

The Oregon Statesman

Russia is seeking more visitors from the United States, and is almost on the verge of guaranteeing safe conduct. — Detroit Free Press.

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair east, and unsettled in west portion; probably rain in the northeast portion; moderate temperature, southerly winds. Maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 44; river, -1.3; rainfall, .02; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, south.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WATER SYSTEM OWNED BY CITY GOOD PROPERTY

Appraised Value of \$792,000; Would Be Worth \$1,130,000

ON 1925 INCOME BASIS

Chance for Extension Costing \$369,912, Without Considering Nine Per Cent Annual Increase

At the meeting of the committee of business men appointed by the mayor, at the Salem Chamber of Commerce last evening, there was submitted a letter, written by Ernest C. Willard, Portland, consulting engineer of the water company, and directed to Chas. A. Park, president of the Salem Water, Light and Power company, which letter in full is printed below, the basis of valuation being that arrived at by the board of appraisal, which was \$792,000.

October 2, 1926. Mr. Chas. A. Park, President, Salem Water, Light & Power Co., Salem, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Park: Referring to your request for data for the arguments in favor of the purchase of the property of your company by the city of Salem. It would seem that the strongest and most logical argument can be based upon the earnings of the property.

During the year 1925 the gross operating revenue as shown by your reports to the public service commission was \$135,934, and I have prepared the following condensed income statement, using operating expenses as a basis and making certain adjustments for operation by the City of Salem. This condensed income statement, which will be more fully explained, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Operating revenue (\$135,934), Operating expense (including depreciation) (\$53,050), Deductions (Uncollectible bills \$932, Taxes \$4,421, etc.), Total (\$73,637).

It will be noted in the above statement that the item of operating expense does not include the annual allowance which was made by the company for depreciation, which amounted to \$12,020.

It has been assumed in this calculation that if such an allowance was made by the city, it would be used for the purpose of retiring the bonds when they become due, as it would be unfair to the present generation to require them to

ASTRID LEAVES NATIVE COUNTRY

GREAT CROWD WATCHES THE PRINCESS DEPART ON SHIP

Guns Give Royal Salute as Cruiser Reaches Outer Harbor at Malmo

MALMOE, Sweden, Nov. 5.—(AP).—Almost alone on the deck of the Swedish cruiser Fylgia, Princess Astrid vainly tried to hide the tears that came as the warship steamed out of the harbor here today to take her to Belgium where she will join her husband, Crown Prince Leopold. The tears were brought on seemingly by realization that she was leaving her native land for an adopted one, but later there also were tears of joy over the warmth of the farewells of a great crowd that had gathered to see her depart.

Looking very chic in a gray tailor made suit and holding her wedding bouquet, Astrid waved goodbye, as she tried to hide the tears. The band played the Belgian national anthem "La Brabanconne." A ferry steamed out of the harbor, bearing Astrid's Danish royal relatives for final goodbyes, King Christian of Denmark standing on the deck, earnestly waving his hand. When the Fylgia was well outside the harbor, there was a roar of guns in salute. Princess Astrid, niece of King Gustav of Sweden, and Crown Prince Leopold were united in marriage by civil ceremony at Stockholm yesterday. They now are on their way to Belgium by separate routes and at Brussels next Wednesday the religious ceremony will be performed.

BUS AND TRUCK RULES IN FORCE

COMMISSION SENDS OUT QUESTIONNAIRES TO OPERATORS

State Rules Extend Only to Those Doing Transportation for Pay

What trucks and buses operating in the state of Oregon are subject to the provisions of House Bill No. 413, which was affirmed by the voters at the general election last Tuesday, is to be determined through a series of questionnaires sent out to truck and bus operators by the public service commission here yesterday.

"The supreme court," read a letter accompanying the questionnaire, "in passing on a similar act has held that state regulation extends only to corporations and persons engaged in the business of transporting persons and property by motor vehicles for compensation over the highways of the state as common carriers.

As to whether or not the operations of any particular corporation or person are common carrier operations is a matter of fact that can only be determined by the commission after investigation. Operators were requested in the questionnaire to supply the commission with the following information: Name and place of business. Kind of service, number, kind, character and capacity of vehicles. Where books are kept. Territory served. Financial statement. Kind and character of insurance field. Statement showing operating revenues and operating expenses for the portion of the year 1926 last past. No permit will be issued by the commission to an operator unless a full and complete answer has been filed in this office to the above questionnaire.

CHOSEN FOR AD CLUB

PATTERSON TURNS OUT FOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

OREGON AGRICULTURAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 5.—(AP).—Ezra Webb of Salem has been chosen for membership to the O. A. C. Advertising club, by Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity. Webb is one of eight men chosen as new members of the club this year.

Frank Patterson, also of Salem, has turned out for varsity basketball this year. He is trying for the position of forward, and is making a strong bid for the first squad.

Members of the varsity squad are working overtime in an effort to get perfection in defense and offense. Fundamentals of each style are being stressed by R. H. "Bob" Hagar, varsity basketball coach. The men are working to be in condition for the annual barnstorming trip to California during the Christmas holidays.

HEALTH ADDRESS GIVEN

EDUCATIONAL FILM ON DENTISTRY SHOWN BY DR. BRUNK

Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, deputy county health officer, and Dr. Estill L. Brunk, director of dental service of the Marion county health demonstration, spoke at a community group meeting at Scotts Mills Thursday night at which about 75 were present.

Dr. Brunk showed a film entitled Tommy Traker's Tooth, and spoke of educational aspects of public health dentistry. Mr. Douglas told the Scotts Mills people of the diphtheria campaign the health unit is now waging throughout the county, and in which this was one of a series of meetings.

Dr. Brunk gave his same talk at a similar meeting in Gervais Wednesday night.

ASSESSMENTS LEVIED

MONEY FROM LEVY USED TO PAY LOSSES BY FIRE

The state board of control yesterday levied assessments against several state institutions aggregating \$35,000 which will go into what is known as the state restoration fund. This assessment is made annually, and the money derived from the levy is used to pay fire losses at the institutions. Fire losses at the Cottage Farm, which is operated in connection with the Oregon state hospital, and girls industrial school, will be paid out of the assessment levied here yesterday. These fires occurred some time ago with nominal losses.

LARGE TAX CUT REFUND MEETS COOLIDGE OKEH

Basis of Survey Reveals Surplus for Year Amounts to 250 Billion

INSTALLMENT DUE SOON

Permanent Reduction in Revenue Not to Be Asked of Short Session of Congress in December

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(AP).—Immediate reduction in the form of a refund of 10 to 12 per cent on individual corporation taxes paid this year on last year's incomes was approved today by President Coolidge.

It was said at the White House that studies made by the President during the last few days indicated the surplus for this year would amount to at least \$250,000,000, and on that basis Mr. Coolidge believed the refund warranted.

While the president will make a recommendation to the present congress at its short session opening in December, he will not ask for a permanent cut tax in the form of a new revenue law at this time.

It is the plan of the executive that refunds should be given on this year's taxes, the last installment of which is due December 15, but that the present rates should apply on the next year's taxes and until congress is able to determine whether a permanent reduction is possible.

The White House pronouncement occasioned some surprise at the treasury, where it has been repeatedly asserted that it was too early to talk tax reduction. It was stated there, however, that the program of the president was sound from the treasury viewpoint in that it did not call for permanent reduction.

It was made clear that the president thought the refund should apply only on the individual and corporation income taxes and not on the special miscellaneous levies, including the taxes on automobiles and admissions.

A refund of 10 or 12 per cent would mean the return of between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000 to the tax payers. This will almost equal the estimated surplus.

Possibility of the tax refund resulted, it was said at the White House, from excessive receipts during the current year over those

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OLD GRADS BACK FOR HOMECOMING

FESTIVITIES OPENED LAST NIGHT WITH BIG PARADE

Stunts and Football Game With CPS Special Features This Afternoon

With many graduates of Willamette university already on the campus and more expected today, the annual Homecoming week and celebration at the university got under way last night with a pep rally and pajama parade through the downtown streets, in which hordes of wildly exuberant students participated.

Other events at last night's opening festivities included a banquet at the Gray Belle restaurant by the "W" club, at which Brazier Small, justice of the peace and prominent Salem attorney, also a Willamette graduate, presided, and a fireworks display on the football field put on by the freshman class.

The returning alumni will register at Eaton hall this morning and will take part in the ceremonies at the Alumni Chapel session at 11 o'clock, to which the undergraduate students are also invited. A luncheon and business meeting for the alumni will be held at noon.

The big event of the week end will take place at 2 o'clock when the Willamette Bears meet the College of Puget Sound team in a football game on Sweetland field. Temporary bleachers have been erected to hold the large crowd that is expected, and a barrier has been built around the north side time.

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MILLS EVIDENCE UNDERGOES FIRE

HUNDREDS OF QUESTIONS ASKED CHURCH SEXTON

Mrs. Hill and Brothers Sit Through Trying Court Day, Composed

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 5.—(AP).—James Mills, husband of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, the choir singer, who was slain with the Rev. Edward W. Hall, four years ago, testified for three hours today, but contributed no information as to the double killing and only vague testimony as to events preceding the tragedy.

Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the minister and her brothers, Willie and Henry Stevens, all charged with the murder of Mrs. Mills, sat through the trying court day without losing their composure.

Only once during Mills' testimony did Mrs. Hill's lips seem to quiver and her eyes appear to be on the verge of tears. This was

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PRUNE GROWERS DISCUSS MARKET

FEDERATED CLUBS OF POLK COUNTY SPONSOR MEET

Producers and Packers Should Set Minimum Price Says Neuner

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 5.—(AP).—More than 250 prune growers from Oregon and Washington assembled in this city today to discuss the marketing situation and attempt to perfect some sort of an organization that will guarantee profit to the industry.

The meeting was called by the Federated clubs of Polk county, which had the cooperation of the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce. H. J. Elliott of Perrydale, president of the Polk County Federated clubs, presided. At the forenoon session representatives of various packing companies were present, but it is of little encouragement as to improvement of the situation, which has been discouraging to the prune growers for several years.

The afternoon session was for growers only, many of whom addressed the gathering, but there were so many different ideas on organization that nothing definite was accomplished other than to arrange that each county with a prune acreage in Oregon, together with Clark county, Wash., should appoint three representatives to serve on a general committee to study the matter and report at a later meeting.

George Neuner, United States district attorney of Portland, and a prominent prune grower of Douglas county, was the principal speaker this afternoon. He is sponsoring a plan whereby the growers and packers can get together and establish a minimum price for the product.

WRIT OF ERROR GRANTED

KEELERS ARREST INVOLVED SALE OF SOME BONDS

A writ of error was granted by the state supreme court here yesterday in the case of Frank W. Keeler, Portland bond broker, who is seeking to enjoin Stanley Myers, district attorney of Multnomah county, from submitting to the grand jury there certain documents found in Keeler's possession at the time he was arrested a few months ago charged with dealing in securities without first obtaining a permit from the state corporation commissioner.

The circuit court for Multnomah county held in favor of District Attorney Myers, and this decree later was affirmed by the state supreme court. Attorneys for Keeler said the case would be appealed to the United States supreme court for final determination.

Keeler's arrest involved the sale of bonds issued by the town of Orece.

FASCISM FOES FEEL MILITANT HEEL OF DUCE

Penalty of Death Approved for Those Who Attempt Life of Premier

DRASTIC ORDERS PASSED

Opposition of Press Terminated by Decrees Suspending Publication of Anti-Fascist Periodicals

ROME, Nov. 5.—(AP).—Militant fascism, stung by last Sunday's attempt against the life of Premier Mussolini, today struck at its foes in a series of drastic repressive measures which were approved by the cabinet sitting under the presidency of the duce himself.

All the measures, after approval by the grand fascist council, will go to the chamber of deputies at a session Tuesday, especially convoked by the premier.

The decrees approved by the cabinet provide the penalty of death for every attempt to injure or molest the premier, or to strike against the fascist regime; provide heavy penalties, as much as 30 years imprisonment, for direct and indirect opposition; create an elaborate system of political police to watch every movement of every anti-fascist at home and abroad, and to put the opposition press out of existence.

Not since the autumn of 1925, when fascism had apparently won a crushing victory over its foes, have fascist leaders reopened hostility against the enemies of their regime with so much vigor. Yesterday the premier, in a cryptic sentence, gave promise to a crowd of black shirts that their demand for war against the opposition would be met.

"Tomorrow," said Mussolini, from the balcony of the Ghigi palace, "we will have the acts you have been awaiting."

Today that declaration materialized in the form of a series of the most drastic and comprehensive decrees for the purpose of the expiration of opposition, which have been approved since the advent of the fascist party to power.

These decrees, whose intention

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SEEK VALUE REDUCTION

EQUALIZATION BOARD SEEN BY LARGE COMPANIES

Representatives of the Pullman Car company, American Railway Express company and the California-Oregon Lumber company appeared before members of the state board of equalization here yesterday and requested a reduction of their property valuations. Assessments for the year 1927 will be made on the property valuations for 1926 approved by the equalization board.

The Pullman company asked that their property valuations in Oregon be reduced somewhat from \$1,050,421.50. The reduction was asked, the attorneys for the company said, because of business losses due to motor vehicle traffic.

The original property valuations of the American Railway Express company were fixed at \$539,287.60 and the California-Oregon Lumber company at \$16,000.

It was said that representatives of a number of other corporations would appear before the board of equalization later in the month.

NICARAGUA FEELS QUAKE

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED AND MANY INJURED

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 5.—(AP).—For nearly a minute early today Managua and most of Nicaragua trembled in the worst earthquake felt in the country for 28 years. A number of persons were killed and many injured, while the property damage was estimated at \$4,000,000.

The worst damage was done at Leon, about 50 miles northwest of Managua. There about 80 per cent of the houses sustained damage and many of them were totally destroyed. The towers of the old cathedral fell to the ground and all the walls were badly cracked.

In Managua, about 50 per cent of the houses show damage. At the first signs of the quake, the people rushed to the streets, remaining there for several hours fearing further shocks.

Lost Glasses Found

MRS. JOHN PORTER FINDS HAWLEY SPECTACLES

Somewhere in the Silver Creek Falls region Congressman W. C. Hawley lost a pair of gold rimmed glasses that were suspended from his vest by a gold chain when he, accompanied by County Judge Hunt, County Commissioner John H. Porter and Deputy Roadmaster Frank Johnson, made a visit to the district Wednesday with a view of determining the advisability of establishing a national park.

The loss was not discovered until the party returned to Salem and Mr. Hawley felt the loss of the glasses keenly, for they were the best fitting spectacles he has ever had.

Mrs. John H. Porter, wife of the commissioner, heard of the loss and volunteered to locate the glasses. The party had covered a great deal of ground and had gone through brush covered trails and woods and the task seemed impossible.

The glasses were found, however, by Mrs. Porter, under the north falls of Silver creek where vine maple and overhanging rocks makes the passageway very narrow. It is thought the vines tore the glasses from Mr. Hawley's vest as he was making the trip under the falls.

The glasses are once more fastened to the congressman's vest.

QUEEN PROVOKED BY PARTY'S SPLIT

MARIE MIXES BATTER AND ATTENDS WAFFLE IRON

Sam Hill Passes Out Cigars to Neighbors at Blaine Farm Home

ON MARIE'S TRAIN, Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 5.—(AP).—Queen Marie reached the turning point in her journey today, hoping that the annoying situation aboard her train resulting from differences between her self-styled host and her special aide would be cleared up when Seattle is reached tomorrow.

While Samuel Hill, millionaire builder of the Maryhill museum of fine arts dedicated by Marie two days ago, and Major Stanley Washburn, the special aide, remained apart today under terms of a truce, Queen Marie had a waffle breakfast at Hill's Blaine, Wash., farm home, cooking waffles for herself and Prince Nicolas and Princess Ileana.

Although Mr. Hill has said he was not certain when he would leave the royal train, others aboard expected he would be dropped at Seattle. They contended that his role of host to her majesty ceased when Marie dedicated his museum, and that Colonel John H. Carroll, who stepped aside in his behalf at Maryhill, should again assume the office. He holds a document signed by Marie placing him in full charge of the tour.

Queen Marie is undisputedly provoked by the split between her Maryhill host and Major Washburn, and although she has had frequent conferences with all concerned, but no statement had come from the royal car.

Confusion attended the waffle breakfast in the Hill home at Blaine, the host having expected only Marie and her children to sit at the kitchen table with him. Members of the official family arrived at intervals, however, until nearly 20 persons were grouped about a table set for four. Marie tried her hand at handling the batter, turning out waffles for Nicholas and Ileana and herself.

Mr. Hill left the table long enough to appear at the door of the home to wave to assembled neighbors and to pass out a box of cigars to them.

DESCHUTES LED THEM

POLK REPORTS FIRST COMPLETE ELECTION RETURNS

Deschutes was the first county in Oregon to report to the secretary of state partial returns of the recent general election. Polk was the first county in the state to report its complete returns.

Canvassing of the votes cast at last Tuesday's election is now under way, and probably will be completed within the next two weeks.

PEDDLER LEAVES FORTUNE

GREENSBURG, Pa., Nov. 5.—An estate of \$200,000 was left to relatives by the will of Wolf Daniels, who came to America 45 years ago from Russian Poland and began life as a peddler.

GROUP STUDIES SPECIAL REPORT WATER WORKS

Engineers' Report Places Valuation of Property at \$782,000

DEFER ACTION 30 DAYS

Question Raised Whether Committee Should Favor Purchasing Plant at Price Mentioned by Engineers

After much hashing and rehashing of the proposed purchase of the water company by the city of Salem, the general committee of 25 voted last night to lay the matter over for 30 days providing for a subcommittee to investigate further during that time. F. G. Deckebach and Dr. B. L. Steeves, with such others as they may appoint, constitute this subcommittee.

It was only by a narrow margin that the group avoided passing the buck completely, when a motion by Isadore Greenbaum to refer the report of the engineers hired to appraise the water property to the city council with the recommendation that it be put up to a vote of the people was narrowly defeated. Whereupon Mr. Greenbaum and two or three supporters of his motion decided that nothing more could be done and left the meeting.

It was then that R. J. Hendricks, perceiving that the majority of the committee did not feel well enough informed to go on record last night either for or against the purchase, moved that 30 days more time be given for study of the problem and that a subcommittee confer with the water company during that time and report back to the general committee.

A Good Investment. One highlight of last night's meeting was the report of Engineer Ernest Willard, representative of the water company, which

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WETS DISRUPTED THINKS WHEELER

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM BILLS DOOMED

Dry Sentiment of Nation Revealed By General Election of Last Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(AP).—Wayne B. Wheeler of the Anti-Saloon league, issued a statement tonight saying the results of Tuesday's election show "that the party which takes a wet stand in 1928 is doomed to disruption."

"Latest and complete returns from practically all districts," he continued, "show increased gains, both in the referendum election fights and congressional contests. Seventy-one per cent of the democratic members and 73 per cent of the republican members of the next house with 70 per cent of the democratic and 76 per cent of the republican members of the next senate have dry voting records or have made dry pronouncements.

"The dry sentiment of the nation is revealed in the re-election of 296 members of the present congress who have dry records. Only nine out of the 35 senators elected on November 2 are wet. Of the 39 new members of the house, at least 25 have dry records or made dry pronouncements in the states.

"At least ten members of the house and four or five in the senate not classed as dry will oppose any effort to repeal the national prohibition act or to write unconstitutional provisions in it.

"The referendum elections in New York and Illinois to substitute a definition of intoxicating liquor which would include only those which are intoxicating in fact, will have little weight. Mem-

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THE BLACK PIRATE

Douglas Fairbanks' greatest screen play, in technicolor, never before seen here, begins today at The Elsinore.

UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN

