Row After Row of Bird Houses, 116 in All, Constructed by the Pupils, Are on Display at McKinley Grade School in Salem
The Green Market and Merchandise Section Today Carries Many Attractive Offerings Which Should Interest Thrifty Housewives

Weather forecast: Cloudy, probably rains in north portion and along the coast; moderate temperature; moderate to fresh southerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 55, minimum 40, river 8.9, rainfall .02, wind northwest.

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SLIDES AND SOFT ROCKS CAUSE FLOOD

Inquests Over Rows of Bodies; Verdict "Death by Drowning"

BODIES UNIDENTIFIED

Engineers Point to Remaining Portion of Dam as Proof Structures of Similar Nature Safe

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—(AP).—Inquests over the long rows of dead in the St. Francis dam disaster were held at two towns in the stricken Santa Clara river valley today while the now wasted stretches were combed for additional bodies. Death from the flood ,with no attempt to fix responsibility, were the verdicts.

Meanwhile California's state engineer, Edward Hyatt, Jr., pointed out what he declared to have been foundational weaknesses in the big buttress through whose ruptured ends billions of gallons of water poured in a death dealing deluge last Tuesday morning.

The fluctuating known dead list, running all the way from 185 to 300, steadied late today at 202. A check of all the points at which bodies are being held in temporary morgues, showed that number of victims.

That this number would be materially increased however, was the opinion of those in charge of the search through many miles of silt-covered valley. Reports reached Ventura that 10 cowboys had discovered an unhitherto searched area five miles above Castaic junction.

Despite the deep layers of yellowish sand that covered the section, hopes were expressed that bodies of many persons now reported missing might be found there.

The verdicts returned two coroners' juries—one sitting at Fill-

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MORE SINCLAIR BONDS TRACED

B. A. ECKHART TOOK $2000 WORTH, TESTIFIED

Cook County Republicans Committee Chairman Says No Contribution

CHICAGO, March 15.—(AP).—Examining more than a score of witnesses on the opening day of the inquiry here, the senate Teapot Dome sub-committee today traced disposition of some more of the Sinclair Continental Trading company bonds and uncovered some republican party financing which intrigued its two members, Nye, of North Dakota, and Norbeck, of South Dakota.

From Miss Flora H. Johnson, secretary of B. A. Eckhart, who twice was examined in Washington, the investigators learned that $2,000 worth of the $60,000 of Sinclair bonds which Will Hays sent to the late Fred H. Upham, went to Eckhart on December 5, 1923. This was the day before the republican national committee met at Washington to select the place for the 1924 convention.

Relating a telephone conversation she had yesterday with Eckhart, who now is in California, Miss Johnson said she had been informed that Upham called her chief on the telephone on that day and asked him to take $5,500 of Liberty bonds as security and make a donation to the national committee in a like amount.

Eckhart drew his check for that amount and went to Upham's office but when he arrived he was informed that $3,500 of the bonds had been disposed of before his arrival. He took the remaining $2,000, selling them later, and [illegible]00 in cash since his check was [illegible]n for that amount.

From Homer K. Galpin, chairman of the Cook county (Chicago) republican committee, the senators learned that the republican national committee had not made a contribution to that organization in early 1924, although the records of the national committee, as Upham gave them to William V. Hodges, thte present treasurer, showed that such a contribution was made. Committee members are wondering whether $25,000 of the Sinclair bonds were disposed of, and the Cook county committee credited with the contribution.

HOMES FOR BIRDS BUILT BY PUPILS

McKINLEY GRADE SCHOOL HAS UNIQUE DISPLAY ARRANGED

Row After Row of Dwelling Places for the Feathered Friends Completed

Row after row of bird houses—116 of them, to be exact—yesterday hung upon the wall and filled long tables in the main assembly hall at the McKinley grade school. These bird homes, of all sorts and descriptions, are the joyful work of nearly half the 240 students at the school, for in many instances the children grouped in pairs to create a home for the feathered creatures. Townspeople are invited to visit the exhibit today, after which the children will take them home, probably to make many birds happy.

Here's the story:

Just ten days before the exhibit, W. A. Davenport, principal of the school and himself a great lover of birds, suggested to the students that all those who cared to, construct a bird house. This was to be done at home, with a later exhibit at the school.

Free rein was given the pupils, save one suggestion that doors be placed high, for birds like to enter the top and build their nests down. The pupils learned that sparrows were the only exception to this rule.

Many pairs of willing hands set to work with hammer and saw; dozens of little heads began to puzzle and plan the design for their bird house.

Father and brother—and even mother in one reported incident—were often implored to lend a little aid. That was permissible. As the showing yesterday proved, pupils from every grade except the primary were busy. Nearly as many girls as boys were busy.

As the actual construction progressed at home, the students were learning, both in and out of school, much about the habits and life of birds. That was one reason Principal Davenport originated the building project—he sought to interest the pupils in birds themselves. Teachers encouraged the pupils to learn as much as possible about the bird and its home; frequently the project could be cor-

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CURE CALLED FAILURE

Thirty Patients Submit to Tests at Firland Sanitarium

SEATTLE, March 15.—(AP)—After a five months' test the so-called tuberculosis cure of Dr. George Kirkpatrick, Portland veterinarian, was today declared a failure for humans by Dr. E. T. Hanley of Firland sanitarium here.

Dr. Kirkpatrick's discovery created considerable interest last fall when it was reported that tubercular cows treated with it had shown decided improvement in a few months.

Following a meeting of a number of Pacific coast physicians in Portland Dr. Hanley began a test with 30 tubercular patients at the Firland sanitarium who willingly submitted to the test. Divided into three groups of 10 each, all patients thought they were receiving Dr. Kirkpatrick's treatment. However, but one group received his medicine, while another received a second treatment and the third was given colored cold water.

Charts kept for five months, Dr. Hanley said, showed no difference between the group receiving Dr. Kirkpatrick's treatment and the one getting cold water.

CONDEMNED MAN HERE

Robert Green to be Hanged April 13 For Slaying Neighbor

Robert Green, 50, under death sentence for slaying his neighbor, Caleb Green, at Coquille, was dressed in at the Oregon state penitentiary Thursday.

He was placed in a cell adjoining those occupied by Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, who will be hanged April 13 for the part they played in the prison break here in August, 1925.

Green is under death watch, which will continue until the date of the execution.

BURGLARS TAKE FLIGHT

Break Into Grocery Store, But Drop Loot When Surprised

Burglars, evidently amateurs, who had broken into the Pure Food grocery store at 345 Union street late last night, were frightened away by the approach of pedestrians, it was reported to the police. The pilferers had sawed through the lock on the front door.

In their haste to depart, the burglars dropped a sack containing a number of packages of cigarettes, believed to be the only loot they had taken.

BLAST KILLS TWO; YOUTHS FACE QUIZ

Admits Purchasing Dynamite; Claims It Was Used In Blasting

THREE RECEIVE INJURIES

Dawn Breaking as Explosion Comes Hurling Six People Into Mass of Wreckage at Boring

PORTLAND, Mar. 5—(AP)—Earl Jones, 19, late tonight admitted to police that he had purchased dynamite and had placed it in a hole under the house in which his mother and a younger brother were killed when a blast demolished the house. Jones denied setting the blast off. The announcement of the admission was made by Sheriff Maas of Clackamas county.

PORTLAND, Mar. 15 — (AP) His mother and his 15-year-old brother dead from injuries received when a terrific blast shattered their house, and his father and three other members of the family suffering from serious injuries, Earl Jones, 19, was detained for questioning by the Clackamas county sheriff tonight as to his knowledge of a parcel of dynamite that he admitted purchasing March 7.

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COOK FAVORS H. HOOVER

Medford Man Files for Republican Convention Delegate

Floyd J. Cook of Medford Thursday filed with the secretary of state here his declaration of candidacy for delegate to the republican national convention from the state at large.

"Personally favor Herbert Hoover, but will support the people's choice," is the slogan adopted by Mr. Cook.

Howard F. Latourette, 444 East 16th street, Portland, would attend the democratic national convention as a delegate from the third congressional convention. He filed his declaration of candidacy in the state department today.

"Alfred E. Smith for president," is Mr. Latourette's slogan.

G. Russe Morgan of Coquille is seeking the republican nomination for district attorney for Coos county. Mr. Morgan filed his declaration with the secretary of state today.

John Irwin of Klamath Falls, would serve as a circuit judge for the 13th judicial district, comprising Klamath county. Mr. Irwin is a republican. His declaration of candidacy reached the state department Thursday.

SQUALOR FOUND IN COAL FIELDS

SCENES AT DIFFERENT CAMPS DESCRIBED BY REPORTER

Bootlegging and Gambling Declared Rampant; Senate Committee Listens

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—(AP)—Accounts of squalor and degredation in the Pittsburgh coal region, as seen through a newspaper reporter's eyes, and of the struggle of coal operators to make mining pay, as told by a tabulation of costs and receipts, were given today to the senate committee investigating the bituminous industry.

Harry T. Brundige, who toured the coal fields in the vicinity of Pittsburgh for the St. Louis Star, prefaced his description of conditions by introducing a document which purported to be an order from the Pittsburgh Coal company to "all mine superintendents" to prepare for the recent inspection of its territory by a senatorial sub-committee.

Calling attention to the pending visit of the investigators, it said: "Clean up all unsightly conditions, keep our police in the background, avoid all arrests. Instruct our men to keep out of trouble. If the committee desires to question any of our employes see to it that you present men you can trust and who can be depended upon to give the right kind of answers. If you are examined by the committee do not answer any questions you think might be harmful to our interests. The company will protect you. The company has mailed a spirited letter to each individual employe. If you know of any unsatisfactory condition in company camps or barracks see that it is eliminated at once."

Brundige said he paid $25 to a Pittsburgh Coal company employe for the letter but declined to name the man.

The reporter then told of visiting camps of strikers and strikebreakers. He said that many of

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BIDDY BISHOP HONORED

Can Pitch Any Old Way He Likes In Valley League

ALBANY, March 15.—(Special)—Pitchers in the Willamette Valley league must not use freak deliveries, which includes all of the deliveries barred by organized ball—but Biddy Bishop of Salem is an exception. The league directors voted unanimously last night that Bishop, in view of his service to baseball in this part of Oregon, shall be permitted to pitch any way he likes.

It's not certain that Biddy will be a pitcher in the league, as he has not been signed up by any club as yet. He has used a "spitter" for years, and therefore granting him the right to continue, is in line with the practice in organized ball, where veteran hurlers who used this delivery before it was barred, are made exceptions to the rule.

REALTORS WANT AUTO PARK KEPT

MUNICIPAL CAMP ASSET TO SALEM, DECLARED

Members of Council Park Committee Indicate Same Opinion At Meet

Realtors are of the opinion that by all means the municipal auto park should be maintained and that it would be a serious mistake to close the park. This was the general opinion expressed by members of the Salem Realty board, following the regular weekly luncheon held yesterday noon at the Marion hotel.

W. W. Rosebraugh, chairman of the public parks committee of the city council, said that by all means the park should be operated as in years past. He explained to the realtors that when the Kay park was purchased, the city had no money available but that it borrowed $6,000 from the sewer fund, with the agreement that this should be returned from the earnings of the municipal auto park

Profits of the municipal auto park amounting to $1360 were taken by the city for the 1926 payment of money borrowed from the sewer fund, and $1300 of the park's profit for the 1927 payment.

Hal D. Patton, member of the public parks committee of the city council, said that the auto camps outside the city were all doing a good business excepting one, yet it was these parks that had petitioned the city council to destroy the Salem municipal park.

"We have a wonderful auto park here in the city," declared Mr. Patton. It is one of the best in the state and we should make it the best on the coast. It is one of the city's greatest assets."

H. S. Poisel, who has managed the park for the park board the past three years, said that in 1927 there were more than 6,000 registrations of cars, and that this meant from 18,000 to 20,000 people stopped in the heart of Salem.

"People stay at the park several days as it has shady trees and two creeks and all park conveniences. They make the park headquarters to travel in and out of Salem looking the country over," said Mr. Poisel." I figure park tourists left more than $25,000 in Salem last year."

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VOTE ON BONDS ASKED

Airport Matter Will Be Taken Before City Council

The city council will be asked Monday to put the proposal for a bond issue not exceeding $50,000 for a municipal airport for Salem. it was stated yesterday afternoon by Brazier C. Small, chairman of the American Legion aviation committee.

A number of the councilmen have already signified their opinion that the people should be permitted to indicate at the polls their preference in the matter, and it is expected that the issue will be ordered placed on the ballot at the May election.

HOPE WANES; RUMORS FLY ABOUT FLIERS

Relatives Maintain Vigil; Did Not Countenance Proposed Flight

ISLAND REPORT FALSE

Memories of Other Disastrous Flights Recalled; Secrecy of Start of Flight Explained by Friends

NEW YORK, Mar. 15.—(AP)—The monoplane Endeavour, which left England for America two days and a half ago, was still missing tonight and it generally was feared that it had joined the two planes that attempted the perilous westward passage last summer and never were heard of again.

Hope flaired fitfully during the day, fanned by recurrent rumors and rose high in midafternoon when persons at Old Orchard beach in Maine, reported seeing a yellow object and two waving figures on an island two miles off shore. Investigation by the coast guard established however, that no plane had landed on the island.

Charles Nungesser and Francoir Coli, Frenchmen, were the first to try the westward passage of the North Atlantic, which never yet has been crossed in that direction by airplane. They left France in their White Bird and never have been found.

Next the Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim set forth in the St. Raphael, with two pilots and nothing more was heard of them.

On Tuesday morning the Honorable Elsie Mackay, daughter of an English viscount and Captain Walter Hinchliffe, flew off on their great adventure in the Endeavour, an American plane, and disappeared.

Today's rumors were so persistent that they raised false hopes in the breast of Mrs. Hinchliffe in London and twice she cabled John Gillespie, her husband's representative that she had word she had news of the Endeavour's landing in Newfoundland.

Both times Gillespie had to ca-

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WALSH PERMITS FILING

Word Received From Washington Relative to Primaries

PORTLAND, Mar. 15.—(AP)—Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana today agreed to permit the filing of his name in the Oregon presidential primaries for delegates to the democratic national convention. This word was received here today from Washington, D. C., where the senator made the announcement.

SEATTLE, SALEM NOW NEIGHBORS

LOCAL PARTY FLIES IN HOUR AND 20 MINUTES

But Not From This City Because of Lack of Adequate Airport Here

By Rodney Alden

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15—(Special) — Seattle today is as close to Salem as Portland was yesterday. Air transportation is not coming, it is here.

Eight Salem people flew from Portland to Seattle this morning in an hour and 20 minutes, just ten minutes less than it took the same party to drive from Salem to Portland.

They could have flown direct from Salem, except for the fact that Salem has no airport.

The party will return tomorrow by the same route. They could have returned by train during the night, but could not spare the extra time and expense.

They could fly straight to Salem in an hour and a half, but the same difficulty arises again; Salem has no airport which would permit the safe landing of the type of plane in which this trip was made.

Portland and Seattle will be closer together than Portland and Salem, until Salem does provide an airport.

Members of the party which left Salem early Thursday morning to fly to Seattle were George Vick, president of the chamber of commerce; W. W. Chadwick, president of the Stage Terminals Hotel company; W. A. Cummings, manager of the Senator hotel; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hillman and three local newspapermen.

The trip was made as part of the program of the chamber of commerce, American Legion and other organizations to emphasize the need of an airport in Salem.

CLEMENCY PLEAS MADE

Governor Will Not Interfere in Kelley-Willos Fate

Many letters have been received at the executive department during the past few days urging Governor Patterson to commute the death sentences imposed on Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos to life imprisonment.

Kelley and Willos were convicted of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of two guards during a break at the state penitentiary here in August, 1925. The date for the executions has been fixed for early in April.

In most instances the authors of the letters received by Governor Patterson admitted that they are opposed to capital punishment.

The governor has indicated that he would not interfere in either of the cases.

JURY GETS TALENT CASE

Officer Tried On Involuntary Manslaughter Charge

PORTLAND, March 15.—(AP)—A jury in the federal district court here late today received the case of Terry A. Talent, 22 year old prohibition officer, on trial on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Upon receiving the case, the jury was promptly locked up with instructions to return a sealed verdict in the event one was reached before 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Talent went on trial on an indictment returned by the Jackson county grand jury as a result of the fatal shooting of Mansford Zimmerlee, alleged moonshiner. Zimmerlee was shot as he attempted to escape from Talent and Claude Hickman, state prohibition officer, after they had arrested him. He died two days later in a hospital.

Talent, who took the witness stand in his defense, testified he had fired at the fleeing man. Hickman, a witness, admitted he too had fired.

FORUM TO TALK CAMP

Public Or Private Ownership to be Discussed at Meet

The automobile camp ground will occupy the attention of those attending the YMCA Forum meeting tonight. Rich L. Reiman has been persuaded to act as the leader.

"Shall the city maintain the camp ground or shall it be privately owned?" That's the question for discussion and it is a most worthy one. Undoubtedly Salem must have a real automobile camp ground—better than ever maintained before.

The Forum will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the local YMCA and the public is invited to attend.

GRUELLING GAME WON BY SALEM

Astoria Nosed Out By Two Points After Locals Behind Three Periods

MEDFORD QUINT NEXT OPPONENT

Crowd Goes Wild As Teams Fight For Points

DALLES BEATEN

Southerners Shows Strength By Decisive Victory; Duffy High Point Man for Salem; Critical Game Tonight

TODAY AT STATE TOURNAMENT

9:30 a. m., Marshfield vs. Washington.
10:30 a. m., Astoria vs. The Dalles, consolation.
3 p. m., Coaches' game, north vs. south.
4 p. m., Wallowa vs. Tillamook, consolation.
7:30 p. m., consolation game.
8:30 p. m., Salem vs. Medford.

After trailing behind for three quarters, the Salem high school basketball team came to the front to win from the fast Astoria quintet by a mere two points, 36 to 34, in the most exciting, interesting and closest game played in the tournament to date. The red and black hoopmen were a little slow to get started, but once they found themselves, they couldn't be stopped. The score was tied several times, with a mad crowd, con-

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MARINE FLIERS KILLED IN FALL

PLANES CRASH 1500 FEET IN AIR; FOUR KILLED

Men Seated in Cockpits When Machines Plowed Into Ground

SAN DIEGO, Mar. 15.—(AP)—Four marine fliers, Lieutenant Laurence R. Dewine and his mechanic, H. C. Bailey, and Lieutenant J. D. Swartout and his mechanic, Corporal H. C. Chappell, were instantly killed here this afternoon when their planes crashed in the air while in flying formation and plunged nose down, 1500 feet to the ground. The formation was being led by Captain Harold I. Campbell in another machine and was returning to the marine flying field here after an hour's maneuver.

Captain Campbell landed his plane at the Mahoney air field about three quarters of a mile from the spot where the crash occurred.

"I had signalled for Lieutenant Dewine to take the lead," Captain Campbell said. "Swartout, instead of standing 'pat' moved forward and the planes collided. My mechanic knew nothing of the crash until I called his attention to it."

Although the silk parachutes carried in the planes in which the four who were killed were opened when the planes struck the ground about 200 feet apart, it is believed that no attempt had been made by the aviators to leap from the planes. All four men were seated in the cockpits when the machines plowed into the ground.

Lieut. Swartout's plane, the first to strike the ground, was demolished. Its occupants were buried beneath the pile of wreckage and dirt thrown up by the crash. Lieut. Dewine's plane was badly wrecked but apparently struck the ground with a glancing blow as it retained a semblance of its former shape.

A wine, belonging to Swartout's plane, was severed from the body of the plane almost immediately after the machines collided and dropped to the ground several hundred feet from the place where the plane itself crashed.

Both officers who were killed were experienced aviators, it was reported. Dewine, it was said, had been flying about three years while Swartout had been in the service for six years.

Championship Series

Wallowa — Marshfield 27-22
Marshfield
Washington — Fri. 9:30 A. M. Washington 37-16
University
Tillamook — Medford 32-20
Medford
McLoughlin — Thurs. 8:30 P. M. Medford 40-11
The Dalles — The Dalles 28-18
Astoria — Fri. 8:30 P. M.
Thurs. 7:30 P. M. Salem — Salem 36-34
Sat. 9:30 P. M.

Consolation Series

Wallowa — Wallowa 31-25
University
Tillamook — Fri. 4:00 P. M. Tillamook 37-20
Thurs. 4:30 P. M. McLoughlin
Fri. 3:00 P. M.
Astoria — Fri. 10:30 A. M.
The Dalles — Fri. 7:30 P. M.
Sat. 9:30 A. M.
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