

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair and mild; gentle northerly winds. Maximum temperature, Wednesday, 61; minimum temperature, 42; river, 1.4; rainfall, none; atmosphere, clear; wind, north.

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In the middle west they have been having some terrible floods, and now the entire country is submerged in a flood of campaign oratory. Sense without education is better than education without sense.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SCHOOL BOOKS BILL TALKED AT P. T. MEET

Membership Committee Announces Goal for 1926-27 at 21,000

"MOVIE" DINNER ENJOYED

Many Schools in State Without Parent-Teacher Organization, Herwig Urges Cooperation On Narcotics

Conference Hour Today 10-11:30 A. M. President's Conference M. E. Church Child Welfare Mas. M. E. Church Publicity M. E. Church Membership M. E. Church H. Clubs M. E. Church Social Hygiene Chamber of Opn. Public Invited.

A 235-cover "movie" dinner served last night at the First Methodist church under the auspices of the Lucy Anna Lee circle, followed by a line party to the Elsinore, brought the second day of the state Parent-Teachers' convention here to an extraordinarily happy conclusion, and brought relaxation after a strenuous day.

One of the most urgent features of the day's business concerned the introduction of a tentative bill providing free text books for use by the school children of Oregon. The three recommendations on the part of the membership committee were also noteworthy. These three: The setting of the membership goal for 1926-27 at 21,000; the adoption of membership cards to be uniform throughout the state; and the returning of the trophy cups into circulation, were made by Mrs. C. V. Hays, of Portland, state membership chairman.

A growth of the state organization of parents and teachers during the past quarter of a century shows a gain of some 10 1/2 members to 18,850 at the present time. This increase has been at the rate of six thousand in two years. These figures were revealed in the report of Mrs. F. B. Merry of Portland, state corresponding secretary.

By noon yesterday 177 delegates had officially registered, the list including 36 board members. An important item of business concerns the necessity of raising the state dues from 5 to 10 cents per capita.

The convention was interested to know that the Parents' Educational Bureau of Portland, in cooperation with the Oregonian, distributed a total of 1916 text books in that city at the beginning of this school year.

The text-book bill which will come up for final consideration later this week will be presented in a somewhat modified form, recommending that the district, rather than the state, provide the books.

Official greetings were received this morning from Mary E. Hays, president of the grade teachers' association; Mrs. M. J. Coleman, Oregon State Kindergarten chairman; Mrs. David O. Mears of the National Congress; Saldie Orr Dunbar, representing the Oregon Tuberculosis chairman; Mrs. Mabel Merwin, of the Camp Fire work; and Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

At an early hour moments of appreciation were accorded the following past officers whose work has been notable: Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, of Portland, honorary past president; Mrs. G. J. Perkins, of Portland, past president; Mrs. B. I. Elliott, of Portland, national treasurer; and Mrs. J. P. Hill, of Portland, national chairman of student loan.

Achievements of interest during the past year concern Silverton's new Valley View parent teachers' association in which the officers are all men; the phenomenal growth of the Valsest Parent-Teachers' project; and the author-

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LIBEL SUIT SET ASIDE OFFERS NO REASON CHANGING VERDICT

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 27.—(AP)—A verdict of \$15,000 obtained last winter by Frank C. Seested of Kansas City, Mo., against the Post Printing and Publishing company, F. G. Bonfils and H. H. Tammen of Denver, was set aside by Judge J. Foster Symes of the United States district court here today. No reason for his action was assigned. Judge Symes in a memorandum handed down in the case.

The suit was tried in the federal court here last winter and was the outgrowth of an alleged libelous attack on Seested appearing in the Kansas City Post and the Denver Post.

Shoe Thread Campaign Is Being Waged by Dealers

C. P. Bishop Suggests Campaign Include Customers, That Oregon People Demand Shoes Made With Oregon Linen Thread

There is more to the story of the ordering of Salem linen shoe thread by the largest shoe manufacturing concern in the world than was told in The Statesman of yesterday morning.

A lot more. A number of weeks ago, C. P. Bishop of Salem conceived the idea of commencing and carrying on a campaign for the use of Salem manufactured shoe thread. Not for his own glorification or his individual profit—for Mr. Bishop would be quite willing to remain in the background. In fact, he yesterday begged the writer to leave his name out of it, though it had been mentioned by several Salem dealers.

COUNTIES GIVEN HIGHWAY FUNDS

SECOND HALF OF MARKET ROAD MONEY PARCELED

Multnomah Obtains Largest Portion of More Than \$500,000 Funds

Distribution of \$516,197.44, representing the second half of the state market road fund, among the various counties in Oregon was announced by the state highway commission here yesterday.

The distribution was based on the market road tax of the several counties outside of Multnomah county, together with their proportion of the Multnomah county market road tax. Multnomah, with \$52,815.75, received the largest share of the apportionment. Curry, which is the smallest county of the state in population, received only \$2,236.61.

The amount of money each county will receive under the apportionment follows:

- Baker, \$13,105.61; Benton \$10,982.97; Clackamas, \$32,949.40; Clatsop, \$20,988.50; Columbia, \$10,714.33; Coos, \$17,924.82; Crook, \$3,908.94; Curry, \$2,236.61; Deschutes, \$7,964.44; Douglas, \$20,030.02; Gilliam, \$5,394.94; Grant, \$5,178.61; Harney, \$8,842.11; Hood River, \$8,965.55; Jackson, \$20,185.67; Jefferson, \$3,722.42; Josephine, \$4,939.03; Klamath, \$16,177.26; Lake, \$5,939.35; Lane, \$31,750.82; Lincoln, \$6,048.80; Linn, \$22,820.58; Malheur, \$9,646.75; Marion, \$32,260.61; Morrow, \$4,520.07; Multnomah, \$52,815.75; Polk, \$13,050.12; Sherman, \$8,929.80; Tillamook, \$15,050.63; Umatilla, \$29,002.57; Union, \$13,176.37; Wallowa, \$8,283.32; Wasco, \$12,387.65; Washington, \$23,817.41; Wheeler, \$3,223.09; Yamhill, \$16,144.83.

OREGON GUARD CALLED STATE WIDE MOBILIZATION TEST BREAKS RECORDS

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Three thousand officers and men of the Oregon national guard were under arms tonight as the result of a state wide test mobilization ordered by the war department.

In spite of the fact that the mobilization plans were secret, members were assembled in record time, and reports received in Portland from all sections of the state indicated that by 10 o'clock, or four hours after the call was broadcast, every one of the 43 units in the state was under arms and ready for any emergency.

Brigadier General George A. White, commander of the guard, who came to Portland with his staff to observe the mobilization and receive telegraphic reports from various sections of the state, said that the record made by the guard troops paralleled that of 1917, when the Oregon guard was the first in the United States to mobilize for world war service.

HARTLEY PETITIONS OUT SUPPORTERS OF GOVERNOR CLAIM MANY SIGNATURES

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 27.—(AP)—House to house circulation of petitions protesting a movement to recall Governor Hartley began here today.

George W. Dilling, former mayor of Seattle, who is state-wide vice chairman of the recall protest organization reported that in a Seattle bank 20 out of 23 persons approached signed the petition, and that in the 41st precinct here 56 persons out of 90 signed. Frank Pierce, circulating petitions in Tacoma, reported that he obtained 200 signatures from 203 persons interviewed. He asked for 500 more petitions. Dilling announced that Colonel J. W. Hawthorne, democratic candidate for state representative from the 47th district had enlisted as a petition circulator.

POLICEMAN PAYS FINE

HILLSBORO, Ore., Oct. 27.—(AP)—H. H. Hanson, Portland, ex-policeman, was fined a total of \$3100 and sentenced to a total of 18 months in jail on liquor charges in circuit court here today, but was paroled by the court Friday good behavior on payment of \$1100. He paid the money and was released.

AIMEE WITNESS CRIES ON STAND AS STORY TOLD

Evangelist and Mother Will Not Testify in Their Own Behalf

WRITING EXPERT CALLED

Attorney Accuses McPherson Counsel of Knowing Whereabouts of Much Sought Temple Operator

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27.—(By AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, will not testify in their own defense at their preliminary hearing on charges of criminal conspiracy, their attorneys disclosed today, when they announced that defense testimony will be completed late tomorrow.

At least three and perhaps five witnesses remain to be called for the defense. W. I. Gilbert, chief of the evangelist's staff of attorneys said, the first witness tomorrow morning is expected to be Robert Wiseman, 19 year old son of Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sielaff, co-defendant with the evangelist and her mother. He will be followed on the stand by Roland Woolley, one of Mrs. McPherson's attorneys. A handwriting expert and, perhaps three of them, will be called in an attempt to answer the testimony of a prosecution witness regarding the numerous handwriting examples in evidence. Prosecution attorneys said they did not anticipate calling any witnesses.

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COMMUNITY BODY MEETS ON FRIDAY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS SCENE OF GATHERING

Delegates From 27 Organizations in County Expected to Attend

The first full meeting of the Marion county community federation will be held at the Salem chamber of commerce building Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. Practically all of the 27 community clubs in Marion county are expected to send several representatives.

A program said to be of much importance to the members of all community clubs has been arranged by Lloyd T. Reynolds, president, and W. W. Fox, secretary.

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CAMPBELL DIES AFTER ILLNESS

SERVED ON SERVICE COMMISSION SINCE 1907

No Announcement Forthcoming as Yet Concerning Possible Successor

Thomas K. Campbell, 69, who died in Portland early yesterday, was a member of the original public service commission in Oregon. He first was appointed to the office in the year 1907 and served continuously in that capacity for 19 years. Other members of the original commission were Oswald West of Portland and Clyde Aitchison, now a member of the interstate commerce commission.

After serving on the commission for 10 years Mr. Campbell retired, but was again elected a member of the commission four years ago. At the time of his original appointment he was engaged in the lumber business at Cottage Grove. Mr. Campbell participated in a number of important hearings before the commission. These included the grain rate cases, class rate cases and the original Linn and Oak Grove street-car fare cases.

Mr. Campbell had served as chairman of the commission for the past two years. Governor Pierce was in Portland yesterday and employees of his department were unable to give any information as to who would be appointed to fill the vacancy on the commission. Any appointment that the governor might select for the office would serve until January 1.

STEEL SURVEY FINISHED

COMMISSION TO STUDY ALLEGED DUMPING CHARGES

BERLIN, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The mixed commission, composed of Germans and Americans, which has been investigating charges that Germany has been dumping steel products into the United States in violation of the American anti-dumping act, has completed its report. The commission leaves it to the respective governments to draw their own conclusions as to whether Germany has been guilty of such violation on the basis of certain "facts" which have been established by the investigators.

DISTANT TREMORS FELT

SCOTLAND SEISMOGRAPH REGISTERS SIX QUAKES

PERTH, Scotland, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The seismograph today recorded six earthquakes which began at 10:15 o'clock this morning. The probable center of the disturbances was near Borneo, Sumatra or Java.

MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

ORANGE, Cal., Oct. 27.—(AP)—After firing the doorbell of an undertaking establishment last night and waiting for the undertaker to appear, E. S. Houghtaling, 78, committed suicide. He shot himself in the head with a pistol.

G. O. P. LEADER SEES SWEEPING PARTY VICTORY

State Chairman Urges Republicans to Consolidate Forces for Victory

RANKS TO STAND FIRM

Vote to Uphold President, Keeping Tried and True Leaders in Control of All Governmental Affairs

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Claims of a sweeping republican victory for the republican ticket in the coming election were made here today by Phil Metschan, chairman of the republican state central committee. He urged republicans of the state to consolidate their forces and support the administration. "A vote for the party nominees," he said, "was a vote cast in support of the state's primary law."

The election of a democratic senator from Oregon, he said, would not only be a slap at the president and the national administration, but it might give the democratic party the slight majority needed to organize the senate and thus deprive western republican senators of their dominant positions in that body. He said:

"The sovereign people of Oregon will vote next Tuesday whether they will uphold President Coolidge and the republican administration by giving them a vote of confidence or they will turn their backs upon them and support the party that has always brought disaster to our national prosperity and distress to our people—the democratic party."

"They will vote to support the direct primary law of the state or they will, by their decision, regard it merely as a scrap of paper. They will maintain by voting for candidates who nominate in accord with the law or they will nullify it by following the will-of-the-wisp of an independent candidacy."

"Citizens of this state will vote to maintain at the heads of the senate committees those tried and true republicans of the west who know the west and its problems—Snoot of Utah, Jones of Washington, Oddie of Nevada, McNary of Oregon, Borah of Idaho, Warren of Wyoming and Johnson of California, or they will say by their ballots they are willing for the west to lose these influential friends and to turn the senate over to control by southern democrats."

"Voters of Oregon have an important decision before them next Tuesday. It is whether this strong republican state shall be deluged by democratic propaganda and lose substantial things while it grasps at shadows."

"I have faith in the people of Oregon. I do not believe they will fall a great president when he needs them most. I do not believe they will be misled by a campaign of slander and misrepresentation aimed and designed to split our representation in the upper house of congress and give one of the two seats to a democrat. I do not believe they will turn their thumbs down on the primary law."

"I expect a republican victory on Tuesday. Reports from all parts of the state are most gratifying. The race for the United States senate is clearly between Steiwer and Haney. The issue is plain. I can not believe, any more than the people believe, that a delegation divided is stronger than one united. I expect the good sense of the voters of the state to declare itself on that proposition."

"I expect Steiwer, republican nominee for United States senator, to win by a substantial plurality. Patterson, for governor, will be elected by an overwhelming vote. Oregon must not lose its opportunity to elect an executive who

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RETURNS TO OREGON

CALIFORNIA QUAKE CAUSES PEOPLE TO MOVE

D. S. Turner of Chemawa has just returned from a trip from San Jose, California, and he is very glad to get back to Oregon, because when down there he encountered an earthquake. The earthquake occurred about 4:35 a. m. and was severe enough to wake people up and create a scare in the city. There was no material damage done. The people left the hotels and went to quarters closer to earth. One party had a room in the top story of a building and when the earthquake came on he felt the building sway and he immediately decided to leave the hotel and get to terra firma and stay there in the future.

"BOOTS" IS MISSING

Family Cat of Salem Police- man Disappears

Lost, strayed or stolen. That is the question that is puzzling Lee Wintersteen, Salem policeman, for last Saturday "Boots" the family cat disappeared and has not been seen or heard from since.

"Boots" is an educated cat and occupies a high position in the Wintersteen family and the officer is sure that "Boots" could not be lost because he would know his way back to his kind home. The question as to whether "Boots" has strayed may be treated lightly for during his year of residence at the Wintersteen home he has never been known to wander away. As for even considering the fact that he may have been stolen, that is too much, for who ever heard of anyone that would steal anything from a bluecoat's home.

"Boots" has four white feet and a white chest and is marked like a tiger, and anyone seeing a feline of that description should communicate with Officer Wintersteen at the police department.

OREGON VOTERS NUMBER 359,236

TABULATION OF REGISTERED VOTERS IS PREPARED

Republican Party Has Huge Majority, According to Returns From Counties

A total of 359,236 voters in the state of Oregon have registered for the general election to be held November 2, according to a tabulation prepared by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state here yesterday.

With the exception of five counties, including Baker, Deschutes, Harney, Hood River and Wallowa, the registration was furnished to the secretary of state by the county clerks. In these five counties the registration was compiled from the weekly reports of registered voters in the office of the secretary of state.

Of the total registration, 247,974 are republicans, 94,808 are democrats, 175 prohibitionists, 2093 socialists and 12,636 miscellaneous.

Registration for the November election this year shows a marked increase when compared with the total vote for electors of president and vice president of the United States at the general election held Nov. 4, 1924.

Multnomah, which is the most heavily populated county in the state, has a total registration of 123,806 voters. Of these 89,396 are republicans, 30,236 democrats, 301 prohibitionists, 294 socialists and 3579 miscellaneous.

AUTOMOBILE RUNS WILD

RIDE ACROSS STREET PROVES COSTLY FOR DRIVER

When the hand throttle slipped on Frank Greene's car as he drove out of the Marion garage yesterday afternoon, he started on a ride that was costly though brief. When he gets through paying the bills, he expects to find that it cost him several dollars a foot. The throttle slipped and the next thing Greene knew his car had crashed through the front door of the garage, dashed at a fast speed across Commercial street, and knocked off fenders or bumpers from three cars parked on the other side of the street, before stopping.

On top of this, his own car was damaged to the extent of some broken glass and a bent fender.

KLUXER APPEALS CASE

INDIANA SUPREME COURT HAS STEPHENSON CASE

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 27.—The appeal of D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana, from a conviction of second degree murder in connection with the death of Madge Oberholzer, was filed in the Indiana supreme court today. Stephenson was convicted Nov. 14, 1925, in the Hamilton county circuit court at Noblesville.

BRIEF ILLNESS IS FATAL

SPOILED FOOD BELIEVED AS CAUSE FOR GIRL'S DEATH

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Betty Jane Webster, 5, died here early today after an illness of only a few hours, caused, it is thought, by spoiled food eaten last night. Samples of the food are being analyzed.

HOUDINI IMPROVES

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 27.—(AP)—The condition of Harry Houdini, the magician, who is gravely ill following an operation for appendicitis and the subsequent development of peritonitis, was somewhat improved tonight after a restful day, physicians announced.

PUTNAM FAILS TO ESTABLISH FUND CHARGES

Waiver Denies Knowledge of Contribution Made for Steiwer

HEARING NEARS CLOSE

Edgar Piper of Oregonian Brands Charges as "An Outrageous Falsehood From Beginning to End"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Waiver Hayes, a former private secretary to President Roosevelt, tonight denied any knowledge of a \$35,000 contribution from the Portland Electric Power company to the Portland Oregonian for the newspaper's opposition to the candidacy of Senator R. N. Stanfield, of Oregon.

Hayes was quoted at today's session of the Portland campaign fund inquiry as having told of the alleged contribution in the office of George Putnam, editor of the Salem Capital Journal.

"I never heard of the Portland Electric Power company in my life," Hayes said. "I have a pleasant recollection of meeting Mr. Putnam, but I never had any such conversation with him. He must have me confused with someone else."

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Charges of a \$46,500 "slush fund" in behalf of the candidacy of Frederick Steiwer, republican nominee for U. S. senator, got into the record of the hearing before Senator Charles L. McNary, republican, Oregon, here today, and were denied by Steiwer, who was the last witness of the day. Steiwer said he knew nothing of any such contributions.

Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Portland Oregonian, W. O. Hartman, business manager, and O. L. Price, secretary and member of the board of directors of the Oregonian Publishing company, had been paid to the Oregonian in behalf of the candidacy of Steiwer. Piper branded the story as "an outrageous falsehood from beginning to end."

W. S. U'Ren, Portland attorney, who was among the counsel supporting the charges on file before McNary, testified that he did not believe any of the alleged payments had been made to the Oregonian for its benefit, or for the personal benefit of Mr. Piper. He expressed the view that the payments were made for campaign expenses.

Senator Robert N. Stanfield, independent candidate to succeed himself, who was defeated at the primary by Steiwer, said he did not believe any of the money went to the Oregonian.

U'Ren called Steiwer to the stand after both sides had presented all the witnesses available, and attempted to delve into his charge that Steiwer had failed to account for all expenditures made in his behalf in the primary campaign. He got into the record a letter he had written to the Oregonian Sept. 14, in which he charged that \$46,500 had been contributed to the Steiwer campaign fund by eastern interests, which he mentioned as those connected with the Portland Electric Power company. Steiwer denied any knowledge of any such contributions.

U'Ren asked Steiwer concerning payments which were alleged to have been made to Charles A. German and Charles H. Henshaw

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EQUAL RATES FAVORED

PUBLIC SERVICE BODY TO OPPOSE DISCRIMINATION

Members of the public service commission indicated yesterday that any attempt on the part of the Southern Pacific company to put into effect freight rate discriminatory against the state of Oregon and favorable to California points would meet with strenuous opposition.

Reports received at the offices of the commission today were to the effect that such action was contemplated by the railroad corporation.

Commissioners Corey and Osterlander said that in event the proposed new tariff was filed with the interstate commerce commission the Oregon commission would request a suspension of the rates pending an investigation. Such action on the part of the Oregon commission would afford the residents of this state an opportunity to appear before the interstate commerce commission and offer protest against the proposed new tariff.

