

The Noose, at the Elsinore Theatre Tonight, Is One of the Very Great Plays, Put on by a Great Company

What Has Become of the Movement to Take Over the Water Works and Give Salem Municipal Ownership?

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled with occasional rains over west and light rains and snows over east portion; no change in temperature; fresh southerly winds on coast. Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 36; river, 5.0; rainfall, .52; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southwest.

The Oregon Statesman

Admiral Latimer denies that our marines have taken any part in the Nicaraguan battle. This is obvious, for if they had, the war would have been over before this.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

BIGGEST SALEM SPORTS EVENT DRAWING NEAR

First Game of High School Hoop Tournament Thursday at 3 P. M.

FRANKLIN QUALIFIES

Salem May Play in First Game; Sixteen Contests Listed in Three-Day Schedule Announced

Salem's biggest athletic event of the year, the annual state high school basketball tournament, will get under way Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, according to the program of games announced Tuesday from Willamette university. The 16 tournament games will be played in the Willamette gymnasium.

Until the teams draw for places, it will be impossible to tell at what time any particular team will play, but if the plan of seeding the draw is adhered to, Salem high will play the first game at 3 o'clock Thursday and Eugene high the second, which is scheduled to start at 4 o'clock.

First round games also will be played at 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

The Friday schedule is as follows: 9:30 and 10:30 a. m., championship series games; 2, 3 and 4 p. m., consolation series games; 7:30 and 8:30 p. m., semi-finals in the championship series.

The Saturday games are: 9:30 a. m., consolation game; 2 and 3 p. m., consolation semi-finals; 7:30 consolation game; 8:30, final game for the state championship.

Secretary Roy W. Cannon of the high school athletic association has asked that arrangements be made to hold a drawing for either eight or ten teams, so that in case the plan to give Salem and Eugene definite places on the bracket is voted down by the representatives of the teams, these two schools may draw on the same basis as the rest.

The list of teams which will participate was complete Tuesday night with the report of the deciding game in Portland, won by Franklin high. The other teams entered are Salem, Eugene, Astoria, Pendleton, La Grande, Tillamook, Medford, Marshfield and Wasco.

Player lists came in Tuesday from the three schools which had been qualified for the tournament and from whom the lists had not been received previously. They include:

Astoria: Makinin 4 and Luther

BASEBALL STAR TRIES SUICIDE

JOHN MOSTIL, WHITE SOX OUTFIELDER, CUTS OWN THROAT

Worry Over Physical Condition Believed Cause for Player's Act

SHREVEPORT, La., March 8.—(AP)—Johnny Mostil, Chicago American outfielder, slashed his throat so severely late today in his hotel room that physicians at the hospital where he was taken said tonight he could hardly live. Mostil cut his arms, wrists, and stabbed himself in the left side as well as slashing his throat, while alone in his bathroom at the hotel Yource, where the Chicago American league baseball team is quartered.

Responsibility over ill health is believed to have been responsible for Mostil's attempt at suicide. This morning he visited a local physician, when an X-ray was made of his teeth. He had been worried over his physical condition and it is believed it caused temporary insanity. He arrived at Shreveport from Chicago Monday to start spring training, but had not donned a uniform. Rain prevented his team from practicing.

Physicians at the hospital learned that Mostil had stabbed himself just over the heart with a knife blade. This is the wound that will probably cause death. When his clothing was cut from him, it was discovered he had slashed his ankles. One cut was almost to the bone.

Late tonight Mostil was resting easier but his condition still was grave. He was able to recognize friends who gathered at his bedside. Two doctors and several nurses were in attendance.

CHICAGO, March 8.—(AP)—Johnny Mostil, Chicago White Sox outfielder, found late today in a bathroom at his hotel in Shreveport, La., with his throat cut, came into major league baseball as the winner of a "popularity contest."

CHERRY TARIFF INCREASE ASKED

OREGON DELEGATION SENDS REQUEST TO COMMISSION

Emergency Said to Exist for Growers of Coast by Two-Cent Flat Rate

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—The Oregon delegation in congress composed of Senators McNary and Shelton and Representatives Hawley and Stanot, today forwarded to the United States tariff commission a request that the existing tariff on cherries be increased 50 per cent under provisions of the flexible tariff law, a Washington dispatch to the Morning Oregonian tonight states.

The delegation cites the recent decision of the customs court that pitted cherries in brine are dutiable at two cents per pound instead of 40 per cent ad valorem, the dispatch says.

"An emergency exists as a result for cherry growers of the Pacific coast, who will begin to market their crop in May, it is declared.

NEW NAVAL PACT SOUGHT

Definite Proposals Made by America to England, Japan

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—The convening in Geneva in June or July of a British-American-Japanese naval limitations conference to discuss maximum tonnage ratios in cruisers, destroyers and submarines is confidently expected by the Washington government.

Definite proposals for a three power attempt to find a suitable formula have been made by the United States to London and Tokyo. While they are informal and possibly no more than verbal in character as yet, replies now awaited will result in formal invitation if the plan is accepted as is clearly foreshadowed in preliminary diplomatic conversations.

HIBLER ASKS FOR POLE

Barber Sign for First National Bank Referred to Committee

The problem of the barber pole was up before the city council on Monday night, and was buffeted around from the lights committee to city attorney, with some indication of rebounding back to the zoning commission. It was finally decided that since the only type of sign that can be put on the curb downtown is an illuminated sign, the matter stay with the lights committee.

The cause of the difficulty was P. J. Hibler's petition for permission to erect a barber pole in front of the First National bank building, first presented to the zoning commission. One councilman reported that he had been informed by a barber that if this pole was allowed, all the rest would apply for them, too.

BROWNLEE RETURN SURE

Governor Issues Requisition Papers; Served One Term

Governor Patterson yesterday issued requisition papers looking to the return to Oregon of Albert Brownlee, who is wanted in Lane county for murder. Brownlee is under arrest at Walla Walla. It was alleged that Brownlee and a companion shot and killed a member of a posse, after they had held up a Veneta pool hall and wounded its proprietor.

Melvin Turnbull and George Canaday, deputy sheriffs, will return the prisoner to Eugene. Brownlee at one time served a term in the Oregon state penitentiary for a statutory offense committed in Deschutes county.

PEP AFTER CANBY PLANT

Firm Takes Option on Electric Works Serving Three Towns

CANBY, Or., March 8.—(AP)—The Portland Electric Power company has offered to buy the city's light and power system, and has taken an option on the Mollala Electric company's plant, which serves Astoria, Hubbard and Donald. It was announced last night by Mayor W. H. Bair, who said that it is expected a deal will be consummated this month.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

The president decided to go west for the summer.

Taking of evidence was begun in the contempt trial of Harry F. Sinclair.

A three power naval arms limitation conference was proposed by the United States.

The I. C. C. declined to readjust grain rates from North and South Dakota.

President Coolidge reduced the sentences of 20 negroes who participated in the Houston riots of 1917.

PLEDGE TO AID IN ASSESSMENT MADE AT MEET

County Assessors of State Consider Operation of New Tax Laws

WOULD EQUALIZE TAXES

Kay Declares Limitation Increase From Three to Six Percent Could be Reduced Within Two Years

The county assessors of the state met in Salem yesterday for a general conference with the state tax commission and pledged their cooperation in the efforts being made to equalize the property assessments in Oregon. Only one assessor was absent from this meeting and he was from Wheeler county.

The conference was called primarily to consider the operation of a law enacted at the recent legislative session imposing additional duties and authority upon county assessors and the state tax commission. Under this law the state tax commission has general supervision over the activities of county assessors, and has authority to revise assessment when they are deemed to be unfair and unreasonable.

The law also provides machinery whereby the county assessors may demand the books and accounts of taxpayers and secure other information for tax levying purposes. The act was copied in part from the Washington statute, and its passage was recommended by the state tax investigating committee created by the 1925 legislature.

T. B. Kay, state treasurer and member of the state tax commission, declared that farm property was now assessed to the limit while many lines of business were escaping their just share of the tax.

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SEATTLE HAS ELECTION

Voters Apparently Turn Down Purchase of Street Railway

SEATTLE, March 8.—(AP)—Seattle voters in the municipal elections today turned down a proposal to purchase the Rainier Valley Street Railway system, returns from the early precincts indicated. The vote for those precincts was 2,119 opposed and 920 for the purchase. The Rainier Valley system is the only privately owned car line in the city.

The early returns also indicated the success of a measure authorizing a \$900,000 bond issue to provide a civic auditorium.

TEACHERS FACE MEDICAL TESTS

BIDS FOR LOCKERS IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OPENED

Re-Employment of Teachers to be Considered at Next Meeting of Board

The provision in contracts signed by Salem teachers under which they may be required to undergo a medical examination, will be enforced when new contracts are made out for the next school year, it was indicated at Tuesday night's meeting of the school board.

Dr. Walter H. Brown, school physician, was instructed to make out a form to be filled out by the physician who makes the examination, the teacher being permitted to consult any physician desired.

It was explained that if this provision is put into effect, the board will be in a position to be more lenient in awarding sick leave, being assured that the teacher was in sound health when first employed.

The board opened bids for lockers for the new Leslie junior high school building. They were referred to the building committee for compilation. Otherwise no business in connection with the new structure was brought up in open meeting, but Architect James held a private consultation with the building committee.

Re-employment of present teachers will be taken up at the next meeting of the board, it was indicated, Supt. George W. Hug announced that the questionnaires recently sent to the teachers will be returned by that time. Hug reported that two additional high school teachers, three junior high instructors and three grade teachers, as well as one principal, will be needed.

SINCLAIR CASE BEGINS

Government Finishes Most of Presentation Against Oil Man

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP) Blocked in its efforts to get into the record what was in senatorial minds in the asking of questions which Harry F. Sinclair refused to answer in the senate Teapot Dome inquiry, the government practically concluded today the presentation of its contempt case against the millionaire oil operator and sportsman.

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PRIDE GOETH!



REFUSE DROPPING OF BROOM APPEAL

BROOM TWICE CONVICTED FOR LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

Intensive Study of Subject Made Says Opinion; Other Cases Decided

The request for the dismissal of the appeal of Mark Broom was denied yesterday in an opinion handed down by Justice Brown of the state supreme court. This request for dismissal was made by Broom's attorney on the showing that he was a fugitive from justice.

Broom was twice convicted in the circuit court for Lane county for violation of the state prohibition laws, and in each case was given a jail sentence and fine. Both cases were appealed to the supreme court, and the defendant, though relieved from actual custody pending each appeal, was in constructive custody by virtue of his undertaking of bail upon appeal.

The judgment of the lower court in the first appeal was affirmed in the supreme court and its mandate was remitted to the circuit court in October, 1926. Thereupon, the trial court made the necessary order for the execution of its judgment. The defendant later was located by the sheriff in the Marion county jail where he was serving a sentence for a third crime against the prohibition law. Broom broke jail on December 25, 1926, and neither the sheriff of Marion county nor of Lane county, was able to take him into custody.

"We have made an intensive study of this subject," read the opinion. "From such study, we are unqualifiedly committed to the doctrine announced by the highest authorities and the most eminent criminal law writers of America, that when it satisfactorily appears to the appellate court that a convicted criminal has fled from the jurisdiction of the court, it is within the power of that court to refuse to hear his appeal.

"But while we have the power, in our discretion, to dismiss the appeal where the appellant is a fugitive from justice, this case having also been heard on its merits and therein affirmed, it is unnecessary to exercise our discretion by dismissing the appeal. The motion to dismiss the appeal

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BOAT FOUND UNMANNED

Fisherman Believed to Have Fallen Off Craft in Harbor

ABERDEEN, WASH., March 8.—(AP)—Veering crazily through the water under its own power, but with no one aboard, a fishing boat was picked up in Grays Harbor today by G. A. Wickert, fisherman, who believes the owner of the boat was drowned. A hat was found lying in the bottom of the craft. It was feared that in attempting to climb around on the gunwale of the boat to shut off the engine the owner fell overboard.

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JAP REFUGEES FREEZING AMID SMOKING RUIN

Thousands in Quake Area Struggle to Reach Safety and Aid Injured

SNOW DEEP ON GROUND

Condition of Homeless People Is Pitiable; Drifts Used for Shelter; Railroads Not Operating

TOKYO, March 9.—(AP)—The casualties in the Tango district as the result of Monday's earthquake jumped to 5,716 today when the prefectural governor at Kyoto reported that number killed or injured. The total reached 2278 and the injured 3441. The report was made public by the home office here.

(Tokyo, March 9. (Wednesday) (By AP).—With their houses reduced to ruins or ashes by last night's earthquake, thousands of refugees in the stricken area, most of them in the district of Tango, today struggled to reach safety, and to care for the injured.

Dispatches from Tango described the pitiful condition of the refugees, homeless, hungry and cold. In some places the snow is from one to five feet deep and hundreds of men, women and children, possessing but a few blankets, found meagre shelter behind great snow drifts.

The suffering of women and children was considerable, although the efforts of troops, police and young men's associations were alleviating the misery. Efforts to bring aid to the devastated region were retarded because of lack of railway traffic, only motors and wagons being available in addition to a few airplanes that are bringing in some relief supplies. The roads and paths were badly cracked everywhere.

A newspaper airplane observer described the smoking ruins of villages, numerous bodies lying about and priests reading the final rites. One observer said conditions were pitiful beyond description.

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PAROLE OFFICER QUILTS

Successor to Mr. Canon to Be Named by Board of Control

W. H. Canon, for the past two years state parole officer, yesterday sent his resignation to the state board of control. It was said that a successor to Mr. Canon probably would be considered at the next meeting of the board of control which will be held later in the month.

Before accepting the office of state parole officer Mr. Canon was connected with the United States land office at Roseburg. Mr. Canon will locate at Roseburg or Medford.

There are several applicants for the office of parole officer, members of the board of control said.

QUARANTINE ON ALFALFA

Embargo Ordered Because Some Weevil Said to Exist

Governor Patterson yesterday received information from the agricultural department at Washington that federal quarantine had been ordered on alfalfa hay shipments to the state of Nebraska from Baker, Malheur and Union counties. Alfalfa hay offered for shipment to Nebraska from these three eastern Oregon counties must undergo federal inspection.

The embargo was ordered because of the alfalfa weevil which has caused considerable trouble in certain sections of eastern Oregon.

MAN GETS PRIZE, DIES

Texas Pig Owner Fights at First Award, Dead at Second

PORT WORTH, TEXAS, March 8.—(AP)—After fainting once upon receiving the grand championship on a Barrow pig in the southwestern exposition and fat stock show here, T. S. Cline, 55, of Prosper, Texas, today dropped dead when awarded another grand championship on a pen of three pigs.

OFFICERS SEIZE STILLS IN RAID

STATE AND COUNTY PROHIBITION MEN JOIN FORCES

Eight Gallons of Whiskey and Three Barrels of Mash Back Charges

Joining forces, county officers and state prohibition commissioners made two successful raids yesterday, collecting two stills, 300 gallons of mash, approximately eight gallons of whiskey and many jugs and other containers. John Heyram, Gervais farmer, and Henry Hansen of St. Louis are under arrest.

Heyram's liquor activities had been under suspicion for several weeks, according to Sheriff Bower, but no positive evidence could be obtained until this week. Two stills were in full operation when the raiding party, armed with search warrants, arrived at the Heyram place. Mrs. Heyram appeared to be caretaker for one of the stills, although she was not placed under arrest.

The plant was hidden in the brush back of the house and was complete in every respect. One machine was of 25 gallon capacity and the other slightly larger. Three large barrels containing approximately 300 gallons of mash were seized and the contents dumped. Five gallons of distilled whiskey were brought to Salem for evidence in the case.

The Heyram raid was made in the morning and was followed yesterday afternoon with that on Henry Hansen. Three gallons of whiskey and several jugs and bottles were seized there. Hansen will face a possession charge while Heyram will have three charges—manufacture, possession and sale of illegal liquors to meet.

The two stills yesterday increases the number of seizures to four since February 1. Two other outbursts have been taken although not in operation. In each case heavy sentences have been levied by the justice court, and it is expected that the present offenders will be meted out similar fines and jail sentences.

WAR VETS ENTERTAINED

Post Plans to Raise Membership to 1,000 for the Year

Eight hundred world war veterans, the greatest number that were ever gathered together under one roof in Salem, enjoyed the entertainment and feed out by Capital Post No. 9, American Legion Tuesday night at the armory.

In addition to hundreds of local ex-service men, 37 attended from Lebanon, and there delegations from Lebanon, Dallas, McMinnville, Independence, Silverton, and even as far away as Hood River.

The best show that has been presented by local entertainers in recent years, delighted the crowd. Brazier Small and Carl Gabrielson, captains of two of the teams which lost in the recent membership contest, franked the show. Those who took part included Rufe White, Frank Zinn, Carl Gabrielson, Tom Akers, Carl Hinges, Dick Barton, Newell Williams, Rudy Stevenin, Oliver Hudson, Biddy Bishop, Lyman McDonald and Hugh Grady, the latter a former Orpheum entertainer.

The dinner was served by the teams captained by Lloyd Demarest and John Graham. Kenneth Cooper, regional manager of the veterans' bureau, was present and gave a talk. The legion post, with present membership of 670, is planning a drive to raise it to 1,000.

GUARD CAMP SITE MOVED

Oregon Militiamen to Train Henceforward at Gearhart

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—Word was received here today by the Morning Oregonian that the war department has authorized the transfer of the annual camp of the Oregon national guard from Medford to Gearhart. A lease over a 10-year period is understood to have been approved by the war department, as a lease of five years was considered too short. The matter of payment of rentals is said to be as yet unsettled.

National guard and federal army officers favor the change, it is said, as an investigation brought out that training activities at Medford were limited by heat during the summer months.

"BOOTICIAN" NEW WORD

Rum Dealer Objects to Old Term "Bootlegger" as Passe

BERKELEY, Cal., March 8.—(AP)—It is not "bootlegger" any more. Hereafter it should be designated "bootician."

Antonio Gentile of Oakland is the man responsible for the change. He was arrested here on a charge of violating the Volstead law and the arresting officer told him that he strongly suspected he was a bootlegger.

"I'm not a bootlegger," Gentile responded. "There isn't any such thing. It's 'bootician' now."

OFFICIAL CALL TO OLD TIMERS FOR BIG MEET

Command Given to "Clatawa," Trek, Mush or Kike to State House

MANY PEOPLE EXPECTED

Old Time Songs and Music for Program; Special Seats Arranged According to Year of Arrival in State

'Hyas Klooshe Tillicum! 'Mika hyak clatawa state house seven okoke tenas plakin. 'Hyas shontay, hyas tin tin, 'hyas klooshe tillicum. 'Wake muksha-muck, wake skookum chuck, hyas tum tum. "Old Timers Committee."

The above is the official call of the old timers to their meeting tonight, in the only language that in the pioneer days was universally understood in all the country from the crest of the Rocky mountains west to the Pacific ocean and north of the California line—

The Chinook language, or jargon, known to the Indians of all the tribes, and to the French trappers and all the immigrants speaking English and the various European tongues—

That was the universal language of the Oregon Country, and it was the language that was understood by all the men who met at old Champlin and decided by a drawn vote that the Oregon Country was to be forever under the Stars and Stripes, instead of the British flag.

What It Means The call of the committee of the old timers means that all old timers are to "clatawa," or trek it, or mush it, or hike it, or in some way surry to the state house, afoot, on horseback, in an auto or a Ford, any way to get there, and to be present at half past seven o'clock.

And they are told that there is to be a lot of fun, much music, much talk, and a lot of good folk present. Also that there will be no eats of "skookum chuck," which means fire water, or booze, and that there will be a general good time.

(If the old time reader does not like that translation, he can do his own translating.)

Like the Flery Cross In the pioneer days, this summons would have been considered

OUSTED WARDEN STILL IN COLD JOHN LARSON FAILS TO CONVICT FISH COMMISSION

Hayes and Eakin Uphold Discharge at Meeting Held in Portland

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—At a lengthy hearing of the state fish commission today, members of the commission upheld A. W. Franklin, master fish warden, in the dismissal of John Larson of Astoria. Commissioner Hayes, Bay City, approved the dismissal, because, he said, Larson exceeded his authority in going to South Bend, Wash., in January to testify in defense of the captain of the fishing boat President Coolidge.

The dismissal was also affirmed by Commissioner Eakin of Astoria because Larson "had failed to enforce the law on the packers, who are the worst law breakers we have." No evidence on this point was introduced in the hearing. Chairman Veatch of Portland dissented from the majority opinion, holding that if Larson was at fault in going to South Bend the commission should have taken action on the matter in its meeting of February 8.

Considerable testimony was introduced in an attempt to show that Larson had exceeded the bounds of propriety in verbiage employed in his dealing with the members of the fishing industry.

An appropriation of \$2,000 to complete the fish hatchery on the Umpqua river was asked of the state fish commission today by W. H. Harris, Clark Chase and Thomas Richmond, representing the fish dealers.

It was pointed out by the commission that the shortage of funds would prevent such an appropriation, but \$1,000 was voted out of the sinking fund for district 2 and the dealers agreed to advance the remainder with the understanding that they are to be repaid in poundage fees to be taken out after August 1.

The commission ordered that the deadline be held at a point

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