

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair and continued mild; gentle variable winds. Maximum temperature (Wed.) 63; minimum, 33; river, -1.8; rainfall, none, atmosphere, clear; wind, southwest.

It used to be that a senator's troubles were over when he was elected. But now days he has to put on another campaign to get seated.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4, 1926

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NEW CONGRESS SHOWS THREAT OF DEMOCRATS

Republican Working Majorities Suffer Inroads as Returns Mount

SOME RACES UNDECIDED

Banner of Democracy Lifted to Highest Pinnacle Reached Since Wilson Administration

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The shadow of an insurgent hand on the control levers of the new congress took increasing shape tonight with slowly mounting election returns.

As far and near districts sent in their belated vote the democratic inroads into the working majorities of the republicans had reached such proportions that it became certain that the western insurgents would hold the balance of power in the senate and possibly in the house.

Besides gaining seven of the nine seats constituting the republican majority in the senate, the democrats reduced by 13 the present republican majority of 36 in the house.

These gains added to the capture of the governorships in two normally republican states—South Dakota and Colorado—lifted the banner of democracy to the highest pinnacle it has reached since the Wilson administration was returned to office 12 years ago.

A number of senatorial, congressional and gubernatorial contests still remained to be decided

PORTLAND FLIER KILLED AVIATOR JUMPS FOLLOWING MID-AIR COLLISION

PENSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 3.—(AP)—Ensign Hickory Flood, of Portland, Ore., was killed today when his airplane struck another machine at an altitude of 3,000 feet.

A wing was broken in the impact and Flood's machine fell. The pilot jumped about 200 feet above the ground but his parachute failed to open. The other plane landed safely.

Flood's death was the second fatality in navy aviation here this week, both because of failure of parachutes to properly function. Ensign Henry Harrison of Cambridge, Mass., was killed Monday.

FIREMEN SEE VICTORY FOREST FIRES BURNING OUT FROM LACK OF FUEL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 3.—(AP)—For the first time in their three day fight with forest fires in the Cleveland National Forest, 20 miles northeast of Santa Ana, the army of men working under the direction of the forest service tonight had victory in sight. The flames, which centered in Santiago, Silverado and Trabuco canyons, were reported burning themselves out due to the lack of new timber stands to attack.

NOTED MINISTER DIES DR. CHASE HAD DIRECTED CAMPAIGN AGAINST VICE

BOSTON, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The Rev. J. Frank Chase who for nearly 20 years directed the campaigns of the New England Watch and Ward society against various vices, drug and liquor selling and gambling, died today at his home in West Roxbury. He had been ill a week from pneumonia and had suffered a shock.

STORE MERGER ANNOUNCED

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Consolidation of the Skaggs United Stores company, the Skaggs Cash Stores company, and the Safeway Stores, Inc., to form a chain of 908 stores and markets in ten western states, was confirmed officially here today.

SCHOOL HEATING CONTRACTS LET

OTHER AWARDS TO BE MADE AFTER CONSIDERATION

School Board Considers 14 Bids at Special Meeting on Wednesday

The contract for heating and ventilating of the projected Tuxedo Park Junior high school was let at a special meeting of the school board last night to J. A. Bernard of 458 South High street at the figure of \$9531. Bids from 14 general contractors for the building of the school and from several competitors for the plumbing and wiring were received and considered by the board.

The building contract will be awarded to either James L. Quinn or Stebbinger Bros., both of Portland, the board reported. Quinn's bid was \$68,490 with a deduction of \$4000 if wood shingles are used and an additional \$1000 if concrete is substituted for tile in the basement floors. The figure of Stebbinger Bros. was \$71,806 with deductions of \$3857 and \$1350 respectively. The two bids were held over for further consideration.

The bids for heating and ventilating ranged from \$9500 to \$10,840 with deductions and additions depending on the installation of oil burners and iron fireman stokers. The lowest bid for the plumbing was \$4894 and the highest \$6283. The bids for wiring ranged from \$2828.60 to \$4350 according to materials used and type of service.

SUPREME COURT SUPPORTS WILL

PIERCE RIGGS TO YEARS OLD AT TIME OF DEATH

Opinion Reverses Judge Taxwell of Multnomah County Probate Court

The state supreme court yesterday upheld a will bequeathing the large estate of Pierce Riggs, late member of a pioneer Polk county family. The opinion, which was written by Justice Bean, reversed Judge George Taxwell of the Multnomah county circuit court which set aside the will as a probate court.

The contest was filed by Etta Mae Riggs, widow of Pierce Riggs, against Seth Riggs, Webb C. Lewis and Cecil L. Riggs, executors of the will, who appeared as appellants in the case.

The decree of the lower court set aside the will and appointed the widow as the administratrix of the estate. The estate was appraised at \$121,235.81, of which \$39,250 represented real estate.

In compliance with the widow's dower, and exempt property set aside to her, and additional allowance made by the probate court, the will bequeathed the entire estate to the three executors who were to distribute it among the testator's brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces. There were 11 of these relatives specified in the will. The executors were authorized to agree with Mrs. Riggs to a voluntary partition, or assignment of dower, or to a substitution for dower.

It was alleged by Mrs. Riggs that Mr. Riggs was not mentally competent at the time he made the will and that he was unduly influenced by his brother, Seth.

Mr. Riggs was 70 years of age at the time of his death. He was a bachelor until 60 years of age, when he married the contestant, who was 38 years old at the time of the marriage.

Other opinions handed down here yesterday follow: H. H. Warden company vs. Vir-

ROYALTY TO WED TODAY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FILL LAST DAY OF PROGRAM

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Princess Astrid of Sweden and Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium today whirled from one official function to another, the central figures in the gay program carried out in honor of their wedding tomorrow.

The princess spent one of the busiest days of her life, but tonight showed few signs of weariness. At all the official receptions, dinners and ceremonies the young princess appeared radiantly happy as did Prince Leopold, who, however, seemed embarrassed at times and showed more or less boredom as one function followed swiftly on another.

Princess Astrid's day began at 7 o'clock this morning and ended at midnight at a gala performance in the opera house.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET CLOSES TODAY

10,000 Children in Oregon Receiving Graded Bible Instruction Now

NEXT MEET AT BAKER

Robert Davids Explained Work of National Council of Religious Education, 200 Delegates in Attendance

With more than 200 delegates in attendance, the first day of the Oregon Sunday School convention ended last night. The second and last day of the convention will take place today. The delegates represent all the counties of western Oregon.

The eastern Oregon convention will be held at Baker Friday, Saturday and Sunday following the Salem convention.

The value of summer conferences in religious training for young people was emphasized by Dr. C. I. Andrews of the Kimball School of Theology, speaking at the morning sessions. There are 5000 young people in the United States attending these conferences every summer, he stated.

The general work of the national council of religious education was described by Robert Davids of Chicago, international secretary of organization and administration.

A report was given by the educational committee, consisting of 25 members, one from each of the 16 demonstrations represented, and from each college in the state. Activities and plans for field work with the county councils and standardization of week day religious education was included in the report.

The important place of religion in the educational program of colleges was emphasized by Roy R. Hewitt, professor of political economy at OAC. Not one thoughtful leader in political education does not declare that religious life is absolutely necessary in any strong political structure, he said.

There are about 10,000 children in Oregon receiving graded Bible instruction under trained teachers and with adequate educational equipment, according to a report by Dr. W. J. Sly. This is being done in public school time. Standards for teachers of religious education were outlined by Dr. Sly.

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THIRTEEN BILLS LOSE IN COUNTY

HYDRO-ELECTRIC MEASURE IS SWAMPED BY LARGE VOTE

Nego Repeal Act and Fish Bills Among Those Meeting People's Favor

Marion county voters turned out in large numbers Tuesday to express their approval or disapproval on the 19 measures on the ballot. Late last night complete returns were received on the 74 precincts in the county and it was found that the people favored six measures and voted against 13.

The hydro-electric bill was hit the hardest and received a vote of 1432 yes and 10,679 no. The negro repeal act was carried by a vote of two to one although a number voted against it in spite of the fact that it is unconstitutional. The cigarette measure was frowned upon by a majority of Marion county people as was also both normal school bills. The Dennis resolution and the Grange income tax bill met similar fates. Complete returns on all of the

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QUANTITY OF OLD GOODS RECEIVED

MANY CHILDREN BRING BUNDLES OF GOOD CLOTHES

Matinee Given by Oregon Theater and Statesman Proves Successful

The annual pre-Thanksgiving offering of clothing to the Salem poor was made by the younger generation yesterday at the Oregon theatre, where they brought their bundles of old clothes and used them as tickets to the matinee of "3 Bad Men."

An automobile was stacked full of the clothing, which was taken to the office of Associated Charities to be dealt out to those who are in need. Mrs. Mae Young, in charge of the charity work, said that the clothing brought by the children was excellent and of even better quality than that contributed at the first "old clothes" matinee last year.

It is believed that more children would have attended had the matinee been with the afternoon school schedule, also if the picture had been a new one which many had not already seen.

The "old clothes" matinee was the opening gun of the Associated Charities drive for clothing and provisions for the poor, and now the parents will be asked to do their part to provide the necessary relief articles. It should be remembered that all kinds of provisions are required as well as clothing.

THE RETREAT FROM MOSCOW



CANNERIES PLAN FOR EXPANSION

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF DRIED AND CANNED FRUITS

Cannery Still Running, With Close of 1926 Season Only a Few Days Off

The big Hunt cannery in Salem is still running full handed on apples. But the managers are racing to wind up the season by Saturday night. It may or may not take a few days longer. This will definitely end the canning season of 1926 in Salem, and the Salem district.

The apples that are coming to the cannery now are mostly from local orchards, and a large proportion of the big pack has been of apples grown in this section.

After the last of the apples are taken care of, there will be a vacation until gooseberries come next spring. But there will be many things to do about the canneries; shipping of the stocks on hand to the markets, cleaning up and getting ready for the 1927 season—and perhaps new buildings to construct and additional machinery to install.

Rumors of New Ones There are rumors of new canneries in Salem for next year, and other rumors of large additions to be made to the old canneries; but there is nothing very definite along these scores.

W. G. Allen, manager of the Hunt cannery, was asked by the reporter yesterday if there are to be additions to that big plant. He answered that he did not know. (The reporter intimated that he would not tell if he did know.) But his rejoinder was, "I hope so." That is, he hopes there may be some improvements to this already largest individual cannery plant in Salem; a plant that in the busy season in three days puts up as much fruit as made up the whole pack in Salem as short a time ago as 1911. Every year has seen growth at this huge plant.

There Is Much Shipping The shipping out of fruit from Salem is going on constantly on a large scale. The last three and a half days of last week, Paulus & Co. shipped out 20 car loads of canned and dried fruits. Since August 31 this firm has paid to the growers of this section over \$500,000. This does not include the money the concern has paid on its brokerage business. Just now there is a brisk demand for dried apples, and a heavy sale of their fruit product. Salem now does no drying of apples, but a big tonnage is dried in southern and eastern Oregon and eastern Washington, and Paulus & Co. have been handling a lot of the product, on a brokerage basis.

A Lot of Prunes This firm has shipped about

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EVANGEL HELD FOR TRIAL BY COURT ORDER

"Sufficient Cause to Believe Defendant Guilty," Says Judge Blake

VERBAL BLOWS STRUCK

Ormliston Is Branded as "Coward, Hiding and Blinking Afraid to Come Before Court" by Prosecutor

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Almea Semple McPherson, evangelist, ordered held for trial on criminal conspiracy charges today, approached her pulpit in Angelus Temple tonight with the judge's statement ringing in her ears that she lay under "strong suspicion" of guilt.

In binding over to the superior court the religious leader, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and her chief accuser, Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sieff, Judge Samuel R. Blake, youngest jurist in Los Angeles, said:

"After a full examination of the entire evidence there is sufficient cause to believe the defendant guilty.

"Sufficient cause is and has been construed as 'reasonable or probable cause,' which means such a state of facts as would lead a man of ordinary caution and prudence to believe and conscientiously entertain a strong suspicion that the persons accused are guilty."

Judge Blake fixed bail at \$2500 for each defendant.

The evangelist became white as she heard the decision that sent

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CANDIDATES FILE LIST OF EXPENSES

SEVERAL REPORT NO EXPENDITURES FOR ELECTION

Cramer Spends \$5 in Making Campaign for Seat in Legislature

Theodore P. Cramer, Jr., republican-democratic candidate for representative in the legislature for the seventh district, expended \$5 in making his campaign preceding the general election, according to an expense account filed in the office of the secretary of state here yesterday.

Candidates who spent no money during the campaign included C. H. Gram, republican, for labor commissioner; A. W. Norblad, republican, for state senator for the 15th senatorial district; Mark A. Paulson, republican, for representative from the first district; R. L. Gile, republican, for representative from the fourth district.

Fred W. German, republican, for representative from the 18th district; W. C. North, republican, for representative from the 18th district; DeWitt Harry, democrat, for representative from the 18th district; Frank Schlegel, democrat, for representative from the 18th district, and C. M. Warren, independent, trustee for the Salmon River-Grande Rondé highway improvement district.

MANY ATTEND DINNER ROBERTSON SPEAKS AT WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

More than 80 persons were present at a dinner given by the Salem Business and Professional Women's club last night in the First Presbyterian church to hear Major C. A. Robertson, for the past 12 years a resident of Europe, discuss international affairs. The reason for the present hatreds and injustices that prevail all over Europe is the iniquitous Versailles peace treaty, according to Major Robertson. Most of the Central European countries created by the war, such as Poland, Jugoslavia, and Rumania, are filled with "little Alsace-Lorraine," he claimed. Until this condition is corrected, these countries will not be able to govern themselves well, he believes. Much of the blame for the conditions was placed on Raymond Poincare, French statesman, by Major Robertson.

GENERAL WATER GROUP TO MEET

CHAIRMAN SAYS COMMITTEE READY TO REPORT

Question of Municipal Ownership of Waterworks Now to be Threshed Out

The special committee on valuation of the general water committee appointed by Mayor Giesy to consider the purchase of the Salem Water company's plant is now ready to report. The following letter was yesterday mailed to members of the general committee:

"Dear Sir: The general water committee appointed by Mayor John E. Giesy to consider purchase of the Salem Water company's plant, is requested to meet at the chamber of commerce on Friday evening of this week, Nov. 5, at 8 o'clock, to receive the report of the special committee on valuation.

"The report is prepared and ready to be submitted. This includes the engineer's valuation and an estimate of probable earnings under city management. It is urged that you attend.

"F. G. DECKEBACH, Chairman."

Salem, Or., Nov. 3, 1926. What This Means This means that, after many months, an agreement has been reached between the engineering firm of the city and the engineer of the Salem Water company on the valuation of the plant, and the next step will be a thorough consideration of the report—

To be followed by proceedings necessary to get the matter before the people in an election to decide on the question of the purchase; to decide on the question of municipal ownership of the city water system. It will manifestly have to be a special election, as the report of the engineers was not submitted in time to take the necessary proceedings to get the question on the ballot for Tuesday's election.

There are many considerations making municipal ownership of the water system desirable for Salem. It is evident that the whole matter is now soon to be threshed out.

TANKER GROUNDS IN FOG ASSOCIATED OIL SHIP UNABLE TO GIVE POSITION

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Nov. 3.—(AP)—The Associated Oil tanker Solano went ashore at Point Arguello more than 100 miles north of here shortly after 6 o'clock tonight, and SOS picked up by the Federal Telegraph Radio station said.

The tanker was unable to give its position accurately due to the heavy fog which was responsible for its going aground. It is also unknown as yet what the extent of damages was or whether it would be possible to refloat the ship. The tanker Betterton was known to be in the vicinity of the Solano but it was handicapped by the fog in attempting to reach the grounded boat.

U. S. BOATS CARRY RUM INVESTIGATION REVEALS CORRUPT CONDITION

BOSTON, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The Boston American says tonight in a copyrighted story that six Boston coast guard boats, ferrying liquor from rum row at a "union price" of \$1 a case, have led to a federal investigation that has revealed coast guard boats as regular liquor carriers with some of their officers as part owners in rum row vessels.

WOMAN'S INJURIES FATAL MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN THROWN FROM HAYRACK

BEND, Ore., Nov. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. James Harter, 30 years old and the mother of three children, was fatally injured when thrown from a hayrack drawn by a runaway team of horses in the Tumalo community about ten miles from Bend. The woman was driving the team and was alone in the hayrack when the accident happened. It is not known how the team became frightened. She died just before reaching the hospital in Bend.

SECOND TRIAL PROMISED

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Federal Attorney Emory R. Bucher announced tonight he again would prosecute ex-Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty and former alien property custodian Thomas W. Miller, whose recent trial on charges of conspiring to defraud the government resulted in a jury disagreement.

STEINER LEAD GAINS AS VOTE TOTALS SOAR

Patterson Majority Over 25,000 Against Pierce in Governor Race

COUNT NEARS FINISH

W. C. Hawley Defeated Barely Three to One in First Representative District for Congress

PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Election of Frederick Steiwer, Pendleton, republican, as Utah States senator, was indicated tonight in returns tonight. Steiwer's lead over Bert Haney, democrat, after hovering between 40 and 5000 most of the day took jump to more than 6000 on late tabulation.

Steiwer had \$2,673. Haney 7,690, and Senator Robert N. Stefield, independent, 47,147, with 1897 precincts out of 1847 in state were reported. W. Adams, independent, had 2802.

Senator Stanfield entered senatorial race to succeed himself as an independent after losing Steiwer in the primary last May.

The governorship race, a contest between two farmers, won by I. L. Patterson, of Hoquiam, republican, who defeated Governor Walter M. Pierce, democrat, whose home is in the cow country of eastern Oregon. Returns for 1897 precincts gave Patterson 112,511, Pierce 86,971. H. Stallard, independent, who filed record of state prohibition law, received 11,706.

Another wet was beaten in a race in the third congressional district, in which M. E. Crumpacker, republican, incumbent, defeated John K. Carson, Jr., democrat, who declared in favor of repeal of the 18th amendment. With all but one precinct count stood, Crumpacker 51,300, Carson 20,007.

In the first district W. C. Hawley, republican, defeated N. Borden, democrat, nearly three to one, and in the second district J. Sinnott, republican, won of J. H. Hodgins, democrat, more than two to one.

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WITNESS REFUTES HALL-MILLS' ALIBI

TRIAL OPENS FOUR YEARS AFTER DOUBLE SLAYING

Little Country Courthouse Made to Accommodate Human Drama

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 3.—(AP)—The first of the Hall-Mills trials was opened today, four years after the double killing in which they are based. In the county courthouse here, made used to accommodate a page, drama already allotted a page, American criminal annals.

Opening this case, the state moved with contrasting swiftness. John L. Dixon, of North Plainfield, N. J., hitherto unmentioned in the lists of more than 20 prospective witnesses, was called to deliver the first blow at a tense alibi.

He told how he had, step from his home at about 9 o'clock on the night that Edward Wheeler Hall and choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor M. Stevens, were shot down, to find W. Stevens, one of the defendants, the door. Stevens, who, with brother Henry, and his sister, minister's widow, are on trial, murder, has asserted he spent entire evening in question at Hall home. His statement to effect has been supported by Hall.

Dixon testified that Willie H. him he had just been sent from his sister's automobile that he understood Willie to have himself near the Par house, a home for the aged at 509 yards away from the supposed scene of the murders.

Willie was stout, Dixon said, and appeared excited. After resting him to a wicker chair, on said he lost sight of him, seeing him get on a street

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