

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; normal temperature; normal humidity; moderate west and northwest winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 75; minimum, 56; river, minus 6, falling; atmosphere, part cloudy; wind, northwest.

# The Oregon Statesman

Mohammedan priests in the Caucasus Mountains recently publicly condemned a radio set as a device of the devil and threw it over a cliff. We must confess that at times we have the same sort of feeling especially when the static is particularly bad.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## HARRY J. HONTZ ADMITS VARIED CRIME CAREER

Statesman Burglar Suspect Involved in Montrose Case at Seattle

### SERVES FEDERAL TERM

Mail Fraud Causes Arrest; Connection With Court Martial of Admiral Mentioned; Twice in State Prisons

Harry J. Hontz, alias Jack Renfro, alias Herbert Henry, residing in the Marion county jail awaiting hearing on a charge of robbery of property from the Oregon Statesman, yesterday told a weird tale of his connection with the shooting of Deputy United States Marshal Montrose in Seattle some four or five years ago, for which, authorities say, Renfro, as he is known here, served a sentence at the federal prison on McNeil's Island.

Hontz told his story to a reporter yesterday in the presence of Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt, admitting having served time in the Nevada state penitentiary at Carson City, the penitentiary at Rawlins, Wyoming, the Pennsylvania state reformatory, and numerous other state and local institutions throughout the country.

Knows Montrose Slayer  
"Montrose was hired in Spokane by Shaw, Borden and McKee as a strike-breaker on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and posed there as a deputy United States marshal," Renfro said, in answer to a question, "He was shot by one of the strikers, whose name I am not at liberty to divulge."

Asked how he came to be mixed up in the affair, Hontz declared that he was employed as an investigator to "get" the so called "scabs." He went to Carson City, Nevada, he said, and there, posing as a Montrose, secured a letter from postal authorities. It was fraudulent possession of another man's mail that caused his arrest and prosecution by federal authorities, he said. He explained that he had hoped to use the letter in learning more of Montrose's alleged strike-breaking activities.

Hontz stated, however, that he served 14 months of an 18 months' sentence at the federal (Continued on page 4.)

## PLAN COMPLETED OF CHAUTAUQUA

SUPERINTENDENT ARRIVES FOR OPENING JULY 20

Talent This Year Exceptionally Strong; Two Noted Lecturers Coming

Plans for the opening of the Salem Chautauqua July 20, are going forward nicely, Dr. Don P. Hawkins, superintendent, said, this year, stated last night. Tickets have been placed at convenient places in town, the sale of reserved seat tickets will be held Saturday, arrangements for the programs have been made, and the local committee has everything well in hand.

The talent this year is exceptionally strong. Included in the lectures are two of outstanding merit: "Tallow Dips" by Dr. Robert Parker Miles, a nationally and internationally known speaker and "The Goose That Lays the Golden Eggs," by Dr. Alexander Cairns, of Newark, N. J., a prominent Presbyterian clergyman who lectures on the Sunday night of Chautauqua. Musical attractions include those of Clay Smith, Chicago music author and publisher; the Scotts from the Santa Fe Artists colony and the Allpress All Star company.

Dr. Hawkins, superintendent of the Chautauqua in Salem, arrived in the city yesterday. Dr. Hawkins is a guest at the Hagaman home, 674 Summer street, where he may be reached during his stay in Salem.

Next Sunday evening at the usual hour, Dr. Hawkins, who is a college professor and lecturer in the east, will deliver a sermon-lecture especially for the young people at the First Methodist church. Dr. Hawkins is the Sunday Chautauqua lecturer for Ellison-White and will speak Sunday evening on "Solomon's Choice." In the morning he will address the adult department of the Sunday school of the First church.

For three years Dr. Hawkins was a writer for the Associated Press in the east; for three years editor and manager of a Pennsylvania newspaper, and for two years a special writer for the Pittsburgh Post, Dispatch, Dr. Hawkins came from Baker, Oregon, where he directed a successful Chautauqua.

## ATTITUDE HERE STILL IN DOUBT

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY TAKE NO ACTION

Petition of Great Northern Pacific Regarding S. P. & S. Received

Members of the public service commission have not yet determined whether they will make any presentation or take any part in the hearing of the application of the Great Northern Pacific railway company and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the Great Northern Pacific Railway company to operate under lease the properties of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway.

A copy of the original application filed recently with the interstate commerce commission at Washington was received at the offices of the Oregon public service commission today.

The Oregon public service commission was allowed 20 days in which to file a petition to intervene in the proceedings.

Any action that may be taken by the public service commission probably will not be determined until the return of H. H. Corey, who is now in San Francisco attending a freight rate hearing.

In a separate application filed with the interstate commerce commission the Great Northern Pacific Railway company requested permission to issue and sell capital stock and assume liabilities in respect to securities of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company.

The application filed by the Great Northern Pacific Railway company is one of the largest documents of its kind ever received by the Oregon public service commission.

## DRUGGISTS NAME SALEM

Pharmacists to Meet Here for Convention Next Year

BEND, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—The Oregon State Pharmaceutical association today closed its annual three day convention here and elected Salem as the convention city for 1928. Lynn B. Ferguson of Newberg was elected president. Other officers are: S. A. Mathies, Portland, first vice president; R. Stevenson, Eugene, second vice president; John T. Witt, Portland, third vice president; Frank S. Ward, Portland, secretary, and John Lane, Jr., Portland, treasurer.

## MEADOWLARK FAVORED

Audubon Society Asks Its Selection as State Bird

The Oregon Audubon society has requested Governor Patterson to issue a proclamation proclaiming the Western Meadowlark the state bird of Oregon. The selection was made by a vote of the school children of Oregon.

Governor Patterson indicated that he would issue the proclamation later this week. W. A. Elliot is president of the Audubon society, which has its headquarters in Portland.

## FIRE DAMAGES PRINTERY

Loss of \$85,000 Caused in Kilham Company Establishment

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Fire today caused damage amounting to approximately \$35,000 to the Kilham Stationery and Printing company. The blaze was confined to the seventh floor of the building but stock on lower floors was damaged by water. Defective wiring was believed to have caused the fire. The loss is covered, by insurance. Practically all west side equipment was called to fight the fire which broke out about 5:45 p. m.

## INVESTIGATES DISEASE

Director to Determine Reason for Klamath Fish Mortality

KLAMATH FALLS, July 14.—(AP)—Dr. William Levin, director of the Oregon state board of health laboratory, is here investigating the cause of the mysterious disease resulting in heavy mortality to fish in this district. Driven by the death lurking in the water thousands of Klamath river rainbow trout are seeking the pure waters of Spencer creek, which runs into the river 20 miles west of Klamath Falls.

## GOOD WILL PLEDGED

Plans for Continuing Relations With Klamath Outlined

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—(AP)—Renewal of good will pledges and of plans for continuing business relations between San Francisco and Klamath county, Oregon, featured the lunch meeting given today by the local chamber of commerce to 135 businessmen and two score feminine visitors from Klamath Falls, Ore., in the commercial club here today.

## FAILURE LOOMS AS POSSIBILITY OVER CRUISERS

Tripartite Parley May Be Unsuccessful Unless Deadlock Broken Soon

### ADMIRAL DRAWS PICTURE

War Would See Attack of Thousands of Miles of Communication Unless Britain Has Cruisers, Jellicoe

GENEVA, July 14.—(AP)—The men who represent the United States, Great Britain and Japan explained before a plenary session of the tripartite naval conference today the viewpoints of their countries on the cruiser problem and when all was said, with firmness and good temper, the conference adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary. No private meetings of plenipotentiaries have been arranged, and the general opinion in Geneva tonight is that if the delegates do not succeed in breaking the back of the cruiser problem within the next week, the conference inevitably will have to be terminated with failure written on its register.

### Attitudes Set Forth

Admiral Earl Jellicoe and W. C. Bridgeman, first lord of the admiralty, spoke for Great Britain. Hugh S. Gibson set forth the attitude of the United States while Viscount Ishii made the specific proposal that the number of 10,000 ton cruisers for the United States and Great Britain be limited to ten and that the limit for Japan be fixed at seven or less.

Admiral Jellicoe, who was commander of the British grand fleet at Jutland, painted a picture of (Continued on page 2.)

## CO-OP CREDITORS PAID

Checks Now Being Sent to Preferred Stockholders, Stated

W. J. Staley, secretary of the old Oregon Growers Cooperative association, and in charge of the liquidation of the affairs of the organization, and of the Oregon Growers Packing corporation, announced Thursday that through the sale of the plants the liquidation of the packing corporation, had reached a point where all creditors are paid.

Checks are now being sent out to pay off the principal and interest and bonus on all shares of preferred stock outstanding against the corporation. The corporation is now free from indebtedness and has three plants on hand to dispose of.

## LOST AIRPLANE BELIEVED SEEN

MAJOR COTTON SETS OUT TO INVESTIGATE REPORT

Hunters Catch Sight of Object Which May Be Nungesser's White Bird

ST. JOHNS, N. F., July 14.—(AP)—Declining information as to his intentions, Major F. Sidney Cotton returned to St. Georges at 6 o'clock tonight and boarded his plane which observers thought he might have prepared for an immediate flight to the spot where two hunters reported sighting wreckage which may be that of the White Bird, trans-Atlantic plane of the missing French fliers, Nungesser and Coli.

The hunters came out of the woods at Flat Bay on the west coast today with the report that about 40 miles inland they sighted what looked like a large white boat. They said the object they saw was in the middle of a small unnamed lake. They said they were several miles away from the lake when they sighted the white boat-like structure.

Major Cotton, who has been conducting an airplane search of Newfoundland for the missing fliers, left St. Georges for Flat Bay on a special car late today to question the hunters regarding their find. It was believed that the object might be the fuselage of the missing plane. On his return tonight Major Cotton declined any comment on what he had learned.

Flat Bay is 500 miles from this city and communications are uncertain. The latest report tonight was that Major Cotton was waiting until daylight to hop off for a reconnaissance flight over the region mentioned in the story of the hunters.

The country is very rugged in that section and it was believed that investigators would have considerable difficulty in reaching the place.

## HOLD OPEN AIR MEETING

National Women's Party Delegation Will See Coolidge Today

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 14.—(AP)—An open air demonstration was held in Rapid City today by the delegation of the National Woman's Party which tomorrow will ask President Coolidge to support its proposed constitutional amendment for equal rights with men.

## SPAN TO BE DEDICATED

Thousands Expected to Attend Crooked River Bridge Program

BEND, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—The Crooked river bridge will be dedicated here tomorrow with elaborate ceremonies marking the completion of The Dalles-California highway. Several thousand persons from all sections of the state will attend. The bridge is 29 miles north of Bend.

## POLK RESIDENTS TO COMPROMISE

WANT CONNECTION RETAINED TO PERRYDALE

Spur From Independence to Monmouth Also to Be Demanded Report Says

Citizens of Polk county will not oppose the application of the Southern Pacific company to abandon its Airline branch in event the company agrees to retain the present portion of the line between Broadmead and Perrydale or by connecting Perrydale with the west side main line at McCoy, two miles away.

Patrons of the line also will demand the installation of a spur from the west side main line at Independence to Monmouth, a distance of two miles, and retention of a portion of the Airline branch south the crossing of the Valley and Siletz line and its operation as a spur from the valley and Siletz in Airline.

It was said that in granting the three conditions demanded by the residents of Polk county the Southern Pacific would eliminate any serious objection to its application to Abandon the Airline branch.

The application of the railroad corporation was filed recently with the interstate commerce commission at Washington. Copies of the petition have been received at the offices of the public service commission which will intervene in the case on behalf of the citizens of Polk county.

## PASTOR CASE SETTLED

Coolidge's Minister Arranges Case Outside of Court

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—A settlement out of court has been reached in the \$50,000 damage suit recently brought by Howard C. Cole, a shipping board engineer against the Rev. Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor of the First Congregational church where the president and Mrs. Coolidge worship.

The suit was brought by Cole on the ground that letters written by the pastor to shipping board officials had reflected on his character, but today Cole's attorney said Dr. Pierce had written the board withdrawing the charges.

## FLYING FIELD TESTED

Lieutenant Kelley Makes Perfect Landing at Swan Island

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Swan island field, heralded by aviation men as one of the greatest future airports of the Pacific northwest, received its first official test today when Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelley, flying his big DeHavilland army plane, glided down out of the clouds to a perfect landing on the smooth grass covered surface. The test was made in the presence of city and state officials who were inspecting the project to determine the fitness of the field for service as a control point in the Pacific coast air derby between San Francisco and Spokane, Sept. 21.

## GIBSON PLEADS FOR UNANIMITY AT CONFERENCE

Agreement With Nippon Delegation on Cruisers Not Enough Says Leader

### REITERATES PROPOSAL

Fundamental Basis of American Position Made Known; Preparation for War Seen in British Stand

GENEVA, July 14.—(AP)—Pleading for unanimity of views on the cruiser problem, Ambassador Gibson, addressing the naval limitation conference today as chairman, gave assurance that reconciliation of the divergent proposals of Japan and Great Britain would bring American acceptance, making an agreement possible.

### Basis Found

"We feel that we are in such close agreement with the Japanese delegation with respect to total tonnage limitation and types of the cruisers class," he said, "that we could easily find a basis of agreement with them. But that is not enough; all three of us must get in agreement."

Reiterating the original American proposals for low total tonnage for auxiliary craft, and re-expressing a willingness to reduce to still lower totals if the other powers agreed upon them, Gibson, referring to the higher British proposals, continued:

### Higher Levels Unsought

"It would be with the greatest reluctance that we would go to any higher tonnage levels and then only if such higher levels continue a real limitation of existing programs of naval construction and furnish the only possible (Continued on page 5.)

## WILL RESENTANCE TODAY

Willis and Kelley Again to Face Court in Murder Case

James Willis and Ellsworth Kelley, convicts, will be resentenced by Judge Percy Kelly of the Marion county circuit court here today for the part they played in the slaying of John Sweeney, guard during a break at the state penitentiary in August, 1925.

Willis and Kelley were convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged in connection with the murder. They later appealed their cases to the state supreme court and subsequently to the United States supreme court. The state supreme court affirmed the decree of the circuit court, while the United States supreme court dismissed the appeal on the ground that it was without jurisdiction in the case.

The convicts originally were sentenced to be hanged in the penitentiary here on December 18, 1925.

## VALUABLE ESTATE LEFT

Probate Petition Shows \$153,500 Left By Pioneer Author

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Frederick V. Holman, pioneer resident of Portland, an author and attorney who died July 6 at the age of 74 years, left an estate valued at \$153,500. The petition asking for probate of the will was filed in the circuit court today. The estate embraced \$50,000 in cash, \$100,000 in real estate in Oregon and Washington, and \$3,500 in library, office furniture and personal effects.

## LEAVE FOR DEDICATION

State Officials Will Also Visit Lake, Klamath Counties

Governor Patterson, Roy Klein, state highway engineer, James Stewart, investigator for the state land department, and a number of other state officials left here Thursday night for Bend where they will attend the ceremonies attending the dedication of the new bridge over the Crooked river. Governor Patterson and Mr. Klein will visit Klamath and Lake counties before returning to Salem.

## KILLER HELD JUSTIFIED

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict in Hartwick Shooting

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Fred Hartwick, 53, rooming house proprietor, was justified in shooting to death Daniel P. Hanley, when the latter broke into the house in an attempt to see his divorced wife, a coroner's jury held today in returning a verdict of justifiable homicide. Hanley's former wife had been living with the Hartwick family.

## 20 PERSONS DEAD FROM HEAT WAVE

TORTURE UNABATED; HOSPITAL FACILITIES TAXED

Thousands of New Yorkers Flock to Beaches to Sleep on Sands

NEW YORK, July 14.—(AP)—Relentless, choking heat continued its torture of the eastern states today, bringing death to more than 20 persons and making a toll of more than 30 for the three day siege. Piercing a heavy, stifling canopy of clouds and humidity, the vicious solar intensity prostrated hundreds, taxing hospital facilities in many cities.

Although promised thunder storms which were expected to cool the burning area last night proved futile, the weather bureau predicted electrical storms which would be more faithful tonight, and rain began falling in New York City shortly before 5 o'clock, bringing a slight decline in temperature.

The storms which swept northern New York and New England last night caused three deaths and great damage but brought lower temperatures only on the Lake Ontario region.

Despite the promise of rain and cooler temperatures, thousands of New Yorkers flocked to the beaches again this afternoon, preparing to sleep on the sands. It was estimated that more than 150,000 persons spent last night on the sands of Coney Island.

While temperatures of 90 and above were reported from many cities today, temperatures were slightly less than yesterday when the thermometer in several localities touched 100 degrees.

## TRUCK OPERATOR SUES

Damages Aggregating \$77,202 Is Sought From Stage Company

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Trial was started here today of the suit brought by Frank V. Martin, truck driver of the Portland-Corvallis Auto Freight Lines, seeking to recover damages aggregating \$77,202 from the Oregon Stages, Inc. Martin alleges that he stopped his machine January 2 on the Pacific highway near Hubbard to adjust a light, and that a stage of the defendant company struck his truck, causing it to run over him. The stage company charges Martin with parking his truck without lights on the pavement.

## PAPER MILL MAN BETTER

Crown-Willamette Vice President Reported Out of Danger

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—A. J. Lewthwaite, vice president and resident manager of the Crown-Willamette Paper Mills, was reported out of danger tonight at St. Vincent's hospital where he was taken yesterday following a fall at his home.

## STATE'S CASE OUTLINED

Attorney Declares Birger Threatened Adams, Hired Killers

BENTON, Ill., July 14.—(AP)—Outlining the state's case against Charles Birger, Art Newman and Ray Holland, on trial for the murder of Mayor Joe Adams of West City, State's Attorney Roy C. Martin declared today he would prove that Birger repeatedly threatened Adams and hired the killers.

## SAWYER TAKES OATH

Deschutes County Publisher Becomes Highway Commissioner

BEND, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—Robert W. Sawyer, Deschutes county judge and publisher of the Bend Bulletin, today took the oath of state highway commissioner. He succeeds William Doby of Baker, resigned.

## IN DOUBT OR WORRIED? LET RICHARDS ANSWER

Is your husband, wife or sweetheart true to you? Should you sell that vacant lot or build a new house? Is your health bad? Should you make a change of work or are you uncertain whom to marry? Then write Richards, America's greatest magician, in care of The Oregon Statesman, and wait for your answers to appear in this paper. Richards brings his mammoth show of wonders, thrills, girls, music, laughs and mystery to the Capitol theater for five days starting Monday and arrangements have been made whereby Mr. Richards will answer questions free of charge through this paper. All you have to do is write your questions briefly and clearly, sign your full name and address and mail it to Richards in care of The Oregon Statesman, and then watch for your answers to appear. Only your initials will appear in the published answer. The first installment of answers will appear Sunday.

Richards does not claim to be a "mindreader," but a scientist and psychologist and says he derives all his answers through modern scientific methods, which he asserts is far more accurate than the old form of clairvoyance. Richards brings a very large show to the Capitol theater, as he carries a big company of artists, a band of scenic effects and special orchestra, the entire three-hour production being in three parts and twelve acts.

## FLIERS MAKING NICE PROGRESS TOWARD HAWAII

Reports Indicate Smith and Bronte Averaging 92 Miles Per Hour

### WEATHER PROSPECT BAD

Route Covered by Cloudiness; Atmosphere Interferes With Use of Radio; Two Pigeons Released Early

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—(AP)—Computations based on the last radio message sent out by the Smith plane on its flight from Oakland, Cal., to Hawaii, showed that at 7:15 p. m., the intrepid aviators, 630 nautical or 725 land miles out from San Francisco. This position gave the plane's average speed as 92 land miles an hour.

### Reports Infrequent

The three land radio stations here receiving reports from the plane, the navy station, Federal Telegraph company and Radio Corporation of America, had received no report from Emory B. Bronte, Smith's navigator, since 7:15 p. m. This was believed due to atmospheric interferences. Efforts were being made to communicate with vessels known to be near the plane to instruct them to report weather condition and ascertain if they had later word from the fliers.

### Two Pigeons Released

Two of the four pigeons carried by the plane were reported released by Bronte at 3 p. m. to fly back to their San Francisco loft. They had not arrived at the loft at 10 p. m. It was believed the birds landed either on the Farallon Islands, thirty miles out from San Francisco, or alighted on a ship somewhere near San Francisco.

In this case the birds would likely rest for the night and continue on to their loft at daylight. Making the latitude and longitude figures was based for computations. It was figured that the plane traveled 103 land miles an hour between 6 and 7 p. m., as (Continued on page 2.)

## HELD INNOCENT OF SMUGGLING

"NOT GUILTY" VERDICT IN ALIEN AIDING CASES

Commercial Aviators Still Face Charges of Conspiring to Smuggle

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—(AP)—Emmett Longbrake and John J. O'Brien, commercial aviators, were acquitted in federal court today of smuggling Chinese into Los Angeles from Mexican points by airplane. The jury deliberated six hours before bringing in its verdict.

The two fliers were arrested April 30 after immigration inspectors had shot and killed Arthur J. Daugherty, student aviator at the Eagle airport near here. The federal officers said they were engaged at the time in a "round-up" of alien smuggling suspects and that the plane in which Daugherty was riding started to take off when ordered to stop and shots then were fired by the officers. Burleigh R. Chaney, manager of the airport, was piloting the plane in which Daugherty was killed.

Chaney, O'Brien and Longbrake also are on trial on charges of conspiring to smuggle aliens into the United States from Mexico by airplane. This charge, started when the case of Longbrake and O'Brien went to the jury, is expected to be completed tomorrow.