Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, February 21, 1930

WEATHER

Unsettled with occasion-al rains today and Saturday. Max. temperature Thursday 50; Min. 39; Wind south; Rain .83; River 9; Part cloudy.

SEVENTY-NINTH YEAR

Trail of Death Extends to

Many Parts of Globe;

**Details Bared** 

DETROIT, Feb. 20-(AP) -

Confessing he had killed eight

men with poison and a ninth

with a revolver, James Baker, 25,

was being held here tonight for

The list of Baker's victims as

assembled from his confession

shows a trail of death extending

him for more than a year.

fully of his exploits.

## **8 POISONED BY** Secret Societies FIEND; FACTS Are Investigated

Ninth Victim Murdered With Revolver, James Baker in Defiance of State Law and Signatures Says on Arrest on Pledges; Action is Delayed

> MEMBERS of secret societies at the senior high school had better watch out. For Principal Fred Wolf knows full well that these secret societies are flourishing among Salem high school students, he said yesterday in issuing a statement in answer to a query on what he's going to do

half way on the proposition, and that so long as secret socie-

#### New York police who have sought Baker was arrested last night on a farm near Farmington, a suburb. He had lived there for nearly a year. Yesterday informers tipped Detroit police they believed Baker was a fugitive. His arrest followed. At headquarters he talked freely, almost boast-

To California for Visit in Institutions There

places as far south as Fresno.

thorities by New York police is state, Fred Wolf, principal of the said to tally with Baker's appear- high school here, is making a surance even to some peculiar tatoo vey of some 250 high schools careless of keeping under cover, about the size of Salem to deter- Wolf said: Baker's confession was receiv- mine much the same thing. Wolf ed almost incredulously by auth- made a survey of these 250 orities. He calmly informed them schools three years ago for the in view of the fact that parents he poisoned his victims because Southwestern Idaho Teachers' as- don't seem willing to cooperate he wanted to witness the effects sociation, and now he is going in upholding the state law in this of poisons and because deaths of over the same ground to see what matter. However, so long as human beings gave him "a funny changes have been made in the members of the societies do not "I was always interested in together with results of several interfere with school affairs. I poisons and usually carried some others made elsewhere, was basis do not feel that I can "aste around with me," Baker said, "In for institution of the home room school time breaking them up.

> questionnaire to about 50 other schools located near some of the original ones to see whether or not these schools have adopted newer educational trends because of proximity with schools which have. Results of these questionnaires, together with a comparison with the original one, will be compiled by Wolf and made available to persons interested.

### It was after this first experi poison other persons. "No one in particular, but just anyone who VIEWS ARE OPPOSED

W. C. T. U. of Woodburn Hindu in Bombay, India, while during the spring of 1928, he Adopts Resolution Condemning Stand

> Protest against Mayor T. A. Livesley's views on prohibition has now been carried beyond the confines of Salem as evidenced by a resolution adopted this week by the Woodburn W. C. T. U.

"We feel greatly grieved that as prominent a business man as Mr. Livesley should make the statement that he did concerning Plans are practically completed the people being tired of prohifor the Christian Endeavor con- bition," declares the W. C. T. U. yention of the Willamette district in a written resolution sent the which convenes in this city Friday, press. "We hereby go on record come pastor of the Parish church as opposing any attempt to re- at Quincy. bany is president of the union store the liquor traffic in any

The resolution continues: bany, is sing leader. The Rev. as an organization and as citi-Mortimer M. Stocker will be the zens are interested in the generprincipal speaker and will give al welfare of our people. Prohian address Friday evening, tak- bition speaks for itself in regard to business, homes and money." The resolutions are signed by Mrs. A. H. Dean, president of the W. C. T. U., as well as by Laura ing the election of officers will Rice, Mrs. J. R. Landon and Nel-

TATE CONFIRMED

-The senate today confirmed the nomination of Hugh M. Tate of gates are expected to be in at- of the interstate commerce com-

# By School's Head

Organizations Found Thriving in Salem High Britten Already Fixing Re-

about the matter. Wolf said, in substance, that he will meet the students

#### ties do not cross the path of high school work, and do not interfere with school affairs, he will take no steps to drown them out. But when these secret groups interfered with school work, then is he ready to take from the members all credit earned this year.

The principal has now in his R. W. Tavenner Takes Trip possession names of about 80 high school students whom he knows to be affiliated with these societies, which several years ago were supposed to have been wiped R. W. Tavenner, secondary su- state through legal enactment. pervisor in the Salem schools, left He estimates the names he has

out of all high schools in the represent a third or fourth of the junior high schools in the larger but says they are more than a sufficient number to clean socie-While Tavenner is in Califor- ties from the school.

Relative to the societies, members of which seem to have grown

"There seems to be no way to stop this business and especially three years. His original survey, cross the path of school and don't The minute they interfere I intend to go the limit, and those stu-Wolf will also send a different dents who belong to these socie-(Turn to page 2, col 6)

## **GETS NEW PASTOR**

Fred Alban Weil Accepts Invitation to Occupy Pulpit in This City

Rev. Fred Alban Weil, pastor First Parish church, widely mown as the "church of the presidents," in Quincy, Mass., has acepted a call to the Unitarian pulpit in Salem and will take charge April 1. Rev. Weil has occupied the pulpit here several times since the former pastor, Rev. Martin Ferrey, ended his service the first

The new Unitarian minister was ordained to that ministry in 1904, and for three years after that occupied the pulpit of Third church Chicago. In 1907 he accepted the pastorate of the church at Bellingham, Wash., continuing there for 10 years, and while there was president of the Associated Charities organization of that city. He was pastor of the First Church at Denver, Colo., from 1917 to 1920, and in 1920 left Colorado to be-

Rev. Weil proposed the organization of the National Unitarian Ministerial union, and served as its first president from 1921 to 1923. He is also past president of the Denver Philosophic society a member of the American Unitarian association, and of the church board of the Woodward Institute for Girls at Quincy.

Before being ordained to the ministry, he was reporter and editor of a newspaper in Massachusetts, and from 1895 to 1900 was correspondent for the Associated Press. Rev. Weil will be 56 years old next May and was born in Andover, Mass, He was graduated from the Phillips Academy at Andover in 1892 and received his B D. from the Meadville Theological school in 1904. He was married in 1904 to Ellen Smith, daughter Rev. Thomas L. Eliot, D. D. of Portland, Oregon, There are two children, Thomas Eliot and

Rev. Well served in the Spanthe eighth regiment of the Massaregional field director of the charge of five southern states dur- thirds gone this constitutes a ing the World War. He is a Mason, an Elk and for outdoor sport finds mountain climbing most en-

## Romeo Goulet Is In Race For Job

The first candidate to declare were broken, four land bound airhis intention of entering the race planes on the Swan Island airfor membership in the lower port were damaged, wires were house of the state legislature is downed, and sign boards leveled. 291 persons were injured in a tomittee have approved the applicascholarship. When the order enbe a candidate for re-election hangars and deposited almost one ing to a report prepared by T. A. on Oregon history. Mr. Hendricks very important to the Silverton immediately expressed their ap-

sponsibility for Confab's Failure

Strong Navy With Extensive Cruising Radius is Said Needed by U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20-(AP) Chairman Britten of the house naval affairs committee said tonight that if the London arms conference fails, "and it probably will, it will be the third one that has been a fizzle because of British obstinacy.

"There must be no diplomatic victory at the expense of our naval defense," he said in an address before the Illinois Manufacturers' association. "There must be no agreement that does not insure actual naval fighting parity with England, ton for ton, and each nation to build the kind of cruisers it deems suited for its position

suggestion "that we build 77,000 tons of small gun cruisers at a a cost of \$130,000,000, merely to meet the British expansion proposal," Britten appealed for "limitation, not expansion. Instability of

If the British admiralty are the friends they pretend to be." he continued, "let them make a friendly gesture aimed at world peace, forget that Britannia rules the waves and give thought to the world's overburdened taxpavers The adjournment of the conference for a week due to the fall of the French government strong ly brings out that fact that we are dickering with a group of governments whose stability is most insecure and who may become poliitically bankrupt at a day's notice. This knowledge may be responsible for Ramsay MacDonald's back somersault from limi-

ty to continued sea control." "That great Yankee spirit, we talk so much about over here, seems to become an inferiority complex over there whenever our statesmen get up against a group of old world diplomats," he said after referring to "fifteen billion dollars worth of American merchandise which found its way into every seaport on earth last year.' Great Cruising Radius Declared Vital Need

in a state of confu on.

## Pittsburgh Strike Just Like War



Wartime measures were adopted by officials of the Green Taxi company in Pittsburgh to prevent further injuries to strikebreakers in vicious taxi war. The new drivers seem quite pleased at the novel safety headgear. Bricks, coal, etc., have already accounted for 185 injuries as the taxi war continues and one man who attacked strike breakers was shot and kliled by a policeman Wednesday of this week,

## Territic Storm Reported On Newfoundland's Coast

The meager reports of ex-

tensive damage filtered in

here today with little more than

general realization of heavy tolls.

three lives. Burgeo, on the Bur-

lands most valuable fisheries and

a rendezvous for artists, reported

damage to shopping, dwellings,

stores and fishing stages to the

extent of \$100,000. Burgeo is

on the extreme southwest coast

and has one of the finest harbors

in that part of the country.

geo Islands, one of New Found-

La Maline reported the loss of

Three Persons Killed and Hundreds of Thousands Dollars Worth of Damage Done by Fierce Gale Early in Week

ST. JOHN, N. F., Feb. 20.—(AP)—First word of a terrific southeast gale that claimed three lives and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage in the fishing ports along the southwest coast of Newfoundland last Sunday reached here

Sale of Milk Animals Proves Basis of Three Disagreements

Bossy is having a busy time in court here this week, two cases involving cows having been tried before juries in justice court and a third having been tried in cir-

The cows mentioned in all of the three cases were worthless according to the complaints. One (Turn to page 2, col 1)

#### would give but two quarts of milk a day while two did not come fresh and one of these was said to be six years of age although she was really 12. In justice court the buyers were upheld but

day afternoon, Martin F. Ferrey, retired Uni-Counterfeiting Charged

AP)-Portland clung to its leadership of the Pacific coast hockey league tonight by defeating the Seattle Eskimos 3 to 1 in one of the wildest games ever played here on the Coliseum ice. General White Honored PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.

AP)-Portland tonight paid tribute to Oregon's foremost citizen-soldier, whose military career began as a field artillery private in the Spanish American war and was recently topped by his promotion to Major-Generalship and command of a national guard division embracing troops in five states. More than 200 comrades in arms, public officials and other friends met about the banquet tables at the Multnomah hotel to pay tribute to George A. White, major general in command of the 41st division and adjutant general of Oregon.

Portland Wins 3-1

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20-

16 Stills Taken

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20. AP)-In the course of a deter mined attack upon manufacturers of illicit whisky, federal prohibition agents cooperating with participated in the seizure of 16 ish-American war as orderly in stills and the arrest of 28 operators since February 1, W. K. chusetts volunteer militia, and was Newell, deputy administrator, announced today. Newell said that United States Health service in although the month is only two record for a single month in the records of local government pro-

> Gale Sweeps Portland PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—
> (AP)—A southerly gale which reached a maximum velocity of 40 miles an hour in some parts In Legislature of the city early today did extensive minor damage throughout the city. Plate glass windows aviators said.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 .-(AP)-M. J. Corbin, 34, and W. .. Corbin, 40, were lodged in the county jail today on charges of counterfeiting by William S. Mac-Swain, United States secret service man here. MacSwain said the two men have been making and passing spurious \$1 coins.

Snow Is Reported BEND, Ore., Feb. 20 .- (AP) -A foot of snow fell last night at Crater lake and late today the February storm was still in progress in the mountains just west of Bend. Reports indicated that nearly a foot fell on the mile high McKenzie summit.

Flurries of snow fell in the upper Deschutes county today and in Bend last night. .04 of an inch of rain was recorded.

Tram Report Promised PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 .-(AP)-Senator McNary today informed the Portland chamber of commerce that the report on development of the Mount Hood recreation area now on proposals for a tramway to the summit will be delivered to secretary of agriculture next week. A special commission made a survey of the area last summer.

Missing Girl Found EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 20. (AP)-After a search of nearly two weeks in several counties. Florence Woodruff, 16-year-old grade school girl of Coquille was taken into custody at Springfield today and will be returned to her

An uncle of the girl, C. Woodruff, 65, is in custody at Coquille. He was arrested at North Bend. It was alleged the uncle left with the girl, who left her home Sunday, February 9.

ble for 929 of the accidents,

## Put Out of Court By Circuit Judge

\$6,048 damage suit against Chester Miller when Judge Percy Kelly ruled a dismiss al during Hahn's testimony before a jury in circuit court here Thursday. A slip of the tongue when Hahn was being questioned on the witness stand revealed that an insurance company was involved in the suit.

Bay Largent, Little Bay, East Harbour, all situated at the foot of Fortune Bay, reported large damage to property, fishing boats damage to property, fishing boats and fishing stages. The heavy damage has made

communication impossible and only the most meager of reports were coming through today.

#### Foster C. Cone New Candidate For J.P. Position

A new threat for the office of ustice of the peace of the Salem district is evident here today in the person of Foster C. Cone, local attorney and secretary of the Marion county bar association. Cone filed his declaration of candidacy for the office late yester-

arian pastor, and Miller Hayden. local attorney, are already in the race, both men having previously filed with the county clerk. "Strict conformation to

be placed after his name on the ballot. His slogan is: "Fearless, conscientious and impartial administration of justice." He is a

#### Salem Store Is Forced to Close Doors This Week

Doors of the Salem Variety store on North Commercial street were closed late Wednesday afterbusiness made to the adjustment bureau of the Portland association of credit men for benefit of the creditors. F. G. Brock, has owned the business for the past two and a half years, and according to Attorney E. M. Page who is handling the matter here, had enjoyed a good business until the ast winter. Page stated that the store would probably be put up for sale by the Portland credit men. The inventory has not yet been completed.

## Mission-Play Is Described Here

The southern California Mission play was graphically described by R. J. Hendricks to members of the First Methodist church Thurs- could not purchase it, or wheth- tendent of Silverton schools, then day night at the regular monthly fellowship dinner. Mr. Hendricks made a thorough study of the play stop handling it. Nine persons were killed and upon a recent trip to the south. Both sides were agreed that butter substitute. The amendganization. When the regional chapters and the national com-

1934,

## Damage Action Is

Ed Hahn, laborer, lost his

It was alleged by Hahn in bringing the case into court here that while he was walk ing across the highway near Jefferson a wire dangling from the rear of Miller's car became entangled with his legs and dragged him for some distance, injuring his back and scalp severely.

Over 700 Persons on Hand At Special Event Staged By Elks ?lub

The largest gathering of men ever to attend any event in the Salem Elks temple was present for the veterans' night program Thursday. There were more than 700 persons attending, including veterans of three wars and the Elks, hosts of the occasion.

In addition to hundreds of lo cal veterans, the Dallas post of the American Legion attended 50 strong, and there were delegations Silverton, Independence, Stayton and other cities in the Willamette valley

Following an address of welome by Walter Keyes, past exalted ruler of the Salem lodge of Elks, the following commanders terms of the oath of office," is of veterans' organizations were the platform which Cone asks to introduced and responded briefly: H. P. Carnahan of Sedgwick Post No. 10, G. A. R.; Ludwig Michaelson of Hal Hibbard Camp. United Spanish War veterans; Byron H. Conley of Marion Post No. 661, Veterans of Foreign Wars; A. C. "Biddy" Bishop of Capital Post No. 9, American Le-

Twelve G. A. R. members were present, including three from Sil-A pleasing program of enter-

ainment was provided by the Booth theatrical company of Portland. Arrangements for the program had been made a committee headed by Frank Cain.

SHERIFF MURDERED SIDNEY, Neb., Feb. 20 .-AP)-A maniac wounded Sherff James Nelson, probably fatal-

## Gathering Sponsors Petitions

No. 285

Charter Provision le Immediate Target for Group

#### Hollywood Community Club Unanimous in Action

Contending that in its program to bring about municipal ownership in Salem the first step is to remove from the city charter the present unwieldy clause prescribing the method for purchase or condemnation of the utility, the Hollywood community club veted unanimously Thursday night to sponsor petitions calling for a vote on the repeal of clause six, section six, of the charter.

Members of the club stated that his much might be done at the May primaries, thus permitting procedure under the state law, which prescribes a less complicated method of authorizing purchase or condemnation, according to A. M. Church, who moved that the repeal measure be attempted.

A committee to supervise the preparation and circulation of the petitions was appointed by President P. M. Gregory, consisting of A. C. Burk, R. J. Strumbo and N. C. Hubbs.

Larger Number of Signatures Required

Incidentally an initiative petition for repeal of this clause in the charter will require more signatures than the proposed intiative petition authorizing acquisition of the water utility under the charter as it now is. That would have required only 780 coming under the general intiative law, will require close to 1200.

Members of the club expressed themselves as no less thoroughly, 'sold" on the idea of municipal ownership than they were at the previous meeting when the proposal was approved by a practicaly unanimous vote.

Opposition to the city council's plans for installing fire alarm boxes in Salem this year, was another development at the meeting. The club went on record as opposing this program, which was declared unsuited to a city of Salem's size, it being much quicker and easier to turn in alarms by

Request Made For Time Saving

The motion adopted on this question also contained a recemmendation to the council that a elephone hookup be provided whereby all alarms shall be received simultaneously at each of the fire stations. At present alarma reach only the downtown station, requiring a second call to the suburban stations with a conse quent loss of time

A program which the flub may enter into when it is not quite so busy with these major policies t was indicated, is the removal "pumpkins" from downtown street intersections and the substitution of four markers. one in the center of each pedestrian

Entertainment at the Thursday night meeting included music by live young children; a vocal solo by David Smith, songs also by Bobby and Eleanor Brazeau, nomers on the pianaccordion by Dick Stearns and on the saxophone by Billy DeSouza.

#### Salem Debaters Win 2 Contests Blanking Rivals

Salem high added further to its debate laurels last night when the local affirmative team, Fred Blatchford and Frank Childs, substitute, defeated the Independence negative 3 to 0. At Stayton the Salem negative, Norman Winslow and Doryce Ross, substitute, won 3 to 0 from Stayton.

## Use Of Substitutes For Butter Argued At Meet

SILVERTON, Feb. 20-Wheth- out the discussion and the selu-

or the egg before the hen seemed to be the bone of contention Wednesday night at one of the most enthusiastic chamber of com-By Mr. Hendricks merce meetings ever held at Silverton. This question, of course, is figuratively speaking. The question was really whether the grocer should stop selling butter substitutes so that the farmer Banks. Robert Goetz, superiner the farmer should refrain from buying it so that the grocer would delegate this committee to urge

He told the church people the the sale of butter substitute was ment was seconded and carried.

sent was very noticeable through-

er the hen comes before the egg tion of the matter was finally suggested by the grocers when Roscoe Jenkins, local manager of MacMarr's store, made the metion that the chair appoint a commerce meetings ever held at Sil- mittee to visit merchants and urge them "to stop advertising eleomargarine." The motion was promptly seeonded by W. Syring of Syring and

> offered an amendment that would the merchants to stop selling the

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#### from Bombay, India, to Hamburg. Germany. Watchman's Death Blamed on Baker Specifically, Baker is wanted yesterday for California, where he in connection with the poisoning will make a survey of senior and entire membership in the school, in New York December 28, 1928, of Henry S. Gaw, a night watchman at the Guggenheim laboratory where he was employed. The nia making a survey of tendencies | Wolf Holds Parents description furnished Detroit au- and trends in the schools of that

marks on his right forarm. .

sort of mental satisfaction.' 1924, I was in Houston, Texas. I and supervised study in the high happened into a sailors' restau- school here last fall. rant and sat down beside a man. He had a cup of coffee in front of him. While he was looking away, I had a sudden impulse to put some poison in his coffee. He died almost at once. I learned

afterward that his name Honeycut.' Houston authorities have been unable to find a report of the death of 'a man by that name, it

was learned here today

ence, Baker said, that he became particular, but just anyone who happened to be near," he said. The impulse moved him in Hamburg in 1926, and he said he poisoned a man there. Again In 1927, he said he poisoned a

### (Turn to page 2, col 1) RELIGIOUS SESSION **WILL START TODAY**

killed a man by poison at Iloilo, a

small seaport town on Panay isl-

MILL CITY, Ore., Feb. 20. and will preside during the meet- way." ings. Lloyd Halverson, also of Aling as his subject "Carry On." Ross Guiley will also take a prominent part in all the sessions. At the Saturday evening meettake place and the place in which lie Muir. the next convention will be held

James C. Henderson, state president of the society. The convention will close with the 4 o'clock session Sunday afternoon. Approximately 75 dele- Knoxville, Tenn., to be a member

will be decided. The officers will

be installed Sunday afternoon by

## Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Requested By Willamette

mation of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Willamette university will be mailed within the next the College of the Pacific will altwo or three weeks, according to so be applicants for a charter this President Carl G. Doney who is year. wery desirous that this nationally noted scholarship fraternity may be granted a charter for the uni-In the western division of Phi

Beta Kappa there are 13 chapters, Ewo-thirds of whom must first approve Willamette university's aption, the matter is brought before the triennial convention of the national order. Approval of the national order. Approval of the national order approach to the silverton and deposited almost one in the national order. Approval of the conventer next in are eligible for election.

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Formal petitions for the for- 1931, assures a charter for the According to President Doney the University of Montana and

> Willamette's petition which will consist of a well-printed booklet of from 16 to 24 pages in size, will depict the history and

success of the school and its outlook for the future. Phi Beta Kappa is entirely an honorary society, its membership plication. The matter is then laid being customarily limited to not before the special committee on to exceed 10 per cent of the ew charters of the national or- upperclassmen of a university,

## in domestic and world peace." Describing as "ridiculous" the

Governments Cited

tation to expansion and from pari

"To protect that commerce we require cruisers of the greatest steaming radius because we do not possess bases all over the world as England does," he added. "When war actually occurs, treatles are but scraps of paper and the rights of neutrals at sea are weighed almost wholly by the military power they have to enforce the respect of the warring nations. "Today the law governing the use of the seas in time of war, is

#### Portland Hockey Club Retains Oregon ' League Leadership by Winning 3-1 Over Seattle Es-Briefs.. kimos in Terrific Battle