

## NEW VIEWS

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## THE WEATHER

Fair today and Saturday, rising temperature: Max. temperature Thursday 82°, Min. 69°, river 1 foot, clear, north wind.

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## LABOR FIGHTS WAGE CUTTING ON STATE JOB

**Contractor on Tuberculosis Hospital job Slashes Below Scale, Word**

**Prevailing Wage Clause in Future Agreements to Be Sought, Decide**

Union labor here will make every effort to resist agitation of reduce wages, a mass meeting of 200 men, members of all the building trades crafts, determined at a session held in Labor hall Wednesday night.

Action of F. L. Odom, local contractor who cut below the union wage scale in hiring men on the tuberculosis hospital building for which he recently secured contract, probably precipitated the voted gesture of labor to keep to the union scale as now in use. Odom, formerly friendly to labor, was placed on the unfair list.

Union members were said to be decidedly "put out" by Odom's action in cutting below the union scale on a state job, inasmuch as Governor Meier utilized a strong union vote in his ride to the capitol.

**Portland Labor Men at Meeting**

Ben Osborne, executive secretary of the state federation, and D. E. Nickerson, insurance agent of the Portland Building Trades council, were here from Portland and addressed the meeting.

With these officials, it is said, unofficially encouraged the local craftsmen in criticizing the governor for apparently failing the union, in that he made no effort to induce Odom to pay the union scale.

Odom's bid was based on a union wage, it was declared.

**Prevailing Wage Clause is Sought**

As result of the Odom action, the building crafts here will make a strong attempt to get the board of control to put a prevailing wage clause in specifications for all future construction to be handled by the state.

"Odom simply decided to make money for himself and took advantage of the prevailing business depression to cut the wage, knowing he could get many laborers," a prominent union man declared last night.

Odom is paying his laborers \$4 a day, instead of the \$5 of the union wage scale; and the carpenters \$6.40 instead of the \$8 set by the union.

**SANTIAM GRADING  
BIDS ARE INVITED**

**PORLAND, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—The United States Bureau of public roads has invited bids on three federal highway projects in Oregon and Washington, bids to be opened at Portland June 5.**

One of the projects provides for grading 3.4 miles of the Santiam highway in Jefferson county and another for grading about one fourth mile on the coast highway in Lane county. The project involves more than 100,000 cubic yards of excavation over a distance of 227 miles.

The third project is for grading and finishing four miles of the Randle-Yakima highway in Yakima county, Washington.

**ROWAN'S INTELLIGENT  
WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Iowa holds the low illiteracy record among the 33 states for which census returns now are available, with 6.8 per cent.**

## New Prexy



### LEWIS MELSON IS S. H. S. PRESIDENT

**Wins Over Dan McCarthy in Revote; I. Hansen to Manage Clarion**

Lewis Melson, son of Roy Melson of the Peter Pan confectionery, was elected president of the associated student body of the Salem high school. A second ballot, taken yesterday, was necessary to determine whether the highest honor the students can bestow should go to him or to Dan McCarthy.

Ingvardt Hansen was elected Clarion annual manager as the result of the revote, taking the race over Pa. Hauser.

The first ballot was taken Monday. No candidates were in the field for posts of Clarion newspaper editor, Clarion annual editor and athletic manager, and as a result these offices will be filled in the fall.

Failure to name candidates for these three posts came after the principal cut down the original list of nominees to keep from office alleged members of secret societies.

## HEAD-ON COLLISION WRECKS TWO CARS

Shrill sirens of two motorcycles streaking through the business section and south on Commercial street yesterday evening caused 6 o'clock traffic to halt and pedestrians to stop and stare. Cause of the commotion was a head-on automobile collision at Sunnyside, eight miles south on the Pacific highway. State Traffic Officers Morgan and Clayton were called from Salem to investigate and give first aid.

A. D. Kern of 390 East Salmon street, Portland, driving a large sedan, collided with a small coupe being towed by J. J. Crawford of Sunnyside. The smaller car was completely demolished, the larger one damaged to minor extent.

W. H. Lutz, Salem route 1, box 5, who was steering the involved automobile, received lacerations on face and leg. He was given first aid treatment by the officers then taken to Jefferson where the wounds were sewed shut by a physician. Kern's daughter received back and neck sprains.

Witnesses maintain that Crawford turned into the path of Kern's car.

**UNION CHIEF DIES  
CLEVELAND, May 28.—(AP)—Albert H. Hawley, 65, general secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers for 23 years, dropped dead in a drug store near his home here tonight.**

**Linn Won't Abandon Road  
Forest Fire may be Fatal.  
Batted Ball Kills Youth  
Wool Sale Held at Condon**

school baseball team, died here last night from a fractured skull received Monday when he was struck by a batted ball.

Ruttenauer, an outfielder, was in the pitcher's box when he was hit. He did not regain consciousness except for one short interval.

**DEFICIT IS AT  
BILLION MARK**

**PRICE 14½ CENTS  
CONDON, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—E. J. Burke bought 350,000 pounds of wool for Hallowell, June 1, and paid at the wool sales here today. A total of 450,000 pounds were sold and 200,000 pounds were withdrawn.**

The Bettie estate clip sold for 14½ cents, while Kate Russell, of Condon, received 14 cents.

**CRASH PROVES FATAL  
REEDSPORT, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Florence D. Langille, Portland, was killed, and her husband, Howard D. Langille, prominent Portland timber broker, was injured seriously in an automobile accident near here today.**

Langille, 50, found helpless from prostration in the path of a fire on his Boat Mountain ranch 15 miles southwest of here, was in a critical condition in a hospital here to-night.

Kirk was brought to Grants Pass by State Fire Warden Charles Fields who found him.

**PLAYER SUCCUMBS  
ROSEBURG, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—Harold Ruttenauer, 18, captain of the Myrtle Creek high**

## ASH WILL HOP TODAY ACROSS NORTH PACIFIC

**Has Little Confidence in  
Plane but Expects to  
Have no Trouble**

**Predicts Landing at Tacoma  
In 50 Hours or Less;  
Starts 2 P. M.**

**SAMUSHIRO BEACH, Japan, May 29.—(Friday) —(AP)—Thomas Ash, Jr., the American flier, brought his monoplane "Pacific" down upon the sand here today at 3:34 p. m. (1:34 m. Friday, E.S.T.) and immediately began preparations for the start tomorrow of his non-stop trans-ocean flight to Tacoma, Wash.**

**TACHIKAWA, Japan, May 28.—(AP)—Flying alone, in a monoplane he considered cumbersome and difficult to manipulate, Thomas Ash, Jr., is scheduled to begin the perilous 4600-mile non-stop flight to Tacoma Wash., at 7 a. m. Saturday (2 p. m. Friday, P.S.T.).**

**The start over the Pacific ocean will be made from Samushiro beach, Hondo Island, 350 miles north of Tokyo.**

Ash, with a distinguished war record in the American flying force in Europe and four years of trick flying at Hollywood City, expressed confidence that he would start at Tacoma in from 40 to 50 hours.

**Flight Prepared  
For Perilous Jump**

The mile long Samushiro beach has been put in condition and Ash hopes his plane, the Pacific, will gain sufficient momentum to soar away with a full load of 1020 gallons of gasoline.

Notwithstanding Harold Bromley and Harold Gatty were forced to put back to Samushiro last year when the same plane burst an oil feed line, Ash believed he would be successful and receive the \$25,000 prize offered by the Tokyo newspaper Asahi to the first foreigner to make a non-stop flight between Japan and the United States. No plane has ever flown such a distance without refueling.

**MUSSOLINI HALTS  
FASCIST DISORDER**

**ROME, May 28.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini intervened today to prevent further violence by young fascists against members of the Catholic action organization and property of Catholic groups.**

**It was understood on excellent authority that the disorders of last night when a portrait of Pope Pius XI was trampled on the pavement and Catholic papers and books were burned in a fascist attack on a Catholic publishing house, caused the premier to pass word down that the students responsible for such disorders must be curbed.**

**In Vatican circles tonight it was said a protest against these disorders was inevitable. The Italian foreign office said no representation had been made regarding the riotous scenes or the bitter attacks of Rome newspapermen against the Vatican.**

**SULLIVAN QUILTS  
HOSPITAL AFTER  
TRAIN INJURIES**

**M. E. Sullivan, Salem resident who was injured when the Great Northern's Empire Builder was tossed from the tracks near Fargo, North Dakota, Wednesday, left the hospital last night, according to word received here. He received hospital treatment at Moorhead, Minn.**

**Sullivan is the father of J. B. Sullivan, living at 2235 North Fifth street, Salem. He has made his home in Salem 30 years. He left Salem alone Monday expecting to visit a sister he had not seen in 42 years. It is his plan to spend several months visiting in Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma.**

**SEATTLE, May 28.—(AP)—A bid by the American Lutheran church, Salem, Ore., for the 1932 concclave of the United Lutheran Pacific synod was accepted at the annual convention here today. All syndical officers were re-elected and were installed to-night.**

**Assignments of newly ordained ministers were announced. The Rev. Mr. Olafson was assigned to Juneau, Alaska, the Rev. Mr. Olson to Portland, Ore., and the Rev. Mr. Bracher to La Grande, Ore.**

**The Rev. Dr. F. H. Knobel, address of the denomination, addressed the convention tonight.**

**CHAIN GROCERY  
DEFENDER SLAIN  
BY BANDIT PAIR**

**INDIANAPOLIS, May 28.—(AP)—Lafayette A. Jackson, whose recent attack on validity of the Indiana chain store tax law failed before the United States supreme court, died in a hospital here today of wounds he received yesterday in resisting an attempted holdup at the offices of his chain of grocery stores.**

**Jackson was shot by one of three men who entered the Standard grocery company headquarters in the downtown district and engaged in a gun fight with the executive and detective Sergeant Charles Bauer. Bauer is recovering from his wounds.**

**SHOT IN BACK  
FOR PLOTTING  
AGAINST DUCE**

**WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—The treasury deficit today passed the \$1,000,000,000 mark with indications it would be reduced little if any, by the end of the fiscal year June 30.**

**High administration officials expressed the opinion that the late summer might prove the turning point from the depression. It was pointed out that previous depressions had turned the corner when agricultural crops were harvested.**

**ROME, May 28.—(AP)—Michèle Schirru, naturalized American citizen, was executed at 1:27 a. m. today after his conviction last month on a charge of plotting against the head of Benito Mussolini.**

**Schirru, a former resident of New York, was condemned to death by shooting in the back in a speedy trial before the special tribunal for defense of the state.**

**EMPLOYMENT IS  
GAINING, WORD**

**WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Reports to the labor department were said today by Secretary Doak to have indicated a slight improvement in employment conditions this month.**

**When Langille regained consciousness he told physicians he believed he had gone to sleep at the wheel.**

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## PEOPLE... ...who are news

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**N**EW YORK, May 28.—(AP)—A Berlin newspaper once called him "King Owen the First."

Old-timers in the upstate New York village whose fairy god-father he is, know him as "Owen."

On the 12th floor of 120 Broad-

street,

Lees and Brosy Stay Aloft

84 Hours 33 Minutes

To Beat old Mark

Nine Hours Longer Than one

Established in March

By French Fliers

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla., May 25.—(AP)—Walter Lees, who drove a horse car to pay for his flying lessons, and Frederick Brosy, whose hobby is "motors," today succeeded in their ambition to stay aloft in an airplane without refueling longer than man has done before.

Lees and Brosy landed their Diesel-powered monoplane on the beach here at 7:20 EST tonight, setting a world's non-fueling endurance record of 84 hours 33 minutes. This was nine hours 16 minutes better than the former mark, made by two Frenchmen in Algeria, northern Africa, in March this year.

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Lees and Brosy took off from the beach at 6:47 a. m. last Monday with 328 gallons of fuel oil aboard.

Flight Favored  
By Good Weather

Good weather favored the flight from the start and with the exception of a few thunderstorms, the long grind of shuttling back and forth over the oceanside was uneventful. Cooking was done on a small oil stove and the aviators had plenty of sleep in a hammock strung in the cabin.

It was their third trial at the mark since in March they failed because one of the fuel tanks sprung a leak. In April when within three hours of their goal, they were forced down by a storm.

His friends say he is without frills or affection, equally comfortable with financiers, industrialists, prime ministers, congressmen or the Herkimer country folk.

"I can just set better than anyone you ever saw," he once said.

Part of this "setting" is done in his Park avenue apartment among his books. Mr. Young is something of a bibliophile. First editions, manuscripts, rare items of British and American masters, are shelved around the walls of his library within reach of the easy chair in which he likes to stretch his long, rather spare body.

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Most of the injured were discharged from hospitals here and in Moorsehead, today. Mrs. Emily Hannan, Seattle, was in a serious condition. Physicians had not determined whether her back was broken. She also was believed to have suffered internal injuries.

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**BUDDY POPPIES  
SELL READILY;  
SUPPLY IS GONE**

**Selling "like Buddy poppies" will doubtless supplant the traditional "hotcakes" for women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, after their annual sale of the paper posies yesterday.**

**Mrs. William H. Rush, president of the organization, reported last night their entire supply, 2100, of poppies was sold out by 2 o'clock. With sums of from 10 to 50 cents being paid for each flower, a substantial fund**