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WEATHER
Occasional cloudiness today and Friday, moderate temperature; Max. 41, Wednesday 71, Min. 41, river -2.7.

EIGHTIETH YEAR

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WATER PLANT VALUE \$875,000

NORTHCOTT ON EVE OF DEATH ENDS SILENCE

Admits to Mothers of Lost Youths That he saw Lads Buried
Does not Admit any Part in Slayings; Says Clark and Mother Know

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott, who is to be hanged here tomorrow, told the mothers of three of the boys he is believed to have killed that he saw their sons' bodies on his Wineville chicken ranch, Northcott made the statement in a surprise interview in the death cell late tonight.
Northcott did not admit murdering the youths.
"They are now buried," he said. He described their burial places as near that of the head of a Mexican youth whom he was convicted of murdering. They were buried in shallow graves, three feet deep, he said.
Mrs. Nelson Winslow, whose two sons Northcott was convicted of murdering, and Mrs. Christine Collins, whose son he had denied killing, talked with the condemned man less than twelve hours before he was to go to the gallows.
Evades Answering Questions Directly
Whenever Mrs. Collins, who did most of the questioning, attempted to find out from him who did the killing, Northcott evaded the question and said:
"Ask Sanford, he knows."
This was taken to mean Sanford Clark, Northcott's 15-year-old cousin who was one of the principal witnesses against him in his trial.
When questioned concerning details of the burial of the youths, Northcott again evaded giving a direct answer and said: "Ask my mother, she knows all about it."
Mrs. Winslow is partially deaf. Mrs. Collins did not place much credence in Northcott's story, but Warden James B. Holohan expressed the belief that it was true.
This was the first time a woman was admitted to the death cell at San Quentin.

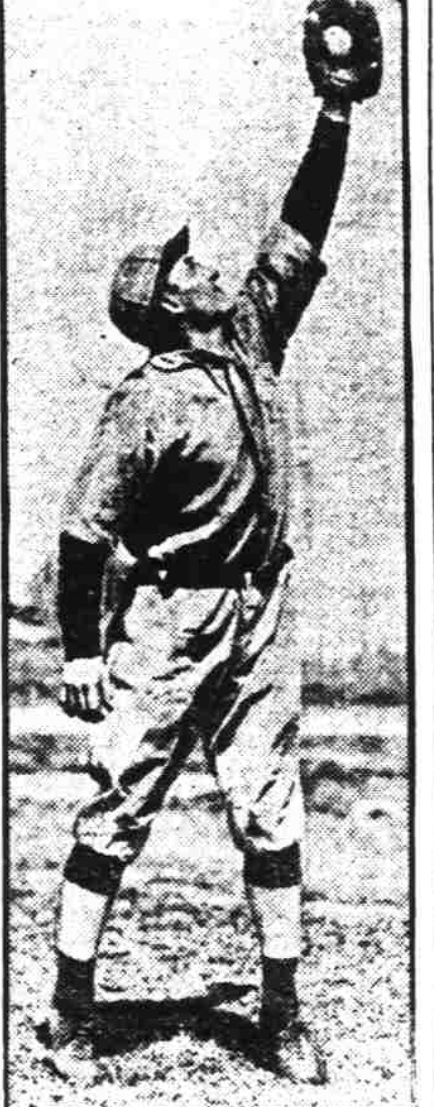
Severe Storms Hold Back

AMARILLO, Tex., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Robert Buck, youthful filer making an effort to lower the Junior Transcontinental record now held by Eddie Schneider, arrived here at 1:07 p. m. (C. S. T.) today after a hectic trip from Wichita, Kas.
Unfavorable weather prospects caused him to decide to spend the night here instead of continuing to Albuquerque, N. M.

Oregon Briefs

PORTLANDER HELD
CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—James Yarno, Portland, was in the Benton county jail here today charged with robbing four fraternity houses of \$208 in cash and checks.
Yarno was discovered prowling about the Tau Delta house after midnight and Don Harris, a student, reported it to officers.
Yarno was taken to a garage for auto theft and was sentenced to one year in jail but was paroled.
SKELETON REPORTED
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Possibility that the remains of Leslie Brownlee, 20, Portland, had been discovered were seen here today with the report of the skeleton of a human being had been found on the south slope of Mount Hood.
The find was reported by Larsen Spencer, an Indian, who said he was picking huckleberries. Spencer said the skeleton was lying on Mud creek. The Indian reported the incident to Louis Law who spent most of today leading a search for the skeleton. It was not found but the search will be resumed tomorrow under the guidance of the Indian.
Brownlee was lost on Mount Hood January 1, 1927.
TREE KILLS MAN
EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Floyd Wilson, owner of a sawmill near Dexter, was crushed to death under a falling tree near the mill today. He is survived by his widow and two small daughters.
ON SANTIAM LINE
EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Bernard Blum, St. Paul, chief

Big bat Potent In A's Victory



Al Simmons, American League's leading slugger who carried his heavy artillery into the world series with telling effect Wednesday, clouting the home run that tied the score in the fourth inning.

'MILLION DOLLAR' ROAD COSTS HIGH

More Wooden Construction Would Have Paid, Says County Roadmaster
MARION COUNTY undoubtedly would have been saved money if 300 feet more of wooden construction had been added to the northeast end of the "million dollar highway" in the Lake Labish territory. Frank Johnson, county roadmaster, said yesterday after visiting the site. Commissioners Jim Smith and John Porter accompanied him. The trestle will not be used this winter, the group decided yesterday.
It will be recalled that a 300 feet filling at the northeast end has been giving the county crew the Junior Transcontinental record now held by Eddie Schneider, arrived here at 1:07 p. m. (C. S. T.) today after a hectic trip from Wichita, Kas.
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Frat Burglaries Charged Brownlee Body Said Found Railroad Work to Start State Foresters Convene

engineer of the North Pacific railroad, announced today definite plans for starting construction of the Lorane line of the Oregon electric railway early next spring and for laying rails on the Santiam line out of Lebanon this fall.
Blum left today after surveying the Lorane and Panther lines out of Eugene to the Siuslaw timber belt. He was accompanied by A. J. Davidson, general manager of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad; C. E. Votaw, superintendent of the line; A. J. Mitchell, chief engineer of the S. P. & S., and other officials.
WOMAN WOUNDED
PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. A. Schweiger, of Pendleton, received hand and leg wounds today when a hunter fired in her direction. The wounds were not serious.
22 AT CONVENTION
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Twenty-two state foresters, representing every major timber belt in the United States, met here today for the annual convention of the state foresters' association.
The meetings adjourned late in the afternoon and the foresters left for Longview, Wash., where they will remain until Friday morning. They will inspect lumber camps and logging operations at Ryderwood and Friday will leave for Seattle.
Lynn F. Cronmiller, Oregon state forester, explained to the visitors the operation of Oregon's reforestation law which became effective a year ago. He said already 160,000 acres had been classified for reforestation and next year the total would reach 300,000.

MARINE KILLED IN NICARAGUAN BANDIT AFFRAY

Armed Force Attacks Party Of Americans; Beaten Off With Losses
Leave Several Dead; Hunt For Slayers Begun by U. S. Authorities

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 1.—(AP)—One United States marine private was shot and killed and another slightly wounded and several bandits were killed in an encounter six miles north of Condega, in the Jino Tega district yesterday, it became known here tonight.
The marine killed was Private Lawrence L. Culbreth of Roseboro, N. C.
Mortally wounded in the clash which followed upon an ambush of a squad of ten marines by bandits, Culbreth died in a Managua hospital at nine o'clock last night.
Ten marines carrying supplies to another patrol of about the same size, were set upon by an armed force which had waited in the woods along their route.
Bandits Killed
The bandits were badly whipped, leaving several dead and wounded in the highway.
Both Culbreth and his wounded companion were brought to the Managua hospital by airplane in the night, but nothing could be done for Culbreth.
The marine authorities prepared at once for a roundup of the bandits and a hunt for them was proceeding today.

CHINA GANGSTERS MURDER BRITISHER

TIENSIN, China, Oct. 1.—(AP)—A group of well dressed Chinese gangsters today shot and critically wounded Bertram Lenox Simpson, British commissioner of customs at Tiensin under the rebel general, ten Hsi-shan.
The gunmen who are alleged to have spoken the Manchurian dialect arrived here this afternoon and registered at a Japanese hotel, saying that they had come in by rail.
Later they hired a car and three of them drove to the commissioner's residence. After they had shot Lenox Simpson they escaped unmolested but the police are making a close search for them. The car and the driver, obtained from a garage, were tenored.
Lenox Simpson's status as customs commissioner has not been known since the Manchurian army of Chang Shueh-lang took over the city last week, supposedly to aid the nationalist government in the civil war.
He is widely known as an author, writing under the name of Putnam Weale and has been familiar with the orient for many years. He has an American wife, Mrs. Louise Parrott, of San Francisco, whom he married in 1917, and an American grandmother, Sarah Hollis Putnam. She was the grand daughter of General Israel Putnam, the revolutionary war hero.

Atonement day Conflicts With Harvard Exams

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Through an oversight last spring, Harvard college scheduled a divisional examination in the modern languages department for tomorrow, which is Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement. Tonight a novel method was devised to meet the objections of Jewish students to taking an examination on a sacred day.
Robert K. Lamu, director of publicity, announced tonight that proctors would be seated beside all Jewish students who desire them and that they would write the examination from the student's dictation. Thus the student would be able to take the examination without performing manual labor.

Fighter Freed In Death Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—(AP)—After more than a month of investigations, manslaughter charges against Max Bber, San Francisco prize fighter, were dismissed here today within a minute after his case was called. He had been charged with fatally beating Frankie Campbell in the prize ring here five weeks ago.

Wanted, Live Toads; Professor Seeks to Disprove Long Life

WINFIELD, Kas., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Wanted; Horned toads, plain toads and terrapins for scientific experiments. Five and ten cents will be paid for healthy specimens.
Dr. William M. Goldsmith of Southwestern college here, president of Beta Beta Beta, national honorary biological fraternity, is doing the advertising.
He hopes to prove his theory that such reptiles can live entombed only a short time, and he ridicules the claims that toads have lived hundreds of years sealed up in corner stones and the like.

HEALTH ISSUE WILL NOT GO ON BALLOT

County Agent Proposal Also Lacks General Interest Commissioner Avers
It is virtually certain that propositions to increase the county's appropriation for public health work and addition of a county agent to the county payroll will not go on the November ballot for expression of the people. Word to that effect came yesterday from Jim Smith, commissioner. Mr. Smith said that while the county court had not discussed the matters as a unit, he believed they would not be placed on the ballot.
Commissioner Smith based his assertion upon general lack of interest in the propositions. He said little effort or work had been done in recent weeks in either case, and that accordingly, sufficient interest would probably not warrant placing the questions before the public.
Unless the plans should be placed before the people for expression of feeling, the county court will simply exercise its discretion, he said. At least one health and county agent proposition on the budget for next year, it is supposed even the popular vote would not commit the court, but simply guide it in fixing the budget on these items. At least when the items were first talked through a few weeks ago, County Judge Siegmund so intimated.

VESEVIUS RESUMES VIOLENT ERUPTION

NAPLES, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The volcano Vesuvius burst into eruption tonight, throwing burning rocks 300 feet into the air and arousing the inhabitants for many miles around. The director of the Vesuvius observatory said there was no immediate danger from the lava flow but that people continuing to maintain a watchful attitude late into the night.
Shifting of the crater about 60 feet produced two fountains of lava which cast flaming streams into the sky.
Thousands of Neapolitans and foreigners gathered on the neighboring hills to watch the progress of the tremendous display of the eruption.
Vesuvius has been more or less disturbed since early in the summer. On July 11 a great stream of lava overspread the whole western zone of the crater but did not spill over the edge. This continued for several days. Reassuring statements were issued from the observatory and although the increase of lava flow became marked and a spillway was formed, the incipient eruption did not progress.
In August Vesuvius emitted sulphurous gases and steam.

AUTOS DEEMED NOT LIABLE TO SEARCH

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy of Wyoming ruled today in federal court here that automobiles are not liable to search by customs and prohibition agents "on mere suspicion."
He ordered the return of an automobile to Sebastian Estrada and a power boat to Antonio Palmeri and dismissed liquor complaints against two other men. Customs agents declared liquor was found in the car but not in the boat, at the time of the seizures and arrests on a north side pier.
"The development of subsequent events after the search has been instituted," Judge Kennedy ruled, "cannot be held to justify unlawful search and seizure on mere suspicion that they are being used for the unlawful transportation of liquor."

Everybody is Invited to Cooking School

Come to the cooking school—you will enjoy it. You will see delightful, tasty foods, complete meals, prepared by Miss Goodwin, of the Ella Lehr Cooking School, in her unique model kitchen. Her program is entirely new and different.
The time: 2 to 4 p. m.
The place: Armory.
The dates: Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
The Statesman invites every woman in Salem and vicinity to be its guest at this entertaining and instructive free demonstration of the latest in modern cookery. There is no charge and no obligation.

CITY EQUIPPED NOW TO START NEGOTIATIONS

Offer of Appraised Price is Possible First Step of City Council
Alternative is Compromise But Litigation Likely To Prove Necessary

Equipped with an appraisal prepared in accordance with the charter amendment mandate of May 16, the city council and the city water commission are now prepared to enter the second stage in the municipal acquisition of a water supply and distribution system for the city of Salem.
Under the provisions of the charter amendment, a proposition for purchase may now be made to the Oregon-Washington Water company officials, but the charter provision does not provide that the bid price be the exact amount indicated as a market value in the engineers' report.
The charter does set the sum of \$1,200,000 as the total authorized bond issue and restricts the council and water commission from any purchase at a figure in excess of this amount.
The first step apparent last night was a conference between the engineers, the water commission and the council, as to the exact procedure to be followed.
Approving Opening
Max Constitute Bid
Alternatives opening before the council included the submission of the engineers' market value as the bid of the city for the plant. (Turn to page 2, col. 1.)

FRENCH DELEGATE RAPS HIGH TARIFF

GENEVA, Oct. 1.—(AP)—A rap at high tariff countries was taken before the league of nations assembly today by the French minister of commerce, Pierre Etienne Flandin.
M. Flandin was speaking on the report of the economic committee, which recommended various methods of concerted action to relieve the world economic depression. He expressed misgivings about the attitude of Canada and other overseas tariff countries in abstaining from collaborating with a concerted movement to lower trade barriers.
"You cannot advocate an open door while keeping your own doors closed," said M. Flandin. "It has been forgotten that in order to buy you have to sell. It would be disastrous if we substituted for military imperialism an economic imperialism which might be far worse."
He organized women, headed by Alice Paul of New York, to reopen the question of the nationality of married women, suffered a check in the assembly judicial committee.

Walker Serves Notice Tammany Men Must Talk

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Mayor Walker served notice today on Tammany district leaders employed by the city that they must testify freely before the special grand jury investigating charges of corruption in the city courts or lose their jobs.
The mayor's grand jury was delivered a brief address to seven Manhattan district leaders and two women co-leaders who are members of his cabinet.
His ultimatum was in compliance with a recent letter to him from Governor Roosevelt expressing dissatisfaction with 17 Tammany leaders who refused to sign waivers of immunity.

Health Program Plans For Oregon Announced

First detailed information of the Commonwealth Fund's project to develop rural health work through a state wide public health project was given here yesterday by Dr. William J. French, director of the fund's project in health care in Oregon. He is now in Oregon making studies and holding conferences with the groups around which such a program would revolve were Oregon selected as one of the states in which to carry on the project.
For Oregon, it has previously been announced, is bidding for the project. Oregon is the only western state which the fund is considering, but there are several other states also seeking the project. The fund, headquarters of which are at New York, has already selected Tennessee and Massachusetts as two of the three states in which the project will be operated.
"Public health work has been developed to a high degree in

Mains Obsolete and Inadequate, Report Of Appraisers Says

Intake and Pumping Plant Built at Undue Cost, Claimed; "Writeups" of Values Without Basis for Increase are Charged
Marked exception to the valuation standards of the Oregon-Washington Water company, criticism of their methods of determining "overhead" and a detailed exposition of the weaknesses of the water plant now serving Salem and planned for the future, are contained in the extensive appraisal and report filed last night by Baar & Cunningham with City Recorder Poulsen.

COOKING SCHOOL'S OPENING IS TODAY

Plans are now completely in readiness for The Statesman's Free Cooking School today. The model kitchen is prepared and every convenience installed for local housewives who attend.
The time: 2 to 4 p. m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
The place: Armory, corner of Ferry and Liberty streets.
Miss Helen Goodwin of the Ella Lehr Cooking Schools will be in charge.
Hundreds of local women have already arranged to attend the series of three schools sponsored by this newspaper. Local merchants are co-operating by furnishing displays of kitchen equipment and in demonstration materials.
Valuable Gifts Await Patrons
Surprising gifts of excellent value and utility will be given away. Foods of all descriptions, extracts, spices and recipe books will be given out.
New and novel ideas presented in entertaining style will be on tap at the food demonstrations, held in the unique set of Miss Goodwin's model kitchen. Recipes "like mother used to make", and others illustrating the very newest kitchen artistry—all will be covered at the free cooking school.
Make your plans now to attend the "Cooking School That's Different." From two to four p. m., each of the three days.

CLAIM LIQUOR BILL NEARLY 3 MILLION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The annual expenditure for intoxicants in the United States was placed today at \$2,848,000,000 by the association against the prohibition amendment, which said this figure "exceeds the most liberal estimate of what we would have been spending if the eighteenth amendment never had been enacted."
This conclusion was announced in a pamphlet entitled "Does Prohibition Pay?" which the association said was compiled as the result of 18 months' research work by statisticians and political economists.
The report challenged claims that national prohibition had increased the productivity of workers.
The increased output of workers is accounted for, the report explained, "by the increased use of power, improved machinery, mass production, personal management and similar factors which are quite outside the control of the individual worker."

MINISTER ALLEGED RECKLESS DRIVER

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Rudolph Wagner, 50, route 4, box 48, was injured probably fatally tonight when he was knocked down by an automobile in front of his home on the Pacific highway. He was taken to Oregon city hospital.
The Rev. E. A. Danly, 1176 Lawrence street, Eugene, Ore., was arrested and held in the Oregon City jail pending the outcome of operations on Wagner by Oregon City physicians. Traffic officers Morgan and Bloom reported witnesses told them the Rev. Danly forced another machine off the road and this one struck Wagner. The driver of the second car was not apprehended.
The driver of the car which struck Wagner stopped and offered to take Wagner to the hospital but when the offer was refused he got in his car and drove away. Danly did not stop and was arrested by Traffic Officer Morgan. He did not have a driver's license.
Wagner was said to have been pushing a small car loaded with fodder.

Glider Refuels; Pilot Gets Food From Fish Line

ELMIRA, N. Y., Oct. 1.—(AP)—A glider pilot received food on the wing here today for the first time in history. Jack O'Meara, Akron pilot, went aloft in a glider and by means of a weighted fish line lowered a substantial luncheon to Wallace Backus of New York, when the latter's sail plane was more than 300 feet below.
Yesterday, when the attempt was first made, O'Meara was on the receiving end, and the wing of his glider cut the line when the food was within an inch of his hand.
FAMED GRIDER DIES
HUDSON, N. Y., Oct. 1.—(AP)—Ezra Deane De Lamater, 79, who played on the Rutgers college football team which in 1869 introduced the game to American colleges, died here today.

APPRAISERS AT WIDE VARIANCE WITH COMPANY

Discrepancy Approximates \$375,000; Survey is Exhaustive Work
Baar & Cunningham Assert Full Weight Given to Duplication Cost

A fair market value of the entire local plant of the Oregon-Washington Water company is \$875,000, according to an extensive report filed last night with City Recorder Poulsen by Baar & Cunningham, Portland engineers, who yesterday completed their two months' survey and appraisal of the local company.
This figure is in sharp contrast to the asking price of the company which in informal negotiations with the city council and water commission has sought for its local investment the sum of \$868,000 paid for the plant July 1, 1927, together with additional expenditures made since that time said to amount to \$400,000 or a total local investment considerably in excess of \$1,250,000.
The Baar & Cunningham survey, a bound volume of 46 pages, profusely supplemented with maps and charts and later to be augmented by numerous tables and inventories, goes extensively into every phase of the company's investment here and discusses at length various theories of values. Full Weight Given
Reproduction Cost
In concluding the report, Baar & Cunningham state:
"The greatest possible weight has been placed upon the cost of reproducing the plant at present day prices less the accrued depreciation. Consideration has also been given to the various intangible elements of value such as water and power rights, general condition and utility of the plant, the cost of equivalent plant, and going concern value."
"Still another item in the progress made and the costs incurred for the filter plant which do not

GERRY NOMINATED IN RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 1.—(AP)—The democratic state convention in session here today unanimously nominated former United States Senator Peter G. Gerry, for return to that office, and adopted a resolution calling for repeal of the 15th amendment and for constitutional reforms in Rhode Island.
Theodore Francis Green of Providence, was named for governor.
Samuel W. Smith Jr., James-ton, and L. Conant of North Providence, and Francis B. Condon of Central Falls, were nominated for congress.
The keynote speech by John J. Cooney of Providence attacked the republican administration of the state and appealed for united action to repeal the 15th amendment and for constitutional reforms in Rhode Island.
He also charged the party with undue interference in municipal affairs here and with having "crookedly conserved" state and city re-districting legislation.

IRIGOYEN WILL GO TO EXILE IN SPAIN

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 1.—(AP)—It became known in official circles tonight that Spain has been chosen tentatively as the country where ex-President Irigoyen will live in exile.
Circles close to the new provisional government tonight expressed certainty the cruiser General Belgrano would take Irigoyen to Europe.

Health Program Plans For Oregon Announced

many cities, but the rural areas have been grossly neglected, and because we believe an adequate public health program can be and should be developed in the rural areas we will aid some state to increase the public health personnel and will aid the medical school to provide additional education facilities for rural work." Dr. French said.
He pointed out that administration of the project is left entirely in the hands of the state health department, through which, in conjunction with the state university medical school, the project would be carried on.
"In the program the state would be helped on a 50-50 basis and provision would be made to enlarge the state health personnel to medical officer, sanitary officers and field public health workers."
In addition, the project would aid two specific counties to further their public health work. (Turn to page 2, col. 4.)