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THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Monday, frosts at night; Max. 57, Min. 37; clear, north wind, river 3.6 feet, no rain.

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EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

CANNERY CHIEF IS STABBED

Hiker Picked up and Given Ride Forces Davidson to Enter Basement of Vacant House, Robs Him

Attack Comes When Horn Is Sounded Accidentally; Wound may Prove Fatal, Physicians Fear

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—H. F. Davidson, 62, president of the Oregon Canning company, was in a hospital here tonight suffering from an abdominal stiletto wound inflicted by a hiker who had been given a ride by Davidson.

The stiletto penetrated his abdomen about three inches and pierced the bowels, physicians said after an operation. They said they could not make a definite statement concerning his condition until he had rallied from the operation.

Davidson told Holger Christoferson, chief criminal deputy sheriff, he was en route to Newberg, where the canning company is located, when he overtook a hiker limping along the highway with a pack on his back.

Davidson offered the man a ride and as they neared a vacant house near Rex, Ore., the man ordered him to stop and, threatening him with the stiletto, took him to the basement of the house and robbed him of about \$5.

The stranger then demanded his watch and ring. Davidson was carrying a low priced watch instead of his usual watch and the robber cursed him in disappointment and ordered him back to the car.

Attack Follows Horn's Sounding

As he entered the car Davidson accidentally sounded the horn and the bandit struck him over the head and delivered a blow to the abdomen and ran. Davidson did not realize he had been stabbed until he had resumed his drive. Then he became nauseated and, discovering the wound, he turned about and drove eight miles to his home where a physician and an ambulance were called.

Authorities said Davidson's description of his assailant, who was about 50 years old, weighed about 150 pounds and was dark complexioned, corresponded with that of a man who Friday night held up G. Yamada, Japanese farmer, living near the scene of today's robbery.

Reporter Faces Extortion Case; Avers Frameup

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18.—(AP)—John W. Nelson, veteran Seattle and Tacoma newspaperman who has been active here in a campaign to recall Mayor Frank Edwards, today was charged in justice court with extorting \$390 from George B. Avery, city utilities superintendent, threatening to have "defamatory" articles published against Avery and Dan Boyle, streets superintendent, "in a Seattle newspaper."

Released later on \$2,500 bail, Nelson accused "high city officials" of attempting to frame him.

Oregon Briefs

RESOLUTION SENT

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—The United Westside club, an organization composed of 52 organizations on the west side of the Willamette river, today addressed a resolution to the state highway commission and the Oregon state tunnel commission asking full consideration of the proposed widening of the highway with a four-foot strip of concrete between Beaverton and Hillsboro.

The resolution said Washington county has offered to help finance the widening of the highway with a four-foot strip of concrete between Beaverton and Hillsboro.

D'ARCY TO PRESIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—Announcement was made here today the 86th anniversary of the founding of the provisional government in Oregon will be celebrated at Champeoer memorial building and park May 2. It also will be the 51st celebration of Oregon's "Founders' Day."

The president of the day will be Judge F. H. D'Arcy, pioneer of 1885 and president of the

Marines Land in Nicaragua to Aid Comrades, Protect Yankees



The U. S. Cruisers Asheville and Memphis have arrived at Puerto Cabezas with marines after a run of forced speed to succor the small detachment of marines and civilians surrounded by bandits in the Nicaraguan city. Reports come through that Augustine Sandino (inset) is coming through the Pispis Trail at the head of a large force of rebels to aid in a joint attack on Puerto Cabezas. Above picture shows the landing forces of the U. S. S. Asheville in full equipment.

New Nicaragua Plan Said Best for Safety

Withdrawing Protection in Interior Explained As Move to Bring Americans to Coast Where Help Will be Effectual

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson today characterized the measures recently taken by the government as constituting "the most effective way to protect the American and foreign civilians suddenly exposed" to the danger of outlaw raids in the jungles of eastern Nicaragua.

FAREWELL IS SAID TO VICEROY IRWIN

BOMBAY, India, April 18.—(AP)—To the roar of 31-gun salutes, India bade farewell to Viceroy Irwin today and formally inducted Lord Willingdon as his successor for the next five years.

Replying to an address from the municipality of Bombay, Lord Irwin adopted a grave tone, contrasting India's future tempered with expressions of hope and confidence.

"The stiffest part of the bill is yet to come," he said. "The ultimate issue of that for which we are jointly striving lies indeed in other and wiser hands but I know my own hope and confidence in its attainment is shared by that old, trusted friend of India to whom I am now handing over my duties and responsibilities. Under providence may he guide India to peace and happiness."

While crowds on the shore fluttered their handkerchiefs in "bon voyage," Lord and Lady Irwin boarded the liner "Viceroy of India."

Want Wider West Side Road Founders' Day to be May 2 Wounds Self With Shotgun Hotel man Missing, Report

Oregon Pioneer association in 1910.

ENLOE NEAR DEATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—Will Enloe, 73, was believed near death here tonight from what authorities said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Enloe, who lived here with his son, was said to have shot himself in the head this afternoon because of grief over his sister's death. He received a telegram from Kansas City last night telling of his sister's death and later told his son he did not care to live.

HAD CASH, RINGS

OAKLAND, Cal., April 18.—(AP)—The disappearance of Henry Wagner, 45, reputed wealthy hotel man of Klamath Falls, Ore., was reported to Oakland police today by Michael Morris, Oakland, whom Wagner came to visit last Saturday. Morris said he feared four play.

Police were told Wagner left Morris's home for a shave shortly after he arrived from Klamath Falls and disappeared. He had \$1,000 in cash in his pockets, Morris said, and was wearing two diamond rings valued at \$2,000.

CONFERENCE TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH TODAY

Evangelical Building Just Completed Here to be Opened Formally

Appointments may Include Transfer of Rev. A. P. Layton, is Hinted

Business of the 48th Oregon Evangelical conference was brought to a close here yesterday, and the delegates and visitors will give today over to aiding with dedication of the new Evangelical church, Summer and Marion, in which the sessions have been held.

That will be the program today, save for two major addresses: junior preachers will be ordained by Bishop G. E. Epp at 10:45 o'clock this morning, and the bishop will read conference appointments tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

While every effort has been made to keep the appointments under cover until tonight, it has leaked out that there will probably be a surprise in store for many of the Salem congregation. It is said quite authoritatively that Rev. A. P. Layton, who has served the local charge for the past three years and who gave his whole energy to realizing construction of the new church home here, will be appointed to another pastorate.

Portland Minister May Come Here

With this change, there is hint that a Portland minister may be assigned to the local charge. A comparatively large number of other changes are said to be booked for the Oregon Evangelical pastors.

Of chief interest to Salem people Sunday will be dedication of the new church structure at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon, and dedication of the Robert Morton pipe organ at 2:15 o'clock. The sacred concert will be played by Helen Lewis, well known Portland organist.

Morning Program

Solo, selected, Mrs. Kamp. Solo, "Light", John Prindl. Scott, "L. Maves."

Anthem, "Blessed is He That Cometh," choir.

Sermon by Bishop G. E. Epp. Ordination of junior preachers.

Afternoon Program

Sacred pipe organ concert by (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

ROAD TO DETROIT OPEN TO TRAFFIC

The Mill City-Detroit road is again open to traffic after being blocked for nearly a fortnight by slides brought on by floods more than a week ago. The late stage went through Friday from Mill City and auto traffic already was resumed yesterday.

Reports from Detroit tell of many men being on the ground there already waiting to get jobs with the William Plunkett company when it begins to carry out its contract for road construction above that community. Sim Phillips, local manager of an employment agency, has volunteered his help in placing workers and a representative of the contracting firm has notified him it will be glad to use his service if they are needed.

The county court reports that it has had many applications for work on the new road.

Education is Without Cost To Taxpayers

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shelton are going to cut down on taxes and yet provide their children with an education.

Recent settlers in Marion county from southern California, the Sheltons discovered after arrival that school district 115 in the Elk Horn area has no school. The Sheltons have two children, one nine years of age and one 11.

How to give them an education became the problem.

They came to Salem yesterday, talked the matter over with Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county superintendent, and the three agreed that the Sheltons could conduct school in their own home. A course of study will be outlined by Mrs. Fulkerson, to whom regular reports will be given.

"I'm going to give my children an education if I have to give up my land," said Mr. Shelton.

"Don't do it," counseled Mrs. Fulkerson. "You've got a job and a living which means a lot now. Stay with your work and I'll cooperate to see that the school's furnished."

LAGRANDE WINNER

PENDELTON, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—La Grande high school won first place in seven events of the quadrangular track meet here today and captured the meet with a score of 65 1/2 points.

Election for Spain Called Early in May

MADRID, April 18.—(AP)—The new republic of Spain is planning to hold its first elections early in May to set up a "national assembly" and establish a constitutional government to supplant the present provisional government.

The Associated Press learned from reliable sources today that present plans are to speed up the elections, scheduled for June by the former government, and to hold them, at the latest, within the first two weeks in May. Members of a constituent assembly will be selected, it was said, but senators and deputies to parliament will not be voted on.

Designed to be in operation by June, this assembly will write a new republican constitution and arrange for the transfer of power from the government of President Niceto Alcalá Zambora to a permanent one.

Specifically the board will have before it the following matters: 1. Report of the heads of the higher institutions how they can reduce their budgets by \$1,500,000 during the eighteen months beginning July 1st.

2. The report of the survey commission which recommended drastic changes in the setup of the university and state college.

3. The recommendations of the governor, who has previously urged economy and is expected to urge complete reorganization of the administration of the higher schools.

The problem of saving money is complicated by the problem of the division of education. The survey report which was made public April 30, called for identical work in the first two years at Corvallis and Eugene, and sharp division of work in the last two years.

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REFUGEES RETURN ON BOARD CEFALU

Thirty of Nerve-Shattered Americans Arrive at New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, April 18.—(AP)—Thirty Americans, men, women and children, trade and nerve-shattered, arrived in American waters aboard the steamship Cefalu today, refugees from the latest outbreak of banditry in Nicaragua.

Many of them penniless and without a cent left saving the clothes they wore, they docked at New Orleans tonight, bringing with them tales of massacre and guerilla warfare.

The bodies of two of the nine Americans killed in the Nicaraguan bush during the past week, lay in the hold of the Cefalu, whose pennants flew at half staff as she steamed up the Mississippi river.

Bodies of Two Brought Home

These were Marine Captain H. C. Peffey of Philadelphia, slain at the head of a detachment of Guardia Nacional while trying to beat off a bandit attack on Puerto Cabezas, and William L. Selton. (Turn to page 3, col. 5)

QUAKE'S REFUGEES REACH SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 18.—(AP)—Bearing up bravely under the memory of the horrors through which they passed when the town of Managua was levelled by an earthquake, the first of the 65 refugees who were in need were cared for at once. Husbands of many of them will arrive here Monday in the navy hospital ship Relief, it was reported today.

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Special Sunday School Service For Conference

Special Sunday school services are announced by the First Evangelical church, corner Marion and Summer streets, A. P. Layton, pastor, with visiting members of the Oregon conference participating.

The senior group will hear Rev. G. L. Lovell of Portland, Rev. C. S. Bergstresser, and Rev. E. D. Hornschuch of Canby in short talks. Rev. A. L. Launaber will address the young people's classes; and Miss Helen Bier and Rev. F. W. Launer will talk to the beginners.

The three divisions meet at 9:45 a. m.

HIGHER SCHOOL FATE ISSUE AS HEARING ROOMS

Question of Trimming Cost Million and Half to Be Threshed out

Drastic Changes to cut out Duplication Also on Board's Program

By C. A. SPRAGUE

There will be a change in stage set on Monday. Instead of the familiar hall of representatives in Salem where the prison inquiry has been going on for two days the scene will shift to Arlington club, Portland, where the board of higher education will sit in judgment on the fate of educational institutions in Oregon. It promises to be of dramatic interest rivaling the hearing held last week in Salem.

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PRESIDENCY FIGHT NOW TAKING FORM

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—The lights and shadows of the field on which the 1932 struggle for the presidency will take place gradually are being set these days.

Although the party conventions will not be held for more than a year, hardly a week passes without a development which may be reflected in the campaigns for nomination and election. Through it all, too, runs the realization of practiced observers that the setting might be radically shifted by unexpected twists.

That president Hoover wants and can get a renomination apparently is being taken for granted by his friends. He has held his political peace and the expectation in Washington is that he will continue to do so, for the time being.

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United States naval vessels are in the harbor and most of the residents were sure that there would be no trouble so long as landing forces were so quickly available. On the whole there appeared to be no likelihood the city would be evacuated.

R. J. Salassi, local manager of the Standard Fruit company, reported that Americans inland were leaving their homes for Puerto Cabezas, fearing attack, but this evening none of these reported refugees had arrived here.

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Governor Continues To Hold Limelight At Prison Hearing

LESTER ADAMS IS LIAR SAYS CARSON

Distorted Reference Made To Foreign Birth at Prison Hearing

"Lester Adams is a contemptible liar" is the characterization made by Allan Carson, attorney representing Henry Meyers before the prison inquiry, with reference to the signed article by Adams in the Portland Telegram of last night. In his article Adams said: "Attorney Carson told one witness that his birth in a foreign country was a stigma."

"My father was born in Ireland," said Carson last night, "and my mother in Canada; and ever were I of such a low mentality as to say that a person foreign-born was under a stigma I should not have had the heart to do it."

"The fact is that there had been, throughout the hearing thus far, imputations that (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

NEGRO IS LYNCHED; NO ARRESTS LIKELY

UNION CITY, Tenn., April 18.—(AP)—George Smith, 18-year-old negro accused of attempting to attack a white girl, was taken from jail here today by a crowd of men and hanged from a tree in the county courthouse yard while hundreds of persons thronged the grounds.

Sheriff J. D. Hubbs said, "But we didn't want to take his place." He added he saw no guns in the crowd.

The lynching was accomplished quickly and most of the crowd dispersed in orderly manner. The negro's body was cut down 45 minutes later and taken to a mortuary.

Smith has been held as the negro who entered a home here last night and tried to attack a young woman. Her screams aroused her father and the intruder fled. Bloodhounds led officers to Smith, but he had not been identified definitely as the attacker.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Luther Johnson of Union City, said he "doubted" any arrests would be made.

Bank President Will Be Called

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Engages in Tilt With Kay Over Testimony Of Discharged man

Crawford's Knocking Of Oregon Flax Brought out

By SHELDON F. SACKETT

Governor Julius L. Meier continued yesterday to steal the show at the board of control hearing on the conduct of Postmaster Superintendent Meyers as he alternately acted as prosecutor, inquisitor and judge.

The dramatic note of the hearing which was adjourned at noon Saturday until 9:30 a. m. next Tuesday, came in a tilt between the governor and State Treasurer Kay over the admission of certain testimony from Robert Crawford, at one time manager of the state flax industry.

"I'm not going to be made a monkey of in this hearing," charged the governor fiercely, as he rose to his feet to urge Crawford to proceed with his testimony. Previously he had testified that on three occasions he had been removed and now "for the first time in 16 years I have a chance to explain to the public why I was fired."

Meier overrules Other Members

"You have answered my question and there's no need for further explanation," he said, further explanation, further testimony from Crawford and Secretary of State Hous joined with the state treasurer in objecting to further testimony from Crawford in explaining his discharges.

"I want all the facts and I may have a lot more to say before this hearing is concluded," stressed the governor. "I overrule your objections."

Meier declared he would not be surprised if the hearing took a week when Kay objected to extraneous testimony as unduly prolonging the taking of evidence. Inference made by Governor Meier that gambling had been prevalent in the state penitentiary in special amusement rooms provided by Superintendent Meyers and documentary evidence introduced by Allan Carson, counsel for Meyers, showing the Crawford and State Hous importers to ban convict-produced Oregon flax fibre provided other high spots in the morning's raftering while drew the opening session on Friday after a large audience. Spectator's raves were on hand an hour before the proceedings started. During the taking of testimony the crowd frequently applauded, its sympathy very apparently being with the governor and against the prison superintendent who seeks to remove. Each time Meier made a dramatic thrust, the crowd cheered and evidence introduced by Crawford was met with proper conduct of Meyers, brought hoots and cat-calls.

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