

The Statesman joins with all Salem in greeting the district championship basketball teams here for the 12th state tournament.

Cloudy today with showers; probably rain Friday; Max. Temp. Wednesday 53, Min. 48, rain 1.25 inches, river 3.6 feet, south wind.

SALEM QUINTET MAKES BOW IN TOURNEY TODAY

Meets Myrtle Point at 4:30 In Game of Chief Local Interest to Date

Benson Beats Pleasant Hill and Ashland Swamps The Dalles Five

STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM TODAY

- 9:30 a. m.—Astoria vs. Monmouth (consolation). 10:30 a. m.—Tillamook vs. Pendleton. 3:30 p. m.—Pleasant Hill vs. The Dalles (consolation). 4:30 p. m.—Salem vs. Myrtle Point. 7:30 p. m.—Jefferson vs. Baker. 8:30 p. m.—Benson vs. Ashland.

SCORES WEDNESDAY

- Jefferson 35, Astoria 28. Baker 30, Monmouth 26. Benson 35, Pleasant Hill 19. Ashland 49, The Dalles 19.

By RALPH CURTIS

The twelve teams in the championship flight of the twelfth Oregon high school basketball tournament had narrowed down to a symmetrical eight when the crowds wended homeward Wednesday night, and four previously hopeful quintets had been relegated to the limbo of the consolation series.

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Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—Howard Cantonwine, of Webster City, Iowa, defeated Bob Kruse, Portland, two out of three falls in wrestling bout here tonight. They are heavyweights. Cantonwine won the first fall on a tangle of ankles because of an influenza epidemic there and refused a series by the Washington state champions, the Ketchikan high school basketball team tonight sent a challenge to Oregon State winners for a series here. The local team is undefeated this season.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—(AP)—Jim London, claimant of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, tonight threw Kurtis Kvarian, Russian, so hard that the challenger was unable to continue. London was awarded the fall in one hour 24 minutes and 50 seconds.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 18.—(AP)—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, one-time claimant to the heavyweight wrestling championship, launched a comeback by defeating Everett Marshall, La Junta, Colo., Amador, in straight falls in an exhibition here. The main event was preceded by a bout in which Joe Savoldi, former Notre Dame grid star, made an auspicious local debut by defeating Ivan Zikoff, local behemoth.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 18.—(AP)—Two former world's champions struggled through 28 minutes here tonight before Dick Shikat, the long German, secured a fall over Stanislaus Zyzanski. A double wristlock turned the trick.

Convicts Set Fire To Joliet Prison; None Make Escape

Riot Holds Sway for an Hour With 1800 men Involved in the Destruction Totalling \$300,000; Three Wounded

JOLIET, Ill., March 18.—(AP)—Flaming riot held sway in the new Stateville penitentiary for one mad hour today. The short-lived mutiny by 1,800 howling convicts, the volcanic climax to a week of stifled rebellion, ended with five buildings prey to fire and three mutineers wounded. Damage was estimated at \$300,000.

The cowed remainder were in their cells when the first company of state militia marched through the prison gate at 3:20 p. m.

Surging into a furious start in the prison chafery, the revolt spread until nearly every convict out of his cell had joined to widen destruction.

Before 3 p. m., Warden Henry C. Hill and prison guards had subdued the rioters and by 3:30 firemen from Joliet had curbed the flames.

Outside the walls a cordon of highway patrolmen and city police kept guard against escapes and a hurried count of prisoners showed all were safely inside.

The second major uprising in a week, amplified details of a rebellion at the old state prison across the town, had its inception among 180 convicts in the chair factory.

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COOPER DENIES STATEMENT ON BOWLES DEATH

Second Account Claimed by State not Recalled By Physician

Prosecution to Rest Case Early Today, Court Is Informed

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—Having won a tempestuous legal battle giving it the right to use a contradictory statement to "refresh" the witness' memory, the state today received a setback in the Bowles-Loucks murder trial here when Dr. Paul B. Cooper repudiated virtually everything in that statement.

Dr. Cooper appeared as a state's witness in the trial of Nelson C. Bowles, Portland millionaire, and Irma G. Loucks, his alleged mistress, charged with the knife murder of Bowles' wife. The physician, who is related to Bowles by marriage, attended Mrs. Leone C. Bowles after the knife had pierced her breast in Miss Loucks' apartment.

Second Statement Said Now Made In first statement, November 12, the day Mrs. Bowles died, Dr. Cooper said Mrs. Bowles was alive when he called an ambulance but that she died before it arrived. In a second statement, made November 19, the state contends, he said Mrs. Bowles died at least 20 minutes before he called an ambulance. At the coroner's inquest and again on the stand here today he repudiated his second statement and declared he called the ambulance while Mrs. Bowles still lived.

When the state finally gained permission today to question Dr. Cooper about his second statement, his questions were met by the laconic reply "I don't remember."

State Will Rest Its Case Today Deputy District Attorney George Mowry told the court at adjournment today the state would rest its case tomorrow forenoon.

In his ruling on Dr. Cooper's second statement Circuit Judge George Bagley said he would not allow the state to contradict its witness but that it might question him for the purpose of "refreshing his memory."

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MAYOR PICKS NEW GROUP ON MARKET

A new public market committee consisting of David O'Hara, chairman, and Chris Kowitz and Henry Vanderort was named yesterday by Mayor P. M. Gregory. A motion for him to appoint the committee prevailed at the council meeting Monday night.

Gregory said he would not expect the abatement to submit their final report until the budget meeting of the council next fall. Some expenditure would be necessary to get the market system operative, the mayor anticipates, and he sees no way this can be met until another fiscal year.

Meanwhile the investigation committee will be asked to ascertain procedure and revenues obtainable from public markets in other cities.

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Bartram is Ousted As Flax Chief When Control Board Acts

Bearcat Women Defeat Whitman In Debate Here

Vote 2 to 1 With Kay Lined up Alongside Governor Meier

Move Effective May 1 With no Successor Yet Indicated

Colonel W. B. Bartram, long the center of controversy as head of the state flax industry, was removed from his position yesterday by a two to one vote of the board of control.

Governor Meier, putting the motion for Bartram's removal, urged that he be released April 1, but State Treasurer Kay amended the motion to relieve Bartram of his duties May 1. Meier and Kay voted for his removal; Secretary of State Hess and third member of the board of control, dissented.

The board acted in opposition to the recommendations of Henry Meyers, superintendent of the penitentiary. He appeared before the board to declare that as far as he knew there was no other man of Bartram's qualifications available for the superintendency of the flax industry at this time. Meyers declared that the situation was critical due to present industrial disturbances and uncertain market conditions.

Meyers refused to make statement. After the meeting Meyers was asked for a statement but had none to make. Rumors were current at the capitol that the board's failure to sustain Superintendent Meyers in request that Bartram be retained would lead to Meier's resignation. He refused to confirm or deny an alleged statement made since the legislature began investigating the flax industry, that if Bartram went he also would resign.

Governor Meier commented after the meeting that the first thing he knew of in regard to the muddled flax situation was to change personnel and for this reason he thought Colonel Bartram's removal imperative.

Hess, at the close of the meeting, issued the following statement: "In view of the strong indorsement of Colonel Bartram by Henry Meyers, superintendent of the penitentiary, and his statement that the industry is now at a very critical stage and absolutely dependent upon the services of the manager of the industrial department, I voted with the penitentiary management and against the dismissal of Colonel Bartram."

Industry "In Red" Audits Disclose Meier during the recent legislative session indicated that the state took for the year just approximately \$300,000 since its (Turn to page 2, col. 5)