

Weather forecast: Unsettled with showers in northwest portion; cooler; fresh northwest winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 47, minimum 39, river 10.5, rainfall .51, atmosphere cloudy, wind southeast.

The Oregon Statesman

An Ottawa man has invented a brake that will bring a car going sixty miles an hour to a dead stop in twenty feet. He is now working on a device to keep the driver from going through the windshield.—Ottawa (Kan.) Herald.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 28, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PAYNE ELECTED ACTING PASTOR FOR FULL YEAR

List of Officers As Suggested By Nominating Committee Accepted

FIVE DEACONS REMOVED

Vacancies Not Filled; Selection of Regular Pastor Not Attempted; Threat of Legal Action Mentioned

Robert Lee Payne was elected as acting pastor for the First Baptist church of Salem for one year, ending June 1, 1929, by a vote of 213 to 127 at last night's annual meeting of the church. Objections raised by members that this election had failed of a two-thirds majority, as is required for electing a pastor, were met by Mr. Payne in a statement that his election was only as acting pastor and not as a regular pastor. Mrs. Mark Skiff made the motion calling for this election.

Just previously, a complete slate of officers as suggested by the nominating committee, was declared elected by a vote of 180 to 161. These officers are understood to be all favorable to Mr. Payne. Attempts to make supplementary nominations from the floor were overridden by the passage of the motion to declare this list elected.

Vacancies Declared

Lates in the meeting the offices of five deacons were declared vacant by a vote of 175 to 130. These men, who would have been hold-over members of the board of deacons, were W. F. Foster, W. C. Pickens, D. R. Peterson, Earl Glegg and D. D. Socolofsky. The names were not filled.

Following are the new officers elected: Deacons—W. R. Slade, J. B. Cooley and E. J. Ayers. Trustees—F. A. Erlison, E. M.

FIRE INSURANCE RATE WAR SEEN

DEVIATIONS FILED BY SEVERAL OREGON FIRMS

Local Agents Believe Contest On Which Will Benefit Policy Holders

Deviations from fire insurance rates promulgated by the Oregon Insurance Rating bureau were filed in the state insurance department here Tuesday by J. C. Yeazle of Portland, on behalf of a large number of fire insurance companies operating in Oregon. Employees of the state insurance department said the deviations filed Tuesday meet the so-called deviation company rates now in effect in the state of Washington, and virtually are the same as those filed by a number of fire insurance companies in Oregon two years ago.

Chas. Lee, state insurance commissioner, said the deviations apply almost exclusively to preferred risks, and that any savings accruing, would benefit the larger insurer rather than the owner of small properties.

The law provides that the state insurance commissioner shall have 30 days in which to approve or reject the new deviations. It was indicated that some of the new deviations would not be acceptable to the insurance commissioner.

Virtually all of the fire insurance companies operating in Oregon would be affected by the new deviations, employees of the insurance department said.

Local insurance agencies expressed the opinion that the filing of the new deviations might result in a rate war which would prove beneficial to all classes of fire insurers.

MRS. BECKER UP AGAIN

Aged Woman Admits Guilt of Third Liquor Charge Faced

Another page was written in the multi-colored history of Theodora Becker of Gervais when she was arrested again yesterday for sale of intoxicating liquor. She just needed a little money to fix up a place and take in boarders, she told Justice of the Peace Brazier Small, so she fixed up another batch of wine.

She has been arrested twice before, and her husband twice before, all on the same charge. Both are elderly people, being in the seventies.

Mrs. Becker unhesitatingly entered a plea of guilty when arraigned in justice court yesterday, and tomorrow at 10 a. m. was set for trial. She spent last night in the county jail.

Southwest Washington's Caravan Welcomed Here

Greetings Brought By Hotel Men and Chambers of Commerce; Local Chamber and Cherrians, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Club Representatives Banquet

With representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Cherrians, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs and the Salem Ad club to welcome them, the Southwest Washington Hotel men and members of the Longview Chamber of Commerce were given a most enthusiastic reception at the dinner given last evening at the Marion Hotel.

Fred D. Thielsen, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided, calling upon several of the Salem representatives for short addresses of welcome.

HAWLEY FILING RECEIVED HERE

REPRESENTATIVE SEEKS RE-NOMINATION, ELECTION

Salem Resident Member of Congress 20 Years; Other Filings Made

W. C. Hawley of Salem, representative in congress from the first congressional district for more than 20 years, Tuesday filed with the secretary of state here his declaration of candidacy for reelection. Mr. Hawley is a republican.

"No interests to serve but the public interests," is the slogan which he desires printed after his name on the official ballot.

B. F. Swope of Independence, has filed for the republican nomination for representative in the 14th representative district, comprising Polk and Lincoln counties.

J. C. Johnson of Gold Beach would serve as district attorney for Curry county. He is a republican.

C. P. Trill of Medford, has filed for district attorney of Jackson county at the republican primary election.

Other declarations filed Tuesday follow: A. R. Hunter, La Grande, for democratic nomination for state senator for 21st district, comprising Union and Wallowa counties.

C. H. Oaman, Ontario, for republican nomination for representative in the legislature for the 17th district, comprising Malheur county.

George E. Allen, Baker, for democratic nomination for district attorney of Baker county.

Earl A. Nott, McMinnville, for democratic nomination for district attorney of Yamhill county.

E. W. Snell, Arlington, for republican nomination for representative in the legislature for the 28th district, comprising Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

TORNADO FATAL TO FIVE

Dozen Seriously Injured As Storm Sweeps Georgia Town

CANTON, Ga., March 27.—(AP)—A freak tornado which preceded a cold wave killed five persons and injured a score of others when it struck several dwelling houses in eastern Cherokee county last night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Millwood and two of their children were killed when the twister struck their farm home in Orange county. Four other members of the family were injured.

Mrs. Ossie Heath was killed at the home of Grady Fowler in Lathanham community, three miles from the Millwood home when the tornado demolished the place where a neighboring family had taken refuge. Sweeping from northwest to southeast, the storm spent its fury within a small area. It cut a swath through the forests but only razed five or six homes.

Twenty persons were said to be homeless.

LABOR WARFARE ENDED

Differences Patched Up in Controversy At Eugene

EUGENE, Mar. 27.—(AP)—Differences which arose recently over the employment of carpenters for construction of the new dormitory at the University of Oregon were amicably settled today when a conference was held by R. B. Hammond, of Hansen and Hammond, contractors, with B. W. Sleeman of the National Brotherhood of Carpenters, and J. E. Kindred, representative of the local union. Terms under which the men are to work will be in accordance with union practices here, it was said.

GERMANS DELAY FLIGHT

Aviators To Remain in Dublin Today Due To Storms

DUBLIN, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Early this morning it was stated that the German plane Bremen probably would not start for America today because of unfavorable weather reports. It was stated that Captain Horman Koehl and Arthur Spindler will sit side by side in the cockpit, each having a complete set of controls. They will keep their seats throughout the voyage but each will have a cushion behind his head so that he can snatch a few minutes sleep while his companion pilots the plane.

TEACHERS' PAY WILL INCREASE MORE RAPIDLY

Board Votes To Add \$45 First, Second, Third, Fifth and Tenth Year

FINANCES SAID BETTER

Greater Incentive to Remain In District's Service Offered Instructors at Superintendent's Suggestion

The oft discussed problem of increasing salaries of teachers in the Salem schools came to partial solution in action taken by the school board last night when it was voted that the instructors' pay should increase \$45 a year at the end of their first, second, third, fifth and tenth years of service in the district. Previously, it has been raised at the end of the first, second, third, eighth and 13th years.

The matter was brought before the board by Superintendent George W. Hug, who argued that this would give the instructors a goal to work toward and tend to keep the teaching staff permanent. After considerable discussion, the board unanimously voted in favor of the change which means a \$6555 increase in the yearly payroll for teachers.

Olinger Opposed Dr. H. H. Olinger, president of the board of education, did not favor the change, not because he did not believe in a raise in the teachers' salaries, but because the local schools need so much in the line of equipment and repairs, with no extra money coming in to finance any such program.

The wood contract for the city schools for the coming year was awarded to the Spaulding Lumber company. The wood is to be delivered to the various schools before August 1, in order to give it ample time to dry before it is put under cover. During the past years, the deliveries were not made until late in the fall, and consequently the schools were forced to use wet wood. There will be a penalty for late delivery.

New Course Talked There was also a little discussion of a new course of study for the city schools.

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BONNEY TRIAL STARTED

Defense Is That Complainant Used Harsh Words to Wife

A trial of A. A. Bonney for assault and battery upon the person of Herold Toelle began in justice court yesterday. It is expected to be concluded today.

The gist of Bonney's defense as recited before Justice of the Peace Brazier Small was that Toelle, a youth of about 18, used some harsh language to Bonney's wife, this language being the inspiration for an ensuing chastisement.

The alleged assault and battery took place on September 25. Toelle swore out the complaint shortly after that date.

Both live on route 1, a short distance east of Salem.

CULTURE CENTER IN SALEM LIKELY

SO SAYS WINIFRED BYRD, NOTED PIANIST

Musician Who Will Appear at Capitol Theater Addresses W. U. Chapel

Salem, and for that matter the entire northwest, has every opportunity to become a center of art and culture, especially in view of the natural beauty of the surroundings here, declared Winifred Byrd, noted pianist who is visiting at her former home here and who will present a recital at the Capitol theater Thursday evening. In addressing the Willamette university students at the chapel exercises Tuesday, Miss Byrd formerly attended Willamette.

While New York City is now the center of culture in the United States, artistic careers are at present especially handicapped by the tendency to commercialism, Miss Byrd said. Musicians and other artists are given preference more on the basis of the publicity, favorable or unfavorable, that they have received, than on their real merit. The radio and the vitaphone are also at present making life difficult for artists, as they keep people away from the concerts.

Miss Byrd declared that these factors will in time result in greater patronage for concerts, but added that conditions at present are so stringent that the better class of musicians are performing in the motion picture theaters, and even here their employment is being curtailed because of a "war" between these theaters and the vaudeville houses.

Two things that must be encouraged in America are folk music, community songs and similar programs, so that a nation of musicians may be built up; and the American composers, so that a typically American music may be achieved, Miss Byrd concluded.

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Northwest Suffers PORTLAND, Mar. 27.—(AP)—Streams in southern Oregon and northern California were running at flood stage today, but the damage point was believed to have been passed and surveys as to the extent of the damage caused by the recent storm that swept the coast were begun.

Lakeview, Ore., reported three days flood condition as the result of the down-pour with the Nevada, California and Oregon railroad tracks washed out in many places and trains operating 16 hours late. Highways were flooded in many places and the Lakeview-Klamath Falls road was badly damaged between Bly and Beatty.

Water pouring down from the nearby hills flooded the streets of Lakeview but no serious damage was caused. Clearing is being checked the spring run off.

Klamath Falls sent word that the county was slowly recovering from the effects of one of the worst rainstorms in recent years. Telephone lines have been repaired and power lines were again carrying their loads.

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ELECTION FIGHT LOOMS H. E. King Comes Out As Candidate For County Commissioner

The first fight for a Marion county office to appear this year loomed up yesterday when H. E. King of Silverton, route 3, filed as a candidate for county commissioner.

King asks to have put on the ballot opposite his name the slogan "Economy and Justice to All."

King's candidacy puts him in the running as opponent to John H. Porter, present commissioner who has filed for reelection. Commissioner James Smith still has one more year to serve before his term expires.

Mr. King is a farmer living near Victor Point.

FIRE DAMAGE \$500,000

Flames Do Tremendous Harm In Texas Town Yesterday

LUDDOCK, Texas, March 27.—(AP)—Fire thought to have originated at a tailor shop at Seagraves, 75 miles southwest of here in Gaines county was driven through practically the entire business district of the town of 1500, causing a loss and damage officially estimated at \$500,000. The stores carried practically no insurance.

COAST SECTION HARD HIT WHEN GALE KEEPS UP

Heavy Rainfall Accompanies Wind Causing Many Streams To Rise

SALEM LITTLE INJURED

Willamette Valley Section Passes Through Storm Without Serious Damage Due to Protected Location

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SEEK NEW WATERWAY

Canal Across Nicaragua Wanted To Connect Two Oceans

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—(AP)—A new canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific was urged today by Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, in support of his bill, introduced earlier, calling for construction of a canal across Nicaragua in Central America.

In addition to an immediate appropriation of \$10,000,000 to be used in survey work, the measure would authorize the secretary of the treasury to borrow \$200,000,000 on ten year redemption coupons to be used in construction of the canal, which would follow the San Juan river and the Lake of Nicaragua, connecting the Pacific ocean with the Caribbean sea.

On the senate floor this afternoon, the Tennesseean declared that the Panama canal had been outgrown and that shipping figures clearly demonstrated the need of another canal to shorten the sea haul between the oceans.

ENDURANCE FLIGHT TRIED

Fourth Attempt Being Made By Gene Shank of St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Mar. 27.—(AP)—Gene Shank, St. Paul aviator, hopped off tonight on his fourth attempt to set a world's endurance flight record.

He took the air at the St. Paul municipal airport and easily attained altitude with his light machine despite its load of 143 gallons of gasoline.

Shank expects to refuel from another plane some time tomorrow and hopes to stay up long enough to beat by one hour the world's mark of 23 hours 23 minutes, now held by German aviators.

MANY TURN OUT FOR INITIATION

TOWNSPEOPLE SHOW INTEREST IN LEGION ACTIVITY

State Commander and Other State Officers Speak at Armory Meeting

Pledging allegiance to "God and Country," 25 candidates were officially initiated into the membership of Capital Post No. 9 of the American Legion at the armory last night before a large gathering of Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and interested townspeople.

The initiation ceremony culminated a regular meeting of Capital Post to which the public had been invited. The candidates were conducted into the hall by the sergeant-at-arms and instructed in freedom, justice, democracy and loyalty by the first vice-commander, the second vice-commander, the past commander and the commander of Capital Post. The oath was administered by the chaplain who also explained the meaning of the American Legion emblem. The initiation team was composed of R. H. Malson, commander; Herman Brown, first vice-commander; W. L. Royal, second vice-commander; Irl S. McSherry, chaplain; Lyle Dunsmore, past commander and Mr. Williams, sergeant-at-arms.

Following the initiation ceremony George E. Love, state commander, gave a brief address in which he complimented Capital Post upon the splendid work done in the past. He spoke briefly of the need for an air port in Salem and of the general Legion program throughout the state.

Mayor T. A. Livesley was also present and complimented the local Post upon the work done for the community. He pledged his cooperation in an effort to secure an adequate airport for Salem stating that its need here was very apparent.

Preceding the initiation ceremony the regular business affairs of the Post were conducted and reports of committees made. Special attention was called to the service work being done and to the work of the airport committee.

Commander Malson, in introducing visitors mentioned the fact that the Capital Post was significantly honored in as much as for the first time during the year the following four state officials were in attendance at a post meeting together; George E. Love of Eugene, state commander; Irl S. McSherry of Salem, state vice-commander; Victor McKenzie of Salem, national executive committeeman and

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CITY OFFICIALS OFFER \$65,000 REWARD FUNDS

Charges Flung Back and Forth But Chicago Bombers Go Uncaptured

GANG PROTECTED, CLAIM

Senator Deenen Hurls Accusation At Political Enemies In Strong Statement Given Out at Washington

CHICAGO, Mar. 27.—(AP)—Bitter recriminations came tonight as the aftermath of the bombing last night of the homes of Charles S. Deenen, United States senator, and Judge John H. Swanson, candidate for the republican nomination for state's attorney.

Rewards totalling \$65,000 were offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bombers.

From Washington Senator Deenen, head of a strong republican faction in Chicago issued a statement asserting that "the bombing of my home is the work of organized and protected criminal classes of Chicago and Cook county in their desperate effort to retain political control of the city and county."

At the Swanson home the bomb exploded just as the judge drove into his garage, missing him but damaging the residence. He said he regarded it as an obvious attempt at assassination.

Political Motives Claimed "There is no doubt that the bomb was thrown by those whose criminal interests are opposing the election of an enemy to their political alliances," he said.

Robert E. Crowe, candidate for reelection as state's attorney and co-leader with Mayor William Hale Thompson of a powerful republican faction, offered a reward of

Four In Family Will Graduate ALL DIFFERENT AGES, BUT FINISHING TOGETHER

Albert, Charles, Helen and Lena Widick Among Outstanding Students

The senior class of the Salem high school holds a record unique to all its predecessors and which classes to come will probably find it hard to equal. Among the class membership are four students from one family, two brothers and two sisters. They are Albert, Charles, Helen and Lena Widick, children of C. F. Widick, 2466 Brooks avenue.

Twins, at least? Nope. Each of the four students Clark of different age, Helen being the youngest and Albert the oldest. Yet they all entered the senior high from Parrish junior high school and are finishing together.

The two girls are taking the college preparatory course offered by the school. Lena is rated among the best art students, while Helen shows proficiency in her English studies, their teachers report.

Charles and Albert entered the industrial art course, but before their senior year decided they would rather build for the future in a wider field than the vocational subject offered. Accordingly, they are now studying under the general course, and will have credits almost sufficient for college entrance, J. C. Nelson, principal, says.

One other name, White, appears four times on the senior roster, but in this the Widick case is reversed, and not one White bears relation, immediate at least, to the other.

The three names that so dominate telephone directories, et cetera, have found little favor in this year's class. There are only two, both boys, who bear the surname Smith. Jones and Brown are even less numerous, with one each.

There are three who answer to the present condition of Clark, though one of these is a Clarke. But the Widick record: it is probably as unique among other senior classes of the state for 1928 as it is in the annals of the local school.

Tomorrow Night The Winifred Byrd Concert

America's pianist—Salem's own artist. A few seats left. Call 69, Bligh's Capitol Theater, for reservations.



When William Hall was an orphan child in Lancaster, Mo., in the early sixties, a circus came to town, and everybody attended—all but Billy Hall. He made a resolution then, and he has kept it, never to let another child in that town suffer similarly. Today he is known as Colonel Billy, and every day is circus day in Lancaster—he has gradually purchased a large menagerie of circus animals. Colonel Billy is shown above, left. Above is Big Leo, a giant lion in Hall's collection, and below, an elephant tandem, a common sight in the town.