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And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him. Mark 1:12-13.

PROGRESSIVE SALEM

The airport is carried by an overwhelming majority— And the news is broadcasted to the country that Salem is placed on the air map— Put there in capital letters, as becomes the capital of the state—

For this means that this city is to have the roomiest airport in Oregon, where the largest ships of the air may land in safety and take off with the smallest liability to accident; with the amplest leeway and freedom from obstructions.

And the Salem airport will have all the standard equipments prescribed by the federal regulations. It will have the proper beacons day and night. The bird men aloft over the vicinity of Salem will be able to easily find the landing place here.

The vote of yesterday means that the city gets behind a bond issue of \$50,000; that the people of Salem have voted the credit of the city to that extent—

But it does not mean any additional tax— For the income of the airport from various sources will, under good management, pay the interest charges on the bonds and will retire the issue.

Salem is very fortunate in being able to secure a splendid airport site, with the cooperation of the state of Oregon. The state will have the perpetual use of the airport for the accommodation of its aircraft for every department.

The people of Salem are to be congratulated upon this forward step in city building.

THE NARCOTIC NUISANCE

The joint narcotic commission of Oregon and California, created by the last legislature for the purpose of making a study of the narcotic situation on this coast and making recommendations to the next session of the legislature, has been conducting an extensive survey of the narcotic drug situation in the eight Pacific slope states.

"After a very careful study of the narcotic drug situation primarily in Oregon, Washington and California, we have learned the following facts obtained from physicians, police officers and police records: There are not less than 7000 addicts in the eight Pacific slope states, 4000 of which are in California, 600 in Oregon, and about 1000 in Washington. These addicts expend not less than \$18,000,000 each year for drugs, supplied by drug peddlers. The drug peddler gets his supply by smuggling at the rate of from \$10 to \$24 an ounce. He sells the same at the prevailing price of \$1.00 per grain. Considerable of these drugs are diluted about 25 per cent, netting the drug peddler from \$350 to \$500 an ounce. On account of the enormous profit there has grown up on this coast a very highly organized and highly financed drug ring. We also find that the narcotic laws of the various states are entirely inadequate. There is no coordination of the narcotic forces in a united effort against this evil. There is great need for a united action up and down the coast in order to effectively cope with the drug ring. The commission is preparing a strong code of narcotic laws, which we hope will be enacted into law in all of the states on this coast alike, which will also create the necessary machinery for a vigorous enforcement of the same; thus tying up the whole illicit drug trade on the entire coast and making it impossible for the drug peddler or the addict to be chased from one state to the other as far as the effectiveness of the law is concerned. The commission has come to the conclusion that this is imperative as the first step in an effective coastwide campaign.

"The commission finds also that none of the states of this coast makes provision for the proper medical treatment of addicts. There are at present between 1000 and 1500 addicts in the jails and prisons of these states. Some of them have been committed as often as a dozen times. The commission in California is proposing to secure an appropriation in the next session of the legislature to buy a large farm, upon which will be built sanitariums to which these drug addicts may be committed for proper care, treatment and isolation."

The Narcotic Commission in Oregon consists of Hon. J. E. Dunne, chairman; Hon. J. O. Bailey, and W. J. Herwig, secretary.

Farm production in the United States in the five years from 1922 to 1926, inclusive, was about 14 per cent greater than in the five previous years, though the population of the country increased less than 9 per cent. Moreover, this notable increase occurred despite a decline in the area in crops and the number of livestock and also in the number of persons engaged in agriculture. Better farming methods account for this, with the greater use of machinery on the land. The danger of overpopulation sounded by Malthus is a long way off, for the United States and for the world. That is, it will be a long time before the country and the world will have more people than can be fed.

Mr. Mott made a very good campaign and a very good run. But Mr. Hawley will have, in the final count, a majority of some 10,000 votes—about the same victory he scored over Norblad two years ago.

Now watch the students of aviation increase in numbers in Salem, and the payrolls of the aircraft industries, too. We will

THE OLD HOME TOWN



be building air planes before long. Salem will be an aircraft industry center.

Salem is air minded. Her vision is as high as the sky, but her feet are on the ground.

Congratulations to the winners. And may the losers show the virtues of good sportmanship.

Two Known Killed When Tornado Sweeps South

DALLAS, Texas, May 18.—(AP)—Two men were known to be dead and seven persons injured in Oklahoma and widespread property loss which might amount to \$500,000 was reported from various portions of the southwest as a result of storms yesterday and last night. Some storm center still were cut off from outside communication by destroyed telephone and telegraph lines and motorists who got through flooded highways gave mots of the authentic reports of the damage. The fatalities occurred in the vicinity of Drumright, Okla., J. C. Brinlee, 36, was killed when a dance hall in the Drumright-Cushing-Oilton field northwest of Drumright collapsed. Carl Roach, 30, of Oilton, Okla., was killed when his automobile skidded from wet pavement and overturned. At Wellington, Tex., just across the Oklahoma-Texas line from Altus, Okla., another storm center, six inches of rain fell in about four hours, destroying bridges. Three houses were demolished at Wellington but none was believed injured although the telephone company did not expect to re-establish communication with the Texas town until tomorrow. About 500 feet of track was reported washed out on the Fort Worth and Denver railway between Hedley and Giles. The community school at Reed, Okla., was unroofed while the students were in the building but no one was hurt. Eight spans were reported missing from the St. Louis-San Francisco railway bridge over the Salt Fork of Red river between Altus and Quanah, Texas. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas railway bridge between Hollis, Okla., and Altus was washed out and several spans were missing from the Orient railway bridge near Lugert dam.

INCOME LEVIES PUBLIC

Senate Votes to Open Reports to General Inspection

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—With just one-half of the membership voting, the senate today amended the tax reduction bill to provide for opening of all income tax returns to public inspection hereafter, 27 to 19.

The action which came as somewhat of a surprise, reversed the decision of congress two years to abolish the law enacted in 1924 which permitted publication of the taxes paid. Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, proposed the amendment and it went over at the end of a long day of debate with democrats generally voting with the western republican independent bloc.

GONZAGA WHIPS MONTANA SPOKANE, May 18.—(AP)—Gonzaga university turned the tables yesterday and defeated the University of Montana baseball team 16 to 5. Montana had beaten Gonzaga yesterday.

Bits For Breakfast

Put it on the air— Salem is air minded, but not light headed.

Yes, the race for secretary of state is a Hoss race.

John B. Giese is elected to the city council, though he is away at a Portland hospital and took no part in the campaign. His friends took care of the campaign in his absence.

The American Legion in Salem can get about what it starts out to get—partly because it starts out to get the things that are good for the city.

Witness the great campaign of the Legion for the airport.

Chemawa stood by Hawley. Surely, that precinct should. Mr. Hawley has shown himself a great friend of the Indian school, which is the main thing in that precinct.

The Bits for Breakfast man feels proud of the leading place Dr. W. Carlton Smith took in the race for the legislature.

"Give me a quotation from the Bible." "Judas went out and hanged himself." "Another." "Go thou and do likewise."

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—Samuel S. Sandberg of California, was nominated by President Coolidge today to be a member of the United States shipping board, succeeding Commissioner Teller also of California.

Advertisement for BECKE & HENDRICKS featuring a drawing of a man pointing to a sign that says 'Death Caused by Automobile is greater than that of all other vehicles combined. This includes Railway trains and street cars etc.' Below the drawing is the name 'BECKE & HENDRICKS' and the address '180 N. High Telephone 161'.

AL SMITH LEAGUE SUED BY WORKER

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—(AP)—The Al Smith presidential league of southern California today was sued for \$820, damages alleged to be due to the plaintiff, Mrs. Florence Gilmour, for labor, service, and money advanced in behalf of the primary election campaign here of Governor Smith of New York. The governor, the local league, and several of its asserted officers, including Isadore Dockweiler, democratic national committeeman, were named in the suit.

A telegram from United States Senator Frederick Steiwer at Washington, requesting information as to the suit, was reported received by Mrs. Gilmour a few hours after the suit was filed. The Oregon senator signed the telegram as a member of the senate campaign funds investigating committee. Mrs. Gilmour stated.

The damage suit alleges that Mrs. Gilmour was hired by P. M. Abbott, secretary of the league and by Dockweiler as member of the league's executive committee. She complained that she was engaged at \$15 a day to act as advance agent for Mrs. Nellie Tylor Ross, former governor of Wyoming, during the latter's California campaigning tour in behalf of Governor Smith. She declares that when she asked Abbott for advancement of her salary because she had expended her own funds, he told her to "do as she pleased."

JEFFERSON GIRL CHOSEN UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 18.—(Special)—Miss Marguerite Looney, of Jefferson, is among the seven University of

FISHERMAN KILLS SELF

Cathlamet Man Drowns in Columbia River Following Party LONGVIEW, Wash., May 18.—(AP)—Prygve Nielson, 32, a Cathlamet fisherman, drowned in the Columbia river at 2 a. m. today when he fell or jumped from a fishing dock at Cathlamet. His body was recovered eight hours later. Gus Wagdahl, who was with Nielson, said he was uncertain whether Nielson stumbled or jumped. Wagdahl did not report the accident to police until five hours later. Police said they had been informed that Nielson and Wagdahl were returning from a celebration with fellow countrymen. They were fishing partners. Nielson is survived by his widow and two children. The coroner said no inquest was planned.

BEATS HVAL, NOT BILLS

Frankie Lewis goes to Officers After Whipping Boxer

In spite of the fact that Frankie Lewis local boxer defeated George Hval last night via the knockout route in the fourth round of their scheduled 10 round bout, he failed to score against Deputy Sheriff Center of Polk county, who was awaiting him outside with a large motor car to taxi the well known pugilist to Dallas, where he is being held charged with issuing bad checks and failure to pay a bill which he had contracted in that city, according to reports last night. More than that, the fighter was so popular in the neighboring town that the Constable of Independence also waited outside with a warrant in his pocket. In order to make the thing even between the two officers, the Polk county officer took Lewis with him, and his fight money went with the Independence law enforcer. Lewis was arrested in the dressing rooms of the armory, and immediately taken to Dallas.

ILLUSTRATES LECTURE

CHICAGO, May 18.—(AP)—Calvin Wasson, 45, statistician of the Central Life Insurance company, was lecturing company employees last night on the uncertainty of death. In the midst of his talk he collapsed and died.

LIBRARY INCREASED

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 18.—(Special)—Since the 1927 summer session, 16,330 volumes have been added to the shelves of the University of Oregon library, making the total now available 187,330. The numbers added is a substantial increase over the number of accessions the preceding year, according to M. H. Douglass, librarian. The regular library staff has also been changed and several full time members have been added this year.

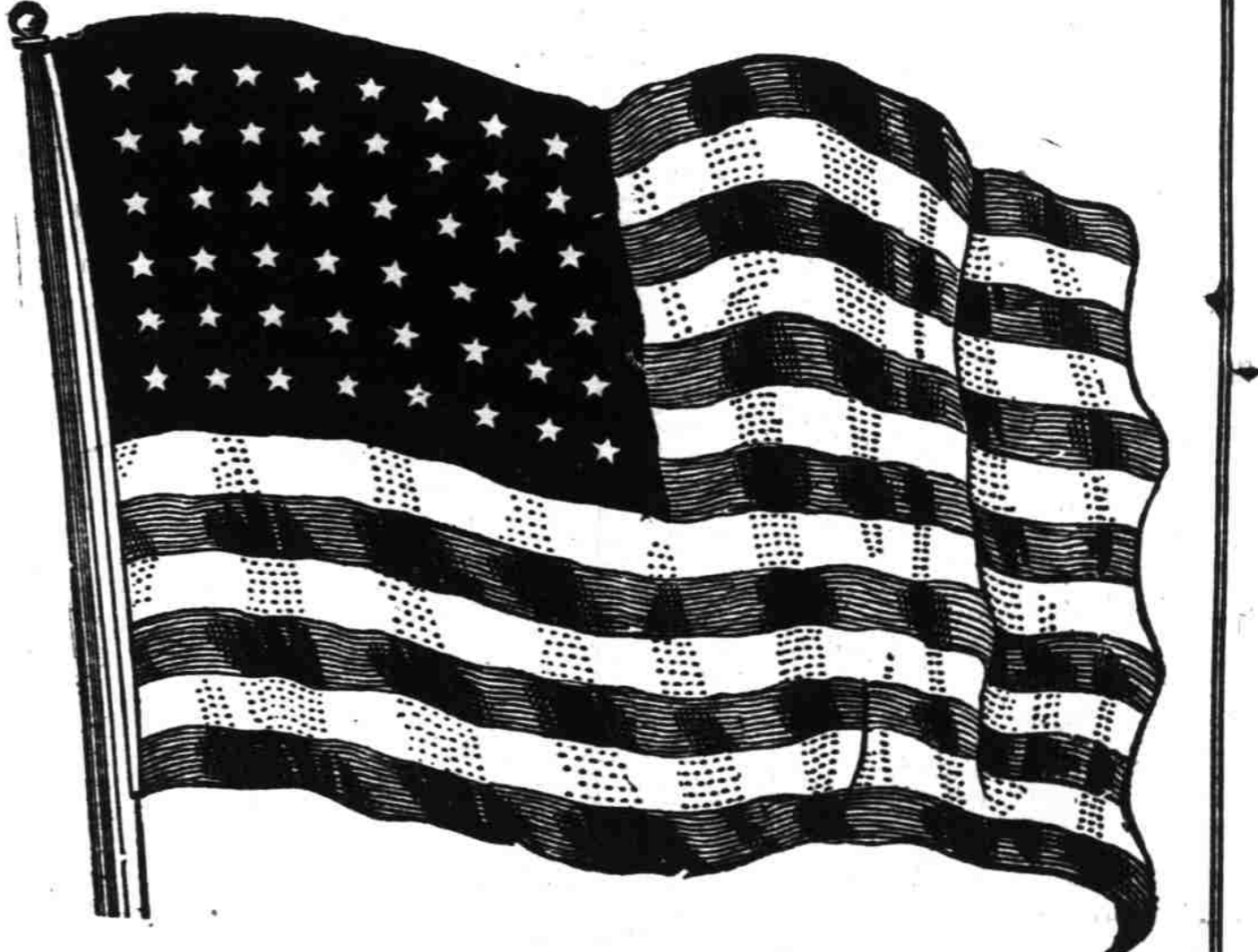
AIR PLANS PROGRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—(AP)—Negotiations to provide San Francisco with combined rail and air transportation to New York via Chicago, are under way between Boeing Air Transport, Inc., and the Southern Pacific company.

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