in Aberdeen

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The New York Gas & Oil company of Washington, which has been drilling for oil on a hill in the northern part of Aberdeen for several months tonight applied to the Aberdeen city council for a 25 year franchise to furnish natural gas to the city. It was announced that similar applications would be made at Hoquiam and Cosmopolis. The application states that the gas, of twice the BTU content of that now in use would be furnished at half the cost. F. D. Gardner, representing the company at the council meeting, said that the company had spent \$100,000 in developing the field and believes it is entitled to the first chance at the local market if gas is found. Rumors have been in circulation for some time that large quantities of gas have been found at the New York well and another being driven at Montezuma. Officials have denied the reports.

### COLLEGE EDITOR OUSTED

Student Council Resents Vigilante Editorial

SEATTLE, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Ray Bachman, editor of the University of Washington Daily, was required to resign from the senior council today when he refused to apologize for an editorial statement accusing the council of performing a "flip flop" in first deciding to abolish the freshman vigilante committee and then later reinstating the body. The vigilante committee was abolished when a group of freshmen, including several officers painted class numerals on the campus memorial arch and on some of the buildings.

### ROTARY PRAISES DEBATE

Advertising Value Beyond Estimate is Belief

That the Salem, Oregon-Salem, Massachusetts debate is the best publicity stunt Salem has ever had was the declaration made by Fred Thelmer, president of the Salem Rotary club at the club's luncheon yesterday noon.

F. G. Deckebach stated that the point must not be forgotten that Salem has already received publicity throughout the nation for the debate. He declared: "We can not back out now if we wish to. The entire country is expecting results from us, and we cannot afford to be held up nationally as quitters. It is up to every one of us to help materially in sending our team east for the debate."

### BIG GAS WELL COMES IN

Oil is Reached in Montana Shaft at 3500 Feet

BILLINGS, Mont., March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Montana's biggest gas well, producing 25,000,000 cubic feet a day before it was partially shut off, came in today as an oil producer when the Dakota sand was encountered after continued drilling. With 3500 feet of oil standing in the hole, it was tapped awaiting the erection of storage tanks. The well is located in the Big Lake field of the Lake Basin and is owned by the The Record Petroleum company.

### OREGON BANKER DIES IN NORTH

A. F. McClaine, 65, Prominent in Northwest, Was Born in Silverton

### HEADS NORTHERN BANKS

Oregon Man Dies in Spokane; Was President of Leading Financial Houses on West Coast

SPokane, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A. F. McClaine, 65, prominent banker of Oregon and Washington, died here late today.

Mr. McClaine was born in Silverton and his father, the late Fielding McClaine, was a pioneer banker of Silverton. Mr. McClaine was president of the National Bank of Commerce at Tacoma for 22 years prior to 1908 when he came to Spokane as president of the Traders National bank here.

He served as president of the Traders bank until 1914 when it consolidated with the Spokane & Eastern Trust company, and since has been a director of the trust firm.

A. F. McClaine had been ill for (Continued on page 6.)

### HOME BREW SAID FOOD

Aurist Differs, Suggests Some Substitute

EUGENE, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A story of how home brew kept him alive after all his teeth had been pulled, resulted in a fine of only \$10 when Gus Nelson, 65, was tried in justice court here today on a charge of manufacturing liquor.

Nelson told Justice G. W. Stocker he had 24 teeth pulled in one day and was unable to eat anything and could not keep even milk on his stomach. He exhibited his toothless mouth and said he was facing starvation when a friend told him to drink home brew.

The legal defendant asserted home brew was a food, but Justice Stocker thought a substitute might be found and imposed the small fine.

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### LOVE'S LABOR LOST?



### OREGON BANKER RUINS BANK TO AID THE NEEDY

Modern "Robin Hood" Is Imprisoned for 12 Years Following Confession

### TOWN A LITTLE SORRY

J. L. Rosencrans, Cashier of Mulvane Bank, "Meant Well," Community Says; \$217,000 Taken

(By Central Press.) MULVANE, Kan., March 2.—Although he misappropriated a quarter of a million dollars of the cash of citizens of Mulvane and neighborhood, the community is a little sorry its Robin Hood, J. L. Rosencrans, is in prison.

Most everyone admits he "meant well." Rosencrans was sent to Kansas State prison to meditate the folly of robbing the rich to give to the poor. He was sentenced to a 12 year term less than 24 hours after he surrendered on the charge of wrecking the Farmers' State bank of Mulvane to the extent of \$217,000. Investigation shows he loaned money to all whom he considered needed it, and did not attempt to force payment. "He was too good-hearted," friends say. Photo shows the bank, Rosencrans and his home.

For 15 years—the time Rosencrans was cashier of the bank—he was one of the leaders of the Mulvane community. When the bank was closed it was disclosed Rosencrans, who has a wife and two children, had looted the bank because, he says, he wanted to prevent suffering in the community.

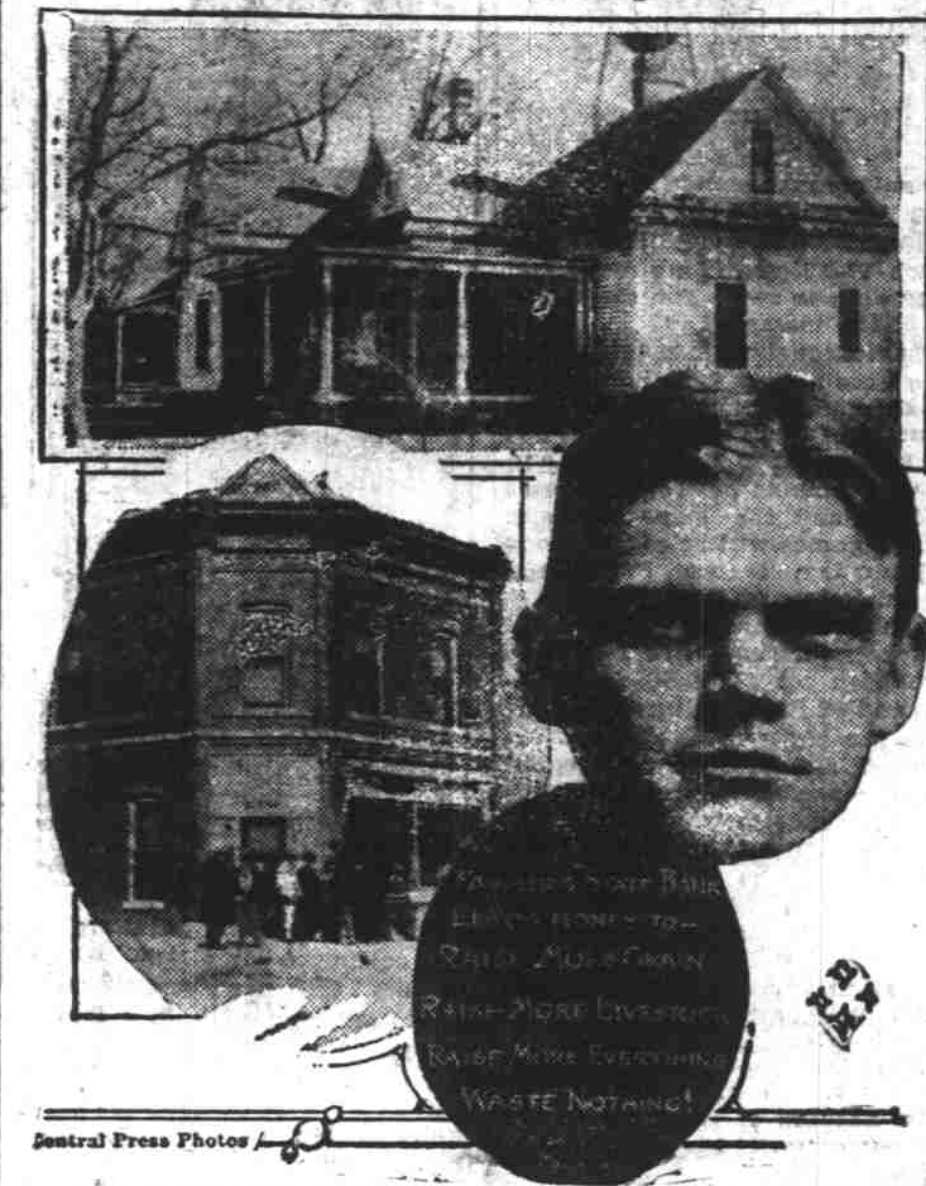
Every safety deposit box had been rifled, more than \$100,000 in customers bonds being listed among the losses. The bank was fairly plastered with notes, some of which may be collected. Scores of families were made penniless through the crash.

"I stole from the rich to give to the poor," was the confession of Rosencrans just before he was sentenced to from 12 to 50 years in the state penitentiary.

"I knew the rich could well afford to lose a few thousand dollars and my real friends—the needy—were badly in need of money. Used the deposits of those well off to furnish loans for the poor—the farmers and laboring men. I entered the deposits on the pass books of my customers, but not on the bank ledger. I had two sets of books, one for inspection of bank officers and

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### Robbed Rich To Help Poor



J. L. Rosencrans, modern "Robin Hood," is meditating in Kansas state prison the folly of stealing from the rich to give to the poor. He was sentenced to a 12 year term less than 24 hours after he surrendered on the charge of wrecking the Farmers' State bank of Mulvane to the extent of \$217,000. Investigation shows he loaned money to all whom he considered needed it, and did not attempt to force payment. "He was too good-hearted," friends say. Photo shows the bank, Rosencrans and his home.

### GIFT RADIO RACE LED BY MRS. RALPH SKOPIK

Elizabeth Welch, Second, Mrs. Clymer Third

Those Who Enter Now Have a Chance to Win Both Radio and Automobile

Mrs. Ralph Skopik holds first place toward winning the special prize on March 20. Mrs. Skopik has been one of the top notchers all along and she has gone right ahead and attended to her own campaign and she wants her friends to know that she is still in the race today. She is to be congratulated.

Elizabeth Welch was the first one to turn in money on the radio and stands second for the special prize.

Mrs. George Clymer of Turner, Oregon, holds third place. Mrs. Clymer has practically just begun working in the Statesman's contest. She asks her friends for their support during the next six weeks.

I certainly have my private opinion of you. Here you have been wanting an automobile all these years and you have been saving money because you hated

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### RICH LAND DISCOVERED

"Tropical Valley" Found in Fastness of North

SEATTLE, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—White deer small buffalo and other animals and birds thrive in the mild climate of the "tropical valley" in northern British Columbia, hundreds of miles north of Seattle, Sam C. Scott, who reported the discovery of the region four years ago, told the Seattle mining club today.

Due to sheltering mountains, the chinook winds and bubbling hot springs, snow is almost unknown in the valley, although it is in a region where winters are usually severe, Scott said. A string of small lakes abound with trout. The valley is about 20 miles long and averages three miles in width. Scott asserted the country east of the Cassiar range of mountains contains vast stores of oil, gold, silver, lead, platinum and asphalt. "This section has been almost untouched by white men," he said. "On one unnamed creek I panned \$1700 in gold in 12 days."

### THE REWARD OF CRIME

Pair Sentenced to Ten Years; Stole 5 Cents

KANSAS CITY, March 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Robert Clark, 27, Chillicothe, Mo., and John Jackson, 24, Amarillo, Texas, today were sentenced to 10 years each in the penitentiary for robbery of five cents from Leabner Walker, a negro.

### LIBERTY SPAN PETITION IS UP

40,000 Yards of Dirt Ready to Be Dumped for Abutment in Sight

### AWAIT COUNCIL ACTION

Concrete Forms Thought Necessary Before Additional Filling is Practicable; Permission Asked

First definite action toward the securing of a bridge on South Liberty street is seen in the promotion of a petition by owners of property on South Liberty street. The petition calls for a 40-foot improvement from the south side of Trade street to the north side of Bellevue street.

Those who are actively promoting the bridge project claim that they already have in sight 40,000 yards of dirt to be dumped on the location this season free of charge. It is understood the improvements will cost the city practically nothing. The petition is merely seeking permission for property owners to have the dirt dumped on the location. The intention is to bring the matter officially before the city council.

There are no specifications in the petition, although it is understood to be the general sentiment of those informed on the situation that concrete abutments for a future bridge should now be constructed to hold the fill and keep it from being washed away.

From Bellevue south to Mill street the FH has received a considerable start. In fact, it is held that abutments are now necessary before more dirt can be dumped without danger of a washout.

As proof that property owners are strongly back of the bridge project, nearly every property

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### JINX NUMBER IS BRAVED

13 is Believed Lucky Despite Other Misfortunes

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Undaunted by the misfortune which has trailed the owners of automobile dealers license number 13 in this state for the past two years, A. Harrington, vendor of motor vehicles has written director Charles R. Bayburt of the license department asking that the number, recently rejected by a Seattle dealer, be assigned to him. The Harrington man declares that this is his 13th successful year in the automobile business, that his telephone number is 13, that he has been followed through life with beneficial results by circumstance and events in which 13 figured and that he now verily believes that dealers license number 13 will add materially to his prosperity. He will be given the number, Director Mayburt said.

In requesting that he be relieved of the "bad luck" sign, the Seattle dealer avowed that while he harbored no superstitious beliefs, many of his prospective customers had a decided aversion to No. 13. The previous owner of the number ended in bankruptcy, he declared.

### CHURCH COUNSEL MERGE

Presbyterian and Reformed Groups Will Unite

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A merger of the general counsel of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches in America and the American section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world, retaining the Presbyterian system was affected subject to the approval of the constituent judiciaries at a conference of representatives of both church bodies here today.

The Rev. Dr. George Sumney of New Orleans cast the only dissenting vote. He said the benefits of such a union were not clear to him, inasmuch as the general council was only an executive body, while the alliance was the church itself.

The merger, according to those who approved it will be in the interest of economy and efficiency. Ratification of the merger will be up at a meeting of the judiciaries next June at a date and place to be decided later.

### CONDUCT IS QUESTIONED

Woman Suspect Pleads Not Guilty When Taken

A woman giving her name as Mrs. L. M. Wilcox was arrested last night on a charge of disorderly conduct. Officers declare they have been watching her for two months.

Last night she was seen to enter an apartment house with a man. Officers James and Wright later followed them, and the couple was apprehended. It is said the woman claims to be married and to have children. She declared herself not guilty. The man, who gave his name as Politon, acknowledged guilt.

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