

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

807 BRIDGE SPAN IS URGED

Structure for South Liberty Would Cost \$82,500; Culvert \$5,000

TWO UNIT PLAN ASKED

City Council to Receive Petition to Continue Fill; Commercial Street Span Seen as Next Project

If plans brought out in the report of the special bridge committee read to the city zoning and planning commission Saturday night are carried through, a bridge costing \$87,551 will span the Mill stream where it is crossed by South Liberty street, and will open Liberty street from the north end to the south end of the city. Cost of the bridge proper is estimated to be approximately \$82,500. A culvert over the mill stream, according to the estimate, will cost a little over \$5,000.

Such a bridge as that recommended by the committee would extend from Bellevue street to Mill street. From Mill street to Trade street, a fill would be used. This plan is called a two-unit plan. The first unit is the bridge span, and the second unit is the fill.

A petition will be submitted to the city council when it meets on Monday night seeking permission to continue with the fill between Trade and Mill streets. It was revealed by members of the Liberty street property owners' special committee present at the meeting.

In this petition it is understood, the council will also be asked to authorize the construction of the first unit and the culvert.

It was the original intention to make the fill 90 feet wide to allow for the laying of the street and adjoining sidewalks. It was brought out at the meeting, however, that perhaps a 65-foot fill would be best. This would provide for the street, and owners of property along the fill might want to build their basements to the street line, and bridge the sidewalks.

The zoning commission will recommend to the city council that the fill be carried through and that the bridge plans be considered a part of a comprehensive bridge program for Salem.

It is not the intention to consider the Liberty street bridge as a separate issue, but as part of the complete bridge program. All bridges will be uniform, if the advice of the commission is heeded.

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QUEEN OF MAY HAS BOB

W. U. STUDENTS BREAK PRECEDENT IN CHOICE

Willamette university, for the first time in its history, is to have a May queen whose hair has been bobbed. Myrtle Jensen of Salem has been elected by the student body for the honor.

Although bobbed hair has long since ceased to be a peculiarity at the university, a certain antipathy against the combination of abrupt locks and the staidness of a queen has existed until this year.

Such antipathy was dealt a severe blow when the students nominated for the office this spring two girls with bobbed hair and only one with hair unshort. Complete disappearance of the prejudice is evidenced in the vote for May queen, which was won by Miss Jensen by a large margin.

Jessie Pybus and Hazel Malmstrom will serve as maids for Queen Myrtle. Miss Pybus is the only one of the trio whose hair has not been bobbed.

COUNTLESS BIDS ADIEU

WIFE OF BUD FISHER SAYS SHE WILL NEVER RETURN

NEW YORK, April 3.—Saying she "never, never" return, the countess Aedita Debeaumont, wife of Harry (Bud) Fisher, sailed for Paris today on the Majestic. She was accompanied only by her eight year old son, Pierre Debeaumont.

Oregon Traffic Laws Lead Eastern States Is Report

T. A. Rafferty, Chief Inspector for State Traffic Department, Returns From National Safety Conference Called in Washington by Coolidge

Oregon is far in advance of the eastern states with relation to motor vehicle legislation, according to T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state traffic department, who returned here Saturday from Washington where he attended the safety conference called by President Coolidge.

En route home from Washington Mr. Rafferty spent a few days at Harrisburg, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Trenton, N. J., Jackson, Mich., and other cities where he surveyed traffic conditions. While in Michigan he was taken through the new state penitentiary which is now in course of construction.

CHILD HEALTH WORKERS OF COUNTY WILL MEET

COURTENAY BINWIDDIE, NEW YORK CITY, TO SPEAK

All Interested in Juvenile Health Are Invited to Attend on Tuesday

The first meeting of the county wide organization of the Marion county child health demonstration will be held at the Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday evening, April 6, at 8 o'clock.

All communities in the county are expected to send in not only their delegates, but all in the community or school district who are interested in child health work.

Courtenay Binwiddie of New York City, director of all the Child Health Demonstrations for the Commonwealth Fund, is visiting in Salem and will speak at the meeting.

Dr. Walter H. Brown, director of the demonstration for Marion county, will tell of the newly formed county health unit. Dr. Douglas, who has just recently been appointed county health officer will be present. Miss Elnora Tompkins will tell of the health work which has been done in the county during the past year.

At this meeting Tuesday evening, all communities in the county are urged to be present, as there will come up for discussion the matter of health work for individual communities.

Marion county is one of the four fortunate counties in the United States that have been selected by the Commonwealth Fund of New York City for health demonstration work during a period of five years. Salem and Marion county were selected over 27 competitors on the Pacific coast through the efforts of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

T. H. Hicks, as chairman of the county council of organizations, will preside. Mrs. Roy Burton of Salem, is secretary.

ROADHOUSE RULING SET

ARE REALLY DANCE HALLS, JUDGE SAYS IN OPINION

PORTLAND, April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Presiding Judge Stevenson of the circuit court held in an opinion today that so-called road houses in Multnomah county are really dance halls within the meaning of the law, and that as such they are subject to county dance hall regulations.

Judge Stevenson's opinion was given in a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty in the case of the state against roadhouse proprietors, and means simply that this stage of the proceedings that the cases will now go to trial on their merits.

Circuit Judge Skipworth of Eugene held recently that roadhouses did not come within the purview of the dance hall code.

The opinion by Judge Stevenson was occasioned by the arrest of Jerry Reed, John C. Black and other operators of taverns along highways in the city's environs, on a charge of operating dance halls without licenses.

APPE-MAN HOAX IS BARED

APRIL FOOL SIGN BETRAYS NEW LONDON 'MYSTERY'

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—North Stoughton's now famous "ape-man" mystery has been solved. The "ape-man" has been captured, and found to be nothing but a dummy and the originator of the scheme has confessed.

This was the result of a state police investigation announced today to Sergeant Clifford Gorgas of the Groton barracks.

The ape-man dummy was found near the home of the Miner sisters, Muriel and Mildred, and was constructed, Miss Muriel Miner admitted, to scare away visitors not wanted. Directed to Haystack Rock by Miss Miner, the state policeman found the dummy wrapped in a sheet with a large April Fool sign hanging from it. It was then the state police report stated that Miss Muriel Miner confessed to the hoax.

DECKS CLEARED FOR DRY FIGHT

Open Hearing on Prohibition Question Is to Open in Senate Monday

SHARP LINES ARE DRAWN

Wets Get Six Days to Present Views, With Dry Side Appearing Last; Interruptions Banned

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Sharp lines for the impending battle between the wets and the dries have been drawn by the senate judiciary subcommittee.

Chairman Means announced today that beginning Monday the wets would have six days for the presentation of their case without interruption from the dries except such cross examination as might be conducted by members of the committee. The same will hold true when the dries are presenting their case week after next.

After the two sides have had their days in court, the committee itself may decide to hold a

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JETTE CASE SPEEDS UP

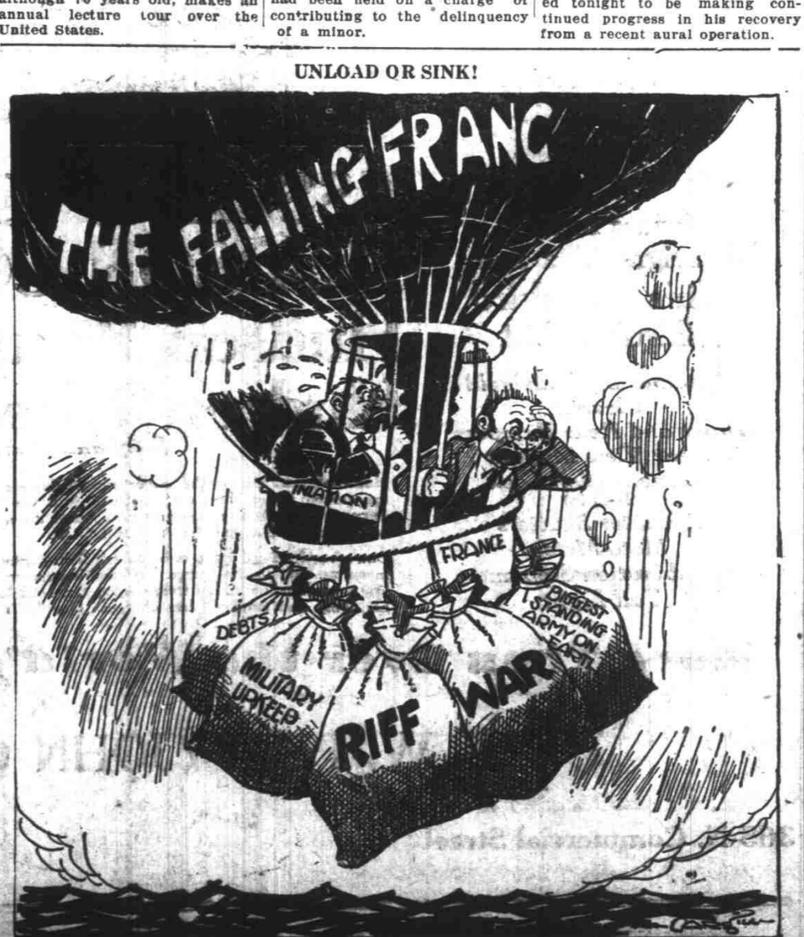
DISPOSAL OF PRELIMINARIES COMPLETED RAPIDLY

Arrested Wednesday night, arraigned in the justice court and bound over to the grand jury on Friday, and indicted by the grand jury on Saturday, Arthur Jette of Astoria is now awaiting trial on a charge of possession of a still. Bail of \$1000 has been furnished. The disposal of the preliminaries of the trial were made in what is believed to have been record time.

Jette was arrested late Wednesday by Federal, state and county agents, led by William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner. An 80 gallon still, nearly 300 pints of moonshine whiskey, and about 200 gallons of mash were discovered by the raiders. The still was located in the Jette house, not 100 feet from the road.

The only other report returned by the grand jury was a not true bill for George Peters, who had been held on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

UNLOAD OR SINK!



LAST GIFT CALL NEARS, WIN YOUR AUTOMOBILE

VOTE LIST WILL BE CHANGED LAST TIME TUESDAY

Contestants Should Confer With Contest Chief All Misunderstanding ..

HONOR ROLL TODAY

- 1—May Young
2—Mrs. B. S. Crowther
3—Mildred Nash
Leader of whole contest Mrs. Bernice Feller

(By Auto Contest Editor)

Some candidates are so busy planning excuses they overlook real issues—likely story for failure height of ambition—end only six days away—any one can win.

In six days what will your excuse be for not winning? Then the final count begins and one of the greatest contests for subscriptions and valuable prizes will go down in history as the most squarely fought battle of ballots ever conducted. Six days more and the winners will be made and the losers will be the busiest bunch of people you ever saw hunting up excuses why they did not win.

Yet, in industry there is pleasure. The winners will feel that they are already repaid for the time they have spent in the interests of the contest. The winners of the autos will have made a big salary in the course of the time the contest has run. The winners of the other prizes will receive no small reward. However, the winners of any one of the prizes is just as much in doubt today, six days before the end of the contest, as it was 10 weeks ago.

In the winning class a good final sprint by any one of the candidates would land the auto or the other prizes for any one of them as compared with the positions of their competitors. Surely this is the most surprising and at the same time interesting contest it has ever been the pleasure of the contest editor to become associated with.

After becoming acquainted with all the different candidates, and

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VICTORIA SOME BETTER

PRINCESS IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED, BULLETIN SAYS

LONDON, April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A bulletin issued tonight on the condition of Princess Victoria, sister of King George, reported that she passed a less disturbed day and that her condition was slightly more favorable. The princess is suffering from influenza pneumonia.

The Prince of Wales is reported tonight to be making continued progress in his recovery from a recent aural operation.

SKATE MENAGE UP TO COUNCIL

"Wheeled Boots" May Necessitate Turning Street Into Open Air Rink

HAZARD OF LIFE FEARED

Suggestion That Center From Commercial to State Hospital Be Open-Air-Rink Considered.

Skating will undergo the careful and expert attention of the city's aldermen when the council meets Monday night.

Considerable concern has been voiced throughout the city at the hit and miss method in which skating is being carried on in practically every street in the city.

Skating seems to be more popular than ever. The usual quota of grammar school kiddies have donned the ball-bearing boots. The Junior high school and the senior high school students have become fond of the pastime, and Willamette university students add to the total.

Skating among the grammar school youngsters and those of high school age has been a matter to be met yearly. But this season is the first in several years in which university students have adopted the fad.

Some of the college boys and co-eds have discovered that skates provide a simple, swift and inexpensive means of transportation between chapel and sorority and fraternity houses. Streets in front of some of the fraternities have been turned into temporary rinks.

Because of the inadvisability of mixing skate and auto traffic, the city fathers are beset with the

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ACCIDENT TOLL LEAPS

113 CRASHES SATURDAY ON STREETS OF PORTLAND

PORTLAND, April 3.—Wet streets were responsible for an exceedingly large number of automobile accidents today. At nine o'clock tonight there had been 113 accidents involving damage to machines reported for the day, and several had gone to hospitals as a result of smashups.

G. B. Evans, an employee of the Shell Oil company received injuries which may prove fatal when his machine ran off the road not far from his Linnton home and turned over on him.

The bright headlights of an automobile approaching in the opposite direction blinded him and he lost control of his machine. His condition was said by hospital attendants to be serious and he had not regained consciousness at a late hour. His arm was broken, his scalp torn open for six inches, and he sustained a possible fracture of the skull.

FOUR INJURED IN WRECK

LOSS OF CONTROL PLUNGES CAR OVER EMBANKMENT

THE DALLES, Ore., April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Four persons are in the Dalles hospital with serious injuries as a result of a wreck this afternoon in which a car driven by Mrs. Willis Ashley went over the new Tygh grade, 20 miles south of The Dalles. Willis Ashley suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. Mrs. Ashley may have a broken back. W. R. McMurray has a dislocated shoulder and possible internal injuries. Mrs. McMurray has a scalp wound and severe bruises. All are from Portland.

The car went over the grade when Mrs. Ashley who was unaccustomed to driving the vehicle, lost control. The party was en route to Bend.

JEFFRIES TO FISH HERE

EUGENE, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—James J. Jeffries, ex-heavyweight world's champion fighter is coming to Eugene to fish in the McKenzie and Willamette rivers some time this summer, according to word received by friends here today.

PHILIPPINE QUESTION IS AGAIN TOPIC OF DEBATES

MUCH DISCUSSION AROUSED FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT

Commission to Investigate Island Conditions Leads to Speculations

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—What to do about the Philippines has become once more a much discussed question in Washington.

Revitalized by President Coolidge's unexpected appointment of a special commissioner to investigate conditions in the islands, the old fighting issue of the post-Spanish war days provided fuel today for an hour's debate in the senate, prompted a proposal for a congressional inquiry, and led to all sorts of conjectures among officials and politicians.

The president's selection yesterday of Carmi A. Thompson of Idaho to make his inquiry into the islands was variously described in the day's discussions as a wise and essential step, a reflection on Governor Leonard Wood, an effort to give support to what General Wood has done, a move in the interest of Ohio rubber concerns to exploit the islands and an attempt to remove Mr. Thompson as a factor in the 1926 Ohio campaign.

The proposal for a congressional investigation was made by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi who asked in a resolution that two senators and two representatives make a non-partisan inquiry as a basis for future legislation.

The resolution did not reach a vote.

While speculation over the Thompson appointment was running its uneven course, Secretary Davis of the war department who as the titular guardian over the islands was planning a trip there this summer to survey conditions held his plans in abeyance while he waited for further information from the White House. The appointment yesterday tumbled out from an empty sky and when apparently neither Mr. Davis nor others in the department who deal with the islands affairs have a notion just what sort of inquiry Mr. Thompson will conduct.

A White House spokesman said yesterday that a thorough inspection trip to the Philippines might take the secretary away from his post for a long period, but Mr. Davis still may find it advisable for him to take the trip unless the president's personal commissioner expects to include in his inspection all the military posts in the islands.

In the senate debate today Senator Harrison made a point of Mr. Thompson's announcement, immediately after his appointment, that the journey would make it impossible for him to be a candidate

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CHAPMAN PLEA REFUSED

RELIEVE TO CONDEMNED MAN DENIED BY GOVERNOR

STATE PRISON, Wethersfield, Conn., April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Governor Trumbull announced tonight he would not grant Gerald Chapman another reprieve. His decision was made known shortly after Judge Newell Jennings, trial judge in the Chapman murder case called at his home in Plainville to recommend this course.

A hearing on Chapman's petition to the board of pardons for commutation of his death sentence to life imprisonment, probably will be heard Monday morning at the state prison. Chapman will be given a chance to appear before the board in person, if it convenes and give his own reasons as to why he thinks his sentence should be commuted. It is absolutely Chapman's last hope to escape the gallows Monday night for the murder of Patrolman James Skelly of New Britain.

BASEBALL OR SHOWERS?

IF J. FLUVIUS IS DECENT, SEASON WILL OPEN

Everything is in readiness for the game this afternoon between the Salem Senators and the Seattle Indians. The stage is set. Now all that remains is the conduct of one J. Fluvius.

Should that gentleman see it to abstain from the use of his sprinkling can, and observe Easter Sunday by enjoying a peaceful nap, then the umpire will march out onto the field to receive the first repartee of the season.

The Indians arrived in the city Saturday afternoon and spent the evening enjoying the various amusement places of Salem, which had been thrown open to them.

Saturday In Washington

The Cummins railroad consolidation bill was reported to the senate.

Demand for an investigation of the Philippines was made in the senate.

The state department began preparation of a note declining the League of Nations invitation to a world court conference.

The American Association for the Advancement of Athletes sought a court injunction to prevent payment of government chaplain's salaries.

The interstate commerce commission set May 15 for arguments of the nation's freight rate structure and western roads' request for increases.

EASTER FACES APRIL SHOWER

Slightly Dampened Spirits Evidenced by Purchasers of Spring Togs

FARMERS ARE JOYFUL

Saturday's Rainfall, First in Weeks, Much Needed; More Is Declared in Prospect for Today

With the spirit of Easter somewhat dampened from a material standpoint, and with the feminine population of the city undecided whether or not to brave the elements in its Easter millinery and its springtime coats, the weatherman last night was a man of chastened spirit. Persistent malignancies and numerous barbed thrusts from recent "Spring togs" speculators had wrought havoc with his otherwise equable disposition. His only champions were the farmers to whom yesterday's rain was a God-send. But there are not many women-farmers.

Saturday's rain, a steady drizzle, interspersed with occasional showers, amounted to .34 of an inch, and was the first in several weeks, following the driest March since 1898. During last month only .06 of an inch of rain was registered in the gauge of the local bureau.

Prospects for today are not bright. "Unsettled with occasional rains," the local observer muttered sourly, qualifying that declaration with the information that southeast winds were to be looked for and that storm clouds were pushing their way over the southeastern horizon.

Despite the indifferent weather, Salem has entered into the joyful spirit of Easter and all Salem churches will have special services for the day, commemorating Christ arisen. Many churches will have to offer appropriate musical selections for the occasion and in keeping with religious and traditional observance.

The religious atmosphere, however, will doubtless not prove a foil to ward off mean things that will be said about the weather man.

BEND, Or., April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Having enjoyed an almost snowless winter, Bend tonight faced the prospect of a white Easter. Snow began falling about 10 o'clock after a light rain fall earlier in the evening. The

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TAKES ASHLAND POSITION

ASTORIA EDUCATOR TO INSTRUCT AT NORMAL SCHOOL

PORTLAND, April 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A. C. Strange, former superintendent of schools in Astoria, has resigned as executive secretary of the Portland Americanization council to become an instructor in the Ashland normal school. He has gone to Eugene to be with his family until next month when summer school term opens at Ashland.

TO REDUCE AUTO FEE

PORTLAND, April 3.—(AP)—The automobile entrance fee to Crater lake national park will be reduced from \$2.50 to \$1 it was announced in Washington today by Director Mather of the national park bureau, according to a special dispatch to the Oregonian.