

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Cloudy and cool with probably rain over west portion; moderate southerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday, 53; minimum, 35; river, 3.2; rainfall, .15 inches; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, south.

The expert puzzle solvers of the United States are having a convention in New Jersey. We would like to see them tackle the present Chinese political situation.

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POLICY SOUGHT ON INDEMNITY FROM CHINESE

Situation Believed Reason for Prolonged Conference at White House

PROBE RESPONSIBILITY

All Reports Indicate Nationalist Soldiers in Uniform Committed Outrages; English Cabinet Meets

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Formulation of American policy for exaction of indemnity for the Nanking outrages and for guarantees against similar attacks upon Americans elsewhere in China appeared tonight to be the probable purport of prolonged conferences at the White House and state department. There is no indication that a decision had been made.

Steps to fix conclusively the responsibility for the Nanking attacks are believed to have been discussed with the president by Secretary Wilbur, while at the state department there were indications that Secretary Kellogg devoted much of the day to studying recommendations from Minister MacMurray at Peking and Admiral Williams, American naval commander in Chinese waters.

Officials Reticent

Disclosure in London that draft demands upon the nationalist government in connection with the Nanking incident had been formulated and were under study by the governments concerned, failed to shake state department reticence. Presumably the demands were drawn up by the Peking diplomatic corps and involve some form of concerted action by the powers.

Secretary Kellogg refused to discuss the Peking diplomatic conference. He spent hours, however, in conference with Nelson Johnson, chief of the Far Eastern

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FUGITIVE YOUTH IGNORES SHOTS

TWO COMPANIONS LODGED IN JAIL BY CITY OFFICERS

Anderson, Said to be Wanted in Portland; Given Officers Trouble There

Several shots from the gun of Traffic Officer G. W. Edwards failed to stop Joe Anderson, youthful alleged Portland automobile thief, who made his get-away down an alley near the ice plant last night about 9:30 o'clock, after a spirited chase on High and Ferry streets.

Anderson first came afoot of Officer Edwards when the latter stopped the Buick sedan in which the young fellow was speeding. Opening the door of the car on the opposite side, Anderson got out and dashed up the street, followed by Edwards, who opened with his gun. In the darkness surrounding the ice plant, Anderson made his disappearance. The officer, not knowing Anderson was wanted in Portland for the theft, did not aim directly at the fugitive.

John Krieger and Gladys Byrnt, both aged about 19, who were in the car with Anderson, were lodged in the city jail when a telephone call from Portland informed local police of the car robbery. The

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BLAST INJURES THREE

Drill Strikes Unexploded Stick of Dynamite; All to Recover

DALLAS, March 31.—(By Gu Holmes, Ernest Erickson and Albert Berkmen, laborers in a local hospital with serious injuries as a result of a dynamite explosion today on the Grand extension of the Great Northern railroad. The men were hitting a rock when the blast occurred.

The drill was thought to have been in contact with a stick of dynamite that in some manner remained unexploded after a previous charge. One man was sitting on the rock at the time of the blast, fellow workman declared. All are expected to recover.

BUILDING WORK SHOWS INCREASE

PERMITS FOR MONTH OF MARCH TOTAL \$366,815

Gain Over Last Year Found Mostly In Construction Of New Buildings

An increase in total of building permits for March 1927 over the same month of last year, significant of rapid growth in the city of Salem, was shown in a comparison of the two periods made in the office of the city recorder yesterday.

The total shows that there were building operations involving expenditure of \$366,815 started during the month, of which \$10,365 was for repairs, and \$356,450 for erection of new structures. Sixty-one permits to build were issued, while 13 permits were for repairs and alterations.

Last year sixty-one permits were granted having an aggregate value of \$227,620 about \$140,000 less than this year. The amount of money spent for repairs and alterations last year was practically the same as this year, indicating that the increase in expenditure involves new building almost entirely.

The permits are classified as follows:

90 new dwellings	\$162,300
1 apartment house	185,000
8 garages	4,850
1 concrete building	2,500
4 marques and loading platform	800
Total	\$356,450

TRIAL SET FOR APRIL 12

DeAutremont Case Coming Up Early in Jackson County

MEDFORD, March 31.—(AP)—The trial of Hugh DeAutremont, suspected Siskiyou tunnel bandit and slayer, charged in this county in connection with that crime and first degree murder, was set this afternoon by Judge Thomas to open April 12 in the circuit court at Jacksonville.

Although DeAutremont has not yet been arraigned, he will be the last of this week or the first of next week, and he will face trial April 12 unless some satisfactory showing is made why the trial should be continued. It is understood here that Fred E. Smith, attorney of Eugene, retained by Paul DeAutremont of that city to defend his son Hugh, said last week while he was in Medford that the defense would be ready for and will insist on an early trial.

RADIO PROBLEM POSER

Elimination of Some Stations the Only Remaining Solution

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—The federal radio commission ran against a stone wall today when it reached what appeared to it as the one remaining avenue for escape from the present tangled broadcasting situation—elimination of some of the 733 operating stations.

Having disposed of the purely physical side of the problem without obtaining any support of proposals for easing present conditions by widening the broadcast band, reducing the separation between wave lengths, dividing time or cutting down of power, the commission asked for definite suggestions as to how the number of stations might be curtailed, but obtained only a multitude of demands for retaining both high and low-powered plants now in use.

TEACHERS INTELLIGENT?

What if Thanksgiving Falls on Sunday, Instructor Asks

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 31.—(AP)—Not all the foolish questions are asked by students. Officials in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction said today that the following queries were sent to this office by teachers:

"If Thanksgiving falls on Sunday, is the following Monday a school holiday?"

"I hold a professional life certificate. How may I get it renewed?"

"I am to teach vocational agriculture in Wyoming. Your application for a certificate calls for my maiden name. I am not married yet. What shall I do?"

FOUR REPORTED KILLED

LOS ANGELES, April 1.—(AP)—Reports received at the coroner's office early today said four persons were killed at Pacoima, twenty miles northwest of here, when a railroad tank car became detached from a train and crashed into an automobile at a grade crossing.

200,000 MINERS IN COAL FIELDS STOP ALL WORK

Operators' Effort for Wage Reduction Results in Production Halt

PUBLIC LITTLE WORRIED

Nearly 80 Million Tons of Bituminous Above Ground, Reports Show; Shutdown May Be Protracted

(By The Associated Press.)

WHAT—A cessation of work in the soft coal fields of 200,000 miners because of expiration of the Jacksonville agreement under which miners and owners have operated for three years. Miners seek a renewal of the present wage contract, the operators seek a reduction.

WHEN—The Jacksonville agreement expires at midnight March 31. Miners said they would be idle until a new agreement is reached.

WHERE—The center competitive field includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania and the southwestern district including Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, and is effected along with mines in Iowa and a few other points not included in either of the territories.

WHO—Upward of 200,000 miners would be idle if all work is stopped as planned. A few mines have announced work will be continued under temporary local agreements, in the union fields.

CHICAGO, March 31.—(AP)—Soft coal mining in the major American fields headed toward stalemate at midnight tonight—the hour of expiration of the Jacksonville wage agreement.

The impasse between operators and miners, one of a long series that has marked bituminous coal mining in recent years, was regarded primarily as neither a strike nor a lockout. Rather, it appeared to be a tacit understanding that work must cease because operators have refused to renew the wage agreement and the miners have bound themselves to accept

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BOYS CONFERENCE TO START TODAY

SHORT RALLY AND BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

County Meeting For Boys To Last Until Sunday; 125 Youths Expected

Registration of delegates to the Marion county boys conference which opens here today will begin at 2 o'clock and continue until 6 o'clock. The boys will be entertained at the homes of Salem people, and their assignments will be given out at the time of registration. About 125 boys are expected to sign up.

After a leaders meeting, and a short rally, this evening there will be a banquet at which Dwight Adams, will act as toastmaster. Mayor T. A. Livesley will extend the keys of the city to the young delegates.

Frank Moran, head of the Normal school for boys at Rolling Bay, Wash., will make the principal address tonight using as his subject: "Adjusting ourselves to present day conditions."

Meetings of the conference will extend over Saturday and Sunday. Local arrangements are under direction of Loyal Warner, boys secretary at the YMCA.

FOUR YOUTHS ARRESTED

Liquor Possession Charged to Boys; Will Arraign Today

Four boys, none of them apparently older than 19, were arrested last night about 11 o'clock by police officers, and charged with possession of liquor. A quart size fruit jar containing alleged moonshine was found in the car when the arrest was made.

The boys gave their names as Pete Jensen, 565 South 21st street; G. Savage, 1845 North Summer street; H. J. Jarman, 2000 State street; and Joe Gislser, 735 South 19th street.

They were released on their own recognizance by Police Judge Mark Poulsen, the automobile, belonging to Jensen's father, being held as security. The boys are cited to appear in court at 10 o'clock this morning.

MARSHFIELD HAS SNOW

Inch and One-Half Falls When Belated Winter Strikes

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—A belated winter struck Coos Bay last night, when a chill east wind timed the storm which had come up from the southwest. An inch and a half of snow fell in two hours.

The mountains in view of Coos bay were today covered with snow, but the lower levels were green again by 10 o'clock.

BAPTISING THE INFANT



ATTORNEYS ASK FOR CLEMENCY

KELLY ALSO UNDER DEATH SENTENCE; SIMILAR CHARGE

Argument Advanced Evidence Did Not Show Willos To Have Done Killing

Attorneys for James Willos, convict, who is under death sentence for the part he played in the penitentiary break here in August, 1925, yesterday appeared before Governor Patterson and urged a commutation of the penalty to life imprisonment.

It was argued by the attorneys that no testimony was introduced at Willos' trial to indicate that he was the slayer of either Milton Holman or John Sweeney, guards, who were killed during the break. Willos was convicted of first degree murder in the Marion county circuit court and was sentenced to be hanged. This decree later was affirmed by the state supreme court. The case is now pending in the United States supreme court, and has been set for argument next month.

Other convicts involved in the break were Ellsworth Kelley, Tom Murray and Bert (Oregon) Jones. Jones was killed by a guard, while Murray committed suicide following his capture and return to the prison.

Kelley also is under death sentence in connection with the break. Governor Patterson refused to give any intimation yesterday as to what action he would take in the Willos case.

AIR COMMANDER KILLED

Naval Plane Falls in Caribbean Waters; Crew Men Hurt

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Commander Robert W. Cabaniss, in command of the naval aircraft tender Aroostook, was killed today in an airplane crash in Caribbean waters. The plane which crashed was the PN-9.

Admiral Hughes' report failed to reveal the other members of its crew. It added, however, that none of them was killed although it was believed some had suffered injuries.

Commander Cabaniss' body was placed on board the Aroostook and that vessel was ordered to Guantanamo to deliver the body to the hospital ship Mercy.

The injured members of the PN-9's crew were sent to the hospital ship at Guantanamo aboard the aircraft tender.

COAST GAMES POSTPONED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—(AP)—No Pacific coast league baseball games were played today, rain preventing play at all of the cities where games were scheduled.

FIND BROWNLEE GUILTY SLAYING VENETA DEPUTY

Jury Out Nearly Six Hours Returns Verdict Without Recommendation

WILL SENTENCE MONDAY

Defense Seeks to Show Uncle of Slain Man Might Have Fired Fatal Shot by Accident; Drop Russell Charge

EUGENE, Or., March 31.—(By AP.)—Albert Brownlee, who has been on trial here for the past three days on the charge of slaying Eston Hooker, Veneta posseman, was found guilty of murder in the first degree without recommendations, by a jury in circuit court here tonight after that body had been out almost six hours. The verdict was returned at 8:55 o'clock and carries with it the penalty of death by hanging. Sentence will be pronounced at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

The jury began its deliberations at 3:05 o'clock this afternoon after hearing a plea of the state that they find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree without recommendations for leniency, and a plea of the defense for mercy.

Claims Accident

The possibility that Frank Hooker, uncle of the slain man, and not Brownlee, may have fired the fatal shot was advanced by the defense in its closing arguments this morning. Testimony showed, David B. Evans and Fred E. Smith, defense attorneys said, that Eston Hooker was in a direct line between the car from which his uncle shot and the place where Brownlee is alleged to have wheeled and fired in his flight down the Wolf Creek road. If Frank Hooker shot his nephew it was by accident, the defense said.

District Attorney John Medley in rebuttal stated that evidence showed that the slain man was not in the line of fire between his uncle and the defendant. Gordon Wells, deputy district attorney, in his argument declared that Brownlee, who is alleged to have walked down the road after being hailed by the posseman, made up his mind during the walk to shoot it out with the posse and that the shooting was, therefore, premeditated.

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MORE GAS PRICES DROP

Three Companies Make Reduction as Step in Gasoline War

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., March 31.—(AP)—The gasoline price war broke out with renewed vigor here today, when the Shell, Standard and Richfield companies dropped the price of gasoline at service stations to 16 cents, thus meeting the lower price of Pan-American set 11 days ago. Local representatives of the Seaside, Associated, Union and California Petroleum were expecting orders later today to meet the new price.

The Pan-American Western Petroleum company has been retailing its gasoline in this district two cents under its leading competitors for two weeks following the general readjustment to 16 1/2¢ per gallon at that time.

The Standard cut is effective only in southern California, officials said.

PRINTING PLANT BURNS

One Man Narrowly Escapes Death in Blaze at Portland

PORTLAND, March 31.—(AP.)—Damage estimated from \$150,000 to \$200,000 was caused early today when a fire of spectacular proportions virtually destroyed the plant of Bushong & Co., printers and lithographers, by sweeping the second, third and fourth floors of the company's brick building. The fire is believed to have started in the lithographing room.

Flames were already shooting out of the windows when four simultaneous alarms were sent in. Nearly 35 fire companies worked an hour or more before the fire was reported under control.

E. L. Foust, 35, emergency trouble man for the Portland Electric Power company, narrowly escaped death when he became caught in an elevator which took him up, then down, through the burning floors. He received face burns.

DINWIDDIE GIVES PRAISE TO SALEM

GREATER APPRECIATION DUE WHEN WORK COMPLETED

This District Has High Health Rating; Diphtheria Soon Controlled

Salem and Marion county people have shown a commendable interest in the work of the Marion county health demonstration, and if the intelligent response and close cooperation is continued, the program will forge ahead and serve to build up the children in to specimens of great vigor and good health," declares Courtenay Dinwiddie, of New York, director of demonstrations for the commonwealth fund, who is in Salem inspecting local organization.

Mr. Dinwiddie expressed a belief further that Salem would appreciate the health service to the extent that when the demonstration is finished two years hence, the work will be taken over and made a permanent part of the school program. "The readiness with which Salem people have supported this important work is not equalled by people of any of the other four sections where these demonstrations are being carried on," said the director.

This district has a very high health rating, he further stated. While there were a great number of diphtheria cases last year which brought the percentage up, strict immunization is now being enforced, and next year should see this disease well under control, if not almost entirely eliminated.

Absence of iodine in the soil has increased the prevalence of goitre in this section, he said. However, it is not as severe as it is in some other sections, where not so many people are affected.

In addition to the demonstration here, Mr. Dinwiddie has supervision over demonstrations established in Rutherford county, Tennessee; at Athens, Georgia; and at Fargo, North Dakota. The Fargo demonstration was the first to be established, and the city has taken over practically the whole program. This is the last year of the demonstration there.

In the southern demonstrations, the work of the health department is complicated by the presence of so many negroes. Members of the dark race, said Mr. Dinwiddie, are particularly susceptible to disease of all kinds. Combined with unsanitary conditions under which these people usually live, great numbers of them are stricken with some malady or other. Many of them have tuberculosis.

At Athens, Georgia, had health conditions prevailing have largely been removed through close cooperation and intensive work of the health department and demonstration officials. Typhoid fever, small pox, and diphtheria threatened to wipe out the whole section, but these diseases are now almost entirely controlled. Only one case of Antritis, which used to be prevalent to an alarming extent, was handled this year.

Mr. Dinwiddie will leave tonight for Fargo where he will visit before going on to New York. The commonwealth fund not only sponsors the health demonstration, but also has instituted mental hygiene clinics and established rural hospitals throughout the country where they are most needed.

RESIGNATIONS ARRIVING

One More on Hand; Others Due Soon Following Request

M. H. Bauer of Corvallis, who recently was requested to resign from the state game commission by Governor Patterson, has sent his resignation to the executive department.

Members of the game commission who previously submitted their resignations to the governor included J. W. Maloney of Pendleton and I. N. Fleischer of Portland.

The resignations of Harold Clifford of Canyon City and W. L. Finley of Portland have not yet been received at the executive department. Mr. Finley is in the east, and probably will not receive the governor's letter demanding his resignation for several days.

It was said that the governor also was awaiting the resignation of J. S. Hayes of Bay City, member of the state fish commission. Other members of this commission have submitted their resignations to the governor.

PLANE PASSENGER KILLED

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 31.—(AP)—Joe Porter, a passenger, was killed and David Edward Nelson, a navy plane in which they were riding, was seriously injured when it crashed this afternoon near Molino, Fla. Both men were aviation machinists.

BLAMES LIQUOR USE TO PUBLIC NOT PROHIBIT LAW

Principal Nelson in Final Statement Upholds Statesman's Version

COMPLIMENTS ACCURACY

School Official Opposed to Legalizing 'Light Wines and Beer' If It Means Return of Saloon, He Says

Positive declaration that he did not attribute the use of liquor by young people to the Volstead act, but to non-enforcement of that act, featured a written statement issued Thursday by J. C. Nelson, principal of the Salem high school, which he announced would be the last that he would make at this time on the subject of prohibition and drinking on the part of young people.

At the same time, Nelson orally complimented the Statesman on its accurate interpretation of his remarks, and reiterated a statement made by him Tuesday, in which he said that headlines in a Capital Journal had misplaced the emphasis of his original discussion of the problem.

Closes Discussion Nelson's written statement follows:

To the Editor:—To those who seem disposed to believe that the right of a free American citizen to express his convictions on subjects affecting the moral welfare of the community does not extend to school teachers, and that the teacher is to be bullied and intimidated when he makes such an attempt the following considerations are addressed.

I am now and always have been absolutely opposed to the saloon, and am against all propaganda that looks toward its restoration. I am equally opposed to all efforts to permit the sale of "light wines and beer" if these involve the restoration of the saloon.

I have not said that the use of liquor among the young people is the result of the Volstead act, but of the non-enforcement of that act; and its non-enforcement is not due primarily to any lack of diligence on the part of our police, but from our failure to prosecute.

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FORD RALLYING FROM INJURIES

OPTIMISTIC REPORTS EMANATE FROM HOSPITAL

Cause of Auto Crash Still Being Investigated; Malignant Intent Doubtful

DETROIT, March 31.—(AP.)—Bulletins expressing only optimism continued from Henry Ford's bedside tonight, while varying reports persisted as to the manner of the accident, which last Sunday night sent him careening in a Ford coupe down the embankment of the up-lifted roadway of Michigan avenue just at the eastern end of a bridge over the River Rouge.

"The patient had a fairly good day," read the last bulletin late today, and Dr. R. D. McClure, surgeon-in-chief of the Henry Ford hospital, "Progress continued favorable."

An earlier bulletin remarked that there had been no adverse development in the automobile manufacturer's condition and that none was expected.

The first authentic statement from any one of the vast Ford organization today was a disclaimer of belief that a deliberate attempt to kill the manufacturer had been made.

It came from Harry H. Bennett, chief of the Ford investigators, and was to the effect that he was satisfied that Ford's light car was sideswiped by a "hit and run" motorist driving with one arm about a girl or "slightly in his cups."

There remained undecided, however, the original statements last night of a source close to Mr. Ford that the accident was accepted as a deliberate attempt at assassination and a second statement by a Ford spokesman that a great many men were investigating along numerous lines, and that it was believed that the motorist was a sly mechanic.

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