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THE WEATHER
Unsettled with rain today and Saturday, moderate temperature; Max. Temp. Friday 57, Min. 43; rain .08 inch, river 8.6 feet.

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Waterway Program Will not be Halted By Adverse Decision

Association at Meeting Here is Optimistic For Reversal

Will Prepare Careful Data for Hearing Next Autumn

Undaunted by a so-called "stump of the log" occasioned by an unfavorable army engineers' report on canalization of the Willamette river as far as Eugene, members of the Willamette Waterways association met here last night at the Gray Belle to discuss the next step in the groups' insistent demand for improvement of the river.

"We had too easy going in our first steps at river improvement," declared Frank Jenkins of Eugene in opening the discussion. "Our preliminary survey was approved although our organization started in a nebular, unorganized and inexperienced way last fall. We are by no means justified in sitting back and forgetting our goal. We've simply begun."

The meeting, attended by 50 representatives from Eugene, Albany, Independence, Canby, Oregon City, Portland and about 10 men from Salem, resolved itself into a discussion of the feasibility of river development and the next step in carrying it out.

"We should talk of river control rather than river canalization," declared Dr. E. T. Hodge, professor of geology at the University of Oregon. Hodge said that not only on the entire Pacific coast was more favorably located for a great producing area than that of the Willamette river but indicated that the river's meanderings to the sea, under adequate control, could work wonders in the productivity of the area.

Engineers in studying the territory must include in the savings from river control the drainage benefits which would entail to lands now too flat and wet for any use except as pasture, said Hodge.

River control would also make possible far more adequate valley irrigation than is now carried on, he said.

William P. Ellis, local transportation counselor, said he thought the project of an improved river entirely feasible but urged that the association present its case more carefully when the matter came up for hearing before the army engineers. "Remember that you are up against technical men who want their facts exact stated and sufficiently convincing to justify the large outlay needed," he stated.

Late Sports

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 20. (AP)—Billy Townsend, the fair-haired junior welterweight from Vancouver, B. C., boxed his way easily to the decision in his 10-round fight tonight with Johnny Lamar, Los Angeles. Lamar took two rounds, two were even, and Townsend collected the other six.

TULSA, Okla., March 20. (AP)—Ed Don Deorge of North Java, N. Y., retained his claim to the world's heavyweight wrestling title by defeating the "masked mystery" of Kansas city here tonight, two falls out of three.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 20. (AP)—Young Corbett, southpaw welterweight from Fresno, served notice on the flistic world that he is still very much in the running for the title when he pointed out a 10-round decision over Paul Pirronne of Cleveland tonight.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 20. (AP)—Sandy Garrison Casanova, Los Angeles light-heavyweight, scored a technical knockout over Vic Ferley, Los Angeles, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout here tonight.

BAGLEY DENIES DEFENSE MOVE FOR ACQUITTAL

No Basis for Directed Verdict, Judge in Bowles Trial Declares

Oratory is Spilled Over Merits of Contention State has Failed

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 20. (AP)—Circuit Judge George Bagley tonight overruled a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal in the Bowles-Loucks murder trial but reserved the right at any future time to take the case from the jury without further argument by counsel.

Nelson C. Bowles, Portland capitalist, and Miss Irma G. Loucks, his admitted sweetheart, are accused of killing Bowles' wife, Leone, with a bread knife in Miss Loucks' apartment last November 12. Ascertains Case has Peculiarities

"This case has many peculiarities," Judge Bagley said in passing the motion. "One of the strangest is the assertion of the right by the state to convict on circumstantial evidence, yet at the same time putting in as evidence the statements of both defendants. I have been unable to find a parallel or approaching parallel to this case."

"My impression of the rule authorizing the court to take a case from the jury has three subdivisions. He is authorizing in doing so if the state fails to prove a vital element of the case; if the testimony is of such character that only one conclusion under the law is possible; and if on motion for a new trial the court would be required to set the verdict aside because of the lack of (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

SABOTAGE PLOT ON DIRIGIBLE FOILED

CLEVELAND, O., March 20. (AP)—A gigantic sabotage plot to destroy the world's largest dirigible and numerous airplanes was foiled and uncovered tonight as department of justice agents continued an investigation of the wrecking of a navy bombing plane and an alleged scheme of a worker on the dirigible to freeze rivets in the framework with water instead of hammering them in.

Paul P. Kasey, the suspected worker, was under arrest at Akron, O., where the giant dirigible is under construction. He denied the accusations and said he was the victim of a frame-up.

Federal investigators said Kasey was retained in the days following his arrest and they believed he had been planning to die in a crash of the dirigible, if necessary to accomplish his alleged purpose of destruction. They said he was a communist, but officials of that party disclaimed him.

The giant dirigible, the "Akron," is to be ready for flight early this summer. It is planned to be the world's most formidable fighting airship and will be operated by the United States navy.

Great Reduction Noted in Income Tax Collections

WASHINGTON, March 20. (AP)—Sharply decreased income tax collections for the first quarter of 1930 were visualized today by treasury officials as they studied latest reports of receipts from that source.

Before them the officials had the report for Wednesday, the latest available, which showed only \$38,891,515 had been collected that day compared with \$214,534,548 for the corresponding day last year.

Salem and Pendleton Quintets Meet Tonight for Championship of Oregon

TALL BUCKAROO FIVE TROUNCES PORTLAND LADS

Jefferson, City Champions, Beaten 39 to 15 in Upset Contest

Eastern Oregon in Finals For First Time Since 1922; Same School

By JIM NUTTER
A horde of gigantic, speedy, sharpshooting Buckaroos from Pendleton swept through the Willamette gymnasium Friday afternoon, leaving in its wake the biggest upset of the 1931 tournament with Jefferson high school routing its opponent and starting at a 39 to 15 score which was in favor of Pendleton.

The team which was twice beaten by Baker during the regular playing season and which supposedly beat Tillamook in the first game only because the Cheesemakers' main player was not in the lineup, showed speed, precision in training and everything that goes to make a championship team.

The last eastern Oregon team to reach the finals was Pendleton back in 1922. The Buckaroos did not fare so well in the final playoff then however and were beaten by Ashland 45 to 22. But that was the time when Guthrie was burning up the court for southern Oregon. This time though, it looks like the Buckaroos will have a good chance to deliver in the championship game at Willamette, tonight against Salem high.

NAMES IN BUNCHES FOR 'HONOR ROLL'

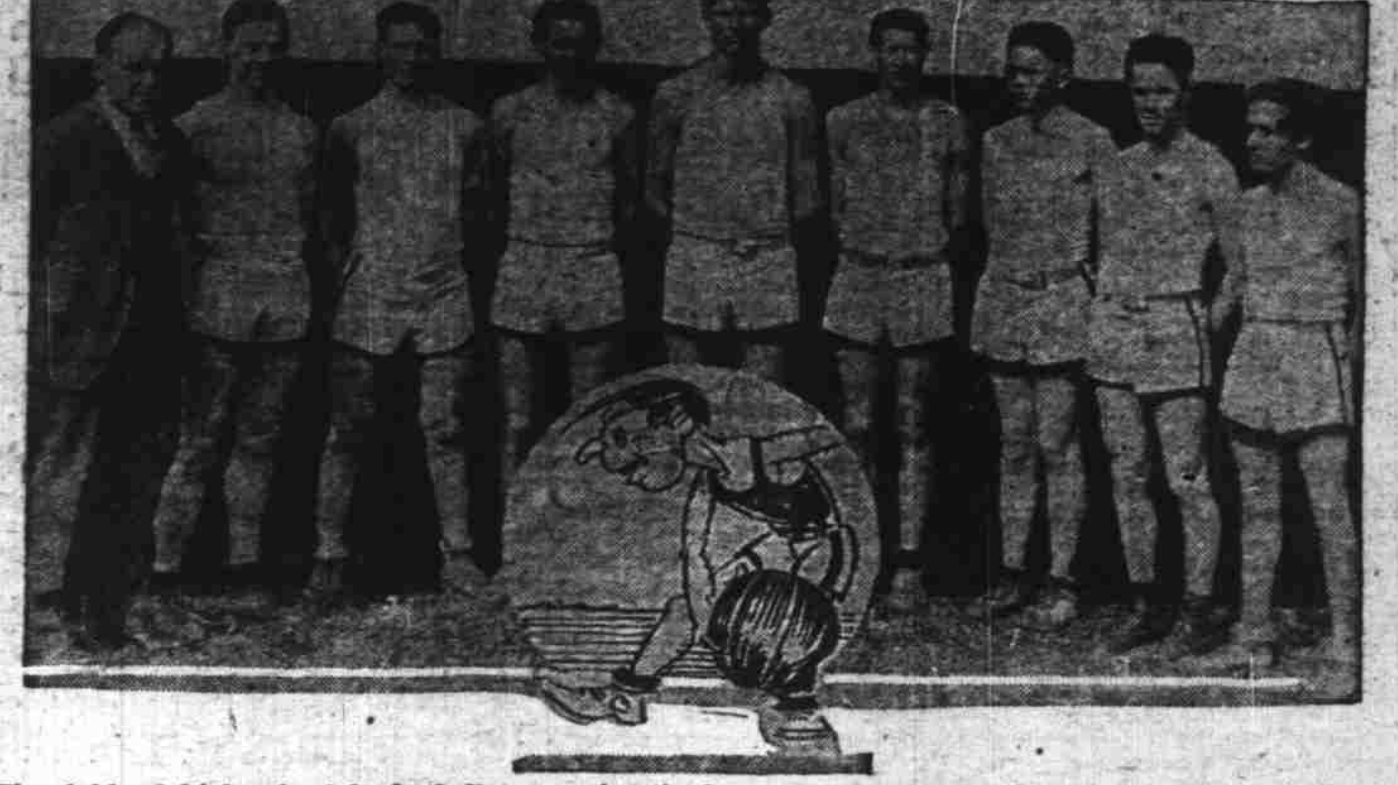
Friday found The Statesman's "honor roll" with its largest single day's additions since the paper announced it wished to give special distinction to long-time subscribers in the anniversary number to be published next Saturday, March 28.

Men and women from all parts of the city and some from outside of Salem, wrote or telephoned that they had been continuous subscribers for at least 50 years. Some names were added of pioneers who have resided in Oregon at least 80 years and can claim the distinction of being octogenarians along with The Statesman.

Yet more names are wanted—as many as there are men and women to whose homes this paper has been a continuous visitor down through a half-century of time.

The date of the anniversary is a week away; The Statesman solicits more names for its roll of honor!

Hard Luck Champions of Tourney



The Ashland high school basketball team wins the hard luck honors at the state tournament; losing two games by a total margin of three points. From the left: Coach Bliss, Gill, Myers, Reeder, Howell, Riley, Darling, Mabbatt, Carter.

THEODORE DREISER SLAPS LEWIS' FACE

Argument Over Authorship Of Certain Work is Cause of Rumpus

NEW YORK, March 20. (AP)—Theodore Dreiser ("the genius") slapped the face of Sinclair Lewis ("Babbitt") last night.

"It was an outrageous, scandalous affair," said Lewis, the only American ever awarded the Nobel prize for literature. Dreiser's comment was twice as long—it contained 12 words: "Rash and unwarranted insults were rewarded with two slaps upon the face."

He declined even monosyllabic further discussion. The men, probably the two best known of American writers, met in a room of the dining room of the Metropolitan club where they, with 25 other men of letters, were attending a dinner given by Ray Long, editor of the Cosmopolitan magazine, in honor of Boris Pilavak, Russian communist writer. Claims Dreiser

At the dinner Lewis had said: "I feel disinclined to speak in the presence of a man who has stolen 3,000 words from my wife's (Dorothy Thompson) book on Russia, and before two sage critics who have lamented the action of the Nobel committee in selecting me as America's representative writer."

There was a moment's strained silence as Lewis sat down, but nothing happened. Soon afterward the company adjourned to another room for coffee and cigars.

Lewis, tall, fiery-haired author of "Main Street" and "Elmer" (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Valued Volumes Are Presented to Vatican Library

VATICAN CITY, March 20. (AP)—Louis Mendelssohn, Detroit capitalist, presented the valuable Rosignoli library and archives today to Pope Pius for the Vatican library.

The Detroit man, long time executive of the Fisher Body corporation, and Mrs. Mendelssohn were received by the pope privately on March 7. The pontiff gave him a gold medal commemorating the audience.

The Rosignoli collection includes many valuable books gathered by Pope Clement IX of Rosignoli during his pontificate from 1667 to 1669.

HOPE WANING FOR MEN LOST IN ICE

Rescue Steamer is Caught in Vicious Storm and Arrival Delayed

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 20. (AP)—New woes for the rescued and waning hopes for the missing were today's tidings from the rescue steamer Saguna, carrying 110 survivors from Horse Island, was caught fast in an ice jam. Her arrival here may be delayed indefinitely.

The sealer Sir William, companion ship of the Viking, ended her rescue efforts at the bottom of the bay. Stuck in a vice-like ice grip, she became waterlogged, burst into flames and sank 15 miles northeast of Horse Island, but her crew of 28 escaped in dories to the sealer Eagle.

After bucking the ice fields in the bay, a half dozen rescue vessels virtually abandoned hope of finding the 28 missing men from the Viking, including the Americans, Varick Frissell and A. G. (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

LINEN MILL PLANS ADVANCED A STEP

Stockholders are Asked to Deposit Shares Under Escrow Agreement

Reorganization plans for the Oregon Linen mill here advanced a step yesterday when notices were sent to all stockholders of record, asking that their stock be deposited with the First National bank here, subject to an escrow agreement, which provides that the shares be exchanged on a four to one basis for stock in the Salem Linen mills.

The escrow contemplates that outstanding unfunded indebtedness of \$53,000 against the Oregon Linen mills be liquidated and \$80,000 subscribed for 2000 shares of stock in the new company before any transfer be made.

As soon as 51 per cent of the stock in the present company is deposited, subject to the escrow, the reorganization deal can be completed, provided the present company and the company to be organized meet the conditions mutually assumed. If either side in the first half, despite the return of Kitchin to the Salem lineup, the local team had played, except for a few moments of flashy form, much as it did against Myrtle Point on Thursday.

Local fans expressed hope that the nervousness, occasioned by a feeling that too much was expected of the local team, was gone for good when they saw it evaporate at the opening of the second half. Benson Gets Four Points at Start

Benson, as had two other losers the night before, piled up a four-point lead before Salem scored. Kitchin and Sanford broke loose to score for Salem but Benson led at first quarter time, 6 to 5. Foreman came to the fore in the first half, despite the return of Kitchin to the Salem lineup, the local team had played, except for a few moments of flashy form, much as it did against Myrtle Point on Thursday.

Sanford's accurate loops from back of the foul line and Graber's steady work under the basket (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

One More Cent Off Gas Price In Most Cities

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20. (AP)—Joining other major companies in the latest downward step in gasoline prices, the Standard Oil Co., of California today cut one cent from its wholesale price for crude oil.

The gasoline slash was generally effective in major cities on the Pacific coast. It brought the price here down to 9 cents wholesale.

Find Shortage; Seek Assistant To Postmaster

ASTORIA, Ore., March 20. (AP)—After a preliminary audit indicated what postal inspectors today was a large shortage in accounts in the postoffice here, an intensive search was started today for H. F. Peacock, assistant postmaster, who disappeared yesterday.

LOCAL HOOPERS QUICKLY REGAIN DAZZLING FORM

Shake off Nervousness of Tournament Play When Second Half Opens

Beat Benson 25 to 18 and Duplicate Success of Last Year's Team

By RALPH CURTIS
Suddenly throwing off at the opening of the second half the nervousness which had marked their tournament play up to that time, the Salem high school players recovered the dazzling speed and the precision which had characterized their work throughout the season and handed Benson Tech of Portland a 25-to-18 beating.

The red and black thereby duplicated its success of the 1930 tournament by qualifying for the final game, and at the same time removed Portland's last hope in a season which for the first time had seen two teams from the metropolis reach the semi-final round.

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CONCLUDE HEARING ON LUMBER TARIFF

WASHINGTON, March 20. (AP)—Hearings were concluded today in the tariff commission's investigation into production costs of softwood lumber which was ordered by the senate.

The final session was taken up largely with testimony by opponents to the 50 per cent increase in the present duty of \$1 a thousand feet, proposed by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

J. H. Bloedel of Seattle, operating in British Columbia and Washington State, was the principal witness. He contended the lumbermen's problems would not be solved by a higher tariff and said there was ample reason for a lower duty.

Earlier in the hearing Col. W. B. Greeley, manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, in proposing the duty increase, cited lower production costs and cheaper transportation as justifying the higher tariff. The increase would be the maximum permitted under the flexible provision of the tariff act.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES			
Tillamook Thurs., 10:30 A. M.	Pendleton	Pendleton 43-14	
Jefferson Wed., 8:30 P. M.	Astoria	Jefferson 33-23	Pendleton 39-15
Monmouth Wed., 4:30 P. M.	Baker	Baker 30-26	Jefferson 31-31
Benson Wed., 7:30 P. M.	Pleasant Hill	Benson 35-19	Sat., 8:30 P. M.
Ashland Wed., 8:30 P. M.	The Dalles	Ashland 49-19	Benson 24-22
Salem Thurs., 4:30 M.	Myrtle Point	Salem 31-17	Salem 25-18