

# The Oregon Statesman

Weather forecast: Generally cloudy; normal temperature; gentle variable winds blowing southerly. Maximum temperature yesterday 51, minimum 40, river 14.8, rainfall .23, atmosphere part cloudy, wind west.

Remember the old days when a shiek was a fellow who didn't shave, seldom bathed and spent most of his time picking off the sand fleas and carrying the camels? The modern shiek shaves every day, spends most of his time picking off flappers and smoking camels.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1928 PRICE FIVE CENTS

## QUINTS ARRIVE FOR FOUR DAY HOOP TOURNEY

One Hundred Athletes, Pick of Oregon, To Vie At W.U. Gymnasium

FIRST GAME 7:30 TONIGHT

Drawing Will Be At 1 o'clock This Afternoon; Teams Evenly Matched and Exciting Games Certain

Tonight at 6:30 o'clock the doors of the Willamette university gymnasium will swing open for the ninth annual state basketball tournament in this city with ten of the strongest teams in the state to compete for the title. Basketball authorities and local officials believe that this will be the closest and most exciting state tourney ever held in Oregon. The first game starts promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Teams have been coming in yesterday and this morning, and will draw for their opponents at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the office of Coach "Spec" Keene at the university gymnasium.

Every team entered in the competition this season has a very impressive record back of it which gives each one every reason to believe that it will win the tournament. Each team has dropped several strong opponents in order to win the right to participate in the state tourney. Some come here with a clean slate, yet others have been defeated once or twice.

It was at first thought that ticket sales would be greater this year than last, but it now looks as though several hundred seats will remain unsold. A check on the ticket sale yesterday noon showed that the season ticket sale was more than \$1400 behind the day before.

The Willamette quintet reported at the Willamette gymnasium at 10 o'clock.

## POLITICS GIVEN MORE INTEREST

SIXTY CANDIDATES FILED COMPARED TO 51 IN 1924

April 18 Last Date For Filing In Primaries; Many Offices to Fill

Politics is creating more active interest in Oregon this presidential year than it did four years ago. It was revealed Tuesday. Records in the office of the secretary of state show that there have been 60 filings for delegates to the national conventions and for state and district offices as compared with 51 filings at a corresponding time in 1924.

Prospective candidates for nomination by both the republican and democratic parties at the primary election May 12 must qualify on or before April 12 if their names are to appear on the official ballot.

This being presidential year, the voters of the republican and democratic parties will express at the primary election their choice for president and vice president by their respective national conventions, elect delegates to their party national conventions and choose their candidates for electors of president and vice president.

## ROBINS SPEAKER 5 TIMES TODAY

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS AT CAPITOL THEATER, 7:30

Will Also Appear at High School, W. U., Rotary and Church Meeting

Raymond Robins, widely heralded speaker who is to appear at Bligh's Capitol theater tonight, will arrive in Salem at 10:10 o'clock this morning, according to announcement of his schedule made last night.

He will be accompanied by Carlton Sherwood.

Robins will appear at the local high school auditorium first, going there immediately after he arrives. He will then go to address the Willamette university student body at its regular chapel hour, which begins at 11:20. He will be the main speaker before the Salem Rotary club at its luncheon on this noon.



Carlton M. Sherwood, high school auditorium first, going there immediately after he arrives. He will then go to address the Willamette university student body at its regular chapel hour, which begins at 11:20. He will be the main speaker before the Salem Rotary club at its luncheon on this noon.

In the afternoon Mr. Robins will speak at a meeting for women only, to be held at the First Methodist church. This meeting will be held at 3 p. m. Mrs. George H. Alden will preside and Mrs. W. C. Kantner will give the invocation. A vocal duet will be given by Mrs. Harry Harms and Mrs. Martin Ferrey.

This evening's address will begin at 7:30 at the Capitol theater, W. C. Winslow presiding. The Willamette quartet will sing. The invocation will be given by Rev. W. C. Kantner. Dr. H. C. Epley will lead some group singing. O. J. Hull has charge of ushering. Doors will open at 7 p. m.

## STATE WARDS NOW 5148

Number Reaches New High Mark; Pendleton Biggest Gain

Records in the office of the state board of control show that on March 1 of this year there were 117 more inmates of the various state institutions than there were on the corresponding date in 1927. On March 1, 1927 there were a total of 5031 state wards as against 5148 wards on March 1 of this year.

The largest increase was at the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, which reported an even 100 more patients on March 1 of this year than a year ago. This increase was said to be due to the transfer of patients to Pendleton from the Salem institution.

The state penitentiary has an increase of 79 inmates when compared with the registrations a year ago. Despite the increase in the number of patients the per capita cost of conducting the Eastern Oregon state hospital was held down to \$15.88. The highest average per capita cost was \$47.87 at the state school for the blind in Salem.

At the state tuberculosis hospital the average per capita cost for the year was \$45.93.

## START SMITH MOVEMENT

Democrats Meet in Portland to Support New Yorker

PORTLAND, Mar. 13.—(AP)—A movement in support of the presidential candidacy of Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, was started here tonight by a group of Oregon democrats who decided to place Smith's name on the ballot in the May election. It was the first step toward an attempt to deliver Oregon's ten delegates at the democratic national convention at Houston, Texas.

The Smith movement was not sponsored by Tammany club which, for months past, has displayed sympathy with efforts to secure the governor's nomination. Some of the active members of the Tammany club attended tonight's meeting, but the organization, as such, had no hand in the program.

## PLANE DISASTER FATAL

Two Aviators Killed When Machine Goes Into Tail Spin

## ENGLISH FLYER HEADS TOWARD UNITED STATES

Captain Walter Hinchliffe Wings Way West Over North Atlantic

Persistent Reports Link Name of Elsie Mackay With Veteran British Pilot Making Hazardous Trip

NEW YORK, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Persons in this country who have been in close touch with Walter Hinchliffe while he was planning his trans-Atlantic flight expressed strong belief today that when the plane reaches America the Honorable Elsie Mackay, daughter of Lord Inchcape, will be found on board.

LONDON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—A new attempt to fly the Atlantic from east to west which was launched at Cranwell airfield today in unnoted secrecy was still somewhere over the ocean waters winging westward.

Captain Walter Hinchliffe, veteran British pilot, and a companion hopped at an early hour with a word of warning in a Stinson monoplane, leaving a message that they would try the hazardous flight to America which has already cost the lives of seven persons.

Watchers at several points in southern Ireland caught sight of an airplane speeding toward the Atlantic through a snowstorm and this, although the markings were not detected, was confidently presumed.

## TWO LOVERS CONVICTED

Walla Walla Jury Returns Verdict Against Slayers

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 13.—(AP)—The shadow of the noose hung over Preston Clark tonight, and the shadow of barred gratings over Mrs. Beesie Mae Bidwell. The former was convicted today of first degree murder, and the latter of second degree murder in their trial for the poisoning of Alpheus Bidwell, husband of the woman.

Clark may ask for a new trial, it was indicated late today, but it was doubted that his alleged paramour would battle again with the law that will sentence her from 10 years to life in prison.

After a legal clash in which the state attributed the poisoning to "money and lust"—charging that Clark, a boarder in the Bidwell home, and Mrs. Bidwell wanted to obtain Bidwell's property and continue their unlawful love affair, the jury took the case late yesterday.

## CHERRIANS PLAN BLOSSOM EVENT

WEATHER WILL DETERMINE DATE; ROUTE USUAL

Crack Drill Team Also to be Sponsored, Frank Durbin, Jr., at Head

The Cherrians, at their meeting last evening at the chamber of commerce, voted unanimously to observe Blossom day. Cards will be printed and distributed with a view of Blossom Day in the Salem district. The date will be determined by weather conditions. Last year Blossom Day was April 24. Arrangements will also be made by the Cherrians to provide cars for those who have no means of transportation. The route will be the same as for several years past—to the tulip fields on the Wallace road, the Franklin tulips and daffodil tract south of Salem and the cherry and prune fields in blossom in the Roseadale district.

King Bing Quisenberry will appoint special committees to handle all the details of Blossom Day and to arrange for the transportation of those without cars.

The Cherrians will have a crack drill team this year, under the command of Frank Durbin, Jr. On motion of Dr. H. H. Olinger, it was voted that a special drill team of 24 be selected by Mr. Durbin. This team will do the fancy drilling, with the usual number of Cherrians in the march when occasion requires.

Announcement was made by P. D. Quisenberry, King Bing, that the Cherrians would serve as a reception committee when the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce visits Salem on June 2.

Entertainment was by the Willamette university male quartet, consisting of R. Craven, W. Robinson, W. Hathaway and W. Kaufman, with Miss Lewis at the piano.

## HOME ECONOMICS PLAN

Short Course May Be Instituted at Salem High School

Inaugurating a unit in home economics in Salem high school was discussed at a meeting at the school board's last night. Local high school officials have received a letter from the state board for vocational education, in which was submitted a plan whereby home economics can be taught in Salem high without much extra expense.

The course will last six weeks, holding two sessions a week, one for two hours and the other for one hour. During the two hour period subjects such as cooking, table service, and special home problems will be taught. In the one hour session bread making, spring house cleaning, laundry methods, summer care of babies, and personal hygiene will be emphasized.

The state and government will finance the instruction cost if the high school will furnish the equipment and supplies. The board favored the plan and will try to make arrangements for the short home economics unit in the near future.

It is probable that if Salem high teach the course, Mrs. Nash will be instructor, as she has had considerable experience in that line of work.

Building equipment and minor subjects were discussed before the meeting adjourned. Next year's teaching staff will be discussed and voted on by the board at the next meeting.

## MELLON RECITES HIS EXPLANATION

REPEATS FORMER STORY REGARDING BOND DEAL

Saw No Reason For Telling About Transactions, He Asserts Before Committee

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—A cabinet officer and a past and present chairman of the republican national committee were asked today by the senate Teapot dome committee to explain their disclosure of more than four years regarding the effort of Will Hays, party chief in 1920, to dispose of securities paid into the republican treasury by Harry F. Sinclair, Secretary Mellon of the treasury department and William M. Butler, present republican national chairman, said they had not spoken sooner because they had refused in 1923 to have anything to do with Hays' plan of bond allotment and saw no reason why their knowledge of it would be valuable to the public.

Hays Feels Quite Innocent. The third occupant of the witness stand was Hays himself. Under a two hour run of questions he maintained that he had done nothing improper and argued with committee members that recent disclosures did not contradict the testimony he previously had given the committee under oath. It was these disclosures that led Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic floor leader of the senate, to declare on the senate floor yesterday that Hays had "subjected himself to the possible charge of perjury."

Hays' proposal for getting some of the \$260,000 in Sinclair bonds out of the republican party treasury, as explained in the testimony, was to deliver parcels of them to Secretary Mellon and others, the recipient in each case to make a contribution of a like amount to the republican national committee.

That would make it appear that the money came from various individual subscribers and not in one lump from the original donor. And greatest of these was Ed Locke.

Mellon Has Explanation. Mr. Mellon told the committee (Continued on page 4.)

## MILL CITY MAN DROWNS

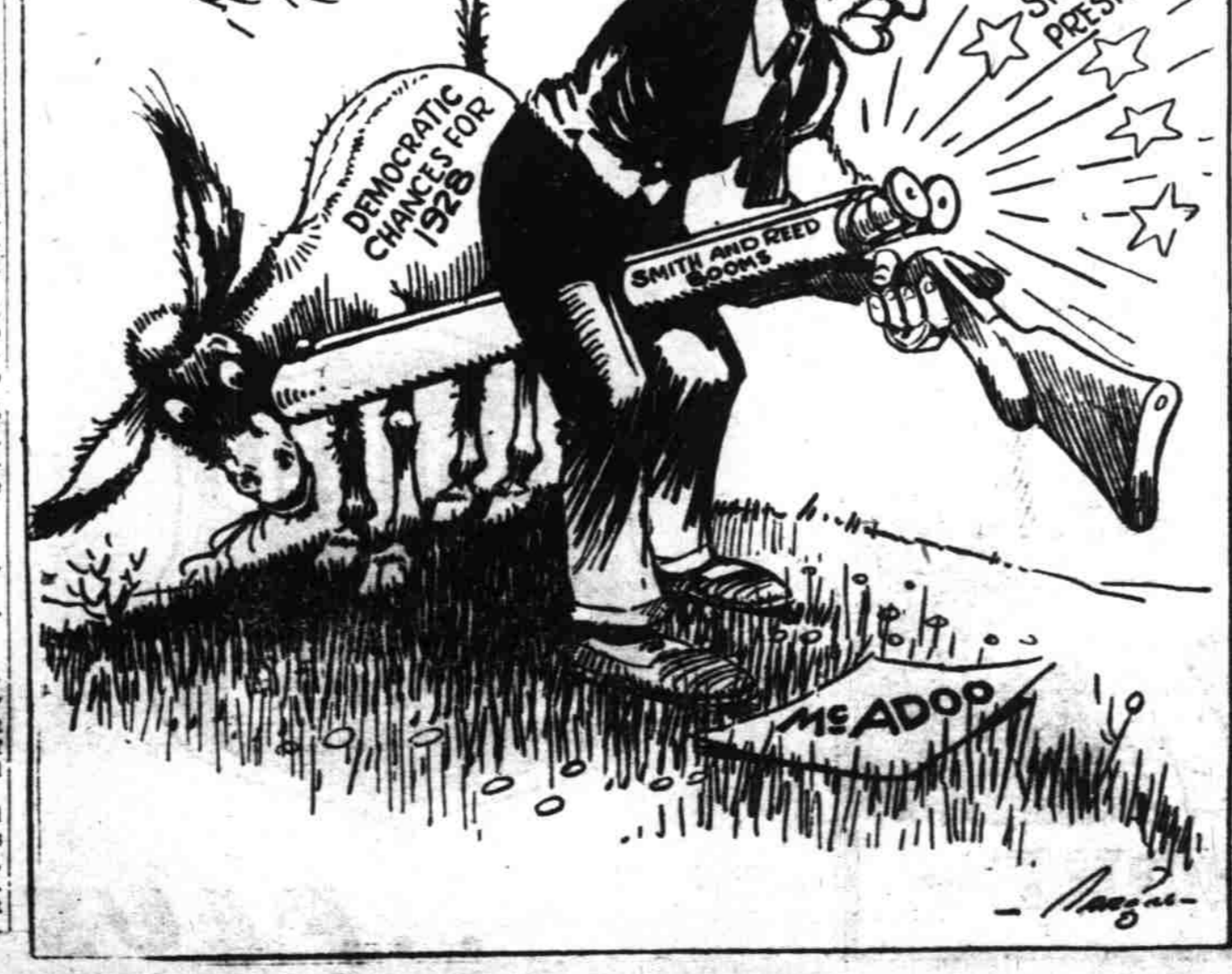
Logger Dies When Attempting to Save Brother-in-Law

MILL CITY, Ore., Mar. 13.—(AP)—The riotous, turbulent Santiam river took its first victim of the year today when George J. Schumacher, 25, was drowned while trying to save his brother-in-law, Raymond Minton, from death by drowning. Schumacher was employed by the Sullivan Logging company.

The two men had been sent out to attempt to dislodge a log jam in the treacherous stream when suddenly a log turned, throwing Minton into the water. Schumacher rushed to his aid and as he reached him was himself hurled into the stream by a spinning log. Minton saved himself by catching another log. Schumacher was unable to swim. His body had not been recovered at eight o'clock tonight.

He had been married nearly two years and is survived by his widow and a daughter, six months old.

## ANOTHER HAMMER MURDER



## GRAPHIC STORY OF FLOOD TOLD BY OBSERVERS

Deeds of Heroic Valor Recounted By Eye Witnesses To Catastrophe

AGED GUARD SAVES 47

Later Found Dead With Gun, Belt and Jug of Wine Lying by Side; Waters Devastate Heart of Valley

NEWHALL, Cal., Mar. 13.—(AP)—A sixty-five mile slash through the very heart of a beautiful valley—

Two Associated Press representatives followed the stilling department or in other words state championship series is to be played, and the winner will compete in the regional tournament, which will be followed by a national tournament of regional champions.

They twice staggered and stumbled through the rushing waters of the Little Santa Clara river, red with mud and rainbow tinted with its oil coating. They rode the highway patches, walked and ran through the heavy mud. They stalked through the slippery slimes.

All for a prize more precious than a pot of gold.

Ed Locke Greatest of All. For they found that men could chuckle at their own deeds of valor, and women could carry on dry-eyed although hearts were breaking. They heard the sags of a dozen heroes.

Guard of the Southern California Edison company construction camp at Blue Bend, Ed Locke saved the lives of at least 47 men and died with his boots on and his belt and gun about his waist.

"Scotty" Gordon, wisened and grey-headed little rancher and a hero in his own right, chuckled and laughed as he told of the deed of Ed Locke.

"We found Ed Locke with his gun and belt on where he fell," he said. "And he—ha, ha, ha—a jug of wine at his side. Someone had put it there."

Appreciation Voiced. "And mighty good work it did this day," said R. A. Newell, special agent of the Edison camp and one of those escaped as he clung to the running board of "Scotty's" little fiver coupe in which the rancher all day taxied men over his own little stretch of highway with never a word of the fare.

"One hundred and thirty-eight I counted at the dinner table last night. So far as I know only one man died. That was Ed Locke."

At the river crossing at Fillmore, rescue parties poked and prodded at an eight foot wall of brush—the tangled shreds of thousands of acres of orchards reaped by the scythe of the flood.

Worker Laughs. "Clifford Corwin was the lucky one," laughed one of the band of workers—electricians replacing power lines, pipe fitters mending the broken oil pipe lines and telephone system employees splashing through the muddy waters. The bridge had been washed out with some of the huge concrete blocks carried a mile downstream.

## CAPITAL POST'S RECORD BROKEN

MEMBERSHIP NOW 1051, HIGHEST IN HISTORY

Junior Baseball Team to be Sponsored; Public Initiation March 27

Membership in Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, reached its highest mark in history, 1051, last night, going "over the top" for the year and also putting district No. 2 of the Oregon department over the top ahead of all other districts for the second consecutive year. Some members even paid their dues for 1929, this being a new plan just started.

All this was announced at the joint meeting of the legion post and the American Legion auxiliary, the first of a series of such meetings planned for the year.

Capital Post will sponsor the local team in the Legion Junior National Baseball competition, and Leo Edwards will be in charge of organizing the team, having been appointed chairman here.

Edwards explained the plan at this meeting. A department or in other words state championship series is to be played, and the winner will compete in the regional tournament, which will be followed by a national tournament of regional champions.

Clare Foulger, past vice-commander of the Illinois department, was introduced, and made a talk on the value of the auxiliary to the legion, and on membership, especially on the importance of displaying the legion button.

Announcement was made of the public initiation program which will be staged at the armory March 27.

The meeting was followed by a program and dance.

## THOUSANDS SEE DISPLAY

Spring Opening Great Success Despite Threatening Sky

The spring window display which opened with last night's extensive program was a success. The people were there, though not in such great numbers as had been anticipated, due to the playful antics of Mr. Jupiter Pluvius. The sidewalks were jammed with people, even at that.

The thousands who were on the streets for the opening had a time keeping up with everything offered, with nearly a hundred stores presenting in elaborate and artistic settings the new modes in men's and women's apparel, stationery, foods, household furniture, pictures and photographs. Even such homely, everyday affairs as meat was displayed to attract the eye of the sight-seeing public.

The auto show on Court street saw some 40 models bespeaking some of the latest in motor colors ever gathered here in one collection. An Oldsmobile, relic of the days of '97, was placed in contrast among the new cars and in this case the old drew as much attention as the new.

Attention, admiration, and approval were everywhere wherever they appeared are any indications, the appearances of the American Legion drum corps and the 15-piece band were huge successes.

Like-wise, the appreciation of the Ad men's entertainment by thoroughly enjoying itself at the big dance at the armory.

Especially large gatherings congregated at those stores where live models showed the latest deities of Dame Fashion, and where unique mechanical apparatus could be seen in motion. In one store a window a typing contest by a senior high school commercial department will remain in windows throughout the present week.

## DAM BREAK FATALITIES NEAR 1000

Total of 274 Bodies Recovered; Between 300 and 600 More Missed

HINT DEFECTIVE CONCRETE WORK

Sample Crumbles When Examined By Official

## MONEY LOSS HIGH

Damage Estimated At Anywhere from 15 to Thirty Million as Count Made in Wake of Terrible Flood

NEWHALL, Cal., Mar. 13.—(AP)—The list of known dead as the result of the St. Francis dam disaster stood at 274, with the number of missing estimated at from 300 to 600 when rescue crews ceased work in the stricken area tonight. All the missing were presumed to have perished. The estimates of damage ranged from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

What caused the big dam to give way and pour its waters upon the canyon settlements below remained undetermined with some city officials still insisting that it was the result of an earth movement. Motorists were quoted as believing seepage around the buttresses caused the break.

Night forced the suspension of rescue work. There were no power lines available to furnish lighting current and little possibility of extracting more bodies from the huge yellow graveyard remained before daylight.

When the 185 foot dam, barely two years old, gave way in the darkness of the early morning under the pressure of 33,000 acre feet of water behind it, it did so without warning and loosed on the ranches and camps in the valley below it a 75 foot high avalanche of liquid death.

Power Line Snaps. Two great flashes as the flood snapped the power line were the only notes of warning that catastrophe was hurtling down the canyon.

## URGES TEACHING FOR LEADERSHIP

DEAN U. G. DUBACH ADDRESS ES TEACHER MEETING

Project Method in Use Here Praised as Aid to Individual Initiative

Asserting that genuine leadership today of all days comes from nowhere but the school, Dr. U. G. Dubach, dean of men at O.S.C., Tuesday afternoon addressed the annual general meeting of the Salem Teachers' association on "What I Want the School to Give My Child," carefully selecting his main points not from a hodge-podge of generalities but from the viewpoint of the parent of a very important child.

Dubach pointed out that out of every hundred college students, at the age of 60 only one or two are outstanding successes, and only 10 or 15 can be rated above dependence on others. From this seemingly startling statement, which figures of a New York life insurance company show to be conservative, the Corvallis speaker added the fact that it was the school teacher from whom the man of tomorrow must today get the solid grounding for future success. "We behave ourselves in life pretty much as in school," he has observed throughout his contact with youth.