

The Oregon Statesman

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SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Weather forecast: Rain; continued mild; strong southeast and south winds. Maximum temperature yesterday 51, minimum 40, river 5.6, rainfall none, atmosphere part cloudy, wind southeast.

One senator suggests that the entire proceedings of congress be broadcast every day. There are some things which are too serious to joke about.

PLAN TO GROUP MARION CLUBS INTO DISTRICTS

Seven Divisions of Community Organizations Suggested For County

COMPETITION PROMISED

Big Meeting To Be Held At One of Salem Theaters; New Constitution Adopted; Bank Presents Movie Outfit

There is a movement to divide the 35 or 36 community clubs of Marion county into seven districts, and to hold federation meetings of all the clubs only twice a year, for the purpose of transacting business.

There was a fine meeting of the Marion County Community federation at Hayville on Wednesday evening. P. O. Riley of Hubbard presided. He is working up some real enthusiasm on community meetings. The movement mentioned in the first paragraph above was brought forward and adopted. It is planned that the officers of the county federation will assist the various districts in working out constructive programs. It is desired to develop local talent and get home folks to take more part in the meetings.

Motion Picture Machine The Ladd & Bush bank has purchased a moving picture machine for use in community club work. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stewart of Salem are operating this machine at the meetings in the various communities. There are educational films on dairying, poultry raising, swine, crops, etc., procured from the United States department of agriculture; the agricultural colleges, etc., also some scenic films from the railroad companies. The moving picture idea is more than coming up to expectations, because it carries home a real message to the young folks.

The idea was brought forward of having all the clubs go together.

ARREST OIL MAN IN SENATE PROBE

PROMINENT EXECUTIVE TAKEN FOR DEIFYING SENATE

Persistent Refusal to Testify Results in Stewart Being Taken Into Custody

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Robert W. Stewart, one of the foremost oil executives of the country, was under arrest by the senate tonight because of his persistent defiance of its Teapot Dome committee.

He was not taken to jail, but permitted to remain in his quarters at the Willard hotel in the custody of a deputy sergeant at arms, who is to take him before the bar of the senate at noon tomorrow unless he decides in the meantime to sue for a writ of habeas corpus.

While the chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana declined to make any statement, it was said by his close associates that he probably would appear in the senate. In that event he would be directed to answer forthwith questions as to what if anything, he knows about disposition of Liberty bonds by the Continental Trading company of Canada, which has figured so prominently in the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy trial.

Should Stewart again refuse to do so, the senate would have open to it two courses—adoption of a resolution directing his imprisonment in a common jail or approval of one referring his case to the District of Columbia courts, as was done in the instance of Harry F. Sinclair, who is now under a three months sentence.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, the Teapot Dome committee prosecutor, favors the first course and probably will insist upon it. The Chicago oil operator then might have recourse to a writ of habeas corpus and a court hearing to determine whether the senate has the power to imprison for contempt.

The arrest of Stewart followed a day of dramatic events that swung from committee rooms to the floor of the senate and then to the Willard hotel. There was the anti-climax, however, for the senate warrant bearing the signature of Vice President Dawes, was served in the privacy of the oil man's apartment. Newspaper men and photographers were locked out.

MERGE 2 BOARDS SAYS TAX GROUP

BOTH BODIES OF REGENTS NOT NEEDED, CLAIM

Economy Through Elimination of Duplication and Rivalry Urged at Meeting

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(AP)—One board of regents for the higher educational institutions of Oregon, instead of two, might bring economy by elimination of duplication. The University of Oregon and Oregon State Agricultural college are supported by millage, based on the assessed valuation of the state and the higher the assessed valuation the more money these institutions receive.

This was one of the most important thoughts brought out today at the first meeting of the committee on reduction of state expenses, which is a part of the property tax relief commission, authorized by the legislature.

As part of this committee's work, a study will be made of the advisability of one board of regents for the university and college; the per capita cost; how far the state should go in higher education and the number of out-state students. Members of the committee realize that they are treading on delicate ground, but they agree that their job is to see what can be done about reducing state expenses and the study may prove of benefit.

The committee also intends to study the two-mill levy for elementary school purposes.

Other subjects for consideration are:

The one-mill levy for state market roads.

Non-essentials in state government.

A cabinet form of government such as is operating in Washington, Idaho and California.

A comprehensive state auditing system.

The foregoing constitute six topics which will be sketchedly submitted when the whole commission meets the latter part of the month, and later the committee will make an intensive investigation of each of the half dozen subjects, with a view to cutting down state taxes.

JUSTICES TO MAKE TRIP

Coshaw and Belt Will Study Washington Court Process

Associate Justices Belt and Coshaw of the Oregon supreme court will leave Monday morning for a visit to Olympia, Wash., where they will spend several days acquainting themselves with the procedure followed by the supreme court of that state in the handling of cases on appeal before that tribunal. The two justices have been assigned to this investigation by Chief Justice Rand in keeping with the recently announced policy of the Oregon court to speed up cases on appeal before this tribunal.

"The Washington court handles a much larger volume of business than does our court and manages to keep right up with its work and we just want to know how they do it so that we can apply their system to our work here," Chief Justice Rand declared Friday.

Justices Belt and Coshaw will spend at least two or three days in interviewing members of the Washington court and leading members of the bar in that state as well as observing methods in use in that court.

BOULDER BILL APPROVED

Measure Not to Be Reported Formally Until March 15

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—With an unusual provision that it shall not be reported formally to the house before March 15, the Swing-Johnson bill for construction of a huge dam in Boulder canyon on the Colorado river was approved today by the house irrigation committee. The vote was 13 to 4.

Similar in its main features to the measure passed last year by the house, only to meet death in the bitter filibuster that tied the senate in a knot in the closing hours of the last session, the proposal as approved by the committee carried two amendments relating to its power features and one covering the navigability of the river.

ARREST SAFE BREAKERS

Bob Coleman and Archie Eddy Taken by Eugene Police

EUGENE, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Archie Eddy and Bob Coleman, wanted in San Jose, Cal., for alleged safe breaking and burglary were arrested here this afternoon by Traffic Officer Delbert Farrow, who had been watching for the car they were driving since yesterday when local police were informed.

The men were headed this way. Both men were armed when arrested, but did not resist the officer.

PAVING GRAVEL AND SAND BIDS WILL BE ASKED

33,600 Yards To Be Purchased; Marion Street Work May Start Soon

MUCH SURFACING ASKED

Regular Season Will Start About April 1; City Machines Will Be Adequate This Year, Now Thought

Bids on 33,600 yards of sand and gravel will be called for at the city council meeting Monday night, if present plans materialize, Alderman W. H. Dancy, chairman of the streets committee, said yesterday.

There was some talk a few days ago of calling a special meeting this week for that purpose, so that a contract might be awarded, and the materials made available for use in paving Marion street, but it was decided to forego the matter until the regular meeting. Parking strips are now being cut on Marion street with a view to immediate paving if good weather continues.

Many Petitions In The amount of paving already petitioned for closely approximates that on the books at this time last year. A total of 139,642.24 square yards of concrete was laid last season at a cost of \$295,339.56. In addition, pavement on Capitol and

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REQUIRE PERMITS FIRST

People Who Put Up Signs First Due for Jolt, Declared

Merchants who erect street signs and then petition for permission to do so are in for a jolt. This has been a common practice here, and has virtually made a joke of the light committee which according to law should pass on the improvement and recommend for or against the grant of permission.

Alderman S. E. Purvine, new chairman of the light committee, intimated yesterday that this practice must cease, or steps will be taken to bring the violators to time.

STATE WITNESSES, JURY IN HICKMAN CASE

Witnesses Called to Testify in Case of Los Angeles Brain Surgeon

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HOUSE PLEDGES JAILED

Police Object to Fraternity "Hell Week" at Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Determined to end the outside activities of fraternity pledges during Hell week, which precedes initiation police last night rounded up 34 University of Kansas freshmen fraternity pledges and held them in jail over night on vagrancy charges.

Three youths were released with a warning today but city authorities announced the remaining 31 would be brought into police court Monday and possibly fined on vagrancy charges. University and police officials recently warned the fraternities to confine "Hell week" stunts to their respective houses, as the practice of sending roughly dressed "frosh" out on secret missions was considered dangerous and was causing many reports of prowlers being about with the possibility that someone might be shot.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GROW

Steady Increase Noted in Postmaster's Report for Month

Steady increase in postal receipts is shown in Postmaster John Farrar's report for January. The total for January, 1928, is \$1450,52 higher than January, 1927, and \$12,203.92 higher than the figure for 1926. Last month's total is \$21,735.54.

January fell short of the December total of \$25,877.54, which was high by reason of Christmas business.

FIGHT LOOMS UP FOR OHIO VOTES

WILLIS AND HOOVER FORCES AT ODDS IN STATE

Series of Conferences Fails to Effect Compromise; Both Sides Claim Strength

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The candidacy of Secretary Hoover for the republican presidential nomination in the Ohio preferential primary was thrust forward today by Representative Burton of Ohio, and the challenge for a contest in that state was immediately accepted by Senator Willis of Ohio, who announced his candidacy some time ago.

Coming on the heels of a series of conferences between the friends of Secretary Hoover and Senator Willis seeking an agreement to avoid a fight in Ohio, the declaration of Mr. Burton tonight was regarded as an answer to the parley.

Although Secretary Hoover maintained his silence about his candidacy tonight the declaration of Mr. Burton will force an early showdown. The Ohio man asked that Mr. Hoover be a candidate. To enter the Ohio primary a candidate must signify his willingness in writing before the filing lists close on February 24.

"I have made a careful survey of republican preferences in the state of Ohio," Mr. Burton said in a formal statement, "and as a result conclude that the dominant sentiment is for Mr. Hoover. If

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SMALLPOX CASE IN CITY

Adult Vaccination Need, Says County Health Officer

The need of more adult vaccinations, as well as for children, against the danger of smallpox, is a thing which should be heeded in time, points out Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer with headquarters at the Marion county child health demonstration, in reporting that one Salem residence, that of O. E. Whitney at 1210 North Eighteenth street, is under quarantine for smallpox; Mr. Whitney having taken ill January 29. The source of the case is not known.

Dr. Douglas is of the opinion that the disease will be confined to this single case as Mrs. Whitney and the two children, one of whom attends school, have now been vaccinated.

Whitney is a carpenter and the three weeks enforced absence from work, as well as the isolation of his family, might well have been avoided if the precaution of vaccination had been taken before the disease had been contracted, the doctor says.

HONEY MEETING MONDAY

Mead Company to Hold Annual Session at Methodist Church

The annual meeting of the Mead honey company will be held at the parlor of the First Methodist church Monday, it was announced Friday. A dinner will be held in the evening.

The forenoon meeting will be a business session for members of the company only, but the afternoon session is open to everybody interested in the honey industry. The speaker will be H. A. Scullin of the agricultural college.

The evening dinner will be a "picnic" affair, everybody being expected to bring their own food.

700 CREDITORS FLING CHARGES

STARTLING DECLARATIONS HURLED AT MEETING

Overbeck and Cooke Financially Unsound for Past Two Years, Says Accountant

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The skeleton in the closet of the late Overbeck and Cooke brokerage house was dragged out of darkness before an excited meeting of some 700 creditors of the bankrupt firm at a meeting here tonight. Four startling declarations were made before the assembled creditors by employees of the firm and by those in a position to know.

"The firm has been in bad financial circumstances—bankrupt is the proper term—for a period of over two years." This statement was credited to William G. McRae, accountant, who had charge of auditing the company's books for seven years.

"James P. Cooke, president of the company, drew, in addition to his salary of \$18,000 a year, a sum between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in a single year." This too, was asserted by McRae.

"The firm bought long and sold short in one instance on Underwood Typewriter stock—an absolute violation of the rules of the New York Stock Exchange," McRae and others told of this.

"The New York firm of Logan and Bryan suspected the local firm of unethical transactions and sent detectives to check up on local brokerage practices." This was testified to by McRae and by several clients.

While the meeting concerned itself mainly with a discussion of these points, the main question at issue among the creditors was that of reimbursement. While it was

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INDEPENDENCE REQUEST SENT BY PORTO RICO

Message Placed in Hands of Colonel Lindbergh on Arrival There

PATRICK HENRY QUOTED

Legislature in Special Session Also Bestows Medal of Honor Upon "Lone Eagle" From United States

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The Porto Rican legislature paying a glowing tribute to the brilliant achievements of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh today took the opportunity to entrust to him a message from the people of Porto Rico to the people of the United States, making a plea for "freedom."

The message was entrusted to the American air hero at a special session of the legislature which bestowed a medal of honor upon him.

The colonel thanked the legislature for its cordial welcome, but made no reference to the message, instead he made an address on commercial aviation saying that it would be easy to link the island of Porto Rico and the United States by air, and that figuratively it would be done tomorrow.

The first part of the Porto Rican message was filled with tributes to the brilliant exploits of the American aviator, saying that he had truly been a messenger of progress and good will of the American continent to the old world, answering the message of Columbus who once set foot upon the soil of Porto Rico.

Welcome Hearty Declaring that the flier, on his epoch making trip to France, had been guided by the wrathful spirits of those Americans who died upon the battle fields during the world war, the message said: "Welcome to our country, Col-

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FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS, MASS OF RUINS

Computations of Damage Vary Following Tremendous Conflagration in City

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 3.—(AP)—For the second time in 12 years a large part of the business center of the city tonight was a waste of smoking ruins, the result of a disastrous fire which swept the area surrounding the city hall last night and early this morning.

Taking toll of the losses before the embers were yet cool, residents estimated the property damage variously from \$7,000,000 to more than \$15,000,000. Insurance investigators placed the loss even higher, in some cases at \$25,000,000.

The damage was even greater than that caused by the conflagration of February 16, 1916, which ravaged a similar section of the city.

Items in the loss were: Twenty or more buildings destroyed and as many more damaged. Approximately 60 stores and

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Review "Private Life of Helen of Troy" Rules

The contest is open to everyone, irrespective of age or sex, except employees of this newspaper, First National Pictures, Inc., and the Eislinore theater and members of their families.

Reviews must be legibly written on one side of the paper, must not exceed 100 words in length, and must be addressed to the "Helen of Troy Review Editor," Statesman. No review can be returned.

For reviews selected for reproduction in this paper \$1.00 each will be paid. For the best review received during the period of the contest, which ends Feb. 4 a grand prize of \$10.00 will be given.

The decisions of the judges shall be final. Manuscripts must be in this office before 5 p. m. each day starting the day picture opens Tuesday, Jan. 31.



Above, left, top to bottom: Carol Hokes, M. K. Wadley and Walter Price, former neighbors of Hickman; center, standing, Jail Physician Benjamin Blank; seated, H. L. Barlow, fingerprint expert; above and to right, Soloman Laykin, Samuel Burnham and Hale Sparks, former school companions of the slayer. All of these witnesses except Barlow were called to testify that Hickman was sane. Below, the jury.