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## ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY, PLEA

### Amendment Would End Capital Punishment, Create Pardon Board

### MAY MAKE FALL BALLOT

Dr. Nina Evaline Wood, Ben Snelling, B. F. Mulkey and Others Sign Petition Asking State Reform

Abolition of capital punishment, shifting consideration of applications for pardons from the governor to a state board of pardons and paroles and creating a state board of control to be composed of the secretary of state and two appointees, are proposed in a petition for an amendment to the Oregon constitution submitted to officials of the state department here Thursday.

The petition was signed by Dr. Nina Evaline Wood, Ben Snelling, B. F. Mulkey, Judge Richard Diech and a large number of other residents of the city of Portland. The secretary of state referred the petition to the attorney general for investigation. In case the petition eventually is filed with the secretary of state it would go before the voters at the general election in November.

Under the provisions of the proposed amendment to the constitution no pardon for the crime of murder would be granted except by unanimous vote of the members of the state board of pardons and paroles. Four members of the board would constitute a quorum for the consideration of applications for pardon except in cases of murder.

Provision also is made in the proposed amendment that the 1927 session of the legislature shall enact a law providing for the creation of a state board of pardons and paroles. Members of

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## REVOKE DEATH SENTENCE

### ONE MAN SAVED, ANOTHER TO DIE BY LETHAL GAS

STATES PRISON, Carson City, Nev., May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—The state board of pardons late today commuted the death sentence imposed upon John H. Randolph of Reno, convicted of the murder of his mother last year. A short time before clemency was denied Stanko Jakich, 28 year old miner of Ruth, Nev., and he will be put to death tomorrow morning by lethal gas—this state's form of capital punishment. Randolph, 56 year old matricule, made a desperate and successful appeal for clemency today.

A petition signed by 65 lawyers, including the district attorney and judge who tried and sentenced him, respectively, was submitted. In its findings, the board decided that Randolph's crime was not premeditated.

Commutation of the death penalty, automatically sends Randolph to prison for life.

Jukich, stolid foreigner, who cannot understand why the law demands his death, also asked for mercy. It was a dramatic plea this young mine worker made to escape punishment for the shooting of Jennie Madek, 15 year old girl whose parents betrothed her to him some years before. Jenny refused to marry him last year and died from a pistol bullet wound in her body. The shooting took place at the Madek home at Ruth.

## Thursday In Washington

President Coolidge signed the Watson-Parker railroad labor bill.

Three members of the senate campaign investigation committee resigned.

The senate approved the liberalized civil service retirement measure.

Acceptance of France's debt agreement was urged before the house ways and means committee by Secretary Mellon.

Senate rejected the nomination of Aubrey Boyles for another term as United States attorney for southern Alabama.

House completed reading of the farm bill for amendment of the Tincher and Curtis Aswell measure were offered as substitutes.

Anti-trust charges against the New York Central for its purchase of train control devices were dismissed by the interstate commerce commission.

Action on the Pullman surcharge repeal and federal bus control measures was deferred until next session by the senate interstate commerce committee.

## Disappearance of Woman Evangelist Is Unsolved

### Mystery Surrounds Fate of Aimee Semple McPherson; Followers Convinced Leader Met Death in Waves; Police Investigate New Details of Case

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Officers of the law, crowding past her faithful followers, surged forward tonight into the darkness of the mystery surrounding the disappearance Tuesday of the noted religious leader, Aimee Semple McPherson, armed with several theories which they felt might upset the belief of thousands of her flock here that the evangelist had been accidentally drowned while surf bathing at Santa Monica.

Meanwhile a little band of her supporters, each with worn face and heavy eyes, gathered before the altar of Angelus Temple, block-square monument to the six years of labor of Mrs. McPherson here, and chanted:

"Aimee is with Jesus; pray for her."

Today's developments, every angle of which is being investigated by detectives, include the following:

New complexion given story of Detective Lieutenant M. G. Barnard of Culver City that he positively saw Mrs. McPherson, in company with another woman in an automobile bound for Los Angeles at the time she was reported missing by Emma Schaefer, secretary to the pastor, that they took another route to the beach city for the swim in the surf.

Two women reports that they saw Mrs. McPherson at the beach hotel where she left her clothing at 1:30 p. m. on Tuesday, giving a note to one of two men.

Report of Venice police officers that at least two women knew of the disappearance of Mrs. McPherson before it was reported to the beach station. This report stated that two women called the station at 2:20 p. m., saying that a woman had been drowned in the surf. This was more than an hour before her secretary made her report.

The theory of possible violence, centering about the evangelist's opposition to the election measure

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## ALLEN NAMED PRESIDENT

### HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ELECTS 27 OFFICERS

Kenneth Allen was elected president of the associated student body of Salem high school Thursday. He is president of the junior class this year and forensic manager, being instrumental in arranging the cross-continent debate with Salem, Mass.

Robert Bishop was elected editor of the Clarion, school paper. He served as associate editor this year, and handled the sports. Donald Deckebach, president editor of the Clarion paper, was elected editor of next year's Clarion annual.

Other officers elected were: Rosalie Jones, vice president; Marvin Headrick, yell leader; Dwight Adams, athletic manager; and Ed Nash, forensic manager.

An assembly of the student body will be held Tuesday morning at which the officers will be installed. At this assembly, also, the members of the debate team that traveled to Salem, Mass., will be formally welcomed back.

The debaters were in Los Angeles Thursday. They are scheduled to arrive in San Francisco today and will arrive home Monday evening.

## DISEASE BAN END SEEN

### HOOF, MOUTH QUARANTINE IS CALLED UNNECESSARY

Revocation of the quarantine order resulting from the hoof and mouth disease in California two years ago was recommended by members of the Oregon state livestock sanitary board at a meeting held here Thursday. The recommendation was sent to Governor Pierce who probably will issue a proclamation revoking the quarantine order within the next few days.

It was said that Oregon was the last state in the union to recommend elimination of the quarantine. Reports showed no new cases of the hoof and mouth disease in California for nearly a year.

The quarantine order issued in this state provided that no livestock would be allowed to cross the northern boundary of California unless the shipment had been certified by representative of either the state of Oregon or the federal officials.

No cases of the disease were reported in this state.

## STATE ASKS MORE FUNDS

### EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MAY GRANT \$70,000

Members of the state emergency board have been called to meet in Salem next Tuesday to consider applications for deficiency appropriations aggregating approximately \$70,000.

Included among the applications is a request to the secretary of state for a deficiency appropriation of \$30,000 for the payment of salaries, wages and contingent expenses.

An additional \$25,000 is asked for the payment of interest on irrigation district interest bonds. The state board of horticulture has requested an appropriation of \$5,000 for administrative expenses.

Other small appropriations will be requested by the Oregon mining survey and for the payment of insurance on traveling libraries destroyed by fire.

## ROBERT BISHOP RETURNS

### DECLARES HIMSELF "FEELING FINE" AFTER TRIP

Robert Bishop, who went east for an operation on his limb following an injury while playing football some time ago, returned to Salem, Thursday night and declared he was "feeling fine."

He is still in a plaster cast and will be compelled to return to Boston in the fall for further treatment. The summer will be spent here in Salem. Every prospect for complete recovery is held out.

## NAVAL PACT IS GENEVA TOPIC

### Possibility of U. S.-British-Japanese Conference Considered by Japan

### AMERICANS ARE RETICENT

Neither United States nor English Delegates Commit on Plan; Deep Interest Is Displayed

GENEVA, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Japanese diplomats are considering the possibility of a three-cornered naval conference between Great Britain, the United States and Japan. The Japanese delegates who are attending the sessions of the preparatory commission on disarmament here, today told a correspondent for the Associated Press that they would advocate such a conference provided it were found that France and Italy would not attend a separate naval conference.

The Japanese spokesmen expressed themselves as in favor of a second Washington naval conference. They explained that Japan had abandoned its position taken at Geneva that naval and armaments could not be discussed separately. They are now convinced that naval matters can be handled separately.

They declared that even if France and Italy hold to the theory that naval and land armaments should be discussed at the same time, the United States, Great Britain and Japan could frame a supplementary Washington agreement by themselves. This agreement would cover cruisers, submarines, and seaplanes.

Deep interest was displayed today in the probable attitude of the United States and Great Britain on the Japanese viewpoint which is described as incorporating the idea advanced by some delegates to the present disarmament conference. The American delegates decline to comment on Japan's suggestion.

Japanese diplomats say that Premier Wakatsuki, like former Premier Kato, is favorable to a limitation of armaments and that Japanese leaders are convinced

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## POWER PROFITS LISTED

### MOUNTAIN STATES NET INCOME SET AT \$422,785

The Mountain States Power company had a net operating income of \$422,785.81 during the year 1925, or an increase of \$89,424.71 as compared with the year 1924, according to the annual report of the corporation filed with the public service commission here Thursday.

Operating income of the company was \$1,249,075.11, while the operating expenses were \$673,876.71. Taxes and other incidentals not chargeable to operating expenses contributed to the material reduction of profits.

## WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY



## SEES DRY LAW RESULTS GOOD

### "Best Thing We Can Have" Says Australian Following Observation

### 'ONLY ONE DRUNK FOUND'

W. T. Coates Tells Realtors Holidays Come on Monday in South Seas Continent, Rest Given

"I'm in favor of prohibition," W. T. Coates, newspaperman of Sydney, Australia, told Marion Polk, society realtor, at their luncheon Thursday noon. "In Australia hundreds of thousands are in favor of it. About 90 per cent of the women are for it."

"From what I have seen of prohibition in this country I am satisfied that it is the best thing we can have. I have only seen one man drunk since I have been in America. In Australia we would hardly know what to make of such an ideal condition."

Mr. Coates told of some of the conditions in his country. Members of the building trades work only five days a week. About 30 per cent of the other workers also have five day weeks.

All public holidays are on Monday.

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## OFFICIALS CAST VOTES

### STATE HOUSE CLOSED, EMPLOYEES WILL BALLOT

A large number of state officials and employes left here Thursday night for their former homes where they will cast their ballot at the primary election today. Governor Pierce whose legal residence is in Union county will vote at Mitchell, where he is scheduled to give an address at noon today.

Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, will cast his ballot at Astoria, while T. B. Kay, state treasurer, will vote in Salem. Several state officials have taken advantage of the absent voters law and have sent their ballots by mail.

All state, county and city offices will be closed here today.

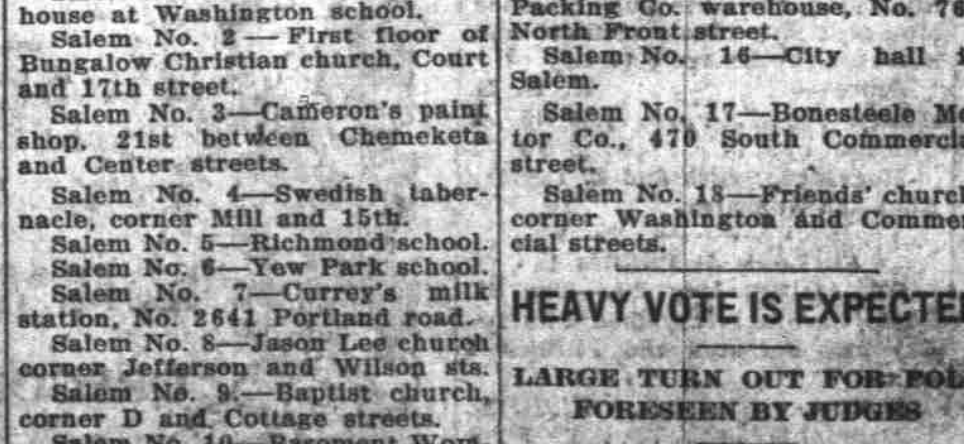
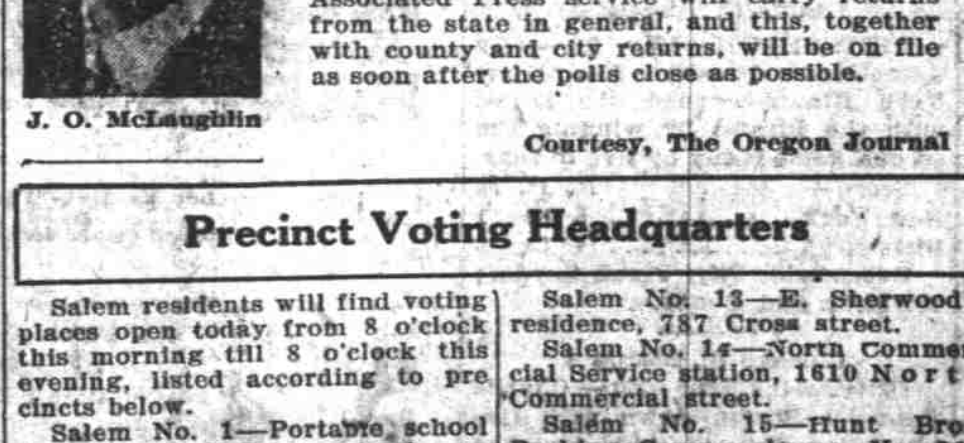
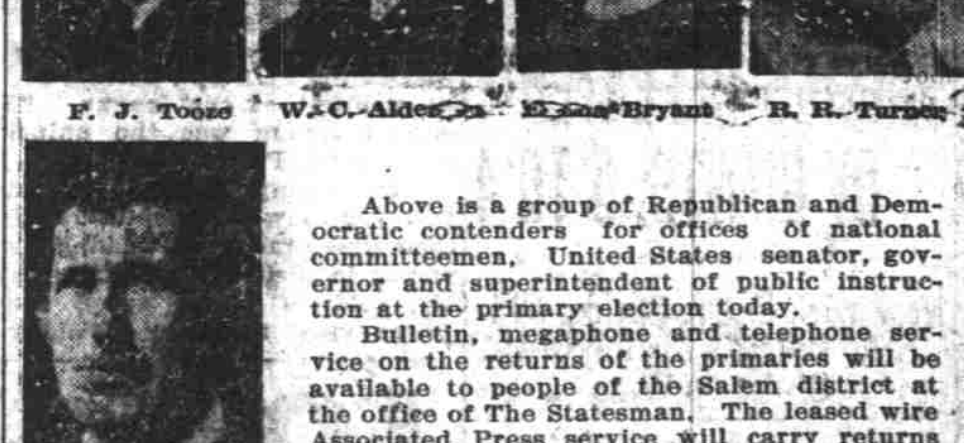
## GARDEN SHOW ON TODAY

### THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBIT WILL OPEN AT 2 O'CLOCK

Members of the Salem Garden club will hold their third annual garden show from 2 o'clock this afternoon until 8 o'clock this evening, at the gardens of Dr. R. E. L. Steiner and Dr. Frank Griffith at the Oregon state hospital grounds.

A slight fee will be charged visitors to cover the incidental costs of putting on the exhibits. There will be music as a feature of the event.

## A Political Picture Gallery



## ELECTION RACE INTEREST KEEN

### Public Caused to Relegate Spirit of Apathy by Last Minute Campaigns

### CLOSE VOTING FORECAST

Contest Over Mayorality, Council, City Tax Measures, State Senator and House Lead Local Issues

Marked local interest is manifest in the election for city and county offices today, with polling places open from 5 o'clock this morning 'till 8 o'clock this evening, a particularly heavy vote being expected within the city as the result of the four tax projects which appear upon the ballot.

With friends of T. A. Linsley and Earl Rice both expecting victory for their candidates in the mayorality race, almost equal interest centers in the contest for city council in which L. J. Simeral and R. A. Harris are opponents in Ward 1, including precincts 9, 10 and 15; Paul V. Johnson and C. E. Parker opponents in Ward 4, including precincts 16 and 17; B. F. Brunk and Orville Ogilvie opponents in Ward 5, including precincts 7, 8 and 14; and Watson Townsend and Chris J. Kowitz opponents in Ward 6, including precincts 1 and 3.

M. Poulson and C. O. Rice are opposed as recorder and treasurer respectively.

The final contest in the city election is found in the four tax measures asking .3 tax levy for support of the City Zoning and Planning Commission, a \$30,000 bond issue for the purchase of pumps for the fire department, a 2 mill tax levy for construction

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## BOYS TO GIVE PROGRAM

### YMCA DEDICATION PASSED ON TO JUNIOR BOARD

Thursday night's dedication services at the new home of the Salem YMCA were conducted by the Salem Ministerial association.

Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, made the principal address of the evening, having as his subject, "How the YMCA Can Best Co-operate With the Churches of the City." Several ministers spoke briefly on the same subject.

Two songs were rendered by the Civic male chorus, led by Prof. Hobson of Willamette university. Dr. H. C. Epley led the audience in a song service. Walter Jenkins was chairman for the evening.

Tonight's program will be conducted by the junior board of directors of the YMCA. The program follows: High school band playing in lobby; address of welcome, by Wesley Heise; song by Parish Junior high school chorus; electric club, by Guy Mathews; solo, by Earl Potter; T. W. Jones surprise; stories, by Mrs. Bellinger; Charleston specialist, by Glen and Donald Woodry; the new Y. M. C. A., by C. A. Kells.

Members of the boys' division will usher. Officers of the junior board are Ivan White, president; Hugh Shattuck, secretary, and Ezra Webb, Dwight Adams, Ivan Kefoury, Carlton Roth and Wesley Heise, directors.

## HOUDINI OFFERS \$10,000

### SUM AVAILABLE TO MEDIUMS PRODUCING EFFECTS

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Denial that she had ever told of spiritualistic seances at the White House was reiterated before a house committee today by Mrs. Jane Coates, a Washington medium.

The committee worked during most of the morning with \$10,000 in \$100 bills spread out before it. The money had been placed there by Harry Houdini, who offered to give it a spiritualist present who could perform any seance which he could not duplicate by trickery.

## Election Returns

Readers of this paper are invited to use the facilities of this organization in keeping in touch with election returns tonight.

A large staff will cover the city and county precincts forwarding news of all returns to this office as fast as they are made available.

Persons wishing to keep in touch with these returns are invited to call 25 or 283 as frequently as may be desired. All available news will be placed at their disposal, and will be forwarded to crowds in the street.

For first full accounts of the local election read

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## Precinct Voting Headquarters

- Salem residents will find voting places open today from 8 o'clock this morning till 8 o'clock this evening, listed according to precincts below.
- Salem No. 1—Portable school house at Washington school.
- Salem No. 2—First floor of Bungalow Christian church, Court and 11th street.
- Salem No. 3—Cameron's paint shop, 21st between Chemeketa and Center streets.
- Salem No. 4—Swedish tabernacle, corner Mill and 15th.
- Salem No. 5—Richmond school.
- Salem No. 6—Yew Park school.
- Salem No. 7—Curray's mill station, No. 2541 Portland road.
- Salem No. 8—Jason Lee church, corner Jefferson and Wilson sts.
- Salem No. 9—Baptist church, corner D and Cottage streets.
- Salem No. 10—Basement Workmen's club building, 496 N. Cottage street.
- Salem No. 11—County court house, Salem.
- Salem No. 12—Vick Bros., 280 South Fifth street.
- Salem No. 13—E. Sherwood's residence, 137 Cross street.
- Salem No. 14—North Commercial Service station, 1610 North Commercial street.
- Salem No. 15—Hunt Bros. Packing Co. warehouse, No. 745 North Front street.
- Salem No. 16—City hall in Salem.
- Salem No. 17—Bonesteale Motor Co., 470 South Commercial street.
- Salem No. 18—Friends' church, corner Washington and Commercial streets.

## HEAVY VOTE IS EXPECTED

### LARGE TURN OUT FOR POLL FORESEEN BY JUDGES

Reports received at local political headquarters Thursday indicated that a large vote would be polled in Marion county today. The vote in Salem will be unusually large.