

Did You Know That Salem Is Sure to Have a Great Mining Camp at Her Front Door, in the Santiam Region
 Corvallis Prune Conference Unanimously Adopted the Marketing Plan; Now Up to Growers to Abide by It

The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Generally cloudy and unsettled; temperature below normal; moderate northwest winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday, 74; minimum, 47; river, 2.9; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

The soviet agencies over the world could make it a lot easier for the other fellows if they would keep their red documents in tin cans.
 It is said that college life in Roumania is at a standstill. Why don't they import a few jazz bands?

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 2, 1927 PRICE FIVE CENTS

FLAX INDUSTRY GROWTH TOLD IN RADIO TALK

Col. W. B. Bartram, Head of State Flax Industry Explains Methods

NATURAL NEEDS HERE

Over Half of Flax Grown in North America Grown in Oregon; This District First in Many Useful Machines

A few evenings ago, over radio KEX, Portland, Col. W. B. Bartram, in charge of the Oregon State Flax Industry, by invitation, spoke to an extensive air audience on flax growing and linen manufacturing in this state. That broadcasted talk contained so many points of value and general interest here, that the full text has been secured, as follows:

Flax Fiber Crops in Oregon

I have been asked to talk to you tonight about a comparatively new crop in Oregon which in other parts of the world is one of the oldest crops known to man; that is to say, about the wonder plant, otherwise known as flax fiber.

In America, two kinds of flax are grown, namely, seed flax and fiber flax. We have millions of acres of seed flax grown annually, the seed of which is used in manufacturing linseed oil, oil meal, etc. The straw has little value due to lack of fiber content.

Fiber flax, the subject of my talk to you this evening, is a flax from which fine linens are made. This flax is a highly developed species divided into several strains. There is the Blue Blossom and the Blue Blossom. These are again divided up into several varieties, their values depending on the quality and yield of fiber. The quality and yield of what was formerly high yielding varieties of flax seed fell off seriously during the war, and it is only recently we have recovered much of the lost ground. Many varieties are now available. In Oregon the fiber flax in use by the state is divided into three varieties, and given to you now in order of merit, "J. W. S.," a pedigreed flax seed conceded to produce the highest yield and the best grade of fiber in existence. The seed of this wonderful flax was developed by a Mr. John W. Stewart and improved by Dr. Eyre of the Lambeg Institute, Ireland.

Good Seed Important

Our next variety of seed is known as "Saginaw." This seed produces an elegant fine straw. This variety was developed here in Oregon from a small quantity of seed furnished by the United States department of agriculture at Washington. The quality and yield of fiber from this variety has not been fully established. This information, however, will be available this year.

The bulk of our crop will be planted from seed that has been developed in Oregon during the past few years from a mixture of Canadian and Russian seed. This Oregon seed has been yielding very well and the quality of the fiber is quite good.

The important question of seed is having careful attention this year in Oregon and it is expected that the coming year will see a large acreage planted with the highest strains of pedigreed seed.

Over Half in Oregon
 The total acreage of fiber flax grown in the world is about three million. This acreage was much larger before the war. The total acreage in North America this year will be approximately five thousand, over one-half of which will be grown in the state of Oregon.

The greater part of western Oregon is especially adaptable to growing this crop, due to your wonderful climate. Fiber flax develops best in a humid climate, with large bodies of water. The altitude is low with warm days and cool nights. You have all these requirements, together with the requisite soil elements and moisture. Your moisture requirements may vary greatly, but by a careful study and planning ahead, this difficulty can be safely overcome.

DEATH FOLLOWS FISTIC CONTEST

FIGHT WITH LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION FATAL TO ADAMS

Mandell Deeply Affected; Heart Attack or Fall on Head Blamed

KANSAS CITY, June 1.—(AP)—Steve Adams, lightweight boxer of Chicago, died in the ring here tonight after collapsing in the second round of a scheduled 10 round bout with Sammy Mandell of Chicago, lightweight champion of the world.

Dr. J. W. Hayward, county coroner, announced after an autopsy that Adams' death resulted from a broken neck.

Mandell was booked at police headquarters on a technical charge and was released on bond of \$5,000 signed by J. H. Brady, local attorney, for his appearance in police court tomorrow and at a coroner's inquest.

The champion, who is known more for his speed and clever boxing than as a heavy puncher, was deeply affected by the death of his opponent.

Eddie Kane, Mandell's manager, expressed the opinion that the challenger's death may have resulted from his head striking the floor when he collapsed.

NEW BUILDING PLANNED

Williamson Plans Combination Store and Office Structure

Work on the construction of a new combination store and office building to be erected on the corner of Capitol and the Title road has been begun, according to announcement of John Williamson, the owner. The building is to be a two-story stucco structure, and will house five stores on the main floor and seven office rooms and four apartments on the second floor.

The building is to be erected at an approximate cost of \$25,000, and is to be ready for occupancy July 1. Carson & Orwick are the builders.

BUTCHEK MAY HANG SOON

Governor Orders Continuance of Sanity Investigation

Any action that Governor Patterson may take in the case of John Butchek, wife murderer, probably will not be announced until late this week. A sanity commission yesterday examined Mr. Butchek, but the investigation has been continued by the governor from another angle.

Butchek is under sentence to be hanged on June 10 in the state penitentiary here.

Attorneys for Butchek recently requested the governor to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment, on the grounds that the prisoner was insane at the time he committed the murder.

MIGHTY BLAST SET OFF

Ton and One-Half of Dynamite Lousens 5000 Yards of Gravel

Five thousand square yards of gravel in the county pit south of Traver at Oak Tree corner, were loosened by a blast of a ton and one-half of dynamite which was heard for miles in every direction, about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Members of the county court were within view as the acre and one-fourth of ground heaved into the air and settled again.

A large part of this gravel will be used in improving the Cloverdale road, it was reported. The unusually heavy blast was set off because of the peculiar hardpan formation in that vicinity which defies the efforts of the steel shovel to pierce it.

NAMED ON COMMISSION

Body Created According to Resolution of Legislature

Senator Joe Dunne and Representative J. E. Bailey of Multnomah county and W. J. Herwig, secretary of the national narcotic commission yesterday were appointed members of the state narcotic commission created under a resolution adopted by the last legislature.

Senator Dunne was appointed by Henry E. Corbett, president of the senate, while Representative Bailey was appointed by John H. Carlin, speaker of the house of representatives. Governor Patterson appointed Mr. Herwig.

COUNTY FIGHTS STATE DEMAND FOR LAND FUND

Demurrer to Alternative Writ of Mandamus Filed in Circuit Court

JURISDICTION DENIED

Marion Officers Also Allege That Writ Does Not State Sufficient Facts to Constitute Cause of Action

Claiming that the circuit court does not have jurisdiction in the case, Marion county officers Tuesday filed a demurrer to the alternative writ of mandamus obtained by the state of Oregon, which is seeking to require the county to pay into the state treasury, \$24,059.41 which the state claims is its share of the refund received by the state from the Oregon-California land grant fund.

The demurrer also alleges that the alternative writ of mandamus does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. It was filed by Guy Cordon and John H. Carson, attorneys for the county officers who were made defendants in this case. The state is represented by Attorney General L. H. VanWinkle.

Hearing Not Set
 Time for hearing arguments on the demurrer has not yet been set in circuit court.

This case is being watched with great interest in all parts of the state, for the reason that the final decision, which may not be obtained until the case has been carried to the national supreme court, will determine the status of similar cases which the state, if successful in this instance, will file against a number of other counties. These counties are all assisting in Marion county's defense of the case now under way.

The state alleges that the county received \$119,355.56 as a refund, and that it is entitled to \$24,059.41 of this amount.

SAYS WIFE HEN THIEF

Went Out Looting Roosts With Other Men, Cross-Complaint

ASTORIA, June 1.—(AP)—His wife went out stealing chickens with other men, Arthur D. James alleged today in a cross-complaint to a divorce suit brought by his wife, Myrtle James.

LANDERS TO GIVE TALK AT SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY

Class Of 251 To Graduate From Salem High School; Excellent Year

The commencement address for Salem high school will be given by President J. S. Landers, of the Oregon Normal School, who will speak on "The Supreme Nobility." The graduation exercises will take place in the high school auditorium tomorrow evening, June 3.

Rev. C. J. Andrews, of Kimball School of Theology, will offer the invocation, and Rev. E. C. Whitaker, pastor of the Christian church will pronounce the benediction. The former has a son in the graduating class, and the latter, a daughter.

Mildred Miller and Helen Richardson, honor students, will represent the class on the program, the former giving a reading, "The House by the Side of the Road," by Sam Walter Foss. Miss Richardson will speak on student responsibility. Other members of the class who will take part in the program are Edith Starrett, who will speak on "Political Education," and Robert Alexander, who will give a piano number, "Caprice Espagnol," by Moskowski.

Other musical numbers on the program will include a vocal duet, "Ode to a River," Dirgo-Silver, by Jewell Gardner and Thelma Davis; a vocal solo, "Knowest Thou the Lord," from Mignon, by (Continued on Page 5.)

N. P. RATIFIES EXTENSION

Agreement Made With Great Northern on Bend-Klamath Line

NEW YORK, June 1.—(AP)—An agreement between President Charles Donnelly of the Northern Pacific and President Ralph Budd of the Great Northern, whereby the Oregon Trunk line will be extended from Bend to Klamath Falls, Or., was ratified today by the board of directors of the former company. The extension, which was authorized two weeks ago by the interstate commerce commission, will be financed by the Great Northern for the account of the Oregon Trunk line, a subsidiary.

The extension, if constructed for the whole distance from Bend to Klamath Falls, still involves the construction of 178 miles of track. An effort is being made, however, to effect a trackage agreement with the Southern Pacific, which would necessitate building only from Bend to Paunina, where it would connect with the Southern Pacific. It is would cut the mileage practically in half.

TEN AMENDMENTS TO BE ON BALLOT

ONE REFERENDUM DEALS WITH TAX ASSESSMENT LAW

Income Tax Measure and Limitation Amendment to Be Voted Upon

Ten proposed amendments to the constitution of the state of Oregon, which were referred to the voters at the last session of the legislature will appear on the ballot for the special election to be held on June 28. These amendments and measures were certified to the various county clerks by the secretary of state today.

There also will be on the ballot two referendum measures. One of these was initiated by L. B. Smith of Portland, secretary of the Greater Oregon association, and attacks the so-called tax assessment law enacted at the 1927 legislative session.

The other referendum measure attacks the law closing the Nestucca river to commercial fishing. The latter referendum measure was sponsored by the Nestucca local of the Tillamook county fishermen's union and the Cloverdale grange.

The measures, which will appear on the ballot, are as follows: "Repeal of Negro, Chinaman and Mulatto Suffrage Section of Constitution. Purpose: To repeal section 6, article II of the constitution of Oregon, which is invalid because in conflict with the United States constitution. Said section attempts to deny the right of suffrage to negroes, Chinamen and mulattoes, regardless of their citizenship."

Submitted by the legislature—"Portland School District Tax Levy Amendment." Purpose: To authorize any school district having 100,000 or more population to include, each year, the increase in tax levy last specifically authorized.

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WIFE MURDER ALLEGED

Hoquiam Longshoreman Sought; Head Injury Said Fatal

HOQUIAM, Wash., June 2.—(AP)—William Appleyard, longshoreman was being sought early today after the death of his young wife at midnight in a Hoquiam hospital as the result of injuries alleged to have been received when Appleyard beat her over the head with a two-by-four.

The alleged assault, police said, occurred last Friday when Appleyard came to Hoquiam from Olympia, Wash., where he had been working to visit his wife and two children.

One of the children also is in the hospital with minor injuries.

WORK STARTED AT CANNERIES; FOUR OPERATE

Gooseberry Yield Now Being Handled, Strawberries Start Next Week

SEASON 2 WEEKS LATE

Large Pack Expected on Early Fruits by Producers Cooperative; Managers Not Optimistic

Four Salem canneries will be working on gooseberries today. The Producers Cooperative Packing company cannery was the first to start—began canning gooseberries on Tuesday.

The Oregon Packing company began yesterday morning on gooseberries at their 12th street plant. The Starr cannery will commence on gooseberries this morning, and on strawberries some time next week.

The Pacific Fruit Canning & Packing company (West Salem) will go into gooseberries this afternoon, and they may can some strawberries by the end of the week.

The Hunt cannery will not begin on gooseberries till the first of next week, nor on strawberries till a few days later; in about a week, for the latter.

The Northwest cannery has received no gooseberries yet. Will be on strawberries some time next week.

Over Two Weeks Late

The season is over two weeks late; that much later than last year. Some of the Salem canneries began last year on gooseberries on May 10th; others on the 13th.

The Producers Cooperative expects to have a large pack of gooseberries this year, for the grower members.

Some of the cannery managers are not enthusiastic about putting up a big gooseberry pack, owing to low prices and the prospect of carrying canned berries for a long time.

If the warm weather, such as we had yesterday, lasts a few days, there will be tall hustling to get enough hands to pick and put up the berry crops; especially strawberries.

INSPECTION ACT TARGET

Cattle And Horse Raisers Association To Benefit, Claim

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Attacking the constitutionality of the acts of the 1927 Oregon legislature providing for the inspection of cattle shipped to points in Oregon or shipped through the state, L. G. Beck, Idaho stockman today filed suit in the federal district court against Governor L. L. Patterson, L. L. Van Winkle, attorney general and Gerry C. Snow, state stock and brand inspector under the legislative act.

The court signed an order to show cause, setting June 7 as the date upon which the defendants shall appear to show cause why the injunction sought should not be issued.

The complaint contends that the three associated acts were passed by the legislature upon solicitation of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, which is alleged to be a semi-private enterprise, and the funds derived from the tax of ten cents on all grown cattle shipped into the state or through it, is contended, is turned over to this organization.

STEELE'S INJURY FATAL

Carpenter Dies as Result of Fall From Roof of Dwelling

Charles E. Steele, 65, carpenter who suffered a broken neck when he fell from the roof of the new house being erected for Dr. C. W. Beechler in North Salem Tuesday morning, died late Wednesday night at the Deaconess hospital.

The accident occurred when the staging on which Steele was supported on the steep roof, slipped from its place. The carpenter was paralyzed from the neck down and three vertebrae were broken, but he was conscious much of the time following the injury. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

RECEPTION SET NEXT SATURDAY

LINDBERGH TO COME HOME ON CRUISER, ARRIVE 11TH

Coolidge And Cabinet To Welcome; New York Gets Second Chance

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The capital's plans to pay the nation's homage to Captain Charles A. Lindbergh were smoothed out and definitely launched today with the New York-to-Paris flier's acceptance of the offer of a cruiser for his return voyage.

Bringing his "Spirit of St. Louis" plane with him, Lindbergh is expected to reach Washington on June 11, to be officially received by President Coolidge and his cabinet and to receive the plaudits of Washingtonians, who, although accustomed to great events, are expected to out-do themselves.

Lindbergh's acceptance of the president's invitation dashed the feverish hopes of New York to be the first to do him honor but the cabinet committee arranging the celebration sounded a conciliatory note with announcement that the reception here might require only one day, and that the aviator might then go to New York.

St. Louis friends of the aviator, who have insisted upon that city being the second to welcome him, have advised the committee of their willingness to drop to third place in favor of New York's waiting millions.

The cabinet committee, arranging Washington's celebration only so far as the president's participation, has turned details of the local (Continued on Page 5.)

RED CROSS GETS \$3760

Check for \$535 Received From American Legion Show Fund

The Willamette district of the American Red Cross has reached and passed the quota, according to announcement made last night by Dr. Henry E. Morris that \$3760 had been received.

Yesterday afternoon the American Legion gave the district a check for \$535, or half the amount raised at the shown given in the Capitol theater recently. The other half was given to the Salvation Army relief fund.

No further campaign will be carried on at the present time, although any donations will be gladly accepted and forwarded to the Red Cross headquarters for relief work. Another call for funds may be expected in a few days, according to Dr. Morris.

In behalf of the Red Cross, Dr. Morris expressed appreciation for the splendid cooperation shown in this campaign of raising money for the relief of flood victims in the Mississippi valley.

SEVEN PLANTS ABSORBED

New Schedule of Rates Being Considered by Company

The Oregon Telephone company of which Charles Hall of Marshfield is president, has absorbed seven smaller telephone plants operating in different parts of the state, according to notices of dissolution filed in the state corporation department and a letter received from Mr. Hall.

The companies which have been taken over by the larger concern include the Scholls Telephone company, Multnomah & Clackamas Mutual Telephone company, Newberg Telephone company, McMinnville Telephone company, Newberg Telephone company, Western Oregon Telephone & Telegraph company, Hillsboro Telephone company and Tigard Telephone company.

A new schedule of rates governing the operations of the Oregon Telephone company is being prepared by the public service commission.

ARREST STATE OFFICER

Commissioner of Public Safety Liquor Case Defendant

BOISE, Idaho, June 1.—(AP)—David Burrell, commissioner of public welfare, was today charged with unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor in a complaint filed in the court of R. W. Adams, Justice of the peace.

Charles Hafke, Boise superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Idaho, the complaining witness, issued a statement amplifying the complaint, in which he said today's action "has become necessary since no action has been taken by the federal district attorney's office."

UNCLE SAM'S GREATEST AMBASSADOR



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