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Hurry, Candidates, Hurry! Only Three Days Left In the Statesman's Great Automobile Subscription Contest

KILLER'S PLEA BEFORE PIERCE

Cody's Friends Urge Sentence Be Commuted to Life Imprisonment

DECISION IS WITHHELD

Slayer of Sheriff Goodman of Harney County Will Hang on April 16 Unless Executive Interferes

Relatives and friends of Archie Cody, slayer of Sheriff Goodman of Harney county, appeared before Governor Pierce here Wednesday and urged that the death sentence imposed on the prisoner be commuted to life imprisonment.

It was alleged by members of the delegation that the shooting of Sheriff Goodman was not premeditated, and that there was some question as to whether the officer was killed by a bullet from Cody's gun or one that he carried at the time of the slaying.

Harney W. Cody of Jacksonville, father of the condemned man, was among those who pleaded for executive clemency. Petitions signed by several hundred residents of Jackson county asking that Cody's sentence be commuted to life imprisonment were presented to the governor.

Governor Pierce said he would not announce his decision in the case until he has read the testimony offered at the trial.

Records in the case showed that Cody shot and killed Sheriff Goodman as the officer was attempting to arrest him for passing a worthless check. Although the victim was sheriff of Harney county the murder was committed in Malheur county.

Cody's conviction in the lower court recently was affirmed by the state supreme court.

The governor Wednesday refused to interfere in the sentence imposed on M. L. Albert of Portland, who recently was sentenced to a term of one year in the penitentiary for receiving stolen property. Albert was allowed to offer his plea for executive clemency while being taken to the prison. He was dressed in at the institution last night. Relatives of the prisoner accompanied him to Salem and participated in the plea for leniency.

YOUNG ROBINSON FOUND

YOUTH, 21, IS PICKED UP IN DAZED CONDITION

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Picked up in a dazed condition unable to explain where he had been, or what he had done since he vanished from Harvard university five days ago, Douglas Robinson, 21, son of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Robinson, this morning was taken to St. Mary's hospital here. Robinson told attendants who he was and produced a personal card bearing his name.

Wednesday In Washington

Journalists from 21 American republics gathered for their first congress.

Newspaper broadcasters urged adoption of adequate radio legislation.

The senate listened to further debate on the Iowa senatorial election case.

President Coolidge nominated Brigadier General Edgar Jadwin to be chief of army engineers.

District Attorney Buckner told the prohibition committee of conditions in New York.

Comptroller General McCarl ruled that only congress can extend time for conversion of war risk insurance.

Senator Walsh of Montana announced preparation of a resolution directing senate investigation of recent large mergers.

Play a Harmonica? Enter Your Mouth Organ Now

Hal Hibbard Camp, Spanish War Veterans, Ask All Boys to Enter Competition at Armory on Friday, April 16, Four Prizes Are Offered

Can you play the harmonica? Such is the question being broadcast to all Salem and Marion county boys by Hal Hibbard Camp, Spanish American War veterans, who are now seeking additional entrants in their Harmonica contest, to be staged at the Salem armory on Friday, April 16.

Little boys, big boys, fat boys, skinny boys, all who can whip wicked melodies from the mouth organ are wanted that night to blend their joyful notes in one concordant symphony.

Sign up early, is the advice given. Too many boys cannot be secured.

Harold Stout, 5 years old, is the youngest soloist yet entered, and has been given a prominent place on the program. Robert Brown, approximately two years older, now heads the list of harmonica contestants.

Any boy who plays the harmonica is eligible to enter. Contestants will be divided into two groups, with a first and a second prize for performers above 10 years of age.

The Salem boys' chorus, an unrivaled organization under the direction of Dr. H. C. Epley, will appear in recital as one of the outstanding features of the program, details of which are still to be arranged.

In announcing the evening of entertainment, Spanish War Veterans declare a crowd that will fill the armory to capacity is expected, all profits going toward the erection of a Roosevelt monument in keeping with the project outlined at the Spanish War Veterans' encampment at Port Arthur, calling for a statue to stand on Battle Rock, a historic promontory extending into the ocean.

Through this paper a personal invitation is extended to all boys to enter their harmonicas in the greatest competition of the year.

Never before in the history of Marion and Polk counties has there been such a distribution of costly awards and never before has there been such an exciting battle to win them. Nobody has them cinched. The winner will probably be determined by the subscriptions secured between now and Saturday at midnight.

In order to maintain the strictest secrecy as to the number of subscriptions turned in by every candidate during this, the last week of the contest, the race is being brought to a close under a sealed ballot box. By so doing no one can possibly know the voting strength of respective candidates. It excludes all possibility of favoritism.

BANK BANDITS ESCAPE

GET \$2000 IN RUNNING FIGHT WITH POLICEMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Two robbers entered a branch of the Liberty bank in the Mission district here today and escaped with approximately \$2,000 after engaging in a running pistol battle with the police in which Patrolman George O'Leary was shot through the arm.

The robbery was the second in San Francisco in a few hours time, a lone robber having entered a branch of the Anglo-California Trust company and escaped with \$500.

Daniel C. Murphy, state senator and manager of the branch, was forced into a vault with a number of other employees.

35 COME OUT FOR TEAM

SPRING PRACTICE AT OREGON BRINGS ASPIRANTS

EUGENE, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Practice in football for the spring team started at the University of Oregon this afternoon with 35 gridiron aspirants turning out for first call. Coach McEwan expressed himself as being well pleased with the way in which the men went through the practices.

This session is to last at least for a month, according to the coach, and will be designed to fit the men for the hard work of the fall. The heavy work is scheduled to start September 15 with the first game on the 25th.

INGELS DECLINES HONOR

WILL NOT ACCEPT STATE FAIR BOARD POSITION

F. B. Ingels of Dufur who recently was appointed a member of the state fair board to succeed Wayne Stuart of Albany, has declined to accept the appointment. Governor Pierce announced Wednesday that he probably would appoint another man on the board later this week. It was said that at least two Central Oregon men are being considered for the place.

ALCOHOL GRAFT PLOT REVEALED

Diversion of Industrial Alcohol Amounts to Over Three Billion Dollars

FIGURES STARTLE GROUP

Tremendous Graft in Distribution of Liquor Described in the Hearing Before Senate Committee

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Diversion of industrial alcohol alone furnishes an illicit liquor traffic in this country totaling three billion, six hundred million dollars in sales, Emory R. Buckner, United States district attorney at New York city estimated today before the senate committee inquiring into conditions under statutory prohibition.

This estimate startled the committee and brought a gasp from the crowd which crowded the committee room on the third day of the inquiry.

Mr. Buckner did not stop there, adding \$15,000,000 to the total as the value of the "cut" whiskey which bootleggers traffic in New York city alone put on the market.

The district attorney arrived at his estimate by figuring a total diversion of industrial alcohol to the bootleg trade at 60,000,000 gallons a year. Bootleggers "cut" this three ways, he explained, producing a total of 720,000,000 quarts of illicit liquor.

"Placing the price at \$5 a quart and that is conservative—this makes a total of \$3,600,000,000," he said. "We pay \$10 a quart out in my country," remarked Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, the one avowed wet on the committee.

"You ought to know," interjected Chairman Means, as the crowd roared.

"I do!" shot back Senator Reed and another shout went up. Called as a witness by the wets, who continued the presentation of their case at both morning and night sessions, Mr. Buckner pictured an improvement in enforcement conditions. He paid tribute to Assistant Secretary Andrews of

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ITALIAN DICTATOR SHOT; CONDITION NOT SERIOUS

BULLET FIRED CLOSE RANGE BY ENGLISH WOMAN

Sister of Baron Ashbourne Presses Revolver Into Premier's Face

ROME, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Benito Mussolini, strong man of Italy, was near to death today. He had just raised his arm in salute to the plaudits of the multitude when a woman pressed a revolver into his face, and fired.

At that very moment, Mussolini, as is his habit, threw back his head, the bullet passed through his nostrils and with a quick step backward the Fascist premier put his hand to his face, and drew it away covered with blood.

His assailant, believed to be an Irish woman, the Honorable Violet Albina Gibson, 50 year old sister of Baron Ashbourne, a resident of Compiègne, France, was seized by a carabinieri and dragged to a place of safety, for in an instant the thousands who had gathered to acclaim the premier were in a frenzy of excitement and rage.

With Mussolini at the time were Professor Roberto Alessandri and the noted surgeon Raffaele Bastianelli, and they hastened to his aid.

It was Bastianelli who dressed the wound and later he issued a statement saying:

"The premier was wounded by a firearm, the bullet perforating both nostrils, but without grave results."

Notwithstanding his injury, Mussolini desired to enter his automobile but he was induced to return to the capitol. He was perfectly tranquil, seemingly not thinking of himself, and was only anxious that no grave consequences

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MAN DRAGGED TO DEATH

FARMER, 65, KILLED WHEN HORSES RUN AWAY

WALLOWA, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Marshall Fleischmann, a farmer about 65 year old, residing about 30 miles north of here in the Promise country, was dragged to death by his team while logging in the woods yesterday. His foot was caught in a hook in the end of the logging chain and his team evidently became frightened and ran away, dragging him to his home about half a mile distant, where he was found dead when the team stopped in front of the barn. He leaves a widow and four small children, the oldest being 10 years.

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WILKINS SETS POLAR RECORD

Captain and Pilot of Expedition Establish New Mark in Arctic Flying

HOPES ARE RUNNING HIGH

Great Things Looked for Next Wilkins Flight, Explorer Says; Wide Expanse of Sea Viewed

NEW YORK, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Flying 140 miles northward from Point Barrow, Alaska, farther than any man has seen before in that sector of the Arctic, Capt. G. H. Wilkins and his pilot Ben Eleison have set a new record for polar flying. The farthest point north in their flight, which was made on March 31 was latitude 73 degrees 30 minutes north, the North American Newspaper Alliance said today.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, said his ship, the Karluk, under the command of Captain Robert H. Bartlett in 1913 went seventy miles north of Point Barrow but was stopped there by the ice pack. Captain Wilkins, went 70 miles further he said.

Mr. Stefansson recalled that last summer Ronald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth flew 621 miles from Spitzbergen toward the pole, reaching 87 degrees 44 minutes north latitude on the opposite side of the polar basin. The flight of Captain Wilkins from Fairbanks, Alaska, was over a course 840 miles long, Mr. Stefansson figures. He asserted that it demonstrated conclusively the usefulness of air-

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MINTO DENIES ILLNESS

RUMOR THAT CONDITION IS SERIOUS IS FALSE

PORTLAND, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports from Salem that John Minto, who at various times has been Portland's postmaster, chief of police, warden of the state penitentiary and sheriff of Marion county was critically ill at his home near here, were denied tonight by Mr. Minto. He said he had not required the services of a physician for several weeks.

VAN WINKLE DECLARES OREGON OWNS ISLAND

ATTORNEY GENERAL CITES TWO U. S. DECISIONS

Boundary Between States Marked by Center of Channel, Study Shows

In connection with the protest of Governor Hartley of Washington against the Stanford bill providing that the government restore to the state of Oregon title to Sand Island at the mouth of the Columbia river and his request that the Washington delegation vote against the measure, Attorney General Van Winkle of Oregon cites two United States supreme court decisions, holding that the island is in the state of Oregon.

"This should render void completely the claim of Governor Hartley," said Van Winkle. The first decision was in the case of Washington against Oregon in the year 1905, brought to determine the boundary line between the two states at the mouth of the Columbia. The second was on a rehearing of the same case.

The opinions of the United States supreme court held that the boundary line is in the middle of the channel between Sand Island and the Washington shore, and that as the island gradually moves closer to the Washington shore, the middle of the channel shall continue to be the line, thus leaving the island entirely within the state of Oregon. Should the island in future years move northward enough to connect with the Washington shore, the opinion holds that the point of connection would then mark the boundary line.

The island was ceded by the state of Oregon to the government over 60 years ago on condition that the government use it for military purposes. It has never been used for that purpose and instead the government has made use of its valuable fishing grounds.

Oregon is now trying to get it back, one of the provisions of the Stanford bill being that should the government ever need it for military uses it would be returned to the government. The senate public lands committee has reported favorably on the bill.

\$4,000 FREIGHT SAVING RULING FOR OREGON LINEN MILLS LOWERS COST

At a meeting of the board of directors of the new Oregon Linnen Mills, Inc., Wednesday, it was decided to go ahead with preparation of the site. W. C. Knighton, the architect, was instructed to start on the preparation of plans and specifications for all the buildings to be constructed.

Bids will be called for as soon as the plans are completed. There will be the main building, an office building, a power and heating plant and a warehouse. A water tank to hold 75,000 gallons of water will also be constructed. That approximately \$4,000 will be saved on the freight bill for the machinery ordered is the report of the board of directors. One of the factors in this saving is a special rate the board has secured from the interstate commerce commission.

Machinery is scheduled to be shipped from Lockport May 2. About 30 days for the shipment will be required. By that time, the warehouse to shelter the machinery will have been constructed.

PEN BREAK CASE HELD UP SUBSTITUTION OF RECORDS REQUEST IS PLACED

Judge Will R. King of Portland appeared before the state supreme court here Wednesday and requested an order authorizing the substitution of transcript of evidence and other records in the cases involving Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, who are under death sentence for the part they played in the penitentiary break here on August 16.

Judge King said that he had mislaid the transcript of evidence and other records in the cases and as a result he had been delayed in preparing his briefs.

The cases involving the convicts are now before the supreme court and the time for filing briefs will expire within the next few weeks.

STORMS SWEEP THROUGH SOUTH

High Winds and Heavy Rains Raking California From End to End

STORM WARNINGS FLY

Tornado-Like Wind Tears Trees and Buffets Buildings; Citrus Orchards Are Seriously Damaged

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Torrrential rains and high winds swept California today, flooding highways, causing delay in transportation schedules, halting for the second day the opening of the Pacific coast baseball season in this state and doing some property damage.

Storm warnings were flying tonight from Cape Platter, Wash., to Point Conception, Santa Barbara county. Streams in northern and central California were running bank high. A total of 4.50 inches of rain had fallen in Los Angeles during the last two days smashing all records for the month of April with the month only seven days old.

Winds, which assumed almost tornado proportions in southern California, tore loose branches from trees and buffeted buildings. Considerable damage was reported near Covina, east of Los Angeles when the temporary Fuddingstone dam burst, flooding houses and citrus orchards.

Numerous bridges were washed out or were weakened by the swollen streams in the foothills.

SACRAMENTO, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Train travel in the Feather river canyon has been tied up twice in the last 36 hours owing to accidents caused by the heavy precipitation in that section during the present storm, according to local offices of the western Pacific.

A ditcher crew was working today at a point on the western Pacific one mile east of Belden to clear up a slide that occurred last night while two passenger trains were being held on either side of the slide.

The first accident occurred early

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MISSING PILOT IS SAFE

FRANKLIN ROSE IS UNHURT; STORM FORCES LANDING

BOISE, Idaho, April 7.—(AP)—After 24 hours of anxiety, Franklin Rose, air mail pilot lost on his first trip from Elko to Boise yesterday afternoon, was reported safe and unhurt, 65 miles south of Jordan Valley in Oregon, just over the Idaho line at 2:10 o'clock tonight in a telephone message to Boise.

The report relayed from a ranch to Jordan Valley and thence to Boise told a story of heroism and aviation ingenuity. Rose said he was forced more than 75 miles off his course by a terrific storm encountered as he neared Duck Valley, and that he landed in a wheat field on the slopes of Juniper mountain. His plane, he said, while undamaged, was mired in deep mud.

Obtaining a horse from a farm near where he landed, he rode 30 miles to the nearest telephone and sent word of his safety and of efforts being made to level a runway sufficient for him to take off and complete his run to Boise early tomorrow morning. He left for Jordan Valley where he was expected to arrive about midnight to give further details of his exploit.

GRANDMA'S

Perhaps yours is like Mrs. Florence Smith Vincent's, or maybe she isn't. Anyway, you will want to read Mrs. Vincent's article on grandmas which appears on page 3 of The Statesman today.

Under the heading, "Living and Loving," Mrs. Vincent, noted author, writes a daily article with an intimate appeal to women. Turn to them daily in The Statesman.

