

The Oregon Statesman

Weather forecast: Cloudy and unsettled with rains in west and local snows in east portion; normal temperature; increasing southerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 39, minimum 30, river 4.4, atmosphere cloudy, wind north-west.

According to New York dispatches Tammany objects to having the Democratic National convention in Detroit because the Michigan city is too wet. Well, if Tammany thinks it's too wet it must be.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

COMPLETE DATA ON RIVER'S USE MUST BE GIVEN

Congressman Hawley Emphasizes Importance of Good Showing At Meet

COLLECT INFORMATION

Manager of Salem Chamber of Commerce Active in Preparing Facts and Inviting Cooperation of Other Towns

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—The Statesman, Salem, Oregon—Am advised that the United States engineers will hold hearing on February first at Chamber of Commerce rooms upon improvement of the Willamette river to Salem. It is of great importance that the engineers be furnished with complete information, showing that adequate improvement is justified and necessary. Regret that I will not be able to be present.

W. C. HAWLEY. The above dispatch from Congressman Hawley fortifies the urge that is behind the efforts of Manager Wilson of the Salem Chamber of Commerce to make the showing before the engineers on the first of the month as complete as possible.

Is Hard at Work. And Mr. Wilson is hard at work. He is asking all the concerns and individuals having tonnage for shipment between Portland and Salem to specify the volume of it. He is inviting the cooperation of the cities and towns up and down the river, including Eugene, Albany, Corvallis, McMinnville and Newberg, and all the rest, and asking that delegations be sent to attend the hearing.

Written and Oral. The engineers are anxious to have the information reduced to writing. But there will be oral testimony, too; and the Salem Chamber of Commerce will have present a competent stenographer to take all of this down, in order that engineers may have it in making up their record to forward to

MARINE EMBLEM SAVES ONE LIFE

TWO ARMY AUTOMATICS JAM DURING CONFLICT

Nicaraguan Machete Cleaves Metal Disc Worn by Sergeant Harold I. Crowell

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The marine emblem on the hat of Sergeant Harold I. Crowell of the United States marine corps saved his life twice in a few minutes Sunday, it was learned today.

Attacked by three Nicaraguan peons with machetes, the metal emblem warded off two blows upon his head, saving him from serious injury until a companion, L. F. Newton, navy chief pharmacist mate, could come to his rescue. The big, husky hospital corps man today was the recipient of a flood of congratulations from friends for his share of the credit in saving Crowell's life.

The two Americans were out for a horseback ride on the outskirts of Granada when they came upon three peons killing a fourth. Crowell leaped from his horse in a futile effort to save the man attacked. His pistol failed to fire and the three peons rushed to Crowell, striking two vicious blows on his forehead with their machetes. The force of the blows was broken by the marine emblem, which was nearly cut in two. It is believed that if the emblem had not been on the hat Crowell's head would have been split.

Crowell was knocked down and Newton immediately got into action. The navy man killed two of the peons with his pistol and then it jammed. He saw the third assailant leaning over Crowell with his machete in a position to decapitate the fallen marine.

The huge hospital corps man seized a machete from one of the dead men, attacking the remaining peon with it, and after two or three hard blows killed him. The original victim of the three was found to be dead. Crowell's hand was badly cut in endeavoring to parry machete blows, but his wounds are not considered serious. He was treated at a field hospital in Granada and then brought to Managua.

PURSUIT LEADS INTO 2 STORES

"STOP OR I'LL SHOOT," HEARD BY PATRONS

L. L. Kays Breaks Away From Officer Thomason; Cornered in 5 and 10

"Stop or I'll shoot! Stop or I'll shoot!" With these words Officer George Thomason of the Salem police force pursued L. L. Kays; from a point in the alley behind the Roth Grocery company establishment through the store and out into Liberty street.

The whole story of how Kays came to be running away from Thomason, how he ducked into the local five and ten cent store but was eventually recaptured, is as follows:

Kays had previously made somewhat a name for himself through his habit of writing checks without having money enough in the bank to cover them. He had been found guilty on a former charge of this kind, and was gradually paying off the resulting indebtedness.

He was taken into custody again yesterday, however, charged with having fallen into his old habits during the week end. After being kept in the city jail for a few hours he was taken to justice court and brought before Justice of the Peace Brazier Small. Judge Small granted him time in which to consult an attorney, and ordered that he be lodged in the county jail for safe keeping.

It was while Thomason, in whose custody the prisoner had been placed, was on his way to the county court house and jail that the first mishap took place.

The trip was being made in a small car, Thomason doing the driving. He found it necessary to stop for a moment on other matters, the stop taking place in the alley connecting Court with State streets, between High and Liberty. Suddenly Kays decided he didn't want to have any more to do with Thomason. He jumped out and dashed for the nearest door, which happened to lead into the grocery store. Emerging into Liberty street he turned south, going as fast as a pair of willing and anxious feet could carry him.

It was of no use, however. Even a Woolworth crowd could not hide the culprit from the hands of the law.

Kays was duly delivered at the county sheriff's office for incarceration in the county jail a few minutes after four o'clock. "It's lucky for that young fellow that Thomason did catch him again," was the only comment offered at the sheriff's office. "It would have meant a matter of two or three years more to Kays."

MOTHER VISITS HICKMAN

Los Angeles Slayer Sees Parent for More Than Hour

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—(AP)—For more than an hour today William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnaper and slayer of little Marian Parker, calmly talked with his mother, Mrs. Eva Hickman, and his brother, Albert, who came here from Kansas city to be present at the sanitary trial opening Wednesday.

There were no tears and no display of emotion in the meeting and at its close the young prisoner joked, laughed and cursed during an interview with newspaper men.

The meeting between the three was staged in the richly furnished offices of the jailer.

BLAST 'SNUFFS OUT LIFE

Olympia Man and Car Both Blown to Bits by Explosion

OLYMPIA, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Blown to bits by an explosion which also demolished and scattered parts of his automobile over a wide area, Augustus Wallin, a Montesano road contractor, was killed today on the highway near McCleary, west of here.

The tragedy was discovered by John W. Betew, who reported to police that he noticed an odor of giant powder around the scene.

It was believed that Wallin was transporting some of the explosives when it was accidentally detonated.

PRISON POPULATION 660

Doubling of Two Convicts to the Cell Continues

With seven new "guests" dressed in over the week-end, the Oregon state penitentiary Monday night reported a total population of 660, the highest number of convicts ever assembled there.

BROADCASTING HERE MAY NOT BE PERMITTED

Discriminatory Recommendation Will Be Sent Commission, Learned

NEEDS NOT CONSIDERED

Representative Says Tendency Is to Reduce Number of Stations; Activity Here Would Not Interfere

That Salem's development is in line to be hampered by a piece of ill-considered bureaucracy, was indicated here Monday when a letter was received from Harold A. Lafount, representative of the federal radio commission, that he will recommend to the commission that the application for a radio broadcasting station in Salem be denied.

This letter states that there is a tendency to decrease rather than increase the number of broadcasting stations in the Pacific coast area.

So far so good.

Discrimination Seen. But it leaves out of account the fact that Salem has no broadcasting station, and that smaller cities all over the northwest have been permitted, under less stringent rules, to establish stations, and that all of the larger cities have a number of them.

Now the federal radio commission is supervising all of these matters, and finding that the other is so crowded with broadcasts that it is difficult for any of them to be heard properly, it proposes to reduce the number of licensed stations.

In doing so, however, it appears from Mr. Lafount's letter that lo-

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OPPOSES NARROW PAVING

Surfacing Should Be 30 Feet Wide, Commission Claims

To curb the practice of Salem citizens in petitioning for narrow paving and having such petitions approved by the city council, the city planning and zoning commission last night adopted a resolution asking the council to disapprove petitions calling for pavement of less than 30 feet in width.

The council but recently has approved petitions for pavement of 24 feet in width, which the commission contends is not wide enough to accommodate traffic when cars are parked along the sides of the street.

MRS. KNAPP OUT OF PUBLIC SIGHT

Seclusion Sought by Woman Charged With Fraud

Attorney Declares Proceedings "Foolish and Futile" in Interview at Washington

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp was somewhere in seclusion tonight awaiting the next development in the charges that she used her official position to defraud the people of the state after they had honored her with the first state office ever accorded a woman.

Her disappearance was sudden and complete, and close friends believed she had slipped away to sequester herself with relatives until it is made plain just what the situation is with which she is faced.

As secretary of state Mrs. Knapp had charge of the 1925 state census. This morning the report to Governor Smith of Commissioner Leboeuf was made public recommending criminal action against her for her conduct of the enumeration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Characterizing as "foolish and futile" the report of Randall Leboeuf recommending criminal proceedings against Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, for her handling of the New York census fund while secretary of state, Alexander Otis, her attorney, today declared that Mrs. Knapp had not been allowed her constitutional privileges during the investigation.

Otis, who is here on business, said that Leboeuf had attempted to try Mrs. Knapp "without giving her an opportunity to cross examine the witnesses against her, through counsel, or testify in her own behalf under the protection of her legal advisor."

FRENCH NOTE PUBLISHED

Obligation to League of Nations Cited by Europeans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Secretary Kellogg made public today the latest French note in the exchange concerning a multilateral treaty for the outlawing of war, but refrained from making any comment. The communication declared France stood ready to negotiate a bilateral treaty but when confronted by the initiative of the United States in proposing a multilateral covenant, it had to take into consideration the relations existing among the various powers which would be called upon to participate.

The note said "the American government cannot be unaware of the fact that the great majority of the powers of the world, and among them most of the principal powers, are making the organization and strengthening of peace the object of common efforts carried on within the framework of the league of nations."

CHAMBERLIN OFF ON LECTURE TRIP

Airman Amazes Crowd by Hopping From Street

Tiny Craft Handled in City Traffic by Flyer, Who Is to Speak Throughout U. S.

CURTISS FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 23.—(AP)—In a tiny eight year old plane that he had reconditioned with his own hands, Clarence Chamberlin took off on an extensive lecture tour today after conducting his test flights in a motor-cluttered street.

The plane is a Sperry messenger, a dwarf type, with a three cylinder engine and a 20 foot wing spread formerly used by the army for short distance courier service. The Sperry company ceased making planes some years ago and the army "outlawed" the ones they had left after a series of accidents.

Chamberlin found the old plane stowed away in a corner of the Fairchild factory at Garden City and bought it. With the aid of a mechanic and a volunteer newspaper man he went over it from stem to stern, strengthening, shoving in replacements, patching where corrosion had done its work.

Today the lilliput of the air, still wearing its eight year old tires, was trundled into Stewart avenue, Garden City. The little sixty horsepower motor crackled into life as though it had not long since been laid away to rust into nothing, and as a gap in the traffic appeared, Chamberlin gave her the gun.

Amazed spectators watched and then burst into applause as the stunted old ship roared along the pavement for less than 100 feet between rows of tall trees and then lifted easily into the air.

After Chamberlin had repeated this program, landing in the street and rising a second time, he flew to Curtiss field and made his first departure from there. His first stop was at Allentown, Pa. The plane has a speed of 70 miles an hour, and a cruising radius of not more than 250 miles.

KILLS WIFE, THEN SELF

Insane Jealousy Believed Cause of Double Tragedy

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—In a fit of insane jealousy Elston L. Barnes, 49, a section foreman today shot and killed his wife, Sevilla, and then turning the weapon upon himself, fired a bullet through his head. He died 15 minutes later.

Incessant quarreling was blamed by neighbors for the tragedy. They pointed out that Barnes was of a quarrelsome and jealous disposition.

This morning a quarrel was resumed from last night and Barnes refused to eat breakfast. His wife sat down to the breakfast table when he called her into another room. Two shots were heard and when relatives reached the room they found Mrs. Barnes dead and her husband dying.

KICKOFF GIVEN HOOVER BOOM FOR NEW YORK

Prominent Men Will Manage Campaign For Presidential Nomination

THREE NAMES SELECTED

Last Includes Former Congressman William Hill, Richard Lawrence and Meier Steinbrink, Paper Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The New York World tomorrow will say Secretary Hoover has selected three republicans to manage a pre-convention campaign in New York state looking to the nomination of Hoover as republican candidate for the presidency in 1928.

Former Congressman William H. Hill of Binghamton, N. Y., will have charge of mustering up state Hoover delegates to the national convention in June.

Richard W. Lawrence will perform a similar duty in Manhattan and the Bronx, while Meier Steinbrink of Brooklyn will have charge in that borough.

Mr. Hill is credited with being one of the strongest political factors in southwestern New York, while Lawrence until recently was republican leader in the Bronx and Steinbrink is a lawyer who has been active in republican politics in Brooklyn.

More Support Looms. John D. Clarke, present representative in congress from Hill's former district, Rep. Gale H. Stalker and Seymour Lowman, assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of prohibition enforcement, also are expected to support Secretary Hoover, the World will say.

No headquarters will be opened in New York for the present, at least, but attention will be centered upon obtaining as many state delegates to the national convention in June as possible pledged to support the Hoover candidacy.

Selection of the three to carry on the campaign in this state was made Friday at a conference with the commerce secretary in Washington, the World will say.

COLD WAVE TO CONTINUE

City of Portland Sees Severe Weather; Little Let-up

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Temperature near or a bit below freezing, with the possibility of light rains was forecast for Portland and vicinity for tomorrow, adding but little hope to those looking forward to balmy weather. After the thaw yesterday the temperature dropped to freezing last night and changed but little today. Danger of rain freezing as it falls is possible tomorrow, Edward Wells, government meteorologist, said.

Ice pavement in the Columbia gorge continued to make automobile traffic hazardous. One-way traffic regulation was being carried out on the more dangerous stretches.

Eleven inches of snow interfered today with driving over Sand Mountain on The Dalles-California highway. Five inches of snow covered the Green Springs highway between Ashland and Klamath Falls. The Willamette valley and lower Columbia highways were being travelled normally.

Warm rains fell during the past few days in southern Oregon.

SEARCH COMES TO STOP

All Clues Run Down in Vain Hunt For Missing Co-ed

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—(AP)—The investigation of the disappearance of Miss Frances St. John Smith, 18 year old Smith college freshman, came to an abrupt standstill tonight when the investigators reported they had exhausted every clue.

During the day State Detective Joseph V. Daley and five state policemen searched every Smith college building from basement to attic without finding anything of value to them. Even the ash piles and waste paper bins were examined in the search, the third which has been about the college since the student disappeared on Friday, the 13th of this month.

Large posies of Boy Scouts and volunteers searched the surrounding countryside and patrolled the Connecticut river but nothing was uncovered that could be used in clearing the mystery of the girl's fate.

A reward of \$10,000 has been offered to the person who finds the missing girl.

COLUMBUS GETS BLAME FOR THIS

Discovery of America Robs Europe of Pep

Strange Facts About U. S. Government Are Learned From Exam Papers

"The effect of the discovery of America on western Europe was that it took all the pep out of western Europe." "Two responsibilities of citizens of the United States are Hawley and Correll."

"The president's cabinet is where people get together to see who the president and vice president is, and—that's all I know about this."

"Three departments of government are the legislative, which makes the laws, the judicial, which enforces the laws, and the executive, which interrupts the laws."

"Four powers of congress are the secretary of state, the secretary of the treasury, the postmaster general and the secretary of the United States."

"The Dredd Scott decision broke out in 1857." Such are the opinions of some of Marion county's school children, it was revealed yesterday at the office of Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county superintendent of schools. Eighth grade examination papers, written Thursday and Friday of last week, are being corrected at the superintendent's office.

"Generally speaking, the pupils have answered the questions pretty well," Mrs. Fulkerson said yesterday, "but there are a few that are surprising, to say the least."

The examinations were given pupils who were passed conditionally from the seventh to the eighth grade last spring, and also to children who have recently come to this state from other states and whose credentials were not quite acceptable.

AWARD CLAIMED UNFAIR

Machinery Company Claims It Offer Lowest and Best

"Salem will be published among contractors in Portland as grossly unfair to bidders," a representative of the Loggers and Contractors Machinery company declared to city officials yesterday.

The firm recently offered a bid on a ditcher which was \$900 lower than the bid offered by the Howard Cooper corporation. The council awarded the contract to the Cooper corporation, on a recommendation from the sewer committee, of which E. H. Grabenhorst is chairman. The Loggers people declared that their machines had not been inspected in spite of their requests that this be done before awarding the bid.

Chairman Grabenhorst declined to discuss the matter yesterday but City Engineer Rogers declared that the Loggers machine was too light and not adaptable to Salem's needs, hence, it was not purchased. He declared also that the sewer committee had seen the Loggers product in operation before making the decision.

The Loggers and Contractors Machinery company is said to have criticized the city on previous occasions, once when a contract on a mixer was awarded, a mixer on which the firm had offered a bid.

NEW RATTLE IN OFFING

1000 More Marines Move in During Jan in Fighting

MANAGUA, Jan. 23.—(AP)—All was quiet in the battle area of Nueva Segovia today, but 1000 marine reinforcements were on the way nevertheless, to aid in the fight against the rebel, General Augustino Sandino.

Marines are still trying to confirm reports that Sandino has been killed or wounded, but have been unable to get any definite information. It still is believed likely that he was wounded but not killed.

The marine reinforcements enroute to Kuitall and other points in Nueva Segovia left today yesterday, equipped with mountain batteries, field pieces and other apparatuses of modern warfare, to attempt to dislodge Sandino from his mountain stronghold.

GALE STRIKES THIS CITY

Wind Blows Along Streets in Heavy Gusts From South

Terrific gusts of wind, blowing up out of the south and southwest, swept through Salem about midnight last night, continuing intermittently for some two hours and threatening to last until morning or later.

HEADS OF TWO NATIONS MEET IN WASHINGTON

President of Ireland Greeted By President of U. S. At White House

EXCHANGE GOOD WISHES

Leader of Free State Chats Freely and Amicably With Every-body, But Veers Away From Touchy Issues

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP) The greeting and good wishes of the people of the Irish Free State were conveyed to President Coolidge late today by the president of the free state executive council, William T. Cosgrave.

Making an official call at the White House, Mr. Cosgrave expressed to the president the appreciation of his people for what the United States has done for Ireland in lending moral and material support in her fight for freedom.

He thanked Mr. Coolidge for the appointment of a minister from the United States to the free state. He congratulated him upon his choice of Frederick A. Sterling and said that within a short time he had endeared himself to the people of the free state. Mr. Cosgrave declared he was particularly pleased that as the first active head of the free state he was able after a long period of years to return the visit paid to Ireland by Benjamin Franklin.

Gratitude Expressed. In reply President Coolidge thanked Mr. Cosgrave and expressed a deep interest in Irish affairs, asking many questions as to conditions there. He was pleased, Mr. Cosgrave said later, with the acknowledgment that America had assisted Ireland.

President Cosgrave was welcomed to Washington today with all the honors due the head of another government.

Soon after his arrival from Chicago he visited his own legation. Calls on President Coolidge, Vice-President Dawes, Secretary Kellogg, Chief Justice Taft and Speaker Longworth, occupied prominent places on the day's program. He was a luncheon guest of Colonel William J. Donovan, assistant to the attorney general

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SUBSTITUTE PUT UP FOR FARMERS

NATIONAL GRANGE FAVORS EXPORT DEBENTURE BILL

Measure to be Introduced in Congress in Near Future, Announcement Last Night

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Enactment of an export debenture bill as a substitute for the McNary-Haugen farm relief proposal is favored by the national grange.

Announcement that a debenture bill which will have the grange's support would be introduced shortly in congress was made tonight by L. J. Taber, master of that farm organization. He and other members of the executive committee of the grange have been in conference here for 10 days, consulting farm leaders from various sections and members of congress who are helping to whip the debenture measure into final form. Taber did not disclose who would sponsor the bill in house and senate.

"The time is now ripe to give the export debenture plan a fair hearing on its merits," said Taber in a formal statement. "For more than seven years the grange, along with other farm organizations, has been seeking methods to bring equality for agriculture. During recent sessions of congress the McNary-Haugen bill has held the center of the stage. The grange as an organization was not committed to this plan, and in fact, objected to some of its features. But it was in sympathy with the purposes sought to be accomplished by the McNary-Haugen bill and never opposed the measure.

"However the failure of this type of legislation to become law and recent statements from members of the house and senate that they will not support legislation that does not have some chance of executive approval, prompts the grange to believe that the time has come to bring forward the export debenture idea as a sound port debenture idea as a sound port

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