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DEALERS FORM ORGANIZATION AT MEET HERE

Merchants of Salem Trade Area Get Together for Mutual Benefit

Tentative Program for Improvement of Local Conditions Planned

With an aim to better business conditions and to establish an association for the protection of the independent merchants of Salem, a group of local independent retailers met last night and organized the Salem Independent Retailers' Protective Association. Approximately 30 prominent merchants attended last night's meeting and representatives from Macleay, West Salem, Salem Heights, Albany and Aumsville were present.

The imperative need of such an organization was brought out forcibly at the initial meeting. Among the various phases of the work of the association are the improvement of local conditions relative to the operation of the independent stores themselves, legislative work to curb outlaw dealers, and the establishment of an associated credit system.

Considerable discussion of the proper method to compete with chain store systems was evident at the meeting. It was mutually decided to band together for mutual benefit and to educate the public to the advantages claimed by independent merchants, and eventually bring the fight against outside competition to a head.

A. A. Kruger was elected president of the association, Kenneth Dalton secretary, and Eimer Dane treasurer. D. L. Shrode, temporary chairman, called the meeting to order. Shrode was appointed chairman of the meeting place committee and will work with C. M. Lee and H. G. Damon. An executive committee to draw a set of by-laws was appointed with Ed Slinke, chairman, and R. McNulty, John Marr and C. M. Roberts co-members.

The second meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, April 15, at a time and place to be announced later.

FRENCH POPULATION DECREASES RAPIDLY

Deaths Far Ahead of Births; Conditions Rival War Times, Report

PARIS, April 8.—(AP)—Peace-time France was brought face to face today with the fact that deaths have shot almost as far ahead of births in numbers as in the years when the war-torn nation was fighting in the battlefields of Europe for its very life.

More deaths, fewer births, fewer marriages and more divorces in 1929 is the gist of the findings of an official report made public today by Francois Poncet, under secretary of state for national economy.

The figures, showing that 12,664, struck consternation in the minds of many Frenchmen solicitous for the well being of the country.

The ratio between births and deaths in France has been a problem for many years, but was never so brutally brought before the country as it was today.

The afternoon newspaper, L'Intransigeant, says "these are extremely disquieting figures, one must shout them at the top of his voice until a means is found of stopping this decrease in the populations of France. France must live, not die."

The president spoke over a radio hookup that extended throughout the United States and into other countries participating in the celebration. He described the man who founded the Johns Hopkins medical school as "our great statesman in the field of public health."

Crack Flyer Is Angry at Navy



"All" Williams of New York, the navy's speed king, declared he felt it necessary to resign from the service if he was to do his best in advancing the cause of aviation in the United States. His charges of inefficiency were denied by naval officials yesterday.

EDDY LAWS ARGUED TO SUPREME COURT

Salem Folk to Await Verdict With Interest as Affecting Local Status

Arguments of attorneys were heard in the state supreme court here Tuesday, in the mandamus action brought by Kelley Loe of Multnomah county, attacking the legality of the Eddy laws passed at the 1929 session of the legislature which limit to taxpayers the right to vote on bond and tax measures.

This case is of outstanding interest in Salem as the decision, expected prior to the May 16 election, will probably settle the question as to whether all legal voters, or only taxpayers, may vote on the initiative measure proposed in connection with an appraisal of the water system.

However, Mr. Loe's case attacks the Eddy law relative to state and county financial measures, and the issue here has to do with a companion measure relative to municipal elections. If the supreme court finds for Mr. Loe, the decision will mean that all legal voters may ballot on the initiative measure in question; but if the decision upholds the law attacked, legality of the second law having to do with municipal elections will still be in doubt, as the home rule law is an additional objection to be raised in that case, local attorneys say.

Attorneys for Loe contended that provisions of the initiative and referendum law give to all legal voters the right to vote on all measures regardless of whether they involve taxes or bonds.

Stanley Myers, district attorney for Multnomah county, argued that a vote on a bond issue is not an election within the meaning of the constitution.

Public Health Confab Slated By Oregon Man

Dr. Frederick Stricker of the Oregon state board of health, who will be in Washington, D. C., April 10 to 12 to meet with the American child health association to confer about May day program and problems of child health, will stop in Nashville, Tenn., on the return to confer with Dr. Bishop, state health commissioner of Tennessee. Stricker will discuss with Bishop the program of public health and public health education with Tennessee is carrying on in cooperation with the Commonwealth Fund.

CARNERA WINS ANOTHER LOS ANGELES, April 8.—(AP)—Pete Carnera, who won his 14th match in the United States here tonight by knocking out Neil Clisby, Riverside negro heavyweight in the second round.

President Hoover Lauds Dr. Welch Of Baltimore

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—Leading an international tribute to Dr. William Welch of Baltimore, on his 80th birthday, President Hoover lauded the noted pathologist as having contributed "more than any other American to the relief of suffering and pain."

The president spoke over a radio hookup that extended throughout the United States and into other countries participating in the celebration. He described the man who founded the Johns Hopkins medical school as "our great statesman in the field of public health."

CONDITIONS IN NAVY AVIATION CORPS FLEW

Testimony of Crack Flyer Is Contradicted by Officers at Hearing

Chairman Tydings Not Satisfied With Evidences Of Efficiency

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—Formal declaration by the navy that it is experimenting to keep its planes up to most modern standards followed testimony today by Lieutenant Alford J. Williams that he resigned from the service because he felt duty bound to continue experimentation with his Mercury racer out of the navy, after he had been ordered to sea.

Williams made the declaration at the end of a two hour recital before a sub-committee of the senate naval affairs committee reviewing his 13 years in the navy. Davis S. Ingalls, assistant secretary of the navy for aeronautics, and other officials were among the spectators at the committee's hearing on a resolution calling for investigation of the reason for the United States' lagging behind in development of fast pursuit and bombing planes.

Private Efforts to Raise Funds Cited
Recounting successful efforts to obtain private funds for experimentation on a plane to represent the United States in international competition, in which other nations had government sponsored planes, Williams told the committee that he had collected \$30,000 from the public for experimentation on the racer that failed to take the air in tests that preceded cup races last fall.

After that, he was ordered to sea, Williams said, but he received a four months stay. It would have required about a year, he said, to complete rebuilding of the racer.

Williams has a pretty good sense of responsibility," Williams told the committee, adding that he felt duty-bound to continue his work with the plane "in the navy or out."

The navy department issued a formal statement explaining that "the United States navy is conducting experiments today with a ship of a later design owned by the British royal air force."

The statement added that the navy is "now conducting experiments with a ship of a later design owned by the British royal air force."

OLINGER FIELD WILL BE USED BY LEAGUE

Teams of the industrial and commercial twilight baseball leagues here will be permitted to use Olinger field this season at a cost of \$5 a team, the school board voted at its regular session last night. The board included the proviso that the grandstand and grounds be cleaned after each game, failure to comply with which will forfeit privilege of using the grounds.

Four local firms competing, including Spaulding, Peterson and Son, C. K. Lehman and Salem Fuel company. Spaulding's bid was low, although this concern submitted bids on only three schools. Capital City transfer and Larmer transfer submitted bids on coal and oil. All bids were referred to the special committee with power to act.

Several complaints have come to the board concerning parking of the school buses at the high and Parrish schools, and this matter was presented before the entire board tonight. The general sentiment of the board seemed to be, however, that the buses should not be left along the school premises all day.

Toycen's Life Declared Saved By Boy Scout

Had it not been for the presence of a Boy Scout and the quick first aid rendered by the elder Toycen to have rendered immediate first aid, and after fixing the injured lad as comfortably as possible, to have sought assistance, Humphrey, when commended before a group of scouts last night, said he had done nothing out of the ordinary, simply putting into practice the first aid lessons he had learned in the troop.

Portland Girl Is Elected Queen of May at University

Katherine Everett was elected May Queen by vote of the Willamette university students yesterday, getting a majority over Margaret Bolt and Lillian Scott. Miss Everett is the daughter of Mrs. W. D. Everett, president of Portland, and is president of the women's glee club and her sorority. She has been prominent in class affairs and has held several offices in the campus Y. W. C. During her four years at Willamette. Last year she was manager of the glee club. She is a member of the Beta Chi sorority. Miss Everett has chosen William Mumford, student body president, to act as lord of May at the exercises to be held May 2 and 3.

REWARD OFFERED FOR LANE SLAYER

Eugene Business Men Put Up \$1800 for Capture of Murderer

EUGENE, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—A reward fund of more than \$1,800 was subscribed here today by local business men and organizations for information leading to the arrest of the slayer of Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, should federal county and city investigators definitely establish the case as murder and not a suicide or accident.

The accident theory already has been virtually discarded, but authorities were divided in their opinion as to whether Macduff whose body was found in a thicket at the side of the mountain trail near McKenzie bridge, 55 miles east of here, shot himself through the head or was slain.

County Judge C. P. Barnard announced that Lane county would add to the reward if investigators decide Macduff was murdered. Macduff disappeared from his office at McKenzie bridge late last Friday and his body was found Saturday after searching parties had combed the forests in the vicinity of the bridge throughout the night.

SPECIAL MEET OF COUNCIL TALKED

New Bus Franchise Cause of Some Concern Among City Aldermen

The question of municipal ownership of the local water system, and that of the Oregon Stages bus franchise, linked together in city council maneuvering Monday night, may come in for additional parallel consideration within the next week, it was indicated Tuesday.

It was reported that a movement was on foot to call a special meeting of the council to enact the ordinance calling a special election on the bus franchise. Its passage at Monday night's meeting under suspension of rules was blocked by friends of the municipal ownership program when similar consideration was denied an ordinance they proposed.

Tuesday it appeared certain from an examination of the bus franchise ordinance, that it could not come to a vote unless action calling the special election is taken. On the other hand, if the initiative petitions for the proposed \$7000 bond issue to appraise the water system are filed in time, it is probable that it will go on the ballot without any help from the council.

At any rate, if a special council meeting is held to pass the bus franchise election ordinance, it is patent that the ordinance bill proposing a special election on any initiative measures which may be filed in time, will also come up for consideration.

Clerk's Office Kept Open After Business Hours

County Clerk U. G. Boyer announced yesterday that he would have his office open every evening until 8 p. m. from April 9 to the evening of April 15 for the purpose of allowing business folk to register for the primary election.

Registrations are still coming in rapidly and with the additional hours of opening scheduled at the clerk's office, the number of registered voters is expected to increase materially.

CLEANUP TO BE INSISTED UPON BY CATTLEMEN

Abortion-Free Showings at Spring Shows Stressed By Speakers

Marion County Jersey Club Holds Extensive Meeting at Woodburn

"We have talked so much about cleaning abortion from Oregon herds," said M. G. Gunderson of Silverton at a meeting of Marion County Jersey Cattle club held at Woodburn Tuesday. "That other states have gained the opinion that almost every herd in the state is diseased. We have to go through with our cleanup program to prove that this is not so."

All speakers at the morning session which began at 11:30, emphasized the necessity of a big showing at the spring shows which will this year be abortion free. The big showing was urged in order to counteract the false opinion that Oregon could not put on an abortion-free show of any size. The spring show referred to at this meeting was the Marion county show to be held at Salem on May 27.

Committee Named For Spring Show
The chairman, E. A. Rhoten, appointed the following committee to make all arrangements for the spring show: M. G. Gunderson of Silverton, Warren Grey of Marion, Victor Madson of Silverton, Frank Keuning of Woodburn, Gordon Jones of Gervais, J. R. Davis of Turner, and C. J. Stupfel of Salem.

Ivan Laughery, Jersey field man, reported on the recent meeting of the state organization. William Teutsch of Oregon State college was the first speaker on the afternoon's program. Throughout his talk he advocated the use of dairy products. He advised the advertising of these products and urged that the public be taught to use them rather than the dairy substitutes. The dairy industry, he said, furnishes one-fourth of the state's products.

Used on Cattlemen
Mr. Teutsch urged all dairymen to keep records of their cows. "It is about as reasonable," he said, "for a dairyman to run his business without records as for the credit business man to run his without bookkeeping system."

He said that Oregon had made splendid progress in all lines of dairying and that in the abortion control Oregon had made greater progress than any other state in the union.

MYSTERY BABY IN LIMELIGHT AGAIN

PORTLAND, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—Portland's mystery baby of three months ago, which Mrs. George F. Schaefer of this city claimed was hers and which doctors claimed was not, today became the subject of a controversy between Mrs. Schaefer and Miss Geraldine Watson, 23, of Los Angeles who local police said, announced she is the mother of the child.

The mysterious baby case, which occupied public and official attention here three months ago, presumably was closed, but local police officials today received word from Los Angeles that a nameless baby girl, abandoned by her unmarried mother, had been turned over to Mrs. George F. Schaefer of Portland for adoption and that Los Angeles authorities were starting legal proceedings to have the baby returned to its mother.

On receipt of this information, Mrs. Myrtle S. Kaiser of the police women's division called upon Mrs. Schaefer. Mrs. Schaefer refused to be shaken from her original story that she is the mother of the baby. She denied having been in California between January 21 and 26 the interval in which she dropped from sight here and was sought by police and her husband in all local hospitals.

Big Plurality of Salem Votes for Dry Enforcement

The present incomplete count on the prohibition poll in Salem shows that out of 1007 ballots counted, 534 are for enforcement of present prohibition laws, 248 for modification and 217 for repeal of the 18th amendment, according to information received Tuesday by The Statesman from the Literary Digest, which is conducting the poll.

Persons inclined to lump the vote for modification and repeal together as "wet vote" will reach a total of 538, and claim that Salem is "wet" by a margin of 19 votes so far. However, Salem is distinctly "dry" as compared to many other cities, which are showing pluralities for both modification and repeal counted separately.

Ruth Hanna McCormick Nominated For Job in United States Senate



Ruth Hanna McCormick

Ruth McCormick Wins Nomination

Senator Deneen Ousted in Illinois Race When Big Bill Thompson's Faction Swept Back Into Power by Substantial Margin

CHICAGO, April 8.—(AP)—Ruth Hanna McCormick, whose husband and father wore the togas of United States senators, apparently had won her contest for the republican senatorial nomination in today's primary.

The daughter of Mark Hanna had piled up a lead approaching 100,000 over Senator Charles S. Deneen, who defeated the late Medill McCormick for renomination six years ago. Nearly one half of the vote had been counted at midnight, and Representative McCormick was steadily increasing her advantage.

Senator Deneen, declining to concede defeat, said he would await a verdict from at least 6000 of the state's 7117 precincts, before making a statement. Mrs. McCormick Lays Claim to Nomination
Mrs. McCormick, watching returns at her downtown headquarters with Alice Roosevelt Longworth, claimed the republican senatorial nomination at midnight tonight and in a statement drew the "logical conclusion" that the "people of Illinois are against adherence to the League of Nations court."

Mrs. McCormick had opposed adherence to the court as the chief plank of her platform. The apparent McCormick victory in Cook county seemed to have swept back into power the rejuvenated city hall republican faction crushed two years ago by Deneen's adherents, virtually the entire slate backed by the Thompson group which supported Mrs. McCormick, was far in the van of the senator's partisans.

Big Bill's Faction Looms Very Strong
Mrs. McCormick, supported by the city hall republican faction whose grip on local politics was shaken by the Deneen group two years ago, apparently was sweeping the renascent Thompson-Snow alliance to victory over the candidates sponsored by Deneen. Virtually every Deneen candidate for county office was running second to the city hall standard bearers in the preliminary reports.

Price of Gas Cut to Twenty Cents Tuesday

Gasoline dropped to 20 cents a gallon here Tuesday when a local wholesale distributing concern announced that a cut of three cents on the wholesale price would be effective then. When new price tags made their appearance in various parts of the city, many local dealers purchasers' who had hauled the product into the city from other sections of the valley. Today other wholesale concerns will probably line up with the new price and a general 20 cent price will be effective here.

During the past few weeks gasoline has been sold to Portland service stations at 13 1/2 cents a gallon.

Confiscated Auto Not Yet Claimed

No claimant had appeared up to late Tuesday night, for the automobile confiscated by "Dubs" Mulkey, state traffic officer, after an exciting chase in the Aurora vicinity Monday night. The machine, containing an extensive supply of articles usually associated with liquor manufacture, was being held by the police here. Any claimant will find himself facing a charge of speeding.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN ACCORD, WORD

Partial Agreement Reached Between Two Nations at London Session

Brief and Restrained Statement Made by MacDonald and Briand

By FRANK H. KING
Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, April 8.—(AP)—Agreement between Great Britain and France upon questions of national security in Europe, as indicated tonight by foreign Minister Briand, after his conference with Prime Minister MacDonald, will permit the London naval negotiations to continue with a five power disarmament treaty as the goal.

Whether a five power agreement is really any nearer realization could not be determined tonight, however, in view of the very brief and restrained official announcement made by the British and French delegations after the conference of their chiefs. Announcement Made
By French Envoy
Briand, returning to the Carlton after the interview, declared to the French journalists that there now was agreement between the British and French regarding interpretation of Article XVI of the league of nations covenant. That is the article which deals with measures to be taken should any member of the league resort to war in disregard of its covenants under league articles, and its interpretation has been a moot topic here.

Further than that Briand said that in the past three weeks he and MacDonald considered the agreement pending continuing discussion with view to the possible ultimate conclusion of a five power pact. They will meet again tomorrow. Three Power Treaty Making Progress
Whether the fate of a five power pact (the three power treaty between the United States, Great Britain and Japan took another big step toward actually this morning when the big three—Mr. MacDonald, Secretary Henry L. Stimson, Reijiro Wakatsuki—reached complete accord on all questions regarding such a treaty excepting Japan's proposal that she be permitted to use 20,000 tons of naval strength for building submarines instead of destroyers.

This is what naval experts call transferring tonnage from one category to another. The big three will meet again tomorrow to settle this final point.

Definite results of the London conference, particularly with reference to the submarine question, took shape this afternoon in a long meeting of the first committee and the resultant mass of work now goes to a plenary session of the committee tomorrow. The interesting feature was that the committee carried on its work as if a five power treaty were assured, although the session was nearly over before MacDonald had met Briand. A. V. Alexander, first

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Tug Boat is Run Aground Two Fires Hit Reedsport Corbett Keszey Campaigning

BOAT AND RAFT CAUGHT TOLEDO, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—An attempt will be made at high tide tonight to float the tug boat Brown and her log raft, which grounded on Siletz bay for the Columbia river with a log raft company here. The tug piled up on the north bay beach and at low tide was high and dry. Captain Mike Lottis and his crew remained aboard the vessel today.

The tug Craig which early today endeavored to pull the Brown from the sand and herself became lodged on the spit, suffered serious injuries to her stern apparatus as well as a short distance north of this city overturned, it was learned today. Peavy is at a local hospital.

The dean and other members of the school of forestry faculty were enroute to attend the funeral of Nelson F. Macduff, Cascade forest ranger who was found dead Saturday in the woods near McKenzie bridge, about 55 miles east of here.

Professors T. J. Starker and E. G. Mason and F. J. Shriner, an instructor, all of whom were in Dean Peavy's car, were only shaken up and bruised.

STUDENTS BARRED
EUGENE, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—The scholarship committee of the University of Oregon this morning barred the position of Bernie Hughes, freshman center, for reinstatement toward football eligibility next fall. Although Hughes did not "flunk" out of school under a ruling of the university in which five times as many hours must be passed as failed, it was so virtually impossible for the gridders to earn the necessary credits.

Two other football players, Sherwood Billings, freshman tackle, and Byron Decker, freshman end, were definitely dropped from the university roll for failing to pass the required number of hours.

CANDIDATES SEEK VOTE AT MEETING

Two candidates for the governorship, Charles H. of Marshfield and Ed Bailey of Junction City, were speakers at the annual banquet of the Marion County Game Protective association, held Tuesday night at the Elks temple. However, these candidates are not rivals in the primaries, as Mr. Hall seeks the republican nomination and Mr. Bailey the democratic preference.

Oregon Briefs

REDSPOUT BURN
REDSPOUT, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—Reedsport was visited by two serious fires today, the first at 3 a. m., when the Hotel Reedsport, a frame structure erected in 1919, was totally destroyed with a loss estimated by owners at about \$10,000. About \$7,500 in insurance was carried on the building. Goods escaped in night clothing and some furniture and personal effects were removed from the building.

At 4 p. m. the Reedsport Iron Works was destroyed by flames. The loss, though undetermined, was heavy.

Origin of both fires was undetermined.

CORBETT GIVES SPEECH
REDSPOUT, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—Harry H. Corbett, candidate for governor addressed about 200 members of the chamber of commerce and guests here today in the high school auditorium. Preceding the speech, Corbett was entertained at dinner by E. J. Hubbard, manager of the Winchester Bay Lumber company.

ROTARY FLOW BUSY
EUGENE, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—Word was received here today