

COLONEL COOLIDGE DIES

Colonel John C. Coolidge Passes



This photograph, taken at the Coolidge home in Plymouth, Vermont, shows the president, his wife, and the late Col. John C. Coolidge, the executive's father. The picture was taken when President Coolidge first assumed the office of president of the United States, after he was sworn in by his father on the morning of President Harding's death. President and Mrs. Coolidge reached the colonel's bedside several hours after his death.

PORTLAND MEN STUDY PRISON

Governor Escorts 100 Progressive Club Members Through Institutions

TOUR IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Following Lunch, Party Inspects Miles Linen Mill Where They See Fiber Being Converted

About a hundred members of the Progressive Business Men's Club of Portland arrived at the penitentiary yesterday at 11 o'clock, for an inspection of the institution, with especial regard for the industries, and more particularly the flax industry. They were met by Governor Pierce, who showed them through, assisted by the prison officials and some Salem business representatives.

They were first taken to the warehouses containing hundreds of tons of flax ready for threshing and flaxseed ready for retting. They were taken through the warehouse where thousands of bushels of flax seed is stored, ready for sale to the oil mills and to be re-cleaned for planting, with the re-cleaning process going on 24 hours a day. Also they saw there the stored hemp that has been broken ready for sale, and the up-holstering flax tow that is being sold to the furniture factories, and the bolls that are taken by feed manufacturers for making dairy feed, and the grinding of the flax seed for the use of the druggists

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FORBES VISITS PRISON

AWAITING COMMITMENT PAPERS, SEES FUTURE HOME

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Charles R. Forbes, former director of the United States veterans bureau, got his first peep of prison life today when he entered the federal penitentiary here as a visitor only. He is awaiting commitment papers that will admit him to the institution for a term of two years, following conviction for conspiracy to defraud the government in the letting of contracts for veterans' hospitals.

For half an hour Forbes, accompanied by a newspaper man, conversed with Warden W. I. Bidle and was shown about his future temporary home. "I shall do my best to obey every rule of the institution," he told the warden, "and I do not expect to be shown any favors over other prisoners. If I am assigned to shoveling coal, I shall not make the slightest complaint; I am willing to do anything you may require."

PRESENT THIS COUPON



This coupon and five cents will admit any boy or girl at the special Statesman-Betting theatre matinee to be given in their honor on Saturday afternoon. Preserve this coupon now!

AMERICA'S POSITION IS DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

RELATION OF UNITED STATES TO COURT IS DEBATED

Difficulties Raised by Senate Are Attacked; Council to Meet May 17

GENEVA, March 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The council of the league of nations, before adjourning its March session this evening, took definite action with regard to America's relation to the permanent court of international justice and disarmament. On the recommendation of Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, the council, boldly attacking the difficulties raised by the senate's reservations to the adherence of the United States to the court, decided to convoke delegates of all the governments now members of the court, as well as representatives of the Washington government for a conference to be held September 1 at Geneva. This conference will attempt to frame a special agreement on the American reservations which is expected to amount to amendment of the court statutes.

As for the disarmament studies to be undertaken by the league, the council quickly cleared the decks of all misunderstandings created by Russia's threat not to participate unless the meetings are held outside of Switzerland. This was done by definitely deciding that the first meeting of the preparatory commission on the disarmament conference in which the United States will be represented will be held at Geneva on May 17. At the same time the council addressed a courteous but explicit communication to Moscow.

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SEWAGE POISONS FISH

QUALITY OF FISH IS SAID MATERIALLY LOWERED

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Arthur T. Wright of Seaside, Or., declared here today that the disposing of sewage into the Columbia river and its tributaries had materially lowered the quality of salmon in Oregon waters.

"When it seems almost too late," he said, "the city of Portland is setting out to find some means of disposing of its sewage instead of permitting it to drain into the Willamette river, from which it poisons the fishing waters of the Columbia. British Columbia, cities eventually will find that free disposal of filth in even tide water is detrimental, not only to fish life, but to the health of the community."

Seventy Five Years Old; Where Is Oldest Reader?

Response From First Query Reveals One Who Has Taken The Statesman for 72 Years. Can You Pass That Record? Anniversary Comes Soon

Where is the Statesman's oldest reader? Some days ago in announcing the Diamond Jubilee Number of the Oregon Statesman, to be issued on Sunday, March 28, that question was asked. Many replies were received. More are again wanted.

On March 28, 1851, the first issue of The Statesman was published. That first paper is still preserved. It has been photographed and will appear in the 75th anniversary number.

Which family can count the greatest number of years during which this paper has come into its home?

Honors so far go to Mrs. E. N. Eandert, 267 South Church street. She came to Oregon in 1852. She is now almost ninety years old. She has read the Statesman for 72 years.

Can anyone beat that record? A most interesting statement comes from the Brunk family. Four generations have read The Statesman, continuously delivered to the same house at Brunk's corner, Polk county. Those four generations are represented by the late Harrison Brunk, pioneer of 1849, Thomas W. Brunk, Earl Brunk and Leona Brunk. Harrison Brunk came to Oregon

Elizabeth Welch leads the whole race today. Elizabeth Welch leads the whole race today.

By Auto Contest Editor

Candidates today are working with might and main as the end of the radio contest comes in sight.

Saturday night at 8:30 is the fateful hour. One should not rest. One should not hesitate. If ever there was a time worth real money to you, it is the time between now and Saturday.

Consider again seriously that the value of the three biggest prizes run into hundreds of dollars. And the next award after the big cars is something a housewife would be glad to have, and that is a Haag electric wash.

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Who's Who in Salem Public Schools

PRESENTING May Bollier May Bollier, teacher of English at Parrish Junior High school. Six years in Salem school system, with 11 years' teaching experience. Graduate of Oregon state normal school. Summer school at Month-mouth. Students are fond of her work.

STONE IS GLUE TO AGE OF MAN

Rock Discovered Near Vancouver Carries Strange Drawings of Animals

ARCHEOLOGISTS PUZZLED

Crude Carvings May Upset Present Theories of Age of Man, Scientists Say; Monsters Pictured

Central Press Association VANCOUVER, B. C., March 18.—Crude petroglyphs which may antedate all other such rock drawings ever discovered on the North American continent have been found on a great rock, which was located in the Crowe Bar district of the north Fraser river and which has been brought to this city.

Archeologists are excited over the find but frankly puzzled at the age and meaning of the pictures.

Six months ago the boulder on which these petroglyphs were found was lying in an oozy mud bank on the upper reaches of the

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AUTO TITLE LAW IS HIT

REPEAL WILL BE SOUGHT AT ELECTION IN NOVEMBER

Repeal of the motor vehicle certificate of title law enacted at the 1925 session of the legislature will be sought at the general election in November through an initiative measure filed in the offices of the secretary of state here Thursday.

The measure has been referred to the attorney general for ballot title. The bill was filed by the Oregon Automotive association of which Joe Dunn of Portland is president.

It was indicated that an initiative measure also will be filed later for the repeal of that section of the motor vehicle lighting law which provides that lights shall be adjusted under state regulation, and that they shall be dimmed on wet pavement.

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President's Father, 81, Dies After Long Illness

Colonel Coolidge Passes Away Very Quietly at Home in Vermont; Executive Loses in Hopeless Race With Death to Be at Father's Bedside

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, died at 10:41 o'clock tonight.

A brief bulletin brought from the white farmhouse by Angus MacAuley, said: "Colonel Coolidge passed away very quietly at 10:41 o'clock."

The president, speeding northward on a special train to the bedside of his dying father, lost in a hopeless race with death.

The president's train was due to reach Woodstock, 13 miles from here at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Word of the death of Colonel Coolidge was flashed immediately to the executive's offices in Washington to be relayed to the president's train en route to Vermont.

The president's father, who was within two weeks of his 81st birthday, had been sinking gradually since he suffered a severe heart attack a year ago. At that time, his physician, Dr. Albert M. Cram, of Bridgewater, said his patient was at the point of death. His pulse rate reached 140.

A remarkable physique coupled with an iron will carried Colonel Coolidge through to a new rally for life, but he lost strength day by day. Another severe heart attack early today heralded the approaching end.

Throughout the day Dr. Cram, hastily summoned from his home in Bridgewater early in the morning, remained in the sick room. After the heart action had been restored to a more nearly normal rate, Colonel Coolidge sank into a semi-comatose condition. From time to time, Dr. Cram or Deputy Sheriff MacAuley brought reports across the way to the general store where anxious neighbors and newspaper correspondents waited.

Each bulletin told the same story of slowly ebbing strength. At 10 o'clock tonight the physician and Mrs. May Johnson, the nurse who had been with Colonel Coolidge throughout his illness, saw that the end was at hand. The aged patient failed little by little, and at the last appeared to go to sleep. He suffered no pain.

The president, kept closely informed of his father's condition over a special telephone circuit to the White House, left Washington for his boyhood home here when

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MANIAC SLAYS SIX AND SELF

Wife and Wife's Sister Killed First; Three Other Women and Man Die

MAD SLAYER CORNERED

Shot From Own Weapon Ends Life of Former Business Man of Stockton, Suddenly Turned Crazy

PLACERVILLE, Cal., March 18.—(By Associated Press.)—John M. Goins, Stockton business man, who killed a man and five women in a series of shootings at Stockton and Galt today, shot and killed himself tonight while fleeing in his automobile from officers who were pursuing him on the highway near El Dorado, south of here.

His car plunged from the mountain grade while the officers were firing at it from their own machine.

The pursuers, Captain Carol E. Slatterback, state traffic officer, and Supervisor W. S. Biggs of El Dorado county, said they heard a shot fired in or from Goins' car just before it left the road.

Biggs and Slatterback encountered Goins a mile west of El Dorado while patrolling the highway in the manhunt. They tried to stop the car, but Goins doubled his speed. They sounded their siren and he sped on.

There followed a desperate chase over dangerous road, but the pursuing car had greater speed than the sedan driven by Goins, and just as they were overtaking him the final firing and crash ended the chase.

When Coroner J. B. Blair arrived and examined the body it was definitely determined that Goins had killed himself by sending a bullet through his mouth into his brain.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 18.—(By Associated Press.)—John M. Goins, former Southern Pacific employe and business man of Stockton, today went to a ranch

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DOG CASE NEARING END

MAN IS CHARGED WITH SETTING FIRE TO ANIMAL

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The state today rested its case in the trial of Jack Hilary, charged with pouring oil on a dog and then igniting it, causing the animal's death.

Thursday In Washington

President Coolidge left for Plymouth, Vermont. Senate debate broke out fresh on the League of Nations.

Ratifications were exchanged on the anti-smuggling treaty with Mexico.

The house agricultural committee pressed its study of the surplus crop bill.

The population of the United States was estimated by the census bureau at 117,135,817. The federal farm loan board reported agriculture to be in better condition than a year ago.

New Jersey textile strikers presented counter proposals to the labor department for a settlement.

The senate directed Secretary Mellon to report on expenditures from the \$30,000,000 Mesta Shoals fund.

Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, declared his fortunes should not be considered in the Stock-Brookhart election contest.

