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THE WEATHER
Generally fair today and
Wednesday, warmer Wed-
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50, Min. 41; rain 1.1, strer
1.8, southwest wind.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

No. 15

New Game Commission Asks Resignations of all Employees; Many Will be Considered for Reinstatement, Explained

FIRE DEFENSE FINANCES WILL NEED REVISION

Trindle Will Rule Funds in Two-Mill Levy Usable For Equipment Only

Suggests Charter Election To Permit Operation of Auxiliary Stations

Entire readjustment in the finances of Salem's fire department will be made imperative under an opinion expected this week from City Attorney Trindle. His office was not ready to release its findings yesterday but indicated that it would hold the special two-mill levy for fire equipment authorized by Salem voters in 1927 can be used solely for fire equipment outlay and cannot be used to pay fire department wages.

Trindle said yesterday that he found section 64 of the city charter provided explicitly that moneys raised under the continuing two-mill levy could go only for (1) new fire equipment, (2) the construction of the North, East and South Salem auxiliary stations and (3) installation of a 50-box fire alarm station. The charter amendment specifically provides that funds cannot be used for other purposes.

Must Close Down
Or Change Charter
If Mayor P. M. Gregory immediately puts this opinion into effect it means that the north and east Salem stations now operating with funds provided with the special two-mill income, will have to be closed down as the regular 1931 budget levy of \$38,560 for wages and salaries for firemen is only sufficient to cover the main downtown station and provides nothing for operation of auxiliary stations.

Trindle indicated yesterday that he would suggest a means out of the dilemma without curtailing fire protection. It will be submitting to voters at a special election an amendment to section 64 of the charter providing that in the future funds derived from the two-mill levy can be used for fire department maintenance and wages. In the meanwhile the city attorney suggests that the fire department be allowed to borrow from the two-mill fund sufficient funds to tide the two auxiliary stations and the South Salem station, about to be opened, over the period from the time of his decision until the charter can be amended.

No Other Method Seen at Present
If the charter is not amended at the election, then all fire department maintenance would be thrown into the general budget and would be subject to the six per cent tax limitation. Since the city of Salem has raised virtually the maximum legal tax each year, it would be difficult, say members of the fire department committee on the council, to provide sufficient additional moneys from the general budget to carry on the new fire stations maintenance.

The history of the local fire department shows that the two-mill special levy was approved by (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

UTILITIES FIRM'S PRESIDENT KILLED

EUGENE, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—W. D. Pearson, 36, president of the Cascade Utilities company, died at Oakridge tonight after injuries received when an electric shock threw him from a power pole on which he was working to the ground 25 feet below. His chest was crushed.

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Fishes Early But Officers Don't Worry

Time on end he fished, but many a nibble came. Not because officers looked on; not because the swish, swish of passing people frightened the sea creatures. But, because his fishing pond was the court-house lawn.

EVANGELICAL GROUP TO GATHER TONIGHT

48th Annual State Confab Will Bring 100 Here; Last Rest of Week

The opening session of the 48th annual conference of the Evangelical church in Oregon will be held at the First Evangelical church's new building on Summer and Marion streets tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Fully 100 delegates are expected to be in attendance, with registrations for nearly 90 having been received before the end of the week.

TEN THOUSAND OUT FOR BLOSSOM DAY

Despite threatening weather in the morning and rain in the afternoon more than 10,000 people gathered in the city for the annual Blossom Day excursion on Sunday.

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PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Jack Grant, undercover agent for the federal prohibition department, who admitted his true name was Albert Ferguson and that he had served a three-month jail term at Albuquerque, N. M., was the government's principal witness at today's session of the Toose-Brown liquor conspiracy trial here.

MANY DEAD IN GREAT TUNNEL FIRE, CHICAGO

Seven Known Victims, and 18 Firemen Missing, Along With Others

Flames and Smoke Fatal to Undetermined Number; Rescue is Rushed

CHICAGO, April 14.—(AP)—Ten men were known to be dead as a result of fire and smoke in the sanitary district tunnel blaze, which trapped an undetermined number of others. Officials expressed belief that at least 10 others, some of them firemen, were dead in the tunnel.

NEW GOLD STRIKE IN NORTH IS RICH

JUNEAU, Alaska, April 13.—(AP)—Advises received today from Skowhegan, Me., of high value has been struck about 40 miles northwest of Carmacks in the Yukon. About 100 claims have been staked, most of them on the new gold.

Shouse Invades Home State of Hoover, Attacks

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—(AP)—Speaking in President Hoover's adopted state, Chairman Shouse of the Democratic National Executive committee tonight urged California to aid in turning the present occupant out of the Whitehouse in 1932.

Governor Kills Illinois Liquor Repeal Measure

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 13.—(AP)—The bill to repeal Illinois prohibition enforcement was vetoed today by Governor Louis L. Emmerson.

Late Sports

WRIGLEY, FIELD, Los Angeles, April 13.—(AP)—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, twice wrestling champion, won what right Ed "Don" George, late of Michigan university, had to the world's grappling crown at an open air show here tonight in straight falls. He tossed the younger man in one hour, 10 minutes, six seconds for the first fall with a headlock, and in 7 minutes, 43 seconds for the winning fall with a hammerlock.

Six Bicycles Stolen From Scouts Here

Six boys, attending a Boy Scout troop meeting in the Leslie junior high school building, found grief on their hands when the session was at an end last night. Their bicycles, six of them, were gone.

ASHLAND BANK ROBBER SLAIN, OTHER SOUGHT

ASHLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—While a sheriff's posse combed the Siskiyou foothills for his accomplice, a bank robber who was killed following the holdup of the Ashland State bank here today was identified tonight as J. R. Albright, former farmhand of this vicinity.

MAJOR MILES DIES; BROTHER IN SALEM

PAWUSKA, Okla., April 13.—(AP)—President Hoover's Uncle Laban, Maj. L. J. Miles, is dead.

WALLACE OFFICERS FREED ON APPEAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 13.—(AP)—Laying taxes on saloons in northern Idaho did not constitute conspiracy by officials to violate the national prohibition law, the United States circuit court of appeals held today in reversing convictions of an Idaho mayor and a sheriff and 16 others.

ESTELLE ASSERTS JACK CAN'T DO IT

RENO, Nev., April 13.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world, today announced she would resist any attempt on Dempsey's part to divorce her and declared the ex-champion had "no grounds upon which to get a divorce."

Belgian Prince Here to Study

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 13.—(AP)—Always happier in the blue denim of mechanics' overalls than in the royal purple of court attire, Prince Charles of the Belgians has gone to America to study the methods of Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford and other industrial geniuses of the new world.

Prominent L. A. Evangelist is Former Resident of Woodburn

Aimee McPherson's Rival is Recalled

Takes 500 of Angelus Temple Congregation is Report; one Sister Still Lives Near Woodburn; was Trumpeter

WOODBURN, April 13.—Woodburn residents have been much interested in reports of the activities of Mrs. Essie Locy who is reported to have formed a new church in Los Angeles and taken some 500 members of Aimee McPherson's Angeles Temple congregation with her.

HOOPER HOLDS HIS STAND VINDICATED

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—President Hoover today pointed to the work of the Red Cross in vindicating his stand against federal donations for drought relief.

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Moving Office to Salem is Considered

Ten Year Conservation Plan To Cost Five Millions Adopted by Board

No Discussion of Filling Any of Vacant Posts; Miller may Head

Decision to ask resignations from 124 employees comprising the entire employed personnel of the Oregon state game commission was made at the first meeting of the new members of the commission held at the capitol Monday afternoon. It was ordered that the resignations be filed in the offices of the state commission within the next 15 days. Included in the men affected are H. L. Moreland, acting state game warden; Matt Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries; and Gene M. Simpson, superintendent of state game farms.

Explaining the action, Marshall Dana, chairman of the commission, declared that many of the employees would be considered for reinstatement along with other applicants for the positions. No action was taken at the meeting toward filling any of the vacancies.

Removal to Salem Under Consideration

The commission gave careful consideration to the proposed removal of the officers from their present location in the Oregon building in Portland to Salem. Matt Corrigan of McMinnville, newly seated commission member, was appointed chairman of a committee to consider the feasibility of establishing the office here. Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, informed the new commission that he would provide quarters for the working staff on the third floor of the statehouse.

Proposal is Made to Amend Charter

An amendment to the city charter authorizing the formation of improvement districts will be submitted to the voters at the next regular or special election, Lars R. Bergvik, attorney for the High Street Improvement association, announced yesterday. The specific object of the amendment would be to make possible one or more downtown districts for securing ornamental street lighting.

Heralds of Health in This County to Set new Record

More heralds of health buttons than ever before presented in this county will go to Marion county school boys and girls for their health work this year, County Superintendent Mary L. Fulkerson said yesterday. She has already received word that 2704 children will be entitled to the badges, as compared to the less than 2300 that were distributed last year.



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