

Better Homes Week at Armory Sponsored by Realty Board, Also Cooking School and Baking Contest; Many Fine Displays There Hit the Deck, Hallelujah Song, World Famous Musical Comedy, at the Elsinore Tonight, Biggest Show in Four Years; 68 People

Weather forecast: Generally cloudy with moderate temperature; gentle variable winds. Maximum temperature yesterday 50, minimum 33, river 2.9, rainfall .03, atmosphere clear, wind west.

# The Oregon Statesman

According to the New York papers the area in Manhattan Island has the greatest density of population in the world. Well, if there's any honor in having the densest people, go to it.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 14, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## BETTER HOMES EXPOSITION OFF TO GOOD START

Throngs Crowd Armory First Night; Everything For "Home Beautiful"

WILL LAST FULL WEEK

Program Includes "Cottage Garden Revue" by Local People, Interesting Style Show and Other Attractions

Everything for the "home beautiful" from furthest to window boxes greeted the crowds that visited the armory last night, to see the opening of Salem's "Better Homes" exposition, conducted under auspices of the Salem Realty board and staged and produced by Bolton and Smith.

For the exposition the armory has been transformed into a bower of color, with glittering lights showing to greatest advantage the many booths that are arranged on the main floor to show the housewife the latest and best in home furnishings and appliances.

Vari-colored flags have been hung from the rafters and the sides of the room to form a background for the booths and to set off the greenery-decked stage, with its canopy and curtains of yellow.

Program Each Night  
William McGilchrist, Jr., president of the Salem Realty board, formally opened the week of activity last evening and immediately followed the variety program featuring a style show and "Cottage Garden" revue, which was produced and staged by Helen Rodolf.

The Miniature Adagio, featuring Harold Jepson and tiny Pauline Zee Chambers was a novelty of the evening and contributed to the success of the "Cottage Garden" revue, in which seven local girls clad as dainty Chinese maidens appeared. They were Nibbe Shoemaker, Myrtle Murphy, Chastity Berry, Marie Cummings, Millesia Adsett, Maxine Marsh, and Myra Bett.

Style Show Attracted  
The style show, staged by Helen Rodolf and presented by M. Buffe Morrison of the French shop, came in for a goodly share of applause and gave those present a smart peek into modes for spring. Four models, Myrtle Murphy, Fern Harris, Helen Rodolf, and Alexia Kane, presented a number of pleasing ensembles.

Other features of the program included Jimmie Wells in a "Study in Black"; Jerry Andrews in "Bits of Hits"; Marcellus and his accordion; Marion Dale doing dancing.

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## HICKMAN TRIES ANOTHER DODGE

DEATH SENTENCE TO BE PASSED BY COURT TODAY

Los Angeles Killer Offers to Plead Guilty to Thoms Murder Indictment

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—(AP)—An offer made by William Edward Hickman through his attorneys to plead guilty to the murder of S. Ivy Thoms, a druggist who was shot and killed during an attempted holdup, was rejected tonight by the district attorney.

The youth offered to plead guilty in return for a sentence of life imprisonment instead of the death penalty on the Thoms murder indictment, which accused jointly Hickman and his 16-year-old accomplice, Welby Hunt.

As a result of the prosecution's rejection of the offer, a long and tedious review of the insanity defense of Hickman, already heard in connection with the kidnapping and slaying of Marian Parker, for which Hickman probably will be sentenced tomorrow, was the prospect in the Thoms case which will open Wednesday.

The prosecution said it took the stand that Hickman was a sane and master criminal and that as such he should receive the full penalty of the law.

## Cooking School Opening Today at Salem Armory

Miss Ethel A. Murdoch and Mrs. H. M. Cummings in Charge of Event Sponsored by The Statesman and Local Firms; Coupon Will Admit to Afternoon Events

A feature of Better Homes week will be the cooking school which will open at two o'clock this afternoon at the Salem Armory under the auspices of the Willamette Grocery Company, H. L. Stiff Furniture Company, Vollmer-Clearwater Company, Ltd., and The Statesman Publishing Company. This attraction will be at the armory for four days, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The armory has been elaborately decorated and a number of interesting displays have been arranged by Salem firms in observance of the week.

Miss Ethel A. Murdoch and Mrs. H. M. Cummings of Portland will conduct the school and will give interesting and helpful demonstrations of cookery.

A number of prizes will be awarded in the baking contests. All bread entries must be accompanied by a sales slip showing the purchase of a 24 or 49 pound sack of Princess flour. Cake and roll entries must be accompanied by a sales slip showing the purchase of a 10-pound sack of Princess flour. No entries will be registered unless accompanied by this sales slip.

A first prize of \$10 in merchandise will be offered in the bread division; a second prize of \$7.50 in merchandise; and a third prize of \$5.

In the cake division a first prize of \$2.50 will be given the baker of the best layer cake, a second prize of \$1.50, and a third prize of \$1. A first prize of \$2 is offered for the best sponge cake, a second prize of \$1.50, and a third prize of \$1.

For the best pan of rolls, a first prize of \$2.50 will be given; a second prize of \$1.50, and a third prize of \$1.

The rolls will be judged Wednesday.

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## FLEET HAS SHAM FIGHT

Ten Dreadnaughts Steam Out of Harbor at San Pedro

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 13.—(AP)—The United States battle fleet, consisting of 10 dreadnaughts, steamed out of the harbor today for its spectacular drill of the gunnery year—force battle practice. The battleships were to be joined off San Diego by the destroyer, submarine and aircraft divisions to steam southward off the Mexican coast where the big run will boom on Wednesday.

Included in the dreadnaught squadron was the U. S. Colorado which arrived here Saturday from Puget Sound navy yard. Although under quarantine because of several mild cases of cerebrospinal fever when she arrived here, the Colorado went out for her gunnery practice, still carrying a quarantined sick list.

Tomorrow will be given over to fleet tactics. Wednesday morning Admiral Louis de Steiguer, fleet commander, from the bridge of the U. S. S. California will give the order to "commence firing."

For seven minutes of a gigantic sea battle. The division of nearly a hundred aircraft, the destroyers and the submarines will wage a joint attack upon the ponderous, long range firing dreadnaughts.

## 6 LUNATICS RUN AMUCK

Two Hospital Attendants Killed in Fracas; Others Hurt

BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Two attaches of the Bridgewater state insane hospital were clubbed and strangled to death and three others injured when six criminally insane inmates attempted a desperate break for liberty today. The attempted escape was thwarted only after a fierce struggle between the maniacs and all available guards and attendants who were summoned by an alarm.

The men slain were Eugene E. Amlaw, a night supervisor, and Wilfred Gerrier, a night watchman. Both had been beaten to death apparently with a club improvised from the leg of a bed, and strangled by the absence of living eye-witness of the killings, officials investigating the affair were obliged largely to resort to conjecture in order to piece together a story of the tragedy. It is believed that one patient, James Melton, 61, who was first to escape from his cell into a corridor, actually was responsible for the slayings and that he released five others.

## CALL IRRIGATION MEET

Secretary Work Summons Many to Reclamation Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A conference to consider new problems of reclamation and irrigation will open tomorrow at the call of Secretary Work.

About 200 persons, mostly from states west of the Mississippi river, are expected to attend, according to Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation. Consideration of cost, possibilities and needs of proposed projects will be given. Among these are the Columbia basin, Upper and Lower Colorado basins, Umatilla rapids, Deschutes, Kennewick, Yakima-Benton, Baker, Stanfield and Westland irrigation districts.

## SAFE CRACKING JOB HERE HELD PROFESSIONAL

Men Who Broke Into Capitol Theater Believed Far Away; Clues Traced

TIME CAREFULLY CHOSEN

Week-End Receipts in Theater, But Only Part of Them Obtained; "Strong Box" Left Due to Haste, Theory

While police here last night continued to run down every possible clue with painstaking thoroughness, the conclusion hourly became more fixed that the safe blowing job at the Capitol theater that morning, when about \$500 in money and some jewelry was taken, was the work of professional cracksmen, probably from Portland, and that they were away from this city just as fast as they could possibly leave as soon as the job was completed.

One of the factors which points to careful planning is the time that was chosen for the burglary; on Monday morning, after a full week-end's receipts had accumulated at the theater. Only a fluke in their plans, when they were apparently frightened away before they could get the "strong box" out the building, prevented their taking the entire amount.

Job Carefully Planned  
As the crime was re-created by the police, the cracksmen entered by the stage door on the alley, went to House Manager Archie Holt's office, and took two packages of cigarettes from his desk; they also used a skeleton key on the property room door, and from this room took a sledge hammer and cold chisel.

The main office they entered by

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## 39 DEAD IN MINE FIRE

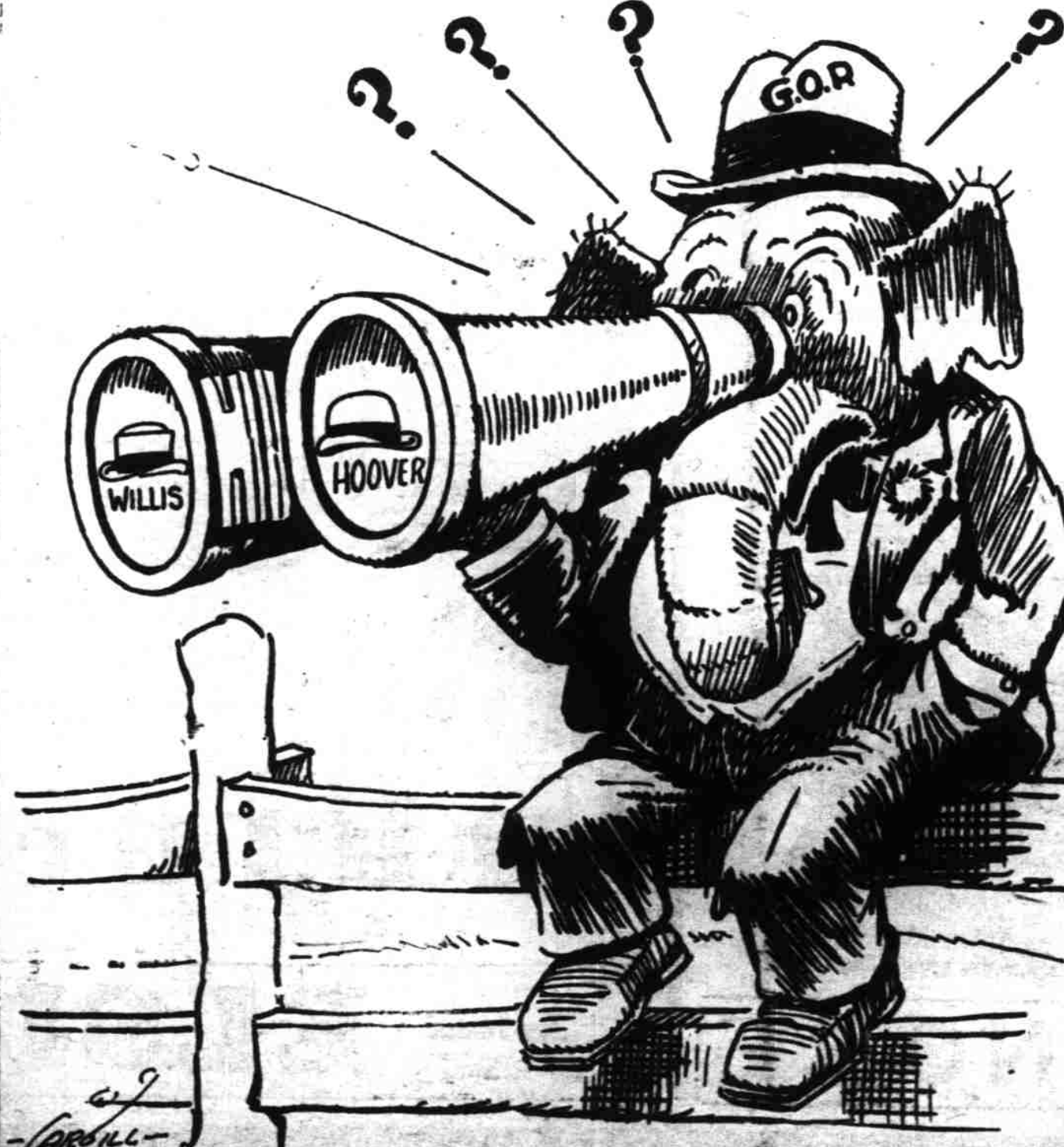
Last Body Brought To Surface Following Fatal Disaster

TIMMONS, Ont., Feb. 13.—(AP)—The body of the last of the 39 men who died in the Hollinger mine disaster was brought to the surface tonight. The bodies of all the victims of the fire which broke out in the mine last Friday have now been recovered.

Dense smoke and heavy fumes hampered work of rescuers who used gas masks. The blaze was reported under control but at the 550 foot level it was still smoldering. Miners believed it would be days before the fire burned out.

Officials of the Hollinger company were unable to ascribe a cause for the disaster. They believed the fire started in an abandoned section where rubbish and powder boxes had accumulated. A. B. Bingham, general manager of the company, discounted rumors of sabotage which had gained currency in the past two days.

## HATS IN THE RINGS IN OHIO



## SIDESTEP REAL POINTS AT ISSUE

COURTS ELSEWHERE HAVE LIBRARIES AVAILABLE

Newcomer Surprised at Lack of Reference Books; attack Continued

By Rodney Alden  
The back seat drivers' campaign to persuade the Marion county court that it should rescind its former action and deprive the circuit court of legal equipment, which to decide points of law, was being continued yesterday. Due to the fact that the court observed a holiday in honor of Lincoln's birthday no action was taken on the matter, but it is expected to come up at an early date, with distinct possibility that the court may retract its former decision and abolish the new Marion county law library.

An insight into current opposition to the library, which it is believed is largely a matter of misunderstanding rather than chronic "again everything" sentiment—although both factors are present—was furnished yesterday by an attorney new and unfamiliar with conditions here.

"I don't see any sense in having a county library at the court house, myself," he said. "It's just needless duplication, and not one attorney in a hundred would prefer to go up to the state library if he had to go outside his own office to look up a point."

He expressed great surprise when told that under present conditions there are no legal authorities immediately available to lawyers participating in litigation except such authorities as they themselves bring into the courtroom.

"Then that's different," he said. "I had no idea but that they at least furnished a set of Oregon reports, and they would be available whenever needed. Without them they must be greatly handicapped."

In this connection it should be said that some judges have furnished their own libraries in years gone by, and some have made other makeshifts. Court recesses in order that attorneys and judges might take time to go elsewhere to look up points of law that arose unexpectedly, have been a common occurrence. Obviously an attorney should go to court knowing just how he stands as to the legal points involved in his case, but local lawyers point out that to expect him to bring every volume with him that he might by any possibility care to use, is to expect the impossible. The solution, they assert, is to have a

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## MURDER TRIAL CLOSING

Killing and Burial of Mother Graphically Pictured

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Bending over an imaginary grave, hewn from the hard clay of a dark basement room, State's Attorney Russell O. Hanson held a crowded courtroom spellbound today as he reconstructed the killing of Mrs. Eliza A. Hill and pointed an accusing finger at her son, Harry, charged with murder.

"For the sake of his poor Christian mother, we will not ask that this 'town dandy' be put to death," declared the young prosecutor during an intermission. "We are able to speak, we believe she would appeal to us not to demand the electric chair for this defendant. But we will ask a material punishment."

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## PLEDGE EFFORT RETAIN HEALTH PROGRAM HERE

Approval of Demonstration's Service Voiced By Officials At Banquet

DeKLEINE TELLS NEEDS

City, County and School District Leaders Hear of Commonwealth Fund's Work; Continuation Not Costly

Unqualified approval of the Marion county child health demonstration policies and assurance of support in seeing that the program is carried on when the demonstration closes were expressed by city, county, and school officials last night at a banquet given at the Hotel Marion by demonstration officials.

Dr. William DeKleine, director, addressed the group at length, setting forth aims of the demonstration, and pointing out some of the things it has already accomplished. Following his talk, Mayor T. A. Livesley, Dr. H. H. Olin, president of the school board, J. C. Siegmund, county judge, and T. M. Hicks, president of the Marion County Public Health association, commended the demonstration's work, and stated that the organizations they represented would extend financial support to continue safeguarding the community's health when it devolves upon them to do so.

Dr. DeKleine named six major activities and procedures of a proper and sound health program:

(1) The adoption of adequate measures to control communicable disease.

(2) The adoption of measures to insure a safe water supply, proper disposal of sewage, proper disposal of garbage, manure and dirt of all kinds; and to maintain a clean city.

(3) Supervision of milk and other food supplies. Milk is a wholesome and important food, he said, but is subject to contamination from various sources and unless it is safeguarded may become a source of great danger. Public eating places should also be carefully supervised so that clean food and adequate sterilization of dishes is assured.

(4) Collection and tabulation of vital statistics. Unless a health department analyzes the principal causes of death and sickness, a community does not know whether

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## FEAR SAILORS DROWNED

Three Members of Crew Start for Shore; Unheard From

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Three men of the crew of the navy tug Mohave missing since they set out for shore last night after the tug ran aground on Harding's ledge, two miles off Nantasket, were unaccounted for tonight although naval officers held hopes they were alive. The tug was fast on the ledge with the other 23.

The three missing started ashore after the tug struck. Today the punt, right side up, was found on the shore and later life preservers which the men are believed to have worn, were found on the beach nearby. Discovery of the preservers raised hopes of officers that the men reached shore safely and then threw aside the preservers as they set out overland.

## WANT FISH MADE GAME

Douglas County Men Appear Before State Commission

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Twenty Roseburg business men, officers and members of the Douglas county sportsmen and game protective association, today urged the fish commission of Oregon to take steel head salmon out of the class of commercial fish and place it among game fish in the Umpqua river. The delegation met the commission in a special session at the fish body's headquarters here.

Commercial fishermen on the Umpqua have nearly exhausted the stream of sport fish said A. C. Masters, president of the Roseburg sportsmen's bank, spokesman for the delegation.

## VIRGINIANS HONOR "ABE"

State House of Representatives Adjourns on Birthday

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 13.—(AP)—For the first time in its history the lower house of the Virginia general assembly today adjourned to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

R. Lindsay Gordon, who introduced the resolution, calling for adjournment, in an eulogy of Lincoln said that "every southern gentleman now agrees with Lincoln on the slavery question," and that his death at the hands of a "southern lunatic" was a severe blow to the south.

## HOOVER STARTS ON FISHING TRIP

SECRETARY TO TAKE SHORT VACATION IN FLORIDA

Act Follows Announcement That He Will Enter Lists in Ohio Primaries

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Secretary Hoover put aside official duties tonight, abandoning temporarily even the budding political campaign that got underway yesterday when he announced himself candidate for the republican presidential nomination, and started to Florida on a fishing trip.

It has been his custom for many years to get in a week or 10 days in February on a fishing grounds and his destination tonight was the Florida keys, with Key West the first stopping place.

Only a small group of close friends were invited to accompany the commerce secretary on the expedition, and a limit of one week was placed on his stay in the south. He plans to return in time to fill two engagements in New York City next week, one to institute the special economic survey which the commerce department has undertaken, and the second to receive a gold medal from the American Institute of Mining Engineering.

While in the south Mr. Hoover will make no speech, and is expected to devote his time entirely to relaxation. When word reached Florida today that he was coming into that state on a fishing trip he was deluged with invitations to visit various points, but he had already decided to head for Key West.

The commerce department head's announcement that he would seek delegates to Ohio to the Kansas City convention, formally putting him into the presidential race, brought a prediction today from Senator Edwards, democrat of New Jersey, that the Hoover-Willis fight in Ohio would cause a split among republicans and give the democrat the state in the November election. New Jersey's other senator, Edge, a republican, issued a statement expressing pleasure at Mr. Hoover's entry into the presidential contest.

While there have been published reports that Secretary Mellon might throw his strength to his cabinet colleague, the treasury executive reiterated today that he still favored an uncommitted delegation from Pennsylvania to the republican convention and that he was "not ready yet," to say whom he favored for the party's presidential nomination.

Mr. Mellon said that Hoover's announcement did not alter his neutral position at present.

## PISTOL FRACAS STAGED

77 Year Old Poolroom Proprietor Shot in Jaw, Lakeview

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Shot through the jaw in a pistol duel, Jeff Howard, 77, poolroom proprietor of Silver Lake was in a critical condition in a hospital here tonight. Doris Porter, 23, and Cecil Owsley, 24, are held in connection with the shooting.

Witnesses say Porter and Owsley entered Howard's poolroom last night and started shooting through the ceiling.

Howard said he thought the men were attempting to rob him, and drew a pistol from a drawer. He shot Porter in the chest, but due to defective ammunition, the bullet failed to penetrate his clothing. As Howard attempted to shoot a second time his gun jammed and Porter shot him in the head, shattering the lower jaw.

Howard's condition was said to be critical, due to shock and loss of blood. Officers are awaiting further developments in his condition before filing charges against Porter and Owsley. Both men are in jail.

## CEMETERY PLEA WAITS

Opposition Diminished, Leaves Tolls Zoning Commission

W. S. Levens, representing W. A. Laidlaw of San Francisco who plans to establish a memorial park cemetery on Liberty road, four miles south of Salem, appeared before the city planning and zoning commission last night and stated that opposition from property owners adjoining the site had diminished and that the matter could now probably be settled without aid from the commission.

The matter was accordingly laid on the table by the commission.

## CAVES TO BE IMPROVED

Congressman Hawley Introduces Measure at Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Improvement of the Oregon caves in the Siskiyou national forest would be authorized by a bill introduced today by Representative Hawley, republican, Oregon.

## FREE COUPON AFTERNOON ONLY

This Coupon will admit one free to the Better Homes Cooking school at the Armory today, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons.

The Coupon is furnished through the courtesy of The Willamette Grocery, H. L. Stiff Furniture Store and The Statesman Publishing Co.

## LINDY ARRIVES AT HOME PORT FINISHING TRIP

1200 Mile Hop From Havana, Cuba, Completed By Flyer In Safety

700 PEOPLE WELCOME

Ambassador of American Good Will Reaches St. Louis After Traveling 9000 Miles Over 15 Nations

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Flying through fog and rain, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh completed a 1200 mile non-stop flight from Havana, Cuba, by landing safely at Lambert-St. Louis field at 5:01 p.m. today. He was in the air 15 hours and six minutes. Since his departure from Washington, Dec. 13, for Mexico City, Colonel Lindbergh had covered a total of 9,000 miles on a circuitous route and had visited 15 nations and dependencies in Central and South America and the West Indies.

Approximately 700 persons including members of the thirty-fifth division air corps of which Lindbergh is a member, viewed the landing of the good will ambassador, who is to be the guest of all St. Louis in an aerial exhibition on the Mississippi river front tomorrow afternoon.

His approach to the west was from the west at 4:56 p.m. Passing to the northwest, the Spirit of St. Louis began circling the field at an altitude of approximately 100 feet. Lindbergh evidently was scanning the field to make sure no crowd was in the way.

When Lindbergh got out of the plane there was backslapping and a chorus of greetings as President Harold M. Bixby of the chamber of commerce, acting Mayor Walter Neun, and others greeted him.

As mechanics shoved the Spirit of St. Louis into the hangar Lindbergh posed with the official greeters for photographs and movies in the light of flares which were burned to help out the dim and disappearing field.

Lindbergh said he flew from Key West along the west coast of Florida to Cedar Springs and then took a compass course to St. Louis, which he followed, flying low. Visibility, he said, was "very low."

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## EARL OF OXFORD REPORTED DYING

HOPE ABANDONED FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER

Fifty Years of Public Life in British Affairs Drawing Slowly To Close

SUTTON COURTENAY, England, Feb. 14.—(AP)—(Tuesday)—All hope for the recovery of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith was abandoned by his physicians early this morning. The earl, who as Herbert H. Asquith, prime minister was one of the great figures of the world war, became unconscious early yesterday afternoon and it was said the end was only a question of how long the enfeebled heart could hold out.

This little Berkshire village through the night sorrowfully was awaiting the passing of one of Britain's famous leaders. The village, about 10 miles from the city of Oxford, has only a few hundred residents. From time to time one of these would appear at the house of the dying statesman to ask for the latest bulletin on his condition.

Lady Oxford (Margot Asquith) had kept a ceaseless vigil at her husband's bedside for more than 50 hours. Her daughter, Princess Bessie and Anthony Asquith kept her company.

Being a hachneyed saying "no man is a hero to his valet" one of those most deeply affected in the household of the earl for many years.

"He was the best master that ever stepped on earth," he said sorrowfully. "I cannot bear to see

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