

**THE WEATHER**  
Cloudy today and Wednesday, probably rain Wednesday; Max. Temp. Monday 63, Min. 48, rain .01 inch, river .3 foot, part cloudy.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, November 3, 1931

No. 189

## Bear Dashes Through Hotel; Patron, Clerk Scamper for Safety

### One Climbs Rafter, Other Dives Over Cigar Stand

But he's Only Billy, Cub With Circus, Mourning pal

Tusko, large as he is, dropped from the limelight for a few exciting minutes Sunday afternoon, while Billy, an eight-month-old cub bear, went through some ditches all his own. And what a cub he picked: the lobby of the Marion hotel!

But listen to George S. Van Cleve, a bellhop at the Marion tell about it:

"We heard a terrible noise; I rushed to the Perry street door to see what it was. I had almost reached the door when a bear stuck his nose around the corner, emitting that terrible noise. He pushed the door open and started in."

"I don't know how I did it so quickly, but I managed to get into the elevator. Carl Shafer (the clerk) scurried up those rafters above the clerk's desk. A patron—the only one sitting downstairs—rushed across the room and dived over the cigar stand."

"All the while, the noisy bear tore frantically through the lobby. He rounded the first corner, dashed on to the Commercial street doors. He couldn't get them, came back and started gnawing about the room."

Bellhop Summons Billy's Trainer  
It was a hair-raiser to Van Cleve even yesterday. He said he managed to get out and summon the man with whom Billy though no one had time to know him by that name when things were happening—went peacefully away.

Billy's the worst actor in the Elks' circus, traveling show which is at the armory. It was at this place that the cub made its wild dash to and through the largest hostelry in town.

B. C. Davenport of Mason county, Wash., is the cub's trainer. He says Billy looks like a wildcat, but Sunday morning Minnie died—it's a fact—of too much kindness.

Too Much Sugar Gave Them "Fits"  
The trainer has been working with the two cubs about three weeks. He says both developed fits probably because he fed them too much sugar in feeding them for their performance.

"I gave them sugar each time they went through their antics right in training. I fed them just as much as I could," Davenport said, adding:

"I hated it awful; especially losing Minnie. We're feeding Billy apples now, and he may come out of it all right."

Neither of the cubs were put through acts here. They and an old bear were kept in the basement of the armory.

## Distributors of Milk in Parley

A closed meeting of a group of Salem milk and dairy products distributors last night was held at the chamber of commerce. The distributors refused to divulge the nature of the business transacted.

Patronage heavy  
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2.—(AP)—The Oregon Mutual Savings bank opened here today.

## ARCHER FOUND AT MINE CAMP; HEALTH BROKEN

### Will be Brought Back When Able to Travel; Strain Cause of Illness

### Clover Seed is Found to be Intact, Available for Sale by Owners

Employees of the Charles R. Archer implement company located near Archer at mining properties which he was heavily interested near Grants Pass on Sunday. He was broken under the strain he had been under in connection with his business affairs and had gone to the mine to rest up. About two years ago Archer was seriously ill and he has resumed his business he never fully recovered, his associates say. The past few months weighed heavily on him and those who visited him Sunday found him very ill physically and mentally, borne down by his business worries and bodily infirmities. As soon as he can be moved he will be brought back to Salem.

This paper was in error Sunday in stating Mr. Archer was unmarried. He maintained a home in Portland where his wife resides, and always went to Portland for the weekend. When he did not come Saturday Mrs. Archer telephoned H. G. King, employee of the firm. She did not know he had gone away.

Receiver Harley White, H. G. King, bookkeeper, and Lester Baar, accountant, continue at work checking over assets and liabilities and working on a statement of the firm's condition. Farmers who were at first much concerned about clover seed they had stored there seem to be satisfied when assured that their seed is still stored and available for delivery or sale.

Archer had for a number of years been interested in developing mining properties in southern Oregon. At the camp where he is staying he is well cared for, there being a number of families residing there.

## RUSSIAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES DENIED

### Chinese Factions Fighting Again; Nationalists Put Down Rebels

TOKYO, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Recurring rumors of Russian military activity in north Manchuria were officially denied today by soviet officials. Meanwhile Chinese factional leaders fought in southwestern Manchuria in what was a struggle of some significance.

While officials sought to extract some grain of fact from a shifting sandpile of rumors of agreement between Russia and China to cooperate in north Manchuria, dispirited military victory for troops of Chang Hsueh-Liang, whom Japan deposed as governor of Manchuria, over those of General Ling Yin-Ching, near Panshanling.

## WILQUET DETENTION CASE IS UP TODAY

The legality of the state's detention of J. P. Wilquet in county jail here is scheduled to come up for hearing before Judge G. B. Hill here in circuit court at 2 o'clock this afternoon, attorneys for the county probate court, for Wilquet having filed an answer and reply, respectively, to the writ of habeas corpus originally filed by Wilquet's counsel.

## NEW SAVINGS BANK OPENS

MURDER CHARGED TO FOUR RAILROAD WORK FINISHED  
CITY EMPLOYEES AID RELIEF

REBUILDING DONE  
BEND, Ore., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Reconstruction of the Great Northern railroad's line between Lava Junction and Wanoga has been completed. One eight-mile unit has been turned over to the railroad by the contractors.

## Tusko to Go Upon 'Block' At 10 Today

This morning at 10 o'clock the giant Tusko goes under the hammer. The expression, of course, is figurative for Oscar D. Bower, sheriff-auctioneer, couldn't put Tusko under any tiny auctioneer's hammer and wouldn't if he could, temper of the beast and everything considered.

There were reports about town yesterday that three buyers would be on hand to claim the ten tons of concentrated hay and hide, but some of the possible buyers revealed themselves and Max Gehlhar, state fair director, continued to worry about his unwelcome baby-on-the-doorstep.

Tusko's keeper announced yesterday that the animal was not of bad disposition as had been reported, being rather of good nature, apparently suitable for a pet in any well-ordered home or zoo. The keeper also gave out a statement that he'd have nothing to do with the execution of Tusko if no buyers appeared and Mr. Gehlhar decided to let the animal go while he was bankrupting the state.

"Tusko is a good elephant," said the keeper. "He never has hurt anyone and he will make some person a lot of money." The specific reason Tusko is to be sold is to satisfy a judgment of \$500 obtained by the Marine Transfer and Storage company of Seattle.

Tusko will be auctioned off just where he stands—a restless captive on a wooden platform in Goat shed number five, state fairgrounds. Sheriff Bower made it perfectly plain Monday afternoon that he had no intention of leading the captive down to the courthouse square for sale and that all buyers would have to claim their purchase, for better or worse, at the state fair grounds where his owners abandoned him five weeks ago.

## VEARLERS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES

SILVERTON, Nov. 2.—L. Vearler and William Vearler, who were arrested last week in the Silvertown police court Monday morning, were sentenced to jail under \$500 bail.

The appearance in court Monday morning was the result of a set-to about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Hallowe'en pranksters had let the air out of the tires of Mrs. George Lamb's automobile as it was parked in front of her home and great fun was had by the pranksters. Night Officer Kennedy was assisting Mrs. Lamb in getting her car in going condition.

## RAILWAY WAGE IS ISSUE AT MEETING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—(AP)—A conference with railway executives to seek ways of stabilizing employment and wages was sought today by representatives of 21 national railroad labor organizations.

## FIVE FROM DAYTON INJURED IN CRASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Five persons, all residents of Dayton, Ore., were injured in an automobile accident one mile west of Fairview today. They were: Maurice Goodrich, 14, fractured jaw, possible fractured skull, upper teeth knocked out; Joyce Goodrich, 6, fractured nose and possible fractured skull; Marascha Goodrich, 23, both legs fractured, possible fractured nose.

## Arms Holiday is Accepted by Six More of Nations

GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Six more governments accepted the invitation of the League of Nations to take part in a one-year arms holiday beginning yesterday, but the league remained uncertain whether the holiday was in effect.

## Two Men Taken In Liquor Raid

City police staged a raid at 1521 North Front street Monday night and arrested J. A. Jones and Ray Walker on charges of liquor possession. They confiscated a considerable supply of alleged beer, wine and mash. Jones and Walker will be arraigned in municipal court today.

## Water Election Will Be Held December 15

### UTILITIES TAX DECISION HELD UP BY COUNCIL

### Counter Proposal is Coming From Companies; Group Delays its Report

### Suggested Increase in the License, Franchise Fees May win Approval

A two week's respite in the council's drive to add to its annual gross earnings of utilities operating in Salem was gained yesterday when utility representatives and Aldermen O'Hara, Kowitz and Dancy agreed late Monday afternoon to await a counter proposal from the utilities to the 2 per cent gross tax on earnings contained in a pending ordinance before the council. As a result the measure was not reported out of committee last night.

Utility operators are expected to counter the council's proposal with a request that their annual license taxes or franchise payments be increased. The councilmen on the ordinance committee indicated informally after the conference that such a procedure might meet with their favor. Probably the water service will arise over a gross earnings tax would be avoided. The revenue, while much lower under an increased license basis, would be received within the next fiscal year.

License or franchise payments paid annually to the city by the utilities at the present time include Portland Gas & Coke company, \$400; Portland General Electric company, \$55; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, \$50; Western Union, \$50; Postal Telegraph, \$50. The Oregon-Whitings Water Service company pays an annual license or franchise fee.

## VEARLERS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES

The two Vearler men, driving another car, bumped into the Lamb car, which knocked back Kennedy, the other night officer, Higgenbotham, appeared on the scene. A fight ensued and the two Vearlers were lodged in jail under \$500 bail.

## PLAN CHARITY GAME

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Herbert D. Gish, director of athletics at the University of Nebraska, tonight announced the Cornhuskers football team will meet the University of Colorado eleven in a charity game in Denver next December 5.

## Holman Denies He's Out For Governor, Senator

Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, yesterday renounced the governorship, the United States senatorship and any offices which may offer. In the same statement in which the Meier appointee definitely declared he sought no further political advancement, he denounced "the subsidized press."

Holman's formal statement was evidently inspired by an article in a Sunday Portland newspaper which declared Mr. Holman had his eye on the governor's office and probably would become a candidate upon the retirement of Governor Meier.

In the same statement Holman declared his firm intention of going on with the treasurer's work. "For me the only incentive to work in the public service is the hope of being of service to the people of my native state in time of great need," Holman declared.

## Campbell to Give Address On Armistice

Judge J. U. Campbell, justice of the state supreme court, has been elected to make the Armistice day address on the program of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion. The addresses will be delivered at the memorial service at the west entrance of the courthouse, the terminus of the parade which will start at 10 o'clock from Marion square.

Sale of the Legion tickets, which will admit the bearer to any of the two-day celebration attractions, will begin this week. Representatives of the oil distributing companies yesterday agreed to have their truck drivers distribute posters advertising the celebration along their routes in Marion and Polk counties.

## COURT'S ACTION IS BLOW TO GANGLAND

### Refuses Review of Younger Capone's Case; AI in About Same Boat

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—(AP)—The supreme court "no" to Ralph Capone's plea that it review his conviction reversed unanimously today through tax-barred gangland.

It was the first case involving the conviction of a notorious gangster for violating income tax laws to come to the highest court. Moving slowly toward the same goal as other similar suits, one of them is the conviction of Ralph's brother, the more notorious "Scarface Al."

## UNION DISTRICT AT AMITY IS FAVORED

AMITY, Nov. 2.—(Special)—A favorable vote on the creation of a union high school district with the high school to be situated in Amity, was cast here and in four of the five adjacent communities today. The count gave the project a majority of 22 in the outlying districts and 136 with the Amity vote included.

The vote in the Grand Island territory was 8 yes, 24 no, this being the one district to vote against consolidation. The vote in Wheatland was a tie, 9 yes and 9 no. Patty went unanimous, 13 yes and 0 no; Fairview 25 yes, 6 no; Hope 25 yes, 6 no.

## Old Pete Weds Again; Says He Doesn't Imbibe

ST. PAUL, Neb., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Grover Cleveland Alexander, who hurled his way to fame in major league baseball, has remarried his wife.

He revealed today they were remarried last June 3 in Rockford, Ill., while he was traveling with the House of David baseball team. Alexander said he had not had a drink of liquor "for a long time."

## COUNCIL VOTES NINE TO THREE FOR SUBMITTAL

### Measure Changed to Allow Aldermen to fix sum Up to \$2,500,000

### Will be \$1,700,000 Only if Wells or Willamette River Favored

A special election to be held in Salem Tuesday, December 15, was agreed upon by the city council by a vote of 9 to 3 Monday night when the aldermen voted decisively to submit the matter of a \$2,500,000 bond issue for the purchase of a water system to the voters of the city. The council by the same ratio authorized the submission at the same election of a preference ballot on which voters are to indicate whether wells, the Willamette river or the North Santiam shall be used to provide water if the system is acquired by the city.

Councilmen votingaye were: Evans, Hendricks, Hughes, Kowitz, Kuhn, Needham, O'Hara, Olson, Patton. Councilmen voting no were: Averett, Dancy and Townsend. Absent were councilmen Vandevort and Wilkinson.

The measure which came up for third reading after being reported out to the council by the ordinance committee was amended in only one respect before the final vote came. Resolving itself into a committee of the whole, the council struck out provisions for an alternate bond issue of \$1,700,000 for well or river water and left the matter entirely to the council in determining the exact amount of the \$2,500,000 authorization of bonds, which will eventually be issued if the proposed charter amendment carries.

## REDUCTION OF OIL RATES PERMITTED

Material freight rate reductions affecting petroleum and petroleum products, as sought by the Southern Pacific company and other rail carriers in the state of Oregon, were authorized in an order prepared last night by C. M. Thomas, public utility commissioner.

The order recedes suspension of the proposed new tariff filed by the railroads, and allows the new rates to become effective as of yesterday. The reductions range from one to 64 per cent, depending upon the point of shipment and assignment, but average approximately 28 per cent.

"It is evident from the facts disclosed," the order read, "that a corresponding reduction should be reflected in the selling price of these commodities and thus permit the public to benefit by these reduced transportation rates."

## Train and Auto Meet, 2 Killed

MARYSVILLE, O., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Robert Barker, 14, and Thomas Randall, 15, were killed when a New York Central passenger train struck their automobile here today. Coroner J. M. Foster said he believed the boys had tried to beat the train to the crossing. The car was driven by the younger boy.