

Weather forecast: Fair in east and north; cloudy in west; probably rain in northwest portion; normal temperature; moderate southerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 68, minimum 36, river 5.6, rainfall none, atmosphere cloudy, wind west.

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MAY WEEK END AT WILLAMETTE OPENS AT NOON

Student Lunch, With Salem High Seniors as Guests, First Event

CORONATION TO FOLLOW

Governor Patterson Will Place Crown on Queen Virginia's Head; Spring Pageant Will Be Spectacular

With weather conditions ideal, Willamette university at noon today will inaugurate one of the most successful May Week ends in its history, according to advance indications.

The annual student lunch on the open campus and the ringing of the old victory bell at high noon; will launch the festivities with hundreds of students, alumni, and visitors swarming the new turf to enjoy lunch together and honor the guests of the day, the seniors of Salem high school.

Coronation at 1:15, the coronation program will begin on the lawn of the supreme court building, where an open air court room and a throne of ivy and blossoms constitute the state.

The address of welcome by Charles Redding, retiring president of the student body, precedes the pageant, and then a wicket gate swing open to admit the royal procession. The customary line of march will follow.

The variety male quartet will lead down the green, singing "Make Way" and two little girls will follow, scattering roses in the path of the queen. Her Majesty Virginia Merle Crites and her two maids, Phoebe Smith and Genevieve Junk, then two little pages, and the court party of 40 senior girls, is the formation of the company.

LUMBER DEALER DINNER ENJOYED

The Johns-Manville corporation is now represented in Salem by Hansen & Liljequist, 562 Mill street. This company was host at a dinner last evening at the Marion hotel which was attended by representatives of the building trades of Salem, Corvallis, Stayton, Sublimity, Hubbard, Monmouth, and Dallas, representatives of the Johns-Manville Corporation of Portland, Seattle and San Francisco.

BRIDGE TO BE DEMANDED

High Street Property Owners Will Memorialize Council

Owners of business property on High street will present a petition to the city council in the near future, demanding that the city government carry out its original program of bridge construction. It was decided at a meeting held at the Grand theater last night.

QUEER FISH UPON COAST

Cannon Beach Reports Myriad of Weird Sea Animals

DeMolays Numbering 800 To Attend Conclave Here

Record Attendance Forecast by Size of Delegation Arriving Thursday; Registration at Chamber of Commerce This Morning, First Session in Afternoon

Hundreds of DeMolay boys from every part of the state have been pouring into the city in a steady stream since yesterday noon, to attend the annual state DeMolay conclave which will be held in this city today and tomorrow. All delegates will register at 8 o'clock this morning in the chamber of commerce rooms, which are the conclave headquarters.

FRUIT FREIGHT RATE ATTACKED

Discrimination in Favor of California Seen

Shippers and Utility Commissioners Preparing Complaint to Be Filed

Fruit shippers and utilities commissioners of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, meeting here Thursday, took steps looking toward the filing of a complaint alleging excess freight rates on deciduous fruit shipments east, and demanding that the shippers of the northwest be placed on a parity with those of California.

The complaint will be completed at an adjourned meeting to be held in Portland today, and later will be filed with the interstate commerce commission. It will ask for a joint hearing. If this is granted the investigation by the commission will be under the Hoch-Smith resolution relating to general rate reductions.

Apples, pears, and all other deciduous fruits are involved in the complaint.

Besides members of the Oregon public service commission and its attorney, W. P. Ellis, the following attended the conference:

Rawles Moore, Medford, representing the Rogue river valley fruit district; P. L. Tompkins, Hood River, president of the Hood River Traffic association; J. M. Thompson, member of the Idaho utilities commission; Samuel Newton, rate expert for the Idaho commission.

FUNDAMENTALIST ACTIVE

Dr. Harold Paul Sloan Sets Up Headquarters to Fight

KANSAS CITY, May 3.—(AP)—Undaunted by his failure yesterday to force the modernist-fundamentalist dispute onto the floor of the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here, Dr. Harold Paul Sloan, of Haddonfield, N. J., has set up fundamentalist headquarters adjacent to convention hall.

MORROW READS IN BED

MEXICO CITY, May 3.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, ordered to remain in bed by his physician today, seized the opportunity like a boy excused from school and propped up in bed, pored over detective stories from dawn to dark.

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CHINESE ARMY CLASHES WITH JAPS; KILL 46

Serious Fight Develops Between Foreign Element and Nationalists

NUMEROUS CIVILIANS DIE

International Situation Becomes Acute; Attacking Forces Believed to Have Sustained Heavy Losses

TOKYO, May 4.—(Friday)—Forty six Japanese soldiers and many Japanese civilians have been killed according to Japanese wireless reports from Tsinan, the capital of Shantung province.

The report said that the trouble was abating and that the Japanese commander in touch with General Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the nationalists, was hopeful of the early restoration of order.

It was stated that other foreigners beside their own nationals were being protected by the Japanese troops and hence it was assumed that Americans remaining in the city were inside the protecting cordon.

Chinese Losses Heavy

The latest casualty report was that six Japanese officers and 40 men had been killed besides many wounded. No estimate was made of Chinese casualties but they were believed to be heavy.

The massacre of the Japanese civilians was said to have taken place east of the city. Although the report was hopeful that the worst of the trouble was over, it was noted that some Chinese loot remained within the international settlement.

MARION PIONEER DIES

John Whitman, 59, Resident Here Since 1872

INDEPENDENCE, May 3.—(Special)—John Whitman, 59, resident of Marion county since 1872, passed away here yesterday having been brought here from his home at Sidney. He was born in Ohio but came to Oregon while still an infant.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Addie J. Fritz and Mrs. A. M. Hansen, and a son Claude. Funeral services will be in the M. E. church of Buena Vista Saturday at 2 p. m. Interment will be in the Buena Vista cemetery.

QUEEN VIRGINIA AND ATTENDANTS



Coronation ceremonies on the supreme court building lawn this afternoon will be the center of interest in the opening of Willamette university's annual May week end festivities. Queen Virginia Merle Crites, in the center, at the right, Miss Genevieve Junk and at the left, Miss Phoebe Smith, her attendants.

FOURTH TALENT EVENT TONIGHT

COMMUNITY CLUBS IN NORTH END OF COUNTY VIE

Special Interest Because of Large Musical Organizations Entered

The fourth Marion county community club talent contest will be held at the Elsinore theater tonight. F. L. Johnson, president of the Hubbard commercial club, will have charge of the program for the evening. Dr. P. O. Riley of Hubbard, president of the county federation of community clubs, arranged the program, which will be as follows:

Aurora, an act by eighth graders.
Brooks, vocal selection, Mrs. Nellie Ramp.
Donald, feature, "Just Home Fargo."
Polo, the Filipino musician.
Gervais, high school specialty.
Hubbard, community band, ages 10 to 60, with eight dancing cloths.
Monitor, Grieg chorus, 35 members.
Mt. Angel, boys' band of 58 pieces.
Silverton Hills, Zella Parrish in vocal selection.
Woodburn, the high school glee club.

The judges this evening will be Chas. R. Archer, Fred B. Thielson and George L. Arbuckle.

The prizes will be given by Bishop's Clothing Store. They will be \$10 for the first, \$5 for the second and \$2.50 for the third.

There will be special violin and piano music during the time the judges are rendering their decision. There will be community singing, with the songs on the screen.

The show, "The Enemy," will begin at 8:45. The talent concert will begin at 8:45. The Hubbard band will play on the street before the entertainment begins.

The finale will be a week from tonight, the 11th, when the grand prize of \$50, \$25 and \$10 will be awarded, the contestants being the first and second prize winners in the four contests going before.

It is expected that the north end of the county, participating tonight, will contribute to the bringing of a packed house, with standing room only.

ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES

Motorcycle Crash Last Friday Night Fatal to Larry Boyd

Larry Boyd, 24, died last night about midnight at the Salem general hospital, from injuries sustained when his motorcycle crashed into the rear of an automobile driven by G. W. Lumen at the four corners east of Salem last Friday night.

He is survived by his wife, Elvora, and his mother; Mrs. Charles Connors. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

NEW DORMITORY AT OSP

Plan of Partially Overcoming Congestion Worked Out

Construction of a new dormitory at the state penitentiary to accommodate the rapidly increasing population, was reported by Henry Meyers, superintendent, at a meeting of the state board of control Thursday.

JAIL BREAKER REPEATS

Jack Traversa Leaves Third Time

EUGENE, May 3.—(AP)—Jack Traversa, who has been implicated in two attempted jail breaks at the Lane county jail within the past few months, made a successful attempt tonight as he was being locked up for the night. He was in jail for possession of liquor.

HOUSE PASSES M'NARY'S BILL FEE IDEA KEPT

Farm Relief Measure Approved in Lower Branch of Congress

FINAL VOTE 204 TO 121

Senate Expected to Concur in Slight Modifications; Veto by President Coolidge Regarded as Likely

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—The house tonight passed the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill incorporating the disputed equalization fee provisions.

The vote on final passage of the McNary-Haugen bill was 204 to 121.

Final passage came after republican leaders and some democrats had failed in strenuous efforts to strip from the bill the equalization fee, to which President Coolidge has objected. A last minute effort to that end failed when the house defeated 185 to 146, and effort to substitute a bill by Rep. Aswell, democrat, Louisiana, for the McNary-Haugen measure. Aswell's bill was like the other with the exception of the fee.

On the final vote the group opposed to the fee were unable to sustain the point vote yesterday when they succeeded in carrying a motion expressing opposition to this provision. The farm bloc rebuilt its shattered lines and today held the whip hand through hours of voting, rejecting all amendments except those acceptable to Chairman Haugen of the agriculture committee, in charge of the bill.

Consideration of the measure in the house was enlivened frequently with injection of reference to the possible political aspects of the farm relief question, the presidential aspirations of Frank O. Lowden of Illinois and Vice President Dawes being drawn into the debate.

Since Mr. Coolidge vetoed the bill a year ago the farm bloc contends that all provisions objected to by the president with the exception of the equalization fee have been eliminated.

The president, however, is known to be bitterly opposed to this provision and in view of this prediction have been made that he will again veto the measure.

DEATH SUMMONS EDITOR IN CHIEF OF PORTLAND MORNING NEWS

Death today ended the career of Edgar B. Piper, for the past eighteen years editor in chief of the Morning Oregonian. He died at his home here at 3:10 o'clock this afternoon after having been ill health for several weeks. Death resulted from complications following a heart attack more than one year ago. He was 63 years old.

WELL KNOWN IN SALEM

Deceased Man at One Time Was City Editor of Oregon Statesman; Graduated From Wagon in 1886

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His family was at his bedside. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Constance, and three sons, Edgar Eugene, John and David.

Mr. Piper was born in Warsaw, Indiana, February 25, 1865, and in 1876 the family moved to Albany, Ore. The father did not quickly prosper in his practice of law and when 13 years old, Edgar Piper found employment in the "State Rights Democrat" of Albany. He was in the language of the fourth estate, a "printer's devil." He was helper to the journeyman who repaid him by teaching him their craft.

CANSE TO CONFERENCE

Memorial Regarding Jason Lee Centenary of Interest Here

Dr. John Martin Canse, president of Kimball School of Theology will leave Monday morning for Kansas City, Mo., where he will attend the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which is being held there all this month. He will also attend the educational anniversary on May 10.

GOOD MUSIC WEEK NEXT

Mayor Issues Proclamation; Service Clubs to Observe

NOBILE REACHING NORTHERN GOAL

ITALIAN DIRIGIBLE MAKES GOOD PROGRESS ON TRIP

Commander Sends Radio Messages Indicating Early Arrival at Vadsoe, Norway

OSLO, May 4.—(Friday)—(AP)—The radio station at Vadsoe received a message from General Umberto Nobile, commander of the dirigible Italia, at 4:30 a. m. today stating that he hoped to arrive at Vadsoe at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The weather was good.

OSLO, Norway, May 3.—(AP)—Everything was in readiness tonight at Vadsoe, in northernmost Norway, for the expected arrival of the dirigible Italia between four and six a. m. tomorrow. The crew of a government steamer and troops will assist in the landing operations.

The weather was good with a light breeze. Reports from Bear Island and Spitzbergen, to which the craft will fly after refueling at Vadsoe, also were favorable.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 3.—(AP)—The dirigible Italia, in command of General Umberto Nobile, noted arctic explorer and carrying Italy's hopes of notable discoveries in the arctic region passed over Sweden today and in the early evening was reported to the southwest of Vasa, on the gulf of Bothnia.

The Italia set out from Stolp, Germany, at 3:20 a. m., bound for Kings Bay, Spitzbergen. General Nobile has with him a crew of 16 and his fox terrier mascot, Titiana which has been with him to the north pole before.

Throughout the entire journey thus far to the north the expedition has been favored with beautiful weather. The Italia glided up the east coast of Sweden and circled over Stockholm just before noon. Great crowds of people cheered the huge dirigible as she sailed splendidly, escorted by ten Swedish military planes. Then she turned to the west to permit one of the men aboard, the Finn, Malgren, to drop a note to his mother residing at Appelviken.

On the return flight to Stockholm General Nobile passed over. (Continued on page 5.)

LIVESLEY BACKS AIRPORT BONDS

MAYOR URGES SUPPORT FOR \$50,000 ISSUE

Will Be Out of City Until After Election, Disclosed in Statement

For the reason that he will be out of the city during the final days of the primary election campaign, Mayor T. A. Livesley Thursday issued a statement urging the voters to support the airport bond issue amendment. It follows:

"To the voters of the city of Salem: "As I am contemplating leaving for a month's trip throughout the east, it will not be possible for me to be here during the coming election on May eighteenth.

"Recalling prior to my election two years ago, the proposal for a \$950,000.00 bond issue for bridges, sewers and incinerator and the wonderful response from the voters at that time, I feel that it is my duty to impress upon the people the importance of the bond issue of not to exceed \$50,000.00 for an airport to be established in Salem.

"I fully believe that it is just as essential that we have this airport at the earliest possible date and of the class that will attract the planes for mail and passenger business and put Salem on the direct route and I further think that the city should own the airport. While it will not be a paying proposition on the start, within a reasonable time it should be self-supporting.

"I sincerely trust that the people will give this a very careful study, believing that if they do they will see the necessity of it. "Yours very truly, "T. A. LIVESLEY, Mayor."

PRUNE CROP NOT HURT

At Least Not at Cottage Farm, Reports Dr. Steiner

The prune crop at the Cottage farm, operated in connection with the Oregon state hospital, was not damaged by the recent rains, according to a report filed with the board of control Thursday by Dr. R. B. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the institution.

Dr. Steiner predicted that the 1928 crop would be larger than that of a year ago.