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Day in and day out, The New Statesman is increasing its hold in the Salem territory. Salem starts the day with The Statesman."

The Oregon Statesman

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe" From the First Statesman, March 28, 1851.

WEATHER
Cloudy today with probable rain; No change in temperature. Max. temperature Monday 48; Min. 35; River 4.5; Rain .38.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

RIVAL LINES TO COMPETE WITH FASTER TRAINS

Pacific Northwest is Now Assured Speedier Service From Chicago

Great Northern's Decision Has Immediate Effect on Opposition

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 11.—(AP)—Reduction in passenger train running time to the Pacific northwest to meet a contemplated cut of five hours by the Great Northern, was announced here today by Charles M. Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11.—(AP)—The announcement by Charles M. Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific railroad that the transportation concern would meet the 63-hour schedule from Chicago to Portland, was met with great approval by Portland civic officials today.

The Great Northern railroad, however, led the way in the reduced time by announcing Saturday that beginning sometime next summer the schedule from Chicago to Portland would be 63 hours, coming and 6 1/2 hours in return.

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Women Scream And Save Life Of Lion Tamer

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 11.—(AP)—The screams of women spectators probably saved the life of Clarence Koonks, 24, trainer at Luna Park zoo here, when he attempted to stop a fight between two male lions which he was putting through the paces in a cage this afternoon.

Bulgarian King on Secret Mission; Wedding Plans Suspected by Reporters

VIENNA, Mar. 11.—(AP)—King Boris of Bulgaria, traveling in such profound secrecy that even the Austrian police and his own minister to Vienna were unaware of his coming until an hour before he arrived here tonight in an ordinary second class train with his sister, Princess Eudoxie.

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State Tournament Here is Assured; Starts Wednesday

Threatened Transfer to Portland will not Take Place, Willamette Athletic Head Assured; Bad Feeling Ironed Out

THE Oregon state high school basketball tournament will be held in Salem, at the Willamette university gymnasium, Wednesday to Saturday of this week. That was the definite announcement made Monday night by R. S. Keene, director of athletics at the university, after telephone conversations with officials of the state high school athletic association, relative to rumors emanating from Portland that last minute action might be taken to transfer the tournament to Portland.

How much basis there really was for these rumors could not be learned here Monday. At least one member of the state association of directors had never even heard of such a proposal; and that was taken as evidence that the matter had not been taken up before the board as such.

Statements credited to Roy Cannon of Gresham, secretary of the board, were to the effect that the tournament might be transferred because Salem was planning to "boycott" it.

Effective contradiction of this rumor is contained in the report of Leslie Sparks, graduate manager of athletics at the university, that the advance sale of tickets has been as heavy as usual, and that desirable reserved seats are already becoming scarce although there are a few left.

Students Endorse Chemawa Support
The sale of student tickets has been slow, but this was because the Salem high students did not decide until Monday forenoon what they were going to do. Then, at an assembly at which Coach Downie and Captain George of the Chemawa Indian school were among the speakers, the students endorsed enthusiastically the suggestion made Saturday by some of their number that they accord their support to the Chemawa team.

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U. S. IS EXPECTED TO ENTER COURT SOON

GENEVA, Mar. 11.—(AP)—The root formula was tacitly accepted by all jurists today as the basis for a new protocol for adherence by the United States to the world court of justice. During the general discussion of the first days session there was evident a feeling of necessity for reaching a permanent solution of the problem which has engaged international attention for more than three years.

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PETITIONS ASK PUBLIC BALLOT ON INCOME TAX

Greater Oregon Group Along With Industrial Body Behind Two Moves

9722 Qualified Voters Must Sign on Petitions Not Later Than June

Skirmishing in the battle to be waged in 1930 over the state income tax law enacted by the last legislature began Monday with the filing of two preliminary petitions for referendum of the personal income tax.

One petition was filed by L. B. Smith of Portland, attorney and secretary of the Greater Oregon association and member of the Carlin commission which drafted the tax plan at the recent legislature, while the other was filed by A. V. Hemming of Portland, general manager of the Oregon Industrial council.

State department officials said that both petitions would be referred to the attorney general for ballot titles. The law provides that complete petitions must contain the signatures of 9722 qualified voters, and must be filed in the office of the secretary of state not later than June 3 of this year.

Reformatory Inmate Tells How He Killed Young Irish Girl

GREEN BAY, Wis., Mar. 11.—(AP)—Robert Cone, 29 years old reformatory inmate today stood stamped by his own confession to authorities as the slayer of the Elkhorn culvert murder victim—a pretty Irish girl who he said he killed with a hammer last June when she told him of their unborn child.

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Crisis at Hand in Revolt; Calles' Army is Expected To Disperse Rebel Forces

Rebels Hurlled Back



Reports late Monday indicated that loyal federal forces entrenched in Sinaloa, Pacific coast state, have halted a rebel advance there, thus protecting the left flank of General Calles' main army as it sweeps north through Durango and Coahuila into Chihuahua. The most decisive battle of the present revolt is momentarily expected at Torreon, a railroad center situated almost exactly in the center of Chihuahua. Jaurez, captured by the rebels last week after the hardest battle since the war started, is situated at the intersection of the east-west line that bounds Chihuahua on the north, and the Rio Grande river as it flows southeast. Shaded sections shown on the map above show states claimed by the rebels at the outbreak of the revolt.

LEGISLATORS WORK TO COMPLETE TASK

Washington Solons Have but Two Days Remaining in Present Session

OLYMPIA, Mar. 11.—(AP)—With but two days left in the 1929 session of the state legislature the senate today began its work of considering house bills while the house started to consider that originated in the senate.

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REPORT URGES FINISHING LINE ACROSS STATE

Railroad Over Center of Oregon Recommended in Official Report

Union Pacific Road May be Required to Build \$9,000,000 Addition

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11.—(AP)—In a tentative report to the interstate commerce commission today that body was advised to require railroads to build an east and west extension through central Oregon at a cost of \$9,000,000.

Commissioner McManamy, assigned by his associates to investigate the Oregon situation which was brought to the commission's attention by a complaint of the public service commission of that state, filed a formal conclusion holding that the commission had authority to compel railroads to extend their lines, and that the Oregon situation required the extension proposed.

O. W. R. & N. Lines Would Be Named Builders
The new line would run from Crane to Crescent Lake, both points in Oregon, and would connect the railroads in the eastern part of the state with the lines in the western part, traversing territory now thinly settled, but making more accessible important grazing areas. While the Oregon complaint was directed against the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern systems, all of which operate in the state, the McManamy report recommended that the construction should be undertaken by the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line.

Postoffice Annex Bids Called Again

Bids will be opened April 14 for construction of an annex which will give 1,300 additional square feet of floor space to the Salem postoffice. Postmaster John H. Farrar was informed Monday from the federal office. The annex specifications, which may be seen at the local office, follow the plans drawn last year. At that time bids were returned unopened because funds had been exhausted.

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