

The Oregon Statesman

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

FORECAST: Unsettled with probably rain; moderate temperature; increasing east to southeast winds on coast.

The celebration of Columbus Day passed pleasantly without Rupert Hughes' telling us that Columbus was disappointed in love, that he chewed fine cut tobacco or that he ate with his knife.

DRIVE STARTS FOR PLEDGING BEET ACREAGE

Portland Chamber of Commerce Back Movement for Securing Industry

1000 ACRES FOR 1927

8000 Acres Needed for 1928, Plan Then for Erection of \$2,000,000 Sugar Factory in This Community

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Salem chamber of commerce last evening, it was decided to go forward at once with the campaign for a minimum of 1000 acres of beets to be grown next year...

The basis of it. The basis of this action is letters from the Utah-Idaho Sugar company and the Portland chamber of commerce, preceded by a long campaign in Salem, promoted by the Salem chamber of commerce.

GOVERNMENT AID IN HIGHWAY WORK

NO ACTION TAKEN IN NEAR FUTURE FOR SKYLINE ROAD

District Forester Tells Chamber of Commerce of Proposed Highways

No action will be taken in the near future toward building the so-called Skyline road along the top of the Cascades from Mt. Hood south, Major C. M. Granger, district forester for Oregon and Washington, told the chamber of commerce members at their weekly luncheon Monday noon.

Considerable objection has arisen to the building of the road on sanitary grounds, he said, as it is thought it would endanger the water supplies of cities taking the drinking water from streams flowing from the Cascade mountain watershed.

Among the forest roads to be built in the near future, Major Granger stated, are one from Detroit to Humboldt creek six miles long, and Detroit to Fish Lake, 25 miles long. These two roads represent a cost of \$185,000.

Nearly 900 permits for summer homes in the national forests of Oregon have been issued, according to Major Granger. These sites can be leased for 30 years at \$15 a year for tracts a half acre or less in size.

The district offering the best cooperation to the federal government will probably get the most consideration in building a road across the Cascade mountains. Such a road would cost between \$1,000,000 and \$2,500,000, Major Granger stated.

BREAK BLOCKED; SAWS DISCOVERED

KARO SYRUP CAN CONTAINED SEVERAL HACK SAWS

Innocent Looking Package of Sugar Hiding Place for Wire Clippers

A can of Karo Syrup and a package of sugar are not as innocent as they sometimes appear according to Sheriff Bower and his deputies, who found in them the makings of a real wholesale delivery, from the Marion county jail.

The first installment of implements arrived a week ago, but Sheriff Bower saw fit to keep it quiet for a time in the hope that some clue as to the sender would come of it. Saturday night he arrested Gordon Gillis, who is charged with the crime.

A week ago yesterday a messenger boy gave to Mrs. Bower a number of bundles containing groceries. Mrs. Bower wanted him to leave them at the office, but he insisted on leaving them with her. The package was taken to the office and opened. Investigation disclosed a number of hack saws in the Karo syrup, several of them being broken in two pieces.

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PROBE LIMEROCK RATES

SIMILAR INVESTIGATION IS STARTED BY GOVERNOR

The public service commission yesterday instituted on its own motion an investigation of lime rock rates in effect on lines of the Southern Pacific company, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company, United Railways, Oregon Electric and Oregon & California Railroad company.

A similar investigation was started at the request of Governor Pierce a few weeks ago in an effort to secure lower lime rock rates on the lines of the Southern Pacific company. The investigation ordered today increased the scope of the previous probe and includes practically all of the railroads operating in the state of Oregon.

The hearing will be held in Salem November 26.

TWO CARS ARE WRECKED

MAN RECEIVES BROKEN LEG AND OTHER INJURIES

Bail for Sam Lowe of Spokane was set at \$100 yesterday in justice court here. Lowe is charged with reckless driving by R. A. Terry of Detroit, Mich., who is in a local hospital with a broken leg, dislocated knee, and three broken ribs as a result of a crash between his car and one driven by Lowe Saturday on the Pacific highway near Brooks.

Both cars were badly wrecked by the collision and knocked into the ditch. Terry holds that Lowe was entirely to blame for the accident. A warrant for Lowe's arrest was sent out yesterday.

MELLON BOOSTS TAX CUT ANTE ANOTHER NOTCH

Secretary Declares Saving of 15 Per Cent Possible for Next Year

CONGRESS MAY HIT IDEA

Round Table Discussion With Press Representatives Brings Forth Many Plans for Refundment

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Secretary Mellon today again boosted the ante on the plan of President Coolidge for income tax credit, declaring it would be safe to permit tax payers a saving of at least 15 per cent on their next year's income levies.

The 15 per cent minimum credit was predicated, Mr. Mellon explained, on a prospective surplus of \$300,000,000 for this fiscal year. First estimates made by the president indicated a surplus of \$200,000,000 and on that ground he proposed a 10 per cent credit which later was boosted to 12 1/2 per cent.

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At a round table discussion of taxes with newspaper men, Mr. Mellon frankly called for alternative proposals to the plan to give a credit on next year's income levies as a means of returning to the taxpayers the prospective surplus.

BEWARE! KEEP YOUR NAME OFF THIS ROLL



COUNCIL PLANS TAXICABS' FEES

MANY PAVING ORDINANCES MEET WITH APPROVAL

Reject Petition of Burger Bros. For Building Service Station

Grave doubts that the city of Salem can enforce its ordinance assessing a \$20 annual fee against all taxicabs or buses operating within the city were expressed by W. P. Ellis, attorney for the public service commission, and an authority on such matters, according to a report made by the ways and means committee to the city council at its last meeting last night.

The committee had been appointed to investigate the possibility of carrying the taxicab fee case to the courts by fighting an injunction brought against the city by the Oregon Stages, Inc., several months ago. To carry this case into the supreme court will cost between \$1500 and \$2000, the committee found.

That the city will not attempt to enforce the ordinance is indicated by an ordinance read for the first time last night, in which a \$10 fee is specified. The ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee.

The council rejected the petition of Burger Brothers to erect a service station at Capitol and Center streets, on the grounds that the matter had already been turned down by the city planning and zoning commission and that

WALNUT EXHIBIT CREATES DEMAND

BUYER ALSO ATTRACTED BY FINE OREGON CELERY

Omaha Man Wants Car Load Like Display in U. S. National Bank Window

Dave Eyre of the United States National bank had an early telephone caller yesterday morning. It was a man who wanted to talk to him about walnuts. He had seen the walnut display in the bank window. Mr. Eyre told him he would meet him at the bank.

What the man wanted was to find out where he could buy a car load of that kind of walnuts. Mr. Eyre sent him to the packing house of the Salem Nut Growers Cooperative.

Went to Dundee. A. E. Cummings, manager of the packing house, could not sell the man a car of walnuts. But he sent him on his way to Dundee.

WATER SAMPLES SHOW POLLUTION

GAME WARDEN AND SANITARY ENGINEER MAKE TEST

Motor Boat Used for Trip Down Willamette From Eugene to Salem

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Water samples, for a study of the extent of pollution of the Willamette river, were obtained by George N. McDaniel, sanitary engineer for the Oregon state board of health, and A. E. Joynes, Oregon City, deputy game warden, according to McDaniel's report made today. This is the first of bi-weekly trips along the river to take samples for an entire year, at the end of which period a report will be made, with recommendations for cleaning up portions of the stream.

Future health, and fish life conditions, are expected to hinge upon this work, which is being sponsored by the Anti-Stream Pollution League of Oregon, through cooperation with the board of health, the game commission, the fish commission, the Multnomah Hunters and Anglers club and other bodies.

Results of only one test set are very inclusive, McDaniels explained today, after completing the laboratory work on the set.

"This, however," he stated, "indicated that the stream is so polluted at several points that an average rapid sand water filtration plan would be unable to purify the river water for drinking purposes."

The bio-chemical analysis of the samples was made by the laboratory of the state board of health. Public health is considered first by the agencies interested in the work, and then comes the sportsman's outlook for game fish in the future.

GOVERNOR DENIES PLEA

DELEGATION OPPOSES CLEMENCY FOR GILES COLEMAN

A delegation of Wasco county citizens arrived in Salem yesterday to confer with Governor Pierce and oppose executive clemency for Giles Coleman, who is under three years penitentiary sentence for embezzlement of funds while jailer at The Dalles. It was announced at the executive department that Governor Pierce had made a complete study of the Coleman case, and that he would refuse to interfere or set aside the sentence imposed by the court.

Included in the delegation were a number of men who served on the jury which convicted Coleman.

VERACITY MADE ISSUE IN HALL MILLS MURDER

Letters of Choir Singer To Rector Read to Court By Prosecutor

DEFENDANTS KEEP CALM

Sister of Slain Woman Repeats Alleged Conversation of Mrs. Mills Telling of Love for Pastor

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 15.—(AP)—An issue of veracity between two state witnesses, appearing out of a clear sky in the Hall-Mills case today, preempted for a time the place in the spotlight occupied by the love affair of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, slain with him four years ago.

Elijah K. Soper of Highland Park, a New Brunswick suburb, was the witness whose testimony was attacked. He had testified that although he saw an automobile of the touring car type, occupied by two men and a woman, parked near Derusey's Lane, about midnight, on date of the double slaying, he could not identify the occupants. The state then produced Ira B. Nixon, owner of an oil company in New York, who lives in Newark, to say that Soper, four years ago, told him that he had recognized the occupants of the automobile as Mrs. Hall and her two brothers.

Reading of letters from Mrs. Mills to Mr. Hall, found near the bodies, was not accompanied by the tension in court developed when letters from the minister to the choir singer were read Saturday. The woman's letters were no less ardent than those of the man but there was much more repetition of favorite phrases.

The three defendants were calm throughout the reading which was done by Francis Bergen, Somerset county prosecutor. He read rapidly with no stressing of the affectionate words and sentences. Mrs. Hall was attendant but between letters when there was some confusion as to the order and the pile of manuscript had to be arranged, she spoke a few words to Mrs. Sydney Carpenter, her cousin, who has sat each day just behind her.

James Mills, husband of the slain woman, leaned forward in his chair with an expressionless face. Charlotte Mills, the daughter, was out of the courtroom.

"Dearest, Dearest Boy," was the salutation of the first letter and all abounded in such terms as "My Darling," "Honey," and "Sweet Adorable Babykins."

Frequent references were made to an anticipated "love nest," and one expression was "darling, I could rave for hours." That "love is the most vital power," was a declaration. "No house is big enough for me," she wrote. "I need the great outdoors. There isn't another man who can make me smile," she said, referring to her love for Hall and his for her, she described as a "noble man's great eternal love." "I am his forever," she added.

Two of the letters were almost entirely occupied with discussion of a book in which the writer compared the characters to herself and

DRYS READY FOR WETS

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE MAN ISSUES STATEMENT

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Wet forces in the 1928 presidential campaign will "abandon their beer and wine pretense and come out openly for the restoration of the entire liquor traffic," F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, charged in a statement today.

McBride said the general results of the recent elections "are very encouraging" and that the campaign and propaganda of the wets "were preliminary to their supreme attempt to overthrow the 18th amendment by winning the election for president and congress in 1928."

TEXTBOOKS MEET BODY'S APPROVAL

DISSENSION ARISES OVER BOOKS FOR ARITHMETIC

Agriculture, Music, American Literature and Geometry Texts Readopted

Text books dealing with arithmetic were the center of considerable discussion at the annual textbook commission meeting in Salem yesterday at which practically one-third of the books to be used in the public schools were adopted. The books adopted will be used for a period of six years.

The commission was divided upon the adoption of book number one and book number two on arithmetic essentials, Milton A. Miller, F. H. Kent and Winifred Winnard voted in favor of the books offered by Lyons and Carnahan, while A. C. Hampton and George W. Hughes voted in favor of Everyday arithmetics of the Houghton-Mifflin company and the Stone/arithmetics of the Benjamin Sabin company, respectively. The vote on book number three was unanimous, Row Peterson and company receiving the contract.

Book number one will sell at the retail price of 70 cents with an exchange price of 66 cents, while book number two sells for 77 cents with an exchange value of 72 cents, and book number three sells for 78 cents with the exchange price fixed at 73 cents.

The textbooks for agriculture, geometry, American literature and music, which are now in use in the state, were readopted by the commission yesterday.

Text books newly adopted by the commission follow: History, fifth grade—Hercules Tales from history, by the John G. Winston company, retail price 90 cents; exchange price, 83 cents.

Spelling—McCall's speller number one; retail price 48 cents, exchange price 44 cents; McCall's speller number 2, retail price 48 cents, exchange price 44 cents. Laidlaw Brothers, publishers.

High school texts—Algebra—First course in algebra, retail price \$1.20, exchange price \$1.10; intermediate algebra, retail price \$1.20, exchange price \$1.10. Allyn and Bacon, publishers.

Bookkeeping—Twentieth Century Bookkeeping and Accounting text, stock No. two, one year text, retail price \$1.32, exchange price \$1.19; stock number one, one and one-half year text, retail price \$1.48, exchange price \$1.33; stock number 44, one-half year text, retail price \$1.48, exchange price \$1.33.

SILVERTON MAN GUILTY

SMITH ADMITS CONSPIRACY IN FEDERAL COURT

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—William R. Smith of Silverton, who is serving a six months sentence in the county jail for cutting and selling timber from government lands, appeared again in the court of Federal Judge Bean today and pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to cut other timber from government lands. He is jointly indicted with A. G. Spence, who is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow. Judge Bean withheld sentence until after he had heard Spence's story.

HALL LEAVES FOR EAST

PRESIDENT TO CONFER WITH NATIONAL EDUCATORS

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon has gone to Washington, D. C., to attend a meeting of the National Association of University Presidents. From there he will go to New York to confer with a number of educators and will attend a similar meeting in Chicago. He is expected to return to Eugene by Thanksgiving. It was announced on the campus today.

AUTO LANDS IN RIVER

THREE MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—An automobile carrying C. O. Johnson, Marshfield; Everett Higgins and T. Merio West of Myrtle Point, was crowded off the Bandon-Coquille highway and submerged in the Coquille river. They lost some of their belongings but none was injured, all escaping unscathed except Higgins, who was scratched.

BAND HELPED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST

Special Election Due to Secure Approval for Added Mileage Tax

BUDGET MEETS FAVOR

Service Group Pledges \$2400 for Concerts and Maintenance of Comfort Stations. Council Accepts Offer

Thanks to the local post of the American Legion, Salem will have band concerts and a comfort station next year. The post appeared in a body before the meeting of the city budget committee last night and stated that it would give \$2400, the sum necessary to pay for these two items. The committee voted to accept the gift without any strings attached, after first considering accepting it with the understanding that it would be paid back in case money is raised at a special election next spring.

The \$2400 guaranteed by the Legion will be available November 1, 1927, it was stated by Brazier Small, justice of the peace, who acted as spokesman for the Legion delegation, which was so large that the council chamber, practically overflowed.

"The post voted unanimously at its meeting tonight to guarantee this sum," said Mr. Small, "as it is our purpose to do as much as we can for the good of the city. We know what hard financial

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CITY DUMP STILL WITHOUT A HOME

POLK CITIZENS OBJECT TO HAVING SALEM GARBAGE

Ways and Means Committee to Recommend Not Buying Patterson Site

The city dump, which a week ago was believed safely domiciled in a wilderness in Polk county, is again faced with the necessity of hunting a new home, as the citizens of Polk county do not relish the idea of having the dump thrust upon them and have been sending a barrage of letters to the city council setting forth their objections.

The city council at its meeting a week ago instructed the ways and means committee to investigate a site in a canyon six miles west of Salem in Polk county, which could be bought from Geo. Patterson for \$4,000. It was this site that brought the storm of protests.

In view of the strong opposition, the committee has decided to recommend to the council that the site be not bought. It was stated last night by Alderman W. H. Dancy and L. J. Simeral. No recommendation was made at last night's meeting because of lack of time, but the matter will again be brought up at the next council meeting.

The ways and means committee has another site in mind that may be suitable for the dump, it was stated last night.

OREGON HIT BY STORM

PHONE CONNECTIONS DISRUPTED AS POLES FALL

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Heavy rains, accompanied by winds that at times reached gale-like velocity in several sections of the state, swept over Oregon today. Southern Oregon was especially hard hit and the storm is continuing unabated on the coast. In several districts wire communication was destroyed by falling poles and trees.

The wind storm raging down from Mt. Hood today damaged telephone lines from Government Camp and littered the highway with broken timber from trees lying along the road. There was three inches of snow on the highway four miles below the camp this morning, some of it melting during the day as the rain fell continuously.

Weather forecasts for Oregon tomorrow gave no indication of the storm's passing. High east and southeast winds along the coast are expected.