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WEATHER
Fair today; normal humidity. Max. temperature Tuesday 75; Min. 56; River .2.5, falling; Strong north-west winds.

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REPUBLICANS OF MARION COUNTY OPEN CAMPAIGN

Hoover Extolled as Leader By Frank Davey in Eloquent Speech

Precinct Chairmen Conduct Rousing Rally Here Tuesday Night

Voters of the United States will give Herbert Hoover and Charles Curtis the largest majority ever recorded in the nation's history, Frank Davey, closely connected with the republican party in Marion county for the last 40 years, assured republican precinct committeemen from all parts of Marion county at Tuesday night's meeting which formally opened the campaign here.

Salem and Marion county voters have a special reason for supporting Hoover, who lived here as a boy and young man, helped establish the fruit industry and also with his brother assisted in clearing the Red Hills farming area; a young man of whom the community was proud as the nation is proud of him now, Mr. Davey said.

Hoover's Work Cited
Once the highest paid engineer in the world, everything that Mr. Hoover has done has been accomplished with ability and dependability, and he will carry to the presidency the same qualities, enhanced by his world wide experience, the speaker declared.

"I became a republican 56 years ago, and I am a republican today just as intensely as I was then," Mr. Davey said. "The republican party was born to preserve the nation's integrity, and its policies always have been directed toward that end. The present administration has been one of good business and economy. The nation's industries have been encouraged under the republican policy of protection, and the same policy has aided the farmer by keeping up the prices of his products."

"The democratic party never has had a policy that it could stand by; one that would stand the test of time; and it was never wedded to a principle that it wouldn't trade for votes," he said in the last part of his talk.

Farm Problem Paramount
The farm problem is the paramount issue of the campaign in the minds of westerners, said Dr. W. Carlton Smith, candidate for (Turn to Page 7, Please.)

AIRPLANE EFFECTS VERTICAL LANDING

LE BOURGET, France, Sept. 18. (AP)—A virtually vertical landing on the airport here today brought to a near close the longest trip ever performed in one day by an airplane.

The machine, which carries four huge blades rotating horizontally on its top in addition to the regular propeller of an ordinary plane on its nose, averaged 100 miles an hour while it was in the air. It made three landings enroute to Lympe, Kent, England; St. Inglevert, near Cafe Griz-Nez, and at Abbeville. The Abbeville stop was not on the program but Senator Cleva denied that anything had "gone wrong" with his machine.

"It is much easier than I thought it would be," he exclaimed as he disembarked here.

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Talking movies, news reel photographs and plain cameramen swarmed about the Spanish Mining engineer who has suddenly risen to fame, and added to his confusion. He also had to sign scores of postal cards.

"500" The Statesman's New Phone Number

After today the Statesman's new intercommunication telephone system will be in working order.

All lines into the office, reaching all departments, will have the same number. There will be no more delay in getting telephone connection with any branch of the Statesman Publishing Co., business.

For two weeks Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. men have been working on the new system and after a thorough testing last night announced that all lines will be "cut in" tonight, ready for action Thursday morning.

Remember: After today merely call "500" and ask for the department or person you wish to speak to.

Is Nominated



GEN. CHARLES H. COLE
Ex-Commander of the Massachusetts department of the American Legion, who yesterday won an easy victory in his race for the democratic nomination as governor of the Bay state.

CAPTORS FREE KIDNAPED LAD

Billy Ranieri Released Alive and Well Except For One Black Eye

JOLIET, Ill., Sept. 18. (AP)—Billy Ranieri, 10 year old boy kidnapped in Chicago nearly two weeks ago, was found near here tonight after his abductors had freed him from their custody a short time before.

The boy was unharmed, except for one discolored eye which he said resulted from a blow one of the kidnapers struck him just before they released him.

He was found by a filling station attendant to whom he had turned him loose from their automobile near Lockport.

The filling station man notified the sheriff at Joliet.

Billy said the four men made him get out of their car and told him to start walking. Until he came to a street car line where he would meet his father. They gave him \$10. He started walking, he said, and continued until he arrived at the filling station where he told the man about being kidnapped. The attendant recognized him from his pictures in the papers and called the authorities.

Chicago police and the boy's father Frank Ranieri, were notified and left Chicago by automobile for the place.

WIFE ASKS DIVORCE CRUELTY GROUNDS

Charging that her husband struck her, bruised her and threatened to kill her, Eva Mae Lebengood filed suit for divorce in circuit court here Tuesday.

Carl W. Lebengood, the husband, is proprietor of a local garage that bears his name. Some of the violent acts laid to him took place last week, she alleges. She further charges that he frequently spends much of his time and money on women of ill repute.

She demands \$50 a month for the support of the children, at the same time demanding that she be given their custody, and \$50 alimony for herself. Mr. Lebengood has an income of between \$300 and \$400 a month from his garage, she says.

Fliers Hope to Start Atlantic Attempt Today

OLD ORCHARD, Maine, Sept. 18. (AP)—Delayed on their takeoff for Rome by stiff cross winds today, the crew of the Roma expressed the hope that they could get the heavily laden Bellanca plane into the air tomorrow morning.

Pietro Bonelli, navigator of the flight, said tonight that a weather report received from New York reported favorable conditions over the Atlantic. He preferred starting at low tide in the morning, he said, in order that they might cross the Pyrenees in Spain during the daylight hours.

Chemeketans to Hike On Sunday To Silver Creek

The Chemeketans, Salem's new hiking club, will make a trip to Silver Creek falls today. Stages will be taken from Salem to the falls, and the hike will be made along the creek trail to take in all the falls or at least the major ones.

OVER 400 DEAD IN DISASTER IS LATEST FIGURE

Terrific Storm Sweeps North Leaving Path of Ruin In Its Wake

Hurricane Expected to Pass Out to Sea from North Carolina Today

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (AP)—The weather bureau in an advisory storm warning tonight reported that the tropical storm was central on the South Carolina coast and forecast that it would pass out to sea tomorrow morning near Cape Hatteras, N. C.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 18. (AP)—The appalling extent of hurricane disaster dealt sections of the lower coast and south central Florida assumed an ever widening scope late tonight as reports from the stricken areas counted the known dead at more than 250 and estimated damage to property high in the millions.

Damage Up to \$100,000,000
With many persons reported missing, anticipations were that the total death toll would be much greater. Red Cross officials estimated that it would reach 400 in Palm Beach county, one of the hardest hit regions, alone.

The same source placed the damage at approximately \$25,000,000, while other estimates reported by Senator Joe T. Robinson, the democratic vice presidential nominee, increased this figure to between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

Check Made
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Sept. 18. (AP)—Howard W. Selby, chairman of the Palm Beach Red Cross committee, tonight estimated that the death toll from Sunday's hurricane will reach 400 in Palm Beach county.

Devastation Great
MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 18. (AP)—From the head of the stricken Lake Okechobee region where he went with a relief expedition, Manager W. Siebold of the Miami chamber of commerce, today telegraphed James M. Glim, chairman of the Red Cross, (Turn to Page 7, Please.)

SHELTON MURDER SUSPECT IS TAKEN

SNOQUALMIE, Wash., Sept. 18. (AP)—Held as the suspected slayer of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirk of Shelton, Wash., early Monday, Arthur Schafer, former insane asylum inmate, was under guard tonight at the hospital here following his capture today.

Two attempts at suicide, by slashing his throat with a weakened knife, and by a weakened condition, but if his strength returns he will be moved to Seattle tomorrow.

Schafer was taken into custody when he walked into the store of his cousin, Otto Reing, and asked for a bag of candy and some clothes. Reing recognized him and notified officers. The young man who is the son of a prominent Gray Harbor family, had been named by Mrs. Kirk shortly before her death as the man who murdered her husband and fatally wounded her.

The prisoner found talking difficult because of his throat and officers delayed attempts to question him. His only statement was that he drank "full of booze" and knew nothing of the murder. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk were unexpectedly attacked just as they had returned home from a party after midnight on Monday morning.

Revolver Drops To Ground; Shot Hits Attendant

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 18. (AP)—Lennie Kellow, 20, was in a critical condition in a local hospital tonight, the result of an accidental gunshot wound. A bullet from the revolver of H. C. Anton, special agent for the Portland school district, struck Kellow in the right lung when the weapon accidentally fell to the ground and discharged.

Kellow, a service station employee, was servicing Anton's automobile when the accident occurred. "on was behind the car and bent over to examine it. As he stooped, the revolver fell from his shoulder holster and discharged.

Clatsop County Has Annual Fair

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 18. (AP)—The doors of the annual Clatsop county fair opened today for a four-day showing, with more exhibits on hand than ever before. Premiums amounting to \$4,000 will be distributed. Tomorrow night the Portland Opera company will present the opera "Cavaleria Rusticana" at the fair.

What... They think of

Crime News as It Is Handled By The Newspapers

FROM time to time during the last decade there has appeared agitation over the exploitation of so-called "crime news" in the newspapers. Men and women of national prominence have declared against what they have described as sensationalism in the chronicling of violent crime by the American press. Recently there has been much "battle, murder and sudden death" in press dispatches.

From the day the Leopold case claimed public attention up to this issue murders of singular brutality, ferocity and sordidness have occupied thousands of columns of news upon the first pages of dailies throughout the land. With the desire to find out exactly what Salem's residents think of present-day methods of newspapers in printing such news, the New Oregon Statesman sought expressions from several citizens. This is what they said:

GERTRUDE J. M. Page, Salem realtor, said: "I like the editorial opinions expressed by newspaper men about crime. If the newspapers would only give facts in place of using the sensational headlines to attract, I'd be better satisfied. I would like to see the newspapers put more stress on the good that is done, both by people and countries, rather than so much on crime."

NORTH DETRICK, office assistant, said: "It seems to me all newspapers put more in about crime than any other thing. I think they over-emphasize crime to the detriment of other news."

GEORGE VADNEY, of the Bligh hotel, said: "Crime news in the newspapers seems to me a clean cut issue, which the farmers and voters of the country must decide. The New York governor reiterated that the details by which 'this principle shall be put into effect alone remains to be worked out,' and he again promised, if elected, to name a bipartisan commission of farm leaders and students of the problem to determine the exact method of relief.

"I pledge to the farmers and to the people of this country," he said, "that no one will be left without a fair trial, and adequate farm relief, by legislation carrying into practice this (Turn to Page 7, Please.)

W. W. HILL, superintendent of the county courthouse and grounds, said: "One objection I see to printing crime news is that it gives the criminal himself such an advantage. He can often tell by glancing at the newspapers whether he has put over a job. Then again he may get a warning that the police are (Turn to Page 7, Please.)

GRAND ARMY AGAIN STAGES BIG PARADE

DENVER, Sept. 18. (AP)—Blue clad soldiers who followed Sherman to the sea and Grant to Richmond will march again here tomorrow in the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

While there will be comparatively few of the dwindling band of Civil war veterans in the review, those who answer the bugle call to "fall in" for the parade will make up in spirit what they lack in numbers.

Estimates tonight were that about 1,000 of the Union soldiers would swing down the line of march, while others unable to stand the pace would ride in automobiles.

Most of the veterans were looking forward not only to tomorrow's parade, but to another parade next year, despite recurrent talk of late years that each annual review would be the last.

From the office of the Commander in Chief, Elbridge L. Hawk of Sacramento, Cal., has come the order of the advance. Tradition will play a big part in the formation of the line. After a band playing the martial airs of the turbulent "sixties" will come reserve officers and, in turn, members of the sons of Union veterans on foot. Behind this organization will ride Commander Hawk with the national aides de camp, and the official staff.

Oregon Soldiers To Hold Meeting

The First Battalion association of the old Third Oregon Infantry, which includes in its membership a number of residents of Salem and vicinity, will be entertained by Company A at McMinnville on Saturday night September 29. One caravan will leave Portland that day at 6 p. m. and it is proposed to have another go from Salem at the same hour. The committee in charge of arrangements at McMinnville includes Major J. C. Shirley, Captain P. O. Fraser and Adj. P. D. Mead.

SMITH FAVORS EQUALIZATION FEE PRINCIPLE

Bourbon Nominee Declares Self in Opening Speech of '28 Campaign

Candidate Claims Enemies Attempted to Misrepresent Stand

By PAUL F. HAUPERT
Associated Press Staff Writer
OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 18. (AP)—Leveling an attack on the republican party President Coolidge, and his opponent, Herbert Hoover, for their stand on farm relief, Governor Smith, in the heart of the grain belt to open his speech making campaign for the presidency, declared tonight that he stood for the "principle" of the McNary-Haugen bill, twice vetoed by President Coolidge.

"What remains of the McNary-Haugen bill is a mere matter of method," the democratic nominee asserted in an address prepared here, "and I do not limit myself to the exact mechanics and method embodied in that bill."

Just before making this declaration, Governor Smith said, in his prepared text:

"Misleading people have attempted to misrepresent and confuse my attitude with respect to the McNary-Haugen bill. I do not propose to leave the slightest doubt in anybody's mind on that subject."

"As I read the McNary-Haugen bill, its fundamental purpose is to establish an effective control of the sale of exportable surplus with the cost imposed upon the commodity benefited."

"For that principle the democratic platform squarely stands, and for that principle I squarely stand. Mr. Hoover stands squarely opposed to this principle by which the farmer could get ten percent of the tariff."

Expressing the view that "here is a clean cut issue, which the farmers and voters of the country must decide," the New York governor reiterated that the details by which "this principle shall be put into effect alone remains to be worked out," and he again promised, if elected, to name a bipartisan commission of farm leaders and students of the problem to determine the exact method of relief.

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RUMORS RIFE ABOUT SPANISH UPHEAVAL

LONDON, Sept. 18. (AP)—Unconfirmed rumors that grave political developments had taken place in Spain, were current here today. Efforts to learn their basis or to confirm some of the reports met with failure and the rumors were finally dismissed on the supposition that they originated in propaganda of the anti-government elements in Madrid.

The reports included whisperings of an attempt on the life of General Primo de Rivera, Spanish dictator, at Barcelona where he visited yesterday.

There was also gossip to the effect that an uprising had occurred in that city.

First word of the reports came in a telephone message from the Madrid correspondent of Reuters. Later this same source indicated that the rumors could not be substantiated.

In contrast were dispatches to the Associated Press, including an interview with the Prime Minister yesterday in Barcelona in which he stated that the entire country was tranquil.

Appointment of Judge Postponed

Governor Patterson will not appoint a successor to County Judge Hartzell of Jackson county, who died Tuesday, until after his funeral. This was announced at the executive department after a large number of telegrams had been received endorsing various persons for the office. Judge Hartzell had been ill for several months.

Water Pistol Used By Young Kidnapers In Winning Bride

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18. (AP)—Charges of abduction against George "Mickey" Shadler, accused of kidnapping his girl friend at the point of a water pistol and forcing her to marry him in Reno, were dismissed in police court today.

Figure In Murder Mystery



Above—Stewart Northcott, 21, thought as the murderer of four boys on the farm of his father, C. G. Northcott, near Riverside, Cal. At the right is the elder Northcott, believed a material witness. Below—Sanford Clark, 15, and Walter Collins, 10, one of the victims whom young Clark said he had been forced to aid in killing.

TRACE MOTHER OF NORTHCOTT HEADING WEST

Woman Now Separated from Son, Who is Believed Making Way East

Suspected Murderer Prepared to "Shoot it Out" if Taken, He Says

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Sept. 18. (AP)—A telegram to the district attorney here, with her son Gordon Stuart Northcott, on murder complaints, was seen today in the town of Jasper, Alberta.

The son, the telegram said, was not with the woman and was believed to be attempting to reach the east. Provincial police said Mrs. Northcott was apparently headed west for Vancouver (trying to catch a boat for Alaska).

The telegram said a woman resident of the town reported that Mrs. Northcott addressed her briefly at the railroad station before boarding a railroad train.

Northcott Ready to Shoot
VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 18. (AP)—Gordon Stuart Northcott, Riverside, Cal., suspected murderer being sought in Vancouver, is prepared to "shoot it out" with police, a Vancouver lawyer who was consulted by the youth after his arrival here, said today. The threat to resist arrest by shooting was made in a conversation with Northcott's mother, it was said.

Bones Found Human
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18. (AP)—The first positive evidence of the "corpus delicti" in the Northcott murder farm crimes was announced as established here late today through the identification of some of the bones of alleged victims as being ankle, finger, leg and skull bones of juvenile human beings. Two paleontologists of the Los Angeles museum made the identifications. They had examined and classified eight jars of bones found by officers searching the ranch upon which Gordon Stuart Northcott, 21, is declared to have murdered four boys.

The opinion of the museum experts, Sellers stated, was without qualification.

The charges of boy torture and boy murder were laid against young Northcott by Sanford Clark, 15 year old Canadian boy, who was taken into custody by juvenile authorities after they had learned of his detention at the Riverside farm.

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MRS. E. O. NORTON CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. E. O. Norton, died in Portland at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, aged about 70. She was a daughter of Dr. J. W. McAfee, a pioneer in the city, long since dead, and a sister of Ed McAfee, the druggist, who died last year. Her maiden name was Mary McAfee. Her first husband was John Rice, old time Salem and Portland printer who learned his trade in Salem and worked as the Statesman. He died about 25 years ago.

E. O. Norton, her second husband, long was a publisher. He published the "Oregon Vidette" in Salem in the sixties. He was familiarly known as "Emperor" Norton.

She is survived by two children by the first husband, James Rice, now of Portland, and Mrs. Josephine Scribner of Portland, also a daughter by her second husband, now married and also living in Portland.

The funeral will be at the Portland crematorium Thursday.

Coming Again!

Salem's household dictionary of economy will be in the hands of every housewife in Salem by breakfast time Friday morning—and it will also reach every home on all rural mail routes out of Salem.

The Statesman's Friday Household Green

points the way to savings in the purchase of foodstuffs. It comes to the home at a time when the housewife can read it and when she is thinking of the week-end larder.

The Friday Green is a great success, both in service to readers and advertisers. It will save money for you if you are buying and make money for you if you are selling.

Chamber Exposes Fake Solicitors

Several girls soliciting subscriptions to magazines in Salem, stating that they are attempting to raise funds with which to go to college are claiming to have the endorsement of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, according to information which has reached officers of that organization. C. E. Wilson, manager, said Tuesday that no endorsement has been given and that the chamber has not subscribed to any of the magazines. The Chamber of Commerce also has not endorsed the plan of a newspaper from outside the state which is soliciting advertising in Salem, Mr. Wilson said.

Mormonism Talk Set For Tonight

The subject for the talk here tonight by William R. Sloan is "Mormonism." The meeting is open to the public beginning at 7:30 p. m. in the Nelson auditorium, Liberty and Chemeketa streets.

Mr. Sloan came into this territory two years ago at the call of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and he now has charge of mission work of the northwest. He is said to be a gifted speaker and much favorable comment is following his first.

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Members of Club Refuse to Merge In Walton League

The Salem Rod and Gun club will not disband in favor of the Isaac Walton league, it developed at Tuesday night's meeting. Following discussion of the proposal, it was dropped without a vote being taken, members reported.

There also was some talk of reorganizing the club, but no definite action was taken.

After the Rod and Gun club meeting, held in the Salem chamber of commerce auditorium, had closed, the Isaac Walton league's local chapter held its first meeting and elected as temporary officers Tad Shelton, chairman, and H. S. Carter, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Shelton will call a meeting to effect permanent organization as soon as the charter is received. There are now 24 members on the charter petition.

J. A. Cushman, national field representative of the Isaac Walton league of America, was present. He had completed temporary organization of a similar organization at Silverton Monday night.

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