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SPRING OPENING GREATEST EVER 74 FIRMS ENTER

Still More Expected To Sign
Up Before Tuesday When
Event Begins

ATTRACTIONS NUMEROUS

Auto Show, Free Dance at Armory,
Music by Band and Legion
Drum Corps, Treasure Hunt
Among Features

Already enough business houses
have affiliated themselves with
the big spring opening event of
Tuesday to assure this city of one
of the greatest merchandising
exhibitions staged in Salem—and
the list of cooperating business con-
cerns is not yet complete. Late
yesterday 74 business houses, big
and little, had given their approval
to the Spring Window Display
sponsored by the Salem Ad club.

Decorate Windows
All-day Tuesday window after
window in the downtown district
will be shrouded in secrecy, while
behind the scenes decorators care-
fully ply their arts to set off to
greatest-advantage the various
wares.

Promptly at 7:30 that evening
every curtain will fall and from
then on the public may admire
and inspect as window after win-
dow presents its contributions of
the useful and beautiful in key-
notes of spring.

Attractions Many
Though the window displays
are the center of the spring open-
ing event, the Ad club has planned
a number of other entertainments
for the thousands of people who,
the signs predict, will witness the
affair. One of the biggest "side"
attractions—and yet a part of the
spring display—will be a monster
auto show. There will be a free
dance at the armory and, in keep-
ing with the gay event, a 15-piece
band and the American Legion
drum corps has been secured to
furnish music. A treasure hunt
will be another popular feature.

MOUNTAIN SLIDE KILLS HUNDREDS

THOUSANDS OF TONS OF EARTH CRUSH SMALL CITY

Two Thousand Men Engaged in
Rescue Work Following Dev-
astation in Brazil

RIO JANEIRO, Mar. 10.—(AP)—
Sudden shifting of a slide of
Mount Serrat, situated in the cen-
ter of the city on Santos, state of
Sao Paulo crashed thousands of
tons of earth and rocks without
warning onto a section of that
place this morning and left a dead
and dying toll estimated at more
than 200.

Houses and buildings in the
path of the slide were crumpled
and buried, their occupants ap-
parently unable to escape the huge
avalanche.

Tonight while 2,000 men were
engaged in rescue work in the
stricken section of the city there
were indications that the slide on
one side of the mountain had
weakened the dirt on another side,
and there was fear that another
catastrophe in an adjoining area
was impending.

Mount Serrat, with a moderate-
ly high peak is situated virtually
in the center of Santos, Brazil's
principal coffee port, with resi-
dences and business buildings
spread around it on three sides.

While details as received here
are comparatively few, it was said
that the avalanche occurred just
before dawn this morning. Al-
though there had been previous
warnings of a possible shifting of
the side of the mountain there had
been no indication that any such
danger was immediate. Coming as
it did it undoubtedly caught many
residents of the stricken area
asleep.

STAYTON YOUTH HEADS Y GROUP

OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE BEST EVER HELD HERE

High Ideals Stressed in Resolu-
tions Passed at Closing
Sessions

The fifth annual older boys'
conference of Marion and Polk
counties, which was being held in
this city Friday night and all day
Saturday, ended at the local
YMCA building last night at 9:30
o'clock. The principal speaker for
the conference was Frank Moran,
head of the Moran school for boys,
at Rolling Bay, Washington. The
theme of the conference was "The
Quest for the Best."

More than 100 boys from the
two counties attended. The towns
represented were Salem, Silverton,
Woodburn, Aurora, Aumsville,
Stayton, Turner, Monmouth, Inde-
pendence and Dallas.

Others to lecture at the confer-
ence were Dean U. G. Dubach,
dean of men at Oregon State col-
lege, Dean Roy Hewitt, of the law
school at Willamette university,
Dr. Frank E. Brown to Salem, Ben
Kimber of Dallas, and Rev. I. G.
Shaw of Stayton.

Frank Moran addressed the
boys at 9:30 o'clock yesterday
morning, choosing for his subject,
"The Quest for the Best in Our
Social Relations." At 10:30
o'clock group conferences were
held in the "Y" which were fol-
lowed by another address given
by Dean Hewitt, on "The Quest
for the Best Through Service." At
12 a conference picture was taken
in front of the YMCA building
and immediately after lunch was
served in the "Y" dining room.

The afternoon program began
with group songs under the lead-
ership of Ben Kimber, followed by
a short business meeting, and a
conference summary by Mr.
Moran.

At 2:30 o'clock, Bob Boardman
took the group over the city on a
sight seeing tour. Many buildings
and places of interest were visited
in spite of the rainy weather. This
lasted until 6:30 o'clock when the
group met in the dining room of
the YMCA building for dinner.
After dinner the group again
joined in singing songs led by Mr.
Kimber. This was followed by a
third address by Frank Moran
who spoke on the conference
theme, "The Quest for the Best."

At 8:15 o'clock a short business
meeting, reports from committees
and election of officers was held.
Officers elected for the coming
year are as follows: President,
August Ware of Stayton; first vice
president, Melvin Webb of Silver-
ton; second vice president, Donald
Seigmund of Salem; third vice
president, Mathers Mochel of
Woodburn; and secretary, Norman
Woodburn of Salem.

The following is the report of
the findings committee:

In our quest for the best in
vocations we believe that self re-
spect is more important than
money or gratification as a means
of success. The truly successful
man will fashion stepping
stones rather than stumbling
blocks out of the acts of his life.

We have been dissatisfied
with present moral standards and
we recognize, therefore, the great
value of conferences of older boys
concerning high ideals. Various
ideas are thus changed into clear
visions.

SMITH MOVE UNDER WAY
Two Salem Men Selected For Ore-
gon State Committee

PORTLAND, Mar. 10.—(AP)—
Involving delegates for the dem-
ocratic national convention, and
selecting an executive committee
to look after the campaign, a state
wide organization for Smith-for-
president will meet Tuesday night
at that time a decision will be
made as to whether the name of
the New York governor will ap-
pear on the democratic primary
ballot. John C. Veatch, member
of the state fish commission and
former assistant United States
district attorney, is chairman of
the organization. The treasurer is
Edgar W. Smith who with Bert
E. Haney was a candidate for ap-
pointment by President Harding as
a member of the United States
shipping board to succeed George
E. Chamberlain of Oregon.

ROBINS COMING TO SPEAK HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Nationally Prominent Social Thinker Brought By Church Organization

HUGE CROWD EXPECTED

Meeting at Capitol Theater in
Evening Will Bring Out Re-
cord Attendance; Address
Afternoon For Women

More interest than has been
manifested in any public meeting
held in Salem in many months is
being displayed in the announce-



Raymond Robins

ment that Raymond Robins, offi-
cial representative of the citizens
committee of 1000 for law observ-
ance and enforcement, will be
here Wednesday evening to speak
at the Capitol theater. Admis-
sion is by ticket only, but the
tickets are being distributed with-
out charge.

The evening meeting is for men
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ANOTHER STORM COMING

Blowing This Way From Gulf of Alaska, Bureau Says

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 10.—
(AP)—A storm which formed
over the Gulf of Alaska today is
moving in a southeasterly direc-
tion and presages rain for Wash-
ington and Oregon tomorrow.
While the prediction for northern
California is "fair," weather bu-
reau sectional charts showed that
the northern storm may strike the
coast line as far south as Eureka
on Sunday.

Storm warnings were hoisted to-
day along the Washington-Oregon
coast.

CRIMINAL CLAIMS SALEM AS HOME

YOUTH CONFESSES TO HELP- ING WRECK FAST TRAIN

Tells Police At Leavenworth, Kan-
sas, He Is Escape From
Institution Here

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Mar. 10.—(AP)—Robert Miller, 18
years old who told police he was a
runaway from an institution for
the feeble minded at Salem, Ore.,
tonight confessed that he placed
obstructions in the path of the
Chicago and Alton passenger train
which was wrecked at Independ-
ence, Mo., Feb. 15.

Announcement of Miller's con-
fession was made by city detectives
and railroad police who questioned
him several hours this afternoon.

The boy is already under sen-
tence to the Kansas state reforma-
tory at Hutchinson for an attempt
to wreck a Union Pacific train at
Lenape, Kas., in Leavenworth
county, recently.

Miller said he and a companion
who escaped placed the obstructions
on the track in both cases be-
cause they were angry at train-
men who put them off the
"blinds" of passenger trains.

W. P. Young, Slater, Mo., 45,
fireman, was killed in the wreck
at Independence.

If the youth held at Leaven-
worth for assisting in wrecking a
train at Independence, Mo., ever
was an inmate of the Oregon state
institution for the feeble minded
he went by some other name.

This was indicated Saturday
night by officials at the institu-
tion, who declared that there had
not been a patient there by the
name of Robert Miller during the
past 12 years.

Several youths have escaped
from the institution in recent
years, any one of whom might
have been the one held at Leaven-
worth, it was stated, but none was
known by the name of Robert
Miller during the past 12 years.

Inquiry at the state hospital for
the insane was also devoid of re-
sult.

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MELLON TELLS OF CONNECTION WITH OIL FUND

Admits \$50,000 Contribu- tion To Republican Cam- paign Expenses

REFUSED BONDS, CLAIM

Secretary of U. S. Treasury De-
clares Will Hays Offered Him
Proceeds From Teapot
Dome Transactions

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—
Secretary Mellon informed the
senate Teapot Dome committee
tonight that he received \$50,000
of the \$260,000 of Liberty bonds
which Harry F. Sinclair advanced
to cover part of the deficit of the
Republican national committee in
1923, but that he had refused to
retain the bonds in exchange for
a like contribution.

The treasury secretary disclosed
that the bonds had been sent to
him by Will H. Hays, former
chairman of the republican com-
mittee, and that when Hays sub-
sequently called upon him to ex-
plain the purpose he had declined
to keep them as suggested. He
added that he had returned the
bonds to Hays and shortly there-
after made a contribution in the
same amount from his own funds.

Only \$2,000 More Given
Mellon wrote that this was the
sum he had intended to give when
he was first asked to contribute
to the fund being raised to clean
up the republican deficit. He
also informed the senate commit-
tee that this was the only con-
tribution he had made to the na-
tional campaign fund of 1920, ex-
clusive of \$2,000 given during the
campaign.

The secretary's letter, addressed
to Senator Walsh of Montana, oc-
casioned considerable discussion. The
evidence of his youth and depart-
ment since the fatal shooting of
Christmas eve a year ago, influ-
enced them to leniency.

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fense counsel for Hickman would
not press further defense of his
clients was indicated after the ver-
dicts were returned. Walsh some
time ago filed an appeal to the
California supreme court against
Hickman's conviction and death
sentence for the Parker girl's murder.

A smile broke over Hickman's
face and he expressed pleasure at
the life imprisonment verdict.
Hunt was visibly angry at the
verdict putting him behind the bars
for life was read. His counsel, A. Gray
Gilmer, announced that an appeal
would be filed.

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Hoover For President Club Will Meet Friday

Permanent Organization of Salem People Supporting Form- er Salemite Will Be Effected; Membership Grow- ing Rapidly, Indication of Interest

Permanent organization of the Salem Hoover for Presi-
dent club will be effected at a meeting Friday evening,
March 16, in the circuit courtroom of department No. 1 at
the Marion county courthouse, it was announced last night
by B. C. Miles, temporary president elected at the initial
organization meeting several weeks ago. The meeting Fri-
day night will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

Fred E. Kiddle, state manager of the Hoover campaign,
has sent word that he will attend this meeting if possible.

At a rate some interesting
speakers will be on hand to tell
of Herbert Hoover's qualifications
for the presidency. Further plans
will be announced later.

Many Members Sign
Since the Hoover club was or-
ganized temporarily several weeks
ago, the officers have been pro-
ceeding quietly with their plans,
with the principal emphasis on
the securing of members. This
has been done without any particu-
lar fuss, but the membership, ac-
cording to a partial check-up made
Saturday, has passed the 300
mark.

Members signed up so far have
been only those who have signed
the lists left in various places
throughout the city, and no one
has made it his business to urge
others to sign these lists, so that
the showing already made is in-
dicative of the interest taken in
the Hoover campaign here.

PORTLAND, March 10.—(AP)—
The Morning Oregonian tomor-
row will say that "not to be out-
done by other states, Oregon also
will have a favorite son place in
nomination in the republican na-
tional convention at Kansas City."

The name of Charles L. Mc-
Nary, United States senator, will
be submitted for consideration for
vice president. Plans are now on
foot by the Multnomah county re-
publican committee to have the
name of Senator McNary placed
on the presidential primary ballot
so that the Oregon delegation of
13 votes can be instructed to vote
for McNary.

"Refusing to be hog-tied by in-
structions, Daniel Boyd of Enter-
prise declares that if elected a
delegate he will make no other
pledge than to support Coolidge
for president and McNary for vice
president. He is the first candi-
date for delegate to demand that
he be foot-loose and a free agent,
a sentiment entertained by others
but not voted. It is a bid for the
Coolidge supporters."

REPORT SCORES DOCTOR
Kirkpatrick's Staff No Good, Com-
mittee States

PORTLAND, Mar. 10.—(AP)—
Dr. George A. Kirkpatrick's "pub-
lic-trust" is "without value in the
treatment of tuberculosis and its
use as such constitutes a men-
ace," the city council's committee
has unanimously declared in a
report filed with Mayor Baker to-
day.

George I. Steel of the Kirkpat-
rick Remedies company announced
immediately that no further sale
of the remedy will be made for
the time being.

Labor in the city and state will
be called on to "go to bat" to see
that the remedy gets a fair deal.
D. E. Nickerson, vice president of
the state federation of labor, an-
nounced today after the verdict of
the committee.

Dr. Kirkpatrick was arrested
during the week on a charge of
practicing medicine without a li-
cense. He is a veterinarian.

2 YOUNGSTERS POISONED

Autopsy Indicates Deadly In-
gredient Used in Food

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Mar. 10.—
(AP)—A deadly poison for
which there is no known antidote
caused the deaths of Richard Bohle
four years old and his sister Or-
ville, and the illness of their uncle,
William Sims, physicians made
known here tonight.

Dr. Frank R. Warren, who is at-
tending Sims, said he is sure Sims
was poisoned and that the same
drug probably killed the two chil-
dren, who died during the last two
weeks. The poison, slow acting and
causing much suffering due to
stomach pains was discovered in
the stomach of Richard Bohle. Dr.
Ralph W. Webster, Chicago physi-
cian, made the analysis of Rich-
ard's stomach. Leading chemists
and toxicologists will confer to-
morrow with Dr. Webster in an
effort to save Sims' life. He was
stricken while at work last Wed-
nesday.

HE WAS SOUND SLEEPER

Passenger Aboard Stranded Ves-
sel Slept All Through It

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Mar. 10.—
(AP)—Most of the passengers
were ready to tell after their res-
cue today how it felt to have their
ship strike, but one man had no
information to convey on this sub-
ject. David Bornstein of Boston
went to bed on the Lee at seven
o'clock last night. He awoke at
6:30 this morning, went on deck,
then looked about for breakfast.
There was none.

"What's the matter?" he asked
an attendant.

"We're on the rocks," he was
told here yesterday.

ABANDON LINER TO FATE AFTER RESCUES MADE

Heavy Sea Batters Robert E. Lee, Aground On Mass- achusetts Coast

TOTAL OF 3 MEN DROWN

Members of Coast Guard Lost
When Boat Capsizes; Another
Seriously Affected By
Severe Exposure

PLYMOUTH, Mass., March 10.—
(AP)—The steamer Robert E.
Lee was hard aground on the
rocks off Manomet Point tonight
but her passengers and crew were
safely ashore.

The last of the 150 passengers
aboard the ship when it struck on
Mary Ann rocks last night were
landed here this afternoon and a
few minutes later all but a hand-
ful of the 113 of the crew abandon-
ed the ship.

Three lives were lost as a re-
sult of the wreck when members
of the crew of the Manomet Point
coast guard station were thrown
into the sea as their surf boat cap-
sized during an attempt to reach
shore after going to the aid of
the grounded ship. Another was
in a serious condition from ex-
posure and immersion.

Pounded By Heavy Sea
The sea still pounded heavily
against the steamer as she rested
on a heavy keel upon the rocks
tonight. The prospect of floating
her was uncertain. She struck
solidly upon the shoals about 8
o'clock last night as she headed
for the Cape Cod on her run from
Boston to New York.

A southeast gale and a blinding
snowstorm had driven her off her
course but the crash came with-
out warning to those aboard.

There was little confusion and
no panic, those aboard said. The
lights went out and the ship be-
came cold. The passengers finally
went to bed only to be turned
out again when water began to
flow into some of the staterooms.

Many attempted to sleep on the
decks but, except for the chill and
lack of food there was no great
suffering.

Storm Frustrates Rescue
Rescue ships, responding to the
SOS calls from the Robert E. Lee,
rushed to the scene but the boll-

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TREASURY HOLDS \$5,611,627 CASH

BALANCE HIGH NOW BUT BIG PAYMENTS LOOM

Large Amount To Be Distributed To Highway Funds; Part To Counties

The state of Oregon had in its
treasury March 1 of this year cash
on hand amounting to \$5,611,
627.65, according to a financial
report prepared Saturday by Fred
Peulou, deputy state treasurer.

The balance in the general
fund was \$3,938,183.84. The
other funds included common
school fund principal and interest
\$495,257.51, industrial accident
funds \$111,428.47, state highway
fund \$750,078.85, highway im-
provement district funds \$39,
801.05, world war veterans state
aid fund \$159,641.91, world war
veterans state aid sinking fund
\$174,377.72, and miscellaneous
funds \$123,777.10.

The investments included \$5,
678,532.06 of state industrial ac-
cident funds and \$5,204,737.72
of world war veterans state aid sink-
ing funds.

On April 1 of this year the state
will be required to pay \$812,600
maturing principal and \$790,
559.50 interest of state highway
bonds. This payment will reduce
the state highway debt to \$3,
654,250 as against a total of \$38,
700,000 issued.

The state also will pay on April
1 the amount of \$604,981.25 as
interest on \$28,500,000 of Oregon
veterans state aid bonds. A total
of \$29,000,000 of these bonds was
issued, of which \$500,000 were
issued January 1 of this year. An
additional installment of \$500,
000 of these bonds will be paid off
July 1, 1928.

During the latter part of the
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Return Concert Salem Boys' Chorus Tomorrow Night

Dr. Epley's Salem Boys'
Chorus will present a return
concert at the Capitol theater
tomorrow evening. The show
started out before the concert
was held on Tuesday, and so
many people have asked that it
be repeated.

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THE IDES OF MARCH



—Laguerre