

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair, except northwest portion, and cloudy or foggy near the coast; somewhat cooler in interior; humidity below normal but rising in interior; moderate northwest and west winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 80; minimum, 48; river, 3.9; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

One reason more young people don't stay at home nights is because they're afraid to be alone in the house.—Philadelphia Inquirer.
Nowadays, due to the shortness of skirts, it's hard to tell a good looking school mistress from some of her pupils.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CROP OF 1926 PRUNES SOLD; MARKETS GOOD

North Pacific Cooperative Prune Exchange Meeting With Success

13,000,000 POUNDS SOLD

Organization After New Members; Hope Expressed to Handle Twenty Million Pounds of 1927 Crop

(The following summary of a detailed report of the manager of the North Pacific Cooperative Prune Exchange makes very interesting reading at this time.)

April 25, 1927. To hold the quality of our pack to its present high standard must be the aim to work to, among the membership of the North Pacific Cooperative Prune Exchange, according to the manager who has just returned from a nine weeks' trade visit including every important prune market in this country and Canada.

In a detailed report to the directors of the North Pacific Cooperative Prune Exchange held in Portland recently, the manager stressed the need for quality of larger sizes rather than quantity made up of small sizes and doubtful quality. For that reason, he is urging every grower member of the prune exchange to give the utmost care to drying and to avoid heat variation that will lead to scorching and the destruction of flavor of the fruit. This has always been necessary, but with the development of the chain store, it now becomes absolutely imperative. Indifferent quality is immediately reflected through telephone complaints to the store manager and through him to the buying center of the chain system.

A Wonderful Showing

Growers are further urged to allow their prunes to mature and thereby secure as high sugar content as possible. The 1926 crop ripened fully and it has made a wonderful impression upon the trade. Everywhere compliments were forthcoming upon the fine flavor of the Oregon prune. There is a genuine and real liking on the part of the consumer for that delectable blend of fruit acid and sugar found only in a fully matured Oregon prune, but there is an equally great dislike for an Oregon prune that has the fruit

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FACULTY SELECTS REPRESENTATIVE

EDITH STARRETT ELECTED BY CLASS FOR VALENTINERY

Mildred Miller and Helen Richardson Tied for Scholarship Honors

Robert Alexander was named by the Salem high school faculty yesterday afternoon as its choice of graduating class representative on the commencement program. Alexander is an accomplished pianist and art student. Last year he acted on his own initiative in entering the state piano playing contest for students at Forest Grove where he placed third. He will give a piano number at the graduating exercises.

In the elections held yesterday morning by the senior class, Edith Starrett, prominent debator and a representative of the state of Oregon at the Philadelphia sesqui-centennial last year, was elected to give the valedictory address. Other candidates for the place were Jack Ramage and Edward Fisher.

When Miss Starrett was a freshman at Roseburg high school she was selected to represent Oregon counties in that district at the state speaking contest on the Constitution at Eugene. She took second place, being beaten only by Egon McCroskey, the Salem high representative. Her election yesterday makes the first time a girl has been selected at the high school to give the valedictory.

Mildred Miller and Helen Richardson, who tied for first place in scholarship honors

RECORD WARMTH ON BLOSSOM DAY

WORKING PEOPLE THOUGHT MONDAY WAS HOTTER

Shirtless Men Prevail on Streets; Moderation Today Forecast

Possibly because they had to work instead of finding a cool, shady place, Salem people were convinced that Monday was the hottest day of the year; but the official government thermometer said it was two degrees cooler than Sunday, when the year's high mark was reached, 82 degrees.

PORTLAND, April 25.—(AP) The prediction that there would be "no summer in 1927" today was relegated to the general classification of "base canards." It was the second consecutive day that the thermometer had recorded near June temperatures.

The weather man said it was 77 degrees, and next to Sunday, the warmest day of the year. The weather man, however, found those who would take issue with him upon this point, and while they were not upheld by the official instruments, some were found who were willing to back their judgment that today was "the hottest yet."

Men's shirtless was flung to the breeze as backs were bared of coats. Here and there a straw hat gleamed self-consciously in the crowds, worn by some male less timid than his fellows.

A refreshing breeze from the northwest blew during the day to relieve any serious discomfort from the warmth. The weather bureau predicted that it would continue fair tomorrow and would probably be a trifle cooler.

EUGENE, April 25.—(AP)—The maximum temperature today was 82 degrees, one of the hottest April days on record at the local weather office, but it was seven degrees lower than the hottest day of April, 1926.

ASTORIA, April 25.—(AP)—Yesterday was the warmest day Astoria has experienced this year, with the thermometer rising to 66 degrees at noon, but today, cooled by a northwest wind, it rose no farther than 63 degrees at midday, and the weather became somewhat cooler before evening.

LONGVIEW MAN TO HANG

Negro Sentenced Monday Following Ruling by Supreme Court

LONGVIEW, Wash., April 25.—(AP)—Al Williams 30, a negro, was today sentenced to be hanged on May 27 for the murder of Minnie Scott, negro, in Longview, December 23, 1925. Williams confessed the crime. Sentence was passed by Judge Homer T. Kirby. The execution will take place at Walla Walla.

Williams has been confined in the county jail at Kelso, awaiting the result of his appeal from judgment of the superior court, which was affirmed by the state supreme court last week.

BRITISH SCHOONER SUNK

Beached Vessel Struck; Crew and Passengers Saved

HAVANA, Cuba, April 25.—(AP)—The United Fruit steamer Heredia, on arriving at Havana today, reported that she sank the British schooner Veta Louise 130 miles from Havana Sunday night. The crew and passengers of the Veta Louise were rescued.

Information given to the port captain was that the schooner was bound from Guanaja, Honduras, for Tampa, Florida, with several passengers and a cargo of bananas. The vessel was beached and light signals failed to warn the steamer. The Veta Louise was struck amidships and sank almost immediately, the passengers taking to lifeboats and the crew plunging into the sea.

CHERRY PRICE FORECAST

Salem Buyer at Eugene Predicts 15 to 20 Cents a Pound

EUGENE, April 25.—(AP)—First intimation of what the price of cherries would be this year was given today by C. H. McDonough, cherry buyer from Salem, who is in the city to establish a purchasing office.

When asked what the cherry price is to be, he stated that he could not tell definitely, but suggested that it might be as high as to be from 15 to 20 cents a pound.

GOBS WOUNDED WHEN PENGUIN HIT BY SHELLS

U. S. and Other Foreign Vessels Fired Upon in Yangtze, Says Report

MAKES 47 SUCH ATTACKS

800 Nationals in Hankow, Including 68 Americans, Beheaved in Serious Danger; Attack Forecast

SHANGHAI, April 26.—(AP)—The United States auxiliary vessel Penguin was fired on heavily yesterday in the Yangtze river with rifles, machine guns and field pieces. Several of the Penguin's men were injured, one of them badly.

SHANGHAI, April 25.—(AP)—Foreign warships in Chinese waters have been fired on again by Chinese troops. Recent statistics reported that American vessels, including warships in Chinese waters had been thus attacked on 45 occasions since August 16, 1926. This number was increased when the United States destroyer Peary was fired on yesterday near Kiukiang, on the Yangtze, about 125 miles off Hankow. The source of the firing was not located and the warship did not return the fire.

Three British warships, the Mantis, Keppel and Wolsey, also were fired upon by Chinese boats. (Continued on Page 2.)

NET INCOME REPORTED

Amount Reported for Year 1926 Totaled \$31,125,226

The Southern Pacific company had net income of \$31,125,226.95 during the year 1926, according to the annual report of the company filed in the offices of the public service commission yesterday.

The operating revenues were \$226,641.68, operating expenses \$157,350,084.75 and net revenue \$69,115,556.93. Taxes were \$17,678,890.37 and operating income \$51,436,666.56. The non-operating income was \$31,323,341.90 and gross income \$82,760,008.46. Deductions from the gross income, such as interest, fixed charges and other similar expenses totaled \$51,634,781.51.

W. U. JOURNALISTS WILL EDIT PAPER

CARLSON SELECTED AS EDITOR AND TO NAME STAFF

Course Added to Curriculum at Willamette This Year Attracts Many

The Willamette university journalism class under direction of Professor E. C. Richards will edit the Saturday morning issue of the Oregon Statesman this week. This is being done to give the news-writing students practical instruction in the publication of a regular daily newspaper.

V. D. Carlson has been chosen to act as editor for the issue. He will select his staff today and appoint the work among various members of the class. Every detail of the news end of the paper will be handled by the students. The journalism course was added to the university curriculum this year primarily to improve the quality of the Willamette Collegian, weekly college publication. It (Continued on page 8.)

BLOSSOM DAY SUCCESS

Thousands Enjoy Enchantment of Wonderful Ornaments

Approximately 15,000 people from outside of Marion county joined in the observance of Blossom day here on Sunday. The weather was ideal, being warm with a beautiful clear sky.

The peach, the cherry, the prune and the apple trees were all bedecked with snow white and pink tinted blossoms for the grand occasion. Their beauty was enhanced by the bright green of the new leaves on the trees.

Visitors to Salem were greeted by the uniformed Cherrians, who directed them over the two chosen routes, where the blossoms were reported to be the very best. These routes covered about 20 miles and the traffic was directed by state operatives under the direction of T. A. Raffety. The chamber of commerce remained open during the day for the convenience of the visitors.

Penitentiary officials reported that approximately 1500 people visited that institution, while all of the other state institutions were visited by large numbers of people.

The state capitol building remained open during the day and it is reported that over 500 went to the dome and obtained a fine birdseye view of the surrounding country. The best day of the year so far was probably enjoyed on Sunday by thousands of Oregonians. Spring came into its own and everything combined to make Blossom day one that could not be excelled.

DROPPING THE PILOT



YWCA PLANNING COMMUNITY CAMP

FUND BEGUN; WANT ENOUGH MORE TO MAKE IT \$1,000

Rummage Sale Scheduled for This Week; Camp to Be Near Mehama

The Salem Y. W. C. A. owns two acres of land two miles above Mehama, near Taylors grove. This land was deeded to the Y. W. by Jos. H. Albert.

And the Salem Y. W. has \$308.35, the balance of a fund donated by the Salem Lions club, after some surveying and other expenses in connection with the two acres were paid.

And now the directors of the YW are planning to add to this \$308.35 fund. They hope to make it \$1000 within the next few weeks, in order that a building may be erected.

And they plan for a camp house 40 by 50 feet, with a good roof and a good floor, the balance for the present to be open, with provisions for closing with canvas or other material during stormy weather.

They hope to add sleeping cabins later. Then the building planned now can be finished for an assembly hall.

And some day they hope to have a big log house and other buildings that will go with a large community camp.

But the thing now is to get the first building up, ready for the summer season that is coming on.

As soon as this is ready, the Glese-Powers concern will prepare a well and furnish it with a pump. This to be a gift.

The women workers of the YW are now preparing to get together (Continued on page 5.)

TWO CROSSINGS GRANTED

Application of Company to Stop River Operations Heard

The public service commission yesterday issued an order granting Morrow county permission to construct grade crossings over the tracks of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company in the town of Lexington and near Judson. An application to establish a similar crossing near Irrigon was denied by the commission.

The commission authorized the Southern Pacific company to establish an industry spur track in Hillsboro, and dismissed an application looking to cancellation of a permit issued to the Morris Lowther truck line.

Hearing of the application of the Nehalem Driving and Boom company for permission to discontinue its operations on the Nehalem river and its tributaries occupied the attention of the commission most of yesterday.

HOPE OF PEACE WITH SECURITY FOREIGN POLICY

President Outlines Views on China, Mexico and Nicaragua in Talk

ADDRESSES NEWS MEN

Senate Arbitration Plan Doubled; Considers Cantonese Reply Conciliatory; Friendly Attitude Promised

NEW YORK, April 25.—(AP) —A foreign policy devoted to the protection of American citizens and the maintenance of peace was outlined tonight by President Coolidge as in keeping with the new position in the world in which he pictured the United States.

Speaking before the dinner of The United Press association commemorating the twentieth anniversary of that organization, Mr. Coolidge discussed at length the problems involving this government, in Mexico, Nicaragua and China.

The president saw difficulties in carrying out effect the senate proposal for arbitration with Mexico of the dispute growing out of that nation's oil and land laws and forecast an amicable adjustment of this situation on the basis of a recent conference he had with the Mexican ambassador.

Assurance Given

He revealed that Ambassador Tellez recently brought word from Mexico City that American property would not be confiscated by the Mexican government.

"I am glad to report," Mr. Coolidge said, "that the Mexican ambassador has recently declared to me that she does not intend to confiscate our property, that she has shown diligence in capturing and punishing those who have murdered our citizens, and expressed the wish, which we so thoroughly entertain, of keeping cordial and friendly relations."

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PRISONER IDENTIFIED

E. G. Cokerane Found to Be E. G. Hyland After Death

A case of identification that has puzzled local officials for several days was solved yesterday when Mrs. E. G. Hyland of this city declared the body of E. G. Cokerane to be that of her husband.

Hyland died Monday afternoon following five days of intense suffering at a local hospital. Physicians found his death to be due to acute diabetes.

After serving only two days of a three months' sentence, Hyland had been taken from the county jail to the hospital. He had recently been convicted on charge of operating a still in the Fruitland district. His sentence was in addition to a fine of \$250.

Officers were convinced that the name of Cokerane was an alias and their efforts led to the identification.

The body was viewed by Mrs. Hyland at the funeral parlors of Coroner Rigdon. The Hylands were not divorced but had separated several years ago.

Burial will be held this afternoon.

BOY; BAT; DARKNESS

Feat of Strength Causes Circuit to Burn Out; Lad Unhurt

When a small boy desirous of revealing his physical prowess threw a baseball bat with a rope tied to the end of it, high in the air at Hood and Commercial streets Monday evening, he threw the entire north end into total darkness and himself barely escaped electrocution.

For the bat sailed up above the Portland Electric Power company's wires, carrying 11,000 volts, and some came down on the other side. The rope had enough conducting efficiency to short the entire circuit and cause one of the wires to burn in two, and the result was that residents in the north end were without lights for over an hour.

Representatives of the power company stated that it was surprising that the boy was not killed. He let go of the rope when the arc began to form. It was reported that his name was Cecil Evans.

\$700 COLLECTED ON RELIEF FUND

FIRST \$500 WIRED IN TO HEADQUARTERS LAST NIGHT

Money Needed Badly Now; Over 150,000 Reported to Be Homeless So Far

Only about \$700 of the \$2000 quota which the Willamette district is to raise for people in the devastated areas of the Mississippi and Arkansas flood region had been turned in to the Red Cross headquarters last night, according to Dr. Henry Morris who is in charge of the drive.

The first contribution, \$500, was wired yesterday afternoon by Dr. Morris to Wm. Carl Hunt, director of the drive for the Pacific division, at San Francisco. Just as soon as more can be collected, it will be sent forward promptly. Now is the time the supplies are needed, and there must be no delay in providing the money to buy them, Dr. Morris stated.

Something like \$200 was raised in local churches after an appeal last Sunday, and Boy Scouts accumulated \$60 in the tag sale. Included in the outside donations were \$117.61 from Monmouth and \$42 from Stayton. The Baptist church took up a collection of \$44 exceeding the contribution from any other church and last night the deacons of the Baptist church voted to give \$25.

Drive officials believe that people in Salem will respond to the relief of the needy people in the flood districts if they can only be made to see that quick action is required. The quota should be obtained within two or three days now, Dr. Morris believes, but it will be necessary for people to mail their checks to the Red Cross drive offices at 305 First National Bank building, as it will be impossible for canvassers to cover every part of the city.

Reports from the flooded districts last night indicated that the homeless now number more than 150,000, and the damage resulting probably exceeding a half billion dollars.

WARDENS TO CONVENE

New Forestry Legislation to Be Discussed at Conference

Supervising wardens in charge of districts patrolled under the administration of the state forester's department, will hold a conference in Salem, May 2 and 3, according to an announcement made by F. A. Elliott, state forester, yesterday.

Invitations have been extended to field operatives and representatives of timber owners to attend the sessions. The principal phases of forest protection will be discussed.

Governor Patterson will give the principal address on the opening day of the conference.

The afternoon of the last day will be given over to a discussion of new forestry legislation enacted at the last legislative assembly.

BANDIT GETS DIAMONDS

Broker Held Up; Robber Cripples Man Who Would Halt Him

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—(By AP.)—A Jeddís, a San Francisco diamond broker, was held up in the lobby of the Loew's State building in the center of the Los Angeles business district this afternoon and robbed of uncut diamonds which he said were valued at \$100,000.

Jeddís told the police he was confronted as he passed through the lobby of the building by a man who thrust a pistol at him and seized two wallets in which the broker carried the diamonds.

As the holdup man fled, a bystander, Tom Virgin of Walnut Park, attempted to intercept him. The bandit tripped Virgin, who fell down a stairway, breaking his back.

SMITH, COOLIDGE SHAKE

Governor Tells President to Be Careful He Isn't Caught

NEW YORK, April 25.—(AP) —Al Smith, democratic governor of New York, paid his respects tonight to President Coolidge in his Baltimore hotel suite, but whether the 20 minute conference included a discussion of the presidential candidacy possibilities of either was not divulged.

Asked what transpired at the visit, Governor Smith replied: "I called, of course, to bid him welcome to the city. I told him to do anything he wanted to providing he didn't get caught at it."

OVER 100 DEAD. WATER COVERS NEW TERRITORY

More Towns and Farm Lands Inundated; Arkansas City Evacuated, Report

DAMAGE NEARLY BILLION

Secretary Hoover Takes Charge of Relief Work at Memphis; Preparations for Rescue, Rehabilitation Made

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 25.—(AP) —Twenty five persons, whites and negroes, were drowned at Heads, a small village, near Leland, yesterday when they jumped into the flood waters to escape from a burning building, the Memphis Commercial Appeal said tonight in a dispatch from a staff correspondent at Leland.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 25.—(AP)—Five more deaths by drowning and one from pneumonia growing out of exposure in the Arkansas floods were reported here today. Two of the five drowned were white men, whose names could not be ascertained.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 25.—(AP)—Swiftly and irresistibly, the muddy waters of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, rolled across new ground today in three states—Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana—inundating additional towns and thousands of acres of farm lands.

Driving the homeless before it, the floods claimed new victims here, and there, swallowing up a Mississippi national guard railway worker near Greenville, an Arkansas planter near Pine Bluff and the captain of a government craft assisting in levee strengthening on the Arkansas river near Gould.

Deaths Feared

With the known death list past the one hundred mark, estimates of the total fatalities ranged from 300 to 500. Rescue workers in the Mississippi delta feared that many lost their lives today as the flood waters continue across that region.

In the absence of any official estimates, varying calculations of the damage over the 9500 square miles of water covered land were (Continued on page 5.)

INADEQUATE FIRE ESCAPES NOTICED

MATTER OF LUMBER FIRM PERMIT UP TO COUNCIL

Plans of Turner Road and Humphreys Addition Accepted by Commission

That numerous apartment houses and other buildings in the city over two stories in height are not equipped with fire escapes as required by state law and city ordinance was brought to the attention of the city planning and zoning commission by a number of commissioners last night at the regular semi-monthly meeting.

A motion was passed urging the city council to take some action with a view to correcting this improper condition, and the city engineer was instructed not to grant any more permits for the erection of three story structures unless the plans provide for adequate fire escape facilities.

Even some of the apartment houses being constructed are ignoring entirely the provisions for fire escapes, it was stated, and many of the buildings now occupied by large numbers of people are not equipped for ready exit in case of a blaze. The fairgrounds buildings, particularly the horse show pavilion and the race track grandstand would be impossible to empty quickly in case of fire, it was brought out.

Hanson and Liljequist, sash and door manufacturers, who secured a permit last October to construct a lumber warehouse on Church street are not abiding by the terms under which the permit was granted, the commissioners found. According to the permit, the firm was not to cross the sidewalk on the east end of Church street, whereas the curb has been set for driveways at two different places.

This matter was also raised (Continued on page 5.)