

## The Oregon Statesman

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 1926

SECOND SECTION—SIX PAGES

## SALEM, EUGENE TO CLASH

COAST CLASSIC  
NOW PROPOSEDOregon, Washington, Idaho,  
California May Meet for  
Pacific Battle

## TAKES SALEM, EUGENE

Invitations to Be Extended After  
Presentation of Trophies at  
Willamette Gymnasium  
Tonight

A Pacific coast basketball tournament to follow the state tournament is the plan now being rapidly formulated by Coach Guy L. Rathbun of Willamette university.

General invitations have been issued at the Washington and Idaho state tournaments, now being held. Representatives of Willamette will be on the floor tonight when the final games are played, to extend specific invitations to the champions and to the runners up. The state athletic boards of Oregon, Washington and Idaho have already passed favorably on the coast tournament.

Teams will be asked to wire acceptance or rejection of the invitations as soon as possible tonight. Also they will be asked to wire whether they want the tournament to be held the next week or the week following that.

Due to the lankiness of the California state, there seems to be a conflict in the state run. However, a California team will be invited to the tournament. Piedmont high school will probably be the one to represent the south. Another team will also be invited as runner up.

Because there will be fewer teams in the coast tournament than in the state tournament, it will probably be a round robin elimination. At best there will be no more than eight teams.

Last year Coach Rathbun launched plans for an all coast mix, but because the state tournaments were dated such a short time before the national tournament at Chicago and most of the teams attended it, the coast tournament failed to materialize.

But this year the state mixes have been placed earlier, and apparently nothing stands in the way of the all coast fray. Last year every state invited, expressed eagerness to attend but for the

(Continued on page 2)

## JAPANESE SHIPS ARE HIT

## THREE WOUNDED WHEN NATIONAL ARMY ATTACKS

PEKING, March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—One Japanese officer and two men were wounded today when two Japanese destroyers were fired upon from the forts held by the Kuominchun Koominchun (national armies) near the mouth of the Pei river, below Tientsin.

Machine guns and field batteries were used by the Chinese troops in the bombardment which occurred as the destroyers sought to proceed up the river. It is not known whether the Japanese vessels returned the fire of the forts but they gave up the attempt to move up the river and returned to Tangnan, at the mouth of the stream.

The Japanese consul at Tientsin has lodged a strong protest with the Kuominchun leaders.

## Who's Who

## Salem Public Schools

## PRESENTING

Harriet Pest, teacher of general science at Parrish Junior high school. Two years in the Salem school system. Graduate of Oregon Agricultural college. Summer school at the University of Oregon. Especially adapted to help students attain scientific attitude of mind.

## PROCLAMATION

The week beginning Monday, March 15, will be Loganberry week in Salem. I respectfully ask that the people of this city, where the Loganberry industry was born as a commercial asset, give special attention for the seven days named to the Loganberry for its food value and its great possibilities as a money crop in this section.

I trust that every one in any way interested in Salem's welfare will during each of the seven days insist upon having Loganberries or Loganberry products at each meal. It would be fitting that in some way every one in Salem should during that time contribute to the advertising of the Loganberry as a fresh fruit, in cans, dried, preserved, in jams, and in juice form, in order that it may be more widely known that the Loganberry is in good repute in the place where the first Loganberry vines were brought to fruitage in the Pacific Northwest, soon after the accidental discovery of this marvelous new fruit in the garden of Judge Logan in California.

It would be fitting that the virtues of the Loganberry should be more generally taught in our public schools, as surely they are so outstanding as to make their exploitation almost a patriotic duty on the part of our people.

I respectfully set aside the seven days mentioned above as Loganberry week in Salem.

J. B. GIESY, Mayor.

TEACHERS' HELP ASKED  
IN COMPLETING SURVEYSEEK FACTS ON FRUIT, BERRY  
AND NUT ACREAGESChamber of Commerce Furnishes  
Blanks Requesting 1926  
Statements

For publicity purposes in advertising Salem as being in the center of the greatest fruit and berry district of the northwest, the Salem Chamber of Commerce is asking all rural teachers in Marion County to assist in securing a correct survey of all fruit, berry and nut acreages in the county.

Just at present, the only statistics are those secured through the assessor's office and published three years ago. It is understood that the estimate of acreage of 1923 was not a true record of the great fruit and berry district surrounding Salem.

In order to secure the co-operation of all rural teachers, the chamber of commerce prepared a form for all fruits, berries and nuts, asking each teacher to secure through the pupils, a fairly correct estimate of bearing and non-bearing crops.

The letter addressed to all

(Continued on page 4.)

## OREGON GLEE TO TOUR

FIRST APPEARANCE TO BE IN  
SALEM ON MARCH 26

EUGENE, Ore., March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Both men's and women's glee clubs of the University of Oregon, combined with the university orchestra, making a party of more than 100 people with the staff, will leave March 23 on their second annual tour of the state. The first appearance will be in Salem the night of March 23 and the singers and musicians will give the same concert in Portland the night of March 24. After the Portland concert, the men's glee club will visit the following towns on the dates designated: Hood River, March 25; The Dalles, March 26; Bend, March 27.

The orchestra will play at Longview, March 25; Astoria, March 26. Eugene Carr and Roy Bryson will accompany the glee club as soloists. Laura Teschner, cellist, and Delbert Moore, violinist, will go with the orchestra.

## YOUNG MESSENGER HELD

PORTLAND LAD, 17, CHARGED  
WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

PORTLAND, March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Norman A. Bowen, 17, formerly a messenger for the Portland National Bank, was arrested by federal officers today on charges of embezzlement, following a return of a secret indictment against him by the federal grand jury last month.

The government charges that while in the employ of the Portland National bank he was sent to another bank to exchange currency for silver, that in some manner there was an excess of \$800 in the amount of currency he had, and that he kept this amount.

ROOTS NETTING  
NEW FORTUNESManning & Moisan Sell \$11-  
000 Worth for Season's  
Mint Planting

## FIRST PROFIT \$10,000

Ten Acres of Land Near Gervais  
Produce \$21,000 in Oil and  
Roots; New Acreage  
Going In

The mint growers of the Salem district made a lot of money last year on their peppermint oil. They sold at \$10 to \$15 a pound, and the cost of production is around \$1.50 to \$2 a pound. The price is now around \$30 a pound, or so it was a few weeks ago. But some of the growers are reaping as big a harvest on their roots for planting new acreage.

Manning & Moisan of Gervais  
(Continued on page 4.)

## "LOST" RANCH RAIDED

DESERT FARM OVER 100  
MILES FROM ANYWHERE

BEND, Ore., March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—The high desert ranch of Larry Thompson, located 104 miles from Bend; 107 miles from Lakeview and 110 miles from Burns, was raided yesterday by a party of prohibition enforcement officers headed by W. S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner.

Thompson was arrested by the officers charged with possession of liquor, 15 gallons having been found on the place. The ranch is located in Lake county near the Harney county line, according to Mr. Levens who returned to Bend early this morning. Sheriff Clarence Young of Harney county and Sheriff E. A. Friday of Lake county were in the raiding party.

(Continued on page 4.)

CHANG FORCES  
UNDER ATTACKHeavy Firing Takes Great  
Toll; Feng-tien Troops  
Prepare for Battle

## VESSELS ARE FIRED UPON

Two Japanese Ships, Mistaken for  
Feng Cruisers, Come Under  
Fire While Crossing  
River Harbor

TIENTSIN, March 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Heavy firing was resumed this morning at Lan-chow, about a hundred miles northeast of this city, resulting in heavy damage to the railway station and numerous casualties among civilians. It is believed that a general attack by the Fengtien army on March 13, against the Kuominchun (national armies) defending the line of the Lan river for the central government is imminent.

The battle at Peitang, early in the week when that town, situated west of Tientsin was recaptured by the Kuominchun from a force which had landed from Shantung province to support Chang Tso-Lin, was a most desperate one. The town was reduced to a shambles. The Shantungites resisted until their ammunition was exhausted. A large proportion of both forces were killed and many of the Shantung men committed suicide when they realized they had been defeated. The remainder were taken prisoners. There are signs of carnage in the entire region, though most of the bodies have been buried.

TIENTSIN, March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Two Japanese destroyers, which arrived at Taku last night were crossing the bar at the entrance to Pei river this

(Continued on page 4.)

Rival Schools to Battle  
For State ChampionshipWillamette Valley Rivals Are Pitted in Final Game of State  
Basketball Tournament; Slight Odds Said to Favor  
Local Five; Tickets on Sale

The "ancient rivals" of the Willamette valley will clash here tonight in the Willamette university gymnasium when the Salem and Eugene high school basketball teams will meet to decide the high school hoop championship of the state of Oregon. Both teams won the right to compete in the finals by decisive victories scored in the semi-finals last night when Salem won from McLoughlin 31 to 18 and Eugene defeated Grant high of Portland 32 to 19.

Tonight's fray will be what sport writers delight to call a "battle of the century." For

years rivals in all branches of athletic endeavor, Salem and Eugene will meet to decide the winner of one of the greatest sport titles of the state, the Wilson cup. Salem is considered to have the edge in tonight's final clash. On February 19 she defeated Eugene by the decisive score of 30-22. Salem had the advantage of playing in her own city and the early elimination of Coleman, Eugene's pivot man, from the contest has been given out as one of the reasons for the difference in the score. Coleman was knocked dizzy when he collided with J. Drager.

With Coleman back in the game to serve as floor general for the Eugene boys, the general prediction is that the score will be close, whatever the outcome of the game. Also, Eberhart, Eugene center, has been "on" during the entire tournament, and must be figured in the result if he keeps up tonight the pace he has set.

Salem's strong claim for the game tonight lies in three factors, the powerful J. Drager-Duffey-Slegmund combination, the throwing ability of the two guards, Olinger and J. Drager, and the close checking when on the defense. Although few in town are willing to predict a decisive score, little money can be found to back the boys from the state university town. Play shown in Friday night's games, in which both teams met their first hard opposition, would indicate that the power of Salem's offensive will show

(Continued on page 4.)

## SUMMER HEAT IS SEEN

MERCURY CLIMBS TO 68 DE-  
GREES, 50 IS MINIMUM

Friday was the warmest day Salem has experienced during the year of 1926. During the middle of the afternoon the mercury reached 68, according to the official observatory thermometer here. The minimum temperature for the day was 50 degrees.

The previous high mark was on Thursday when the temperature was 67 degrees. The next highest was on March 1 and 2 when 66 degrees was registered.

According to all the signs, and according to all the information in the hands of Clarence Oliver, weather observer here, prospects are bright for a "fair" Sunday.

## WILLAMETTE MAN CHIEF

VICTOR D. CARLSON NAMED  
PRESIDENT OF GROUP

Victor D. Carlson, member of the junior class at Willamette university, was elected president of the Intercollegiate Oregon Oratorical association for the coming year at the meeting of the association held in Corvallis Friday afternoon.

Jack Hemstead of the university of Oregon was elected vice president. Mark Evans of Oregon Agricultural college, secretary, and Albert Beardsley of Oregon Normal school, treasurer.

Each year the association sponsors the state old-line oratorical contest and the state peace oratorical contest. Willamette university will be host this year for the old line contest.

At the meeting Friday afternoon plans for an all state extemporaneous contest were discussed. A special meeting of the association will be held in Eugene April 9. At this time the extemporaneous contest will be discussed more fully and definite decision reached as to whether or not it shall be held.

An extensive construction program for army posts was submitted to the house.

Middle western farm leaders agreed to important changes in their legislative program.

Travel reservations were cancelled for Assistant Solicitor Wallace of the state department to go to Tanna-Arica.

Senator Means of Colorado was made chairman of the senate subcommittee to consider prohibition modification bills.

COL. COOLIDGE BETTER;  
HEART ACTION REGULARPHYSICIANS SAY CONDITION IS  
GREATLY IMPROVEDPresent Crisis Successfully Passed,  
President Converses by  
Telephone

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—President Coolidge talked by telephone today with his father, who is ill in Plymouth, Vt., and was encouraged over the improvement noted.

Unless Colonel Coolidge's condition should become worse, the president does not intend to go to Plymouth, now reported to him as virtually snowbound.

The word received today over the private wire to the White House was that the colonel was better and brighter, with his pulse and temperature almost normal.

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Col. John C. Coolidge, father of the president, rallied today after a sickness of many months had developed critical symptoms. As his physician, Dr. Albert M. Cram, late in the afternoon left the Coolidge home after paying his second visit of the day, he gave a reassuring bulletin to a group of neighbors and newspaper men.

Colonel Coolidge's heart action is much slower than it was last night, and was more normal," he said. "I feel that his condition is better than it has been for several days. His pulse is regular, and he seems cheerful. He is not suffering pain."

Last night Dr. Cram said his patient had a heart attack, attended by extreme weakness. These symptoms, it was indicated, probably were due to a digestive disorder.

"We are faced with a real tragedy," said Sir Austen, "and it is impossible to predict what the reaction will be. The tragedy is all so that Germany has done this

LEAGUE PARLEY  
NOW AT CRISISChamberlain Declares Dis-  
sentiment Has Reached Pro-  
portions of Disaster

## CONFERENCES SAID VAID

Further Negotiations With Ger-  
many Fruitless, English  
Secretary Tells Group  
of Newswriters

GENEVA, March 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary, indicated his belief in a confidential talk with the British newspaper men early this morning that the crisis over the question of increasing the number of league of nations council seats has reached the proportions of a disaster, with paralyzation of the atmosphere created by the Locarno accords.

Sir Austen announced that it was useless to continue the conversations with the Germans because he was convinced they would be fruitless. Hence, it had been decided to turn over the whole problem to the council of the league of nations.

This would take it out of the hands of representatives of the countries who signed the Locarno pacts and who have been meeting throughout the week in an effort to reach a solution of the difficulty brought on by the demands of Poland, Spain and Brazil for seats on the council, and stand taken by Germany that she must enter the council alone at the present time.

The British foreign secretary declared he had been hopeful Friday morning, but that after he had received a communication from the German chancellor, Dr. Duthier, rejecting the allied proposal, he felt certain of the futility of a further meeting between the Rhine pact signatories. This proposal, described by Sir Austen as embodying "extreme concessions, provided that Poland would be given a non-permanent seat on the council."

(Continued on page 4.)

Spring  
Fashions on  
Display

Sunday morning, The Oregon Statesman will issue its Spring Fashion Number in connection with the First Annual Spring Window Display week, being sponsored by the Salem Ad club, and made possible by the co-operation of local merchants.

Yesterday the city was decorated with flags in honor of the opening Tuesday. An elaborate program of entertainment has been arranged.

Authoritative articles on the trend of a p.p.ing styles will be found, complete in every detail, in the Sunday Morning Oregon Statesman.

Order Your  
Copy in  
Advance