

# The Oregon Statesman

Our idea of one political job not worth while is the appointment of traffic policeman in Shanghai.  
The Russian soviet is just ten years old and seems to be about as irresponsible as the average youth of that age.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

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## FRUIT DAMAGE DUE TO FROST THOUGHT LIGHT

Some Blossoms Damaged, but Tree Load so Heavy Crop May Not Suffer

### OTHER PLACES HARD HIT

Terrific Blow Dealt Soft Fruits; 25 Per Cent Normal Crop Expected; "Practically All Cherries" Killed.

Fruit blossoms in some parts of Marion county were probably damaged somewhat by the heavy frost Tuesday night, growers reported Wednesday, although it is too early yet to tell whether any actual loss in the crop will result. Some blossoms undoubtedly were "burned," but it was pointed out that there is such an excess of blossoms that no loss may be occasioned.

### Northwest Suffers

PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP).—Freezing temperatures have dealt the fruit raising districts of Oregon and Washington a terrific blow. R. H. Kipp, manager of the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce was advised today in numerous telegrams.

In Washington soft fruit crops were hit so severely that preliminary estimates are that only a 25 per cent normal crop may be expected. Damage of prunes and apples was said severe. The damage was felt especially in the Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Milton-Freewater and Yakima districts, the telegrams stated.

In Oregon conditions were little better. At Hood River it was estimated that "practically all cherries" were killed by the heavy frost last night. Few orchardists had protection for their fruit. The damage to pears, the blooms of which are not yet fully opened, was severe. Apple blooms were not far enough advanced to be injured, it was said, and the damage to strawberries was negligible.

### Columbia Section Hit

R. D. Chaffield, manager of the Mosier Fruit Growers association reported damage to cherries and prunes in his district at 100 per cent.

Mid-Columbia asparagus growers who were expecting a car shipment this week were hard hit by the freeze. Two days' cultivation was lost. In Umatilla county thousands of acres of soft celebra-

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## MEDICAL SCHOOL GIFT ANNOUNCED

\$130,000 PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF GOOD WORK

More Facilities for Specialized Research Work at Portland to Be Possible

PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP).—Announcement of a gift of \$130,000 to the University of Oregon medical school here, by the general education board of the Rockefeller Foundation, was made today by Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the medical school, and Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the university. The award was made, it was pointed out, in recognition of the high standards of work being done by the school.

Accompanying the official statement that the gift had been made by the general education board, was a check for \$50,000. The remainder of the fund will be deposited with the state and made available to the medical school as it has need for it.

The board made two previous gifts to the institution, the first for \$113,000, matching a similar appropriation from the state for construction of the building, and another for \$50,000 for the purchase of equipment. The gifts were made in 1920.

It may be possible, Dr. Dillehunt said, to increase the personnel of the Multnomah county hospital by providing three resident physicians to take care of the patients and to assist in the instructions of the medical students there. Important equipment for the diagnosis of disease will be installed and other equipment for specialized research work will be provided for.

## MISTRIAL SEEMS INEVITABLE NOW

INTERVIEW GIVEN BY WOMAN JUROR SETTLES CASE

Sapiro and Attorney Declare Other Parts of Ford Charges "Frameup."

DETROIT, April 20.—(AP).—Declaration of a mistrial tomorrow morning was the inevitable ending for Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford foreseen tonight when Sapiro and his chief of counsel, William Henry Gallagher, agreed that they could not oppose the part of the four point defense motion alleging a woman juror had granted a newspaper interview.

The other three points, that the juror, Mrs. Cora Hoffman, mistated her husband's business, and that she had stated falsely she had no interest in the case, and that Mrs. Hoffman conversed with a "Kid" Miller, who was alleged to have engaged in conversation with and to have been on friendly terms with Sapiro were termed by Sapiro and Gallagher, a "perfect frameup."

In the affidavit of William Orth, the Ford Motor company employe, who also is related to Mrs. Hoffman, it was asserted that on Sunday evening February 27, last, he heard her say "she hoped she would be chosen for service in the Ford case, and if she was, it would not be very healthy for "Old Man Ford," as she did not like his methods or anything about him."

Other affidavits alleged that while Mrs. Hoffman represented in her preliminary examination that her husband, William Hoffman, was engaged only in the plumbing and heating business, his principal business was operating a public saloon or blind pig.

Hoffman, according to the affidavit of Frank Gervais, a Ford investigator, said on April 19 last that he knew about an offer of \$10,000 to his wife by "Kid" Miller and that he had told her that if she could get that amount she could get \$15,000 just as easily.

Several of the affidavits referred to Miller's association with Mrs. Hoffman in the federal building corridors off the courtroom, and to of them asserted Sapiro and Miller had locked arms and conversed intimately and earnestly in corridors.

John Smolar, a Ford detective, swore that he had heard a man "of Jewish caste of countenance" since identified to him as Miller, say to Mrs. Hoffman, "It will be worth thousands of dollars to you if you will do so."

## EASTERNERS PERSPIRING

Mercury Rises to 91 in Some Cities; One Prostration

NEW YORK, April 20.—(AP).—Easterners wiped perspiring foreheads today, discarded wraps and overcoats, watched thermometers register record breaking April 20 temperatures of from 84 to 91 degrees in some cities and decided that summer had ousted spring from the calendar. A year ago today the lowest temperature here was 31 degrees.

The heat wave claimed one prostration in Elizabeth, N. J. The weather man predicted "fair and colder tonight."

Previous record temperatures for April 20 were broken in New York, which had a maximum of 88 degrees; Springfield, Mass., with 91; Boston and Philadelphia with 89 and Elizabeth, N. J., 90.

On the other hand in Binghamton, N. Y., reported that the mercury began to fall about 4 p. m. and that snow was expected tomorrow. In Buffalo where the temperature was 77 yesterday it was 37 today.

## PORTLAND ADDS POLICE

35 More Employed to Combat Crime Wave; Loafing Banned.

PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP).—Thirty-five additional policemen today were authorized by the city council for duty at vantage spots throughout the city to combat the crime wave that has hit Portland.

At the same meeting an emergency measure was adopted making it unlawful to be on the streets or in automobiles in the city after midnight without a valid reason. This will become effective immediately.

## DOZENS SLAIN AS ARMED MEN ATTACK TRAIN

Large Force of Bandits or Revolutionaries Kill Guard, Passengers

### COACHES SET ON FIRE

Outrage Is Worst of Many Depredations in Mexico; Believed Work of Strong Anti-Calles Faction

MEXICO CITY, April 20.—(AP).—Between 50 and 100 helpless passengers were slaughtered by a cross force of revolutionaries or bandits who held up a Guadalupe-Mexico City train last night, after killing the train's entire escort of 50 soldiers.

The bandits drenched the coaches with gasoline and kerosene and set them afire, and as the terrified passengers tried frantically to climb out of the windows to escape incineration, they were shot down. The slaughter took place near Limon, state of Jalisco.

### No Warning Given

Of recent outrages, this is declared to have been the worst in Mexican territory. The attack came almost without warning. Suddenly the train halted while passing through a desolate territory, and the attack, some reports have it, was begun by from 500 to 1000 armed men. They made short work of the military guard; then locked the doors of the coaches, applied the torch to the oil-soaked wood, and by the light of the flames that instantly shot up, poured savage fusillades into the bodies of the passengers as

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## NATIONAL BANK CLOSED

Bend Institution in Charge of Examiner; Reserves Low

Bend, April 20.—(AP).—With W. C. Crowley, national bank examiner in charge, the First National bank of Bend remained closed today. The bank was closed this morning by a resolution of the board of directors. The bank's reserves were depleted, it was said, and in order to preserve the assets for protection of depositors, the action was taken.

When the audit, now under way, is completed, a complete statement will be made relative to the future of the bank, it was announced.

## CRUSADER'S WIFE DYING

Family Hurrying to Deathbed of Mrs. Lillian M. Johnson

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., April 20.—(AP).—Mrs. Lillian M. Johnson, wife of W. E. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, the prohibition crusader, is dying in a hospital at Columbus, Ohio, according to a telegram received today by Clarence T. Johnson, a son, from his father.

Johnson left at once for Columbus. He said his brother, Clifford Johnson of Washington, D. C., and his sister, Mrs. Clara M. Walden of Chicago, were also enroute to their mother's bedside.

## SHERMAN WAS RIGHT



## GOBS SKIRMISH WITH RED HATS

BAND OF 50 REPELSED, LEAVE THREE DEAD ON FIELD

Defied Order Prohibiting Fighting Within 2000 Yards of Railroad

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 20.—(AP).—American bluejackets came into armed conflict this afternoon with a band of fifty men wearing red flat hats and carrying a red flag. After a brief engagement the "reds" retreated leaving three dead.

There were no casualties among the sailors.

Defying the orders of the United States prohibiting fighting within 2000 yards of a railroad, the band attempted to take the village of Posoltega. The attacking forces were opposed by twenty four blue jackets. Posoltega is near Chichikapa, where fighting was engaged in last night. One liberal was killed in the fighting at Nasarote.

Conservative forces are entraining along the railroad in the hope of clearing out the liberal bands.

## START SHERIFF RECALL

Lane County Official Under Fire for Veneta Affair

EUGENE, April 20.—(AP).—Definite plans to recall Frank E. Taylor, Lane county sheriff, were made at a mass meeting at Veneta tonight when some 400 residents of Veneta and other parts of the county met to bring threats against the sheriff into action.

The meeting was called as a result of the refusal of Sheriff Taylor to discharge Van Svarverud, chief deputy. Svarverud was criticized by Veneta residents for his trip to Los Angeles, started the day after the holdup of the Veneta pool hall when Albert Brownlee shot William Maddaugh, the proprietor.

Svarverud was in command of the sheriff's office at the time, Taylor being in Alabama.

## CLAIMS SEATTLE NOT CLEANED UP

MAYOR HAS FAILED TO KEEP PROMISES, ALLEGED

Sheriff Prepares Another List of Places That Should Be Closed.

SEATTLE, April 20.—(AP).—Charging that Mayor Bertha K. Landes has failed to fulfill her pre-election promises to "suppress open and flagrant law violations" in Seattle, King County Sheriff Claude G. Bannick declared tonight that unless she immediately makes an effort to "clean up the city," he will do so himself.

Mayor Landes, who was elected on a reform platform, has sanctioned a system of regulation "which covers up the operation of malefactors," the sheriff asserted.

Bannick announced that he was preparing a third list of alleged disorderly places in the city and that it will be transmitted to the mayor within a few days with the request that the police "act without delay."

Many of the places on the two previous lists were found to be unoccupied, the mayor said last week.

When informed of Bannick's charges tonight Mrs. Landes said she had no statement to make.

Bannick's accusations, in part, were as follows:

"The mayor has had ample opportunity since her election to show that she intends to live up to the promises she made when she opposed Edwin J. Brown for the mayor's chair. She was elected on the strength of these promises.

"Conditions have improved since her election—that is, they have improved on the surface. But the dirt is still there—it's been pushed under the carpet where no one can see it without lifting the cover. I've lifted the

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## NATIONAL PARK BOOSTED

Silver Creek Falls Classified as Wonderful Scenic Spot

Representative W. C. Hawley opened his drive yesterday on making Silver Creek Falls a national park by appealing to Salem Rotarians for all possible assistance.

Mr. Hawley told the club that it would not be hard to secure an appropriation from congress if every Salem organization started working at once toward that end.

Silver Creek Falls is one of the beauty spots in the state and is acclaimed as the most scenic section of the Willamette valley. If national funds can be secured for improvements Salem will be next door to a wondrous playground.

## EPIDEMIC ADDS MORE HORRORS IN FLOOD ZONE

Refugee Camps Stricken With Disease; More Drownings Reported

### WATERS STILL MENACE

Efforts to Combat Advancing Waters Redoubled; New Madrid Being Evacuated with Buildings Surrounded

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 20.—(AP).—Six more lives have been added to the toll taken by Arkansas flood waters.

Julius Lamb, 3 was drowned when he fell from the front porch of his home near Truman into backwater.

E. Rainwater, 24, was drowned near Morrilton.

Three negroes are known to be drowned and nine others missing when six skiffs towed by a motor boat turned over when the motor stalled just as a levee went out within ten feet of it near here tonight.

Another negro was drowned near Bradley during the morning. Three families were believed tonight to have drowned on the Flynn plantation in Pulaski county 12 miles east of Little Rock. They were warned last night to flee but were said to have remained in their homes. Neighbors heard screams later in the night as the water crept into the homes.

### Disease Prevalent

Pestilence, riding on the waves of St. Francis river flood, has invaded refugee camps at Wynne and Parkin, Ark., and tonight more than 500 of the homeless were ill with measles, whooping cough and mumps.

Advised of the situation by a Red Cross representative, Governor Martineau ordered national guard medical officers and state health board authorities to the camps with instructions to establish an isolation camp.

### Arkansas Rising

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 20.—(AP).—The menace of flood disaster is spreading.

## MOVIE ACTOR INDICTED

Faces Charge of First Degree Murder of Ray Raymond

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—(AP).—Paul Kelly, film juvenile, was indicted for first degree murder following a grand jury investigation here today of the death of Ray Raymond, musical comedy actor who died yesterday after a beating admittedly administered by the screen player.

The indictment was voted within a few moments after Raymond's widow, Dorothy Mackaye, stage actress had collapsed in the grand jury room. She crumpled in the witness chair after admitting that she had been with Kelly a short time before the fatal thrashing. The actress was carried out of the room and medical aid was summoned.

Physicians had scarcely revived her when the actress learned of the grand jury's action and collapsed outside the jury room. She struck her head on the tile floor of the corridor and was temporarily unconscious.

## AGED HERMIT KILLS TWO

Recluse Runs Amuck With Rifle, Later Killed by Posse

PETALUMA, Cal., April 20.—(AP).—Three men died in a reign of terror here today when John Fallies, 72 year old recluse, ran amuck with his rifle, shot and killed Mike Thees, a cook, then barricaded himself in his house to stand off a posse.

The posse was later reinforced by a machine squad of national guardsmen and the house was riddled with bullets. Meanwhile an airplane was dispatched to San Francisco for tear gas bombs, residents fled the neighborhood, and automobile traffic over the Redwood highway was detoured to avoid the danger zone.

The battle ended when Fallies, gassed by the bullets which penetrated his cabin, made a rush out the back door, shooting as he ran, and killed R. L. Rasmussen, 69, constable and deputy sheriff. Fallies dropped dead under a hail of bullets almost the same instant.

## 50,000 HOMELESS DUE TO FLOODS

FOUR MILLION ACRES INUNDED IN SEVEN STATES

Loss in Lives and Property Not Yet Estimated; Will Last Two Weeks

(By Associated Press.) The flood at a glance.

States affected: Arkansas, Missouri and Mississippi, and to lesser extent Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Estimated area inundated: 4,000,000 acres or 6,250 square miles.

Estimated homeless: 50,000 persons.

Persons affected: 100,000, directly or indirectly.

Lives lost: Impossible estimate, more than dozen known dead.

Property loss: Not estimated, but far into millions of dollars.

Worst sufferer: Arkansas, with most of its lowlands inundated.

Persons homeless in Arkansas: Upward of 20,000.

Cities hardest hit: Clarendon, Pine Bluff, Little Rock and number of smaller communities.

Other results: Epidemic in two Arkansas refugee camps; rail traffic and wire communication demoralized; cities cut off from the outside; schools closed and threatened breaks of other levees on major streams.

Relief measures: American Red Cross; Federal, state and city government cooperating in rescuing homeless, establishing camps and caring for refugees.

National guard troops, members American Legion and Boy Scouts doing police and guard duty.

Outlook: Even higher stages forecast as cloudbursts and heavy rains, principally in Arkansas, added more water to that already in sight. River stages at many places already highest on record.

Probable duration: New Orleans weather bureau estimated from two to four weeks before flood waters will pass that city.

## LENGTHY TRIP PLANNED

University Debaters Will Circle Globe; Take Full Year

EUGENE, April 20.—(AP).—A tentative schedule has been drawn up for the University of Oregon debate team which plans to encircle the globe next year, appearing in all English-speaking countries, according to J. K. Horner, debate coach at the university, the team, which will probably consist of three speakers, will meet debaters from the universities of Hawaii at Honolulu, New Zealand, and five universities in Australia besides several in Scotland and England.

Tryouts will be held at the university April 30, according to Mr. Horner, with each candidate making a six minute speech on either side of the question, "Resolved, that democracy is a failure."

Three speakers will be selected, with one alternate. Making this trip will necessitate absence from school next year.

## ELEVATOR DISCUSSED

Court Investigates Cost of Installation at Court House

Popular demand for immediate installment of an elevator in the Marion county court house is rapidly increasing, according to Judge J. T. Hunt.

The county court has investigated the advisability of such an improvement and finds that a modern single shaft may be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. It would be necessary to keep an operator from 8 to 5 each day except Sunday.

As a large part of the business in the court house is done on the second and third floors and a majority of the people who constantly are compelled to climb several flights of stairs are advanced in age, the court believes the expenditure would be a wise one.

Judge Hunt urges that interested taxpayers call at his office on the second floor to talk the matter over.

## WILL BLAST AWAY CLIFF

30,000 Pounds of Powder to Be Used to Clear Roadway.

## CHERRY-TARIFF HEARINGS HERE WILL BE TODAY

Investigators for Federal Commission to Arrive in City This Morning

### FACTS TO BE PRESENTED

Facts on Cost of Production and Processing to Be Presented Looking Toward Adequate Protection

Hearings on the cost of producing cherries in the northwest, will be held in Salem today before two representatives of the federal tariff commission, with a view to amassing information which will shed light on whether the protective tariff on cherries imported into the United States must be raised.

These hearings, at 9 and 10 o'clock this forenoon, will not be public meetings, but conferences between the tariff commission representatives and persons who are in a position to give them the facts about cherry production cost.

### See Hopeful Signs

This is the investigation toward which cherry growers have been working for months, and is the first step toward what Senator Charles L. McNary believes will be the granting of an increase which will provide the needed protection temporarily, and eventually give permanent protection.

Commenting on this matter following his arrival home from Washington, Senator McNary said that from the indications at various conferences of the tariff commission, he believed the recommendation for an increase of one cent a pound would be forthcoming, possibly early in May. This is the maximum increase possible until a new tariff law is passed. The increase could be ordered by the president on the commission's recommendation.

The commission's investigators, Mr. Lourie and Dr. Connor, will hear separate features of the testimony with regard to production costs; Dr. Connor that on growing, and Mr. Lourie that on processing.

### Italy Chief Rival

Officers of the Salem Cherry Growers' association will be given a hearing, as well as local packers' representatives; and other districts in the northwest are sending men to furnish similar figures.

After these are compiled, the tariff commission will also have to obtain comparative figures on

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## CUSTOMS, PROHIBITION FORCES JOINED

DRY ENFORCEMENT SQUADS PUT UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

Present Agents Must Qualify; Additional Guard of Coast Planned

PORTLAND, April 20.—(AP).—W. K. Newell, deputy federal prohibition director, returned to Portland today from Seattle where he was in conference with Roy C. Lile, director for the Pacific northwest, relative to the placing of the prohibition service under civil service and the merging of the prohibition unit of the customs service with the prohibition department.

The latter change will go into effect May 15. At present there are eight men serving in the prohibition unit of the customs service under A. E. Burghdoff. This service was created in August 1925 by General Andrews and was designed particularly to watch the coast lines, harbors and borders.

Under the new arrangement a squad from the prohibition service will be assigned to these duties.

The prohibition service was placed under civil service on April 1 and all agents are now making application for appointment under this regulation. These applications must be in by May 5, and the examinations are expected to be completed shortly after this date. All agents now in the prohibition service here are making application, Newell said. Under the act which placed this service under civil service six months was given the present personnel.