

## RENRO ASKS STAFF TO FORGIVE ERRORS

Letter Received From Confessed Purloiner of Printing Equipment

Zack Renfro, itinerant newspaper pressman, in the Marion county jail awaiting trial for stealing various articles including linotype space bands, type "sticks," printers' rules and two pairs of glasses, from the Oregon Statesman during Fourth of July week-end, sent the following statement to The Statesman yesterday:

Salem, Oregon, July 10, 1927.  
To the Editor and Employees, Salem Statesman.

"Gentlemen:—As we sometimes make a mistake, and none of (us) without sin sometime or other, I, the undersigned, have done wrong against my fellow human beings, and as I am alone guilty of a wrong doing, I wish to extend my deep sorrow to all so injured.

"Whatever my sentence may (may) be, I deserve it and will do it cheerfully, if I can only learn that the injury I have done is squared again as far as possible.

"Sincerely, Zack Renfro."

Renfro was apprehended in Longview, Wash., when he tried to dispose of stolen articles, and returned to Salem. His letter which he wrote Sunday and placed in the keeping of the county sheriff for mailing, was written voluntarily.

## STATE BUILDING LAW OVERRULED BY COURT

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The validity of the statute in question were brought by Pederson as an employee and beneficiary under the workmen's compensation act and by the lumber company as a contributor to the industrial accident fund when the state board of control proceeding under authority of the legislative act were making ready to begin construction of the proposed new building.

The legislative act which authorized the new structure provided for its financing through a loan of not to exceed \$600,000 from the funds of the accident commission. In his opinion holding the statute unconstitutional, Justice Brown touches only on the question of the right of the legislature to create an indebtedness in excess of \$500,000.

"It is plainly clear to the mind of the writer that certain provisions of the statute forming the subject matter of this litigation are in direct conflict with the constitutional prohibition against the creation of 'any debts or liabilities in excess of \$500,000,' the opinion reads. 'Both cannot stand. The statute must yield to the supreme law of the land.'"

Other opinions were handed down by the court today as follows:

Oregon & Western Colonization Co., a corporation, appellant, vs. T. F. Willoughby, defendant, and Jay H. Upton and R. L. Schee, respondents; appeal from Crook county; suit to collect on promissory note. Opinion by Justice Coshov. Judge T. E. J. Duffy reversed.

United States National Bank of La Grande vs. Arthur Ben Miller, appellant, et al. appeal from Union county; foreclosure suit. Opinion by Justice Coshov. Judge J. W. Knowles reversed.

Oro Noble vs. James K. Sears, appellant; appeal from Marion county; suit for damages for personal injury. Opinion by Justice Coshov. Judge Percy R. Kelley affirmed.

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## AERIAL VIEW OF 1928 OLYMPIC STADIUM



Here is the first exclusive aerial view of the new stadium under construction in Amsterdam, Holland, for the 1928 Olympic games to be held in that city. The stadium is well under way and will be completed and the terrain sufficiently settled in time for the field is flanked on three sides by Amsterdam canals.

State vs. John Wisdom, appellant; appeal from Walla Walla county; criminal action involving statutory offense. Opinion by Justice McBride. Judge J. W. Knowles affirmed.

Spokane Merchants' association et al. vs. W. A. Gellihur et al. appellant; appeal from Umatilla county. Appeal dismissed in opinion by Justice Belt.

Ralph Kitterman et al. vs. Eagle Pine company, appellant; appeal from Josephine county; action to recover money. Opinion by Justice Belt. Judge C. M. Thomas reversed.

A. H. Lee vs. Andrew Blockland and Mary Blockland, et al. appellants; appeal from Union county suit to collect money on promissory note. Opinion by Justice Bean. Judge J. W. Knowles affirmed.

A. W. Walker Auto company vs. Firemen's Fund Insurance company, appellant; appeal from Jackson county; submitted on objections to cost bill. Objections sustained in opinion by Justice Rand.

Orders of dismissal entered in Hayes vs. Bones and in H. McDonald vs. Blue Lake Logging company.

David R. Watson of Salem admitted to Oregon bar on Illinois certificate.

## GETS OWN MEDICINE

WIFE-BEATER IS KNOCKED ABOUT BY ONLOOKER

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 11.—(AP)—Retribution winged a swift course today and overtook Harold Hampton of Yoncalla, who is now in jail.

Arrested on a charge of assault and battery, after he had attacked his wife, Hampton appeared in court in a torn, bruised and battered condition. His personal appearance was the result of the efforts of a third party who arrived on the scene as Hampton was well started on his ill-advised attempt at righting a fancied wrong.

Hampton, who recently filed a suit of divorce, went to the house where his wife was staying, called her outside, seized her and began to choke and beat her. A passer-by, Homer Kruse, came to the rescue and made the most of the situation.

Today, nursing his swollen, discolored features, Hampton was fined \$50 and went to jail when he failed to pay the fine.

## THIRTEEN AIRSHIPS MAKE SAFE LANDING

DETROIT, July 21.—(AP)—Riding a lashing wind, rain and hail storm, the 13 planes of the National Air Tour landed safely at the Ford airport here late today, completing a good-will voyage which took them to 25 cities in 15 states, with a total distance of 4169 miles covered during the trip.

Eddie Stinson, piloting a Stinson-Detroiter monoplane, was announced winner of the first prize of \$2,500 and the Edsel Ford trophy following a check up of the points made during the long flight. Stinson maintained a comfortable lead throughout the trip. A slight accident at Grand Rapids this afternoon threatened to throw him into second place, but he made temporary repairs and flew through the severe storm to win first prize.

Several thousand people gathered at the airport to witness the close of the tour, waited with apprehension when the heavy storm clouds rolled out of the northwest, directly in the course of the approaching fliers.

Each plane, tossed in the heavy winds, maneuvered carefully for a landing. There were no accidents although the Stinson plane skidded dangerously on one wing as it struck the landing field.

## CALIFORNIA GREET RETURNING FLIERS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(AP)—Two California cities were stirred into unprecedented wild enthusiasm today because their heroes airmen, first over the Pacific to Hawaii, had returned to them.

Officials of San Francisco were unanimous in the declaration that never, at least as far back as they could recall, had their cities shown such enthusiasm or made more noise than over today's return of Lieutenants Lester J. Maitland and Albert Hegenberger, army fliers returning from their successful Oakland-Hawaii flight.

From the time the howl of the Matson company liner Maui loomed out of the western fog banks until late tonight greetings were in order. The steamer arrived over two hours late because of the fog outside the Golden Gate.

Long before she appeared the entrance of the bay was dotted with reception boats, tugs decorated with varied colored signal flags and overhead droned formations of army planes circling about.

Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger met their wives at the pier. At the foot of the gangway the two "proudest women in the country" received the first embraces as their bewitched husbands stepped ashore. Lieutenant Maitland also was met by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Maitland of Burlingame, Cal., and by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maitland of Milwaukee.

The city presented each flier with a gold medal. On one side of these was the seal of the city and county and engraved on the opposite side were these words: "To the intrepid pilot (or navigator) Lieutenant Lester J. Maitland (or Lieut. Albert Hegenberger) for the first non-stop flight from the San Francisco bay to Hawaii."

**NIPPON THREAT ALTERS  
IDEAS OF BRITISHERS**

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Limitation, but expansion of armaments.

Japan Too Much Ignored

This development in the situation is taken to indicate that too little attention has been paid to the fact that Japan is one of the participants in the conference and

that the parley is not confined to United States and Great Britain.

This may have been partly the fault of the Japanese themselves, for in American circles at least there had been some apparent uncertainty as to just how far Japan would go in insisting upon keeping the cruiser tonnage down to America's original minimum of 350,000 tons each for the United States and Great Britain.

The second possibility is that once this bilateral treaty was signed, Japan and the United States might proceed to negotiating between themselves a special treaty establishing a ratio in the strength of cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

The Japanese would have nothing to say about this second hypothesis. There exists, however, a distinct relation between these two possibilities. It comes about this way: The Japanese feel that if the tripartite conference fails as a three cornered parley and the United States and Great Britain signed a bilateral accord establishing parity between the Anglo-Saxon powers in all types of warships, it would be a fair assumption that the United States would not build to the British strength, notably in cruisers.

Should this assumption prove to be true, it is argued that Japan could make a special treaty with the United States which would not entail increased Japanese construction.

## INCREASED ACREAGE 1927 CROPS SHOWN

Report of 500 Reporters Indicates Improved Conditions in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Increased acreage of Oregon's principal crops for 1927, as compared with 1926, and marked improvement in condition during the month of June this year, are indicated by the combined opinions of some 500 crop reporters in a report issued late today by F. L. Kent, Oregon statistician for the United States department of agriculture.

The Pacific northwest total wheat crop is now estimated at 104,054,000 bushels, of which Washington will have 32,794,000 bushels of winter wheat, and 17,104,000 bushels of spring wheat. Oregon will produce 21,168,000 of winter wheat this year, the report states, from a total of 900,000 acres. The spring wheat estimate for Oregon is 2,870,000 bushels from 155,000 acres.

**Wheat Estimate Higher**

While the winter wheat estimate is considerably higher than the five year average, the spring wheat crop will be much less, reports indicate. The five-year average for winter wheat is 15,180,800, and for spring wheat, 4,595,000.

Approximately 10,896,000 bushels of oats will be produced in this state in 1927, the crop report says taking the estimate of 310,000 acres. The five-year average is 8,861,000 from 27,200 acres, indicating an increase in acreage as well as in yield.

The corn crop for the state, too, shows an increase in production and acreage. From 85,000 acres, approximately 2,499,000 bushels will be taken, an increase of about 389,000 bushels over the last five years. The barley crop is estimated at 3,058,000 or 654,000 bushels more than the average five-year yield. The rye production will be 143,000 bushels, a decrease of 20,400 bushels.

**Many Potatoes**

More than 1,210,000 bushels of potatoes will be produced in Oregon in 1927 than was produced in the last five years as an average, the department of agriculture report shows. The estimated yield from 52,000 acres is 5,491,000, compared with a yield of 4,280,000 bushels from 43,600 acres.

The tame hay crop shows slight increase in tonnage although the acreage has been decreased. Approximately 2,002,000 tons will be produced from 898,000 acres of land, it is believed. The five-year

average is 1,936,400 tons from 959,000 acres.

The fruit crops show a general decline in yield. More than 4,600,000 bushels of apples will be produced, however, although it does not touch the yield of 6,573,400 as a five-year average. More than 1,128,000 bushels of pears will be picked in Oregon this year. The average is 1,308,200. Peach production took a heavy slump, with only 129,000 bushels estimated for this year. The average for five years is 319,000.

**Hop Yield Heavy**

A considerable increase in hop production, both in yield and in acreage, is seen from the report. The yield is estimated at 16,200,000 for 1927, and the acreage at 15,000. This represents an increase of 4,082,200 pounds, and 2,600 acres over average.

In commenting on the fruit situation, the report says:

"The heavy carry-over of canned and barreled fruit from last season's crop, particularly of all berries, has caused a light demand for the 1927 crop. This is particularly true of raspberries which have been contracted this year at about 65 per cent of the price to grower for the 1926 crop. Considerable loss resulted to the strawberry crop from rapid delayed ripening which caused heavy congestion of the barreling plants and cold storage facilities.

"Loganberries are selling at about the same price as last year, but the crop will probably be less than half that of last season. The soil is in fine condition as to moisture and the size of the logan and raspberry harvest, which is now in full swing, promises to hold up well throughout the season.

"Apple and pear prospects throughout the United States shows declines of 10 and 7 per cent, respectively."

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