

The Oregon Statesman

Weather forecast: Cloudy west and part cloudy east portions; continued mild; humidity above normal; moderate west and northwest winds. Maximum temperature yesterday 61, minimum 54, river -5, rainfall .01, atmosphere cloudy, wind southwest.

Chief Minto thought the pumpkin was the largest vegetable, but last night he discovered that he was mistaken. He found five men asleep on one beat. (That one sounds better than it reads.)

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

FLAX INDUSTRY ON PROFITABLE BASIS BY JULY

Million Dollar Proportions Seen for State Plant in Three Years

ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN

Col. W. B. Bartram, Manager of State Flax Operations and Director of Oregon Linen Mills Presents Facts

Col. W. B. Bartram, in his address before the Salem chamber of commerce, at the noon luncheon of yesterday, made some statements that are heartening to this city and section, and to the whole state. Col. Bartram speaks "as one having authority." He is manager of the state flax industry and managing director of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. He could with truthfulness say, with regard to the large measure of progress of the last five years in the flax and linen industries here, "all of which I saw and part of which I was." Following is the full text of Col. Bartram's address, which was necessarily abbreviated in his talk of yesterday, for lack of time:

It will be five years on the 23rd of August next since I came to Oregon to work with and for you in the development of the flax and linen industry. It is interesting to look back and review the progress made by the efforts of many people during that time.

A short time ago we were only raising a few hundred acres of flax in a limited area adjacent to Salem, without any definite policy of rotation, selection of seed, or marketing the raw product. Today you are growing this crop by the thousands of acres in six counties, and plans are now complete to take care of increasing acreage each year. The question of suitable soil types and the proper rotation of crops in relation to this crop has been carefully studied with profit to our farmers. Profitable local, home and foreign markets have been established for all the flax fiber we can produce. In fact, we are able to supply only a fraction of the business offered us. Manufacturing plants have been established that are now operating and providing steady labor for many employees, and the payrolls thus created are enlarging the buying power of this community and increasing land values generally.

In Favor With Farmers

In regard to agriculture, this crop has found marked favor with many farmers in the Willamette valley. It is a profitable cash crop.

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MEMORIAL PARK PLAN SUBMITTED

UNUSUAL FEATURES PROPOSED FOR CEMETERY

Fifty Acre Tract on Liberty Road Laid Out; Endowment Fund Provided

The preliminary plat of the memorial park which is planned south of Salem near Liberty road and Browning avenue, was shown to the Salem planning and zoning commission Monday night by W. A. Laidlaw, originator of the plan. He asked the group for any criticisms or suggestions that its members might have to offer. None was forthcoming.

Mr. Laidlaw stated that the tract would include 50 acres, 19 acres being divided into burial plots and the remainder devoted to beautification. The park is expected to cost \$90,000, and there will be in addition an endowment fund of \$70,000, the interest on which will be used for defraying maintenance costs.

The cemetery will be conducted on a non-profit basis, Mr. Laidlaw said, such amounts as are received above cost being devoted to making improvements or going into endowment fund.

There will be no tombstones, the graves being marked with uniform bronze tablets level with the ground. One feature of the service will be supplying flowers or greenery for each grave at all times.

A space has been reserved for a nursery, at which all slips and shrubs for the cemetery will be grown after the original planting. Two proposed artificial lakes are included in the plan. A complete independent water system

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Supreme Court Joins In W.U. Commencement

Honor Judges Henry H. Hewitt and Marion William Ramsey, Recipients of Doctor of Laws Degrees; Former Speaker of Occasion; Honors for Year Announced

Yesterday morning in the First Methodist church the exercises of the 84th commencement of Willamette university were held. The academic procession was led by President Doney and Dr. B. L. Steeves.

Seven judges of the Oregon State supreme court marched with the procession and attended the program in honor of their colleagues, Hon. Henry H. Hewitt and Hon. Marion William Ramsey, upon whom were conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. This is the first occasion on record

AVERILL HEADS ALUMNI OF W. U.

SHELDON SACKETT, HELEN WINTERS VICE PRESIDENTS

B. F. Irvine Delivers Address At Annual Banquet of Willamette Grads

At a meeting of the Willamette university alumni association held last night after the annual banquet in the new Presbyterian church, new officers for the year were elected as follows: Edward Averill, president; Sheldon Sackett, first vice-president; Helen Winters, second vice-president.

Leslie Sparks was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Ben Rickli and Anne Zimmerman were re-elected to the executive committee. Merton DeLong and C. B. Harrison were re-elected members of the board of trustees. J. Stearns was elected to fill the unexpired term of Roy Shields, who resigned; his term will expire in 1930.

A Brilliant Affair

The banquet was a brilliant affair, as such gatherings at the close of this school year have been throughout the years. B. F. Irvine, who delivered the principal address, was in his happiest mood. He made a stirring appeal for the carrying on of the high ideals of service and loyalty and patriotism of the old school which has stood for the best things throughout the generations. Judge Arlie G. Walker gave the welcome to the alumni association of the class of 1928, and Charles Redding responded on behalf of the class.

"In memoriam," in honor of the six departed members who have passed on during the year was feelingly given by Rev. Charles B. Harrison, 1912.

The class of 62 years ago, and of 60 and 50 and 25 years ago and other classes were heard from. Dr. Doney charmed the alumni with duties of loyalty and helpfulness, in sending proper students, and in aiding in securing the

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MEXICAN FLYING NORTH

Captain Carranza Sighted at Atlanta, Georgia, at Night

ATLANTA, Ga., June 11.—(AP)—Captain Emilio Carranza, Mexican aviator attempting a non-stop flight from Mexico City to Washington passed over Candler field here tonight at 11:20 o'clock. The plane was flying high and was barely discernible in the rays of a searchlight at the field that shot skyward as a guide to the Mexican flyer.

Aviators at the field who had kept a lookout for the Mexican said there was no doubt as to the identity of the plane despite the fact that it was only dimly visible from the ground.

The plane swung in from the southwest and headed north over the air mail route to Washington. Pitcairn Aviation company officials said that the Mexican flyer would run into a dense fog in the vicinity of Greensboro, N. C., where a mail plane was forced down tonight.

LEGION TO SEE FILM

McKenzie Scheduled to Make Report at Post Meeting Tonight

Motion pictures of the champion drum corps will be the special entertainment at the meeting of Capital Post No. 9 this evening. Incidentally Douglas McKay of the entertainment committee reports that there will be other things to amuse.

Probably the most important item of business to be brought up will be the election of delegates to the state convention, which will be the election of delegates to the state convention, which will be held at Medford on August 2, 3, 4. Thirty-nine are making the race for the 13 positions.

Victor McKenzie, national committee member, who returned from a session at Indianapolis recently, is also scheduled to give a report of the activities of the national body.

HEAVY TRAFFIC REROUTING MAY BE LEGISLATED

Relieving Court and Capitol by Utilizing Fairgrounds Road Planned

ORDINANCE SUGGESTED

Use of Liberty Diagonal Or One of Two Northerly Lines Most Feasible For Extending Cutoff, Zoners Consider

Routing of trucks and busses north to the Pacific highway over Fairgrounds road and relieving Court and North Capitol streets of this heavy traffic, the principal objective of the present plan to extend Fairgrounds road to Commercial street, may be effected within the next few weeks even though planning and construction of the extension will take months. It was indicated at last night's meeting of the planning and zoning commission.

It was proposed that at an early meeting of the city council, an ordinance be submitted requiring these heavy vehicles to leave the downtown section by way of Commercial, Liberty or Church street. If they go out Commercial or Liberty, the route will be along Hood street for several blocks to the terminus of the present Fairgrounds road.

Won't Stand Burden

Court street and North Capitol are not built for heavy duty, and will have to be repaved soon if the trucks and busses continue to use them, it was explained. The present surface will be good for years if relieved of this load.

As a result of the report made last night by L. D. Mars, engineer who has had charge of preparing plans and estimates for several proposed routes for extending Fairgrounds road, the straight route from the present terminus was discarded.

Cost Too Great

This route not only would not serve Liberty street, but it would cost over \$200,000. Mr. Mars estimated. The extreme cost would partly be due to the necessity for constructing a long bridge, running the length of Mill creek where it jogs at this point, and partly to the need for a viaduct 400 feet in length over the D. A. Larmer property, the only way to avoid condemning all of this area on the opposite side from the warehouse.

In contrast to this heavy cost, the route along Broadway, the present Liberty street diagonal and thence by a sharper diagonal to Commercial at the corner of Division, would cost only \$48,000, while the original proposal

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FAVORS RAIL BARGAIN

Merger Would Benefit State, Says Service Commission

Acquisition of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern lines by the Great Northern Pacific railway company is favored by the Oregon public service commission, according to a brief filed by the commission with the interstate commerce commission.

The Oregon public service commission appears as an intervenor in the proceeding. The commission made known its favorable attitude several months ago, and no protests have been received.

Consolidation of the lines would prove of material benefit to the state of Oregon, members of the public service commission said.

VOTERS FORGET PARTY STRINGS

TOM KAY GETS OFFICIAL COUNT OF BOTH GROUPS

Democrats and Republicans Also Favor Rand and Rossman; Others Too

Some there be who say party lines have lost their prestige. Others there be who apparently believe, at least in Oregon.

Witness:

Thomas B. Kay received both the democratic and republican nomination at the recent state primaries, the official count finished yesterday by the state department shows. Kay was before the voters on the republican ticket.

John L. Rand and George Rossman, republicans, received both the democratic and republican nominations for justice of the state supreme court.

J. D. Mickle, republican, for dairy and food commissioner, received the nomination of both the democratic and republican parties and will have no opposition at the general election.

For judge of the circuit court for the second judicial district G. F. Skipworth and J. W. Hamilton, democrats, received the republican nomination. James T. Brand of Coos county is the other republican candidate for circuit judge in the second district, with three to be elected.

The name of Dalton Biggs, democrat, was written in by the republicans for circuit judge of the ninth judicial district.

Walter Fisher, democrat, received the republican nomination for representative in the legislature for the fourth representative district. The name of James H. Hazlett, democrat, was written in by the republican voters for representative in the ninth representative district.

Charles Nelson, republican, received the nomination for one of the seven trustees of the Salmon River-Grande highway improvement district. He lives in Lincoln county. His name was written in by the voters.

The name of George S. Sizemore, republican, was written in by the republican voters for district attorney of Harney county. Vine W. Pearce, democrat, received the democratic nomination

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THIRD EXECUTIVE DUE

Carkin to Transact State Business Today; Here For Several Days

John Carkin of Medford, who succeeded to the office of governor following the departure from the state of Governor Patterson and Henry L. Corbett, president of the state senate, will arrive in Salem early today. Mr. Carkin is speaker of the house of representatives.

Mr. Carkin was called to Salem to attend a meeting of the state bonus commission and issue two requisitions looking to the extradition of criminals. Employees of the executive department said Mr. Carkin probably would remain here for several days.

NOBLE STARTS MARCH ACROSS ARCTIC WASTE

Commander of Ill Fated Italian Dirigible Tries to Meet Rescuers

RADIO BRINGS MESSAGE

Crew Already Split into Five Different Parties Following Disaster, Date of Which Fixed at May 25

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KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, June 11.—(AP)—General Umberto Nobile, leader of the ill-fated polar expedition on the dirigible Italia, is leading five of his men across the arctic ice in an effort to meet the steamer Braganza. Two of this party are suffering from burns incurred when the gondola of the ship was torn loose by its first contact with the ice.

This information came in radio messages received late today. The messages added that the men still have a small supply of fuel, but that their progress is hampered by their frost-bitten hands and feet, coupled with the condition of the injured men.

Ship's Crew Divided

The Italia's crew split into three groups when the disaster occurred on May 25. General Nobile and his companions were left behind when the Gondola was torn away. The others in the crew came down on the ice about 15 miles further east.

Three of this second group started across the ice toward land. Nothing further had been heard from them.

The remainder of the main group, including the wireless operator, report they have sufficient food, but that the provisions are being rigorously rationed. They used medicines for those suffering with frost-bites. They report themselves as drifting on the ice, but generally westward toward land.

Rescuers Have Difficulty

Little progress was reported by the rescue ships Hobby and Braganza. The latter is making the best headway eastward around the north coast of the archipelago and is generally believed that she will be first to reach the stranded explorers.

Lieutenant Luetzow-Holm, whose base ship is the Hobby, was forced down in his seaplane at Mossel bay after a vain effort to get back to the vessel through a heavy fog. His fuel was almost exhausted, but he had enough left to fly to the Braganza and drop a note telling of his situation. A radio message to the Hobby resulted in that vessel's starting a supply of gasoline to Holm over the ice by dog sledge.

Noble Not Found

Holm reported definitely that he

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SEEK REDUCTION OF FRUIT RATES

THREE STATES FILE COMPLAINT ON SHIPPING COSTS

Want 12 Cents Lower on Apples and California Level on Fresh Yields

A complaint filed Monday with the interstate commerce commission seeks reduction of rates on shipments to eastern points of fresh fruits originating in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The paper was filed by the Oregon public service commission and the Washington department of public works.

The complaint sets out transcontinental rates affecting apples and fresh fruits. A reduction of approximately 12 cents a box on apples is requested. On fresh fruits the complaint demands a rate similar to that prescribed by the interstate commerce commission on shipments originating in the state of California.

Two rates on pears are demanded. One would be the fresh fruit rate with a 26,000 pound carload minimum and the other the same rate as is demanded for apples with the carload minimum 21,000 or 35,000 pounds.

The Northern Pacific company and a number of other railroads doing a transcontinental business are named defendants in the proceeding.

The northwest states will contend that discrimination exists in favor of California under the present rates.

FINAL CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY

SUPPORTERS OF HOOVER CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Candidate's Backers Count Strongly on Mellon's Support But Can Win Without It

By PAUL F. HAUPERT Associated Press Staff Writer

KANSAS CITY, June 11.—(AP)—The drive to clinch the republican presidential nomination for Herbert Hoover was carried along today in the face of challenges, based largely on the expectation that Andrew Mellon would cast his lot with these party leaders who have been booming President Coolidge.

Sensing victory, the Hoover people, however, seemed equally if not more confident that Mellon and the big delegation from Pennsylvania which he heads would give the commerce secretary the votes he needs to go over. At the same time they reiterated that they could win without Pennsylvania.

Delegates Meet Tuesday

The convention gets under way tomorrow. Candidates will be placed in nomination Wednesday, balloting probably will not begin until Thursday. Meantime state delegation caucuses are being held, some of them full of political dynamite that might shatter lines that have been months in the making. Powers in the party, with heads together in an endless run of conferences, are reaching last minute decisions that may upset the best laid plans.

As the situation shaped up to night, on the eve of the convention, the allied field of candidates against Hoover were in a different mood, insisting that their common foe had been stopped. In their camps there was talk of a compromise candidate—talk that was spiced with the recurring suggestion that Coolidge, if he didn't put down a firm foot to squelch the movement in his behalf, would poll a big vote on the first ballot, and might end up with the nomination in his hand, whether he wants it or not.

Hoover Backers Confident

In the face of this counter-drive from the opposition, the Hoover managers went ahead, assuring

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SHOOTS WIFE AND SELF

John Day Man Declares Woman Nagged Him Causing Death

ASTORIA, Ore., June 11.—(AP)—Mrs. Frank Hathaway died tonight of gunshot wounds inflicted by her husband this morning. Hathaway himself is in a hospital. He turned the gun on himself after shooting his wife but his ribs deflected two bullets and he will recover.

Hathaway, police say, fired one shot at his wife, the bullet entering her side and then turned the gun on himself, inflicting a wound in the chest. Physicians say he will recover.

Hathaway said his wife had been nagging him continually and said his unstrung nerves drove him to the shooting.

VERMONT BACKS HOOVER

Coolidge Abandoned As Unavailable; Secretary Supported

KANSAS CITY, June 11.—(AP)—Delegates from Vermont, native state of President Coolidge, agreed today to vote solidly for Herbert Hoover and to have one of their number second his nomination.

W. R. Austin of Burlington was selected to make the speech seconding the nomination of Mr. Hoover. The decision was reached at a conference including Earl Kinsley, national committeeman for Vermont; Mr. Austin; Senator Moses of New Hampshire, a Hoover lieutenant, and James Good, manager of the Hoover forces.

MABEL TO START AGAIN

Monoplane Fueled and Ready to Leave New York Today

CURTIS FIELD, L. I., June 11.—(AP)—With their monoplane Columbia fueled for the long flight to Europe, Miss Mabel Boll and her pilots, Captain Arthur Argles and Captain Oliver C. Le Boutillier, rested all day in anticipation of favorable weather reports late tonight.

A lone mechanic appeared at the airfield following upon a last minute postponement of the takeoff early this morning, and worked on the motor.

SELECTION OF HOOVER PROBABLE

Commerce Secretary's Star in Ascendancy on Eve of Convention

MEETING OPENS AT 11 A. M. TODAY

Committee Organization to Be Completed First

WHOLE DAY USED

Actual Beginning of Work Toward Nomination of Presidential Candidate Not to Be Before Tomorrow

By JAMES L. WILLIAMS Associated Press Staff Writer

KANSAS CITY, June 11.—(AP)—President Coolidge has been eliminated from the consideration of republican leaders here as a possible nominee for the presidency, apparently clearing the way for the nomination of Herbert Hoover.

Word has reached Kansas City that, in the opinion of his closest friends, Mr. Coolidge would not again consent to run, even if the convention opening tomorrow should stampede for him.

There was every indication late tonight that Secretary Mellon was fully convinced that this view is correct, and that the Pennsylvania caucus to be held tomorrow morning would vote to throw its strength behind Hoover.

Hoover Victory Apparent

Barring upsets between now and the beginning of the balloting on Thursday, the 79 Pennsylvania votes would bring Hoover's total above 600. The number needed to nominate is 545.

In addition the Hoover and anti-Hoover leaders agree that an announcement by Mr. Mellon for Hoover, just on the eve of the convention would have an important psychological effect on other delegations which have been nursing the Coolidge boom.

Such an announcement, it was indicated tonight, will be considered when the Pennsylvanians caucus tomorrow.

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EXPECTS MELLON TO BACK HOOVER

DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE THIS MORNING

Meanwhile William S. Vare, Leader in Same Delegation, Takes Strong Hand

KANSAS CITY, June 11.—(AP)—An emphatic declaration in favor of the candidacy of Herbert Hoover was made tonight by Senator-elect William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania, who controls a large block of delegates from his state.

Declaring that he was convinced of the sincerity of President Coolidge's statement that he was out of the race, the boss of the Philadelphia republican organization said he would use his influence at the caucus of the Pennsylvania delegation tomorrow to have Secretary Hoover's candidacy endorsed.

Vare's statement was issued less than half an hour before Secretary Mellon, regarded as holding the key to the whole presidential nomination situation, conferred with correspondents after he had made a canvass of the situation here with Senator Curtis of Kansas, one of the presidential candidates; Representative Hull, of Illinois, a supporter of former Governor Frank O. Lowden, and other party leaders.

KANSAS CITY, June 11.—(AP)—Secretary Mellon authorized an official statement tonight in which he said that after consultation of the Pennsylvania delegation tomorrow, the delegation's position as to the presidential nomination "will be made clear."

His statement issued through Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, said:

"In view of the fact that the Pennsylvania delegation will meet in conference tomorrow morning, I do not feel justified in making any statement at this time. After consultation with my colleagues our position will be made clear."

After Senator Reed had finished

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PICTORIAL LIFE OF HERBERT HOOVER No. 12 By Satterfield



1. As Director of Belgian relief, Hoover became the center of great diplomatic and financial questions.



2. At his command post and supplies were safely conveyed through a blockade made bitter by hate.



3. Despite almost insuperable obstacles, the Hoover food got through to the people of little Belgium.

4. His first meeting with King Albert of Belgium was on the battle line.