

Building Activity in Salem Is Picking Up Rapidly, With March Permit Figures Already Beyond Those Reported for February Through the Health Demonstration, a Dairy and Food Inspector Is Made Available; City Should Take Advantage of Opportunity

# The Oregon Statesman

Weather forecast: Occasional rains; moderate temperature; strong southerly winds and occasional gales on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 60, minimum 47, river 5.2, rainfall .62, atmosphere cloudy, wind east.

The fact that a man has been bothered by no one does not prevent him from announcing that at the earnest solicitation of his many friends he has decided to run for office.—Oakland Tribune.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

### OFFER SERVICE OF DAIRY, FOOD OFFICIAL HERE

#### J. E. Blinkhorn Comes As Sanitation Worker for Health Demonstration

#### APPOINTMENT PROPOSED

#### Expert Comes Well Qualified For Work; Will Not Conflict With Duties of Present Sanitary Inspector

J. E. Blinkhorn has been secured by the health unit and will Monday begin his duties as the first sanitation officer for dairy and food work. Dr. William DeKleine, director of the Marion county child health demonstration announced yesterday. His official appointment as dairy and food inspector will be sought at the first opportunity from the city council and the county court. Dr. DeKleine said.

The appointment of Mr. Blinkhorn to this office is the culmination of efforts started more than two months ago by the health center to insure safe milk supplies and food conditions, especially with reference to that of the restaurants, for the people of Salem and of Marion county.

#### WIELD KNIFE, GUN UPON DEFENDANT

#### ACQUITTAL OF OFFICER BY JURY BRINGS ATTACK

#### Woman Relatives of Deceased Girl Determine to Avenge "Murder" Personally

COLUMBIA, Ala., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Two middle aged women, the mother and aunt of Miss Montebardo, took the law into their own hands today in a frenzied effort to kill the man they had accused of slaying their girl.

In a dramatic climax to the trial of Police Chief H. F. Blake, of Calera, Ala., for the murder of the girl, Mrs. Mabel Montebardo, 43, her mother and Miss Cecil Tibbs, 43, an aunt, leaped simultaneously upon the officer with pistol and hunting knife just as the foreman of the jury pronounced him guilty of the crime.

A wild shot fired by Mrs. Montebardo buried itself in the wall above the jury box. Miss Tibbs plunged the knife into Blake's neck and the officer fell, blood streaming from the wound.

The spectators became panic-stricken and fled for the doors. General Charles McCall of Alabama, who prosecuted Blake, jumped to the floor in a fit of rage.

Blake was taken to a hospital where physicians said he was in a "grave" condition.

The two women and A. H. Tibbs, their brother and uncle of Mrs. Montebardo, were arrested on charges of assault with intent to murder and taken to the Jefferson county jail at Birmingham "because of the crowded jail conditions at Columbia."

### LIGHT NOT SHED ON BARKER CASE

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS AWAITS REPORT

#### Matter of Insurance On Central Point Property Probed By Officials

Although representatives of his office have been investigating the affairs of the Pine Belt Banking company's bank at Butte Falls, Jackson county, A. A. Schram, state superintendent of banks, last night refused to make any statement in connection with the bank's closing, or possible reasons for the apparent suicide of George W. Barker, president, cashier and director of the institution. Mr. Barker's body was found in the timbered district a few miles from Butte Falls Thursday.

Mr. Schram said the books and other records of the bank were in charge of H. O. Voget and R. L. Orem, examiners for the state banking department, and that a report concerning the condition of the institution probably would be forthcoming within the next few days. The examiners expected to interview Mrs. Barker Thursday. Records showed that Mr. Barker carried insurance protecting the earnings of the bank against the misapplication of funds. At the time of Mr. Barker's disappearance Tuesday no investigation had been made by the state fire marshal in connection with a recent fire at Central Point which destroyed property in which Mr. Barker had taken out insurance in the amount of \$20,000. This was announced at the offices of the state fire marshal Thursday.

James Goodman, deputy state fire marshal, said that he and H. H. Pomeroy, arson investigator for the department, called on Mr. Barker at Butte Falls March 19, and talked with him concerning the insurance policies covering the loss. One of the policies had been reduced to \$10,000 at the request of the company which provided the protection.

Mr. Goodman said that one of the policies was payable to Mr. Barker, while the other policy was made payable to the bank. Mr. Barker was Butte Falls agent for both of the companies in which the insurance was written.

Mr. Barker had promised to go to Medford Tuesday night and discuss the fire with Mr. Goodman and Mr. Pomeroy, but failed to make an appearance.

The property covered by the insurance policies consisted of restaurant fixtures which were stored in a warehouse at Central Point. They were valued at \$3000.

#### FRISCO BRIDGE OPPOSED

#### Army and Navy Officials Both Argue Against Project

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The army and the navy turned their combined guns of argument today upon the proposal of San Francisco to bridge its bay near the center of the inner harbor.

In the hearing before the house interstate commerce committee, Admiral Charles F. Hughes, chief of naval operations, opposed the Welsh bill to authorize the city of San Francisco to build the bridge from Rincon Hill to Alameda.

Admiral Hughes declared that such a structure would be between a large part of the most sheltered deep water anchorage space of the navy, and would furnish the possibility of the entire fleet being bottled up in the harbor in war time.

The army, as represented by Major General Edgar Jadwin, chief of army engineers, also opposed the granting of a permit for the bridge above Hunter's Point, south of San Francisco, and below the deep water anchorage space for naval vessels.

#### N. Y. WELCOMES SINCLAIR

#### Teapot Dome Scandal Headliner O. K. with Racers There

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The jockey club, controlling power on the turf in New York today refused to support the action of the Maryland racing commission in barring Harry F. Sinclair because of his alleged connection with the oil scandal.

### SINCLAIR WILL GET SEPARATE TRIAL APRIL 4

#### Court Grants Albert Fall, Co-defendant, Respite Due To Illness

#### FRAUD CHARGES SIFTED

#### Final Steps in Teapot Dome National Oil Scandal Scheduled to be Taken at Washington Next Month

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Without the support of his co-defendant, the aged and ailing Albert B. Fall, Harry F. Sinclair must face trial alone here on April 4 on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government out of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve.

Justice Jennings Bailey so decided today in the District of Columbia supreme court indefinitely postponing the trial of the former interior secretary; severing the two cases and granting the lessee of Teapot Dome a two day delay instead of the two months he had sought.

Representing that Fall is a material witness in the case, Sinclair wanted a postponement so that the one-time cabinet officer and senator could be present.

#### KILLS SELF OVER LOVER

#### Suicide by Chicago Girl Laid to Extreme Despondency

CHICAGO, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Despondency caused by her love affair with Robert Preston, an itinerant newspaper man who represented himself to her as an English nobleman, is believed by Preston to have impelled Miss Ann Elizabeth Blayney, 22-year-old Chicago girl, to leap to her death from the 33rd floor balustrade of the Tribune tower yesterday.

An aunt and brother of the girl, said however, they were certain she did not brood over her affair with Preston.

The girl, a graduate of the University of Illinois, was identified today by a newspaper photograph. When shown the picture of the girl and told she had committed suicide, Preston, who is held in the county jail on charge of operating a confidence game, collapsed.

Later he told how he met Miss Blayney, how he took her to Hammond, Ind., on the pretense to marry her, how he convinced her he was an English nobleman and how she became broken hearted when she discovered he had a wife and child in Santa Barbara, Cal.

### START ON TOUR WITH 30 CENTS

#### WEST SALEM LADS OF 8 AND 10 WOULD SEE WORLD

#### Get as Far as Local Hotel, Then Taken In Tow by Police; Returned

Again last night the local police were confronted with a peculiar incident at the police station which was similar to the one two nights before. A call came in that two youngsters were at the Capitol hotel, wishing a place to lodge over night, which aroused the hotel manager's suspicion. Officer Louie Bergess was sent to the scene, and in a few minutes returned with two small boys.

The lads were clad in light clothes, one being barefoot. At the sight of the husky Sergeant Cutler, the younger of the two, whose age was 8 years, began to cry, but the other, aged 10, was very much content in the station. After much questioning by Sergeant Cutler, it was found that the two youngsters had left their homes in West Salem and had decided to make it through the world on their own feet, having gotten as far as the Capitol hotel, and planned to continue their journey in the morning. The older one had 25 cents in his possession and the younger one 5 cents, for which they thought to rent a room.

They gave their names as Harold Sherwood and Alvin Finn, living at the Kingwood apartments, West Salem. In due time their parents were located, who came and returned them to their respective homes. When asked if they were chewing 10 cents worth of gum, the older boy answered, "No, only 5 cents' worth."

#### GRAND OPERA, PORTLAND

#### Verdi's "Aida" Presented by Company in Auditorium

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The Chicago Civic Grand Opera company opened an engagement here tonight in Verdi's "Aida" with Rossini in the title part. Demand for tickets indicated capacity houses for four performances which are to be given here.

#### OPERA STARS WILL WED

#### Announcement of Engagement Made at Portland Yesterday

PORTLAND, March 22.—(AP)—Miss Harriett Lundgren, solo dancer and member of the ballet of the Chicago Civic Opera company, and Chase Baromeo, basso with the company, today announced their engagement to be married. The announcement was made upon the arrival of the company here to open the opera season tonight. No date was set for the wedding.

Baromeo is the son of C. S. Sikes of Detroit, Mich., vice president of the Pere Marquette railway and is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Miss Lundgren is the daughter of Mrs. Ida Lundgren of Chicago. She attended Northwestern university.

### HOOVER LAUDED IN OHIO ADDRESS

#### REPRESENTATIVE BURTON LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

#### Willis Opposed As Offering Nothing of Constructive Nature in Platform

CLEVELAND, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Picturing the life of Secretary Herbert Hoover as one of constructive effort from which the United States has reaped the benefit, Representative Theodore E. Burton of Ohio launched the Hoover speaking campaign in Ohio with an address here tonight. "His history contains a record of achievement that cannot be surpassed," Mr. Burton declared.

Senator Frank B. Willis, Hoover's opponent in the fight for Ohio delegates to the republican national convention, was denounced for "attempting to tear down the good name of the commerce secretary and at the same time offering nothing constructive in support of his own candidacy."

Answering charges of Senator Willis that the secretary of commerce is opposed to a protective tariff, Mr. Burton read a letter from Joseph W. Fordney, one of the authors of the Fordney-McCumber tariff act of 1922, in which Mr. Fordney said he "had a distinct recollection of Mr. Hoover's particular interest in the protective element of the bill."

Burton renewed the question of Hoover's attitude on agriculture by reading to his listeners a letter from Representative Charles J. Brand of Ohio written to Hoover for the position of secretary of agriculture. The communication dated Jan. 21, 1925, declared "I don't know of any one who fits the place as well as you."

#### CHAMPS MAY GO EAST

#### Sentiment Strong For Trip to Chicago by Washington

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The entry of the Washington high school basketball team, state champions, in the national tournament at Chicago will be determined by the school board at a meeting tomorrow. Sentiment among the followers of high school athletics in Portland favors the trip for the Colonials because of their showing in both the city league and in the state tournament.

### MELLON AGAIN UNDER ATTACK IN U. S. SENATE

#### Resolution To Ask Resignation Sidetracked After Heated Debate

#### PUT ON REGULAR SLATE

#### Vote Not to be Taken Until Later Date; Couzens Charges Corruption And Fraud in Treasury Department

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Supporters of Secretary Mellon in the senate today forced temporary sidetracking of the resolution of Senator Couzens, republican of Michigan, declaring for the resignation of the secretary after the Michigan senator had launched an attack on the cabinet member.

The resolution was moved to the calendar, where a separate motion and majority vote for consideration is necessary to get it up again, when senate rules automatically ended discussion after two hours and an effort to gain unanimous consent for an immediate vote failed.

The two hour debate brought a renewal by Couzens of his charges against the secretary, contained in the preamble of his resolution presented Tuesday, and a sturdy defense by Senator Reed, republican of Pennsylvania, a close personal friend of Mr. Mellon.

Senator Moses, republican of New Hampshire, got into the arena long enough to protest that the Couzens move was a continuation of a "personal feud" with the secretary. This went unanswered by Couzens who has fought the treasury on tax matters during much of Mr. Mellon's seven years administration.

Before the close of the senate's so-called "morning hour" at 2:00 o'clock forced an end to the discussion in favor of unfinished business, Senator Reed, Pennsylvania, moved to refer the resolution to the finance committee and announced he was ready for an immediate vote. Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, sought unanimous consent finally that the resolution go over until tomorrow without prejudice, but that proposal and another effort to go ahead with it today met with objection, and Senator Oddie, republican, Nevada, presiding officer at the time, sent the resolution to the calendar of business.

#### CONFISCATE MANY NETS

#### Fish Commission of This State Collects Total of 40

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The fish commission of Oregon is in possession of 40 set nets confiscated by two wardens since March 1 in the lower Columbia river, where the commission is attempting to halt violation of the present closed season against commercial fishing.

The nets were captured by W. A. Smith and Svend Larsen, deputy fish wardens. Smith took about 25 of them between Cathlamet and the mouth of the river, while Larsen took 15 between Cathlamet and Vancouver, Wash.

Confiscated nets are sold by the commission and bring from \$5 to \$15 each depending upon their condition. During the closed season last year the fish commission confiscated 160 nets.

#### HICKMAN RECEIVES STAY

#### Appeal Perfected in State Supreme Court; Delays Senec

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The execution of William Edward Hickman, set for April 27 was stayed automatically today when the state supreme court received the transcript of his appeal from his conviction for kidnapping and slaying 12-year old Marian Parker at Los Angeles.

San Quentin prison authorities were notified at once by the supreme court that the hearing on the appeal had been set for April 3, and that the decision could not be rendered for more than 30 days.

### HAWLEY FILES FOR NOMINATION

#### FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY MADE

#### Salem Man Forwards Declaration To Oregon Secretary of State Yesterday

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—(AP)—A Washington, D. C. dispatch to the Oregonian says Representative Willis C. Hawley of Salem today forwarded the formal declaration of his candidacy for renomination to Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Hawley's slogan on the



Willis C. Hawley

Oregon primary ballot will be the same he has used in previous campaigns. "No interests to serve but the public interests."

Representative Hawley is seeking his 12th term as a member of the lower house.

Representative Hawley's pledge states he will "diligently work for further waterway developments, early construction of Roosevelt highway, roads in national forests and other roads by increased appropriations, more public buildings and other improvements and purposes, having already secured over \$31,000,000 therefor and have over \$10,000,000 authorized by law and payable thereunder; tax reduction, development of natural resources, increased mail facilities, relief for farmers, improvement rural credit system, increased pensions, adjusted compensation, adequate provision for civil service employees, relief for counties, development of naval base, adequate protective tariff by early revision, every betterment possible for district and state and constructive legislative promoting peace, prosperity and public welfare."

#### MANY OFFICIALS FLY WITH LINDY

#### FLYER CHANGES RAPIDLY FROM ONE PLANE TO NEXT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh stayed on the ground just about long enough to jump from one plane to another, spending the rest of the time showing the sights of Washington to more than a hundred congressmen, members of their families and government officials.

The army's Fokker and the navy's Ford ship, both triple motored cabin models, together made nearly a score of trips with Lindbergh at the controls, carrying the legislators over the capitol, Arlington cemetery and the Washington monument.

Several thousand persons swarmed over the field, seeking by fair means or foul to be included in the list prepared by Assistant Secretary of Commerce MacCracken. The carnival spirit of the crowd was enhanced by the arrival of five bombing planes from Langley Field, Va., and maneuvers of other army and navy planes.

The flights went off without a hitch except that at one time Lindbergh's plane stuck in the mud while taking off. The passengers, among whom were Representatives Taber of New York, and Shallenberger, Nebraska, had to get out and walk, and the program was delayed for several minutes while mechanics gave the plane a shove.

The flyer will be kept busy tomorrow and Saturday taking up the legislators.

#### Green Is White In Statesman Of Today

Owing to a mistake, the green market section of The Statesman of this morning is printed on white paper. This section will be on green paper hereafter, as the mistake has been corrected; but too late for this issue.

### DAM DECLARED UNSAFE HOURS BEFORE BREAK

#### Whole West Side Saturated with Water Evening of Catastrophe

#### TESTIMONY PRESENTED

#### Evidence Continues to Pile Up Showing Poor Construction and Lack of Precautions At St. Francis

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 22.—(AP)—That employees of the city, working and living at the St. Francis power house in the canyon below the dam, realized on Monday evening before the dam burst that it was unsafe, that on that day they saw the whole west side of the canyon near the dam "saturated with water" and told one another "for God's sake get your family out," was testimony given late today at the coroner's inquest into the St. Francis dam disaster.

David Matthews of Newhall, a workman employed at the power house under the broken dam; Chester Smith, owner of a ranch in San Francisco; and Joe Nichols, Smith's tenant, were the witnesses who testified in choking voices to the fear of their lives that had been thrown into them by the sight of the water leaking out of the dam hillsides, not only one but two days, before the structure crashed down under its load. Smith indicated that he owed his escape from the disaster to the fact that his fears caused him to sleep in his barn, "and with the door open" that fateful night.

"Emotion Chokes Voice

"We thought it looked bad but we didn't realize that it was unsafe until Monday evening," Matthews testified, his voice choking.

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