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EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

GARDEN CLUB'S FLOWER SHOW PLAN ENLARGED

Large Scale Public Exhibit Scheduled April 18 and 19 in Local Garage

Entries Invited in Varied Classification List, Announcement now

Members of the Salem Garden club have this year for the first time expanded the early spring showing of blossoms from an intimate show in the club rooms at the chamber of commerce to a public flower show planned on a large scale to be held April 18 and 19 in the show rooms of the Valley Motor company at the corner of Center and Liberty streets.

The show rooms will be open to the public at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon and will close at nine o'clock Sunday night.

Flowers to be exhibited must be grown by the person exhibiting; one entry in each class is allowed each exhibitor; all entries are to be carefully labeled, and registered when entered and this must be done by 10 o'clock Saturday morning. All exhibitors are to furnish their own containers.

Classification List is Lengthy
Only Judges will be present when the judging is in progress. The placing and changing of any entry on the tables must be done subject to the approval of the staging committee.

Mrs. W. H. Smith is chairman of the committee on arrangements, and assisting her are Mrs. J. B. Van Cleave, Mrs. Marion Van Eaton, Ernest Iufer, W. C. Franklin.

Following are the classifications:

CLASS I, TULIPS
Division 1
Best three of one named variety:
a—Early single tulips.
b—Early double tulips.
c—Darwin tulips.

Division 2
Best artistic arrangement of tulips in vase.
a—Best artistic arrangement of tulips in basket.
c—Best arrangement with other spring flowers.

CLASS II—NARCISSI
Division 1
Best three of one named variety:
a—Yellow trumpets.
b—White trumpets.
c—Bicolors.
d—Incomparabilis.
e—Barri.
f—Leadli.
g—Jonquils and campanelles.
h—Ponicus.
i—Double.
k—Miniature and special daffodils.

Division 2
a—Best artistic arrangement of daffodils in vase.
b—Best artistic arrangement of daffodils in basket.
c—Best artistic arrangement of daffodils with other spring flowers.

CLASS III
Cut Anemone Flowers
a—Container of best double St. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Oregon Briefs

MAY CHANGE RULES
PORTLAND, Ore., March 30—(AP)—Thirty fruit growers from Wenatchee, Yakima, Medford and Hood River met here today to discuss proposed changes in Washington and Oregon apple and pear grading rules.

Tentative grades were drawn up and will be submitted to associations in the growing districts. If approved, the proposals will be submitted to the Oregon and Washington horticulture boards for formal adoption.

TWO COMING HERE
BAKER, Ore., March 30—(AP)—Robert E. Stevens, San Francisco, and Dewey Marquette, a transient who said he was from Michigan, waived guilty to jury indictment, pleaded guilty to forgery charges and were sentenced to two years each in the state penitentiary here today.

Stevens was sentenced within five hours of his arrest.

BUILD TO BIEBER
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 30—(AP)—Construction crews were sent out on the survey south of Klamath Falls today to begin work on the 28 miles of new railroad. The Great Northern will build to connect with its road now pushing northward from the junction with the Western Pacific at Bieber, Calif.

Two steam shovels were put to work in the vicinity of Merrill, while another was sent to Malin. About 60 men are employed now

Salute Lieut. Colonel Priest, Youngest Officer in the World



By virtue of his commission promulgated by the governor of Idaho, who reposes "special confidence in his integrity, diligence and discretion," Paul Lambert Priest (above) four months old, of Bronxville, N. Y., is a lieutenant-colonel, entitled to carry a sword and bring a salute from majors down to the lowest buck private in kitchen police.

STATE RESTS CASE AGAINST BROTHERS

No Attempt Made to Show Motive, nor Revelation Of Gang Activities

CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, Chicago, March 30.—(AP)—The state rested its murder case against Leo Brothers today, confident it had proved who killed Jake Lingie, Tribune crime reporter. Prosecutors made no attempt to show a motive.

With sensational abruptness State's Attorney Wyland Brooks announced calmly "The state rests. None of the startling revelations of gangland activities so confidently expected by many, no hint of the mysterious life of the Tribune reporter, no reason why anyone should want to kill him, had been disclosed.

Prosecution Takes Up Only Five Days
The prosecution took but five days to present its case. One witness identified Brothers as the man he saw in the Randolph street pedestrian tunnel when Lingie was killed last June 9, and said Brothers tossed a pistol near the reporter's body. Six other persons saw a man run from the tunnel. Some chased him a short distance and identified Brothers as "fitting the description," "looking like the man" or positively being the same man.

The remainder of the state's case was made up of routine testimony, proving Lingie was killed and tracing the bullet and the pistol.

Picking up the state's story today where the other seven witnesses left off, Albert W. Keltstrom, a middle-aged trunk buyer, said he saw the defendant five minutes after the assassination.

YOUNG MEADOO FINED
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 30.—(AP)—William Gibbs McAdoo, Jr., son of the former secretary of the treasury, today pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and paid a fine of \$10.

FRUITGROWERS TALK GRADES
FORGER SENTENCED QUICKLY
RAILROAD WORK IS STARTED
ORGANIZE STATE SPORTSMEN

and engineers said the number of workers probably would reach 100 by the end of the week.

BAKER STARTS MOVE
BAKER, Ore., March 30—(AP)—The Baker county Rod and Gun club's executive committee announced today it was making plans for the organization of a state sportsmen's association.

The purpose of the association, which would be composed of representatives from the 56 local sportsmen's organizations in Oregon, would be to correlate the various recommendations made to the legislature relative to wild life protection.

The announcement suggested an organization meeting be held at The Dalles May 15 and 16.

PIN IS DISLOADED
PORTLAND, Ore., March 30—(AP)—Jackie Yeast, three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Yeast, Portland, awoke on March 29 and last night, yawned and went back to sleep, unaware of a three-week fight to save his life.

Three weeks ago the baby swallowed an open safety pin. Day by day the movements of the pin were traced by x-ray photographs.

Physicians, fearing the pin might puncture delicate organs with fatal results, operated, but were not able to remove the pin.

The operation, however, appeared to dislodge the pin. It passed normally from the infant's body today.

ENGBRETSON'S CHOICE FOUGHT BY DELEGATION

Clatsop Farmers File Warm Protest in Audience With Meier Here

Political Ring Prevails in Coast County, Charge; Agent Criticized

Thirty-five farmers, representing virtually every section of Clatsop county, appeared before Governor Meier here Monday and protested against consideration of A. E. Engebretson, at the head of the Clatsop county experiment station, for the office of director of the new state agricultural department created by an act of the recent legislature.

L. E. Wilson, spokesman for the group, declared that Engebretson had not given satisfactory service although he receives a salary of approximately \$5600 a year. Wilson charged that there is a political ring in Clatsop county, which has prevented the farmers from receiving an adequate voice in the affairs of local government.

Special reference was made by Wilson to the alleged action of the county court in increasing the salary of E. A. McIndies, county agent, after the voters at a budget meeting had rejected the proposal.

Mrs. Rose Johnson charged that the activities of both the experiment station and county agent were unsatisfactory, and that some action should be taken to curtail the expenses of the two departments. She suggested that the county agent's office be abolished. Other speakers pointed out that Engebretson's time was taken up in private affairs, and that he had not given the experiment station the attention that it deserved.

"It would be unfair and unjust to appoint any man connected with the Oregon State college to the office of director of the new agricultural department," declared one of the speakers.

"Ninety per cent of the farmers are opposed to Engebretson. The Clatsop county experiment station is too near the college," declared David Tweedle, owner of a (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

CUSTOMS UNION IS CRITICIZED AGAIN

Methods of Germany Such As to Arouse General Suspicion, Claim

LONDON, March 30.—(AP)—The methods by which Germany and Austria announced their projected trade union were described in comments by Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson today as calculated to arouse suspicion.

He said the nature of their negotiations had nullified the advantages of the frank exchange of ideas afforded by international meetings at Geneva and elsewhere.

The question will be raised before the next meeting of the council of the League of Nations, he said, to determine whether the secret violates Austria's treaty obligations, particularly the Geneva protocol of 1922. If the council so desires, the matter will be referred to the court of international justice at The Hague for an opinion.

BERLIN, March 30.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Julius Curtius will reply in the Reichstag tomorrow to the arguments of Foreign Minister Aristide Briand and Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson against consummation of the Austro-German customs agreement.

The spirit in which he will make his address can hardly leave room to doubt. Official circles here hold that Germany has a perfect reply to virtually all of Briand's charges.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 30.—(AP)—The life framed a message of love for his wife, Joseph Swindler, Chiloquin chief of police, died in a hospital here today after declaring the woman had fired the bullet into his body.

Mrs. Swindler was in a Chiloquin hospital suffering from a bullet wound in her head, inflicted, her husband said, after she had shot him through the side. She was under an anesthetic and police had obtained no statement from her.

"I love her as much as I ever did," Swindler told hospital attendants shortly before he died. "I don't want her to be locked up or anything unpleasant to happen to her."

He told police he reached home at 5 a. m., and found his young wife waiting for him, a revolver in her hand.

"You're smart, aren't you," he quoted her as saying as she lifted the revolver.

"Don't do that, honey!" Swindler shouted. But the weapon discharged. A bullet tore through his left arm, entering the left side under the heart, and lodging near the spine. He died nine hours later.

VOLCANO IS QUIET, REPORT BY RADIO

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—(AP)—The Pavloff volcano on the mainland of the Alaska peninsula was quiet tonight, said a short-wave radio message picked up here by C. H. Watson, amateur operator. The message was signed by Lilly Osterback, radio amateur at Unga, Alaska, 50 miles from the volcano.

"The Pavloff volcano is now quiet after throwing great clouds of smoke and flame," said the message. "It started at 8 p. m. March 29 and lasted until 6 a. m. today. Onlookers estimated that the smoke and flames were thrown 2000 feet above the top of the mountain.

"The southeast face of Pavloff, for a space of 12 miles wide, is now black from the peak to the water. The crater is filled with hot lava."

Watson picked up a message Sunday night from the same source which brought the first news of the eruption.

DRUG HYPNOSIS IS NEW ANAESTHETIC

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—(AP)—Drugs producing hypnotic sleep as a substitute for anaesthetics in operations were described to the American Chemical society today. The chemists were informed of more than 1,000 successful operations already performed in this sleep. The hypnosis is quite limited, but there is hope of a sleep deep enough for any kind of operation.

The procedure in this hypnosis was reported in paper by H. A. Shonle of Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis, released by the chemical society as part of its general scientific program.

Real 'Child of Air' Born While Plane Is in Full Flight

THE P.A.S., Manitoa, March 30.—(AP)—Master Miller came down here out of the sky today, possibly the first child born unexpectedly in an airplane in full flight.

The plane, which takes its place with elevators, taxicabs, steamboats and trains which have figured in similar emergencies, started here from Mile 214. Mrs. Alex Miller was being rushed to a hospital by Flight Lieutenant A. L. McPhee of the Royal Canadian air force. Fifteen minutes after the takeoff her son made his appearance in the cabin monoplane at a height of 4000 feet.

Both were reported doing well.

WANTS BARREL OF WHISKEY FOR ALL

Mayor of Reno Hits Back at "Longhairs"; Opponents in Race Silent

RENO, Nev., March 30.—(AP)—As defender of the fair name of Reno from attacks of alleged "long-haired reformers," Mayor E. E. Roberts will have to go it alone as far as the other two candidates for mayor, Howard S. Doyle and Millburn R. Gregory are concerned, they indicated today.

The mayor opened his campaign for reelection in public speeches replying to a statement given to the press by Dr. Clarence True Wilson, national director of the Methodist board of temperance and public morals, in which the Methodist minister said Nevada is a combination of Sodom, Gomorrah and perdition.

Speaking from the pulpit of the Methodist church last night, the Reno mayor, who once served in congress and who is one of the city's most active divorce lawyers, declared that Dr. Wilson's views are all wrong and based on a misconception of the aims of Reno to alleviate the suffering of many kinds by dealing in the open with social problems and evils.

He advocated the placing of a barrel of corn whiskey on every corner in the city with a dipper attached and a sign directing all who cared to, to drink as much as they pleased but not to carry any away. The liquor, according to the mayor's plan, would come from a municipal still operated at public expense and would be "good corn whiskey."

The other two candidates for mayor have refused to be drawn in the liquor, gambling and divorce law discussions. Doyle, who might know the reason: bids for the first construction on the North Santiam highway had been called from the public roads bureau in Portland.

The bid will be opened Friday, April 10, which means that work will probably be under way on the construction late in the month. The call is for bids on 10,172 miles, or more than two miles longer than anticipated. The court and federal road bureau had put up \$100,000 each for construction for at least the first eight miles of the highway. Work will proceed eastward from Detroit.

Work outlined in the bids includes clearing 70 acres, grubbing 55 acres, making 201,500 cubic yards of unclassified excess at 4 to 6 ft overburden, 110,000 yards; removing 100 dangerous trees and as many snags; cleaning up 25 acres; putting in 110 cubic yards of concrete work, class A; putting in 500 cubic yards of cement rubble masonry; building 1537 linear feet of culverts; and laying by hand 300 yards of rip rap.

SHAKEUP DESIGNS ON BOARD DENIED

Governor Julius L. Meier yesterday denied the truth of reports circulated locally last week to the effect that a drastic shakeup in the personnel of the board of higher education was impending. The report carried in a local paper indicated that the board's present members had been opposed the \$500,000 cut in its budget which Meier made. It indicated that C. L. Starr, E. C. Sammons and C. C. Colt were slated for the scrap heap.

Meier never given the matter consideration and have no idea where the report originated," said Mr. Meier. "Certainly I have no intention to disrupt that board or fire anybody unless I feel that such action is absolutely necessary in the interest of the economical and efficient administration of the state's business."

HOOPER GIVES FEE RECESS SELECTION

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Invigorated by his Caribbean vacation, President Hoover today plunged into the task of disposing of problems that accumulated during his absence.

The chief executive gave recess appointments to three federal judges. The White House let the economic situation known by the farm board was well able to define and defend its own policies.

In the face of opposition from Senator Schall, republican, Minnesota, the president appointed Gunnar H. Nordbye to be judge of the United States district court for that state. Schall announced he would oppose confirmation.

At the same time Mr. Hoover appointed James A. Fee to be United States judge for Oregon and John Knight to be judge of the western district of New York.

BROOKS SLAYER DROVE THROUGH SALEM, REPORT

Avoided Main Thoroughfare Here or in Eugene, is Hiker's Report

Told Passengers of Driving All day and Night From California City

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—(AP)—Police tonight were considering the possibility that the slayer of Virginia Brooks, 10-year-old San Diego schoolgirl, passed through Portland March 10, the day the child's mutilated body was found on a lonely mesa near San Diego.

A letter signed by L. J. Gill, Bunker hotel, Kellogg, Idaho, and received by police tonight, said that Gill and another man had hitch-hiked from Oakland, Cal., to Spokane, Wash. March 9 they were picked up at Redding by a man who answered the general description of those sought in connection with the Brooks slaying.

The man told Gill and his companion he had left San Diego the day before and that he had driven all day and all night. The back of his car, the letter said, was filled with clothing, grips and camping outfit. When passing through Salem or Eugene, Gill did not remember which, the man avoided the main thoroughfare. The same was true when he reached Portland, the letter said.

Gill said he read about the finding of the girl's body the next day.

While detectives here had little to say about the letter they received that it was somewhat similar to that a few years ago led to the capture in Oregon of William Edward Hickman, California child murderer.

BIDS CALLED FOR N. SANTIAM WORK

Will be Opened April 10 in Portland, job to Open Late Same Month

Members of the county court and the roadmaster's office let broad grins creep over their faces yesterday. Nor did they care who might know the reason: bids for the first construction on the North Santiam highway had been called from the public roads bureau in Portland.

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Vancouver Lions Champions Third Time in 3 Years

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 30.—(AP)—The Vancouver Lions won their third consecutive Pacific coast league hockey title here tonight by beating the Seattle Eskimos 1 to 0.

Gandhi Proposals Given India Congress Approval

KARACHI, India, March 30.—(AP)—Despite fierce opposition from the extremist wing, Mahatma Gandhi's truce with Viceroy Irwin was approved today by an unanimous vote of delegates to the All-India congress.

After a series of fiery speeches, Gandhi himself took the stand to support passage of the resolution. When he finished, the gathering broke into resounding cheers. There was not a single dissenting vote when President Vallabhai Patel put the question.

"Do not accept this truce merely because I made it," Gandhi said. "You are free to reject it and appoint another working committee. I give you no promise I will bring back complete independence from the second round table conference but I do give you my pledge I will not bring back greater bondage than exists in India today."

Bowles Trial Cost Over \$50,000 Says Offhand Estimate

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—(AP)—Estimates compiled by observers here today indicated that the Bowles-Loucks trial, which ended last Saturday at Hillsboro, cost Multnomah county more than \$50,000.

County Auditor Sweeney refused to make an estimate and said it was not likely the exact cost of the trial ever would be known.

Cost of the court reporting alone amounted to about \$2800. Jury pay, it was estimated, will exceed \$2000. The jurors, 15 of them, drew \$6 a day because they were locked in their quarters. In addition to the jurors' pay the county must pay their board bill.

GRAHAM BUILDING AT EUGENE BURNS

Grease Boiling Over Cause Of Costly Blaze; is Fought Two Hours

EUGENE, Ore., March 30.—(AP)—Fire believed to have originated from grease boiling over from a donut fryer gutted the Graham building here today. Damage, partly covered by insurance, was estimated tonight at \$125,000.

The fire spread to half a dozen business establishments in the building and drove tenants from second-floor apartments. Despite the combined efforts of all available fire apparatus from Eugene, augmented by apparatus from Junction City, Cottage Grove and Springfield, the fire burned for more than two hours.

Damage to the building, owned by David M. Graham, was estimated at \$50,000.

Other losses included the George C. Stanley grocery, \$20,000; Rosebud bakery, \$20,000; Valley Printing company, \$25,000; Burroughs Adding Machine agency, \$2500; Long's Meat market, \$1500; furniture and clothing of apartment tenants, about \$10,000.

Several women in the apartments on the second floor escaped by firemen's ladders.

MICKEY MOUSE OUT TO LICK IMITATORS

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—(AP)—Enter Mickey Mouse into the courts.

Mickey, through his production company, Walt Disney Productions, Ltd., filed suit against Pathe Exchange, Inc., and the Van Beuren corporation, New York, for an injunction to prevent the defendant companies from further use of animated cartoon characters "in any variation so nearly similar as to be mistaken" for the original Mickey and his sidekick, Minnie.

Further, the company demanded an accounting, damages and surrender of all profits made on the alleged imitations.

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Discrepancy in Gasoline Price Still Prevails

With a three-cent range in gasoline prices still prevailing yesterday, the company-owned stations that were displaying 18½-cent signs were doing little pumping.

Wholesale prices were declared to be at the same level as in the middle of last week, and dealers declare the stations selling for 15½ cents are making no profit. However, rumor of "bootleg" gas was fairly persistent, hinting that after all there is profit to be had at 15½ cents.

WATER PARLEY REACHES POINT OF AGREEMENT

City Gains Some Points in Negotiations to Buy Company's Plant

Matter due to Come Before Council Next Week if Data all Ready

Salem advanced one step on its zig-zag path towards municipal ownership of its water system when representatives of the city council and of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company came to a virtual meeting of the minds on a contract between these two parties.

As a result E. C. Elliott, company president, took the train Sunday night for San Francisco to go over details in the agreement with his engineers while another copy was left with the public utilities committee of the council and City Attorney Trindle and Consulting Engineer Baar for their additional study. May be Before Council in Week.

If necessary engineering data to be included in the contract can be obtained this week, the bargain will be laid before the council at its meeting next Monday and providing the group of eight which voted to offer the water company \$1,100,000 eight days ago, can be held together, the agreement is slated for approval.

The gist of the contract coincides with the resolution passed by the council March 23. The city agrees to drop its appeal to the supreme court on the May 16, 1930, charter amendment. The company agrees to proceed with the complete its filter plant. The company agrees that all of its additional expenditures on the filter plant shall be subject to scrutiny and approval of the city.

City Gains Some Points in Parley
The purchase price of the plant, exclusive of accounts receivable, materials and supplies on hand, is to be \$1,100,000 as of February 1, 1931, this figure and method of financing the plant's purchase to be subject to the people at a regular or special election.

The city's conferees gained several points in their negotiations over the weekend. The water company officials conceded that the price of February 1, 1931, should be subject to depreciation in as yet undecided upon, conferees for the city preferring to leave this to the council. Engineer Baar has agreed to complete its filter plant and the figures stand one per cent on the depreciable property for one year after the completion of the filter plant and at two per cent for the following year.

Will Guarantee Efficiency
The company also consented to provide explicitly in the contract that it would assume full liability that the filter plant would furnish potable water free from any bad odor or taste. Prior to the commencement of work on the filter plant the company agrees to furnish the city's engineer with plans for the work and an estimate of cost. When the work is done, if the filter plant is unsatisfactory, the water purveyor agrees to make it satisfactory, and to bear the additional cost.

The company also agreed to include in the contract a statement on the annual operating expense for the filter plant, co-venturing that the charges would be extended that each year. Injunction Suit Deemed Likely.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed about town yesterday by citizens. One group is said to have approached Fred Williams, attorney, and to have asked him to enforce the consummation of a contract between the council and the water company. Williams said last night that he had not yet been retained for such an action. He said he would not start a suit on his own account, but admitted that a number of citizens had talked to him protesting against the "deal" with the company.

One group of objectors are those who believe the establishment of a price of \$1,100,000 for the water company's plant here is excessive. These men claim the pending suit in the supreme court should be completed, and if the charter amendment is found valid, condemnation proceedings should be begun.

Another group of residents hold that mountain water is the source of supply needed for Salem. They claim that for not more than \$600,000 than the present plant, which a filter system will cost, mountain water could be brought 34 miles from the North Santiam river, at the same time making it unnecessary to spend virtually \$40,000 annually on the pumping system now required and to be required when the new filter plant is operating.