

ONLY 4 MORE DAYS

November 1 positively is last date subscriptions will be accepted at bargain rate of \$3 for a year (by mail in Oregon only).

THE WEATHER Partly cloudy today and Friday, moderate temperature; Max. Temp. Wednesday, 70, Min. 53, rain .06 inch, river 1 foot.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, October 29, 1931

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GOVERNORS TO ASK CONGRESS AFFORD RELIEF

Adequate Program of Work For Jobless Urged In Resolution

Arizona Delegation Leading Demand Movement at Portland Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Unemployment, a situation so acute it took precedence over all other problems, today was given the best thought of chief executives and representatives of seven western states.

And in a resolution presented by the delegation from Arizona, the western governors' conference in session here was asked to demand of congress that "appropriate legislation be enacted to provide for an enlarged and accelerated program of public works," to relieve the predicament of the jobless.

CITY UTILITY TAX HEARING TONIGHT

A public hearing will be held in the city chambers tonight to consider a proposed two per cent city tax on the gross earnings of all utilities operating in Salem on their revenues taken from the Salem district.

O'Hara's reason for introducing the bill was to provide a new source of city revenue. He estimates that the ordinance would raise \$25,000 worth of new revenue for the city.

Elks' Indoor Circus to Open at Armory Tonight

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Conservatives Hold Power but Will not Replace Mac Donald

Only 50 Opposing Government; Labor Party is Almost Wiped out; Tariff Demand is Likely; Baldwin Speaks

LONDON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Swept into power with a mammoth majority of more than 500 of the 615 seats in the House of Commons, Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald's national government will be able to dominate parliament as no other administration in the history of democratic Britain.

Tonight, with 508 returns available from yesterday's voting, there were 555 government supporters, only 50 in the opposition and 5 independents.

The loss of 235 seats nearly wiped out the labor representation in the House of Commons. Nothing like it ever occurred before in Great Britain.

The conservative party held 472 seats with prospects of gaining a few more in the late returns. This great conservative strength led to the expectation that a demand for a full-blooded protection tariff policy would be the first trouble encountered by Mr. MacDonald.

WILLAMETTE RIVER SURVEY IS ASSURED

Congratulations to the Salem chamber of commerce for the work it did in urging a complete survey of the Willamette river conveyed here yesterday by Senator Charles L. McNary.

Local officials said yesterday they should be ready to meet with the surveyors. It means that the "horse-back survey" made last year will be augmented by a detailed study of the costs of deepening the river as far as Eugene and that from this study the federal government will later determine the advisability of more expenditure.

Congressman W. C. Hawley, who shared the senator's enthusiasm for the gathering material, said in an address here Tuesday that the irrigation benefits to the valley from such a survey improve the Willamette river were the foremost of all other good results to be received from such expenditure.

Jacksonville's Thirst Quenched

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Recent rains have replenished the Jacksonville water supply to such an extent the city no longer buys water from Medford.

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RAILROAD MAN SHOT, MAY DIE; NEAR OAKRIDGE

Three Itinerants Blamed; Details of Holdup are Lacking at Eugene

Section Hands Held up at McCredie Springs, one Gives Battle, hit

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Reports received here late tonight said an unidentified railroad man had been shot and probably fatally wounded by three itinerants who held up near Southern Pacific employes near McCredie Springs.

The report said two of the three section hands had been tied up by the bandits but the third gave battle. The assailants shot him and fled, the report said. The wounded man freed his companions and they took him to Oakridge for medical attention.

ROSS NEW PASTOR AT FIRST BAPTIST

Minister of Notable Career To Preach Sunday for First Time Here

Britton Ross, pastor of the First Baptist church of Albany for about six months, has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church here and Tuesday he and Mrs. Ross moved to the parsonage.

He will preach his first sermon as pastor here at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. Ross fills the post which has been vacant since the death early this fall of Dr. W. H. Robins.

PAST MANAGEMENT OF FLAX PLANT HIT

Gilbraith Praises Meier in Rotary Talk; Favors Reducing Acreage

In a talk before the Rotary club yesterday noon F. J. Gilbraith, manager of the flax mill at Salem, criticized past management of the flax plant and expressed approval of the plan for curtailing acreage this year.

Staging a drive on automobiles with defective brakes, state and city police yesterday stopped 74 good cars on Broadway street and registered 12 drivers.

TROLLER BURNS UP AT UMPQUA MOUTH

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—The trolley boat Mankato, of Seattle, was destroyed by fire about three miles off the mouth of the Umpqua river today.

Two men composing the Mankato's crew were forced to leave the boat but were picked up a few minutes later by boats from the Umpqua river coast guard station.

GIRL ESCAPES FIRE PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Dorothy Miller leaped from the second floor of a small apartment building here today to escape from a fire. She suffered minor injuries. The building was destroyed.

Aged Aurora Man Fatally Hit by Auto

AURORA, Oct. 28.—(Special)—John Lovell, 79, of this city, was struck down and killed at 7:35 o'clock tonight by an automobile driven by A. A. Stanton of Portland at the south approach of the P-ding river highway bridge.

Witnesses said the aged man, who was deaf, walking south, stepped into the path of Mr. Stanton's machine to get out of the way of two approaching northbound cars.

Coroner Lloyd Rigdon of Salem investigated the accident before the body was moved, as far as could be learned, Mr. Stanton was not held. He proceeded into Aurora to have his car repaired.

OREGON ELECTRIC REBUILDING LINES

Possibility Santiam Logs Will be Dumped Into River Here Seen

The Oregon Electric is at work rebuilding its line between Salem and Jefferson in anticipation of tonnage which will move out of the Santiam district beginning in 1932.

A survey has been made of the old Santiam log dump on the south of the paper mill. This might indicate that the logs will be dumped in the river here for floating down to market.

WOODBURN LEGION ELECTS HANRAHAN

WOODBURN, Oct. 28.—Plans for an Armistice day carnival were made here tonight and new officers were elected at a meeting of Post 46 of the American Legion.

Dr. John M. Hanrahan was elected post commander to succeed Major Oliver S. Olson. Other officers elected were H. S. Butterfield, first vice commander, Melvin Johnson second vice commander and A. J. Beck, adjutant commander.

It was decided at the meeting to have the 18th infantry band here to appear in the parade and at other times during the Armistice Day carnival to be sponsored by the Woodburn Legion. A complete program for the day is being outlined. The Hubbard band will also be here for the occasion.

Power Named as Reserve Officer Group President

Dr. F. K. Power last night was elected president of the Marion-Polk counties chapter of the Reserve Officers' Training corps at the regular meeting held at The Spa. Dr. E. B. Schmidt was chosen vice-president and Dr. Wolcott E. Buren re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Reports of the incident, received at the Portland headquarters of the 13th coast guard district, did not mention the name of the man aboard the boat.

FIRE DAMAGES BANK

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—The First National bank building at Hermiston was badly damaged by fire today. Defective wiring was blamed for the fire.

JUDGE CHARGES GANG COERCION OF WITNESSES

D'Andrea who Carried gun At Capone Trial Gets Six Months Jail

Perjury, Intimidation Said Prevalent; Wilkerson Makes Statement

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Al Capone's income tax trial had a rousing aftermath in federal court today as the gang chief and his followers were denounced for "intimidating" witnesses and the bodyguard who brought a loaded pistol into court was sentenced to six months in jail.

Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson, who sentenced Capone to 11 years imprisonment, adjudged bodyguard Philip D'Andrea in contempt of court and ordered him locked up for six months.

His presence during the income tax trial with a weapon on his person was "a menace to the court itself," Judge Wilkerson said, but it was not as bad as the acts of the gang in general, intimidating some witnesses, causing others to perjure themselves.

Before sentencing D'Andrea and then allowing him two weeks' freedom so he could visit his sick mother, Judge Wilkerson read a statement dealing mainly with the conduct of the Capone trial. It follows in part:

"It clearly appears from the facts and circumstances before the court in this proceeding and at the trial of United States versus Capone, that this respondent's activities were linked with those of an organized body of men whose outlaw camp is at the Lexington hotel. Of this body, defendant Capone was chief.

"To this camp at the Lexington were summoned witnesses who testified to the defendant Capone's losses on horse races. To that camp were summoned counsel for conferences, and from that camp, under what coercive influences we can only conjecture from what transpired in court, came that array of shocking perjury with which the court was confronted during the closing days of the trial.

POSSIBLY SERIOUS BLAZE PREVENTED

A possibly serious downtown fire was averted yesterday evening, when two pedestrians discerned a flaming curtain on a window in the fifth floor office of Dr. Henry C. Epler's Loan company building. They rushed into the Capital drug store and Albert Bayne, pharmacist, telephoned the alarm.

The chemical, ladder and pump trucks were sent hurrying to the scene. Firemen soon extinguished the flames with chemicals. The only damage was to a curtain and to the window, which was cracked by the heat.

According to A. B. Browning, janitor, no one had been in the office for a short time before the fire was discovered. The janitor was downstairs at the time.

The blaze apparently started from a small gas jet which had been left burning near the curtain.

First Symphony Concert Of Season to be Nov. 18

Salem's first symphony concert this season is to be held Wednesday night, November 18, in the Salem armory according to announcement yesterday by Mrs. W. B. Anderson, orchestra manager.

Prison For Life May be His Lot



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CONVICT LAD FOR MURDER

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FACULTY AT W. U. PLANS LOAN FUND

Professors to Contribute On Basis of Earnings; Students in Need

The faculty of Willamette university will start a loan fund for needy students who might otherwise be forced to drop out of school, it was decided at faculty meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Within a week the fund will approximate \$600 with the various members contributing on a sliding scale in proportion to the salaries they receive. Business secretary of the university, N. S. Savage, will take care of the money and it is hoped that townfolk and others interested will also make contributions to build up the fund.

The loan funds which have been in existence at Willamette in the past are insufficient to meet the present needs of the students who would be forced to drop out of school for the lack of from \$25 to \$50 or more.

Such a situation is facing a number of students whose parents are having a hard time or students who are unable to find sufficient work to earn their tuition money.

One student, a senior, had his income stopped when the Japanese invaded Manchuria. His brother was forced to abandon his business and flee for his life with what few possessions he could take with him. This student and any number of others are finding it hard to meet expenses and will have to raise money from some source or drop school.

The Willamette faculty had considered raising a fund for charity, but it was brought up at the meeting that most of the faculty members were already supporting others than their own families. One (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

ETHELBERT CORPSE IS NOW EMBALMED

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—By order of the district court the coroner's office today embalmed the carcass of Ethelbert's whale.

Ethelbert, after spending two weeks in Columbia slough here, was harpooned last Saturday by Edward O. Lessard and his son, Joe. They were arrested for disturbing the peace and for "oustering public decency and morals" and on two counts of violating Oregon game laws. The carcass of the whale was seized as evidence.

The Lessard's are scheduled to enter pleas tomorrow to a charge of using illegal tackle in killing the whale. Their attorney has announced he will seek a change of venue.

Truck Driver is Victim of Heavy Dynamite Blast

OREGON CITY, Ore., Oct. 28.—Elmer Judd, 29, a wood hauler, was killed instantly today when 100 dynamite caps and 25 pounds of 40 per cent blasting powder exploded in his truck.