WEATHER

FOUNDED 1851

Robinson, one of Original Officers, is on Stand Most of Tuesday

Defense Contests Evidence Repeatedly but Fails To Keep Much out

DALLAS, April 12—(Special)
—A legal battle which gives indications of extending from ten days to a fortnight was begun here today when taking of testimony began by the state which is prosecuting Frank Keller, Jr., for devising a scheme to defraud as sales counsellor for the Empire Holding corporation.

With Barnett H. Goldstein, spetacking and with Frank Lonergan, chief counsel for Keller, fighting the introduction of evidence on every possible point, a bitter fight loomed before the case goes to the Polk county jury which was se-

lected Monday. The entire day was spent in the examination of George Robinson of Portland, formerly a salesman for the Empire company and temporary president of the United States Holding 'company which was superseded by the Empire organization. Goldstein probed every phase of Robinson's connection with the Empire organization while Lonergan offered repeated objection to introduction of evidence which he held was not directly concerned with the alleged scheme to defraud arranged by Keller.

Wide Latitude is Given Prosecution

In almost every instance of holding to the prosecution's theory that a wide amount of latitude must be allowed the plaintiff in showing the devices Keller is alleged to have used to promote the

Robinson testified at the outset regarding the formation of the United States Holding company in which Jay Stockman, W. R. Adams, Keller and himself participated. He told of the solicitation of Justice Oliver P. Coshow for permanent president of the Empire company and of the judge's acceptance of the position, Robinson recounted how 10-year salary contracts with payments ranging from \$7500 to \$12,000 annually were drawn against his protest. Robinson repeatedly testified

that he was told to tell stockholders that no salaries were to be paid until subsidiary companies to the Empire Holding corporation were organized and operating. Robinson said salary payments started almost concurrently with the time stock selling opened. "Westerner" Stock

Sale Gets Attention A large part of the afternoon testimony was centered around the sale of stock of the Westerner Publishing company which Keller was said by Robinson to have urged sold at \$25 a share to the public. Keller said that this stock could be traded in a year later to the Empire organization for \$50 a share. Letters from Keller to his salesmen were read in which he urged salesmen to use the Westerner as a "lead" for prospects, later securing sales of Empire stock. Robinson said he had sold \$175,000 worth of stock with Jackson county being the center for his most intensive sell-

Robinson, under cross-examination by Lonergan, appeared confused on the exact dates certain contracts were signed by the officers of the corporation. Robinson admitted that sales letters sent out by Keller corresponded closely to the usual type of promotion material sent out in stock selling campaigns.

The witness explained that in the "purchase" of his stock he had transferred no money to the company and had later received night and all equipment has been a \$3000 credit on his \$20,000 brought in under orders from (Turn to page 5, col. 7) Salem. (Turn to page 5, col. 7)

Hoover, Roosevelt Gain More Support In State Primaries

Lead in Illinois and Nebraska Reported and Conventions in Missouri, Florida And Kentucky go Same way

CHICAGO, Apr. 12—(AP)—President Hoover and Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt rode the crest of the electorates favor in early primary election returns today.

In Illinois, scattered precincts in nine congressional districts showed candidates in favor of the president's renomination leading with anti-Hoover candidates ahead in only --- otwo districts.

In Nebraska's presidential pref-

erence vote, the 2 to 1 lead Gov.

Roosevelt established over Speak-

Gov. William H. (Alfalfa Bill)

374 of the state's 2,049 precincts.

The prospects of both Hoover

In Missouri the G. O. P. meet-

by the action of three state con-

slate of 41 delegates for Presi-

Florida pledged nine delegates at

large to the president and dis-

trict meetings gave him four

Kentucky's entire democratic

delegation of 26 was instructed

by the state convention for Gov.

Roosevelt to vote for him as long

as his name is before the Na-

With almost half of the heavy

gubernatorial vote in Illinois tab-

ulated, Len Small of Kankakee,

twice republican governor, led his

nearest rival for the republican

nomination by 50,000 votes. A

Blood-Stained Bedding is

Waved Before Jurors

In Hawaii Trial

HONOLULU, April 12-(AP)

Bloody links in the chain of

the darkened home of Mrs. Gran-

ville Fortescue by the prosecution

today in the trial of the society

matron and three navy men for

Two bed sheets bearing sinister

stains which the prosecution con-

tended was the blood of Kahaha-

wai were unfolded and waved be-

fore the racially mixed jury after

a police officer had testified sim-

ilar linen was missing from a bed

on a bedroom floor, evidence that

the bath room had recently been

scrubbed, a photograph of Kaha-

purse, an automatic pistol and a

steel jacketed bullet were men-

Oregon Dry Law

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12-AP)—Repeal of the Oregon dry

aw would be a severe blow to

the dry cause, Dr. Daniel A. Pol-

ing, chairman of the allied forces

for prohibition, said here tonight.

land for a few hours to address

workers, said repeal of the dry

greater consequence than repeal

Fuel Pit Brink

mercial street, escaped injury yes-

terday evening although his light

sedan, struck by a coupe driven by

E. E. Amsden, 165 North Liberty

street, smashed down a railroad

crossing sign and a portion of

heavy wooden bulkhead in the

Portland General Electric com-pany's hog fuel pit at Trade and

Liberty streets. The sedan came to

stop barely short of rolling over

Amsden's car was but slightly

Deemed Suicide

Noted Scientist

endwise into the pit.

damaged.

law in Oregon would be of

Auto Poises on

Dr. Poling who came to Port-

Would be Blow

A length of rope, blood stains

the killing of a native.

in the home.

in the house. ,

Says Repeal of

tional convention at Chicago.

and Murray 3,828.

dent Hoover.

PRISON WARD FOR

cial prosecutor for the state, at- Plan Incarceration of the Dangerous Patients at State Penitentiary

> At the state board of control meeting Tuesday, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner and James Lewis, superntendents of the state hospital and state penitentiary respectivey, were authorized by Governor Meier to prepare a legislative bill authorizing the construction of a cell block within the penitentiary walls for housing the criminal in-

> This action resulted from the recent stabbing of Lewis by an insane convict, and the escape of two criminal insane patients from the state hospital late Sunday. Dr. Steiner said it was not fair to other patients to treat the criminal insane at the state hospital.

By action of the board of conchallenged testimony, Judge Arlie who figured in an investigation trol, Vernon Levey, former inmate G. Walker ruled with the state, of the institution last year, was refused admittance to the state training school for hovs. Levey now in the Multnomah county jail pending hearing on a charge of automobile theft. Members of the board of control said they understood that Levey desires to return to the boys' school.

Hall E. Hoss, secretary of state in offering the motion denying Levey's return, declared that the school was not a penal institution and facilities were lacking there to take care of "bad boys." Both Governor Meier and Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, supported Hoss' motion.

The board awarded contracts to supply road oils to the state for this year to the Union Oil company at 10.38 cents per gallon.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM TONIGHT

Resplendent in their new red, white and black uniforms, the 36 members of the Salem high school band will tonight demonstrate their musical abilities in concert in the high school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. The tioned by succession of prosecuband is directed by E. R. Derry.

The band will offer a program of varied group numbers, interspersed with instrumental features and spirituals by the Gospel Jubilee radio singers.

Fred Broer, trombone player with the band, has been accepted as solo entrant in the state high school band contest at Corvallis Saturday, it was learned yesterday. The entire band will compete in this contest. A small admission fee will charged tonight to help pay for

HALT ROAD CLEARING

the new uniforms.

TILLAMOOK, Ore., April 12-(AP) - The crew clearing the right-of-way for the new Wilson river cutoff ceased work last

Oregon

Willamina Man Killed Canalization is Urged Forest Fires Resumed Walkathon Under Fire

TRACTOR MANGLES PORTLAND, Ore., April 12—
(AP)—J. R. Varwarski, 30, of Willamina, Ore., died in a Portland hospital tonight from injuries received cartier in the day when he fell into the wheels of a tractor at Willamina. Varwarski's legs were so bad-ly mangled that physicians am-putated them in an effort to save his life.

ALBANY HAS HEARING ALBANY, Ore., April 12—(AP) A hearing on the proposed canligation of the Willamette river

sources of eastern Linn county might be developed if cheaper transportation of ores were pos-

BEND AREA FIRST BEND, Ore., April 12-(AP) Ten acres of timber in the lower Metolius river country were burned today by the first forest fire of the season.

A forest service crew from Sisters trenched the fire after a hard

WARRANT IS ISSUED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12 -(AP)-A warrant for the arrest was held today by Major Robert (AP)—A warrant for the arrest Goetz, district war department of William Elisberg, promoter of Goetz, district war department of William Emisters, promoter of the engineer.

H. C. Morris, president of the H. C. Morris, president of the Albary Door company, told Major Goets that there is enough standing timber on federal land alone in gitting the canalization. He suggested also that mineral re
Heave the post No. 81. Veterans of Foreign at the ternationally for his work on terestal amuse ternationally for his work on terestal amuse, the deat Johnny Garvey, 129, of Los hate, the state, it was repetted last night, but the total amuse ternationally for his work on terestal amuse, the deat Johnny Garvey, 129, of Los hate, the beat Johnny Garvey, 129, of Los hate, the transitine east, it was repetted last hight, but the lawn down are large for the other scand muse ternationally for his work on termationally for his wo

The Oregon

Assurance of big Traffic On Willamette Given **Army Engineers**

Needed Terminals Also to Be Forthcoming, say Local Speakers

A six-foot depth of water as a minimum in the stream and in the canals, and lock dimensions of er John N. Garner of Texas and 56 feet in width and 400 feet in length were the demands Tues-Murray of Oklahoma was widen- day of the citizens of Salem and ing on the basis of returns from vicinity attending a hearing before Major Oscar O. Kuentz, who Unofficial tabulations gave as army engineer is in charge of Roosevelt 16,752; Garner 4,930 rivers and harbors work in the Portland district. Testimony was introduced as to the volume of and Roosevelt were strengthened tonnage which could be expected with an open river the year round. Manufacturers, hopgrowers, fruit shippers, lumber mill and logging operators offered evidence or exing instructed the state's entire pressed opinions as to the value and nature of the improvements The republican convention of needed on the river.

In attendance at the meeting were people from Portland to Eugene. Another hearing was held n the afternoon at Albany. Besides the subject of river navigation the engineers heard appeals from farmers for protection of their lands from stream cutting. Government work in building wing dams in the wrong places or in abandoning the dams after they were built was blamed for much of the damage that has been done to farm lands in the vicinity of Weston and along the river above Harrisburg.

sweeping victory for him was Federal Engineer Party Visits Here

The party of government men present included Major Kuentz, Lieut. E. P. Lock, Lieut. Newcomer, and assistant engineers IN FORTESCUE CASE Allen Darr, A. B. Thomson, H. M. Rands. R. H. Kipp of Portland, advocate of development of in-Allen Darr, A. B. Thomson, H. M. land waterways, and E. G. Harlan, secretary of Eugène chamber of commerce were in attendance.

Senator Chas. K. Spaulding launched the discussion for the Salem people. From an experience of over 40 years in moving logs and lumber on the river Spaulding told what he thought the needs were. He urged the canalcircumstantial evidence beginning izing of the river with locks 400 with the finding of Joseph Kahahawai's body were trailed into ment of rafts and barges. His rec-(Turn to page 5, col. 3)

TRAFFIC CHECKUP IS STARTED AGAIN

hecking up on automobile hawai taken from a woman's motorists were ordered to appear in municipal court to answer to a tion witnesses as their findings chines with defective brakes.

to this charge and were fined \$1 .-00 each. They were: R. Rowland of Aumsville and Ray Blanton,

Others arrested were: W. S. Sedore, 2010 North Commercial street; George Dailey, 860 Trade street; A. M. Brown, 1710 North Capitol street; Bruce Fox, route three; Dallis S. McCarrol, 2590 Maple avenue; E. S. Porter, Silverton star route, and A. M. Pritchard. 554 North Liberty street.

Taxicab Men of mass meeting of prohibition High Type Now

in New York because Oregon has NEW YORK, April 12—(AP)

—A noticeable improvement in been recognized as a dry state while New York never was dry.' the manipulation of taxicabs in recent months was credited today by license bureau officials to the fact many doctors, lawyers and merchants are now driving cabs. After Collision "A more intelligent type of chauffeur has come into the field." it was explained. O. E. Rowe, 201 South Com-

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12-AP)-Fred Lenhart of Spokane scored a decision over George Gilstrap of St. Marie's, Idaho, in a six round fight here tonight. Gilstrap was in front during the first four rounds but faded rapidly in the last two. He weighed a vote can be taken. 172, Lenbart, 179.

Neil Kilbane, 159, of Tacoma, and Red Barber, 160, of Seattle, fought six rounds to a draw. Both scored knockdowns.

WASHINGTON, April 12 — (AP)—Louis A. Bauer, known in- (AP)—Louis A. Bauer, known in-

Slated to Wed Ex-Millionaire



Miss Dorothy McCormick, 25, opera singer, is to wed Eugene V. Brewster, former millionaire magazine publisher whom she has been assisting financially in his literary efforts recently. This was disclosed in connection with a robbery of jewels at Miss McCormick's home in Los Augeles this week.

Willamette Professor Gets Special Recognition in International law

A signal honor has come to Willamette university through Dr. R. M. Gatke, professor of government at the university, who has been selected as one of 50 outstanding professors of international law in the United States feet long and from 55 to 60 feet who will have expenses paid to in width to accommodate move- attend a special five-weeks summer session at the University of Michigan Carnegie school for international peace.

The Carnegie foundation has voted a large sum of money which will carry on the school. Five of the most capable scholars available will be instructors for the group of 50 who will attend. Dr. Gatke is one of the few from the Pacific coast region who will go to the session. His work at Willamette univer-

Taking advantage of the dry sity in teaching government has weather, city traffic officers yes- been outstanding and many of his terday started a campaign of previous and present students have long affirmed his thorough brakes. The result was that eight understanding of his subject and his scholarly manner of pedagogy. The work he will receive there charge of operating their ma- will be of immense value to him in his teaching work at Willam-Two motorists pleaded guilty ette university and in his political research work.

Soldiers' Home Contract Given St. Louis Firm

WASHINGTON, April 12 day awarded the contract for home at Roseburg, Oregon, to company of St. Louis. The company bid \$663,000.

The building will house 150 hospital and 350 domiciliary

March Brothers will start work at Roseburg Monday, April 18.

Vote Upon Beer Tax Favored by More of Solons

WASHINGTON, April 12 day expressed a desire to vote on board, meeting in regular ses-whether the manufacture and sion at the high school last night, taxing of 2.75 per cent beer is laid their 1932-33 budget on the

They signed a petition to take away from the house ways and means committee and bring to the floor the O'Connor-Hull beer bill. Sixty five more signatures will have to be obtained before

Vets Find Their

Knights Templars to Elect Today as Final Event Of Sessions Here

Council: Noted Guests Here for Meeting

A busy day for the York Rite bodies in session in Salem was concluded Tuesday with a brilliant parade of Knights Templars dressed i nthe showy uniforms of dark suits, brass buttons, and white plumed hats, and led by a 30 piece band from the Portland delegation. The Portland Templars, 100 in number, accompanied by their wives and the band, arrived Tuesday night by special train. The night concluded with the colorful and impressively formal Knights Templars ball at the Marion hotel.

The Tuesday session concluded the meeting of the grand council. At this time officers were elected in addition to other matters of business and resulted in Albert H. Haffenden of Portland being elected grand master of the grand council of the Royal and Select Masons of Oregon, Hafenden succeeds Edmund P. Lewis of Marshfield.

Grand Council Ends Sessions Tuesday

Fortland was elected chaplain. nonor of the visiting lodgemen. Other officers installed Tueslay included:

John B. Easter, Portland, devalus, grand recorder Ernest P. Rands, Oregon City, G. C. of guard; George T. Cochran, La Grande, G. C. of council; Stowell A. Dawson, Albany, grand marshall; D. Bruce Stuart of Corvallis, grand steward; Andy P. Davis, Marshfield, grand sentinel.

The initial sessions of the fortysixth annual conclave of the grand commandery, Knights Templars, opened Tuesday afternoon with Norman L. Crout, grand commander of Portland, giving the principal address.

Following the address knights marched to the First Methodist Episcopal church, where (Turn to page 5, col. 8)

PLANT FOR STATE

An advertisement for bids for the construction of a stateowned power plant of sufficient capacity to provide electrical energy for 13 state buildings and institutions located in the vicinity of Salem, was approved by the state board of control late yesterday.

The action of the board was ased on the recommendation of a report submitted by an investigating committee composed of W. E. Burke, Sherwood; J. W. Mc-Arthur, Eugene, and W. H. Mc-Guire, McMinnville. The committee alleged in its report that the state power plant was not only practical but desirable at the present time.

Three sets of bids will be received. One will have to do with the buildings necessary to house AP)-The Veterans bureau to- the plant, while the second will cover all equipment. The third construction of the new soldiers bid will deal with distribution. It was estimated that the proposed the March Brothers Construction plant would cost approximately \$150,000. Under the plan outlined by the committee the plant would be constructed at the state penitentiary, and would be operated with convict labor.

Troop Train Is Blown Up Near Harbin DATES D

TOKYO, April 13—(Wednesday)— (AP)— Dispatches from Harbin, Manchuria, today said 11 Japanese soldiers were killed and 50 or more were injured when a troop train was wrecked on the Chinese Eastern railway, 17 kilometers east of Harbin, last night A dispatch to the newspaper Nichi Nich said the train, carrying the rear guard of General Jiro Tamon's division, was blown up. It said 93 Japanese soldiers Haffenden new Head, Grand were injured, while the Rengo news agency reported that 50

were hurt. The troops were returning to Harbin from a campaign against Chinese rebels around Fangcheng. It appeared that unidentified persons placed explosives on the track. The train was derailed. rolled down a 20-foot embankment and was partially burned, the dispatches said.

Nearly 200 at Northwest Sessions: Keynote is Struck by Leader

Nearly 200 delegates representing 50 Nazarene churches in western Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, were registered here last night for the opening home by upset political situations session of the North Pacific district assembly of the church of Will Take Plane George Walter Holcomb of the Nazarene. The annual meet- For South Today ing will close Sunday night, all The session of the grand council sessions being held in the local

Welcome to the delegates was extended at the Tuesday night Portland on Monday night and session bp Rev. Fletcher Gallow- put his democratic hosts utterly puty grand master; Lloyd L. ay, pastor of the host church, at a loss all day Tuesday as to Scott, Portland, G. P. C. of work; Douglas McKay, president of the his whereabouts. He left the Lin-J. H. Richmond of Portland, chamber of commerce and Rev coln high school auditorium in a grand treasurer; M. Edwin Wood- W. Earl Cochran, president of the taxicab Monday night and went to Salem ministerial association and their hotel after telling Calvary Baptist church.

Responding for the assembly was Dr. J. E. Bates of Portland. district superintendent. Keynote of the conference was contained in the address of Dr. H. F. Reynolds of Kansas City, one of the general superintendents of

the church who will be here throughout the assembly, and who will preside at the business "There is nothing little if God is in it," Dr. Reynolds declared He stressed the point that the objective of the Church of the Naz- train going east. arene is outside itself, and that it might be summed up in that sig-

nificant word found in the scrip-

tures, "others." He complimented

Returned Missionary Will Speak Tonight Another main conference speaker will be Rev. George W. Franklin, returned missionary from Kishorganj, India, who will give his opening address tonight at 7:-30 o'clock, when services will be (Turn to page 5, col. 7)

Candidates Will Be Asked About Platform Stand

County candidates asked to state where they stand with respect to the platform ing anyone so his arrival could be adopted by the republican convention of the county at a meeting to the "enemy." called by the taxpayers' league next Saturday afternoon at the court house. The meeting will start at 1:30, stated Henry Zorn,

president. The county platform took a strong stand for tax reduction, and candidates will be asked to state their attitude toward these planks, also on the proposal for resubmission of the prohibition amendment. This action of the taxpayers' organization will give the candidates a chance to go on record. Whether they will appear and make their positions clear will be developed Saturday.

School Budget to Await **Tuition Tax Suit Result**

(AP)—Eighty house members to members of the Salem school table and postponed awarding of contracts to teachers. They also voted to instruct their attorney, Buy O. Smith, to look out for the interests of district No. 24 in Reasons for this action were

that if the law requiring nonhigh school districts to pay tuits Find Their tion to neighboring high school districts is thrown out, district No. 24 will be without the present \$40,000 a year from this fund and lose some 500 secon-

Because of the impending two of them residing in district court trial on the constitutional- No. 24, be permitted to attend ity of the high school tuition law, Salem high school part time next fall. Superintendent George W. Hug was directed to inform Superintendent Dry that the high school has no facilities for blind students. It was pointed out that the school already is

When Director Mrs. Roy 8. Keene asked if it would be possible this year to expend about \$250 in putting a lawn in front of the Lincoln grade school Chairman Dr. H. H. Olinger objected. He said he was not in favor of such a move when taxpayers were already objecting to ex-

Mrs. Keene, however, backed PORTLAND, Ore., April 12— dary students unless they elect up by Director F. E. Neer, point-themselves to pay the tuition. ed to the improved appearance post No. 81. Veterans of Foreign Many school districts over the

No. 32

Missing Since Monday Night He Turns up in Idahe: Passes up Talks

Takes Airplane Early Today To get Home, Surprise His Foemen There

Certainly one never knows what day will bring forth!

Today when Salem citizens were preparing to flock en masse to Fraternal Hall to see and hear what manner of man "Alfalfa Bill" Murray of Oklahoma really was, that distinguished almostguest is airplane bound for the native heath after leaving the train in Denver early this morn-

Governor Murray's whereabouts came to light late Tuesday night after Portland democrats for more than 12 hours had been as baffled by the governor's disappearance as though he had been taken by kidnapers. The governor was located on the Portland Rose at Pocatello, Idaho.

While refusing to issue a formal statement the governor's secretary, Ed McDonald, indicated that "A'salfa Bill" was called in his own state.

Murray will take an airplane as soon as possible this morning in closed at noon with a luncheon in church at 13th and Center Denver in order to reach home

The governor disappeared in hosts to meet them at the Union station where Murray was to take a train to Klamath Falls to meet a 10 a. m. speaking engagement

Tuesday. The democrats went to the staion but Murray did not appear. Nor did he appear at Klamath Falls or Roseburg and Eugene where he was to speak later in the day. Unknown to any of his hosts, Murray and his secretary evidently determined hurriedly and without leaving word with

anyone, to catch the 11 o'clock Lieutenant Said Planning Shakeup The reason for Murray's sudden change of plans and his com-Salem on its beauty and its hos- plete failure to disclose them pre-

sumably lies in the news he had received from Oklahoma City where Lieutenant Governor Robert Burns had called on Murray's cousin, Lieutenant Colonel Cicero Murray, to report why certain companies in which he was interested had allegedly produced more oil than was their "quota" right. The lieutenant-governor is re-

ported to have hinted at a "possible shakeup" while the governor was out of the state. From "Alfalfa Bill's" statements while in Portland it appeared evident last night that he feared some political coup in Oklahoma while he was gone and evidently determined to hurry home without tellaccomplished without news going

Wide Rift Over Economy Policy Now Appearing

WASHINGTON, April 12 -AP)-A wide difference of opinion on how best to secure enactment of a big non-partisan retrenchment program to help balance the budget crew today between President Hoover and the

house economy committee. The president invited the group to meet with him again tomorrow at the White House and included in his letter to Chairman McDuffle a suggestion that the entire economy program be emodied in a single bill.

McDuffle, however, was held out for submitting the program in three bills, one for legislative changes, another to reduce appropriations and a third to conlidate activities.

Jessee, Once of P. U. Coach at Trinity College

HARTFORD, Conn., April 12-(AP)—Daniel E. Jessee, gradu-ate student at Columbia university and former major league haseball player, was appointed head football coach at Trinity

college today. Jessee played for the Cleveland Americans three seasons and also has been with Pacific coast