

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled, probably rain in west; mild, southeasterly winds on coast. Maximum yesterday, 60; minimum, 50; river, -1.1; rainfall, .17; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southeast.

The Oregon Statesman

That distinguished foreigner who said a few weeks ago that New York was the saddest town he ever saw, should have waited until the world series was over. One fault shows up bigger than ten virtues.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26, 1926 PRICE FIVE CENTS

OPENING MEET OF ASSEMBLY M. E. CHURCH

Salem to Play Hostess to Parent-Teachers for First Time in Many Years

VISITORS TO SEE CITY

Opening Sessions in Church Tonight With Prominent Local Citizens Welcoming Guests to the City

For the first time in the twenty-one years the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers has been organized in the state, Salem will have the honor of acting as hostess city to the visiting delegates. The opening of a four-day conference today will bring approximately 400 delegates to the convention headquarters.

Through the courtesy of the trustees of the denomination, all sessions will be held at the First Methodist church. Because of the vital nature of the subjects announced for consideration the public will doubtless fill the auditorium for the meetings, all of which, the conference hours included, are open to those in any wise concerned with the welfare of the child. Many new tendencies in both home and school education will be authoritatively dealt with.

One of the largest delegations of prominent club women ever sent from Portland to a state Parent Teachers' convention will visit Salem during this conference.

The state officers are expected to be in the city by 10 o'clock this morning to complete all preliminary arrangements for the welcoming of delegates from the state. The church will be open to all visitors as fast as they arrive, though registration will not take place until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. W. W. Gabriel of Portland is state president.

The parlors of the church have been equipped with a series of tables at which the preliminary details will be disposed of. Mrs. John T. Hoblett of Silverton will be in charge at the registration table; Mrs. Claude Stevenson will

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QUEEN ENROUTE WEST ROYALTY DENY REPORTS OF CALL FROM ROMANIA

A BOARD QUEEN MARIE'S SPECIAL TRAIN, Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Queen Marie of Rumania today began her tour of the United States with Buffalo fixed as the destination for her first day's journey. The trip will take the royal party to the west coast and back again, journeying through Canada on part of the western swing and returning to New York late in November.

The queen set forth from New York this morning in accord with her royal family and hosts that the state of her health is to be the dominant factor to be considered throughout the tour.

The announcement from the royal household preceded another by a spokesman for the queen in denial of reports from abroad that King Ferdinand had requested Marie to terminate her tour and return to Bucharest. Reports of such pressure being exerted from home, the spokesman said, were baseless.

CONSPIRACY CASE SET FEDERAL JURY TO HEAR CASE OF SILVERTON MEN

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25.—(A.P.)—William R. Smith of Silverton will again face a jury in the federal district court, Judge Spence today fixing November 16 as the date for the conspiracy trial in which Smith and A. C. Spence, owner of the Star Lumber company, which operated in Marion county, will be heard.

According to Millar E. McGilchrist, assistant United States district attorney, who is handling the case, the two conspired to cut timber on government land near Silverton after Spence had endeavored to buy it from the government but demurred on the price asked. Smith is now serving six months and has been fined \$1,000 for his activity in cutting timber on public lands near Silverton.

Eye Witness Describes Armenian Earth Shocks

Orphans Shriek in Terror as Walls Rock and Floors Reel Under Foot as Series of Violent Tremors and Winds Shake Country

LENINAKAN, Armenia, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Dr. Joseph Beach, director of Near East Relief operations in the Caucasus, tonight gave the Associated Press a graphic eye-witness narrative of the catastrophe, which in the form of a series of earthquakes Friday night caused great destruction and loss of life throughout Armenia.

"I was at dinner with my American colleagues," he said, "when a terrific rumbling, surging noise rent the air; a thousand windows crashed and the building oscillated; awakened orphans shrieked in terror and the floor reeled under my feet. All the lights failed and we expected momentarily the roof to fall and smother us.

BUILDING ZONES NEEDED IN CITY

MEN TO VISIT PORTLAND FOR WAYS AND MEANS

Erection of Business Buildings on Church Street Under Discussion

Immediate action will be taken toward preparing building zones for Salem, according to statement made by Louis Campbell, chairman of the city zoning and planning commission, following a meeting of the commission last night.

Several members of the commission are planning to visit Portland in the near future to confer with Portland's zoning commission as to ways and means of completing the task, and considerable time will be given to developing the zones.

The commission is continually faced with the necessity of having definite zones in which to permit erection of various business buildings for which applications are presented at each meeting.

The commission last night decided to approve the application of Hansen & Liljequist for erection of a lumber shed at Church and Mill streets, across Church street from the company's present plant. It was specified, however, that the building be moved back 10 feet from the property line on Church street, and that it have no openings on that street.

Many complaints have come to the office of Fred Williams, city attorney, about the way that portion of Church street is blocked by business houses, he reported. It is used by students of the state school for the blind in going to and from the school, so its continual use by trucks and the like causes a great hazard, he said.

Action on the application of A. L. Hirshikorn to erect a laundry was deferred until notices are sent out to nearby property owners. Mr. Hirshikorn had presented a previous application that had been turned down.

Action on the application of Mr. Guaffroy and August Hilficker to erect store buildings was also deferred until similar notices are sent out to property owners.

ROBBERS BLAST SAFES ASTORIA AUTHORITIES LACK CLUES TO IDENTITY

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 25.—(A.P.)—Safe blowers opened two safes in the city early Sunday morning. The strong box at a local garage, 344 18th street had its outer door pried open by the robbers were evidently frightened away before they could open the inner door. Later with tools taken from the garage they drilled a hole in the door of a safe in the offices of another company and neatly jarred the door off with a charge of explosive. They took a \$100 bill and 81 cents in small change. No clue as to the identity or whereabouts of the safe blowers had been discovered by the local authorities.

ASTORIA PIONEER DIES MARY McKEAN CAME WEST WITH MERCER PARTY

ASTORIA, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary J. McKean, 76, a resident of Astoria for the past 60 years, died here Sunday night. The deceased was born in New York City in 1850 and came west with the second Mercer expedition in 1866, as a ward of Asa Mercer, one of the founders of Seattle. She was married in 1868 to S. T. McKean, of this city, who died 26 years ago.

The deceased is survived by five children: Mrs. A. S. Tee, Mrs. Winifred Gunn, and Mrs. Harry Bell, all of this city; Terry McKean of San Jose, Cal., and Arthur F. McKean of Seattle.

COINCIDENCE OCCURS BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 25.—(A.P.)—A birth coincidence occurred here Sunday when babies were born to sisters, Mrs. Carl Lehmann and Mrs. Henry Lehman of Deer Harbor, who married brothers.

JURIST FRIEND AFFIRMS AIMEE DESERT FLIGHT

Fifth Batch of Documents Disappear During Evangelist's Hearing

KEYES GOES ON STAND

Douglas Constable Resumes Story of Finding Tracks Four Miles South of Agua Prieta in Mexico

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25.—(AP) Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, on preliminary hearing charged with criminal conspiracy, put a superior court judge and the district attorney who is prosecuting her on the witness stand here today in her fight to prove her innocence.

The judge was Carlos S. Hardy, admittedly her friend and advisor. The prosecuting attorney was Asa Keyes, whom Mrs. McPherson has charged over her Angelus Temple radio with "persecution," not prosecution.

The appearance of these two, and the disappearance of the fifth batch of documents bearing on the case to be reported lost, strayed or stolen, were the highlights today of the McPherson mystery, which opened May 18 when the

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SMITH ATTACKS POWER MEASURE

MONDAY SIX O'CLOCK CLUB HEARS LIVELY DEBATE

Col. Carl Abrams Urged Men to Support YMCA Membership Campaign

Vigorous denunciation of the proposed housewives' bill by A. A. Smith of Baker, and just as vigorous approval of the Grange income tax bill by Seymour Jones characterized last night's meeting of the Monday Six O'Clock club at the Methodist church.

The meeting was given over to debates pro and con on the host of bills to be voted on by the people at the coming election.

Attacking the housewives' measure on the ground that it would put 53 millions of the people's money in the hands of a self-perpetuating commission for the exploitation of electric power, and

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PLAN MASS MEET FOR REPUBLICANS

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN REPORT GREAT INTEREST

Resolution Honoring Late Dr. E. E. Fisher Adopted at Monday Meeting

The Marion County Republican Central Committee held a meeting yesterday evening in Salem, which was attended by nearly all of the precinct committeemen of the county. The committeemen reported the enthusiasm greater in their precincts than ever before and that the interest being manifested was greater than in previous elections.

Each committeeman reported for his precinct and it was the opinion of all that I. L. Patterson would receive the overwhelming vote. Also they reported that Mr. Stejwer was leading in favor and would undoubtedly receive the majority.

The county chairman, Paul F. Burris, was instructed by the committee to arrange for a mass meeting at the Salem armory on Saturday, October 30. He has arrangements well under way for this meeting and promises some very interesting addresses. The republican State Central committee has been requested to use their influence in getting Senator Charles L. McNary back to Oregon in time to address the meeting. Numerous other items of business were attended to, all of which bear on the coming election.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Marion County Republican Central committee last evening:

Whereas, Dr. E. E. Fisher, a member of this committee, and an active and enthusiastic republican, passed from this life last week; and

Whereas, Dr. Fisher was prominent and active in civic matters and was one of our most public spirited citizens, and was a good citizen, neighbor and friend, and will be missed from our councils, and by the community;

Therefore be it resolved by the Marion County Republican Central Committee, that Salem and Marion county has lost a public spirited and progressive citizen, and this committee has lost an active and faithful member; and be it further resolved that we extend to Mrs. Fisher and her son, our sincere sympathy, and

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Fisher and a copy be furnished to the press.

AUTO INJURIES FATAL

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 25.—(A.P.)—John Howard Rogers, 74, was struck yesterday on Jackson prairie by an automobile driven by Miss Madge Scanlon of this city. He died last night at a Centralia hospital.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR PROBING PHONE RATES

Van Winkle Willing to Investigate, but Says No Money on Hand for This

PIERCE WANTS ACTION

Attorney General Awaits Governor's Action as Chairman of Emergency Board Securing Necessary Money

I. H. VanWinkle, attorney general, will undertake an investigation of the rates, rules and practices of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in event Governor Pierce will provide the funds necessary for the probe.

This was the substance of a letter prepared by the attorney general here yesterday to a missive received recently from the governor instructing him to launch the investigation out of funds appropriated for his department by the 1925 legislature.

"You state," read the attorney general's letter to the governor, "that a real emergency exists and urge the necessity of immediate action. For the purpose of securing necessary funds for the prosecution of this undertaking, you request that I use whatever money I may have available from the appropriation made by the last legislature for the expenses of this office and request a sufficient appropriation from the emergency board to carry the investigation until the legislature meets in January, 1927, at which time you will ask the legislature for a sufficient appropriation to complete the work.

"I have to advise that the legislative appropriation for the expenses of this office has been mainly only sufficient therein for the payment of salaries of persons now employed in the work of the office for the remaining three months, and the necessary

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WHITMORE HEADS WORK CHAPTERS OF IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE TO BE FORMED

Charles S. Whitmore of Gold Beach, Oregon, today was appointed a national field representative of the Izaak Walton League of America, according to Seth E. Gordon, national extension director of the league.

Having a wide acquaintance of sportsmen throughout the northwest, Mr. Whitmore will be in charge of organization and other extension work for the state of Oregon. Under the direction of the new field representative, the Izaak Walton league hopes to establish a chapter of the league in each city of the state. There are at present but two chapters of the great conservation organization in the state of Oregon.

Prior to his appointment as national field representative, Mr. Whitmore had long been engaged in newspaper and magazine fields.

BRITISH TALK DEFENSE

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE TOLD OF AIR STRENGTH

LONDON, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Linked with discussions of foreign policy at the imperial conference today was consideration of the question of defense, especially in the air.

As a sequel to an air demonstration of last Saturday, the imperial conference will consider further schemes for cooperation between the royal air force and the air forces of the various dominions. The combined strength of the various squadrons of the British air force now amounts to approximately 730 airplanes for home defense.

LIFE SPAN LENGTHENED

ULTRA-MICROSCOPE AID TO MEDICAL SCIENCE

MONTREAL, Quebec, Oct. 25.—(A.P.)—The ultra-microscope bids fair to raise the average span of man's life to 70 years, or more, by aiding science in the treatment of disease. Dr. William J. Mayo, noted surgeon of Rochester, Minn., said today in an address before the Canadian club.

Baby Needs Shoes

JUDGE DOESN'T THINK SO AND REFUSES MONEY

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The baby needing too many pairs of shoes in court here today cost Mrs. M. Lillian St. John, former wife of Al. St. John, the screen comedian, \$50 a month.

At the time the two were divorced, Mrs. St. John was allowed \$150 a month for the support of their child. Later when the actor said he was out of employment, this was returned to the original figure. The first item on her list of necessities for the child was two pair of shoes a month, costing \$6 a pair.

"I don't think we need go into this any further," observed the judge hearing the petition. "When I was the child's age I was lucky to get two pair of shoes a year. This increased allowance isn't necessary."

HYDRO-ELECTRIC BILL A MENACE

A. A. SMITH ADDRESSES SALEM CHAMBER MONDAY

Claims Present Commission Regulates Water and Power Satisfactorily

The so-called housewives hydro-electric bill will create a board of five persons, already named, who have power to do what they please with the water resources of Oregon, answerable to no one, and who will also be able to issue bonds totaling \$53,000,000, without asking anyone about it, was the claim made by A. A. Smith, Baker attorney, in an address before the Salem chamber of commerce at its noon luncheon on Monday.

On top of all this, if the board has such a deficit that the money on hand will not pay the principal or interest on these bonds, it is empowered to issue more bonds to cover it, he claimed, and can go on "building this house of cards until it topples over."

The legislature has no power over the board, which is governed solely by its own discretion in superintending water power development, according to Mr. Smith, who also intimated that the members were not qualified to take charge of such an important resource.

It is such trick legislation as this that keeps the population of Oregon down to eight people to the square mile while Washington has 16 and California 25, Mr. Smith claimed.

"A deficit under the workings of this board is inevitable," he continued. "These five men know nothing of this business. The bill gives them power to increase our already large tax burden to no one knows where."

The present federal power commission regulates water and power developments on public lands in a satisfactory manner, he held, and fixes the rates so that results of any extravagance or loss are borne by the bondholders or stockholders, rather than the public.

The federal commission also is prevented by law from tying up the resources, he said, and from permitting any company to do so.

BELGIUM HAS NEW CASH

MONETARY STANDARD NOW PLACED ON GOLD BASIS

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct. 25.—(A.P.)—Belgium money will go on a new gold basis tomorrow with the creation of a new monetary standard—the belga—equal to five paper francs and with a definite gold value of .209211 grams.

The Belgium franc will be stabilized at 174.31 to the pound sterling or about one seventh of its pre-war value, but it will no longer be quoted on the foreign exchange markets of the world; instead there will be the belga for the purposes of foreign trade.

The belga is not based on the British pound or the American dollar but on gold.

M'NARY COMES FOR CAMPAIGN FUND HEARING

Oregonian Demands Immediate Investigation of Putnam Charges

BOOKS OPEN FOR PROBE

Stanfield Entry in Senate Record Balkans Controversy Between Portland Paper and Ex-Senator

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 25.—(AP)—United States Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, conducting an investigation here into senatorial campaign expenditures in Washington, announced tonight that he will go to Portland Wednesday to start a similar hearing into expenses of Oregon candidates.

Senator McNary announced that the investigation here must be concluded by tomorrow night, in order that he may get to Portland by Wednesday morning to start the probe there.

He was in receipt of a telegram from Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Portland Oregonian, which, after referring to the charges that the paper had received \$25,000 for its political influence, continued:

"We demand a summary investigation and insist that it be held before election day. Our books, records, bank accounts and correspondence are subject to your inspection and all our executives are ready to give immediate testimony."

"As the charge is made that part of this sum was sent from Philadelphia, we are writing Senator Reed demanding that other members of the committee make an immediate investigation in that city."

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Oregon today jumped into the list of states figuring in senatorial investigation of campaign expenditures. News that Senator Reed, chairman of the campaign fund committee, had designated Senators McNary, republican, Oregon, and King, democrat, Utah, to look into the Oregon situation, brought demand from interests affected here that the hearing be started as quickly as possible.

The investigation was precipitated by a request from George Putnam, publisher of the Salem Capital Journal, that the committee investigate a report that \$25,000 had been paid the Morning Oregonian by Franklin T. Griffith, of the Portland Electric Power company, for the Oregonian's opposition to Senator Robert N. Stanfield.

This charge was flatly denied by Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian.

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MARION HONEY DISPLAY

SALEM CHAMBER SECURES SOME FOR PORTLAND SHOW

Marion county will be represented at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland this fall by two and perhaps three displays of honey grown in the county. The exhibits were obtained through the efforts of the Salem chamber of commerce. This is the first time the county has been so represented.

The displays consist of strained honey, only. Harry Knaut of Silverton has a display of 24 pounds of fireweed honey, and Hans Rebb of Salem, route 6, has entered a display, also of 24 pounds.

The displays have been received at the chamber of commerce offices here, and are boxed, ready for shipping to Portland.

STELLA DALLAS TODAY AND TOMORROW

At the Elsinore. Biggest screen play of its kind of the year. Ask any one who has seen it. Played to big houses yesterday.

