

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

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PENITENTIARY IMPROVEMENTS TO BE STARTED

Fire Hazard Elimination to Be Achieved; New Cell Block Will Rise

Officials Have Other Plans For Bettering Convict Conditions Here

Expenditure of \$150,000 on improvements at the state penitentiary will be undertaken within the next few weeks according to announcement made yesterday by Henry Meyers, superintendent of the institution. The capital outlay was approved at the 1931 legislative session. Fire hazards will be reduced or eliminated, a new cell-block will be constructed and other substantial improvements made. The new cell block, which will be of latest construction and capable of accommodating more than 300 prisoners, will cost more than \$50,000. Convict labor will be used almost exclusively in its construction. Another new cell block, authorized under an emergency appropriation, is now nearly completed and probably will be ready for occupancy early in May. Officials said the two new cell blocks would provide facilities for more than 600 prisoners and would relieve materially the existing congested conditions in the institution. **Auditorium and Dining Room Planned** Another important improvement contemplated is the installation of a combination air conditioning and dining room. The present dining room is wholly inadequate to meet the demands of the prison and the inmates are now being fed in three groups. Mr. Meyers said this condition increased hazards at the prison and resulted in considerable additional expense. It also is planned to remodel the kitchen, and enlarge the commissary facilities. Other improvements include the erection of a new warehouse which will be used in connection with the flax industry. This warehouse will cost in then neighborhood of \$7,500. Officials also propose to install additional pumps in connection with the penitentiary water system, and remove much of the wood materials from the roof of the main buildings. The latter improvement will reduce the fire hazard, and is in line with the recommendations of the 1931 legislature which conducted a thorough investigation of the penitentiary buildings.

WATERWAYS MEET SET NEXT FRIDAY

Directors of the Salem chamber of commerce, its officers and many members as can make the trip, are planning to attend the next meeting of the Willamette River Waterways Association, which is to be held next Friday at the Multnomah hotel in Portland. To give force to the aims of the association, many of the attendees at this city plan to take a steamer at Oregon City at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning and to go on to Portland on the river. Frank Jenkins, president of the association, will preside at the meeting which is being held in Portland to impress citizens of that community with the need of an open river as far as Eugene. The board of army engineers acted unfavorably this spring on the association's request for a \$17,000,000 project to Eugene. The association now plans to gather more facts on the potential and present tonnage on the river and to bring them again before the engineers at another hearing this fall. Considerable river development is to be done this year on the Willamette just below Oregon City.

SPAIN'S ELECTION FIRST IN 8 YEARS

MADRID, April 11.—(AP)—Spain tomorrow will have her first elections in eight years, naming members from all municipalities. Theoretically only local issues are involved but actually it is considered a test vote between republicans and monarchists. Troops are confined to barracks throughout the nation and heavy police and civil guard forces are in readiness to cope with possible outbreaks. Roughly about 50,000 electors will be chosen in nearly 10,000 municipalities. In some places as many as 20 party tickets are contesting. If no serious disturbances occur the government hopes to continue its political program. This consists of district elections of May 3 for local provincial councils and general elections in the latter part of June for representatives to congress which is supposed to convert itself into a constitutional convention to decide whether Spain shall be a monarchy or a republic.

Season's First Forest Fire is Noted Saturday

MISSOULA, Mont., April 11.—(AP)—The Montana-Idaho office of the forest service today recorded the first blaze of the year on the Lolo forest. A fire, which was a smoker, burned a small area about 30 miles up Rock creek before it was subdued by Theodore Shoemaker, supervisor.

Chief Justice Hughes Spends 69th Birthday At Work; Health Good

Only Brief Time Allotted to Felicitations of His Associates; Important Cases to Come Before Court Studied

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, enjoying robust health, celebrated his 69th birthday anniversary today with hard work. Hughes put in several hours preparing for a busy day Monday when the supreme court expects to hand down a lengthy list of opinions. He tackled cases which had accumulated during a three-weeks court recess.

GENERAL HOSPITAL STATUS IMPROVES

Financial Improvement is Credited to Work of Superintendent

Financial condition of the Salem General hospital, for many months now a source of embarrassment to the management and the city, look better than in a long time, E. T. Barnes, member of the board of directors said yesterday upon inquiry. "The sound financial basis toward which the institution now looks to be building is due in large measure to the efficient management of the new superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Lenoir," Mr. Barnes declared. Mrs. Lenoir came here from Tacoma the first of the year, and in the three months since she has been in charge a number of moves for economy have been installed, at the same time greater patronage being evident. Mrs. Lenoir herself says she feels optimistic over the situation at the hospital now, and that if things continue as started, the hospital will be able to meet a \$3,250 bond payment that is coming up June 1, as well as interest, from its own earnings. The bond payment and interest total \$5,000. Current bills have been paid since the first of the year, and a sum set aside each month to meet the bond and interest. "As far as the board observes, members of the medical staff are also very well pleased with the present conditions at the hospital," Director Barnes also said.

DEMPSEY, ESTELLE AT OUTS, ADMITTED

RENO, Nev., April 11.—(AP)—There has been a domestic rift in the home of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion pugilist and his actress wife, Estelle Taylor, Dempsey admitted here today on his arrival from Salt Lake. But his coming here for a stay of several weeks, he declared, was not with any idea of starting divorce proceedings. He came here to rest and to look out for interests he has here he said. Dempsey has no idea of starting divorce proceedings but, he said, he did not know what plans his wife may have.

Blossom Event At the Capital Is Also Today

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—The trees that make cherry blossom time a tradition of the capital are flowering at last. Thousands of tourists disappointed because Easter was without them, remained to see the pale pink blooms along the circular rim of the tidal basin that George Washington designed. Next week Japanese royalty—Prince Takamatsu, the Mikado's brother, and his 13-year-old bride—will view the trees their country gave to the United States during President Taft's administration.

Oregon Briefs

FEARS FOUL PLAY
BEND, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Alfred Hodgson, of Burns, arrived here today to seek help from county authorities in locating his wife, Mrs. Lorene Hodgson, who was last seen here a week ago. Hodgson said his wife had \$400 with her when she left Burns. Hodgson told county authorities he feared foul play but local officers said they believed domestic difficulties had caused the woman to leave home and that she is safe.

OVER 350 EMPLOYED
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Officials of the Great Northern railway said today between 350 and 400 men are now employed in constructing the line's extension from Klamath Falls to Bieber, Cal. The number of employees will be increased in the near future, they said. About 45 per cent of the grading necessary already has been finished.

EQUIPMENT DAMAGED
PORTLAND, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Seven oil-tank cars, which had been released from a switching engine, struck a derail on a siding at Linton road and Yeon avenue today and six of the cars left the track, some falling over on their sides on the Linton highway and partially blocking traffic. The trucks of the cars were

LONGWORTH IS LAD TO REST IN CINCINNATI

Crowds Line Route Funeral Party Follows; Chiefs Of Nation Present

Speaker's Love of Music is Recognized in Service At Christ Church

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 11.—(AP)—Leaders of the nation paid silent tribute to Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the house, as he was buried here today beside his father in Spring Grove cemetery. Funeral services at Christ Episcopal church were simple. The Right Reverend Henry Wine Hobson, bishop coadjutor of the diocese of southern Ohio, read the service which lasted less than a half hour. No words of eulogy were spoken. At the cemetery, with a short ritual, Bishop Hobson committed the body to the earth. National Leaders Pay Their Tribute President and Mrs. Hoover, Vice President Charles Curtis and members of the congressional delegation, representing the government, paid their tribute by their presence at the church among Mr. Longworth's friends and relatives. The present Mrs. Hoover and the vice president also attended services at the grave. Shortly afterward the chief executive and his party boarded their special train for Washington. Mr. Longworth, who had just completed his third term, as speaker of the national house of representatives, died in his sixty-first year Thursday at Alken, S. C., after a short illness of pneumonia. His body was brought here on a special train from South Carolina, arriving early this morning.

LAD WITH STOLEN CAR SHOT, KILLED

FAILS TO HEED WARNINGS OF PURSUING OFFICERS; 11 BULLETS HIT AUTO

CLE ELUM, Wash., April 11.—(AP)—An Ellensburg junior high school student, Bob McCrary, 15, driver of a stolen car, was shot and killed by pursuing officers here tonight. Marshall Frank Haight, Cle Elum, fired the fatal shot. The McCrary boy was accompanied by Leonard McDown, 14, also of Ellensburg. The car crashed into a telephone pole after the shooting and McDown received injuries. The machine, a sedan, had been taken from in front of the home of the owner in Ellensburg about 8:30 p. m., and police immediately notified other officers in Yakima and Cle Elum, cities on the highway to the east and west. Cle Elum police were waiting for the car on the outskirts of the city but despite the blowing of their siren and warning shots, they said, the car did not stop. After driving through town, the boys doubled back, they said.

GAS MAN HELD UP BUT FOOLS YEGGS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—J. F. Wagner, elderly clerk and messenger for the Portland Gas and Coke company, was held up and robbed in the company's building here today but the robbers obtained only a leather bag containing two bank books. The bag contained a canvas bag containing \$200 in silver Wagner was carrying. Wagner had gone to the bank but instead of putting the money into the leather bag as was his custom he put it in the canvas bag. When he had returned to the main salesroom of the company's building one man pushed him against the wall with a pistol while another grabbed the leather bag. The robbers ran across the street and escaped in an automobile in which two other men were waiting. Police said Wagner was held up in a similar manner in 1928. At that time the robbers got \$2947.31 in cash and \$10,377.91 in checks. They were never caught. The hold up today was witnessed by more than a dozen persons.

Burns Man's Wife Gone

Railroad Work Speeded
Tank Cars Leave Track
Toledo Has Liquor Raid

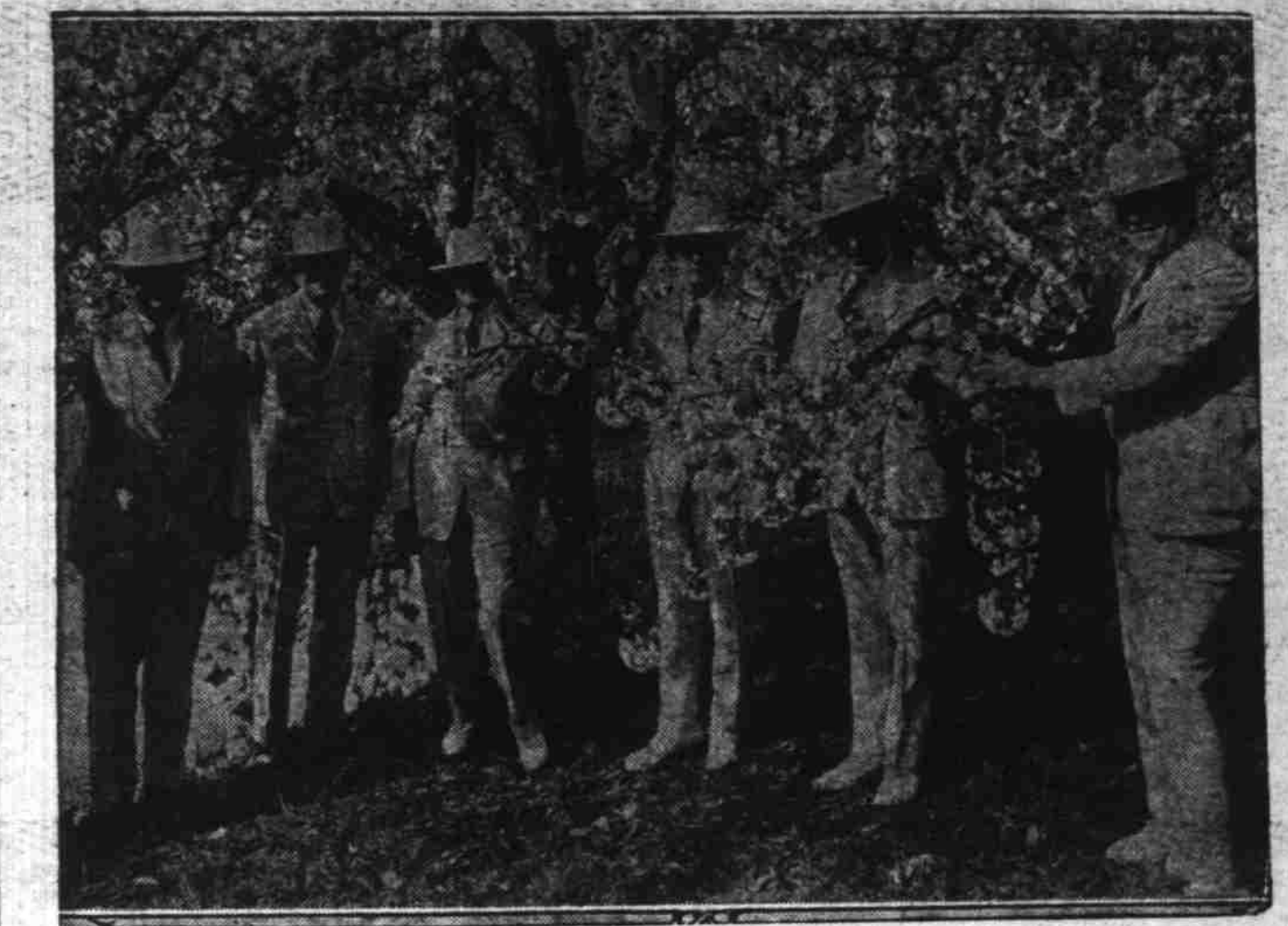
FOUR ARE ARRESTED
TOLEDO, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Federal prohibition agents today arrested Dolly Dresser, Conrad Gates, Dave Shields and Ole Erickson, on charges of liquor law violation. Warrants for the arrests of others have been issued.

MAY QUEEN ELECTED
FOREST GROVE, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Men students of Pacific university yesterday elected Florence Gross, Condon, Ore., May queen. She will rule over the May fete here May 8 and 9. Miss Gross is a senior.

ORATORY EVENT HELD
PORTLAND, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Robert H. Grayson, Jefferson high school student, won first place in the annual district oratorical contest on phases of the constitution here tonight. His subject was "Dangers to the Constitution" of other district contestants were:

- District No. 8, Robert Graham, Ontario.
- District No. 6, Earl Thompson, Heppner.
- District No. 3, Ronald Webb, Beaverton.
- District No. 4, Jack Mac Duff, University high.
- District No. 5, George Bennett, Medford.

Cherrians Supervise Blossoms



Above, a bunch of the boys in uniform seeing to it that the orchard trees bloom at the proper time to edify Blossom day crowds. Below, new routing for the Blossom day tourists worked out by the Cherrians, featuring a new loop trip west of the river.



STEIN'S PICTURE IN PAPER BRINGS UP NEW CHARGES

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—Newspapers came today to plague Harry Stein, racketeer held on suspicion of strangling Vivian Vorgan. A woman whose name was not disclosed saw Stein's picture in the papers. She went to the Bronx district attorney's office and picked him out of a lineup as a man who entered her apartment last April, tried to overcome her with a chloroform-saturated handkerchief and escaped with two rings after she fought him off.

SENATOR WALSH ATTACKS G. O. P.

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—Charging the republican administration with "abdication of leadership" and complete failure to fulfill its campaign promises, Senator Walsh, Massachusetts democrat, called upon his party tonight to present a constructive program for eliminating the nation's economic ills.

NOTED MERCHANT DIES IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—Isaac Gimbel, who started his business career at the age of 12 in Vincennes, Ind., and became one of the greatest merchants of his time, died of bronchial pneumonia today at his home at Fort Chester, N. Y. He was 74.

CONVICT INDIAN OF FRATRICIDE

SPOKANE, April 11.—(AP)—Joseph Seman, Kallisport, Mont. reservation Indian accused of shooting his brother, Louis, during a drunken brawl, was convicted of manslaughter by a federal court jury tonight. He was charged with first degree murder.

ROUTES FOR BLOSSOM DAY

Loop No. 1—Leaving Salem westward by Center street and across the Marion-Polk county bridge into Polk county; turning on Wallace road, through the Dilbe and Franklins, tulip farms to Brush College corner; thence turning westward, swinging through orchard districts and back to Wallace road and stopping at tulip farms.

Loop No. 2—Leaving Wallace road south of tulip farms at Glenn creek road and following the signs through hills and taking in Kingswood Heights, dipping down to Salem-Dallas road and back across intercounty bridge to Salem.

Loop No. 3—Out South Commercial street from Salem, through Liberty district to famous Rosedale hill, thence thence eastward on State street to penitentiary and across prison road to state hospital grounds and back to Salem.

JAPANESE ROYALTY IN U. S. INCOGNITO

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—Prince and Princess Takamatsu of Japan enjoyed a big day in their "city of dreams" today, despite the fact they are technically incognito. There was a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, military salutes and escorts, waving throngs, bands, a welcome at city hall, a luncheon with Mayor Walker as host, a visit to the National Broadcasting company studio and a special broadcast in their honor, and a tour through the Chrysler building. Tomorrow they will rest. At the Metropolitan the royal couple were shown through departments devoted to oriental art. Mounted police and cavalry of the New York national guard escorted the party down Fifth avenue from the museum to the city hall for the mayor's welcome. Traffic was stopped and crowds lined the sidewalks.

LINDBERGH TO FLY

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N. J., April 11.—(AP)—Word was received here today that Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh probably will take off from Teterboro airport Monday for Los Angeles to obtain equipment for the colonel's new low-wing monoplane.

BLOSSOMS WILL BE AT BEST

Blossom day Dawns With a Forecast of Clouds but No Rain Until Late in Day Says Observer

Orchards at Most Beautiful Stage and Cherrians Have Exceptional Arrangement Of Tours Lined out

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Blossom day, observed tomorrow in the Salem area of the Willamette valley, will be marred by cloudy weather, the government weather bureau predicted tonight. The meteorologists also forecast rain, but said they did not expect any precipitation until Sunday night.

By MADALENE CALLIN
Blossom day! To the apartment dweller in eastern and mid-western cities the term means little but to residents of Salem and the Willamette valley it recalls a picture of unrivaled loveliness to be enjoyed by hundreds of visitors in Marion and Polk counties.

The Cherrians, Salem's nationally formed booster organization, first inaugurated Blossom day in 1914 and since that time its fame has spread throughout the northwest and each year hundreds of people drive long distances to see the blossoms which are bound in the orchards around Salem. Seasonal Beauties Of Nature Viewed But it is not only the blossoms which reward the traveler. Blossom day always comes at that season of the year when old Mother Earth is awakening from her winter dose. One is reminded of the words of one of Oregon's famous

CAPTAIN EAKER TO ABANDON ATTEMPT

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 11.—(AP)—Forced down here by motor trouble at 5 o'clock P. M. today, Captain Ira Eaker, army test pilot, who was attempting to set a new west-east transcontinental air speed record, tonight announced he would abandon the attempt to better Frank Hawks' mark at this time.

Eaker said that all the way from the coast, flying conditions were almost ideal with sunshine and little wind. He said his plans were indefinite but that he probably would return to Washington as soon as his plane is repaired. Eaker said his low wing red and blue monoplane functioned smoothly and averaged more than 200 miles an hour until the trouble developed near Newark, Ohio. He felt he could have made New York in one hour and 45 minutes, giving him a total of 10 hours 50 minutes for the coast-to-coast flight and bettering the Frank Hawks' mark by more than an hour.

CAMEL IS BORN IN GOTHAM; MAY CALL IT 'REPEAL'

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—A camel was born in New York today—which may or may not be an omen. It was a 90-pound girl camel, daughter of Mrs. Jeanette, who is 14 years old.