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LARGEST CLASS FOR FIRST DAY ENTERING W. U.

176 Freshmen Report For
Qualifying Exam; Will
Reach Nearly 200

NEW PROFESSORS HERE

Dean Hewitt of Law School Plans
Eventually to Build up Great-
er Institution; Library to
Be First Step

Willamette university registration officials, professors, and student assistants were busily engaged yesterday in caring for 176 freshmen, the largest number ever to assemble on the first day of the English qualifying examinations.

With about 15 or 20 more first year students expected to enroll before Freshman week closes, the new class this year will be greater than any in history, with the exception of the abnormally large class of 1924-25 which came before the enrollment was limited to 500.

Some Not Returning

For financial reasons, a number of the old students will not be back this fall, according to reports received, but the large freshman class will maintain the enrollment at near the 500 figure.

The English qualifying examination, a failure in which will make it necessary for the student to take certain English courses without credit, was the only item on the program in the afternoon.

Yesterday morning, President Doney delivered an address to the new students, in which he explained the ideals of the university, and outlined its unique history, and customs.

Conferences Today

Special conferences and get acquainted meetings will be held today, with Dean Erickson, Dr. F. G. Franklin, and Harold Eakin, president of the alumni association, addressing the students.

All the new faculty members—
Alexander Yaskas, head of modern languages; Cecil Monk, biology instructor; Roy Hewitt, Dean of the Law School; Olive Dahl, Dean of Women, and Charles C. Haworth, Spanish instructor—were on the campus yesterday, acquainting themselves with their duties for the coming year.

Dean Hewitt, new head of the law school, will simply "take an

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REALTY DEALERS PROVE BIG HELP

NONE HERE UNTIL 1870, DEVELOPMENT SLOW

Attractions of Middle Valley Recognized in Early Land Publicity

By Victor D. Carlson

Real estate dealers were unknown in Marion county until the year 1870.

The buyer was left to grope his way, as it were, in darkness, to find the seller, and as the seller had few opportunities to make comparisons with any degree of accuracy, the prices of farming lands were in a markedly unsettled state.

Many persons with a surplus of lands would gladly have sold a portion, but were too ignorant of the correct value to fix a fair price, as compared with the lands in other portions of the state, and often in their own county.

With the coming of men in the early 70's who made the purchase and sale of lands a specialty, prices were equalized and regulated, and reliable information regarding the county was sent everywhere.

There were four principal "prairies" in the large Marion county area in those days—Howell, Salem, French, and the Santiam. Enticed by the reports sent out by the realtors, an energetic and thrifty class of eastern men came to this section. Viewing the hill lands interspersed with timber, prairies, and running brooks, and foreseeing the revenue to be derived from their reclamation for wheat growing, heavy investments were made.

Forty sales of real estate were reported by one firm of land agents during the season of 1874. An extensive correspondence was carried on by this firm with people east of the Rocky Mountains.

Twenty dollars per acre for wheat land averaging forty, forty-five, and often as high as fifty bushels to the acre, was considered a handsome price. Prof-

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DAMAGES ASKED OF BUS OWNER

\$48,500 SOUGHT BY PERSONS
CLAIMING INJURIES

R. S. Foster Alleges Eye Put Out,
Skull Fractured and
Concussion

Damages totalling \$48,500, alleged to have resulted from an automobile collision on the Pacific highway north of Salem on September 11 of this year, is demanded from the American Car and Foundry Motors company in legal action instituted in circuit court here yesterday afternoon. Four separate complaints, each by a member of the party riding in the car into which the company's bus is alleged to have crashed on that date, were filed with the county clerk.

The company, an eastern corporation, is alleged to have been owner of the bus, which was being driven north toward Portland at the time the accident occurred. From other sources it has been learned that the American Car and Foundry Motors company is a firm that manufactures stages, selling them to firms that engage in the business of operating them. C. R. Hooper is named as co-defendant.

The largest single sum of money is demanded in behalf of R. S. Foster, who alleges in his complaint that his right eye was completely put out at the time of the accident, his chin and lips severely cut, his skull fractured and other injuries sustained, including concussion of the brain and lacerations about the knees. He demands \$25,000 general and \$500 special damages.

The accident is alleged to have taken place on the Pacific Highway a mile south of the point where the road branches off leading toward Gervais. The bus, going north, was not under control of its driver, was going too fast, was on the wrong side of the road and was being incorrectly operated in other respects, according to the allegations recited in the complaints.

A. E. King, owner and driver of the smaller machine into which the bus is claimed to have crashed, demands \$2000 as the damages done to his car, in addition to \$500 special and \$10,000 general damages. Helen B. King demands \$5000 general and \$250 special damages. Naomi Foster demands the same sums as Miss King. All recite that they were in the King auto at the time the accident occurred, and allege various injuries sustained by reason of the crash.

OFFICIALS AT ROUNDUP

State Board of Control Goes to
Pendleton on Business

Members of the state board of control, at the conclusion of a meeting held at The Dalles yesterday, left for Pendleton where they will meet today inspecting the Eastern Oregon state hospital. This afternoon the officials will be guests of the Roundup association.

The meeting at The Dalles was held for the purpose of discussing the construction of the proposed new state tuberculosis hospital. Members of the board of control are Governor Patterson, Secretary of State Kozier and State Treasurer Kay.

A number of other state officials are in attendance at the roundup.

GENE HAS EYE DOCTOR

Specialist Called in To Treat
Champion as Fight Nears

LAKE VILLA, Ill., Sept. 16—(AP)—An eye specialist was called from Chicago tonight to start treatment of Gene Tunney's right eye, which looked inflamed and troublesome after his workout ended today. It was over this eye that Chuck Wiggins opened the cut last week, and today Jackie Williams poked his thumb into the optic.

Tunney wore a heavy protective covering over the old cut while he boxed today, and it appeared to cause him no trouble, but his trainers thought it best to take extra precautions to have the eye treated by a specialist, to make sure that it would not bother him next Thursday night, when he meets Jack Dempsey.

SEARCH PARTY RETURNS

Expedition Sent Back to Three
Sisters Region Today

PORTLAND, Sept. 16—(AP)—Search will be resumed in the Three Sisters country tomorrow for Guy Perry and Henry Cramer of The Dalles, who are believed to have lost their lives while trying to climb one of the peaks Labor day.

It was said here today that E. A. Britton, Roseburg scoutmaster, planned to leave tonight for the Sisters country, and to find there twenty volunteers from Bend, The Dalles, Portland and other cities.

All of the party, which planned to continue the search over the weekend, participated in the searches which were discontinued Tuesday because of storms.

30,000 YANKS FROM U. S. OPEN PARIS MEETING

Second American Expeditionary
Forces Take
French City

GEN. PERSHING ARRIVES

Carnival Spirit Reigns as Whole
Country Looks Forward to
Big Holiday Celebration
Next Monday

PARIS, Sept. 16.—(AP)—General Pershing and his doughboys are back in France again. Tonight the air of Paris was filled with lilting war-time tunes, "Madelain," and "Over There," and thoughts of French people turned back to remembrances of those days of 1917 when Europe made the acquaintance of the Yank in uniform.

This time Yank—30,000 of him they say—is in "city" and there isn't a man in all Europe to prevent him as he goes about the job of seeing France as a civilian.

French Catch Spirit

All Paris has caught the carnival spirit that this second A. E. F. has brought and the whole country looks forward to taking a holiday Monday when American Legionnaires parade through the capital before opening their convention on soil they helped save ten short years ago.

General Pershing and 1600 of the men he commanded in the war, arrived this morning at Cherbourg aboard the Leviathan, greatest of wartime transports. Other thousands landed at French ports during the night and today on other ships, and still more thousands of their buddies had reached Paris before them.

Lights Brilliant

Those that had known Paris in war time when it was gay but not bright, came back to find more lights than they had any idea the city could produce. Not only were the street lights burning brightly tonight but thousands of others

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FOUR ACCIDENTS FATAL

Weekly Report Made By Industrial
Accident Commission

There were four fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending September 15, according to a report prepared here yesterday by the state industrial accident commission.

The victims were Perry W. Wilbur, Braymill, machinist; Peter Ould, Newport, plumber; C. H. Cummings, Portland, wind fall hucker, and W. H. Poole, construction superintendent.

There were a total of 893 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

CHIEF JUSTICE CELEBRATES SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY



Chief Justice William Howard Taft's seventieth birthday celebration, Sept. 15, at Murray Bay, Quebec, Canada, marks a decidedly unique occasion, for he is the only living ex-president and the only man to accede to the supreme court of the United States, as its chief justice, after serving as president of his country. These photos show Taft in characteristic poses. Left, a rare photograph, showing the outgoing president, Theodore Roosevelt, with the president-elect, William Howard Taft, shortly prior to the inaugural ceremonies. Top, middle, as a Yale student; center, his latest portrait; lower middle, as chief justice; right, Taft, a boy of 10.

BURNETT ESTATE VALUED \$45,000

WILL ADMITTED TO PROBATE;
WIDOW RECEIVES HALF

Thoughtfulness of Friends Evidenced in Chief Justice's Last Will

The estate of the late Chief Justice George H. Burnett, who died here on September 10, is valued at \$45,000, according to papers filed with the Marion county clerk yesterday afternoon, when the will was admitted to probate. Judge Burnett's widow, Frances Lorena Burnett, is left one half of what ever sum is realized from the estate, the remaining half being divided among numerous other relatives.

George G. Brown, secretary of the state land board, is named as executor, and Milton L. Meyers, Lot L. Pearce and Charles S. Welser are named appraisers.

The will directs that the body be cremated and the ashes cast into the Willamette river.

Among the personal effects of the deceased the following legacies are listed in the will:

To J. H. Nelson of McMinnville, nephew the watch and chain which Burnett wore up until the time of his death.

To Charles F. Snelling of Lakeview, nephew, another watch and chain.

To Clair B. Baker of Salem, grand nephew, a third watch and chain.

To Ira G. Nelson of Portland, nephew, a chest of tools, mechanic's chest, and other articles.

To Fred Nelson, nephew, five razors and accompanying shaving equipment.

To Harry H. Belt, nephew by marriage, all his law books and cases.

To Louise H. Bickford, niece of his former wife, several articles of family furniture and the sum of \$1000 in cash.

To Annie B. High of Salem, niece, an old wooden clock "owned by my mother."

To Hal Henderson, grand nephew, a double tooth Elk charm.

To George Glanville Brown of Salem, friend, all his Masonic effects, including his past grand master's apron.

WOMAN FAILS CHANNEL

Miss Millie Hudson Turns Back
After 13 Hours in Water

BOULOGNE, France, Sept. 7—(Saturday)—(AP)—Miss Millie Hudson, young English swimmer, who started on a channel attempt from Cape Gris Nez at 11:06 o'clock yesterday morning, abandoned her swim after being in the water about 13 hours.

Miss Hudson was forced to quit shortly after midnight when a strong current carried her off her course.

COSGRAVE LEADS VOTE

Heads Poll in Cork City General
Election By Safe Margin

DUBLIN, Sept. 16—(AP)—President Cosgrave headed the poll in Cork City in yesterday's preliminary elections receiving 17,395 votes against the 11,608 of Former Lord Mayor French who stood second.

WHAT SMITH HAS WHAT BOY, GIRL?

MOTHER GIVEN DAUGHTER
WAS TOLD SHE HAD SON

Doubt As to Lineage Result of Clerical Confusion; Goes to Court

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 16—(AP)—While a heart broken mother lay in a hospital here tonight praying for the return of her "son" as she nursed a baby girl, Judge Carl V. Weigandt, looked forward to a conference Monday with masters of the medical profession who might aid him in solving a tangle that would test the wisdom of a Solomon.

Last Saturday the tangle was brought to the bar of justice in Judge Weigandt's common pleas court when Sam Smith, father of the child instituted habeas corpus proceedings demanding that Fairview Park hospital officials be forced to return his child "George Smith."

Mrs. Smith, a baby girl tonight which hospital officials claim is the child born to her August 22. They also claim that the tangle resulted from a "clerical error" made at the hospital. But the doubt of a mother is not dispelled by their explanation and the child's father vowed today that he "would spend every penny I have to straighten out this tangle."

Meanwhile, the possibility that the grand jury may be called upon to probe the case, was seen today when County Prosecutor Stanton assured Charles F. McConnell, attorney for Mrs. Smith, that "the grand jury will make an exhaustive probe without delay if there is the least bit of evidence of perjury or hint of criminality in the case."

"At least two witnesses have not only failed to tell the truth but have plainly showed that many details of the case are being covered up," McConnell said.

Dr. John G. Spenser, Dr. W. B. Glendinning and half a dozen other leading blood specialists here, together with fingerprint experts, hope to develop a means of solving the tangle at Monday's meeting from the world's mass of scientific knowledge.

The light of science was the chief hope of Judge Weigandt. Experts here have said that blood tests, finger prints and facial characteristics can all be used to aid in the solution and Judge Weigandt remained firm that no stone should be left unturned in the attempt to dispel a mother's doubt

NASH ISSUES WARNING

Business Houses Should Ask For
Requisition, Announcement

Salem merchants are warned by Ed Nash, president of the Salem high student body, not to sell anything on credit for the student body to any one without a proper requisition.

Numerous difficulties arose last year, it is said, over purchases which were not authorized, and this year careful account is to be made of all expenditures.

Reports from all student officers handling funds will be required by the student body treasurer, at regular intervals.

LARGE TAX CUT SOON POSSIBLE COOLIDGE SAYS

Substantial Decrease in
Levies Held Feasible
Despite Expenses

BIG SURPLUS LAST YEAR

\$60,000,000 Extra Placed in
Treasury; Cut Amounting to
Half That Sum Believed
Likely in 1928

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, (AP)—President Coolidge, after going over the tentative government budget with Director Lord, has reached the conclusion that increased appropriations planned for the war and navy departments next year, ought not to jeopardize a substantial tax reduction.

His view was disclosed today at the White House where it was said also that he had decided there was no necessity for a special session of congress solely on account of the Mississippi flood problem.

Some Funds Available

Secretary Hoover had advised the president that relief work can be taken care of until January 1 with funds now on hand and Secretary Davis of the war department told him today that the final report of the board of army engineers and the Mississippi river commission on flood control not be completed until November 15, or December 1.

For this reason, the president feels that congress would be able to make no headway toward enactment of flood legislation before December, although he expects congressional committees to

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HONOR CORVALLIS MAN

William M. Ball Made President
of Photographers' Group

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16—(AP)—William M. Ball of Corvallis, Ore., was elected president of the Pacific International Photographers' association at the photographers' convention which marked the closing business session of the organization's convention here today.

Other officers elected were: S. Walters of Seattle, first vice president; J. H. Mott of Los Angeles, second vice president; Mahle Spencer of Alameda, Cal., third vice president; Ida M. Reed of San Francisco, secretary; and Chet Coffee of Portland, treasurer.

Honors in the photographic beauty contest went to three girls from the Los Angeles district.

MUST ADMIT CHILDREN

Reason Must Be Used in Fixing
School Age, Opinion Says

A school district board cannot legally enforce a regulation refusing to admit to the public schools at the September term children who will not have reached the age of six years by November 15, but requires them to wait for admission until the opening of school the succeeding year, according to an opinion prepared by the attorney general here Friday.

The attorney general held that school boards must use reason in fixing the school age, but he did not attempt to say what this age should be. The opinion was requested by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools.

WOULD DROP AUTO TAX

Battle to Be Waged Tooth and
Tongue, Washington Man Says

PORTLAND, Sept. 16—(AP)—A battle to be conducted with "tooth and tongue" will be waged at the next congress to the end that the automobile excise tax be dropped. It was declared today by Ernest N. Smith, of Washington, D. C. National American Automobile association manager in an address to delegates to the third annual conference of affiliated automobile clubs of the west.

"There is no reason why motorists should be made to pay the way tax, with the war nine or ten years past," Smith declared.

FLYERS SAIL FOR HOME

Brook and Schlee Leave Japan on
Steamer Tor-America

TOKYO, Sept. 17—(AP)—(Saturday)—William S. Brock and Edward P. Schlee, who flew from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, to Tokyo in the monoplane "Pride of Detroit," sailed for home this afternoon on the steamer Korea Maru.

AIR HERO FLEES FROM AMATEUR

CHARLES LINDBERGH'S STAY
ABOVE SALEM SHORT

"We" Fear Crash When Attempt
Made to Secure Newspaper
Picture

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh paid his respects to Salem yesterday morning, and paid them hurriedly.

Apparently fearful of a crash with another plane which was over the city maneuvering for a picture, the "Lone Pilot" veered off sharply after dropping his message at High and Court.

The Colonel had come straight down High street, intending to circle the city. Seeing the amateur photographer chasing him in the other plane, he changed his course, crossed the river, circled for a time over West Salem and then headed straight down the Salem-Dallas highway, flying at an altitude of about 300 feet.

When a blast from the fire department siren at 7:50 a. m. signalled the approach of the Atlantic conqueror, thousands of citizens rushed out of doors to catch a glimpse of "The Spirit," important partner of "We" & company. Disappointment was manifest everywhere at the brief period he was over the city.

The pilot plane, bearing Manager Keyhole, a representative of the Department of Commerce, passed to the east of Salem about 10 minutes ahead of Colonel Lindbergh. A number of people mistook his plane for that of "The Spirit."

Colonel Lindbergh was flying low and seemed to know where the City Hall was for the message fell near it. Frank Watt, a worker on the Van Patten building on Court street, caught the scroll and turned it over to Officer Louie Olson, who in turn carried it to Mayor Livesley.

The message read as follows: "Aboard 'Spirit of St. Louis.' To the City of Salem: Greetings: Because of the limited time and the extensive itinerary of the tour of the United States now in progress to encourage popular interest in aeronautics, it is impossible for the 'Spirit of St. Louis' to land in your city.

This message from the air, however, is sent you to express sincere appreciation of your interest in the tour and in the promotion and expansion of commercial aeronautics in the United States.

We feel that we will be amply repaid for all our efforts if each and every citizen in the United States cherishes an interest in flying and gives his earnest support to the air mail service and the establishment of airports and

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OSWEGO MAN SUICIDES

Man From California Leaves Note
Showing Despondency

PORTLAND, Sept. 16—(AP)—Leaving a note reading: "Years of worry have finally got the best of me; it is this or an asylum before long," Rudolph Tietgens, of Eureka, Cal., pressed the trigger of a rifle early today and ended his life near the Oswego country club near here. Officials said the case was one of suicide.

Tietgens' body was found beside his expensive automobile. In his pockets was found six dollars and a note. His health and financial difficulties were believed to have caused his act.

A postscript to the suicide note said: "My last thoughts are of my family but I could not help them. If I kept alive I would become an additional burden."

JOHNSTON QUITS TENNIS

Business Interests and Advancing
Age Given as Reasons

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—(AP)—William M. Johnston, known to the thousands of the tennis world as "Little Bill," tonight announced that he is through with Davis cup competition. Increased demands by his brokerage interests in California, together with the severe physical strain attendant on the international matches were given by Johnston as reasons for his withdrawal.

Johnston's announcement was made at a dinner given to the American Davis cup team by the victorious French players aboard the steamer France.

FIRST S. P. BUSES ARRIVE

Gray Coaches With Blue Trim-
mings to Be Used in Valley

Forerunners of a fleet of buses which will be operated throughout Oregon by the Southern Pacific company, 14 new coaches, painted gray with blue trimmings, arrived in Salem yesterday. They are of the latest design and have numerous features patented by the railroad company.

General Manager Wilson has announced that 10 more of the buses are on the way here, and that there will be a total of 45 operated in Oregon when service starts next Tuesday.

IRISH AIRPLANE ABANDONS TRIP OVER ATLANTIC

Monoplane Princess X
Forced to Return After
Leaving Dublin

STIFF HEAD WINDS M

40 Mile Gale Blows in Faces
Captain Robert H. MacIntosh
And Commandant James
Fitzmaurice

DUBLIN, IRISH FREE STATE, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The monoplane "Princess Xenia" which Baldonnel air field this afternoon on a non stop flight to New York, was forced to land on the Be Strand, near Bally Bunnion, county Kerry, at 6 o'clock tonight.

Neither Captain Robert H. MacIntosh nor his companion, Commandant James C. Fitzmaurice, was injured.

Gale Met

Faced with head winds sweeping at 40 miles an hour, Captain MacIntosh and Commandant Fitzmaurice, when already over the Atlantic on their projected non stop flight, found it impossible to continue. They made a landing six miles south of Ballybunnion.

The airmen who hopped off from Baldonnel air field, Dublin, at 1:36 p. m., braving the tragedy, when they were forced to make the westward passage, were uninjured and went to a local hotel.

100 Miles From Start

Ballybunnion is about 100 miles southwest of Dublin. It is south of the Shannon river on the Kerry coast and is a favorite seaside resort. It has a splendid beach, high cliffs, with caves and natural rock arches of remarkable formation. It has a permanent population of only several hundred.

The landing of the aviators at the little seaside resort four and a half hours after they had hoped off with high hopes and checked baggage, meant failure for another east-west trans-Atlantic flight, but it was failure without loss of life.

The reluctant decision of the airmen to turn back to land as safety came after they had encountered over the sea adverse conditions and a blinding fog which obstructed their course and made impossible their plan to cross the ocean to New York by way of Newfoundland in about 26 hours

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MYSTERY SHIP SENDS OUT SOS

IDENTITY OF VESSEL IN DISTRESS REMAINS SECRET

Location 970 Miles Out From Seattle; First Thought of Jap Line

SEATTLE, Sept. 16.—(AP)—An unexplained SOS from an only partly identified vessel in mid-Pacific continued a mystery of the sea tonight. Shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, the distress signal was plainly heard by four land stations and one ship at sea. Although all communication on the north Pacific was suspended in hope of obtaining further word of the stricken vessel, nothing has since been heard.

The identity of the vessel was announced by the harbor radio here as the Yoshida Maru number 1 of the Yamashita line. None of the other stations, however, received the name of the ship.

Positions of the vessel was given as 141.42 west longitude, 48.16 north latitude, or approximately 970 miles west of Seattle on the San Francisco-Far East great circle.

Efforts to identify the ship were further complicated when the Yamashita company said it was virtually impossible that the vessel in distress was the Yoshida Maru number 1. Recent reports received at the local agency of the Yamashita line have placed the position of the Yoshida Maru as off the Japanese coast, hundreds of miles from the reported position of the stricken craft.

The distress signals were picked up simultaneously by the harbor radio, two naval radio stations in Alaska, a Canadian station at Esquimaux, B. C., and the steamship Taiyo Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, plying between San Francisco and the Orient. The trans-Pacific liner, President Pierce was reported near the supposed position of the unidentified vessel. No report had been received from the Pierce early tonight.