

# The Oregon Statesman

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Weather forecast: Generally fair; frosts on east and south portions in the morning; moderate winds becoming southerly on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 64, minimum 35, river 6, rainfall none, atmosphere clear, wind northwest.

The word "interpreting" has been coined by a local reporter, to take its place alongside "irregardless," "agriculturalist" and a host of other "utilitarianistic" expressions.

## NOBILE STARTS WITH DIRIGIBLE ACROSS ARCTIC

### First Lap Begun When Vessel Speeds on Way Toward Spitzbergen

## PROGRAM AMBITIOUS ONE

Numerous Trips to be Made Exploring Large Areas Around North Pole; Plans Carry Well Into Summer

STOLP, Germany, May 3.—(Thursday)—General Umberto Nobile began his second attempt to fly across the north pole at 3:20 o'clock this morning. With the assistance of 200 cavalry men the dirigible Italia was dragged from its hangar here and started on its way to Spitzbergen on the first lap of the arctic flight.

The start, originally set for Wednesday morning, was postponed because of bad weather and was decided on for this morning only shortly after midnight when weather conditions improved and news of the supply ship Citta di Milano's arrival at Spitzbergen was received.

As the cavalry men pulled the ship from its hangar onto the flying field giant searchlights were focused on her silver sides and it seemed as if every detail of its construction was bathed in sunlight, although dawn was still hours away.

General Nobile, holding a megaphone in his hand, alternately issued commands and talked with his wife and daughter as the ship was drawn into the open. Once clear of the hangar, however, he bade them an affectionate farewell and entered the gondola.

Italy, seemed for a minute uncertain whether to stay with her mistress or join her master, but she finally decided and jumped into the gondola.

Cheers Mark Ascent  
The Italia ascended rapidly while spectators cheered. The searchlights outlined it for a minute as it headed northward but the next moment it was swallowed in darkness, and shortly even its motors could not be heard.

It is 1700 miles from Stolp to Spitzbergen and the Italia has a cruising speed of 62 miles an hour. An appreciable distance will be cut from the first lap of the arctic flight.

## MARSHFIELD MAN HEADS STUDENTS

## ANNUAL ELECTION HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dorothy Baker of Salem loses Close Race for Editorship of Year Book

EUGENE, May 2.—(AP)—Joe McKeown, Marshfield, was elected president of the associated students of the University of Oregon here today, winning from Lester Johnson of Portland. McKeown polled 1094 votes to 869 for Johnson. The vote was the largest ever cast at a student body election here.

Arden X. Pangborn, of Portland was chosen editor of the Emerald, student daily. He won from Walter Coover, Portland 1293 to 664. Editorship of the Oregon student year book, was won by Marlton Sten, St. Helens, who received 1191 votes to 743 for Dorothy Baker, Salem.

Other officers elected were Arthur Anderson, Portland, vice-president; and Helen Webster, Portland, secretary.

## ANGLO-EGYPTIAN CRISIS AVERTED

### BRITISH BATTLESHIPS RECALLED BY ORDER

Native Legislature Backs Down Completely On Issue of Assemblies Bill

LONDON, May 2.—(AP)—The Anglo-Egyptian crisis is ended and orders to the British fleet to proceed to Alexandria have been countermanded. The question at issue between the two governments was the public assemblies bill, already passed by the Egyptian chamber and before the senate. This measure would permit assemblies in public places without police interference unless actual disorders occurred.

Great Britain demanded the withdrawal of this bill, delivering an ultimatum to Naha Pasha, the Egyptian premier, setting a time limit of three days—expiring tonight—for compliance.

The Egyptian government postponed action on the bill until next November and explained the difficulties of interfering with the legislature in such matters but expressed the conviction that an amicable settlement would be reached.

The British note warned that if the assemblies bill is revived or new measures introduced with the same dangerous features, the British government will be obliged to intervene again to prevent their enactment.

Despite the fumings of extremists in Cairo it is believed that little more will be heard of the assemblies bill there. Egypt's reply to the ultimatum was a long document, the gist of which was an argument that the constitutional government had no power to violate constitutional principles by withdrawing a bill approved by parliament but that in its ardent desire to reach an understanding the senate had consented to postpone action on the measure.

## LOCKHART, BETTS NAMED

### Secretary and Second Vice President Complete W. U. Officers

Election of Miss Beatrice Lockhart as secretary and Reeve Betts as second vice president, completes the list of officers of the Willamette university student body for next year.

Miss Lockhart, whose home is in Hillsboro, won from Miss Beulah Wampler in the final election Wednesday after a majority had been lacking in last week's election. In a similar race Mr. Betts, whose home is at Athena, won from Ivan White of Salem.

The officers previously chosen are Kenneth Litchfield, president; William Smullin, Collegian editor; Jean White, first vice president; George Poor, Wallula editor.

## SAY PEKING THREATENED

### Southern Nationalist Forces Believed Closing On City

LONDON, May 2.—(AP)—The nationalist forces apparently are closing in on Peking. Even though hampered by bad roads and some show of defense by the northerners, they not only have occupied Tsinan, capital of Shantung province, but according to advices from Peking, have driven the northern defenders back in the province of Shansi.

## Parliamentary Dispute Leaves House in Uproar

### Representatives Take Vote and Find to Surprise That Equalization Fee Provision May Have Been Cut Out of McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Measure

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—The house by a vote of 141 to 120 today expressed its disapproval of the equalization fee provisions of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill and then engaged in its most heated parliamentary dispute in years as to just what it had voted on.

## WET TENDENCY IN DEMOCRATIC BALLOT SHOWN

### Prohibition Issue Looms Up When Bourbons Lean Toward Al Smith

## HOOVER CAMP PLEASED

Turnout for Secretary of Commerce Unexpectedly Strong, More Than Twice All Other Votes Combined

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—(AP)—The prohibition issue in California stood out in clear aspect today as a result of the state's presidential preference primary.

Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, a wet candidate, swept the democratic field yesterday and obtained more votes than the combined totals of his two party opponents, one an avowed dry and the other who made a campaign in "purity in politics." Smith captured 26 delegates votes for the Houston convention.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana was the avowed dry, who was supported by William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, and the Anti-Saloon league and other prohibition forces.

Reed Ignores Issue  
Dismissing the prohibition question, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri made a campaign throughout California and called on the democrats to "oust the scoundrels in Washington for the oil scandals and restore purity in politics."

Smith ballots buried Reed and Walsh and the New York governor received approximately 30,000 more votes than the combined totals of his two democratic opponents.

The vote from 8090 precincts of the 3753 in California gave Smith 132,006; Reed 57,586; Walsh 45,572.

The republicans had only one candidate for the party's 29 delegates, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover received a heavy vote, rolling up 548,978 ballots in the 3090 precincts. His supporters declared the heavy vote cast for Hoover was remarkable in view of the fact that he had no opposition.

Hoover Strengthened  
As the nation watched California, Hoover's vote in this state will add materially to his increasing political power, his followers declared.

An interesting angle of the prohibition situation was the fact that Daniel A. Poling of New York, prohibition party candidate, sought to withdraw from the California primary. His request was received too late, the ballots had been printed, and Poling received 30 delegate votes.

A development of the election today was the proposal of forming a third party ticket if Governor Smith is nominated at Houston.

The proposal was advanced by Wilbur Legette, California manager for Senator Reed. Legette telegraphed from Los Angeles to Joseph Daniels, former secretary (Continued on page 5.)

## STATE BUILDING APPEAL REVISED

### WRIT OF ERROR FIRST CLAIMED FOUND PASSE

Lumber Company Starts New Effort to Prevent Construction Here

The Eastern and Western Lumber company of Portland Wednesday appealed to the United States supreme court the suit involving construction of a state office building in Salem at a cost of \$600,000. The money necessary for building operations was to be borrowed from the state industrial accident commission.

The lumber corporation attacked the proposal on the grounds that the constitution prohibits the state from contracting an obligation in excess of \$50,000, unless such obligation was approved by the voters. It further was contended that the state had no legal right to use trust funds for improvements.

Both the circuit court for Marion county and the state supreme court held for the state. The state board of control was named defendant in the suit.

This is the second appeal filed in the national supreme court by the plaintiff in this case. It had at first attempted to appeal on a writ of error, but learned that an congress had recently passed an act abolishing appeals by that procedure.

## D. A. R. MEMBERS RESIGN

### Activities of Organization Declared Unpatriotic

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 2.—(AP)—Mrs. Joseph Whitney, widow of the late Judge Edwin B. Whitney and Mrs. William Lyon Phelps, wife of Professor Phelps of Yale today resigned from the Daughters of American Revolution. In a statement, referring to the recent troubles in the organization, she said that it was "time to resign to protest our patriotism."

Mrs. Whitney has been active for many years in women's politics and is an alderman. Mrs. Phelps has been active in the Colonial Dames and the League of Women Voters.

The general statement which Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Phelps signed, explanatory of their resignations, follows in part: "The undersigned are American citizens by birth and ancestry; we revere the principles for which our forefathers fought in the revolution and support the constitution, which is the guarantee of our liberty, and therefore we are unable to keep our membership in an organization which by action of its national conference is politically striking at the roots of American custom and contrary to the spirit of the first amendment of the constitution which it has sworn to uphold."

## STATE DEFICIT GROWING

### Will Be Overcome Soon, But Build Up to High Mark Later

The net deficit of the general fund of the state on May 1 was \$437,848.24, according to a report prepared here Wednesday by the state treasurer.

The deficit will be overcome during the latter part of May through partial receipt of the first half of the state taxes. The total amount due by June 1 will be \$2,730,635.75, comprising \$1,877,323.42 for general state purposes, \$562,208.27 for market roads and \$281,104.06 for the World war veterans state aid sinking fund.

The state treasurer predicted that the deficit at the close of the present year would be two or three times as large as at present. This will be due to a falling off of miscellaneous revenue during the next few months and an increase in expenses due to capital outlays.

The total cash in the state treasury on May 1, 1928, was \$3,384,819.61, as compared with \$6,136,667.33 on May 1, 1927. Industrial accident and World war veterans state aid sinking fund investments total \$19,351,731.41 as against \$8,449,316.26 a year ago.

## NEW SEA HOP PLANNED

### Spanish Army Flyers to Make Flight to Havana

SEVILLE, Spain, May 2.—(AP)—The Spanish army aviators Jimenez and Iglesias probably will leave at dawn Sunday, May 6, on an attempted non-stop flight to Havana, Cuba, it was learned here today.

The aviators are considering two routes one along the northern coast which would take them over Newfoundland and the other to the south, over the Canary Islands and thence to the Antilles.

## POISON MURDER PLOT EXPOSED

### DEATH OF PORTLAND FAMILY BARELY AVERTED

Materials Found In Breakfast Food and Sugar Would Have Killed 50 Persons

PORTLAND, May 2.—(AP)—Police here today delved futilely into the mazes of a suspected murder plot and a barely-averted tragedy in which four lives were at stake.

The police action resulted from the discovery by the city chemist of poison in sufficient quantity, he said to kill 50 persons, in breakfast food and sugar in the home of J. M. Karo, merchant.

Death's shadow hovered over the Karo home as the family sat at breakfast. "Mother, this mush tastes bitter," said Freda Karo, 13, as she began to eat. The mouthful of oat meal had not been swallowed. The mother tasted it and found it unaccountably bitter. She warned Freda and Ruth, 9, and later called the city chemist. He disclosed the food was so poisoned that a spoonful would surely kill.

Karo was not at the table, as he had left for his shop an hour or so before. None of the family could advance the slightest reason why a murder attempt should have been made. The chemist found two kinds of poison had been mixed in the food. Each is deadly and equally virulent.

## REPORT TERRIFIC BLAST

### Trees Declared Uprooted Three Miles From Explosion

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, May 2.—(AP)—So great was the explosion which destroyed the La Luz mine in the Prinzapolka district a few days ago, that trees more than a mile away were uprooted and felled, according to the story told here by the cashier at the mine, Mr. Brown. Having seen the rebels approaching Brown had hidden in the brush to await their departure when the terrific blast which destroyed the workings occurred.

Assistant Manager Johnson of the mine in telling of the explosion today said that all 25 cases of dynamite kept there had been used for a blast, which destroyed machinery, the mine's mill, mine houses, and offices. Parts of the machinery were found as far as 300 yards away, he said.

According to Johnson, George B. Marshall, another assistant manager at the mine and a New Yorker, was taken prisoner by the rebels at General Augustine Sando's orders and sent to the rebel leaders headquarters, supposedly somewhere to the north. What has happened to him there is not known.

The Bonanza mine, to the north also was blown up, but the damage there was not so extensive.

## RAND PROBE ON FRIDAY

### Committee to Investigate Charges Made by Joseph

PORTLAND, May 2.—(AP)—Investigation of charges made by George W. Joseph against John L. Rand, chief justice of the Oregon supreme court, will be opened Friday at 9:30 a. m. at the courthouse here by the committee appointed by Lawrence T. Harris, former associate justice.

The scope of the investigation will be confined to the charges made by Joseph in his open letter to Judge Rand, published in the Portland Telegram April 19. The committee has sent letters to both Judge Rand and Joseph, with the request to give information bearing on the charges.

A meeting of the committee on investigation was held today at which time the members outlined the scope of the hearing.

Extraneous matters, not directly connected with the accusations of Joseph are to be disregarded by the committee and the hearing will be limited to the points involved.

## 200 KIWANIS COMING

### Division Conference Here Friday Will Bring Many Visitors

Between 200 and 350 Kiwanians will be in Salem Friday for the division conference, it was predicted last night by Dr. Henry Morris, lieutenant governor of this division. No. 7. Clubs attending will include those of Corvallis, Albany, Dallas, McMinnville, Tillamook, Oregon City and Salem.

Governor Fred Syverson of the Northwest Pacific district, from Spokane, will be the principal speaker. The business meeting will be held at Nelson hall from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and the banquet will be at the Marion hotel in the evening.

## M. E. ELEMENTS OF MODERNISM CAPTURE MEET

### Fundamentalist Move Shunted Aside by Overwhelming Majority

## STAND HELD SIGNIFICANT

General Conference Takes One of Most Vital Steps in History of Methodist Church; Bast Case Goes On

KANSAS CITY, May 2.—(AP)—Shunting aside by the overwhelming vote of 10 to 1 an attempt to embroil it in a discussion of fundamentalism and modernism, the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today took what was generally regarded as its most significant stand on the issue in the church's history.

A resolution presented by Rev. Harold Paul Sloan of Haddonfield, N. J., an outstanding fundamentalist, calling for appointment of a committee of 15 to investigate the advance of modernistic theories in many church fields, met a sharp rebuke from the conference.

Mr. Sloan was speedily stopped from any discussion and his resolution was not even permitted to reach a committee. It was adjudged out of order and thrown out of the convention floor.

The "rough probe" asked of the New Jersey minister declared that charges of a widespread disloyalty to the articles of religion which embraces the Deity, virgin birth and the second coming, were supported by detailed evidence and asked a thorough investigation.

Mr. Sloan was undaunted by the action and announced he had just begun the fight. Bishops and ministerial delegates generally regarded today's action as final however and freely predicted that all attempts to get the matter on the floor would be headed off with dispatch.

Within an hour after the peppy fundamentalist foray, the board of bishops in their Episcopal or keynote address had reported to the conference in substance that every advance in scientific knowledge is to the glory of God and the preacher is not called upon to criticize the scientist.

Acrimony in Pulpit Hit  
"If the preacher assumes to answer every adversary of Christianity he will make the place a battlefield instead of a sheepfold," the bishops reported.

"You have the right to insist and expect that the preacher will be intellectually and spiritually loyal to his task but you must not attempt to fetter him either with the bonds of an arrogant mechanical philosophy, or with those of a despotic traditionalism."

The conference approved the selection by the chairman of the standing committees and the conference secretary of a court of 17 ministers to hear charges against Bishop Anton Bast of Copenhagen. (Continued on page 3.)

## WALTON CHOSEN NEW SECRETARY

### WOMAN, NATIVE OF SALEM, GOVERNOR'S AIDE

Succeeds Hal E. Hoss; Has Been Acting Secretary Since His Resignation

Appointment of Miss Beatrice Walton as private secretary to Governor Patterson was announced Wednesday. She succeeds Hal E. Hoss, who resigned March 1 to enter the contest for secretary of state.

Miss Walton entered the employ of the executive department as chief stenographer at the time Governor Patterson assumed office on January 8, 1927. Since the retirement of Mr. Hoss she has served as acting secretary.

Miss Walton was born in Salem where she attended the public schools. She graduated from the Salem high school and later attended Mills College at Oakland, Calif. Upon returning to Oregon she taught school at Astoria for two years. She afterward accepted the position of secretary of the state educational department. Miss Walton continued to serve in this capacity until early in January, 1927.

By virtue of her appointment as secretary to the governor, Miss Walton will serve as ex-officio member of the state parole board. She is a member of the Salem Business Women's association.

Miss Walton is a daughter of Mrs. James Walton. Her father, the late Judge James Walton was a prominent pioneer resident of this section of the state. Friends of Miss Walton said she was exceptionally well qualified to handle the duties of her office.

## BOYD SAID IMPROVING

### Man Injured When Cycle Hit Car Not Yet Out of Danger

Larry Boyd, who was injured in a motorcycle and automobile collision Friday night and who has since been in a semi-conscious state, is reported to be improving during the past two days. He is in the Salem general hospital. The extent of his injuries has not been fully diagnosed and will not be known until he becomes conscious. He received a severe blow on his forehead, when he was hurled from his machine to the pavement, and attending doctors believe that his skull is fractured. Even though recovery are still slim.

Boyd was injured when the motorcycle which he was operating crashed into the rear of a large sedan east of Salem early Friday evening when he was on his way to the state hospital. Harold Frink who was also on the cycle at the time escaped with minor injuries to his hands and legs.

## MAY DAY GIFTS PLENTY

### Fair Sized Menagerie Born on Farm All in Short Time

ST. HELENS, Ore., May 2.—(AP)—A litter of eight kittens, two flocks of young chicks, and two calves were nature's May-Day present to J. E. Doughty on his farm near here. The kittens came early in the morning, the hens led their broods out about noon, and the twin calves were born in the afternoon.

## Ten Railroads Attack Ruling of Commission

### State Public Service Body's Stand on Transit Shipment Made Object of Suit in Court at Portland; Restraining Order Sought to Prevent Enforcement

PORTLAND, May 2.—(AP)—Attacking the transit shipment ruling of the Oregon public service commission, suit was filed in federal district court here today by 10 railroads seeking a temporary injunction restraining the enforcement of orders of the commission relative to rates to be applied upon such shipments.

The plaintiff companies contend that under the rulings they are subject to a multiplicity of suits, penalty under the state law, and a general loss of revenue. The effect of such ruling the complaint says, is confiscation of property by the state without due process of law, and the suit is therefore brought on constitutional grounds.

Plaintiffs are: Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, Oregon Short Line railroad company, Southern Pacific company, Spokane, Portland and Seattle, United Railways company, Portland Electric Power company

## REPORT WAITED SECOND SURVEY OF WILLAMETTE

### Army Engineers Believed to Be Considering Deeper Channel Favorably

## \$35,000 NOW AVAILABLE

Senator McNary Wires Latest Developments; Colonel Lukesch Now Busy Compiling Data Asked Recently

The report of Lieutenant Colonel G. R. Lukesch on proposed improvements in the Willamette river between Salem and Oregon City, which when completed will provide an all year boating stage from Salem to Portland, will be submitted to the army engineers at Portland within a short time, according to word received by the Salem chamber of commerce Wednesday from Senator C. L. McNary.

The telegram disclosed the fact that Colonel Lukesch, who is district engineer for the war department at Portland, was ordered on April 3 to make a new survey of the portion of the river involved in this program.

Favorable Indication  
This is taken locally as a favorable indication pointing to the probability that the plea made at the hearing here February 1 for a deeper channel that was at first proposed, will be considered if the new survey shows this to be feasible.

There is available for work on this section of the river this year, \$35,000, Senator McNary mentioned in his telegram to the chamber of commerce.

Want Deeper Channel  
The original survey was made in accordance with an act of congress passed in January, 1927. After the survey was made, the recommendation was advanced that wing dams be constructed providing for a 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 foot channel.

At the hearing here February 1, at which the chamber of commerce was principally instrumental in marshaling facts and argument in support of the proposed navigation development, speakers acquainted with navigation (Continued on page 4.)

## HEALTH PARADE INVITATION OUT

### WORKERS FROM ALL OVER STATE WISH TO ATTEND

Event Here Will be Model for Similar Demonstrations Elsewhere

Interest in the second annual county-wide honor roll parade to be held here Saturday morning has been evidenced by a number of health workers and child educators over the state, and in order that they might plan to see the parade this year, a number of special invitations have just been sent to interested persons.

Particular inquiry into the monster parade has come from Jackson, Yamhill and Lane counties, all of which have studied the Marion county undertaking with a view to patterning a similar event for their own counties. Jackson and Yamhill county schools will hold their first honor roll march this year.

Invitations to the parade of 1910 heralds of health have been sent to: Miss Beth Konkel, executive secretary of the Lane county Public Health association, Eugene; Robert Krohn, director of physical education, administration department, Portland; E. H. Whitney, assistant superintendent of schools, Portland; Mrs. Jessamine C. Williams, head department of foods and nutrition, OSC, Corvallis; Miss Ruth E. Glasgow, director of physical education for women, OSC, Corvallis; Dr. Helen Cary, school physician, Portland; Miss Jean Besley, Oregon Tuberculosis association, Portland; Miss Pauline Kaudson, supervisor school nurses, Portland; Miss Laura Taylor, director physical education, Manasseth Normal; Dr. John H. Boyard, dean of physical education, University of Oregon, Eugene; Dean M. Ellwood, school of basic arts and science, OSC, Corvallis; E. S. Duncan, superintendent Yamhill county schools, McMinnville; Miss Nina Brown, Yamhill county nurse, McMinnville; Miss Sallie Orr Dunbar, Oregon Tuberculosis association, Port (Continued on page 4.)