

The State Basketball Tournament Started Out at a Fast Clip Last Night, and It Is Well Worth All the Local Support Possible  
The Great Crowds Who Heard Raymond Robins Yesterday in Salem Were Convinced of Sanity and the Permanence of Prohibition

# The Oregon Statesman

Some people object to the modern form of wedding ceremony, but if you'll only look back you will see that the old-fashioned woman who promised to love, honor and obey didn't get so much reward out of it after all.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 15, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## HOPES DASHED WHEN FLYERS DO NOT ARRIVE

Rumors of Airplane Appearing On Atlantic Seaboard Groundless

## NUMEROUS NOISES HEARD

Sounds Like Those of Motor Indicate British Machine Approaching Destination at Philadelphia Field

MENLO PARK, N. J., Mar. 15.—(AP)—After a search of the town this morning, police and newspapermen found NO trace of the Hinchliffe plane.

NEW YORK, Mar. 15.—(AP)—Unverified reports that the Hinchliffe transatlantic plane had landed at Menlo Park, N. J., caused a stir this morning. In order to investigate, state police left their headquarters at Metuchen for a 12 mile trip to Menlo Park which is 23 miles airline from New York.

The reports as to the landing spread rapidly after persons in various cities along the New England coast and in New Jersey said they had heard noises resembling an airplane's motor.

Improbability increased because before the report developed as to Menlo Park somebody near Atlantic City heard a noise that he thought was made by an airplane. Atlantic City is 73 miles from Menlo Park and much nearer to Philadelphia, Hinchliffe's destination.

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 15.—(AP)—A detachment of state police left this morning for the town of Menlo Park to investigate a report that the Hinchliffe plane had landed there.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 14.—(AP)—As midnight passed without definite word from Captain Hinchliffe and Hon. Elsie Mackay, belief was expressed at the Philadelphia airport, the goal of the British flyers that the airplane reported heard over New England cities and later at Atlantic City.

## SANDINO FLINGS THREAT AT U. S.

## NICARAGUAN PATRIOT SENDS OFFICIAL MESSAGE

Government at Washington Receipt of Pointed Invitation to Keep Out

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—An implied threat against the safety of "any North American official resident in Nicaraguan territory" unless American marines are withdrawn immediately from that country is contained in a message sent to the senate by Augustino Sandino, the Nicaraguan leader.

The message, along with a letter from Sandino to Rear Admiral Sellers, commandant of the special service squadron in that territory, proposing supervision of the Nicaraguan elections by Latin-American representatives instead of by American marines was made public here today.

"The only way this struggle can be ended," Sandino wrote to Sellers, "is by the immediate withdrawal of the invading forces from our territory; the substitution for the present president of some Nicaraguan citizen not a candidate for the presidency; and the supervision of the coming elections by Latin-American representatives."

The correspondence of Sandino including a letter received by him from Admiral Sellers was transmitted to Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee. Lewis S. Gannett, associate editor of the Nation, who gave the letter to Senator Borah, made them public. The Idaho senator declined to discuss the correspondence, which was handed to Carleton Beals, special correspondent of the magazine, by Sandino, Mr. Gannett said.

"In the name of the Nicaraguan people I protest against the continued barbarism of your forces in my country, such as the recent total destruction of the town of Quilich. I shall never recognize a government imposed by a foreign power. I demand the immediate withdrawal of the invading

## DRIFTING CRAFT TITLE DISPUTED

W. A. BAKER ARRESTED ON GODFREY'S COMPLAINT

Man in Possession of Rowboat Says Other Declined To Identify It

A waterfront altercation over possession of a rowboat was brought into the courts yesterday when A. L. Godfrey, local boat dealer, had W. A. Baker arrested for grand larceny. The grand larceny, according to Godfrey, consisted of the theft of a boat valued at more than \$35.

Baker, however, paints a picture of an entirely different color.

It all began on March 11, when a boat was sighted caught in some brush near the river bank nearly opposite Baker's residence, which is situated at 1925 North Water street.

Baker promptly appropriated the craft.

It soon developed that his title was questioned. Several parties put in bids, one in particular introducing evidence tending to show that he sighted the coveted prize first, but eventually all withdrew their claims except Godfrey.

He insisted that the boat was his, indicating that it had drifted away from the place he had it moored farther up the river.

Baker declared flatly last night that he based his refusal to hand the craft over upon the fact that Godfrey declined to attempt identification. "I wouldn't let him see it," he said. "I just told him that before I'd let him have it he would have to identify it. Then instead of that he went and had me arrested."

Boats drift down the river every winter, Baker says, and Godfrey goes out to get his share of them. He also hints darkly that further charges will be made against the man who caused his arrest.

"I've seen Godfrey capture two boats myself," he asserts.

Meanwhile Baker has retained Guy Smith, local attorney, to represent him in court. Smith appeared for him before Justice of the Peace Brazier Small yesterday and demanded a hearing for his client. Date for the hearing has not yet been set.

Bail was fixed at \$500, which Baker furnished in cash.

As a sidelight on the flood and boat situation Baker says that a few days ago a small boat was seen drifting down the river with an outboard motor attached. The current was such that nobody who saw it was willing to risk going out after it.

## DRUM CORPS SUPPORTED

Promised Backing in Financing San Antonio Convention Trip

Plans of the drum and bugle corps of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, to make the trip to San Antonio this year to compete in the national contest, were promised the support of other Salem organizations, by speakers at a banquet at Glenhaven, six miles south of the city.

The drum corps is not asking donations, but now has a plan in the blanket campaign and sale of dance tickets, which will bring the needed amount if given the support which it deserves, it was pointed out.

The tremendous advertising value which this trip to the national legion convention, was brought out in the talks at the banquet, which was attended by 50 people.

Visitors who spoke were George F. Vick, representing the chamber of commerce; Sam A. Kozar, for the Kiwanis club; Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, for the Rotary club; Dr. O. A. Olson and T. A. Rafferty for the Cherrians, Stanley Keith for the Ad club, and Claude Foubare, past vice-commander of the legion department of Illinois.

Carl Gabrielson of the legion drum corps committee was toastmaster. Legion men who spoke were Vic Mackenzie, Commander Harold G. Mason, Brazier Small, Karl Hinges, Dave Shade and Past Commander Lyle Dunsmoor.

## THIEF GETS HOP VINES

Ford Roadster Stolen When Parked On Street In Salem

A Ford roadster containing several hundred hop vines, and belonging to Mr. Wolford of Silverton was stolen at a late hour last night from in front of the court house. Wolford was on his way to Silverton from Independence where he had purchased several hundred hop vine settings, which were in the back of the car, and had decided to stop in Salem for a cup of coffee. When he returned he found his car missing and reported it to the local police, who immediately sent phone calls to neighboring cities. The license number is 62-980.

The Harley Davidson motorcycle belonging to Geo. Van Natta, 1118 Oak street, was reported stolen from in front of the state capitol building last night, and was not located at an early hour this morning.

## NEED FOR DRY NATION GROWS ROBINS CLAIMS

Majority of People Now in Position of Railroad Engineer, Shown

## PUBLIC SAFETY PROBLEM

Change in Nature of Saloons Real Cause For Prohibition, Says Man Who Once Opposed 18th Amendment

As American civilization progresses, it makes more and more necessary the continuation and enforcement of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution. It was shown by Raymond Robins, spokesman of the committee of 1000 on law observance and enforcement in addresses before audiences which aggregated over 2000 people, yesterday in Salem.

It is a more serious matter for a man driving a motor car in a crowded city to be even slightly under the influence of liquor, than it was for one in another generation, driving a mule team along unfrequented roads, even to be in a drunken stupor, the speaker pointed out.

Safety Essential "Thirty years ago we insisted that our railroad engineers be teetotalers," said Mr. Robins. The same thing is necessary for a majority of the people now, because of the power which is entrusted to

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## BROOKS MAN CANDIDATE

Romeo Gouley Seeks Nomination For State Representative

Romeo Gouley of Brooks has filed for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature for the first representative district, comprising Marion county.

A. M. Collier of Klamath Falls, is seeking re-election as a member of the lower house of the legislature for the 21st representative district, comprising Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties.

George R. Roberts of Reith would serve as representative in the legislature for the 22nd representative district, comprising Umatilla and Morrow counties. He is a republican. Mr. Roberts filed his declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state Wednesday.

John L. Foote of St. Helens, is seeking re-election to the office of district attorney of Columbia county. Mr. Foote is a republican.

Ashby C. Dickson, Portland, filed in the offices of the secretary of state here his declaration of candidacy for election as a delegate to the democratic national convention. He would represent the state at large.

## MEXICANS COME BACK TO VALLEY

CLUE FURNISHED TO DISAPPEARANCE OF MANY

Take to Mesquite Covered Hills Due to Fright When Homes Swept By Water

SANTA PAULA, Cal., Mar. 14.—(AP)—A possible clue to the disappearance of many persons, reported missing in the St. Francis dam disaster, tonight was given partial confirmation by Red Cross agencies in charge of relief work here. They were declared to have been Mexicans, who for 24 hours had hidden themselves in the mesquite covered hills because of fright, and reappeared today.

The clue was based on the widely quoted report that a stream of people early yesterday poured out of Santa Clara river valley towns and over the hills to safety in the Ojai valley. The Red Cross workers expressed the opinion these fleeing ones, mostly Mexicans, had fled desperately from what they believed would be death in a tidal wave or other little understood catastrophe.

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## GALLOWS AWAITS GREEN

Convicted Man Sentenced to Hang Following Trial

MARSHFIELD, Mar. 14.—(AP)—Robert Green must hang for the slaying of his neighbor, Caleb Greene, who was for years a familiar figure to the scattered residents of Catching Inlet. Today the convicted man—no relative of the man he was found guilty of beating to death—stood before Circuit Judge Skipworth and heard from the lips of the judge the solemn pronouncement. The penalty for the crime demands the life of Robert Green on Tuesday April 24.

And a moment later Green heard for the second time words that diminished whatever hope he held—when the court overruled a motion for a new trial.

Caleb Greene was clubbed to death November 21 last. His body was discovered at the bottom of a canyon near his home.

## OIL PROBE SCENE NOW AT CHICAGO

HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN THAT CITY THIS WEEK

Committee to Investigate Use of Money Paid Over to Hays by Harry Sinclair

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—(AP)—The branching trail of the senate oil investigation led toward Chicago tonight as two members of the Teapot Dome committee—Nye and Norbeck—headed for that city to explore further ramifications of the Sinclair-Continental Liberty bond transactions.

As a sub-committee, the two investigators will hold hearings in Chicago tomorrow, Friday and Saturday. From the two score of witnesses who have been summoned they hope to get a line on how some of the bonds contributed by Harry P. Sinclair toward wiping out the 1920 campaign deficit of the republican party were used.

Nye, who is chairman of the committee that has established that Sinclair in 1923 gave Will H. Hays \$280,000 in securities for political purposes, and his republican colleague from South Dakota left for the west late today after a rather colorless session of the committee which came as an anti-climax to the appearance before it yesterday of Secretary Mellon, William M. Butler, chairman of the republican national committee.

While they were making their way to union station, Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, brought up the Teapot Dome oil scandal in the senate. He referred to Hays, a former postmaster general, and chairman of the republican national committee during the Harding campaign eight years ago, as a "fence," disposing of the stolen goods and aiding the thief to find a market.

Caraway also made caustic reference to Mellon and Butler, who yesterday testified that late in 1923 Hays sought unsuccessfully to place some bonds with them and in turn to have them make substantial contributions toward cancelling the 1920 campaign debt.

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## SCHOOLS CLOSE DOORS

Three Plants in Nehalem Bay District Shut Down

PORTLAND, Mar. 14.—(AP)—Three schools of the Nehalem bay district, the coast region, have been closed because of the presence of infantile paralysis and measles. The closing order affected the grade and high schools of Wheeler, Garibaldi and Nehalem. Quarantine measures, it was said, may be used in these towns.

Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, declared today that he does not consider the outbreak an epidemic, but stated that local authorities are closing the schools as an emergency measure.

## FLOODED AREA BEGINS TO GET ON FEET AGAIN

Number of Actually Known Dead Stands At 264 Late Last Night

## 1500 PEOPLE HOMELESS

Searching Parties Continue Activities Hunting for Dead Bodies in Wake of Terrific Catastrophe

The state of Oregon stands ready to assist the state of California in any way possible as a result of the dam disaster which cost more than 200 lives and property damage aggregating millions of dollars. This was set out in a telegram prepared here Wednesday by Governor Patterson and transmitted by wire to Governor Young of California.

"Let me assure you of the heartfelt sympathy of the state of Oregon in the disaster your state has suffered in Southern California," read Governor Patterson's telegram.

"The people of Oregon have been immeasurably shocked and grieved by the loss of life and property. We stand ready to give any assistance within our power."

SANTA PAULA, Cal., Mar. 14.—(AP)—San Francisco canyon and the Santa Clara valley were struggling nobly tonight to pull themselves out of the mire of death and destruction poured over them by the breaking of the St. Francis dam yesterday.

The toll of life and property, estimated from official figures and the surveys of careful observers, stood as follows:

264 lives lost.  
St. Francis dam demolished.  
Los Angeles municipal power house below dam demolished.  
500 homes destroyed or greatly damaged.

20 lineal miles of citrus orchard land buried under many feet of mud and silt.  
Two important bridges destroyed.

State and county highways washed out at numerous points.  
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## NEW TRIAL REQUESTED

Motion Filed With Court in Behalf of Walla Walla Man

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 14.—(AP)—H. B. Noland, attorney for Preston Clark, who was convicted Tuesday of first degree murder, late today filed a motion for a new trial for his client.

Clark was convicted with Mrs. Bessie Mae Bidwell of poisoning the woman's husband, Alpheus Bidwell, but the woman was given a second degree murder verdict.

## PORTLAND MEN IN GUN SCRAPE

TWO WOUNDED, ONE KILLED IN PISTOL FIGHT

Cigar Store Clerk Shot to Death; Pedestrians Flee For Cover Last Night

PORTLAND, March 14.—(AP)—One man was shot to death and two others were wounded, one perhaps fatally here tonight in a shooting scrape that sent pedestrians racing for cover and turned a confectionary store into a shambles.

The dead: G. Yakate, cigar store clerk.  
The wounded: K. Hayano, shot in abdomen and leg; condition serious; George Ishibashi, proprietor of cigar store; shot in leg and arm.

The shooting, police were told climaxed a bitter argument between Hayano and Ishibashi in the latter's shop. When the argument reached its height Hayano brandished a weapon, fired once and then raced to the doorway of a store two doors away. Ishibashi and Yakate followed, each armed with a weapon.

Then the wild shooting, with Hayano cornered in the doorway. He fired first at Yakate, mortally wounding him, and then turned his smoking pistol on Ishibashi. After shooting the store owner, he dashed into the confectionary store and tossed his pistol under a showcase. Ishibashi fired twice through the plate glass windows, one of the bullets striking Hayano in the side.

When police arrived Yakate was dead and Hayano was slumped on the store floor. He was taken to a hospital where his condition was declared to be critical.

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## SALEMITES ON AIR TRIP

Party From This City Going to Seattle and Return

A group of Salem residents are to make a special airplane trip from Portland to Seattle and return as guests of the Pacific Air Transport company today. The flight is being staged for the purpose of establishing the use of airplanes as a familiar means of transportation.

In addition to three local newspaper men those making the trip will be as follows: George Vick, head of the local chamber of commerce, W. W. Chadwick, president of the Stage Terminal Hotel company, W. A. Cummings, manager of the Senator hotel and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hillman. Dr. M. C. Findley was also to have made the flight but was unable to do so for business reasons.

## NANCY GETS MESSAGES

Congratulations Mingled With Criticisms About Equally

NASIK, India, Mar. 14.—(AP)—Congratulations from prominent Hindus were as numerous as adverse criticisms today following upon the formal conversion to Brahmanism of Nancy Ann Miller of Seattle.

In a letter filled with frank personalities, Costigan simultaneously assailed President Coolidge and Commissioners Marvin, Lowell and Brossard. At the White House it was announced that the resignation had been accepted.

Costigan charged Mr. Coolidge with a refusal to act on decisive evidence that certain tariff rates should be lowered. The president's course, he said, had "helped to wreck the commission's usefulness."

Costigan's charges were contained in a letter addressed Senator Robinson of Arkansas, a democratic floor leader, chairman of the senate committee appointed two years ago to investigate the tariff commission.

Mr. Costigan declared that "manipulation of the commission since 1922 is but part of the total picture of present Washington contained 'in a era, which history may yet summarize as the age of Daugherty, Fall and Sinclair.'"

Chairman Marvin is described as a "treacherous and fanatical protectionist, known in Washington as a tariff lobbyist for New England protected interests."

"No exposures, however credible, of bias, partisanship and the distrust of his associates have sufficed to break this New England state," the letter asserts, "that it is well known in Washington that President Coolidge has long ceased personally to consult or place confidence in his own designated tariff commission chairman."

Regretting the "necessity for personal references," Mr. Costigan wrote that "the statements as personal because facts of public consequence are personal."

## KELSO MAN NOT FOUND

No Trace Seen of Retired Mill Man; Search Goes On

KELSO, Wash., Mar. 14.—(AP)—No trace of Frank S. Jones, 74, retired Kelso mill man, missing in the Ostrander creek district, ten miles northwest of here, since a week ago today, was found today when another systematic search of the area with men walking within 50 feet of each other was made by an organized party of 43 men, most of whom were members of the crew of the Crescent Shingle company, in which Jones owns an interest.

The head of Ostrander creek was examined by one crew and tomorrow another crew will make an intensive search of holes and other places along the creek in which a body might be lodged.

## Championship Series

Wallowa	Thurs. 9:30 A. M.	Marshfield	Fri. 9:30 A. M.	
Washington	Thurs. 10:30 A. M.	University	Thurs. 8:30 P. M.	Sat. 9:30 P. M.
Tillamook	Thurs. 7:30 P. M.	Salem	Fri. 8:30 P. M.	

## Consolation Series

Wallowa	Thurs. 3:30 P. M.	Marshfield	Fri. 3:00 P. M.	
Washington	Thurs. 4:30 P. M.	University	Fri. 3:00 P. M.	Sat. 7:30 P. M.
Tillamook	Thurs. 7:30 P. M.	Salem	Fri. 4:00 P. M.	Sat. 9:30 A. M.

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