The Drive in This District for Red Cross Funds for Flood Sufferers Is Lagging; Should Be Speeded Up

The Ben Hur Picture At Oregon Sunday and Monday Is One of the Greatest Ever Shown on Silver Screen

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled, probably showers; cooler in the interior, normal humidity, moderate to fresh southerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday, 72; minimum, 50; river, 5; atmosphere, clear; wind, west.

The Oregon Statesman

The income tax plank comes along immediately after the first of the year, but tactlessly neglects to include a picture of holly wreaths and a few words of cheery greeting.—Washington Star.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR — SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 27, 1927 — PRICE FIVE CENTS

FALL OPENING OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL VOTED

Contractor Estimates $8000 Needed to Put Building in Fair Condition

BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

Commercial Department Instructors Petition for Higher Salaries; Consider Minor Matters

The old Washington school will be repaired and made ready for the opening of school next fall, it was decided last night at the regular board meeting. A delegation of about 25 people from the Englewood district appeared before the directors and urged that some action be taken to provide school facilities in that section for their children who now must go long distances to Garfield or Englewood. When the matter was brought up for vote, not a director dissented.

The matter was referred to the building committee with instructions to determine what amount should be expended in putting the building in shape for use. The committee will report to the board at the next regular meeting, and then bids for improvements will be advertised.

A report from Cuyler Van Patton, local contractor, which was read to the board, indicates that the building was structurally sound, with the exception of a slight deflection in the second floor joists over the main floor lobby. The girders, joists and rafters were in fine condition, only one joist directly under the tower over the west entrance was a bit defective. This joist merely supports the roof load and is not serious.

Mr. aVn Patten recommended that the roof be reshingled, the building rewired, and other minor defects corrected. He said $8000 should be sufficient money to put the school into good shape to care for two or three hundred children.

The motion to re-open the building was made by Director Mark McAllister, and seconded by Director Frank Neer. The motion stipulated that the full elementary course of six years be included.

Superintendent George Hug

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PARIS-NEW YORK FLIGHT TO GO ON

PROJECT STALKED BY TRAGEDY, FOUR CASUALTIES NOW

Lieutenants Davis and Wooster Killed When Plane, Landing, Flops Over

NEW YORK, April 26.—(AP)—Although the Paris-to-New York non-stop flight, stalked by accident and tragedy since it was first proposed, today lost to death two of its most intrepid entrants in Lieutenant Commander Noel Davis and his alternate pilot, Lieutenant Stanton Hall Wooster, killed at Messick, Va. The flight will go on, perhaps in the next four or five days.

Announcement to this effect came from those "still in the race," who said the loss of Davis had robbed the venture of much of its sporting element.

Despite an accident Sunday to the giant monoplane, the Bellanca, that craft will be ready to weather are favorable, it was announced by its backers. Test take off by Sunday if wind and flights have shown it to be in perfect condition.

The death of the two in Virginia brought the casualties of the proposed classic to four, two other fliers having been killed last year, when coincidentally, Davis was also in the field at that time as a candidate for the $25,000 Orteig prize.

Taking off from Roosevelt field the giant Fonck plane caught fire, and burned Jacob Islamoff, mechanic, and Charles Clavier, radio operator, Captain Rene Fonck and Lieutenant Lawrence Curtin, pilot, escaped.

Accidents less serious in the past few days have marked the tests and preparations of two

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SNYDER SLAYING BLAME DISPUTED

WIFE SAYS MOTIVE WAS FEAR HE WOULD INJURE HER

Gray's Alleged Confession Claims Woman Wielded Deadly Sash Weight

NEW YORK, April 26.—(AP) Mrs. Ruth Snyder's confession that she joined with Henry Judd Gray, her cladestine lover, to "get rid" of her husband, Albert Snyder and stood by while "the job" was done was read into the record today at the trial of the woman and man. Just before court recessed until tomorrow the way was paved for the introduction of a confession attributed by the police to Gray.

The confessions have been repudiated by the defendants on the ground that they were obtained under duress and coercion, and the legal strategy of the trial thus far developed has been an apparent effort of each to place the blame for the slaying of Snyder on the other.

Mrs. Snyder's confession was read by George V. McLaughlin, former New York police commissioner, who appeared as the people's star witness to tell of admissions made to him by Mrs. Snyder and Gray of a part in the killing.

Mrs. Snyder's attorneys objected vigorously but ineffectually to the admission of the document when it was discovered that two of its pages did not bear the signature of Mrs. Snyder.

The confession detailed that relations between the husband and wife had been strained over a per-

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GOLD STRIKE REPORTED

Hundreds of Prospectors Stake Claims Near Republic

REPUBLIC, Wash., April 26.—(AP)—Reports of a rich gold strike two miles west of here caused a rush of 600 persons to the vicinity today and nearly 100 staked out claims.

The rush started after Joe Wiseman and Jake Rounds, prespectors, reported today that they found gold last night while prospecting along a wall of solid rock. After examining ore brought in by the prospectors, E. M. Taidy, department of interior official, declared that it will run $1 to a pound of ore.

Mr. Taidy declared the ore was the richest he had ever seen and that it looked too good to be just a pocket. The solid rock would indicate a vein, he said.

REVOLUTION PREDICTED

Archbishop Banned From Mexico Says Freedom to Be Sought

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 26.—(AP)—The San Antonio Express quoted the Most Rev. Leopold Ruiz y Flores, archbishop of Michoacan, one of several Catholic prelates recently expelled by the Mexican government, as forecasting a revolution in that country in the near future.

"It cannot be very long now until the man of the hour will make his appearance and when he does the people will follow him in a crusade for religious liberty which can have only one outcome—acquisition of that most precious of all rights, the privilege of worshiping God according to noe's own choosing," the archbishop said.

SEA SERPENTS SIGHTED

Monsters 30 Feet Long Scared Fish Away, Says Angler

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 26. (AP)—A new alibi for an empty fish hamper was brought to Vancouver today by Frederick Parnell on his return from a piscatorial expedition to Howe Sound, off Gibson's Landing, 15 miles west of here. Two sea serpents 30 feet long and able to raise their heads six feet above water had driven all the fish away. A number of other persons also saw the salt water monsters, Parnell averred.

BOY OF 16 MUST HANG

Young Hewitt Sentenced for Murder of Child of Five

JEFERSON, Ohio, April 26.—(AP)—Floyd Hewitt, 16 year old boy, must pay with his life for the murder of five year old Frederick Brown last February 14.

A jury found him guilty of first degree murder without a recommendation of mercy and Judge Chas. Sargent sentenced him to die in the electric chair at Ohio penitentiary on August 10.

CHANGES ASKED IN APPLICATION FOR TRACK USE

Great Northern Proposes Lower Rental on Southern Pacific Section

EFFECTIVE DATE LATER

Would Start Common User Provisions in 1930; Objects to Paying Half of Interest, Agrees to Third

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP.)—Although the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C., today refused to disclose the details of the Great Northern railroad's application to extend into south central Oregon, the Oregonian will say tomorrow that it has information from unimpeachable sources that four major changes are asked by the road, from the Southern Pacific's proposal.

The changes of a major character proposed by the Great Northern, as listed by the Orgonian, are:

"1. Reduction of annual rental, unless merger proposal of Northern Pacific and Great Northern becomes effective.

"2. Effective date of common-user contract to be Jan. 1, 1930, instead of Jan. 1, 1928.

"3. Duration of contract to be 50 years instead of 99 years, with provision for extension.

"4. Provision for review of the terms of contract by the I. C. C. upon application of either party."

Many other amendments are proposed, the paper states, adding that none of them appears to be of a nature likely to create a serious issue between the two roads.

"The Oregon Trunk line," the

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PRISON MATRON NAMED

Eleven Women in State Penitentiary at Present Time

Mrs. Gene Halley yesterday was appointed matron of the Oregon state penitentiary to succed Mrs. Lulu Phillips, who has resigned. Mrs. Halley is the wife of the deputy warden of the prison, and served as matron of the institution during the last two years of the Olcott administration. Mrs. Phillips will make her home in Portland, where she lived previous to locating in Salem.

MUCH INTEREST IN MUSIC WEEK

SALEM CHURCHES AND CIVIC CLUBS SPONSOR PROGRAMS

Climax Will Be Friday Evening With Portland Junior Symphony Here

The annual music week in Salem promises to be one of interest far surpassing that of former years, according to reports from the various civic bodies and music organizations in Salem.

Special music will be presented in all churches Sunday May 1. Civic bodies will give special programs of music, beginning with the chamber of commerce Monday; Kiwanis club Tuesday; Rotary club Wednesday; Salem Realty Board Thursday and the Lions club Friday.

On Monday evening, May 2, the Willamette university women's glee club will give a concert at the First Methodist church, and on Tuesday evening there will be an open air concert in the state house grounds by the Cherrian band and the oratorical society.

On Wednesday evening of Music Week, May 4, four special musical events are scheduled. At the state school for the blind there will be a free concert by the students of the school. At the state industrial school there will be a special concert, sponsored by the institutional department of the Salem Woman's club, and the same evening, Wednesday, a concert will be given at the Method-

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SEEK DEEPER CHANNEL

Senator McNary Offers Encouragement to Portland Port

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP.)—The board of directors of the chamber of commerce and the port of Portland commissioners at a conference today with United States Senator C. L. McNary and Representative Maurice E. Crumpacker reiterated their stand for a channel from Portland to the sea of a depth of 35 feet and a width of 500 feet.

The board of United States army engineers will be invited to come to Portland in October to obtain first hand information of needs for a larger channel and to observe the effects of the coming summer freshet on the existing channel.

"I am for a 35-foot channel, whether we get it this year or the next two or three years," declared Senator McNary. "You need a 35-foot channel if this port is to keep its position with other ports of the Pacific, but I would like to do anything that would undo what already has been done to obtain a greater depth and width of channel."

DATE OF HEARING MANDAMUS SET

PROCEEDINGS FILED CONCERNING BALLOT TITLE

Several Minor Opinions Handed Down By Supreme Court Yesterday

The state supreme court today advanced to next Thursday arguments of attorneys in mandamus proceedings filed by L. B. Smith of Portland, to compel Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, to accept application for ballot title for a proposed referendum measure attacking the so-called property assessment act enacted at the last session of the legislature.

The mandamus proceedings originally were filed in the state supreme court, which refused to assume jurisdiction. Mr. Smith then filed the proceedings in the circuit court for Marion county, with the result that Judge L. H. McMahan later sustained the state's demurrer to the complaint. The plaintiff then appealed from Judge McMahans decision to the supreme court. It was alleged by Mr. Smith that in refusing to accept his application for ballot title the secretary of state denied him the constitutional right of referendum. The contention also was advanced that the legislature exceeded its authority when it attached the emergency clause to the property assessment law.

The secretary of state denied the application for ballot title on the grounds that the assessment law carried the emergency clause and was operative immediately upon its passage by the legislature and being signed by the governor.

The law which Mr. Smith proposed to attack authorized county assessors to demand inventories and other information from taxpayers for taxation purposes. It also gave to the state tax commission power to reassess property when the assessments of county assessors were declared to be unfair or unreasonable.

Mr. Smith is secretary of the Greater Oregon association which

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PROTESTS BUS ENTRANCE

Lady Says She Contributed $1500 for Streetcars

Mrs. Edward Bloom of Eugene has sent a letter to the public service commission protesting against the substitution of busses for streetcars in that city. She said she contributed $1500 at the time the street car system was established in Eugene, with the understanding that the service would be continued permanently. Mrs. Bloom alleged that she has been denied this service under the schedule affecting the operation of the busses.

NO WONDER HE CAN'T GET 'EM UP

MALARIA CASES SPREAD AMONG FLOOD VICTIMS

Pellagra Also Threatens; Known Dead Now Over 110, Estimates 500

HALF RELIEF QUOTA IN

$2,000,000 Mark Passed; Rescue Work Continues; Many Hundreds Rescued; Army Leads

(By Associated Press.)

The flood at a glance:

Three additional deaths increased the known dead total to more than 110, with estimates of the dead running as high as 500.

Floods in Arkansas spread with alarming rapidity, inundating six more towns and thousands of additional acres of farm lands.

More danger points develop in Fine Tree state, with the overflowing of the Ouachita river below Camden and two crevasses developing in the Kochtitzke drainage district in the northeast.

Flood waters of the Mississippi and the Yazoo form junction in the Mississippi delta, flooding Rolling Fork.

Flood refugees increased beyond the 150,000 mark as more thousands flee before the swift moving waters.

Nation's response to President Coolidge's call for funds passed the two million dollar mark, or nearly half of the five millions immediately sought.

Red Cross medical director calls conference of health officers of seven states in flood to co-ordinate their work with that of the Red Cross and United States public health service.

Rescue work continues in all sections with many more hundreds taken from perilous positions on house tops, in trees and from mounds and levees.

Secretary Hoover gets close-up picture of devastation in visit to Greenville, Miss., the largest of the flooded cities.

Epidemic Threatens

PINE BLUFF, Ark., April 26.—(AP.)—With several cases already reported, Monticello tonight was

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TESTIMONY WITHDRAWN

Gerard Brothers Say They Were Mistaken About Date

SEATTLE, April 26.—(AP)—With the defense resting its case late today in the murder trial of Dr. C. C. Dobbs, Kirkland dentist, the taking of testimony came to a dramatic close when the testimony of two chief witnesses was stricken from the record on motion of Prosecutor Ewing D. Colvin. Dobbs is accused of killing Letitia Whitehall, 14 year old patient.

Colvin informed the court that the two Gerard brothers, James and William, who had identified Dr. Dobbs as the man they saw on a bridge near Kirkland on the night of October 30, when the girl was slain, had declared that they were mistaken. The brothers said that they were on the bridge on another night. Letitia's body was found under the bridge November 14, and it is the state's contention that she was attacked and killed by Dr. Dobbs and that her body was carried to the bridge and thrown into the slough.

CAR UPSET, THREE HURT

Aged Couple Among Victims of Accident Near Eugene

EUGENE, April 26.—(AP)—Miles Ramey, 83, Mrs. Ramey, 82, and Mrs. Belle Epton, all of Mayfield, Wash., are in a local hospital as the result of an automobile accident near here this afternoon. Mr. Ramey is suffering from scalp wounds and a fractured rib, Mrs. Ramey from scalp wounds and a fractured collar bone and Mrs. Epton from serious scalp wounds. A sister of Mrs. Epton who was also in the car, was not seriously injured.

The accident occurred when the machine, driven by Mrs. Epton, struck loose gravel where the pavement of the Pacific highway was washed out during the recent freshets. The driver applied the brakes and the car overturned into a ditch.

ONLY $170 ADDED TO RELIEF FUNDS

EVERY EFFORT TO SEND ANOTHER $500 TODAY

Thousands Without Food and Shelter Require Ready Assistance Now

Straight to the hearts of Willamette district people goes the appeal for relief for the 150,000 stricken folks in the flood districts of the south and middle west.

That the true situation is coming to the attention of our own fortunate Oregonians is proven by the raising of over a third of the $2000 quota for this district being raised by the Red Cross.

Dr. Henry Morris, chairman of the local drive, reports that workers and the public in general are taking more interest in the appeal for aid.

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars must be secured at once," Dr. Morris points out. In some parts of the country the reply is instantaneous. He believes that Marion and Polk county people will act promptly in providing the $1200 yet to be secured here. This money should be wired to San Fancisco with the least possible delay as thousands upon thousands of men, women and children are in desparate need, homeless and without food."

Yesterday's work brought the local fund to $870. Of this amount, $500 has already been sent in and today's should provide enough to wire in another $500 tonight.

Late returns of the drive:

First Methodist church, $61.50.

First Baptist church, $69.10 (this includes $25 voted by the church deacons in addition to the amount given by members).

Aurora, $22.

Monmouth, $117.61. In Monmouth, practically every business firm contributed, the response being very encouraging to the workers.

Stayton, $42.

Many towns and localities are yet to be heard from, according to Dr. Morris, it being hoped that these returns will at least bring the first report to an exess of $1000.

APARTMENT FRAUD HIT

Hotel Men's Association Seeks to Prevent Swindle

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP)—An offensive is to be launched by Oregon hotel men and the Better Business Bureau against an organized group of swindlers who, they declare, have been operating in the state what is termed, the "apartment house graft."

At a meeting here tonight plans were made for a full investigation of the affair. Stating that there has been called to his attention 25 cases in which people have been swindled by the operators, George W. Moyer, Portland hotel man, outlined the manner in which the graft is carried on.

Mr. Moyer termed the graft the "modern shell game," saying that in most cases the apartment buildings used in this form of swindle are merely shells. He said the swindle is being worked in other Pacific coast cities.

SIX TRUCK LINES CITED

Motor Carriers Must Explain Failure to Abide By Laws

Six motor carriers operating in Oregon have been cited to appear before the public service commission here May 6, and show cause why their permits should not be suspended. It was alleged that the carriers either had failed to pay their fees or make their monthly reports as required by the state transportation act.

Motor carriers affected by the citation order include the Spickerman-Graft Truck line, The Dalles; Motor Transit company, Portland; Waldport - Corvallis Truck line, Waldport; A. B. Sacre, Monmouth; Jenck Brothers, Cloverdale, and W. S. Grant, Dallas.

SHIERMAN BOUND OVER

Silverton Youth Bound Over on Manslaughter Charge

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP)—Walter Shierman of Silverton, driver of the automobile which collided with another machine here April 17, resulting in the death of Thurman L. Parker of Seattle, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury today when he appeared in Municipal Judge Tomlinson's court on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

MAY CUT LEVEE ON MISSISSIPPI TO HALT FLOOD

Desperate Measure Probably Will Be Necessary to Save New Orleans

EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED

Protests Heard From Residents of Area That Will be Inundated; Evacuation Already Under Way

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—(AP.)—Governor O. H. Simpson tonight issued a proclamation declaring that a public emergency exists and ordering the creation of an artificial break in the levee of the Mississippi river near Poydras at noon Friday, April 29.

MEMJHIS, Tenn., April 26.—(AP.)—Desperate measures to protect New Orleans from the force of the floods that daily are laying waste new areas in Arkansas and Mississippi were agreed today by the federal government, subject to the approval of army engineers and the Mississippi river commission.

The plan to remove the menace from the south's largest city, put forward by Governor Simpson of Louisiana, and Mayor O'Keefe of New Orleans, is for the blasting of a wide breach in the east levee of the Mississippi ten miles below the city.

This brought an immediate protest from the inhabitants of the 30 square miles that thus would be flooded, as well as from the business interests of Natchez, who demanded a cut at Morgan so as to protect that city as well as New Orleans. To that Baton Rouge objected on the ground that it would flood 30,000 square miles of rich country, including Louisiana's sugar cane growing section.

The whole question was left with the river commission and the army engineers at Vicksburg, where Secretary Hoover and Maj. General Jadwin, chief of army engineers, arrived today to participate in the conferences.

While the danger to New Orleans is not thought to be imminent, engineers all along have been apprehensive for the safety of that port when the crest of the flood, located today off Helena, Ark.,

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COAST TO COAST MARATHON PLAN

C. C. PYLE SAYS THERE'S BIG MONEY IN IT; MANY ENTER

Man Who Made Red Grange Quit College Puts Up $25,000 First Prize

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—(By AP.)—C. C. Pyle, versatile promoter of professional sports, today announced a Los Angeles-to-New York marathon foot race to be held in February, 1928, with a $25,000 prize to the winner, probably as much more in nine other awards, and with an world-wide entry list.

The marathon is expected to take three months to complete, and from the winners' vaudeville contracts, running exhibitions and indorsement of advertised products, as well as "inducements" to be offered by cities along the route, Pyle said it would mean $250,000 profit to the promoter.

The $25,000 first money will come from Pyle's own pocketbook, but he expects the additional nine prizes, beginning with $10,000 as a second place award, to be ad-

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The Magic Garden Is A Great Picture Now on at Elsinore

This is one of Gene Stratton Porter's greatest productions; a great book, worthy of her memory—for she was killed in an automobile wreck at Los Angeles after finishing "The Keeper of the Bees." The screening in "The Magic Garden" is wonderful; entrancing. The screening has given America a new sweetheart in the heroine of the great novel by America's best loved novelist. You will thank this writer for the tip, if you see it. Today and tomorrow.