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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Weather forecast: Fair east and cloudy west portion; moderate temperature; fresh south wind on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 59, minimum 38, river 8, rainfall .04, atmosphere cloudy, wind southwest.

A New York woman gets a divorce because her husband left home without saying anything seven years ago and has not shown up since. Maybe he hasn't been able to find a parking place yet.

SECOND COUNTY CLUBS CONTEST GREAT SUCCESS

Mill City High School Chorus Wins, A. Broms of Stayton Ranks Next

ATTENDANCE INCREASES

Turner Glee Club Third, But Other Entries Deserve Consideration, Notable Reader from Union Hill Club

By Ralph Curtis
It will be a close contest when the winners of the four community club district events get together in the finals of the talent competition May 11 at the Elsinore; that was made evident last night when the second of these preliminary programs was given.

People who saw the first one a week before, went away with the feeling that the winners in that contest would undoubtedly have a walkaway in the finals; they didn't believe the other sections of the county could equal the showing made that night; but after seeing the second one, they changed their minds.

Attendance Grows
This does not mean that the second program was better than the first; that would be undiplomatic, not to say prejudicial in view of the fact that the winners of all of them will compete after a while and then the best will be selected; but it was a fine program and everybody enjoyed it. The attendance was slightly greater than that of a week ago.

Mill City First
The judges decided that the Mill City high school chorus won first place. This group, directed by Mrs. Ethel Hickey, presented thoughtfully mastered song and dance numbers, a musical comedy; they were a really costumed, and a winsome and charming group they were, too.

Second place went to A. Broms of Stayton, who sang the difficult and striking "Bandolero Sic" in

GRANGE'S STATE ELECTION TODAY

LOCAL MEMBERS WILL VOTE AT MEETING HERE

G. A. Palmer and M. S. Shrock Candidates For Master; Program Planned

Voting on candidates for officers of the state Grange will be a part of the program of business at the meeting of the Salem Grange this forenoon at 10 o'clock at the labor hall.

Candidates include:
For master, G. A. Palmer, Hood River county, and M. S. Shrock, Clackamas county.

For overseer, M. C. Glover, Clackamas county, and C. W. Craft, Washington county.

For lecturer, Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, Lane county, and Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, Polk county.

For secretary, Bertha J. Beck, Linn county.

For executive committee (three to be elected), H. E. Keeney, Jefferson county; C. H. Bailey, Douglas county; H. F. Warren, Linn county; Ray W. Gill, Multnomah county; W. R. Gekeler, Union county.

The lecturer of Salem Grange, E. A. Myers, has arranged the following program for today's meeting:
Song, "Old Glory," the Grange.
Reading, "The Farm Problem," S. H. Van Trump.

Reading, "Grandmother's Reason," Mrs. Gus Cole.

Vocal solo, Robert McGichrist, Reading, "Paul Revere's Ride," Mrs. S. H. Van Trump.

Stunt by the Grange.

Roll call, Oregon pioneer history or Indian legends.

WEATHER MAN VISITOR

Edward L. Wells Addresses Willamette University Chapel

That Salem experienced fair weather Friday, was attributed by some to the fact that the official weather man for Oregon, Edward L. Wells of Portland, was a visitor in this city and presumably brought the nice day along with him.

Mr. Wells was accompanied by Rev. C. B. Harrison, and both were on chapel program at Willamette university Friday forenoon, as members of the religious affairs committee of the university trustees.

In his address to the students, Mr. Wells declared that the present tendency to link practical affairs with religion is not the evil that some have pronounced it. He contended that religion, in order to survive, must take into account practical problems such as world peace and economic conditions.

STATE DEBATERS END WORLD TOUR

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON TRIO ARRIVES AT EUGENE

Thompson and McCroskey Reach Salem Last Night After Greetings at Eugene

EUGENE, Apr. 20.—(AP)—With the University's hand blaring a welcome, the University of Oregon's globe circling debaters, Jack Hempstead, Benoit McCroskey and Avery Thompson, ended their 35,000 mile talking trip at the Southern Pacific depot at 6:35 o'clock tonight amid the cheers of several hundred students and townspeople. The trio have completed the first American collegiate world debating tour.

Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the university, officially welcomed the debaters, declaring they had carried the Oregon spirit around the world in appropriate fashion. Two of the debaters, McCroskey and Thompson, boarded the train again after the 10-minute reception for their home at Salem. Hempstead, whose parents were here to meet him, remained in Eugene overnight.

The Oregon debaters participated in 34 debates on their trip, 17 in foreign countries and 17 in the United States. Of the 23 decision debates, they won 14 and lost 9. In the United States they won seven and lost five debates, the others being no-decision contests. They made about 70 public appearances besides the debates, visiting 20 countries and debating in 10.

N. Y. BROKER UNDER FIRE

Logan and Bryan Made Defendants In Suit at Portland

PORTLAND, Apr. 20.—(AP)—Logan and Bryan, New York, brokerage firm, eastern agents for Overbeck and Cooke company, Portland brokers now defendant, was made defendant in companion attachment proceeding suits filed today in circuit court by Arthur M. Welch and A. D. Christensen, through their attorney, seeking judgments totaling \$3922. Welch seeks to recover \$6078 and Christensen \$2844.

The complaints charge that Logan and Bryan had knowledge that the Overbeck and Cooke company was insolvent and had embezzled customers funds in large amounts. The firm, which recently cancelled its license in Oregon is accused by both plaintiffs in these cases of aiding and assisting Overbeck and Cooke in defrauding.

BROODER CAUSES FIRE

Two Garages and Chicken House Destroyed By Night Blaze

Fire believed to have been caused by a chicken brooder destroyed the two automobile garages and a chicken house located on an alley between Liberty and Commercial on Division street. Both buildings were brand new, but the garages were still vacant.

The fire was noticed by one of the officers in the district who immediately informed the fire department. Prompt service on the part of the department saved the many residences immediately surrounding the burning structures, which were well up in flames within a few minutes. Most of the chicks were destroyed by the fire and water of the engines.

CAL WITHDRAWS AGAIN

Massachusetts Republicans Asked Not to Vote For Him

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20.—(AP)—Request that his name be not proposed as a candidate for president in state primaries was made by President Coolidge today in a letter to Francis Trask, chairman of the Massachusetts republican state committee. Such action President Coolidge said, would be "embarrassing" to him and would tend to "compromise me and lend color to the misrepresentations that apparently are being made about myself and that President Coolidge is favorable to his name being entered in primaries.

MYSTERY HIDES DEATH

No Progress Made Toward Solving "Murder Love Triangle"

SPOKANE, April 20.—(AP)—After searching vainly for evidence to prove a "murder love triangle," or body robbery, police tonight admitted they had made no progress toward solving the mystery cloaking the death of James Shellman.

Shellman, a telephone company employe, was found on the Down River golf course this morning by two golfers. Seven cuts and stabs marked his face and neck, and one eye was blackened. Officers declared their belief that none of the wounds was mortal and that he had bled to death.

QUAKE FELT IN MEXICO

People Feel Nervous as Tremors Begin to Rock Earth

AGUILAN, Puebla, Mexico, April 20.—(AP)—A slight earthquake was felt here early this evening. There was no appreciable property damage but the residents are somewhat nervous.

PHOTOGRAPHER RETURNS WITH BREMEN STORY

First Eye Witness Reaches New York After Trip to Greenly Isle

CONDITIONS TOLD ABOUT

Every Effort Being Made to Prepare Machine For Continuation of Flight to Original Destination

NEW YORK, Apr. 20.—(AP)—All the energies of the crew of the transatlantic Bremen are now directed toward continuing the flight to New York.

Ray Fornstrom, Paramount News-Associated Press cameraman who was the first news reel man to reach Greenly Island, landed at Curtiss field today to tell of learning of the fliers' hopes at first hand.

The German members of the crew, who have waited on the island with their damaged ship, while Major Fitzmaurice went out to get them supplies, were said by the photographer to be far from bored on the island prison, being all eagerness at the thought of resuming their journey.

"We first saw them waiting for us on the ice as we circled before landing," said Fornstrom, who still wore his sub-arctic clothing and his sun glasses.

He was the first man to come by air from Greenly Island to New York as the Bremen crew hope to do next week.

They gave us a cordial greeting and drove us on a dog sled to see the Bremen, propped up, and with everything in readiness for replacing the broken parts when new ones are received. They showed us that if they had landed two feet beyond where they did they would not have hit the concrete wall which threw the plane on its nose.

Many Natives Present
The natives with the yapping dog teams, some of which had been driven from points 200 miles away, swarmed about their first movie camera as earlier they had about the first airplane at close range. They arrived daily and are promptly recruited to assist the Germans.

"Neither flier seemed to have any complaint to make and did not seem eager to discuss the difficulties they had met. 'Fine, fine,' they replied to all questions about their progress. Only when the baron was asked whether he would consider leaving his plane did he speak with sober determination. 'We started out for New York or Heaven and now we will go to New York and take the Bremen with us.'"

Baron in Good Health
Fornstrom said that the baron was thriving on the cooking of Mrs. Le Temple, wife of the lighthouse keeper, whose guests they are. Particularly does he like her raisin cake and insisted that some be served at the luncheon Fornstrom and his companions shared.

Both Germans sloop about the island through the mud and pools of water which form at midday, in the high rubber boots which are a part of the standard dress of everyone. These they borrowed on the island, but were wearing other

clothing when they were rescued.

The debate was on the repeal of the six per cent tax limitation amendment. The Albany team was composed of Arthur Potwin and Karl Gehlert. Miss Artie Appleton and Erwin Lauchlin constituted the Astoria team.

ALBANY WINS IN DEBATE

Astoria Team Defeated in Semi-final State Contest

ALBANY, ORE., Apr.—(AP)—Albany high school's debate team defeated Astoria's representatives here tonight in the semi-final state debate contest, gaining the western Oregon championship and the right to meet the eastern Oregon winner for the state title.

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ORDER MISTRIAL IN MURDER CASE

SENSATIONAL ASTORIA TRIAL TEMPORARILY ENDS

Prejudice Against Defendant Shown as Basis of Ruling; New Panel Called

ASTORIA, Apr. 20.—(AP)—Declaring a mistrial after he had sustained a charge of prejudice against the defense hurled at a juror, Judge G. R. Bagley of Hillsboro today temporarily ended the murder trial of George Hannula, 22, accused of slaying his wife, by discharging the jury and calling for a new panel Monday morning.

The dramatic close of the trial came late this afternoon when two witnesses testified that Emaley Houghton, the juror, had made remarks that he was prejudiced against Hannula and could not serve on the jury because of his biased opinion.

In dismissing the jury and declaring a mistrial, Judge Bagley declared that as long as there were any doubts relative to the integrity of the jury he could not allow the case to continue.

Houghton emphatically denied the statements attributed to him, but counsel for the defense introduced two affidavits in support of the motion for a mistrial.

OLD GENERAL PASSES ON

Last of Confederate War Leaders Dies At Age 88

WACO, Texas, Apr. 20.—(AP)—General Felix H. Robertson, last of the confederate generals, died here today. General Robertson, who was 88 years old, had been in failing health for more than a year.

As a reminder of the lost cause to which he gave five vigorous years of his youth, General Robertson bore with him to his death a deep wound on one arm, resulting from an engagement with Union soldiers in 1862.

The young soldier participated in the Kentucky raids as well as in the battles of Shiloh, Chattanooga, Murfreesborough, Fort Pickens and other major engagements.

DROWNS IN MUD FLATS

Sixty-Eight Year Old Tacomian Unable to Extricate Self

TACOMA, Wash., April 20.—(AP)—Unable to extricate himself after he had fallen, at low tide, head first into the mud bottom of the middle waterway near his home on the tide flats, George Wilhelm Anderson, 68, lost his life this afternoon.

Anderson who was so crippled from rheumatism that he could walk only with an effort, apparently fell from a wooden walk leading from his home to a shed, where he had gone to get a supply of wood. It was thought.

It is believed Anderson struggled when he was unable to free himself after plunging into the thick mire.

Police closed the affair with the seizure of the remnants of the still, two gallons of moonshine whiskey and a barrel of mash.

HOPS TO GREENLY TODAY

Ford Air Liner Takes Off at Six O'clock This Morning

MURRAY BAY, Que., Apr. 20.—(AP)—The Ford air liner which flew here today from Detroit, Mich., will take off at 6 a. m. tomorrow to fly to Greenly Island with fuel for the transatlantic airplane Bremen. The Detroit plane is piloted by Bernt Balchen and Floyd Bennett.

The time of the take off was announced tonight subject to weather conditions.

The rescue plane will carry 650 gallons of gasoline which will enable it to make the return trip to New York. In addition it is carrying 60 gallons of benzol for the Bremen which will be sufficient for that plane to make the trip to Murray Bay, the only place it will stop before proceeding to New York.

STAYTON PUPILS TAKE CONTESTS

WIN IN BOTH GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL DECLAMATION

Rupert Shaw and Don DeGood First; Many Districts of Country Enter

Entrants from the Stayton grade and high school took the gold medals for their respective divisions in the Marion county speaking contest held last night in the Eugene Field school auditorium at Silverton. William W. Fox, rural school supervisor, presided.

Rupert Shaw, using for his declamation "George's Cousin Willie," took first place in the grade division.

Don DeGood won the first award for high school entrants, delivering his own composition, "The Dial of Youth."

But two awards were made in each division, second place in the grade contest being won by Eva Nell Essen of Parkersville and his oration on Gladstone brought to Roger Comstock of Silverton the silver medal—token of second honors. Eva Nell Essen's declamation was "Dat Lettles Boy."

Rules of the contest allotted one entrant to each grade school and each high school. Twenty grade schools enrolled a representative, while but three high schools had entrants. All grade school entrants gave readings of their own selection and the high school orations were from the student's own composition.

Judges for the contests were all from Salem: Ralph Bailey, high school debate coach; Mrs. John Reed, housemother at one of the university sororities; Roy Harding, attorney for the state highway commission.

One of the largest crowds ever gathered for the annual county contest attended.

STILL BLOWS UP HOUSE

Illicit Operations Result in Catastrophe in Portland

PORTLAND, Apr. 20.—(AP)—Smoke was seen pouring from a home in a residential district here today. As neighbors stared, they were astonished to see four adults and three children leave the dwelling, crowd into a small coupe, and drive away. The neighbors then called the fire department.

Arrival of firemen cleared the mystery as to why the house was so hastily abandoned with no attempt made to rescue property from the flames. The fire had been caused by explosion of a whiskey still.

Police closed the affair with the seizure of the remnants of the still, two gallons of moonshine whiskey and a barrel of mash.

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NATIONALISTS PUSH BACK ALL NORTH ARMIES

Victorious Forces From South Take 32,000 Prisoners, 32 Cannon

PEKING DRIVE IMMINENT

Japanese Marines Rushed Into Shantung to Protect Lives and Property As Chinese War Progresses

SHANGHAI, April 20.—(AP)—Smashing their way through the northern armies in southern Shantung, the forces of Chiang Kai-shek, nationalist commander in chief, and Feng Yu-hsiang, his ally, have been making their way steadily through the province of Shantung in a concerted drive on Peking, the historic northern capital.

Advices from Peking state that 550 Japanese marines have been landed at Tsingtao to protect the lives and property of Japanese in Shantung. The reappearance of the Japanese force already had been proclaimed since the sending of troops to Shantung.

Recording an advance beyond Yenchowfu, the headquarters of Chiang Kai-shek, today announced the capture of Kufowhsien, birthplace of Confucius and a strategic center at which Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang have formed a junction for a combined drive on Peking.

Captures Listed
National headquarters claim the capture of 32,000 prisoners, 32 field guns, 18,000 rifles and 6,000 machine guns.

Advices from Tsingtao say that martial law has been proclaimed there and ships have been forbidden to enter or leave the port at night. There are now five American destroyers at Tsingtao, the Hulbert, Noa, Sicard, Pruitt and Preble.

While Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the northern dictator, is reported from Peking to have refrained from sending reinforcements into Shantung, he is said to be massing his troops on the Shantung-Chihli border on both sides of the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

Army Wiped Out
All reports received in Shanghai indicate that the Shantung defense army of 50,000 men under the northern General Sun Chuan-fang has been wiped out in bitter fighting with the nationalists during the last week.

The nationalist occupation of Yenchowfu in southern Shantung has cut Sun Chuan-fang off from the forces of Marshal Chang Teung-chang, chief northern general in the field, who also has suffered heavy losses.

Advices received in Shanghai say that corruption is rife in the northern ranks and that the seventh army of the northerners has gone over en masse to the nationalists while there have been other defections.

Japanese reports from Tsinan, capital of Shantung, suggest that the nationalists vanguards yesterday were approaching the Tianshan hills overlooking Tsinan, which is a treaty city. This suggestion is borne out by the announcement of the British and American consuls general in Tsinan advising their nationals to leave the place.

The fact that the fighting zone is moving toward it.

Martial Law In Force
Martial law has been proclaimed at Tsingtao and ships have been forbidden to enter or leave the port at night.

The American destroyers Hulbert, Noa, Sicard, Pruitt and Preble are now at Tsingtao, but there are no British warships there.

Peking is reported calm and official circles say there is no evidence of disturbance.

BEAUTY SPOT IN RUINS

Valley of Roses in Bulgaria Turned Into Vast Waste

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 20.—(AP)—The valley of roses near Philippopolis, one of the beauty spots of Europe, has been turned into a sandy waste, say reports of Monday's earthquake. Subterranean waters bursting through the surface or gushing from hillsides have washed layers of sand into the valley and obliterated thousands of rose bushes.

Lowden Takes Illinois
Wartime Governor Carries Own State For Nomination

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 20.—(AP)—Frank O. Lowden, Illinois wartime governor, was named as the Republican state convention's choice for the presidential nomination here late today. Delegates were instructed "to bring about" his nomination.

PRISON BREAK'S DEATHS REPAID

WILLOS AND KELLEY EXECUTED; FACE DEATH QUIETLY

Older Man Goes First; Makes No Remarks; Willos Defiant to Last

Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos paid the supreme penalty at the state penitentiary early yesterday morning for the part they played in the slaying of Milton Holman and John Sweeney, guards who were killed during the escape from the state prison here August 1925. Both declared up to the last minute that they were innocent of murder having killed neither of the guards.

The first to be received in the death chamber was Kelley, who followed Father Thomas V. Keenan up the 13 steps unassisted. He mounted the trap door promptly at 8:30 and dropped through at 8:31. Twelve minutes later he was pronounced dead by Dr. R. L. Edwards. He said nothing after entering the chamber, but was continually chewing gum. He was 32 years old.

Puffing a cigarette and walking without any signs of emotions, Willos entered the chamber about 10 minutes later, also being preceded by Father Keenan. While walking up the 13 steps, he looked down at the half hundred spectators standing below.

"Well, I hope that you are all satisfied," were his last words as the black cap was pulled over his face. The trap was sprung at 8:53 and he was pronounced dead at 9:05. He was 30 years of age.

Both men were well dressed. Kelley was attired in a gray suit with blue line stripes, a white shirt and a purple and red striped necktie. His shiny black hair was neatly cut and combed, clean shaven, and he seemed to have complete control of himself. His face was pale, probably due to the long confinement in the prison.

Willos wore a brown suit with a white shirt, neatly pressed, a white shirt tie, and his collar unbuttoned. He was also smoothly shaven and had a neat haircut. He appeared to be the more nervous of the two, but managed to control himself.

A short time before his death, newspapermen gathered around Kelley who was confined in a cell adjoining the death chamber, asking if he had anything to say. He replied that he had nothing to say for himself, but would answer any questions they wished to ask concerning the crime or trial. Just before the newspaper group left the room, he declared that he had never committed a murder and never had been guilty of a major crime.

"What's this? A newspaper convention?" uttered Willos when the group of reporters approached his cell. "It looks as though every paper in the country is represented," he continued.

When asked if he had anything to say to the newspaper reporters, he declared that he did.

"I'm as good a citizen and as innocent a man as ever walked onto the scaffold," he replied in a quivering tone of voice.

There has been much said on both sides of the story and I declare that I have not had a fair trial, just being shanked through. There has been a great misunderstanding in my way of looking at it. I only hope that in the future people will look into these affairs more closely and discover the real cause of men being in this place," he continued.

Again he declared that he had never killed a man. Father Keenan declared that Willos had expected to escape the noose up to the last minute, and that he was sincere in believing that his life should not be taken for the part he played in the escape.

Father Keenan remained with the two men at the prison until 1:00 o'clock in the morning. Just before his march to the death chamber Kelley requested the priest to go to Willos asking to forgive him if there was anything between them. His request was granted and Willos sent back word that there was no ill feeling. Kelley refused to accept any faith, but requested Father Keenan to accompany him to the scaffold as a friend. Willos accepted the Christian Science faith but also requested Father Keenan to accompany him on his final journey.

The condemned men got up at 5 o'clock and sent in an order for breakfast which consisted of eggs, toast, coffee, fruit, and bacon. Each ate a hearty meal, but appeared to become more nervous as the execution time drew near.

Willos' brother from the east accompanied by Mrs. L. V. Goode of Portland, spent the greater part of Thursday with the condemned man. His brother arrived a short time ago to make a last effort for the communication of Willos' sentence to life in prison.

Kelley spent the larger part of the day before in converse with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelley. They talked in the presence of prison guards.

About 50 persons witnessed the execution, most of these newspapermen, prison officials and police officers. After all was over prison officials, hardened by the witnessing of the many executions, declared it to be a "fine clean cut job."

Both men were scheduled to

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STATE WINNER IN FISH WHEEL COURT APPEAL

Case Against Oregon Is Thrown Out at Washington D. C., Yesterday

JURISDICTION REFUSED

Supreme Justices Take Attitude That Washington Must Be Party to Controversy Along Columbia River

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20.—(AP)—The United States supreme court indicated today that it would not

certain no attacks upon the Oregon law prohibiting fish wheels and drag seines on its side of the Columbia river, unless the attacks were brought by the state of Washington.

This attitude was disclosed when W. B. McCord, as counsel for P. J. McGowan and sons, Inc., sought to have the law set aside and as a violation of the compact between the two states, under which they were authorized by congress to regulate fishing upon the Columbia river, and as unconstitutional.

Under questions from the court, particularly by Justices Vandenberg and McReynolds, McCord stressed violation of compact as his main ground for complaint, contending that Oregon had no right to enact and enforce a law regulating fishing on the Columbia river except with the expressed consent of Washington.

He admitted in reply to inquiries that Washington is not a party to the suit, but stated that the attorney general of the state had joined him in his brief, and had written a letter stating that the controversy was of such great importance that the state of Washington was hopeful that a decision would be rendered as to what it could do in the way of enforcing terms of the contract which specified that no changes

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SINCLAIR'S TRIAL DRAWS TO CLOSE

FINAL ARGUMENT MADE TO JURY BY COUNSEL

Justice Jennings Bailey Will Read Charge to Jurors Early This Morning

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Six hours of