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THE WEATHER
Showers today, Saturday generally fair but becoming unsettled; Max. temperature Thursday, 57, Min. 44; rain .18 inch, river 6.8 feet.

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TEXTBOOK LAW ADDS \$5000 TO SCHOOL BUDGET

Such is Tentative Figure Computed by Supt. Hug; \$1.50 Each Pupil

Amount Will not go far in Upper Grades; Plan Being Worked out

According to tentative figures prepared by Supt. George Hug, the free textbook bill enacted by the last legislature will add \$5,000 to the expenditure side of the Salem school district budget for next year and succeeding years until all books are provided. This figure is based on expenditure of \$1.50 each for the 3200 grade-school children.

Mr. Hug has not definitely figured what books will be purchased this first year, but is waiting on the recommendation of the state superintendent, who is working out a suggested expenditure.

The law as now construed calls for expenditure of \$1.50 per pupil per year until all books are supplied. This applies only to the grade schools. Even on this basis it is going to be no small matter to work out what will be an equitable division of the money, Mr. Hug says, for while the \$1.50 will buy only a few books for pupils in the first, second and possibly the third grades, it will not go far in grades beyond that. In fact the sum will hardly purchase the geography books for the upper grades.

While the state superintendent has not yet made a final recommendation on the distribution of the money for free textbooks, it is expected that he will suggest that primary reader, fourth and sixth grade geography and the seventh and eighth grade readers be purchased for this fall. These books will be new to the schools, being adoptions of the state textbook commission last November.

It is probable the school district will not stretch the budget beyond the six per cent provided the district cuts down on other expenditures, the superintendent believes.

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR OCEAN CRUISE

U. S. S. ARIZONA, March 19.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover became a seagoing president today, with rest uppermost in his mind until port is reached Monday.

Informality prevailed aboard the warship as deck as the captain had greeted the president, the gun salutes had been fired, the flag hoisted and the national anthem sung. As the ship headed seaward the president and Secretary of War Hurley strolled along the rear deck as a white. Secretary Wilbur joined them a little later.

The three watched with interest as the ship abandonment drill was begun, with bluejackets and marines scurrying, and reporters ambulating more slowly to the positions assigned them in cases of emergency.

For the first time in many months the president was able to take a nap before luncheon.

Late Sports

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 19.—(AP)—Stanley Pinta, New York heavyweight, defeated Al Karasick, Russian strong man, in a feature wrestling bout here tonight with two straight falls. Pinta pinned Karasick's shoulders in the second and fifth rounds, both falls coming from body slams.

Robbie Reed, Oregon, took a one fall victory from Toby Wallace of Kentucky in the semi-windup while Jack McLaughlin, Vancouver, took a two fall decision from Charlie Coggins, Portland in the penultimate.

SPOKANE, March 19.—(AP)—Don Fraser, Spokane welterweight, gave a six round boxing lesson to Lee Roberts, Spokane, a willing but less experienced scrapper, in their head line bout tonight.

Boulder Dam Project Under Way



The greatest engineering feat ever undertaken in the United States, ranking second in magnitude only to the Panama Canal, is the Boulder Dam project. The contract for harnessing the giant Colorado river has been awarded to Six Companies, Inc., and the work will be under the supervision of William H. Wattle, president of the company (left inset). The machinery of the giant project has been set in motion by Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur (right), pictured with Dr. Edwood Mead, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, as the contract calling for construction was officially signed. (Upper) An artist's drawing showing how Boulder Dam will look when completed.

LOCAL GRAPPLERS WIN N. W. TITLES

Hendrie and Greig Winners in Final Matches of Olympic Tryouts

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Amateur wrestling championships of the Pacific northwest were decided in eight divisions here tonight.

The results: 115 pounds—C. E. Greig, Salem, Y. M. C. A., defeated John Moor, Portland, Y. M. C. A., fall in 1:29.

125 pounds—Don Hendrie, Salem, Y. M. C. A., defeated George Pepon, Chemawa. Draw in nine minutes, fall in 1:29 of first overtime and decision in second overtime.

135 pounds—E. R. Biebertorf, Portland, Y. M. C. A., defeated Ben Stark, Benson Tech, Portland, decision.

145 pounds—Louis Bollam, Multnomah club, defeated Herb Burgess, Multnomah club.

155 pounds—Chester Newton, Multnomah club, defeated Dominic McCluskey, Chemsaw, fall 6:16.

165 pounds—Victory Palmrose, O. S. C., defeated Harold Johnson, Reedsport Athletic club, fall, 3:40.

175 pounds—Glenn Savage, Multnomah club, defeated Juel Stevens, Benson, Portland, fall, 2:03.

Heavyweights—George D. York, Multnomah club, defeated Kenneth Mason, Oregon State Normal school, Monmouth, fall, 2:29.

Three Italian Aviation Aces Dead in Crash

PISA, Italy, March 19.—(AP)—Three heroes of Italian aviation, who would have taken part this summer in a projected group flight from Orbetello, Italy, to New York, plunged to their death today in the sea near here.

Gandhi Asserts Government is Violating Terms

NEW DELHI, India, March 19.—(AP)—Mahatma Gandhi today explained to Viceroy Lord Irwin that the government was failing to carry out fully the terms of their recent agreement which was aimed at restoring political peace in India.

Arriving here today from Bombay the little nationalist leader conferred with Lord Irwin for two hours. Clashes of their agreement which he said had not been fully complied with included the release of all political prisoners, abrogation of punitive taxation and return of confiscated property.

ANOTHER UNIONIST PLACED UPON SPOT

CHICAGO, March 19.—(AP)—Three shotgun shells removed another labor union leader today—William J. "Wild Bill" Rooney, boss of the sheet metal workers union for 16 years.

"Hi, Billy," someone called from an automobile parked in front of Rooney's home.

Rooney, pacing the sidewalk, turned and advanced. The muzzle of a gun was poked from a rear window, Rooney stopped, started to turn and three bursts of fire came from the weapon. He fell dead, his chest torn by slugs.

The assassins grove away. Witnesses could not describe them. Bitter strife for the domination of local unions engendered by rivalry for the profits of alleged racketeering, has been punctuated by a number of killings over a period of years. The killing a month ago of Albert Conchese, agent of the plumbers' union, was the latest of the series.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Tillamook Thurs., 10:30 A. M.	Pendleton 43-14
Jefferson Wed., 8:30 P. M.	Fri., 4:30 P. M.
Jefferson 33-28	Jefferson 31-21
Thurs., 7:30 P. M.	Fri., 4:30 P. M.
Baker 30-26	
Monmouth Wed., 4:30 P. M.	Sat., 8:30 P. M.
Baker	
Benson Wed., 7:30 P. M.	Benson 35-19
Pleasant Hill	Thurs., 8:30 P. M.
Ashland Wed., 9:30 P. M.	Ashland 49-19
The Dalles	Benson 24-22
Salem Thurs., 4:30 P. M.	Fri., 8:30 P. M.
Myrtle Point	Salem 31-17

STATESMAN READ FOR FIFTY YEARS

Persons who can qualify on This Basis Wanted on Roll of Honor

Still they come, these men and women who for more than 50 years have been constant readers of The Oregon Statesman!

It will be a roll of honor, indeed, this list of names which on March 22, will form a part of the 80th anniversary number of this newspaper!

Yesterday the names of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Baker were added to those of other Salem residents who have been continuous readers of The Statesman for more than half a century.

Mr. Baker's father, Isaac Baker, subscribed to the paper in its earliest days and the son has continued to read the paper as did his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Baker reside at 1491 South Commercial street. He bears the title of Salem's oldest citizen. On July 23 he will be 92 years of age.

Oregon Mill Fit Out Liners

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Dan E. Gould, district passenger representative of the American Mail and Dollar steamship lines, said today the Oregon City woolen mills had been awarded a contract for 1,000 rugs for the new Dollar liners. The President Coolidge and President Hoover.

BOWLES WOUND SELF INFLICTED DOCTOR CLAIMS

Had all Usual Indications Of Suicide Stab Says Defense Witness

Motion Asking a Directed Acquittal Verdict is Tentatively Denied

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Dr. Frank C. Mann, Portland, coroner's physician, first defense witness called in the Bowles-Loucks murder trial, told the jury here today evidence gathered in an autopsy indicated to him Mrs. Leone C. Bowles ended her own life with a knife.

The state rested today after introducing evidence that a finger print found on the knife that killed Bowles was made by the little finger of her husband's right hand.

A defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal was overruled tentatively in permit. Dr. Menne to take the stand. Dr. Menne planned to leave for Europe early Friday. Arguments on the motion for a directed verdict probably will be heard Friday morning.

Wound Horizontal, Physician Finds. Dr. Menne testified the wound from which Mrs. Bowles died was horizontal as it nearly always is the case when self-inflicted; that the point of the knife had entered at the outer edge of the wound and continued obliquely downward in the natural arc of a right-handed person; that the wound was clean cut; and that so far as Mrs. Bowles' body was concerned he had not seen any signs of a struggle.

Glenn Harpa, fingerprint expert of the Portland police department, was the first witness called today. He testified a finger print found on the knife was made by Bowles.

Mrs. Betty Harrell, department head in a Portland store, testified for the state she had called Mrs. Bowles early the morning of November 12 to tell her a \$95 pair of lounging pajamas was ready for her.

CLINTON, Okla., March 19.—(AP)—Three persons were killed and about a score injured, six severely, by a tornado here late today.

Striking the west edge of Clinton late today the twister carved out a path three blocks wide and ten blocks long, demolishing a grocery and a school annex and unroofing at least a dozen homes.

DESEMONA, Texas, March 19.—(AP)—A tornado struck here late today, unroofing a number of houses and wrecking the Standino No. 6 gasoline plant. So far as could be learned immediately no one was injured.

TOKYO, March 19.—(AP)—Fierce opposition to the government of Premier Hamaguchi culminated today in street fighting in which 11 demonstrators were injured and several policemen were injured.

Life Terms Faced By Riot's Leaders At Joliet Prison

JOLIET, Ill., March 19.—(AP)—Life imprisonment tonight menaced every ringleader in the frenzied riot at Stateville prison yesterday.

Heavy penalties for others who took part in the pillage and destruction also were in view.

From Warden Henry C. Hill came the grim statement he plans to ask the grand jury for indictments charging arson, larceny and assault against all of the 22 convicts identified as major participants and as many more as are discovered.

SALEM, CORVALLIS DEBATE TEAMS TIE

Local Team Wins 3 to 0 in Clash Here, Loses in Benton Argument

Salem and Corvallis are in a tie for the district debate honors as result of the triangle debates, scheduled to have been the finals, held yesterday with Alsea as the third member. Salem negative won a 3 to 0 decision here last night; Corvallis won a 2 to 1 decision from Alsea negative there yesterday afternoon; and Corvallis negative won 2 to 1 from Salem at Corvallis last night.

In the debate at Corvallis, Howard Teeple and Harold Pruitt were given the big edge on argument. (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

THOMPSON NAMED UPON FARM BOARD

Illinois man With Direct Knowledge of Rural Problems Chosen

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Sam H. Thompson, who owns a 500-acre farm in Illinois, today was appointed a member of the farm board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alexander Legge.

The appointment was announced at the White House upon receipt of a telegram of acceptance. Thompson's commission was signed by President Hoover before he left on his Caribbean cruise.

Thompson has been an active farmer for years and has been identified with organizations seeking agricultural legislation.

At the time of his appointment he was serving his third two-year term as president of the American farm bureau federation. The directors of that organization, meeting today in Chicago, accepted his resignation to permit him to take (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

PROFESSOR'S WIFE COLLISION VICTIM

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Claude Walker, 25, wife of the assistant professor of agricultural engineering at Oregon State college, was killed instantly in an automobile accident near Tigard today.

Mrs. Walker was in an automobile driven by B. T. Simms, professor of veterinary medicine at the college, which collided with a machine driven by S. H. Herberg, Los Angeles. Mr. Simms was not injured but his wife, who also was in the car, was said to have suffered a fractured arm. Herberg's left leg was fractured.

The Simms automobile was said to have skidded as it rounded a curve.

Two Portland Fives Attain Semi Finals In State Hoop Play

3 Planes Out to Look For Pilot Lost in Yukon

N49 CIRCLE, Alaska, March 19.—(AP)—With a comprehensive plan of search outlined, the three airplanes looking for Fred Moller, missing Fairbanks pilot, prepared today to cover the Tanana watershed in the belief Moller failed to reach the Yukon river valley, where he was headed.

The three planes were to fly to the Charley river and Pilots Art Hines and Vic Ross expected to turn upstream to the headwaters and search the country beyond. Crossing the mountains they plan to follow the seventy mile river downstream to a trapper's cabin.

FOOD BROUGHT TO VIKING SURVIVORS. ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 19.—(AP)—Food came to the Viking survivors today, medical attention to the injured—but behind the hummock of ice in the bleak sea of the northland there still was sealed the fate of two Americans and 19 New Foundland seal hunters.

The struggle of the crews of three sealers to drag food and medical supplies from their ships to Horse Island, five miles over slippery, treacherous ice, was rewarded with success shortly before noon.

Doctors from the rescue ships dashed immediately to the injured, extending first aid. They found 113 men who had been subsisting since Monday on tea and crackers, crowding for warmth in their first homes (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

PORTLAND FIRM TO SALVAGE ISLANDER. PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Lured by stories of fabulous wealth in shipwrecked safes, Curtis Brothers, Portland and Seattle house movers, are preparing to salvage the passenger steamer Islander, which sank in Stevens passage, Alaska, August 15, 1901, with a loss of 73 lives.

Frank Curtis, one of the brothers, was in Portland today to get figures on machinery and equipment. He said the chief prize sought was \$3,000,000 in gold dust said to be locked in one of the ship's safes. Another safe, he said, was reported to hold \$400,000 in currency.

Curtis Brothers have contracted with C. H. and S. H. Wiley, Seattle, owners and inventors of a diving bell, for an equal division of all valuables recovered in return for use of the bell. The diving bell, Curtis said, would enable them to descend to the 365-foot level where the vessel lies. The bell was tested on the wreck last summer, he said, and several articles were removed from the ship.

DEFENDANT ADMITS \$112,202 MISSING. BAKER, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Emma Fowler, former LaGrande city treasurer on trial here for larceny of public funds, admitted from the witness stand today that \$112,202.03 would have been produced to make her books balance.

Mrs. Fowler was arrested early last month when the alleged shortage was discovered in her accounts after she had turned over her books to her successor. Her trial was brought here on defense motion.

Under re-direct examination Mrs. Fowler said she did not mean there was an actual cash shortage of the amount charged and said the \$112,202.03 she had written on a memorandum slip the day she left her office "was merely working slip and didn't mean a thing."

Injuries Slight In Plunge Over 150-Foot Cliff. ASTORIA, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Two men and two women narrowly escaped serious injury or death near here today when a small coupe in which they were riding skidded off the highway and plunged over a 150-foot cliff.

Kenneth Keating, Al West, Lita Burns and Aline Greer were brought to a local hospital for treatment. None of them was injured seriously. The car was wrecked.

Spring Gardens Help Arkansas' Rapid Recovery. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 19.—(AP)—Early spring gardens sprouting from seed distributed by the Red Cross, and improved agricultural credit facilities have put Arkansas well on the road to recovery from the worst drought in history.

On April 1, the American Red Cross will withdraw its relief workers who at one time drilled the waters were feeding more than a half million persons.

Salem and Pendleton Also in Race due To Easy Wins

Local Quintet to Meet Benson Tonight in Crucial Tilt

STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM TODAY. 8:30 a. m.—Tillamook vs. Myrtle Point (consolation).

8:30 a. m.—Baker vs. Ashland (consolation). 9:30 p. m.—Astoria vs. The Dalles (consolation). 4:30 p. m.—Pendleton vs. Jefferson (championship semi-final).

7:30 p. m.—Consolation. 8:30 p. m.—Salem vs. Benson (championship semi-final). SCORES THURSDAY Astoria 21, Monmouth 20 (consolation). Pendleton 48, Tillamook 14. The Dalles 21, Pleasant Hill 29 (consolation). Salem 31, Myrtle Point 17. Jefferson 31, Baker 21. Benson 24, Ashland 22.

By RALPH CURTIS. Red-hot state tournament games in which the Benson-Ashland affair was the most terrific, narrowed the championship possibilities down to four teams Thursday and set the stage for the semi-finals. Those still in are Pendleton, Jefferson, Benson and Salem, with the first two slated to play at 7:30 p. m. this afternoon and the latter two at 8:30 tonight.

With the possible exception of the Pleasant Hill-The Dalles consolation contest in the afternoon, the game in which Benson triumphed over Ashland, 24 to 23, was the most heart-tearing of the tournament to date.

Howell and Reeder, previously singled out as stars of the Ashland quintet, shone again, but McLean, Benson flash, was so closely guarded by Reeder that he contributed only three points to his team's total. The burden of scoring to his team mates, McLean did, however, prevent Howell from performing with quite his accustomed efficiency under the basket.

Scotty Frenville, Benson's star, until Friday's game. The first half was a see-saw affair with Ashland ahead 3 to 6 (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Relocation For Great Northern Is Now Allowed

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railway, learned today the interstate commerce commission had authorized the Great Northern to relocate its new line in Klamath county, Oregon, and Modoc and Lassen counties, California.

The relocation, Budd said, would avoid diagonal crossings of farms, offer less interference to drainage and irrigation systems, and provide better servicing facilities.

"That means," said President Budd, "that we may be able to operate our trains into California by late summer in 1932."