

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Cloudy and cool; fresh west and northwest winds on the coast. Maximum yesterday, 9; minimum, 4; river, 7.8; rainfall, .1; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, south.

British holders of \$75,000,000 worth of confederate bonds are going to ask congress to make them good. But it isn't customary to get your money back when you bet on the wrong horse.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

TORNADO KILLS EIGHT PERSONS WRECKS TOWNS

Small Communities in Arkansas Devastated by Terrific Windstorm

20 REPORTED INJURED

Seven Persons Die at Klondyke, Village Hardest Hit; Buildings at Girls' Training School Fall

BENTON, Ark., March 17.—(AP.)—A tornado, apparently sweeping from the south and south west, devastated several small communities near here tonight and left eight known dead and 15 to 20 injured, several seriously.

A revised death list, issued at hospitals here, follows:

Mrs. Edgar Smith, Klondyke. Inez Smith, 6, and Cliff Smith, 2, her children.
Lennie Cash, 22, Matthew Cash, 17, and Artis Cash, 15, sisters and brothers of Mrs. Smith.
Lloyd McAllister, 20, of Willis.
A Miss Moddy, at Mountainview.

The tornado is said to have struck Klondyke about 9 o'clock, approaching from the southwest. Almost simultaneously, it is believed, it swept through Mountainview, Collegeville, Willis and Alexander, where the state training school for girls is located. Several of the buildings at the school were blown down and two women were hurt. The McAllister youth was instantly killed when his home on the Benton Hot Springs highway blew away.

Klondyke apparently bore the brunt of the tornado, for several houses were demolished and the injured list is greater there than at any other point. At least 10 persons were injured at Mountainview, 10 miles west of here.

REED ATTACKS SAPIRO'S WORK

MISSOURI SENATOR TELLS LIFE OF LIBEL PLAINTIFF

Will Try to Prove All Articles in Dearborn Independent Were True

DETROIT, March 17.—(AP.)—Aaron Sapiro as an organizer of cooperative associations, as lawyer, and as an orphan on the Pacific coast was described today by Senator James A. Reed of Missouri in the Chicago man's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford.

Making the opening plea for the defense, the senator warmed up to his task in short order, attacking Sapiro's motives in working over the alleged libelous articles printed in the Dearborn Independent, Ford's publication, was an attack on Sapiro and his methods.

Judge Raymond permitted Mr. Reed to continue, only a quarter of an hour being left before adjournment, and said he would make a ruling tomorrow. He asked both attorneys to shorten as much as possible introduction of evidence, omitting relatively unimportant matter.

SMELT RUN COMING ON

Averill Expects Fish to Enter Sandy River Next Week

PORTLAND, March 17.—(AP.)—The annual smelt run on the Sandy should begin within another week, E. F. Averill, state game warden, said today.

The schools of the little fish have been observed in the Columbia river just off the Willamette and should arrive at the Sandy in about a week, Averill said.

Thousands of people from the entire northwest are attracted annually to watch and participate in the great smelt run, when every manner of home made net is used to literally dip by bucketfuls the fish from the Sandy.

DR. COOK FREED UNDER NEW LAW

PROBATIONARY LIBERTY GRANTED TO EXPLORER

Government Will Appeal Case; Prisoner Paroled to Fort Worth Man

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 17.—(AP.)—Probationary freedom for Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Arctic explorer and promoter, was granted here today by Federal Judge James C. Wilson, under a two year old federal probation law.

The order freeing Cook will be forwarded tonight or tomorrow to Leavenworth penitentiary, where Dr. Cook, who still claims to be the original discoverer of the North Pole, is serving a 14 year sentence on charges of misuse of the mails for oil stock promotion.

The prisoner will be paroled to Erskine Williams, Fort Worth attorney and churchman, while the government is preparing an appeal of the case which may go to the United States supreme court.

District Attorney Henry Zweifel filed formal notice of appeal.

The probation, which is for five years, was granted under the law passed March 4, 1925, which gives federal district judges authority to liberate defendants, and the present case is one of the few in which this authority has been exercised.

Government attorneys deny that a judge has power to grant probation after a prisoner has begun serving his term, and a few cases that have been tried appear to be in conflict, according to Assistant District Attorney J. Forrest McCutcheon.

In holding in favor of Cook, Judge Wilson stated that the new law is "a radical departure, without parallel," and gives the trial judge control over the prisoner until the termination of the latter's sentence.

He stated that in his opinion the original sentence against Cook was excessive, that Cook now is a pauper, and that if he served his full sentence he would be 75 years old when released.

Probation amounts virtually to suspended sentence. At the end of five years he will be eligible for complete freedom by pardon and will be forced to return to prison unless the president commutes the sentence or grants pardon.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP.)—The department of justice will have something to say about the matter initiated today in Fort Worth by Federal Judge Wilson to have Dr. Frederick A. Cook released on probation from Leavenworth penitentiary but just what it will be has not been disclosed officially.

Department officials, from Attorney General Sargent down, declined comment on Judge Wilson's action. It was generally conceded, however, that under a law enacted in 1925, he and other federal jurists have power to suspend sentences and place persons convicted in their courts on probation, but doubt appeared to exist whether probation could be granted after a part of the prison terms had been served.

KILLER'S LIFE SAVED

Governor of New York Commutes Death Sentence of Cowan

OSHING, N. Y., March 17.—(AP.)—Harry W. Cowan, blind slayer of Edith Burton, was pulled from the shadow of the electric chair today as he and two other men were preparing to pay with their lives for murders they had committed as the result of love affairs.

Cowan was saying a last farewell to his daughter in the death house when a keeper ran up with the word that Governor Smith had commuted the death sentence to life imprisonment. The information had to be shouted to the prisoner, for immediately after Mrs. Burton was killed he shot himself in the head, and his sense of taste, he became partly deaf.

"Good," he exclaimed when the import of the keeper's message became clear to him. "The governor will never regret this."

BERGMAN PUT TO WORK

Florence Ex-Banker Will Labor in Flax Plant Temporarily

Henry L. Bergman, ex-president of the Florence State bank, who is now serving a 13 year term in the penitentiary for embezzlement and authorizing loans while the bank's reserve was impaired, yesterday was assigned to employment in the prison flax plant.

Mr. Bergman was received at the penitentiary last Monday. Officials said he probably would be assigned to employment in the prison offices when he becomes familiar with the institution routine.

Portland-Northwestern Electric Company builds huge dock to handle 1400 tons "hog fuel" a day.

DE AUTREMONT WILL NOT TALK ABOUT ROBBERY

Siskiyou Bandit Suspect Is Questioned Upon Arrival at Alcatraz Prison

MAN ADMITS IDENTITY

Postoffice Inspector Announces Certainly He Has Right Man; Still Seeking for More Information

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—(AP.)—Although rigidly questioned by government officers, Hugh De Autremont, one of three brothers charged with murder after holding up a train in southern Oregon in 1923, today refused to throw any significant light on the crime of which he is accused.

After the questioning, however, Charles Riddiford, postoffice inspector of the Pacific northwest, said he was "convinced that the evidence is conclusive, even though circumstantial, and I hope in further questioning to obtain information which may lead to the apprehension of Roy and Ray De Autremont, our prisoner's brothers."

De Autremont made no denials, nor did he make any admissions, except as to his identity.

"While De Autremont would say absolutely nothing that would directly incriminate him, at least we know positively that he is one of the men sought since that heinous crime of October 11, 1923, and both the government and Southern Pacific officials feel there is no doubt as to his guilt," Riddiford added.

The 23 year old youth, brought from the Philippine islands where he was serving as a private in the army, was transferred early today.

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LEGION SEEKS MEMBERS

Formal Membership Campaign To Be Launched Tuesday

Capitol Post Number 9 of the American Legion will launch a membership drive on Tuesday in an effort to obtain 1,000 members. At the present time, according to Adjutant Bassett, there are 675 paid-up members and last year there were 865.

There will be a regular meeting of the Post Monday evening at which plans will be discussed for the formal opening of the drive on the following morning. It is understood that teams will canvass the various prospects in an effort to enlist their cooperation with the American Legion.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE ARMY OF THE UNEMPLOYED

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CHERRY INDUSTRY ASKED

Professor Says Salem Should Make Maraschino Product

Illustrating his point by serving to the members cherries which he had preserved in sulphurous acid since 1921, Professor Florian Von Eschen, head of the chemistry department at Willamette university, told the Salem reality board at Thursday luncheon that Salem is falling to utilize one of its leading resources who neglects to provide for the manufacture here of maraschino cherries.

This process could be carried out by the local canneries in the dull season, Von Eschen explained.

Another industry which is waiting to be started, he added, is that of manufacturing rayon, erroneously called artificial silk, which can be produced from wood pulp.

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COLLEGE HONOR SYSTEM PROBED

"EXPLOITATION AND CHEATING" CHARGES FLUNG

University of California Council Will Demand Thorough Investigation Soon

BERKELEY, Cal., March 17.—(AP.)—Charges of "cheating" and "exploitation" in connection with the "honor system" of conducting student examinations have brought about a demand for an investigation of the system at the University of California.

Acting on charges made by individual members of the faculty, the university council of the academic senate today appointed a committee of nine students to answer the charges for the entire student body.

The student paper, the Daily Californian, declared that to remove the honor system, which had its inception on the University of California campus, would "shatter the foundation of student government."

The system has been under scrutiny for some time, it was revealed, when the council declared it had previously rehearsed the situation and had heard complaints from professors who charged that in some classes 50 per cent of the students cheated during examination.

The point at issue is the provision which allows professors to leave the class rooms unless their presence is necessary for the presentation of the examination.

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SOURDOUGH HITS WEEPAH REGION

LONGEST DISTANCE STAMPED-EDER COMES FROM ALASKA

Those Who Understand Stock Gambling Having Time of Lives in Camp

TONOPAH, Nevada, March 17.—(AP.)—The longest distance stampededer arrived this afternoon with his wife from Valdez, Alaska.

He is the first "sour-dough" in the Weepah district and says he knows the game from A to Izzard. After getting bearings the couple brought a book of locations, cranked up their flivver and were off for the gold fields at Weepah.

It takes a good gambler to play the stocks in Tonopah today and the men and women who understand the tricks of the market are having the time of their lives. Spot settlements are in vogue at all times because no broker will stop in the headlong rush to make out a daylight statement. The customers know they will find their settlement sheet in the morning mail.

Orders must be accompanied by cash and no margin trading is tolerated for that takes too much clerical work and brings grey hair to the brokers.

The heaviest orders do not come from the well dressed town man. It is the common occurrence to see a man dressed in weather-stained overalls and ragged slouch hat extract a roll of bills from his jeans to cover an order involving possibly several thousand dollars.

None of the veteran traders place their money and let it ride on a stock. They keep taking profits on the theory that no one ever lost by such procedure. They go back again and again, though perhaps in the final plunge the market turns suddenly and swallows every precious dollar.

The excitement in the San Francisco stock market is reflected here daily and one order from Tonopah appears to have more influence on the San Francisco market than a dozen from outside points.

APPLE MEN WILL MEET

Seattle Gathering to Have Delegates From All Northwest

SEATTLE, March 17.—(AP.)—Apple growers and business men of Idaho, Oregon and Washington are to meet in Seattle tomorrow to discuss problems confronting fruit growers and to systemize shipping and marketing of Pacific northwest apples and to prevent concentration of produce in overstocked markets. The convention was arranged after horticultural meetings at Yakima and Wenatchee last January at which a committee was appointed to visit the apple growing districts of the three states and discuss the situation with those interested.

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LONGVIEW SPAN LOCATION SEEN BY COMMISSION

Federal Inspectors Conclude Third Day of Hearing at River Town

TO FINISH IN PORTLAND

Case to Be Finally Ended During Day; Business Men and Others From Lower Columbia Favor Plan

LONGVIEW, Wash., March 17.—(AP.)—The third day of the federal commission inquiry into the merits of the proposed Longview, Wash.—Rainier, Ore., toll bridge was concluded here tonight and those conducting the hearing adjourned to Portland, where the case will be closed tomorrow. Before leaving for Portland the commission viewed the bridge site from the Washington side, then crossed the ferry to Rainier, Ore., where views were taken from the eminence of the Columbia river highway.

Among witnesses called this afternoon was F. M. Sweet, Astoria harbor master, recently appointed a member of the Oregon Pilots' commission. Sweet declared the proposed bridge would under no circumstance prove a hazard to navigation, in contradiction to assertions of Portland and

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OFFICERS BREAK NARCOTIC RING

GANG THOUGHT TO HAVE COVERED SEVERAL STATES

Alleged Head of Band Caught Trying to Sell "Dope" to Law Officers

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 17.—(AP.)—A huge narcotic ring, whose operations federal agents believe had extended into several southern states, was thought to have been broken up here today with the arrest of August Scotrino, alleged head of the ring, and two other men.

Along with Scotrino they held Angelo Pinez, an alleged undesirable alien, and Daniel Gold, charged with serving as Scotrino's go-between in dealing with prospective narcotic purchasers.

A fleet of 11 automobiles in which officers believe Scotrino made quick deliveries, and automobiles with 25,000 rounds of ammunition with which they think the cargoes were protected, also were in the hands of officers.

The arrest came after officers had arranged for the purchase of 125 ounces of raw opium at \$500 an ounce. Two ounces of the prospective purchase already had been delivered to agents as samples.

Officers telephoned Scotrino that they had found the samples satisfactory and went to his place in "Little Italy" in the lower part of the French quarter to procure the remainder. They found Pinez with Scotrino. Both men were arrested. Scotrino being relieved of an automatic.

A search of his quarters revealed two other weapons and the ammunition, while five automobiles parked in the street, and six other auto bearing licenses issued to Scotrino, also were seized.

CAT INHERITS FORTUNE

Woman Dies Without Relatives, Leaves All to "Kitty Boy"

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—(AP.)—Kitty Boy, a five-year-old cat, will never have to sing a hard luck song from an alley fence nor risk a housewife's broom to beg at kitchen doors. He has fallen heir to an estate that insures comfort for all of his nine lives.

The will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch of Long Beach, filed in probate court here today, leaves a life insurance policy, real estate worth several thousand dollars and personal property of \$500 all to Kitty Boy. Mrs. Lynch, who died March 19 last at the age of 60 years, had no children nor immediate relatives. Kitty Boy was all she had.

The will provides that a house at Long Beach be given free of rent to a tenant who will agree to treat Kitty Boy "like a human."

BUSINESS BLOCK TO RISE

T. M. Hicks to Erect Building on Fraternal Temple Site

Early construction of a business block on the former site of the fraternal temple on North Liberty street was forecast Thursday following the purchase of the property from the Woodmen of the World by T. M. Hicks, who is planning to build but is not ready to announce just what sort of building he will erect. It is expected that three store rooms will be provided on the ground floor. Negotiations for leasing are already under way.

This property, 5 1/2 by 165 feet, was owned by the Fraternal Temple association until early this week, when it was transferred to the Woodmen. The fraternal temple, formerly the Elks building, burned down last winter.

COOLIDGE'S HAND SORE

President Still Able to Sign Papers in Spite of Hurt

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP.)—President Coolidge was required to apply bandages to a lame right wrist and hand, the cause of which remains somewhat of a mystery at the White House.

Everett Sanders, his secretary, said the wrist and hand had been bothering the president for several days and when it became somewhat swollen today Mr. Coolidge was advised by his physician, Dr. James F. Coupal, to apply bandages.

The president was able to use his hand, however, to sign the numerous papers which came to his attention and appeared not to be suffering any pain.

ACTOR DIES IN CRASH

Charles Mack, Movie Actor, Killed in Automobile Wreck

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Mar. 17.—(AP.)—Charles Emmett Mack, 23, motion picture actor, was killed here this afternoon when his automobile collided with the car of Catherine Callahan of West Riverside. Mack, who lived in Hollywood, was a featured player for Warner Brothers.

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NEW YORK GOES STEP FORWARD IN CRIME LAWS

State Already Recognized as Leader in Wide Movement to Curb Evil

BAUMES BILLS APPROVED

Pistol Manufacturers Must Take Out License; Arsenal of Crooks' New Weapons is Put on Display

ALBANY, N. Y., March 17.—(AP.)—New York state, already recognized as the leader in the wide movement to curb crime by strengthening criminal statutes, is going even further in that direction.

This became evident today when only slight opposition developed at a joint hearing on forty bills introduced by the Baumes crime commission. Less than half a dozen of the proposed laws came under attack and only one—designed to expand operation of the law dealing with carrying concealed weapons—brought organized opposition.

The bill principally attacked would require pistol manufacturers and dealers to take out a state license, would extend the permit requirements to include not only pistols and revolvers of the common type, but also weapons made by cutting off the stock and part of the