

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; moderate temperature; moderate northwest winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 66; minimum, 37; river, 3.1; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

Founding the keys to produce the jazz is said to have put 8,000,000 pianos in this country out of tune. It has also caused several times 8,000,000 Americans to say things far removed from a concord of sweet sounds. —Boston Transcript.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 13, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CHINA MISSION WORKER TELLS OF EXPERIENCE

Miss Lulu Conover Returns After Seeing Revolution at First Hand

OUTLOOK NOT HOPEFUL

Eight Years Spent by Local Woman in Work at Southern Presbyterian Mission

Miss Lulu Conover arrived home from China on the Southern Pacific train yesterday forenoon, having come by way of Seattle. She is now a guest at the home of Mrs. A. O. Condit, 855 Oak street. She is tired from the long trip, but the United States of America looks good to her, and especially does Salem, her old home town, seem like a haven of rest and a place of peace after the turmoil of the Chinese revolution, some of the din and danger and noise of which she witnessed at Shanghai as she passed through that city as a refugee and awaited for the ship that carried her on her homeward journey. Miss Conover had been in China nearly eight years; to be exact, seven years and eight months.

Miss Conover served first in Nanking, then in Shanghai, and afterwards in Tientsin and Peking. For the past four and a half years she has been in Kiangyin, on the Yangtze river, the great river of that country, about 75 miles from Shanghai. Kiangyin is between Shanghai and Nanking, both of which cities have been much in the news from China in the past few weeks. Kiangyin is in the center of a beautiful country; it is in the center of a farming district, a country city, with only about 65,000 people; small as Chinese urban population goes. Her home there was outside the east gate of the wall, for Kiangyin is one of the many walled cities of that country, with a wall that is 1,000 years old, and very interesting. It is in Kiangsu province, the same as Shanghai.

Miss Conover has been with the Southern Presbyterian mission, in the academy of that school there. It is the James Sprunt academy, for boys and girls. Sprunt is a cotton mill millionaire of Wilmington, North Carolina. The Presbyterian church of Wilmington.

PILLAR OF FIRE HIGH OVER CITY

WOODEN SCAFFOLDING OF 550 FOOT BUILDING BURNS

Home of Elbert H. Gary Ablaze; Lives of Firemen and Police Endangered

NEW YORK, April 12.—(AP)—Like a huge torch that could be seen for many miles, the superstructure between the thirtieth and thirty-eighth floors of the 550-foot Sherry-Netherlands tower under construction at Fifty-Ninth street and Fifth avenue burst into flames shortly after 8 o'clock this evening.

The fire was in wooden scaffolding atop the completed 30 stories of the structure. Fire alarms were turned in shortly after the fire was discovered but firemen were handicapped in reaching the blaze as the equipment was found inadequate for sending any quantity of water to that height. In the meantime the flames were fanned by a strong breeze.

Lives of firemen, police reserves from nine stations endeavoring to hold thousands of spectators in check, and even of hundreds of the front line spectators themselves, were menaced by showers of burning timbers and debris which fell over an area of several blocks.

The home of Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, at Fifth avenue and 61st street, was caught under the shower of falling embers, as was the Metropolitan club, just across 60th street from the burning building.

NEW FARM BILL McNARY'S PLAN

OREGON SENATOR CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Recognizes Futility of Re-Submitting Vetted Measure; Is Coming West

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(AP)—After a number of conferences with President Coolidge, Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee has decided to draft a compromise farm relief bill for introduction at the December session of congress.

He was co-author of the McNary-Haugen measure which was vetoed by the president late in the last session. The new proposal, Mr. McNary said, would be designed to offer real assistance to agriculture and at the same time meet objections of the president to provisions in the original bill.

Farm leaders who have discussed the agricultural situation with President Coolidge lately say that he has expressed a desire to have relief legislation enacted, but is firmly opposed to the equalization fee principle and certain other features of the McNary-Haugen bill.

In reaching the decision that it would be best to work out a compromise, Senator McNary has now reached the conclusion that in face of presidential opposition the original McNary-Haugen bill would have a slim chance of ever becoming a law. He leaves tomorrow for the west and will discuss the situation with various agricultural leaders and advise them to adopt a spirit of give and take in an effort to work out a legislative program that can be carried into effect.

DISCUSS MANAGER PLAN

Meeting of Committee to be Held Tonight at State Library

City government administration under the proposed council-manager plan will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow night of the special committee recently appointed by Mayor Livesley to work out a new system of city government for Salem.

The meeting will be held at the state library where Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, has a vast collection of material dealing with the subject. J. M. Devera, assistant attorney general, who made a trip to Astoria last week, will probably be present to give a report on the managerial form of government in that city.

One certain phase of the council-manager form will be discussed at each meeting of the committee until the completed plan is ready for consideration.

LIQUOR CASE APPEALED

Peterson Given Sharp Sentence By Silverton Justice

Alfred M. Peterson of Silverton has appealed to the circuit court for a review of a justice court sentence for possession of intoxicants and a sentence of 60 days in jail plus a \$100 fine imposed yesterday.

Peterson was arrested by Silverton city officers Saturday, April 9, with two pints of liquor in his possession. So positive evidence of liquor sales was offered but the stiff sentence imposed by the justice indicated such action.

He pleaded not guilty but failed to put up a convincing argument in the trial yesterday. Peterson furnished the required \$500 bail and was released until the appealed case is called.

ONE MATCH AND SAFETY

Salemites Snowed In; Careful To Keep Fire Burning

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Baker of 1935 North Water street returned to Salem on Monday night after an enforced absence of more than a week. Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who have property interests in the Cascades, left twelve days ago to inspect their holdings.

Motoring as far up as the MacKenzie as they were able to go, the Bakers then hired pack-mules for the rest of the trip. Soon after they reached their destination, snow fell to such an extent they were unable to leave for more than a week. They were imprisoned in their home with only one match, and had to see that the fire in the stove never went out.

JUSTICE AND BRIDE HERE

Thomas A. McBride and Wife Return From Honeymoon

Justice Thomas A. McBride of the state supreme court, and Mrs. McBride, who were married in Portland recently, arrived in Salem Monday night after passing their honeymoon at Seaside and other beach resorts. They will make their home on South Winter street where they will be at home to their many friends after May 1.

Both Justice and Mrs. McBride were showered with congratulations upon their arrival here.

WILL GO AHEAD ON WASHINGTON SCHOOL SURVEY

Investigation of Cost of Repairs Ordered at School Board Meeting

BUILDING NOT UNSAFE

Citizens From Englewood District Attend; Letters Suggest New Building Instead of Reconditioning

After extending a hearing to a number of citizens of the Englewood district, and holding a somewhat prolonged discussion, the Salem school board last night voted to employ Guyer Van Patten for the purpose of making a survey of the old Washington school to determine what repairs will be necessary to put that building into condition for use once more as a school plant.

The action was taken in spite of a survey conducted under direction of Superintendent George W. Hug which showed that 107 out of 190 parents who were sent questionnaires voted to have pupils stay in the schools where they now attend. The survey was made to determine how many children would be available for attendance at Washington should the building once more be utilized.

Say Some Misinformed

Several citizens who appeared before the board last night stated that they believed the survey had not been an accurate gauge of the sentiment in the district. Some felt that opposition to the re-opening of the school was due to a misconception as to the condition of the building. Many have the impression, it was said, that the school is an unsafe structure, little more than a fire trap, whereas a few repairs would make it as safe as any other building.

A petition carrying several names asking re-opening of the school for the lower grades was also presented to the board. No one opposing the opening of the

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FIRE DESTROYS VESSEL

Cannery, Seasons Pack and Warehouse Also Go Up in Smoke

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 12.—(AP)—Fire, starting in the tugboat of the Grindle Cannery company at the mouth of the Queets river, today destroyed the cannery plant, two warehouses, the boat and the season's pack which was being made ready for shipment here tomorrow for sale. The pack was valued at \$5,000, the boat at \$3,500 and the plant represented an investment of about \$50,000.

COUNTIES FIGHT STATE'S DEMAND

DISTRICT ATTY. OF DOUGLAS HERE TO DISCUSS

All Concerned in Marion County's Case; Suit Not to Be Filed Soon

Any legal action that may be taken by the state to recover from 18 Oregon counties a share of the Oregon & California land grant tax refund will be resisted by the counties, according to Guy Cordon, district attorney of Douglas county and legal adviser for the state land grant association.

District Attorney Cordon arrived in Salem Tuesday and later conferred with members of the Marion county court.

The state, through Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state, and Attorney General Van Winkle, recently made demand upon the Marion county officials for approximately \$24,000 of the \$111,000 which was Marion county's share of the tax refund.

District Attorney John Carson of Marion county will assist in the defense. It was said that the result of the suit to be filed against Marion county would affect all the counties in which the grant lands were located. The tax refund was authorized under an act of congress signed by President Coolidge in April, 1925.

The act provided that the counties would receive an amount of money equivalent to their share of the taxes on the lands had they not reverted to the federal government.

Officials indicated that the legal action against Marion county probably would not be filed for two weeks.

STICKS TO QUEER STORY

Contractor Says Forced to Transport Gunmen and Victim

PORTLAND, April 12.—(AP)—After more than 18 hours grilling by veteran detectives, Fred Holstrom, a contractor, continued tonight to adhere to his story that he had been forced at the point of a gun to take three gunmen, their small arsenal and a sack containing a "human moving being" through Portland into Clark county, Washington, last night.

Futhermore, he persisted in keeping to his wild, weird story when told that members of the harbor patrol, after dragging for nearly eight hours, had been unable to find the sack and its contents which he had declared he saw the gunmen throw off the bridge into the Oregon slough.

Holstrom declares he was waylaid by the gang last night as he was driving his small truck near Beaverton, and that the three men loaded a machine gun, several rifles and revolvers, ammunition and cartridge belts, together with a sack, which he believed, contained a man, into his automobile, and forced him to drive from the city.

STATE BUILDING PLAN ATTACKED

SUIT MAY BE FILED AGAINST LOAN FEATURE OF BILL

Employers Who Contributed to Accident Insurance Fund Interested

Suit to determine whether the state has authority to borrow funds from the state industrial accident commission for the construction of a new office building approved by the legislature at its session, probably will be filed in the courts here within the next few days.

Announcement of the threatened suit was made following a conference here Tuesday attended by James B. Kerr and James Wilson, Portland attorneys. Mr. Wilson represents the Oregon-American Lumber company with offices in Portland.

The law to be attacked authorized the state to borrow from the industrial accident fund \$600,000, on which the state would pay interest at the rate of 4 1/2 percent. It was proposed under the act to pay interest on the obligation through rentals to be assessed against state departments occupying space in the new structure.

Employers who contribute to the industrial accident fund were said to be behind the move to determine the constitutionality of the legislative act.

The architect has been employed and plans for the new building are now being prepared.

NEW TEACHERS ELECTED

Nine Named for Place in Salem Public School System

Nine new teachers for the Salem school were elected last night by the school board upon recommendation of Superintendent George W. Hug. They are: Marjorie May Stone, Mary Louise Wisenberger, and Ruth Griffith for places in the senior high school; Fay Spaulding as instructor of music in Parrish junior high school; and Mary Lee Scott, Lela Riches King, Grace Hendrickson, Katherine Knox, and Lita Waters, for grade schools.

Blanche Fisherwood was re-elected secretary to Superintendent Hug. Other elections were Vera McCune, secretary at Parrish; Grace L. Taylor, school nurse, and John W. Marr, truant officer.

GOVERNOR WILL PITCH

State's Chief Executive to Throw First Ball in Portland

Governor Patterson will pitch the first ball at the opening game of the Pacific coast league in Portland today. Mayor Baker will be stationed behind the bat. The governor will be accompanied to Portland by Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state, and a number of other officials.

While in Portland Governor Patterson will attend two luncheons and will speak over the radio at night.

DEPENDABILITY OF PRUNE CROP NEEDED, SHOWN

Report of Federal Investigator Heard at Big Meeting Held in City

MANY AT CONFERENCE

Cooperation Between Growers and Packers Chief Essential; Advertising, Better Marketing Vital

Superior products, improved methods of merchandising and advertising, but most of all cooperation among the growers, are essential in the development and successful operation of the prune industry in Oregon and Washington, according to a report of the federal department of agriculture submitted to several hundred growers, packers and consumers at a meeting here Tuesday.

The report was the result of an exhaustive investigation of the prune industry conducted by Burke H. Critchfield, Chris L. Christenson and Lloyd S. Tenney, representatives of the federal agricultural department. They were at the meeting and explained in detail the major facts and conclusions contained in the report. Mr. Critchfield is agricultural economist of the federal bureau of agricultural economics.

Hear Report First

Although a number of the speakers urged that some action looking to the organization of the growers and packers be taken at today's meeting, others insisted that the report should first be considered.

The latter suggestion was favored and it was decided to hold a series of meetings to conduct prune growing sections of Oregon and Washington for the purpose of explaining the report.

Subsequent meetings probably will be held when some kind of a cooperative agreement will be reached.

Considerable discussion centered on the question of advertising. Mr. Christenson said that while he believed in advertising he was not of the opinion that a nationwide publicity program should be proposed at this time.

In lieu of organization, advertising campaign he declared that certain consuming centers could be selected for publicity purposes at a moderate cost to the growers.

Mr. Tenney made it plain that the first step in the organization of the agricultural department was the welfare of the producer and consumer and not the middle man or speculator.

Careful growing and delivery of prunes of a uniform quality are the first essentials in establishing and maintaining an effective merchandising program, read the government report.

"There also must be a dependable and regularity of supply. As to the latter, the wide variation from year to year in the size of the crop of northwestern prunes presents a difficult marketing problem. Uniform quality products, good pack and dependable service in administering the supply all help to build and maintain regular trade outlets with minimum cost."

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NAME ANDERSON SALEM HI COACH

WILL COMBINE DUTIES WITH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Luke Gill Chosen as Assistant; New Mentors Prominent in College

Louise Anderson was elected last night by the school board to the position of head coach to succeed Hollis Huntington, resigned. Anderson, whose salary will be \$2200, will also retain the position of physical director. Luke Gill was named as assistant coach at a salary of \$1500.

During the past year, Anderson has acted as assistant coach to Huntington and his work in building up the program of the physical education department is said largely to have influenced his choice as coach in 1925. Anderson was quarterback on the University of Oregon team which nearly upset Washington's claim to the coast championship by playing the Huskies a spectacular game at Seattle. Anderson's field tactics were responsible for the fine showing Oregon made in this class.

Gill, who will assist Anderson in developing Salem high athletic teams, has been selected from a large list of applicants. Last fall, as assistant to Coach R. S. Keene, he helped develop the Willamette university football men. Gill will assist in physical education work.

Anderson was selected for the position. The most prominent contender with him for the place was Ramon Dimlek, now coach at Raymond, Wash., who has produced a number of winning teams at that school.

MILL NOW IN OPERATION

Progress Noted Daily Looking Toward Big Things in Future

Salem's second linen mill is getting into operation. Every day there is progress; a new machine set to going; a new process towards the making of the finished progress added.

There are five spinning machines up. Another on the floor, ready to set up. Another due to arrive April 28. That will make seven. That will complete the full quota of machinery. The one coming is the last.

Each machine has 192 spindles. That makes 344 spindles. Each spindle is capable of turning out a pound of "yarn" in an eight-hour shift. One machine turned out 80 pounds per spindle on Monday. Pretty good for green hands. They are doing well.

Adding Experts

There are 118 looms. Forty are now hooked up and tried out. Many kinds of looms, to make many kinds of products. Some wide ones to make table linens. Beautiful patterns.

Several of the looms are now making fancy towels. Some making crashes. Some are working on linens for tailors' linings. It takes a yard of linen linings for every suit of clothes.

And there are orders now to take the product of 10 looms, provided the samples come up to standard; which they will. The whole mill might work on linen suit linings, and make only a dent in the American demand.

In just a few days the dye room will be ready, and the finishing room. There are a dozen or so sewing machines, electrically driven, for the finishing room.

Then there will be shipping, and selling, with marketing organization. It is all coming fine. Looking good. And very, very busy.

Some more expert help is arriving, to teach the new hands. But the new hands are doing very well. Surprising everybody.

OPPOSE WATER OPTION

Kiwanians Appoint Committee to Urge Municipal Purchase

The first move in the fight against the sale of Salem's water works to the Federal Water Service corporation was made yesterday with the appointment of Fred Erickson as chairman of a committee of Kiwanians to cooperate in definite moves to place the purchase before the voters of the city.

Erickson made a short address against the option awarded by the local company to the New York syndicate urging that the club take immediate action to carry on the fight. He was given heavy applause and the committee will start work at once.

If the deal is put over Salem will be only one town of many turning thousands of dollars each month into the service corporation and it is the result that Mr. Erickson struck at in his address to the Kiwanians.

The Kiwanis club has the avowed support of the Salem Lions club in backing the proposed action, a majority of the members of both organizations believing that the voters and property owners of the city should have a chance to vote in June on the now neglected plans to purchase the water holdings of the local corporation.

CARLTON HEADS MASTERS

Edmund F. Carlton of Salem was elected grand master of the Royal and Select Masters at East.

TORNADO KILLS 125 IN TEXAS

Almost Entire Population Casualties, According to Meager Reports

RECOVER 50 BODIES

Five Dead in Oklahoma and Arkansas When Storm Strikes; Vast Property Damage

WACO, Texas, April 13—(AP)—The News-Tribune early today received reports that 50 bodies had been recovered from wreckage of Rock Springs, Texas, buildings leveled by a tornado there last night.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 12.—(AP)—More than 125 persons are believed to have lost their lives in a devastating tornado which struck the little town of Rock Springs, county seat of Edwards county, located 120 miles west of San Antonio, according to information reaching here two hours later over an improvised emergency telephone established one mile east of the town.

Fear Total Greater

Meager information indicated that the total dead would mount still higher when a final check is made. A relief party left Del Rio over the Southern Pacific lines within an hour after news of the storm reached that city and doctors were organizing another relief party at Uvalde to go to the stricken town.

A relief party headed by City Health Officer W. A. King and Fire Chief J. G. Sarrao was dispatched from San Antonio, where the telephone exchange blows Rock Springs into a point one mile east of town and installed a telephone with which to maintain communication with the outside world.

The first message reaching San Antonio (Continued on page 2.)

ASSESSMENT LAW TAKEN TO COURT

ALTERNATIVE WRIT OF MANDAMUS ALLOWED IN CASE

Circuit Judge Rules After Supreme Court Declines Jurisdiction in L. B. Smith Petition

An alternative writ of mandamus requiring Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state, to recognize an application for a ballot title for a proposed referendum measure looking to the repeal of the so-called tax assessment law enacted at the last legislature, or to show cause before April 15 why he should not do so, was granted in circuit court here Tuesday by Judge L. H. McMahon, to L. B. Smith of Portland, who had first taken the matter up before the supreme court of the state, that body refused to assume jurisdiction.

The petition for a writ of mandamus was dismissed by the supreme court, without prejudice, and thus the applicant retained the right to apply for a writ in any other court having jurisdiction.

It was alleged by Mr. Smith that under the constitution of the state all tax measures are subject to referendum. The application for a ballot title was refused by the secretary of state on the grounds that he was an administrative officer, and that the law complained of in the proceeding carried the emergency clause and already is in effect.

Mr. Smith charged that in refusing to accept his petition the secretary of state had denied him the right of referendum to which he was entitled under the constitution.

The tax assessment law under attack authorized county assessors to demand inventories of business concerns and gave the state tax commission power to correct unfair or unjust assessments by county assessors. The law was copied in part from the Washington assessment act and was recommended by the state tax investigating committee created by the 1925 legislature.

Other opinions handed down by the court follow:

State of Oregon vs. Otto Mueller, appellant; appeal from Douglas county; appeal from conviction for violation of prohibition law.

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