6,612

Four Days Remain in Which to Get 1302 Signatures

Hundred Sheets Being Circulated Among Voters Here

WATER BOND PETITIONS AT STATESMAN OFFICE

Legal voters of Salem who have not been given an opportunity to sign initia-tive petitions for the \$1,-200,000 municipal water bond issue measure, will find copies of the petition available for their signature at The Statesman office.

With but little more than four days in which to complete them, initiative petitions on behalf of a charter amendment calling for a \$1,200,000 bond issue for ac- divided as follows: Marion county readily signed by hundreds of Salem citizens.

Plenty of Names to Be Obtained, Belief thoroughly confident that the pe- pervisor, are: titions would be completed with quired, within the remaining time | the Yew Park district enumerator

eampaign to accomplish it. A fundred petition sheets were prepared with room for 2000 been working in a district in the names, and Saturday night these eastern part of the city, and is (Turn to page 14, col. 6)

BYRD WILL RETIRE

NEW YORK, April 12-(AP) -Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will retire to private life for at least two months, within six weeks after he returns to New York in mid-June from his south polar voyage of exploration, Captain H. H. Railey, his representative here, announced today.

The explorer's arrival here with his two ships, the Eleanor Bolling and City of New York, is set tentatively at June 14. He wouldlike to be able to dispose of his nounced today that reports of eximmediate engagements within perts who investigated the case 30 or 40 days after that date in definitely indicated that Nelson order to have an uninterrupted F. Macduff, Cascade national fortime to spend with his family, to est supervisor, took his own life. codify the scientific data collected at 2 West 45th St., New York. New York's official welcome to

tively set for June 14.

Black Cherries Will Be Sought that Macduff fired the g self with suicidal intent.

not quite completed, but Mr. Mcof the black cherries available for sion. He says there is evidence of

Salem Man Under Arrest Long Dry Spell is Ended Judges Speak at Medford

both murder and suicide.

BLOOM HELD DRUNK PORTLAND, Ore., April 12, (AP)-John W. Bloom of Salem was arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Stanley on a charge of being drunk on a public highway overturned. Nobody was injured. mary election locally. Bloom later was fined \$15 in district court here.

DRY PERIOD OVER MEDFORD, Ore., April 12. -(AP) - Five weeks of drought were ended this afternoon with showers. More rain was in prospect. Orchardists who have been using irrigation reservoir waste water to moisten the ground were gladdened by the downpour today and the forecast of more. Mild thunder and lightning ac-

companied today's precipitation. COSHOW, BELT SPEAK monthly meeting of the Southern resolved that Oregon's representa-Oregon Bar association here to- tives in congress be urged to sup-

By Thirteen During 10 Year Period

Gervais Sees Drop of 14 Under Official Count Made Decade Ago

Preliminary census returns made on the first two towns, Gervais and Turner, in Marion county, show a slight decrease in the population of each, Gervais' 1930 figures, which are preliminary and subject to correction, give that town 254 inhabitants and five farms. In 1920 there were 268 persons in that town. Turner according to the preliminary check, lost 13 inhabitants in the 10 years, the present count showing 276 as compared to 289 on January 1

Prelimiary count of the returns of the 15th census for the Brighton precinct in Tillamook gives 132 persons. There are no figures available for the 1920 count in

that district. The number of names recorded by the enumerators in the four counties on April 9 reached 5,596 quiring a municipally owned wa- 2, 822; Polk, 893; Tillamook, ter system in Salem, were placed 612; Yambill, 1,269; Salem city in circulation late Saturday after- alone, 1,428. Highest individual noon. Reports Saturday night score on that day was made by were that the petitions were being Mrs. Elsie C. Rhoten in Salem readily signed by hundreds of Sa-city, with 162; second highest count was 160, made by Mrs. Evelyn L. Travis of Salem City.

Further new developments in Backers of the municipal own- the census enumeration as reportership campaign movement were ed by R. J. Hendricks, district su-

Thirteen additional names were more than the 1302 names re- added to Salem's population when available; but they admitted it found that many persons in a would take a veritable whirlwind Southern Pacific working car and enumerated them here.

Mrs. Mabel Lockwood, who has finishing there, has been given a new district, between Union and Center and High and 12th street. Mrs. G. Ed. Ross, who has had a down town district and is about through with it, has been given the territory between Union and Market and west from Broadway

to the river. These two districts, with an (Turn to page 14, col. 3)

EUGENE, Ore., April 12-(AP) -Lane county authorities an-

Dr. Frank Menne, pathologist on his expedition, to rest and to of the University of Oregon medwork on a book scheduled for ical school, concludes in his republication in the fall, his itine; - port, authorities said, that Macary in the month after his return duff died of a bullet from his own is in the hands of Captain Railey gun or "one similar to it." He reports that he found powder markings and burned hair under the Byrd and his expedition is tenta- skin on the right side of Macduff's

> Ballistic expert Robert H. Craddock of the Portland police department states in his report that Macduff fired the gun him-

Craddock asserts that Macduff A black cherry deal is being fired the gun into the right side planned by Claude Mckenney, who of the head, holding the barrel has a fruit warehouse at High and against his head. He gives six Mill streets. Arrangements are technical reasons for his belief. Inspector John Golts of the Kenney said Saturday he expected Portland department gives a full to be in the market on a cash bas- report of his investigation, but is and would be able to handle all does not draw a definite conclu-

Voters' Total Found High

140,000 REGISTER PORTLAND, Ore., April 12, -(AP)-More than 140,000 voters will have registered in Multnomah county for the primary election when the registration books close near here. The deputy said that Thursday night, it was estimated Bloom's machine collided with one today by James W. Gleason, chief driven by Albert D. Camp of registrar. This will be the largest Gresham and Camp's machine was number ever to register for a pri-

> MEDFORD HIGH WINS MEDFORD, Ore., April 12. (AP)-Medford high school won the Southern Oregon district typewriting and stenography contest

LUMBER TARIFF BACKED EUGENE, Ore., April 12. (AP)—An extensive campaign to arouse sentiment actively in this region in favor of the passage of the lumber tariff bill when it sentatives soon was to be launch-MEDFORD, Ore., April 12. - ed at a countrywide meeting of AP)—Supreme Court Justices O. lumbermen, chamber of commerce P. Coshow and H. Belt of Salem, representatives, service clubs, and E. O. Immel, Eugene, presi-business and professional people dent of the State Bar association, and veterans's groups here last were principal speakers at the night, The meeting, unanimously

port passage of the bill,

Blooms Cleansed Ready For Today SOME INROADS By Light Shower IN HIVAL

Turner's Population Reduced Eighteenth Annual Blosson Day Scheduled to Bring Thousands of Appreciative Visitors to This Section of Valley

> DEFRESHING and cleansing rain fell upon the millions of I orchard blooms in the Salem vicinity on the eve of the 18th annual Blossom Day, and despite official predictions to the contrary, springtime landscape enthusiasts were hoping that Mother Nature had merely arranged a Saturday night bath for the dainty fruit tree flowers and would brighten them with warm sunshine when the thousands of sightseers arrived to view them today. A review of past Blossom

Days reveals that Mother Na-

ture has not always been

obliging, and the weather forecast said "unsettled with rain." Nevertheless, the showers

of Saturday afternoon and night

were not sufficient to mar the

beauty of Salem's famed orchard

vistas, and there is little doubt

that, rain or shine, the customary

throngs will drive through ave-

There are orchards, extensive

and beautiful, in all directions

from Salem, and the nature lover

is not bound by any restricted

tinerary, much less by the neces-

sity for participation in any cara-

van. However, the route estab-lished for several seasons and

recommended by the Cherrians,

sponsors of Blossom Day, is guar-

anteed to furnish the greatest en-

joyment in the fewest miles of

One drive extends south on

Commercial street, continuing

outh on Liberty road instead of

following the Pacific highway to

the left; turning eastward at Rosedale and proceeding on through Sunnyside, to the Pacific

Franklin tulip farms.

by the Cherrians.

Jobs Given 66

Workers During

Sixty-six men and three women

were furnished jobs by the local

employment office in the past

week, E. A. Kenney, acting mana-

ger, reported. The total number

110, although only 45 new reg-

istrations were recorded.

were all domestics.

The score was 2 to 0.

of male applicants for work was

The list of employed includes

23 agricultural workers, 21 com-

mon laborers, two construction

workers and 20 skilled woodsmen.

AGGIES BEAT IRISH

Week, Report

nues of blossoms today.

Beautiful Trees Found

In Every Direction

Election Ordered In Issue of Laying Highway to Coast

Governor Norblad Saturday issued a proclamation calling a special election on May 16 on the question of forming the Nestucca Highway Improvement district, The purpose of creating

the district is to construct a highway from Carlton, in Yamhill county, along the Nestucca river to Beaver, Tillamook county, where it would connect with the Roosevelt Coast highway at Beaver. The proposed new highway would be approxi-mately 40 miles in length. Boundaries of the propos ed district have been submitted to the state highway

Salem's Musicians Fail to road, stopping at the Dibble and Place in Competition

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 12-(AP)-Jefferson high school's band of Portland proved the class of the seventh annual statewide high school band contest at Oregon State college here today and won the championship and grand prize in class A in competition with nine other organizations from all parts of the state. Seventeen bands totaling more than 500 musicians competed in three classes. Roosevelt high of Portland topped the class B. contestants and the Seaside girls' band again took first in class C.

This is the second year Jefferson, trained by H. N. Stoudemeier and led by a youthful musical protege, Eugene Linden, has won the state championship. The score

this year was 92.17. Albany, winner in class B year ago, was second in class A this year, taking the Corvallis chamber of commerce cup with a score of 88.67. Albany, by finishing second, won the right to enter the national meet with Jefferson. Jefferson's awards include a big trophy from the national music CORVALLIS, Ore., April 12 body, a championship cup donated class A.

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Portland Man Believed Gaining Support From Dissatisfied Ones

Carbett Puts in Busy Week; Norblad Criticized for **Bank Activities**

With but five weeks to continue the sparring in the gubernatorial encounter the stage seems to carry largely the same setting as last week. The only change possible to note is a tendency for George Joseph, the flery Multnomah county contender, to have seemingly stolen the show, temporarily at least.

Speaking before a number of the Granges of the state the past week Joseph has gained some favor and considerable comment. The dissatisfied element of the state, more especially a rather large group of the farmers, are inclined to look with favor on his candidacy. Militating against Joseph's candidacy however is the drop in earnings of the P. E. P. Co. for the first three months of the year. This rather stills his (Turn to page 14, col. 1)

SHUTS OFF POWER

Inoffensive Game Bird Flies Into High Tension Wires Early in Evening

highway and back to the city. An-Actions of a Chinese pheasant, ordinarily the most inoffensive of other is across the Polk county bridge, turning right on Wallace terwoven with the domestic affairs of almost half of Salem's A third is out the Pacific highpopulation early Saturday night. way to the Salem Bulb company tract and return. Visits to the about due to be turned on in state grounds, including those of North Salem homes, and when the state hospital, have been cus-Saturday night dinners were tomary on Blossom Day in recent ready to be placed in electric years and are recommended. All ovens, householders all over that of the routes are thoroughly district suddenly discovered that marked with the signs prepared electricity to provide these customary conveniences was lacking. Just about that time the "trou-

ble department" of the power company began to be flooded with telephone calls from householders who wanted to know when the stove would heat up again. Meanwhile the aforesaid department was having plenty of troubles of its own.

It was found that the high tension wires in the vicinity of Marion and Liberty streets had been broken, and the report was that a Chinese pheasant had flown into the wires and caused the damage. This occurred at 5:48 p. m. Practically all of the city north of North Mill creek was without electricity except for the street lights.

The women furnished with jobs Within half an hour a considerable portion of the area had been cut in on another circuit, but for the remainder, it was nec-(AP) - Oregon State college essary to string a new cable by a Portland music house and again defeated Columbia univer- around the break, and this work today swept through the Irvington the Sherman-Clay cup for first in sity of Portland in a pre-confer- was hampered by the heavy Sat- House Cardiac home, a home for ence baseball game here today. urday night traffic. Normal ser- children suffering heart disease. vice was restored at 7:18 p. m. All the patients were saved.

Blossoms Just Right, Cherrians Decide on Inspection

Oregon's State Librarian Passes At Portland After Long Illness



State's Librarian Passes Yesterday

feathered creatures, became in- Mrs. Bacon Called by Death After Extended Illness; Valued Service to Oregon Is Recalled by Many Friends

> PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)-Mrs. Virginia Cleaver Bacon, 47, Oregon state librarian, died at Good Samaritan hospital here today following a protracted illness. She had been state librarian for little more than a year, havoing been the unanimous

Laborite Speaks

F. J. A. Boehringer, president term as head of the labor coun-

HOME BURNS DOWN

IRVINGTON, N. Y., April 12-(AP)-Fire starting from an explosion of undetermined origin

choice of the state library board to succeed Mrs. Cor-At Chamber Meet nelia Marvin Pierce when the latter resigned early last year.

Mrs. Bacon was born near Halof the central trades and labor sey February 1, 1883. She was council, will be the speaker at the graduated from the old Portland Salem chamber of commerce high school and from the Univerluncheon Monday. His subject is sity of Oregon. She became nounces the weekly chamber of prominent in library work in Calcommerce bulletin. Mr. Boehringer, a resident of Salem since D. C. Oregon, the home of her Mrs. William 1888, is now serving his sixth parents and grandparents, held her affection and she returned ous condition. here in 1925, refusing an offer to become associated with an inthe work would not bring her to the ship sideslipped to the

As adviser in adult education for the Portland Library association, she established the first department of its kind on the Pa- fatal. ficit coast and made the work so outstanding that it was quickly

adopted elsewhere. In addition to her library work. Mrs. Bacon achieved fame in her work as an author. Her short stories, poems and articles were of such quality that they were acceptable to the most prominent national magazines.

Mrs. Virginia Cleaver Bacon, who died in a Portland hospital Saturday was elected state librarian by the state library board in Bill Gordon, 27, a passenger, Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce of

La Grande. Mrs. Bacon had been ill for sevrecently. Mrs. Bacon's successor will be named by the state library board.

It was reported here today that Miss Beatrice Walton would be to safety today when their planes requested to make application for locked wings over the San Mateo the office made vacant by Mrs. airport, Reports received here in-Bacon's death. Miss Walton was dicated neither was injured. until recently private secretary to

In Blast

Timbers Torn Out of Place by Force of Explosion

Many of Bodies Buried in Vast Quantity of Debris

TACOMA, April 12-(AP)-A terrific gas explosion on the seond level, about 500 feet under ground, in the Carbondale coal mine of the Pacific Coal company at Carbonado snuffed out the lives of 21 miners at 5 o'cleck

So strong was the blast that the men, a complete shift unit. were instantly killed. Timbers were torn out of place and parts of the mine walls caved in but mine authorities stated it was believed that few of the bodies were buried very deep. Half of the bodies had been recovered about three hours after the explosion. Gas Fumes Force

Rescue Parties Back The explosion came with such suddenness that for a time its exact location was not ascertained. but veteran miners immediately went into action and in a short time had found the scene of the tragedy. Rescue parties at first were hurled back by the gas fumes but about two hours after the impact were able to reach the entombed men, who were located about a mile from the mouth of the mine and some 500 feet un-

The tragedy occurred on the second level which is 500 feet from the surface of the ground, but is reached only after a trip down into the canyon by tram car and thence along the main tunnel for a distance of more than a nile. A second descent is by tram to a lower level and from there it is necessary to climb up manways four feet square and 50 feet in height to reach the next level, Connections between the manways and working locations. (Turn to page 14, col. 3)

PECOS, Tex., April 12-(AP) -Miss Letha Prewitt of Pecon was killed and five passengers injured severely late today in an

Mrs. William Turner of Peces, one of the victims, is in a danger-The plane had gained about

100 feet altitude on the take ternational foundation because off when the motor stalled and ground.

Miss Prewitt was instantly killed and Mrs. Turner suffered internal injuries expected to prove

William Turner, her husband, suffered internal injuries and both legs were broken, while two small Turner children were badly shaken up and one suffered a broken leg. Jack Eckles, pilot, was least

seriously injured with numerous cuts and a broken nose. The plane was one of two operated by barnstorming circus. BUTTE Mont., April 12-(AP)

-Herman Carbon, 24, pilot and March, 1929, following the mar- were killed tonight about a mile riage of Miss Cornelia Marvin to from the Three Forks airport when their plane went into a dive from a height of about 200 feet. Carbon was a flier with eral months, but her condition about 120 hours experience and was not considered serious until was associated with the Three Forks aircraft school. SAN FRANCISCO, April 12-

(AP)-Two student pilots jumped The two pilots, H. Micaels, 25,

Governor Norblad. She served in of Menlo Park, and W. F. Derha similar capacity during the ad- mann, San Francisco, took to their ministration of the late Governor parachutes 3,000 feet above

Washington Girl's Death Battles Capital's Police

whose bullet-pierced body was was first reported. One of the found face downward in a culvert bullets went through her neck, a beside Arlington National ceme-tery today, was the object of arm and the third entered her hunts tonight by Washington and back. Her skull was fractured and bruised and her throat indi-

by Inex Eyre. They had attended coat, hat or pockethook, either at the lonely spot where she was

give a clue to the slayer. Department of justice agents, nearly a mile away.

WASHINGTON, April 12. — The autopsy showed the young (AP)—The slayer of Mary Baker, the 28-year old government clerk three times instead of once, as Virginia police.

Described by friends as not cated she had been strangled.

"the type of girl to run around," Investigators reported they had she was last seen alive last night so far failed to find Miss Baker's An autopay tonight failed to found or near her blood spattered automobile, which was found

Photo: Gunnell-Robb Studio.

Scene taken during the week in the S. P. Kimball orchard across the Willamette river near Balem. Left to right the parties are: Lessage and Virginia police. after hours of intensive search, likewise admitted the murder was as much a mystery late tonight as it was been nounced that Miss Baker had nounced that Miss Baker had nounced that Miss Baker had nounced t