

WEATHER FORECAST: Partly cloudy; moderate temperature; decreasing humidity; moderate north winds; maximum temperature yesterday, 60; minimum, 42; river, 4.3; rainfall, .60; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southwest.

The Oregon Statesman

Avocado growers object to having their favorite fruit known as the "alligator pear." Our own opinion is that "crocodile fruit" would be more appropriate.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 6, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

REAL EVIDENCE COMES SLOWLY IN DEATH CASE

Preliminary Matters Occupy Trial of Hugh DeAutremont Thursday

DETONATOR IDENTIFIED

Highway Worker Tells of Theft of Wire and Dynamite; Grip, Pistol, Shells and Cap Said DeAutremont's

COURT HOUSE, Jacksonville, Or., May 5.—(AP.)—After a routine preliminary outline tending to fix the date and manner of the deaths of four men in the holdup and dynamiting of a Southern Pacific train in the Siskiyou tunnel in southern Oregon on Oct. 11, 1923, the state in the case of Hugh DeAutremont, 23, tonight predicted that the first definite testimony linking the youth with the murders would be brought forth Saturday. DeAutremont is specifically charged with the slaying of Charles O. Johnson, trainman, George Neuner, United States district attorney, assisting in the prosecution tonight outlined his plans.

Development Slow

"It is highly improbable," said Neuner, "that we will get to the telling evidence in the case before Saturday afternoon or Monday morning."

Among the witnesses scheduled to take the stand tomorrow are John B. Palmer, Medford photographer, who took pictures of the wrecked and burned mail car and the scene of the holdup; former Sheriff Charles E. Terrell of Jackson county, who directed the first hours of the bandit chase; W. G. Chandler, special agent of the Southern Pacific, who helped collect the first clues, and George Inlow, laborer, who will corroborate, the state says, the testimony of three witnesses today, regarding two men, alike in appearance to the man in the railroad yards at Siskiyou, furtively dashing from car to car preparatory to boarding the dynamited train.

Impediment Sought

Other witnesses, whose testimony is expected to forge the opening links in the state's chain of circumstantial evidence about the youthful defendant, will be called.

Inlow, the defense indicated this afternoon, would be called by them to impeach the testimony of Ray Pinneran. Pinneran testified that the two men he saw "were about five feet six, and weighed 150 pounds." The defense will attempt to show that he told Inlow they "were large men, weighing in the neighborhood of 160 pounds."

H. E. Williams of Portland, superintendent of a contracting firm engaged in highway and railroad work, and L. M. Knowles of the same city an employe in September, 1923, in the closing hours of today's session identified the dynamite machine and the wire believed to have been used in the holdup as stolen from his place of employment.

Dynamite Stolen

Both articles were introduced as exhibits this morning by the state, as instruments used in the wrecking of the mail car by the bandits, and found near the scene of the crime.

Knowles also testified that about 100 sticks of dynamite and caps were stolen at the same time. He could not fix the time, except that it was on Saturday night, and the thefts were discovered the following Monday morning, when work was resumed, about a month before the tragic holdup.

The articles were stolen from a point a mile south of the Southern Pacific station at Oregon City, on what is now the Pacific highway.

Knowles in identifying the wire look out a pocket knife and cut the insulation to determine the number of strands.

A loop of wire also found at the crime spot, was identified by Knowles.

Canteens Identified

Under cross examination Mr. Knowles testified he was in charge of the detonator in response to the sole question asked by the defense.

OPERETTA TODAY PARRISH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO PLAY BEFORE W. U. PRESENTATION

Culmination of Week Reached With Symphony Orchestra Saturday Night

With the operetta, "Cinderella," at the Parrish Junior High school tonight, leading the musical calendar for today, Salem enters its sixth day of Music Week observance which is being carried on extensively, and inspirationally, under the direction of the Salem branch of the state Music Teachers' Association.

Last night St. Joseph's Auditorium was completely filled for an extraordinarily pleasing concert in which the pupils of the Sacred Heart Academy participated. Yesterday afternoon, the Juniors of Salem expressed their interest when Louise Fereshetian, the small daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Fereshetian, entertained with a pleasing musicale.

The following numbers were heard, Mrs. Fereshetian assisting her daughter:

Vocal solo, Lovely Spring Coenen
Mrs. Martin Fereshetian.
When the Sun Hangs Low... Adair
Flower Song... Lang
Louise Fereshetian.
Vocal solo, Cradle Song... MacFadyen
Mrs. Martin Fereshetian.
March from Tannhauser... Wagner
Louise Fereshetian.
Dost Thou Know?... Thomas
Mrs. Martin Fereshetian.
Melody in F... Rubenstein
Louise Fereshetian.
When Love Is Kind... Mrs. Martin Fereshetian.
June Flowers... Spialek
Louise Fereshetian.
Piano duet from "Martha"... Louise Fereshetian and Mrs. Fereshetian.

Miss Evangeline Hall accompanied Mrs. Fereshetian during the afternoon.

A special feature of today will be the introduction of Miss Elizabeth Levy's "Violin Choir" to the public. The young musicians will make their first public appearance before the Lions club at noon.

A program of interest will be given tonight at the state Tuberculosis Hospital; and another at the Hayesville Community club. At the latter place Otto K. Paulus will speak on the importance of music.

Preceding the junior play tonight the Salem High school band will play in front of the Capitol Theater.

Professor and Mrs. T. S. Roberts and Bertha Junk Darby are all planning splendid parts in the week of musical festivity.

The culmination of the entire night when the Portland Junior Symphony Orchestra, brilliantly directed by Jacques Gerschko-vitch, will play at the Elsinore Theater in conjunction with numbers by the Schubert Octette, the Salem Boys' Chorus, and the Salem Men's Chorus.

MANY MEMBERS ADDED

Over 100 Legionnaires to Attend Meeting in Sheridan

The American Legion membership drive in this community which was started anew on Tuesday has boosted the total of Capitol Post Number 9 from 756 to 830 members. Every effort will be made to bring the grand total to the 1000 mark before May 16, according to the officers of the post. Workers are canvassing the territory in a very thorough manner.

Over 100 Legionnaires will attend the Yamhill county meeting in Sheridan tonight. They will leave the Bank of Commerce building at 6:30 and anyone having room in their car should plan to take someone along. The Salem drum corps and the minstrel show will furnish part of the entertainment at the meeting. Special efforts are being put forth by the Sheridan Legion men to make everyone feel at home and a fine program has been planned.

MAXIM SERIOUSLY ILL

Inventor and Author Suffering From Ulcer and Anemia

LAKE HOPATCOG, N. J., May 5.—(AP.)—Slight hope is entertained for the recovery of Hudson Maxim, explosives expert, author and inventor, who is suffering from ulcer of the stomach and anemia. His condition was pronounced very serious today.

BROTHER HELD CHARGED WITH HICKS MURDER

Glenn Beneficiary of Insurance Policies Held by Slain Attorney

EX-CONVICT ARRESTED

Relative Admits Telling Stenographer of Murder Before It Was Discovered; "Just Thought It"

ST. LOUIS, May 5.—(AP.)—Glenn Hicks, brother of Clifford M. Hicks, 28 year old attorney, shot to death last Saturday night, and William Davis, an ex-convict, were arrested today and Chief of Detectives Kaiser announced they would be charged with the murder.

Glenn Hicks was a beneficiary in several of the slain attorney's life insurance policies which totalled \$365,000.

Denies Connection

Hicks clung tenaciously to his denials of any connection with the slaying of his brother, a former minister and promising young business man whose body, pierced by six bullets was found near here Sunday. Several hours questioning resulted in an open accusation by Chief Kaiser that Hicks had instigated the murder, if he did not actually carry it out.

Hicks admitted, Chief Kaiser said, that he with Davis and another man, had gone to his dead brother's office an hour before the attorney's body was found, taking from it several papers.

He further admitted, Kaiser said, telephoning the slain lawyer's stenographer about 7 o'clock Sunday morning, two hours before the body was found, and telling her that her employer was murdered.

"How did you know that your brother was murdered at that time when the body was found at 9 o'clock?" thundered Chief Kaiser in the course of questioning Hicks. "Well I just thought it. I thought it. That's all." Kaiser quoted Hicks as replying. Then, according to Kaiser's account, Hicks hesitated, and added, "Well chief, I guess I'm in for it now. It looks bad."

MANY EMPLOYED

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company employs 2346 persons in Oregon, with \$3,325,000 wages a year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW TOTAL \$1610

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT QUOTA NEARLY HALF OBTAINED

Early Completion of Red Cross Fund Desired Because of Epidemic

A number of small contributions brought in and mailed to Dr. Henry E. Morris, chairman of the Red Cross drive, yesterday brought the total of Willamette district's Mississippi valley relief fund to \$1610, not quite half the quota of \$3600 set for the district.

Red Cross officials are anxious that the campaign for the quota will be immediately effective, as reports from the inundated districts late last night indicated that typhoid fever and smallpox are spreading rapidly in the refugee camps for lack of proper care of the unfortunates.

Among the contributions received by Dr. Morris yesterday was one from Sam Hugh, a Seattle man who formerly lived in Salem. This donor of \$10 stated that he wanted his contribution to the relief fund to count in the Salem quota because he has always considered this city his home.

One check for \$5 was from a stenographer who issued in her letter a challenge to the single men of the community to give as much to relief work as the single women have, and are giving.

Four people from Dallas sent in \$10 with a letter stating that it constituted their tithe. "If everyone would pay their tithes," the letter read, "there would be plenty of money for the relief work."

More than 90,000 refugees have been given typhoid and smallpox immunization by the medical division of the Mississippi flood relief forces, and large supplies of serum are being rushed to concentration camps. Suffering continues to be great among the homeless people, and immediate relief is urgently needed, reports state.

FREIGHT HEARING OPENS

Railroads Seek to Show Reductions Not Feasible Now

PORTLAND, May 5.—(AP.)—Representatives of railway lines operating in Oregon will offer testimony tomorrow before the state public service commission, in support of their contention that it is now impractical to comply with the commission's order of 1924 providing reduced rates on grain and farm products on intrastate shipments. The hearing opened yesterday. The carriers had been cited by the commission to show the reduced rates as provided for in the order.

MONEY PROGRAM FACED BY CHURCH

OUTLINE OF SERVICES FOR SESSION ANNOUNCED

Special Stress Being Placed on Evangelism at Various Conferences

The ministers and lay delegates of the 42 churches represented at the Oregon conference of the Evangelical church, which is being held in Salem this week, were challenged yesterday to a big financial program designed to remove all burden of debt from the various churches of the conference. Steps were outlined whereby sufficient funds may be raised to meet all outstanding obligations.

Rev. B. R. Wiener opened the first of a series of meetings yesterday at 2 p. m. with a discussion on evangelism. Last fall the general conference of the Evangelical church elected Rev. B. R. Wiener of Naperville, Illinois, to the office of secretary of evangelism and these meetings are serving as the inauguration of a great campaign in the church.

Bishop M. T. Maze addressed the conference yesterday on the subject, "The Urgent Need in the Church for Aggressive Evangelization."

Rev. B. H. Niebel of Harrisburg also addressed the conference yesterday and called attention to the missionary activities of the church.

The outstanding business of the day was the reports of the two presiding elders, C. C. Poling and G. L. Lovell. At the business session a vote was taken in regard to some amendments to the general constitution of the church.

The program for the three days of the session at the First Evangelical church will be as follows:

- Friday
9:00: Business session.
2:00: Hour of evangelism led by B. R. Wiener.
8:00: General meeting with B. H. Wiener in charge.
- Saturday
9:00: Business session.
2:00: Discussion on evangelism.
8:00: C. P. Gates of Portland to speak.
- Sunday
10:30: Bishop M. T. Maze will preach.
2:00: Ordination services, V. L. Farnham of Liling, Hunan, China, and A. L. Lonsberry, Bellingham.
3:00: American missionary address by B. H. Niebel.
6:30: Christian Endeavor services, V. L. Farnham to speak.
7:30: Closing services, B. R. Wiener to give address. Dr. C. C. Poling will speak at the church on Chemegeta street at the same hour.

5000 IN DANGER STILL ON BANKS OF MISSISSIPPI

Rescue Forces Racing by Air and Water to Save Marooned Families

MANY REFUSE TO LEAVE

Dare Flood Rather Than Desert Homes With Necessity for Delay in Planting When Water Recedes

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—(By AP.)—Through the air and across raging streams and newly made lakes, rescue forces moved swiftly today in a race with flood waters for the safety of many thousands of persons in northeastern Louisiana.

Hundreds who had sought safety on the Mississippi river levees near St. Joseph, between Vicksburg and Natchez, were moved to refugee camps at those places, but national guard officers reported after airplane flights along the winding course of the rushing river between 5,000 and 8,000 at other points on the protective embankments. Further inland small craft boats launched from rescue craft on the river plowed through the flood and back waters, battling stiff currents at times, seeking out those who had been unable to reach high ground and thus had no more secure a haven than a bobbing roof top or a tree.

Refuse to Leave

At many points, where the water had risen to only six or eight feet, the rescuers frequently met with flat refusals of the inhabitants to leave. This was particularly true in Concordia parish, practically all of which is under water.

Explaining this state of affairs, H. B. Conner of Vidalia, a member of the state legislature, said probably three-fourths of the 12-500 remaining in the parish preferred to remain by their homes and farms so as to be able to start planting crops immediately after the water recedes. The inhabitants are living in the upper stories of their homes and barns or on scaffolds built above the roofs or on large rafts.

CANTRELL SERIES ENDS

Able Speaker Gives Resume of "Humanizing of Knowledge"

With the Salem general public too apathetic to burden itself by attending lectures, the series planned by Edward Adams Cantrell came to a premature close last night at the Woman's club. Only a small crowd appeared to hear Mr. Cantrell's able presentation of "The Humanizing of Knowledge," the second lecture in a proposed five.

Last week, Mr. Cantrell gave a resume of Judge Lindsey's book, "The Revolt of Modern Youth," and last night the volume chosen for consideration was James Harvey Robinson's "The Humanizing of Knowledge."

"Progress," said Mr. Cantrell, "has come with the extension of man's control of his environment." The world, wherever we look, is in this stage of turmoil between barbarism and civilization—witness, China, Turkey, and the Indian population of our own land.

A common source of disaster remains in the fact that those in control are often ill-fitted for their responsibilities; and the consequences are unforeseen tragedies. The tragedy of ignorance found expression in Mr. Cantrell's feelingly expressed declaration, "If that is the kind of a dance you want, remember that the fiddler has to be paid."

Mr. Cantrell made that statement that the United States has reached such a stage in its industrial development that, if the best things the best people have worked out were available to the masses, two or three hours of labor each day would afford the complete needs, and even luxuries, of twentieth century man-kind. This labor might easily be assigned to young men—excluding women and children from the necessity of contributing to their own maintenance.

At the conclusion of the lecture last night, Rev. Martin Fereshetian, pastor of the First Unitarian church, expressed his appreciation to the speaker for his invaluable review. Mr. Cantrell responded with an eloquent tribute to the local man.

FEW REJECTING WORKMEN'S ACT

NO LUMBER COMPANIES DECLINE COMPENSATION

Firms Not Protected Sued for Aggregate of \$1,500,000 in Past Year

Rejections of the workmen's compensation act which is administered by the state industrial accident commission, were less numerous this year than at any time in the history of the department. This was set out in a report issued by the commission Thursday.

Under the law corporations and firms desiring to reject the compensation law must file such rejections with the commission on or before May 1 of any year. When such rejection is filed before May 1 it becomes effective July 1.

The records of the commission show that not one lumber company filed rejection of the law this year. Virtually all of the rejections filed with the commission were received from small operators in lines other than the lumber and timber industry.

The report further showed that damage actions filed by injured workers against corporations and firms that have rejected the compensation law aggregated \$1,500,000 during the last year.

Members of the accident commission said that the low ratio of rejections of the compensation act indicated that the employers contributing to the accident fund, are looking ahead to a prosperous summer.

DIES IN RESCUE EFFORT

Mother Seeks to Save Infant, Both Lose Lives in Flames

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 5.—(AP.)—Mrs. Edith Meyers, 23, died in her flame-swept house today in a vain attempt to rescue her four year old daughter, Jean.

Although both died, the young woman's heroic effort saved her own mother, who was in bed. They lived near Hazel-dall. The fire started when Mrs. Meyers poured kerosene in the kitchen range. The contents of the can were ignited, the flames spread, and the kitchen was turned into a raging fire box.

Mrs. Meyers managed to escape from the building. As she reached the yard the child inside the house screamed and she dashed into the mass of flames.

Mrs. Randall, the woman's mother, said that she and the child were in a bedroom when the explosion occurred. The child, frightened, crawled under the bed. Mrs. Randall's clothing caught fire while she was attempting to rescue the baby and she was forced to run from the building, assisted by her daughter, who then returned in an effort to save Jean. She was overcome by the flames.

O. N. G. GETS PULLMANS

Travel Accommodations to Gearheart Camp Authorized

The adjutant general's office Thursday received authority from the war department at Washington to charter standard Pullman cars in connection with the movement of the Oregon national guard units to summer camp near Gearhart in June. In previous years the guardsmen traveled in tourist sleeping cars.

Adjutant General White said that eight trains would be required to transport the troops to summer camp this year. Nine guard units will travel in standard Pullman equipment. These are located at Baker, LaGrande, Union, Ashland, Medford, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Cottage Grove and Marshfield. Construction operations are now under way at Camp Clatsop, according to General White, and the several buildings will be ready for occupancy by June 1. The cost of the improvements was estimated at approximately \$45,000.

ARMY FUNDS GROWING

Check for \$41 Received; Matinee Planned for Today

The Salvation Army field relief fund is mounting steadily and according to an announcement made by Ensign Pitt last night practically \$275 has been received. Yesterday a check for \$41 was received from the Amity Business Men's club. Many other smaller donations arrived at the Army headquarters during the day.

This afternoon at 4:15 o'clock a special matinee will be held at the Capitol Theater, through the courtesy of Frank Bligh, and all the proceeds will be applied to the Army relief fund. It is expected that this will increase the total amount considerably.

MAY FESTIVAL BEGINS TODAY AT WILLAMETTE

Coronation of Queen Tonight Afternoon First Important Event

MANY GRADUATES BACK

Underclassmen Work This Morning to Renovate Campus for Visitors; "Paddle" Squads Function Early

The annual May day festival a junior week-end at Williams university will open this morning with registration of guests, Chresto cottage. Several hundred former students and university friends are expected on the campus for the occasion, which is one of the most momentous of the school year.

The first important event will be the coronation of Queen Maud Tomlinson, on the supper court grounds at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Following this event will come the May dances, centered around the theme of P. Piper of Hamelin. Almost a hundred students will take part in these dances.

Coronation Planned

An elaborate setting has been arranged for the coronation. The queen's bower has been decorated with pink and white flowers with ivy, and everything is ready for her entry with her attendants, Gladys Flesher and Irene Clark. Entry will be made from the covered gate at the rear of the circle.

President Carl Gregg Doney will place the crown on Queen Maud's head after a short, appropriate speech. The May dances will follow. Costumes this year are unusually attractive and appropriate, it is said. Elizabeth Silver will sing a solo.

The chief center of interest of evening is the junior play, "The Intimate Stranger," which will be given at the Capitol theater. It is a three-act comedy by Hood Tarkington.

Tomorrow morning from 7 to 10 o'clock the May breakfast will be served on the campus and Chresto cottage. Salem people are invited to the affair, which under supervision of the YWCA girls. Salem merchants have furnished the food and utensils, and the profits will go into the fund.

Campus Clean-Up Scheduled

This morning, freshmen and sophomore boys under direction of Henry Hartley, work boss, will stage a big clean-up on the campus in preparation for the arrival of a senior "paddle" committee on hand to see that each son does his share of the work.

Paul Geddes of Roseburg is in charge of the big fete. Assistant him are Margaret Raught, queen court; Henry Hartley, camp work; Lyle Weed, publicity; Chas. Kaufman, hospitality; Kenneth Lawson, campus stunts; Adele Gates, music; student lunch, Beverly Launer; Frances Ellis, advisory; Beatrice Lockhart, M. breakfast; Anne Zimmerman, M. dances; Kenneth LaViolette, amusements; and Ian MacIver, juggling.

The program for tomorrow is as follows:
9:30 a. m.—Musical concert, chapel.
1:30 p. m.—Green cap stunt.
2:00 p. m.—Freshman-Sophomore tug of war.
2:30 p. m.—Track meet, Williams vs. Chemawa.
5:30 p. m.—Glee club luncheon banquet.
8:00 p. m.—Williams vs. Chemawa at the Elsinore.

PLANT 300,000 TROUT

More than 200,000 year old trout were planted by the Oregon state game commission during April

Every Cent Goes For Benefit of The Flood Sufferers

Salvation Army and Elsinore Capitol Theater will sponsor benefit matinee today at 4:15. Entire proceeds to be for flood relief. On the scene, Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes" Children 10c; adults, 25c. (This advertisement is the property of The Statesman.)

BUT SHALL WE SING THE SAME SONG NEXT WINTER?

