

# The Oregon Statesman

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Weather forecast: Unsettled with light local rains; moderate temperature; moderate to fresh southerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 65, minimum 53, river 1.8, rainfall .07, atmosphere part cloudy, wind southeast.

Mussolini by edict has abolished public speeches as a waste of time. We trust the Senate will take some sort of action about this. It looks like a personal affront.

## FRENCH TARIFF RATES AGREED PROVISIONALLY

Revision Decried By Government At Paris, Effective Next Monday

## SOME U. S. FIRMS HIT

Revised Schedules Strike at American Manufacturers of Light Motors, Importers of Hose, Cotton

PARIS, Nov. 16.—(AP)—A decree revising French tariff rates provisionally on American products was promulgated today to become effective next Monday, pending negotiations of trade agreement between the United States and France.

Most American firms which export products to France were pleased with the new provisional tariff, but there were complaints against the revised schedules from the manufacturers of light motors, importers of cotton and hosiery manufacturers of breakfast foods, several other industries.

U. S. Recedes Note With the promulgation of the decree, the French government delivered another note to the American embassy. The object of this note was to inform the American government that a decree had been issued establishing minimum tariff on the list of American articles, agreed upon by the French and American experts.

The note raised no new question, it was said in French official circles, but simply expressed the hope that now that the tariff rates to which the United States objected had been reduced, the rates might be lowered on certain French goods, evidently referring to the "tariff" imposed at Washington during the negotiations over the tariff.

No Reply Asked The note is not considered by the French as requiring an answer.

The way in which the new rates affect the manufacturers of light motors, is in the classification of tractors. Under the old system tractors under 3,000 pounds, were classed as agricultural machinery and carried duties varying from 10 to 12 percent of their value. Under the new schedule almost the entire tractor "except the seat and wheels" as one importer puts it, is classified as motive or transmission parts, which will have to pay the regular minimum tariff on automobiles, which is 45 percent ad valorem.

Tractor Importers Hit Negotiations to give relief to tractor importers are already in sight for with the duty three or four times what it was, it is regarded as unlikely that they will be able to continue doing business.

The annual value of American exports to France of articles that

## DEBATERS' TOUR SEEMS ASSURED

WILLAMETTE FACULTY AND TRUSTEES INTERESTED

Tryouts Set for January 16; Commence With Universities En Route

With the appointment of a joint faculty-trustee committee in support of the venture, the continental-European tour of a Willamette university debate team is practically assured.

Letters are being dispatched this week to a number of notable debate schools between Oregon and Maine. Definite contracts with many of them probably will be entered into before next summer.

Debating relations will be resumed with University of West Virginia, University of Wyoming, Wharton college, Lawrence college, Denver university, and Michigan Agricultural college. The Michigan school has met these institutions in past years on the local platform.

Schools in Europe on the tentative list are University of Edinburgh, University of St. Andrews, University of Aberdeen, University of Glasgow, Queen's University of Belfast, University of Dublin.

Tryouts to select the personnel of the team have been set by Coach John O. Hall for January 15. Each candidate will be required to prepare a 30 minute argument and 15 minute rebuttal speech in written form ten days before the try-out. A committee of three will judge the written arguments, and a committee of five prominent city and state officials will judge the oral arguments.

The faculty-trustee committee consists of G. B. Olin, Dr. E. L. Steves, President Carl Gregg Doney, Dean Frank M. Erickson, and Dean Roy Hewitt.

## STRAWBERRIES TO BE ALL SOLD

1927 CROP IMMENSE INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Outlook for Stability of Industry Good; Use New Way of Packing

The Slogan editor found one man in the strawberry industry yesterday who did not refuse to talk and give what information he had. That man was Robert C. Paulus of the Paulus Bros. Packing company.

He said the Ettersburg type of strawberries, in cans, are about all sold, and that the last case will likely go to the consuming markets shortly after the first of the year.

The barreled berries he said the barreled berries have been selling fast, though some of them at low prices; that some of the dealers, fearing a further sag in the markets, on account of the big supply, "took a licking," that is sold their supplies in part of them, at low prices—lower than cost, and thus made losses. The supply was large. For this district, about 50,000 barrels of 450 pounds each, against about 30,000 barrels last year. But the berries in stronger hands, in the hands of the packers, were not dumped, and there has been a recovery from the extremely low prices.

Mr. Paulus believes all the best of the barreled berries will be sold this making a wide distribution, which will be good for the consumer demand for the 1928 crop in barrels.

Another Advantage Mr. Paulus said that not much more than 15,000 barrels of strawberries are still left unsold. Another thing, he thinks, will help a consumer demand for the 1928 crop is the putting of the barreled berries into round the holding about five gallons each to fit the freezer hole in fountain freezers throughout the country. This will give a convenient way to soft fruit people to handle the frozen berries, served like fresh berries, and they will be able to take a much greater tonnage of them, throughout the country. In this way, the berries can be carried in their fresh state for a long time. Mr. Paulus believes that, because some packers in barrels have lost money, a few in large sums this year all the berries will be sold before the next crop comes on.

Future of Berries Mr. Paulus thinks the future of our strawberry industry is good, and that the berries will have to be planted in the Salem district of keep up with the canning and barreling.

## NO WORD FROM AVIATORS

Two British Airmen Believed Still on Way to India

LONDON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The darkness of a second, sundown tonight cloaked the fortunes of two British airmen on their way to India in a nonstop flight.

No word was received all day today of the progress of Captain R. E. Macintosh and Bert Hitchcock who set out yesterday from the airbase at Upavon to break the distance record now held by the Americans, Clarence Chamberlin and Charles A. Levine.

The only news from the fliers in the monoplane "Princess Xenia" was that they had been sighted passing over Manston airbase at Kent, England, 120 miles from their starting point, yesterday.

The air ministry looked upon the lack of news as good news in the belief that any accident to the fliers would be reported quickly.

Estimating the plane's speed at 90 miles an hour, observers calculated that the "Princess Xenia" must have been well over Asia tonight unless forced down.

## PIE COMEDIANS OUTDONE

Store Clerk Lays Down Barrage of Delicacies Goods

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—(AP)—When Samuel Schaar, delicatessen clerk, was held up by two armed men he went the movie comedians who lay down pie barrages one better and then some.

He started in with pie, but when his supply gave out he moved on to pate de foie gras pots, tinned sardines, casseroles and boiled ham. The robbers pointed pistols when they entered, but as Schaar went into action they shouted: "Hey, don't do that," dropped to hands and knees and scrambled for the door.

Schaar chased the men into the street, vollying away with an armful of imported corned beefs, and assisting police, ran one of the pair down. He gave his name as Ralph Scott.

## REPORT ANOTHER QUAKE

Disturbance Reported to Have Lasted Two and Half Hours

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—A "very severe" earthquake was recorded on the seismograph at Georgetown university today at 4:25 p. m. Director Tondori said the disturbance lasted more than 2 1/2 hours, and that its greatest intensity was reached at 5:21 p. m., and that its location was probably more than 3,000 miles from Washington.

## CITY ATTORNEY CHANGE LIKELY FIRST OF YEAR

Heads of All Other Departments Will Be Chosen Again, Belief

## EACH WILLING TO RUN

Engineer, Fire Chief, Sanitary Inspector, Streets Commissioner and Police Matron Thought Unopposed

Along with indications that the personnel of practically all city offices will be unchanged after the city council election meeting six weeks hence is the opinion expressed by a majority of the councilmen that City Attorney Williams will not be chosen for another term.

Opposition to the city attorney which has been prevalent to some extent ever since his election two years ago is gaining ground in new quarters, and it is extremely unlikely that he will secure enough votes to keep the post. The opposition is based on alleged failure properly to protect the city's interest and to prosecute vigorously offenders against city ordinances.

Others Not Opposed City Engineer Hugh Rogers, Fire Chief Harry Hutton, Sanitary Inspector Harry Cooper, Street Commissioner Walter S. Low, Police Matron Myra L. Shank all have signified their intention to stand for re-election, and no opposition to any of them has been openly expressed.

It is understood that Mayor Linsley will re-appoint Frank A. Minto as chief of police, with the consent of the council. This is the only department head that the mayor appoints.

City Election in May All other city officers are elected by the people. One alderman from each of the seven wards, and the offices of mayor, city recorder, and city treasurer, will be up for election in the May primaries.

## STATE COMMANDER SICK

Oregon American Legion Head Taken to Veterans Hospital

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—(AP)—George E. Love of Eugene, state commander of the American Legion, was taken to the Veterans hospital today following an appendicitis attack. He will submit to an operation tomorrow morning. He is first stricken with appendicitis recently in New York when returning with Ben Dorris, Eugene, from the American Legion convention in Paris. Love was confined in a New York hospital for a short time but postponed the operation until he reached Portland. They arrived here today.

## AUDIT OF SAND PIRACY CLOSED

RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED TO LAND BOARDS SOON

Meeting of Oregon and Washington Officials Called Here Next Tuesday

Audit of the books of the several sand and gravel companies operating in the state of Oregon to determine the amount of sand they have taken from the Columbia and Willamette rivers, has been completed and the report of the accountants will be considered at a meeting of the state land boards of Oregon and Washington to be held in Salem next Tuesday.

The audit was ordered after it was reported to the land boards that the sand and gravel companies had taken large amounts of sand from the Columbia river, for which they had paid neither the states of Oregon nor Washington any royalty.

The sand and gravel operators admitted that they had taken sand from the Columbia river, but said they were ignorant of any law which compelled them to pay a royalty on that product. The royalty on gravel taken from navigable streams in the state of Oregon has been fixed by the state land board at 10 cents per cubic yard.

Any amount of royalty that may be demanded by the land boards of Oregon and Washington on sand taken from the Columbia river will be divided equally between the two states. The royalty to be demanded from the sand and gravel operators will be determined after the report of the auditors is received and considered.

## "CHAMPOEG DAY" PLAN

Schools of State to Observe on May 2, Howard Announces

Schools of the state of Oregon will observe May 2, known as Champeog Day, according to an announcement made at the offices of C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools.

The idea of observing the day originated with Mr. Howard, who requested a committee from the Oregon historical society to fix an appropriate date. The committee was composed of Mrs. I. L. Patterson, wife of Governor Patterson; Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, and Judge Peter H. D'Arcy of Salem.

It was suggested that February 14, the date of Oregon's admission to the union be observed, but this was rejected because of its close proximity to Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays.

## SCHOOL STRIKE ALL OFF

Pupils Return to Classes Held by Long Striked Teacher

NEWPORT Ore., Nov. 16.—(AP)—Strike of high school students in protest against the new principal, Mrs. T. E. Halleck, because she was a woman who wore skirts to her ankles collapsed today. The entire body of strikers returned to classes after being out two weeks. The students will be required to make up the lost time in studies. Mrs. Halleck recently succeeded a male principal who had died.

## NEGRO FIGHTER DIES SUDDENLY

"TIGER FLOWERS" PASSES AWAY AFTER OPERATION

Boxer of Atlanta, Georgia, Formerly Held Middleweight World Championship

NEW ORK, Nov. 16.—(AP)—"Tiger" Flowers, the tacturn negro "praying deacon" who formerly ruled the middleweight boxing ranks, died shortly after 8 p. m. tonight in a private hospital here following on a comparatively minor operation.

The Atlanta, Ga., battler submitted to an operation for removal of a growth above his right eye at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Although he came out of the ether in "fair" condition, he suffered a fainting spell soon afterward and was rushed back to the operating room, where he failed to rally.

Flowers, a deacon in a church at Atlanta, Ga., where he made his home, wore the famous "Tiger" bathrobe which has appeared in rings all over the country when he walked to the operating room this afternoon. After a few breaths of ether he murmured his last words:

"If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

The man who lost his title to Flowers—Harry Greb—died in a hospital at Atlantic City in October, 1926, under almost the same circumstances. Flowers was beaten for the title in Chicago by Mickey Walker on December 3 of the same year.

The negro battler, one of the busiest of the present day fighters, won 19 contests this year and seemed due for another chance at his old title due to legal measures planned at Madison Square Garden today to secure a match with Mickey Walker. Flowers fought twice last week, gaining a draw with Maxie Rosenbloom in Detroit November 9 before knocking out Leo Gates, heavyweight in four rounds here last Saturday.

Flowers, 32 years old, is survived by a widow and one child.

## THEATER CHANGE LOOMS

Rumors Rise as to Result of Geo. B. Guthrie's Visit

There is much speculation concerning the manner in which Geo. B. Guthrie will conduct his theaters in Salem, since the working agreement he had with the West Coast Theaters, Inc., was dissolved by mutual consent a few days ago.

There are several rumors as to who will assist in the management of the Elsinore, Oregon and Grand theaters, owned by Mr. Guthrie, other than Mr. McIntyre.

## THINGS ARE COMMENCIN' TO POP!



## IMPROVEMENTS ON COMMERCIAL STREET TALKED

Merchants and Property Owners Plan to Brighten Up Street, Buildings

## ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

Lighting System Rivaling That on Portland's Great White Way Proposed; Will Build, Re-model Fronts

Fear of losing the center of business activity to streets farther east on State street prompted a large number of Commercial street merchants and property owners to meet and organize under the name of the Commercial Street Improvement Association.

J. C. Perry, proprietor of the Perry drug store, was elected president, and M. S. Lampert, an attorney with offices in the United States National Bank building, was named secretary-treasurer.

An executive committee composed of prominent business men will be chosen by President Perry to air grievances of Commercial street merchants, and suggestions for improvement of conditions.

There was talk of establishing a lighting system on the street which would approximate that on Broadway in Portland. Another suggestion was to light up the long marquee between Court and Chemsaketa.

## DIVORCE STRIKES SNAG

Charges Against Italian Husband Fall Down in Rome

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 16.—(AP)—Charges of infidelity brought by the Duchess Mary Elise Moore Torlonia against her husband, Duke Marino Torlonia of Rome, were countered in superior court here today by testimony designed to show that under Italian law the acts alleged do not assume the legal significance they have under American law.

Duchess Torlonia, formerly Elise Moore of Greenwich, took the stand in her own behalf today and told of her discovery that her husband was maintaining improper relationships with Maria Lorenzino of Rome, how she visited Miss Lorenzino to learn of actual conditions, attempted to trail her husband, and of how he knocked her down with a heavy mahogany chair after an altercation.

She left the duke, she said, after this episode, which resulted from her husband's knowledge that she had been following him.

## HAIR PLANTED IN SCALP

Operation Performed in United States for First Time

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Christian Askhaven, a Scandinavian known to beauty culturists as the wizard of Oslo, was engaged today in sewing a thatch of hair onto a bald spot in the scalp of Miss Peggie Tudor, victim of a beauty parlor accident. It was said to be the first time this operation has been performed in this country.

By Askhaven's invention, to which he said he had devoted 18 years, each separate hair of the new thatch is set into the scalp mounted in a minute gold ring. He said the hair would "behave as well as natural hair and would last 3,000 years, whether needed that long or not."

## WEDDING COSTLY AFFAIR

Splendor of Royal Marriage Rivalled, Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The most sumptuous wedding in the history of Pittsburgh, rivaling the splendor of royal marriages, today united Sarah Cordelia Mellon, daughter of R. B. Mellon, financier and Alun Magee Scife, son of a wealthy Pittsburgh family. The bride is the niece of secretary of treasury, A. W. Mellon, who came here from Washington for the event.

## LIVELY LEGHORN OUTWITS DEATH

WHITE HEN ROOSTS ON DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS

Posses Raid Unsuccessfully While Someone Lacks Chicken Dinner

A white leghorn hen escaped being beheaded by breaking away from its captors in the rear of the Peoples Market on North Liberty street yesterday morning, flew precipitously the length of the counter in front of half a dozen customers and out a front window to freedom.

Alerting on the marquee in front of the chamber of commerce, the fowl maintained its safety throughout the day despite efforts to capture it. "Talk about your wild China pheasants, they have nothing on this bird," a clerk of the market declared last night.

Another hen, a black one, which made its getaway and found refuge in some nearby subterranean passage, it was indicated.

After attracting occasional attention throughout the day the fugitive hen was sighted, late in the afternoon, from the office of the justice of the peace. An unsuccessful raid was organized from there. B. W. Macy, who has his office adjoining that of Brasler Small, justice of the peace, went to the street and tried his luck at attracting the bird, all the while being watched by an interested audience from the window of the J. P. office. After a short time he returned, however, empty handed and discouraged.

"Brasler," he recommended to his office neighbor as a last resort, caught an interested moonshine and then threw it out the window here. "Maybe after the hen ate that we could catch her."

The moonshine to which he referred was a small quantity taken by officers of the law and kept in the safe of the justice of the peace. The liquor was left in the safe, however.

## OPERATION EXPLAINED

Dr. George R. Vehrs Takes Stand in Own Defense

Dr. George R. Vehrs of this city took the witness stand in his own defense yesterday afternoon in the \$10,000 law suit being brought against him by Mrs. Lydia King, county health nurse, who claims that he performed an unauthorized operation on her.

Over frequent objection by Oscar Hayter, Mrs. King's attorney, who insisted that the testimony had absolutely nothing to do with the case, Dr. Vehrs told the jury in detail the nature of the operation in question. Numerous charts and pictures were used in the explanation.

The point in issue at the trial, which began yesterday morning and will probably end sometime today, is whether or not the operation was contracted for and agreed to by Mrs. King. Testimony as given by Dr. Vehrs shortly before the court adjourned yesterday tended to show that Mrs. King had placed herself in his hands to perform whatever operation proved to be necessary, and that the operation that was performed was performed with her full knowledge, understanding and approval.

## BLIZZARD SWEEPS PAST

States of Michigan and Wisconsin Recover From Storm

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Michigan and Wisconsin were recovering today from the destructive effects of the middle west's latest winter storm, as the blizzard swept eastward over Lake Huron.

Subjected during the past 48 hours to a dual attack by snow and wind, the upper Great Lakes states were digging their way back to normalcy. Shipping still hesitated to venture out upon the subsiding lake Superior which the past two days was lashed by a 40 mile gale, and had driven all vessels into land locked refuges.

The temperature hovered around the freezing mark in the Chicago district with intermittent but light flurries of snow.

## DIRECTOR BUYS STORE

Manager of Business Here Branches Out at Medford

Simon Dineer, proprietor of Director's Department Store in Salem, yesterday bought another store at Medford. A short time ago, he bought a hardware store in that city. The store he took over there yesterday is a general furnishing goods store.

## VISCOOUNT HITS BRITISH POLICY WITH AMERICA

All Hope of Agreement With U. S. Gone, Cecil Tells House of Lords

## SECRETS COME TO LIGHT

Veteran English Statesman Explains Reasons for Resigning as Delegate to League of Nations Meet

LONDON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Refusal of the British government to admit the principle of mathematical parity in navy strength with the United States, "banes, bolts and bars the door" against any hope of agreement with America on naval armaments, Viscount Cecil declared dramatically in the house of the lords today.

In a speech baring the secrets of the three power naval conference which broke down at Geneva last summer the veteran statesman explained his recent resignation as British delegate to the League of Nations. His explanation included a severe attack on the whole attitude of the British government toward disarmament.

Expresses Discontent His gaudy Lincolnshire figure stooped and his shoulders drooping, Viscount Cecil told the lords, returned from Geneva "exhausted and discouraged." He declared the unyielding attitude of American delegates to the three power conference on some questions, such as the right to put eight inch guns on any cruiser, which seemed indefensible to him. He said the impression was produced at Geneva that the British government's desire for the success of the disarmament commission was lukewarm.

Own Admiralty Hostile Admiralty was particularly conciliatory toward their indifference, if not their hostility, to the whole proceeding, said the viscount, adding that he was sure that this was not the attitude of the entire cabinet.

Lord Cecil's speech brought another elder statesman, the Earl of Balfour, to his feet. He spoke on behalf of the government.

"I regard the Geneva conference," he said, "as interrupted—not ended. Nothing will make me believe that the two branches of the English-speaking race are incapable either of understanding each other or coming to a common agreement. Our interests are identical, our traditions are largely the same."

Viscount Cecil's attack on the government was one which he had with held at the premier's request at the time of his resignation as the culmination of a long series of clashes with his cabinet colleagues.

## COMPLETE TOLL RUNS ABOUT 30

MOST OF BLAST VICTIMS ARE FOUND AND IDENTIFIED

Most of Wrecked Pittsburgh Clay Pot Plant Exploded and Bodies Recovered

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The final death toll in the north side district gas tank explosion probably will not mount much beyond 30, officials declared tonight after another day of intensive search had failed to reveal any additional bodies.

Virtually every section of the plant of the Pittsburgh Clay Pot company, wrecked when a huge gas tank of the Equitable Gas company let go Monday, was thoroughly explored today, it was announced, without increasing the number of fatalities. Company officials said that although 25 of their employees still were listed as missing, they believed all were safe at their homes or unidentified in hospitals.

Twenty-six bodies were either at the morgue or at the homes of relatives. All but two of them had been identified.

Reconstruction work went steadily forward today in the section devastated by the blast. Efforts to compute the property cost were unavailing but that it was run into millions of dollars is known.

Robert E. Brady, manager of the western area, National Red Cross, announced his organization, through the Pittsburgh chapter, was providing emergency relief for approximately 500 families in the devastated area, and was prepared to begin permanent rehabilitation to these actually in need.