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EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

AGREEMENT ON
WATER DEAL IS
YET IN OFFING

Details of Contract Eyed
Closely by City and
Company Officials

Question of Guarantee on
Filter's Efficacy is
Raised at Parley

Conference on the tentative
contract for the city of Salem's
purchase of the Oregon-Washington
Service company's plant here,
spent hours in conference yester-
day without reaching any final
agreement on several mooted
points on which the contract
hinges.

Late in the day City Attorney
Trindle, J. C. Baar, engineer for
the city in the water company
deal, and Walter E. Keyes and
James D. Adams, attorneys for
the company, were still going
over the proposed contract which
binds the city to drop its pending
appeal of May 16, 1930, charter
amendment to the state supreme
court. The agreement also obli-
gates the water company to com-
plete its filter plant and the city
to take it over at a cost estimated
since February 1, 1931. The valua-
tion for the water company prop-
erty as of that date is \$1,100,000.

View Situation
If Filter Falls
The representatives of the city
and the water company discussed
at length yesterday, the situation
of the municipality under the pro-
posed contract if the filter plant
when completed, would not fur-
nish satisfactory water. Officials
of the water company pointed out
that the contract binds the com-
pany to furnish pure, potable water
at a cost estimated not to exceed
\$150,000 beyond the present
investment. E. C. Elliott, president
of the company, said he was
not prepared because of the limited
cost figures at hand, to set an
outside figure on the exact cost
of completing the filter plant.

Engineer Baar urged that some
definite guarantee on an outside
limit of operation costs be placed
in the contract. Water company
representatives demurred on this
proposal, saying the city could
not expect to purchase a plant
with the operation cost guaran-
teed. It was suggested, however,
that an estimate of filter plant
operation could be made with the
degree of accuracy.
Object: 10-Year
Contract Clause
Some objection was raised to
the 10-year clause in the contract
which provides that the city can
exercise the pending option con-
tract at any time within ten
years. Water company officials
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ASSAULT ON HIGH
SEAS IS CHARGED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28—
(AP)—A charge of assault on
the high seas was filed before a
federal commissioner here today
against Robert Farley Francis,
Seattle roadhouse keeper, who
was brought into San Francisco
in custody of the liner, Sierra.
The complaint, filed by depart-
ment of justice agents, charges
Francis with assaulting his wife,
Lola, while the ship was en-
route from Honolulu. Bail was
set at \$2,500.
Francis is held in city prison.
The row is said to have started
over thousands of dollars worth
of jewelry and cash, which is now
impounded on a writ of attach-
ment.

Oregon
Briefs

WORK OPENS SOON
MEDFORD, Ore., March 28—
(AP)—John R. Sargent, resident
engineer for the federal public
roads bureau, with headquarters
in Portland, announced here to-
day construction work on the
first unit of the new Diamond
Lake road would start within a
month.
Construction of the road, he
said, will take about three years
and will cost \$2,000,000.
MOTIVE UNKNOWN
ASTORIA, March 28—(AP)—
Henry B. Smith, 30, of Astoria,
was arrested here today on a
charge of having shot and killed
a man through the head. He de-
fended himself.
No motive has been learned.

Siamese Monarch to Visit in
U. S.; Much Interest Evincd



KING PRAJADIPOK
ANNOUNCING QUEEN
RAMBAI AT
CORONATION

His Majesty King Prajadipok of Siam
will exchange official amenities
with President Hoover at Washing-
ton within a few months. Pra-
jadipok is the seventh ruler of a
dynasty which came into power
150 years ago. His country combines
in interesting fashion the old
and the new in civilization, as the
picture reveals. Queen Rambai
will accompany the king on his
trip through the United States.

CUSTOMS UNION IS
SAID PEACE PERIL

PARIS, March 28—(AP)—
Foreign Minister Aristide Briand
said in an address today that
France's prompt action in protest-
ing the proposed Austro-German
customs union and in notifying
other powers to do likewise to
ward off a real peril to the peace
of Europe.
Speaking before the French
senate in his best oratorical form,
he admitted that the projected
accord constituted a setback in
Franco-German relations and
criticized the manner in which
both Austria and Germany sought
to attain their ends.
Disapproved Even
In Germany, Claim
He maintained, however, that
the accord evoked no sympathy
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Mrs. Trumbull
Resigns Child
Welfare Post

PORTLAND, Ore., March 28—
(AP)—Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull,
secretary of the board of
inspectors of child labor and the
industrial welfare commission,
resigned today, effective March
31. She had held the position
with the labor board since 1928,
and the welfare commission
since 1931.
The recent legislature failed
to provide salary and expenses
transportation of liquor.
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Start Diamond Lake Road
Borrows gun, Ends Life
Friend Claims Liquor his
Seek to Defer Payments

deferring interest collections.
Telegraphic advices from New
York today said reports the
Bethlehem steel company was
to take over the Longview bridge
were groundless.
TAKEN AT HIS WORD
SEASIDE, Ore., March 28—
(AP)—Ted Muhlhoff was arrested
yesterday for possession and
transportation of liquor.
Harvey Willis did the friendly
act and went to the police station
and claimed the liquor was his.
The police judge took him at
his word and fined him and
Muhlhoff each \$150.

Explains Wine
Possession Old
Serbian Custom

HAMMOND, Ind., March 28—
(AP)—El Rogula, East Chicago,
charged with possessing 70 gallons
of wine, explained it this
way:
"You see, judge, I take it each
Sunday to the cemetery and put
a little on the graves of my old
people so they will have some-
thing to drink, an old Serbian
custom."
The judge continued the case.

BANKS' ASSETS
IN CASH GAIN
OVER MILLION

Local Institutions now in
Strong Position; cut
Down Loan Total

Combined Amount in Three
is \$3,022,895; Time
Deposits Heavy

Salem's three banks are in an
exceptionally strong cash position
and deposits have been compari-
tively little affected by prevail-
ing economic depression, the con-
solidated statement of the three
institutions, as issued March 28,
reveals.
Cash assets as of the date of
call totaled \$3,022,895 in the
First National, United States Na-
tional and Ladd & Bush banks.
This marked an increase of slightly
more than \$1,000,000 over the
combined cash assets of March 27,
1930, when the total stood at \$2,012,912.
Deposits, time and demand, as
of March 25, totaled \$10,557,801
in comparison to \$11,241,794
on March 27, 1930. This made a
reduction of six per cent over the
preceding year, accounted for
largely by decreased commodity
prices. The decrease from the to-
tal deposits of December 31, 1930,
was only three per cent, the total
at that time standing at \$10,842,202.
Cash resources have mounted
heavily since the first of the year
in the three banks. On December
31, 1930, cash on hand in the local
banks amounted to \$2,345,844
and in the last three months this
sum has climbed to the present
mark of \$3,022,895.
Deposits run very heavily to-
wards time and savings, with
\$5,151,814, or virtually 50 per
cent of the deposits, being of this
nature.
Marked reductions in the total
of outstanding loans is shown in
the consolidated statements. There
is little change in the totals of
United States and other bonds
held by the banks, the bulk of the
reduction in demand loans being
held in additional cash on hand.

HINDENBURG ISSUES
STRENUOUS DECREE

BERLIN, March 28—(AP)—
Millions of German citizens to-
night were studying, in their ever
new newspapers, one of the most
far-reaching decrees ever promul-
gated in the young German re-
public.
It was "Father" Hindenburg's
ukase for quelling disorder. Those
who read the special papers didn't
know but that this might be
the last issue of their paper for
some time, for amid the drastic
provisions of the decree is one em-
powering the authorities to sup-
press dailies for as long as eight
consecutive weeks, if it were found
necessary.
Those who belonged to such or-
ganizations as Adolf Hitler's
Brown Shirts or the communist
Red Front did not know whether
they could meet with their
brothers in the streets, or whether
their organizations may be dis-
persed with the stroke of a pen.

JUSTICE CAMPBELL
TO SPEAK MONDAY

"Crime and Criminals" will be
the subject of the address given
by Justice Campbell, associate
justice of the Oregon supreme
court, at the weekly luncheon of
the Salem chamber of commerce
Monday, Henry J. Bean, chief
justice of the supreme court will
introduce Justice Campbell.
Justice Campbell, according to
a brief biography in this week's
issue of the chamber of commerce
bulletin, was admitted to the bar
in 1892. He served in the Oregon
legislature from 1907 to 1909
and was appointed circuit judge
of the fifth judicial district May
1, 1909 and served until January
3, 1921. Last fall he was elected
a member of the Oregon supreme
court.

VIGOR WILL MARK
RECALL CAMPAIGN

SEATTLE, March 26—(AP)—
The recall campaign against Mayor
Frank Edwards will be "pres-
ented with vigor," F. F. Fitts, secre-
tary of the citizens' municipal
utility protective league, said
here today after organization Coun-
sel A. C. Van Spelen held two
charges of the recall petition were
"legally sufficient."
The recall movement against
the mayor was the aftermath of
his dismissal of J. D. Ross as
superintendent of city light and his
refusal to reinstate Ross. The
city council has refused to con-
firm two appointments of the
mayor for the position.

High Officials
Gather to Honor
Brother Dutton

HONOLULU, March 28—(AP)—
These highest in official, military
and civic life gathered today
to honor Ira Dutton, Brother
Joseph of the Catholic church,
who died Thursday after minister-
ing to the lepers of Molokai is-
land 45 years.
Services at the cathedral end-
ed, a notable company escorted
the body of the simple, kindly lay
brother to the cemetery where it
will lie in a vault two weeks be-
fore being taken to its final rest-
ing place on Molokai.

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at once to insure that they
can be filled.

Jury Frees Bowles, Loucks,
Parleying Little Over Hour

WIDE INTEREST
FOLLOWS CASE
THROUGH TRIAL

Most Sensational Murder
Case in Recent Court
History of State

Discrepancies in Accounts
Of Death First Draw
Public Suspicion

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 28—
(AP)—The Bowles murder case
is a young millionaire accused
jointly with his former secretary
of the murder of his young, at-
tractive and socially prominent
wife—one of the most sensa-
tional in recent court history in
Oregon.
Nelson C. Bowles, 34, possess-
ing great wealth, has his paternal
home high on the hills surround-
ing Portland, for the apartment
of his former secretary, Miss Irma
Loucks, 28-year-old divorcee. It
was in this apartment that Mrs.
Bowles, 33, met her death on
November 12, last, with a
blade of a serrated breadknife in
her heart.
"Murder," said county officials,
in spite of the pleas of Bowles
and Miss Loucks, the two persons
with whom she died, that she took
her own life.
Accuse Bowles and
Girl of Murder
The state said the woman was
slain by Bowles and the girl be-
cause she stood in the way of
their continued association.
The defense contended she
died the blade to her own heart
in anger and despair because of
her husband's unfaithfulness,
leaving her two small children
motherless.
A number of mysterious and
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CAMP FIRE GIRLS
HOLD CEREMONIAL

Many Awards Made at 4th
Annual Event Staged
By Local Groups

A solemn circle of girls in the
ceremonial leather gowns of the
Camp Fire and in the service uni-
form of white midly blouse and
blue skirt sat on the floor of the
Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Saturday
night and completed the fourth
annual council fire celebrating the
19th birthday of the Camp Fire
organization. At this time awards
were also made for honors won
during the year by a large num-
ber of members.
Miss Lillian Black of Chemawa
was in charge of the program,
which included musical numbers
by the Scotch band, piano and
violin numbers by Joy Turner
Moses and Lois Newman, in-
vocation by Rev. E. W. and a talk
by Mayor P. M. Gregory.
In addition to this there were
the picturesque ceremonial ob-
servances given by the Camp Fire
members and guardians.
Large Number of
Awards Listed
Awards were made as follows:
Wood gatherers: Delma Bunn,
Marjorie Van de Walker, Helen
Wilson, Alan Douglas, Marion
Rydo, Lorraine Vick, Geraldine Pe-
terson, Nan Smith, Marion Pe-
terson, Helen Egan, Eleanor
Markstrom, Agnes Scott, Iola Gil-
lam, Valentine Howard, Thessa
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'OREGON WILDCAT'
ASKS BIG DAMAGES

PORTLAND, Ore., March 28—
(AP)—Robert Gordon Duncan,
candidate for republican nomi-
nation to congress in the last Ore-
gon primary election, asked
\$500,000 damages for alleged
defamation of character in an ac-
tion filed in his complaint here
today against the Portland Bet-
ter Business Bureau, Inc. He
also asked \$5475 special dam-
ages.
Duncan, who gained wide at-
tention as the "Oregon wildcat"
charged in his complaint that
literature, addressed to mer-
chants, was circulated in Multnomah
county (Portland) last
April and that his anti-chain
store activities were described as
"extortion" and blackmail.
He further states he was mak-
ing a salary of \$10,000 a year
and had prospects of making
\$25,000 as an editor and radio
speaker and that his business
has been damaged to the extent
of \$500,000. The special dam-
ages are asked to reimburse him
for costs he claims he incurred
in defending himself from crim-
inal prosecution.

Sleeping Malady
Brings Death to
Silverton Youth

SILVERTON, March 28—
Frank Timothy Lamb, aged 22;
died here late Friday night from
sleeping sickness. Funeral ser-
vices will be held Sunday, ar-
rangements being in charge of
Larson and son.
Lamb is survived by his widow,
Louise Lamb, and their four
months old daughter, Jeanne
Louise; his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
George Lamb, and the following
sisters: Mrs. E. T. Cook, George
Lamb and Helen Lamb of Silvert-
on, and Mrs. Charles Hedges of
the Philippine Islands, and one
brother, Harold Lamb.

Six Freeze to Death as
Bus Stalls; 15 in Peril

LAMAR, Colo., March 28—
(AP)—Fifteen children were
fighting for their lives tonight in
a small, privately-owned hospital
while a corps of physicians and
nurses worked over them, and
five of their companions,
ranging in age from 7 to 14 years,
lay in morgues, victims of Thurs-
day's vicious storm that howled
over the prairie country of west-
ern Kansas and eastern Colorado
to pile drifts high and make
travel impossible.
Rescued by airplane and auto-
mobile, the survivors of a har-
rowing 36 hours spent in a school
bus stalled by mountainous
drifts were brought to Lamar for
treatment by Samaritans who ar-
rived almost too late for the
eleventh hour effort to save their
lives.
The heroism of a lone boy, 13
years old, who stood guard over
his companions and induced them
to fight the cold that sifted into
the bus hour after hour while
help that was hoped for failed to
arrive, gave way to the method-
ical and painstaking efforts of the
nurses and doctors to undo the
harm the cold had done.
"Will the children live?" Mrs.
Marie M. Wadman, owner of the
hospital, was asked.
"We don't know," she replied.
"ALL of them are very sick—very
sick. Their hands and feet have
been frozen. They were suffering
terribly from the exposure. We
wish we knew whether they
would live. The doctors them-
selves won't say. They can't say."
Late in the afternoon a sixth
victim of the storm was found—
Carl Miller, driver of the bus who
tried to brave the storm and
bring help to the youngsters huddled
in the marooned school bus.
Miller's small daughter, Mary, 7,
was among those who died.

Natural Gas is
Struck at Farm
On Puget Sound

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March
28—(AP)—A flow of natural
gas, estimated at approximately
5,000,000 cubic feet for 24 hours,
was struck on the William Lange
farm 10 miles north of here late
today. A. L. McDaniels, driller and
general manager of the M. and M.
Oil and Gas company, announced.
The gas was accompanied with
what is believed by McDaniels to
be a high gravity oil. This he es-
timated at two barrels an hour.
The gas was tapped at 1180 feet.

Chronology of Bowles Case

By the Associated Press
November 12—Mrs. Leone C.
Bowles, 33, wife of Nelson C.
Bowles, died in a Portland apart-
ment leased by Irma G. Loucks,
former secretary to Bowles, from
a bread knife wound in her
heart. Death terminated a con-
versation in the apartment among
Bowles, his wife and Miss Loucks.
Bowles and Miss Loucks advance
suicide theory, which was accepted
by coroner.
November 13—Police refuse to
express opinion whether death
was murder or suicide.
November 14—Dr. Paul B.
Cooper, called to attend Mrs.
Bowles, makes statement to police.
Bowles and Miss Loucks
make second statement of police
and relatives of Mrs. Bowles ask
district attorney to make investi-
gation.
November 15—Moral charge
lodged against Bowles and Miss
Loucks by police. Defendants re-
leased on bail.
November 17—Inquest post-
poned.
November 18—Police continue
investigation and criticize Dr.
Cooper for removing body before
notifying authorities.
November 19—Dr. Cooper
makes second statement, allegedly
admitting major errors in his first
statement. As result first degree
murder charges filed against Miss
Loucks and Bowles.
November 20—Miss Loucks to
St. Vincent's hospital on verge of
nervous breakdown.
November 21—Dr. Cooper and
W. H. Callera, Bowles' business
associate, placed under \$25,000
bond each as material witnesses.
November 24—Miss Loucks re-
turned to jail. Bowles in police
emergency hospital.
November 25—District attor-
ney and police question more wit-
nesses and take fingerprints.
November 28—Coroner's in-
quest ordered for December 2.
December 1—Mrs. H. W. How-
ard, state's witness, reports alleged
attack and death threats.
December 2—Inquest opens
and Dr. Cooper reiterates first
statement.
December 5—Coroner returns
murder verdict that Mrs. Bowles
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TENSE MOMENT
REACHED WHEN
VERDICTS READ

Jurors File in Smiling at
Prospect of Freeing
Two Defendants

Applause Breaks out When
Judge Reads; kin of
Accused in Tears

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 28—
(AP)—Nelson C. Bowles and Irma
G. Loucks walked from the Wash-
ington county courthouse here to-
night, a free man and woman.
Only 43 minutes were required
by the jury of 12 men to acquit
the Portland millionaire and his
former secretary of the murder of
Bowles' wife, Mrs. Leone Bowles.
Through four long weeks the
defendants had listened to testi-
mony and arguments to prove or
disprove that they stabbed the
young Portland society matron
with fatal results in Miss Loucks'
Portland apartment last Novem-
ber 12.
Four times daily they had
crossed the little "bridge of sighs"
that separates the courthouse
from the county jail where they
had been behind bars when they
were not in the courtroom.
Jurors Smile On
Evidently pleased that they had
been able to free the two young
defendants from the shadows of
prison bars and from the hang-
man's noose, the ten rugged
farmers, one father and one train
dispatcher, came into the court-
room and took their seats in the
jury box, their faces wreathed in
happy smiles.
The foreman handed the writ-
ten verdict to Circuit Judge
George H. Bagley, presiding. He
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TEST LEGALITY OF
STREET VACATION

Commencement of a friendly
suit in circuit court to test the
city's recent vacation of a portion
of Trade street, to the Oregon
Pulp and Paper company will be
begun this week, Walter E. Keyes,
attorney for the company, an-
nounced yesterday.
All property owners on the
four blocks adjacent to the com-
pany's holdings will be made par-
ties defendant in the action, an
eight objectors to the vacation
who made written protest to the
council last summer when the
matter was before it.
Keyes will seek to establish in
court that the vacation of the
street is without damage to the
adjacent property owners and that
the council's action in releasing a
portion of the street was legal.
In his letter issued last week
to the adjacent property holders,
Keyes declares that the company
expects "to erect a substantial and
much needed building upon the
premises" vacated on Trade street.

Heavy Damages
Sought, Result
Of Auto Crash

Two damage suits totalling
\$15,000 were filed yesterday
against E. T. Pierce and wife by
Mrs. Cora Darcy and James Dar-
cy. The suits result from an auto-
mobile accident which occurred
May 11, 1929, at the intersection
of North Church and Union
streets here.
Mrs. Darcy is plaintiff in one
suit and James Darcy brought
the other suit. Both complaints
charge Mrs. Pierce was careless
and negligent in operation of the
car she was driving and both al-
lege that injuries sustained by the
plaintiff will be compensated for
the \$7,500 general damages.

Arkansas Wins
Battle Honors

WASHINGTON, March 28—
(AP)—The battleship, Arkansas,
for the second successive year,
has won first honors in short
range battle practice for capital
ships that retain the American
defense cup and the Spokane
cup.
LEAS IN STATE
ST. LOUIS, March 28—(AP)—
The body of Bryan Brantlett
Johnson, founder of the American
league and its president for 27
years, lay in state here tonight,
preparatory to its removal to
Spencer, Ind., where funeral ser-
vices will be held Wednesday.