

# Local News Briefs

**Open Temporary Store**—Montgomery Ward and company will open a temporary store here until the completion of the Curtis Cross building. It will move into the J. B. Young building at 487 Center street, and will carry a line of automobiles, accessories, bicycles, washing machines, paint, lawn mowers, and sporting goods. The store will probably be managed by a Portland man.

**La Carte Service Inc.**—Dining room Marion Hotel.

**Browns Visit Portland**—Dr. and Mrs. Frank S. Brown were visitors in Portland Tuesday, registering at the Congress hotel.

**A Gift Room Devoted Entirely**—To inexpensive gifts for bridge and party. Pomeroy & Keene's.

**9122 Seamless Axminster Rugs**—\$23.75. Imperial Furniture Co.

**Campus Doctor Visits**—Dr. Wilmoth Osborne, physician for women with the University of Oregon health service on the Eugene campus, was a Wednesday visitor at the Marion county child health demonstration.

**A Cherry Orchard in One Tree**—Large trees with 3 to 5 varieties of cherries in one tree. Special Wed. and Thurs. \$1.00 each. Peary Bros., 178 S. Commercial.

**Dance**—Two bands playing. Every Friday night. Domes' Pavilion. McCoy.

**Residence Floor Burns**—The fire department was called out to the Purvine residence, 805 Oak street, early yesterday afternoon, where a fire broke out in the basement of their residence and burned part of the floor on the upper story. Other slight damage was caused by smoke and water used in extinguishing the fire.

**Old Time Dancing**—Crystal Garden. Every Wednesday and Saturday nights. Matthes Orchestra.

**Paying High Rent**—You can move today to a better home than you have, that your rent will buy. New modern homes of 4 to 8 rooms. Priced \$4200 to \$12,000. Becke & Hendricks, 189 N. High street.

**Wanted \$600 for a Year at 6%**—Gift edged security. Address 24, care Statesman.

**Three Admitted to Jail**—Marshall Joyce, Chester Foster, and C. B. Flaherty, all of Salem, who were arrested on charges of being drunk, were each sentenced to five days in jail in police court yesterday.

**A Full Line of Shrubs**—Fruit and shade trees. Plant now. The season is nearly over. Peary Bros., 178 S. Commercial.

**Ever Drive South**—On Church street—Notice ten beautiful homes with rock gardens, etc., landscaped in one scheme. One of these is for sale with price cut from \$1500 to \$5500. Terms. Vacant at 675 South Church. 6 blocks to Court House. Becke & Hendricks, 189 N. High Street.

**Suit to Quiet Title**—Conrad Dilman yesterday filed suit to quiet title against B. S. Cook and a number of others. The title in question has to do with a piece of Marion county real property.

**Butterfly Bush, Pink Spirea**—Red flowering currant. Large bushes special Wed. and Thurs. only at 3 for \$1.00. 3 fifty cent filbert trees for \$1.00. Peary Bros., 178 S. Commercial St.

**Sherman Clay and Co.**—Requests the services of five salesmen between the ages of 19 and 25 years. Must have at least high school education. These men are to be known as Sherman Clay and Company's junior salesmen. See Mr. Shepard at Sherman Clay and Company, 130 South High street, Salem, for particulars.

**Teacher Ill**—Miss Katherine Knox, teacher of the fifth A and B classes at the McKinley school, is ill and probably will not be able to return to her school room work until next week.

**A Bedroom 16x20**—With two closets, dressing table and mirror built in, with this a living room 16x23, and three other nice rooms plus nook. This extra large 5 room home on beautiful view lot, extra large, must be sold. Located at 150 West Lef-felle street. The finest unobstructed view you have seen. Property cost \$3200 and \$7200 will take—Terms if desired. Immediate possession. Becke & Hendricks, 189 N. High street.

**William G. Miller Dies**—William G. Miller, 67, retired farmer, died at his home at 1417 North Liberty street, early yesterday morning. The cause of his death was heart trouble, his first attack coming a week ago. He is survived by his wife, Clara, three sons, Paul, post office clerk, Wendell of Portland and Ralph, who is employed in the office of the state industrial accident commission two daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Towne of Idaho and Jessie Miller of

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did live in that city and had been reported missing. His name is Bitney Ellington, son of prominent hotel proprietors of that city.

His parents came to Salem after their son yesterday afternoon and were glad everything turned out as it did.

No charges will be made against the little fellow, the bills against him being minor ones, which his parents have already paid.

## RAIL MERGER PLANS OF TWO LINES TOLD

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds Hearing At Washington D. C.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—(AP)—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads are willing to take in their operating system practically all of the short line railroad mileage in the northwest which now connects with their rails, it allowed to merge as they have planned, the interstate commerce commission was yesterday told by executives.

Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, testifying as the last witness in the protracted hearings over the merger proposal, told the commission that in order to guarantee the maintenance service over short line railroads in the territory which the merger occupies, the consolidation would take care of six out of seven small railroads concerned.

For the largest of these lines, the Minneapolis and St. Louis which operated 1600 miles of line with principal terminals in the twin cities, Mr. Budd said the northern company would undertake an outright purchase. As a price he suggested that the merger company pay to present owners of the Minneapolis and St. Louis securities bearing an annual interest charge of \$600,000, agreeing at the same time to maintain the railroads' headquarters in Minneapolis.

## MR. FALL WILLING TO TALK IN COURT

Headliner in Oil Scandal Expresses Reluctance To Tell Committee

EL PASO, Texas, March 21.—(AP)—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior and co-defendant with Harry F. Sinclair, wealthy oil man, in the Teapot Dome trial, stated tonight he was perfectly willing to tell all he knew about the Teapot Dome affair at the proper time and in the proper place.

"I am willing to tell all I know

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about the Teapot Dome case and everything connected with it at the proper time, in the proper place under the proper circumstances." Mr. Fall said. He stated that he considered the proper place for such testimony to be a court of law.

Interviewed tonight Mr. Fall reiterated that he had nothing to conceal in the Teapot Dome matter and declared that he believed the "only proper way to tell the facts is by deposition in view of the fact that I am a co-defendant with Mr. Sinclair in a case now pending in a high court."

"It seems that it would be improper and unfair for me to give testimony before a committee, asking questions of every sort, accompanied by newspaper men ready to spread it to the world," Mr. Fall declared. He was of the belief that such testimony on his part might be unfair to both himself and his co-defendant, Harry Sinclair.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Albert B. Fall who has maintained a sphinx-like silence for more than four years was asked today by the senate Teapot Dome committee whether he now is ready to tell all in connection with the naval oil leases and the Continental Trading company.

If the former interior secretary replies in the affirmative, as some reports have indicated he will, a sub-committee will leave immediately for El Paso, where he is ill—too ill, his physicians say, to come here for trial with Harry F. Sinclair on April 2 on a criminal conspiracy charge growing out of the Teapot Dome lease.

The committee telegraphed to Fall this evening on the basis of newspaper dispatches quoting him as saying he wanted the public to know the whole story because his physician had told him he had only a few months to live.

Informed of the purported interview with Fall, the senators who far weeks have been investigating the Liberty bond profits of the Continental Trading company were called together hurriedly and they discussed the situation for nearly two hours before coming to a decision.

Should Fall, who has been in ill health for years, decide to disclose the whole story about the oil leases and his connection with the Continental Liberty bonds, \$233,000 worth of which he received from Sinclair after the lease of the Teapot Dome some senators believe the senate will have reached the end of the longest investigation perhaps in its history.

During his trial with Sinclair which ended abruptly last November, Fall several times broke into the proceedings and it was currently reported at that time that he intended to take the stand and tell his story.

William E. Leahy, counsel for Fall in the oil trials, confirmed these reports tonight, saying that Fall had told him last November that he was ready to tell the whole story when called to the stand by either the government or the defense.

"Mr. Fall knew then that he had but a short time to live," Leahy said, "and he repeatedly expressed the intention of revealing all the details salient to the oil leases."

## BRIDGE PARTY HELD

MRS. CHARLES PURVINE HOSTESS AT ZENA AFFAIR.

ZENA, March 21.—(Special)—A delightful affair of last week Mrs. Charles Purvine and Mrs. J. F. Purvine at the lovely Zena

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## Colonel Lindbergh Given Medal of Highest Honor

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh today received from the hands of President Coolidge the highest recognition of personal achievement that the nation can bestow—the congressional medal of honor. In addition, he testified before two committees of congress, and then to round out a busy day, continued his role begun yesterday, of air pilot for members of congress and their families.

As early as 10 o'clock, Washingtonians anxious for a glimpse of the celebrated aviator, gathered at the White House grounds to witness the presentation of the medal. By noon more than 300 were on hand to be augmented by a large group of cabinet officers and other high government officials.

Attended by enthusiastic applause, Mr. Coolidge circled the aviator's head with the blue ribbon of the medal.

"I offer you my heartfelt congratulations," he said, adding that the medal was voted by congress for "heroic courage and great skill" displayed in the flight from New York to Paris. Colonel Lindbergh, he continued, had "not only achieved the greatest personal triumph of any American citizen, but had shown that transatlantic flying was possible."

A short while later another honor was added to the aviator's unrivalled list, when Secretary Davis of the war department presented Lindbergh with a special medal from the Ligue Aeronauteque of France. Accompanying it was a bound record of the transatlantic flight, containing the signatures of many prominent Frenchmen. It was known as the "Livre d'Or," or "book of gold."

Secretary Hoover, Secretary Wilbur and Postmaster General New in addition to Mr. Davis, represented the cabinet at the presentation. Vice President Dawes also was there as was Senator Curtis of Kansas and Robinson of Ar-

izona. Mrs. Charles Purvine, Baskets and vases of golden daffodils were prettily arranged about the spacious rooms. Three tables of bridge and one of mah-jongg were played during the afternoon. The hostesses served dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake.

The guest list included Mrs. L. Gibson, Mrs. W. N. Crawford, Mrs. Worth Henry, Mrs. Charles McCarter, Mrs. W. F. Crawford, Mrs. Clarence Merrick, Mrs. Roy E. Barker, Mrs. Mary B. Crawford, Mrs. L. Frank Matthews, Mrs. S. D. Crawford, Mrs. L. M. Purvine, Mrs. Phillip Patrick, Mrs. R. H. Scott, Mrs. R. C. Shepard, Mrs. Mary Jennings, Mrs. Seymour Wilson, Mrs. Jesse Walling, Mrs. J. J. Stratton and Miss Marjorie Walling.

Miss Dorothy Shepard was a guest over the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Shepard of Zena. Miss Shepard has resided in Portland for the past winter, with only occasional visits to Zena.

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## 35 SCOUTS ADVANCE AT COURT OF HONOR

Justice Harry Belt Presides At Session In Supreme Court Chamber

The Salem troops of Cascade Area Council, Boy Scouts of America convened in a formal court of honor Tuesday evening. The court was held in the state supreme court chambers and Justice Harry Belt presided. Chief Justice Rand of the state supreme court was a guest and sat on the bench with Justice Belt.

Thirty-five scouts were up for advancement and badges were conferred in the following ranks: second class, second class merit badges, first class, and first class merit badges. Two Eagle scouts, Maxey Langford of Troop 4 and Lewis Campbell of Troop 6 received bronze palms in recognition of at least five merit badges additional to those required for Eagle rank. The court personnel was as follows:

Judge of the court, Justice Harry Belt; clerk, the acting scout executive; herald, Maxey Langford; bugler, Milton Taylor; color bearers, Lewis Campbell, Arthur Fisher; color guards, Fred was the bridge party given by Edmundson, Ver non McQuaid; aide, William Trindle.

The following scouts received their badges.  
To second class rank: Chester Lanktree, Fred Rely, William Burrell, Howard Amend, Edmund Weisner, George Coover, Melvin Engel, Ross Clark, Ralph Clark, Bernard Lebold, Milo Matthews, Jay Myers, Earl Fox, Leo Pope.  
Second class merit badges: Chester Oppen, Arthur Oppen, Donald Chapel, George Gray, Buford Trough.

To first class: Chester Oppen. First class merit badges: Vicar Wagers, Fred Edmundson, Ray Rhoten, Vernon Bushnell, Roland Hardman, Philip Ferris, Ronald Miller, Milton Taylor, Maxey Langford, Jack Collins, Vernon McQuaid, Edward Burton, Lewis Nelson, William Campbell, Byron Peyton, Lewis Campbell, Parker Gies.  
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## OBITUARY

**Miller**  
At the home at 1417 North Liberty, early Wednesday, March 21, William G. Miller, survived by his wife, Clara E. Miller and the following children: Paul W., of Salem, Wendell L., of Portland; Jesse S. and Ralph, of Salem, and Mrs. Sylvia Towne, of Dietrich, Idaho. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 at Rigdon's Mortuary. Interment in Cityview cemetery.

**McKean**  
Mary E. McKean, 73, died at her residence near Corvallis, survived by her husband, L. C. McKean, the following sons, Leif, Frank and Charles, of Ennis, Montana, and the following daughters, Mrs. R. B. Britton, of Pontiac, Michigan, Mrs. Earl Koch, of Roseman, Montana, Mrs. Jack Northway and Mrs. Floyd Linton of Ennis, Montana, Mrs. Harry Wiles, of Salem, and Mrs. John Rothfoot, of Corvallis. Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m., Friday, March 23, in the chapel of the Clough-Houston company, formerly the Webb Funeral Parlors, Rev. Acheson will officiate. Interment City View cemetery.

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