

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, April 16, 1932 No. 351

## PLEDGES GIVEN IN STOCK SALE ARE DESCRIBED

Parade of Empire Customer  
Witnesses Continues in  
Frank Keller Trial

Case Adjudged Until Next  
Monday; 25 Persons are  
Questioned to Date

DALLAS, April 15.—(Special)—The state will resume its parade of witnesses in the case against Frank Keller, Jr., Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The court adjourned until that time after a lengthy session today.

So far the state has presented 25 witnesses who have all testified about the sales methods of the Empire Holding corporation and the claims and statements made by salesmen and officers of this concern. The testimony is practically the same except for the amount the witness paid to the concern and is grouped for the most part around statements made that the officers of the company had each subscribed for or had paid for \$20,000 worth of stock, that the money for the most part was to be deposited or used to purchase securities which would be deposited with the state, and that no salaries would be paid to the officers of the corporation until the subsidiary companies had been formed and were earning enough to pay such salaries.

## Aided Lindy in Futile Effort



Upper photo is Dr. John F. Condon, lecturer at Fordham university, New York, whose negotiations through newspaper advertising led to the meeting between Colonel Lindbergh and persons purporting to be the kidnapers of his child. The colonel paid \$50,000 ransoms on promise that the baby would be returned, but the kidnapers failed to keep their bargain. Lower photo is Al Reich, ex-prizefighter, who is said to have been a member of the Lindbergh party at the conference when the money was paid.

## HOPEFUL WORD OF LINDY BABY GIVEN

Norfolk Group Says Infant  
Well; "Jafsie" Still  
Working on Case

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 15.—(AP)—A belief the kidnaped Lindbergh baby is alive and well was expressed today by three intermediaries as a fourth sought secretly to re-establish contact with the abductors.

"To the best of our belief, from information furnished us, the child is alive and well," Dean H. Dobson-Peacock of Norfolk, Va., announced on behalf of himself and two associates.

It was all they would add to an earlier statement that the other two, John H. Curtis and Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired, had held four conferences with Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

The southern trio has stoutly affirmed from the first their belief the persons with whom they

## CONSOLIDATING OREGON HIGHER SCHOOLS ASKED

Initiative Petition to be  
Drafted, Vote on Issue  
Next Fall Sought

Candidates to be Queried;  
Only Two Appear for  
Friday Meeting

Consolidation of the University of Oregon and the Oregon State Agricultural college into one institution is to be sought by initiative measures submitted to voters in November if plans are set upon here yesterday by the Marion County Tax Reduction and Equalization league as completed. The executive committee of the league yesterday authorized the appointment of a committee to frame initiative measures on the ballot next fall and to circulate petitions to get the requisite number of voters' names necessary to place the measure on the ballot.

The executive committee declared that it would not commit the league to the platforms of either the republican or the democratic parties but would keep the organization, organized primarily for tax reform, independent of partisan politics.

All candidates for office in Marion county will be questioned on their specific stands on questions of interest to the league in a questionnaire to be sent out this week by J. H. Stevens, secretary. Question About Own Salary is Stricken.

The committee decided to strike out from the questions submitted one which asked the candidates to state whether they would favor a reduction of ten per cent in their own salaries. League members took the view that a promise from a candidate would violate the corrupt act.

## STATE CHAMBER TO RESUME ACTIVITIES

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—Directors of the Oregon state chamber of commerce decided at a meeting here today to re-establish the chamber's activities both in the Portland and Los Angeles offices.

The chamber's activities had been suspended temporarily, although the Portland chamber had maintained the state chamber's branch office in Los Angeles during the time.

## 'No-Belt' Order Grave Problem To L. A. Police

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—(AP)—The "no belt" order for Los Angeles policemen may prompt unhindered muscular action and efficient pistol-drawing, but it creates a grave personal problem.

The reason is that suspenders, calluses, ties, braces and check reins have been barred heretofore. Thus, with the order today for strict enforcement of the new rule, coming from the chief's office, the force was left in a quandary as to how to hold up its pants.

## Rebels Against Parental Wish

When beautiful Virginia Willys, daughter of the auto magnate, married Luis de Aguirre, a Latin-American, she did so in defiance of her father's wishes. Now she is seeking her freedom in Paris, and when she gets it she is to wed a wealthy Mexican, D. Lanza, again in defiance of dad's wishes. John N. Willys is the U. S. Ambassador to Poland.

## NEED OF ROOM FOR POPULATION SHOWN

Plenty of Space in World  
But Much is Shut off  
Laughlin Asserts

Sketching the population and resulting social problems of nations world wide, Dr. S. B. Laughlin, professor of economics and sociology at Willamette university, last night pointed out that room for the surplus millions of people in crowded countries exists but probably will not be used. He was the main speaker at the Friday night forum of the local chapter, International Labor Defense, held in Union hall.

Dr. Laughlin held that in the British empire alone, is unused territory enough, notably in Australia and India, for the overflow of Japanese and Indians. Russia, he thought, could well be a source of employment for skilled technicians of crowded Germany.

## COAL STRIKE RIOT CAUSES ONE DEATH

CADIZ, O., April 15.—(AP)—Despite the presence of Ohio National Guards, another life was lost today as disorders flared in the eastern Ohio bituminous coal field, scene of numerous strikes.

The body of Carl Naygren, 45, was found in a ditch several hours after a crowd of 200 men attacked and worked on a mine on the Harno creek mine near here, beat them severely and slashed the tires of their automobile.

## DARROW'S ILLNESS HALTS DEATH CASE

HONOLULU, April 15.—(AP)—To force the defense to reveal immediately just which one of the four accused persons would plead insanity and admit killing Joseph Kahahawai was made by the prosecution today as the trial came to a temporary halt because of the illness of Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer.

## SLAYING OF FOSTER MOTHER CONFESSED

BAKER, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—Clarence Woolery, 14, admitted today to police, he said, that he shot and killed Mrs. Frank Gerlock, 50, his foster mother, while she sat at the dinner table in her ranch home Wednesday night. Woolery was captured near here last night.

## VETERANS CALLED TO OPPOSE BONUS

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—House leaders today adopted the strategy of pitting veterans against veterans as advocates of the \$2,400,000,000 cash payment of the soldiers bonus jubilated over the news that Representative Bankhead of Alabama, one of the democratic chiefs, may support the legislation.

Among the first of the opposition witnesses to be called before the ways and means committee when bonus advocates close their case next week will be Representative Royal Johnson (R., S. D.), Johnson enlisted as a private, won a commission and decorations before the armistice. He served for years as chairman of the house veterans committee.

## SIGNS PUT OUT SHOW BLOSSOM JAUNT'S ROUTE

Good Weather Only Factor  
In Plans for day not  
Yet Attended to

Biggest Pilgrimage to see  
Orchards in History of  
Event is Forecast

Final plans have been completed and all that remains for Salem Cherrians' 1932 Blossom Day to be a perfect event is the benign approval of the man at the weather controls.

Signs which will plainly direct the large crowd over the Blossom route, this year identical with last year, were placed into yesterday by King Bing Hixson and assistants. A large red arrow and the words Blossom Day route is contained on the placards.

State grounds will be open again this year for all who wish to view the beauty of shrubs and flowers there. Those who do not have their own cars or the enjoyment of a friend will need not stay away from the beauty that the trees in the hill lands hold, for members of the Cherrians will provide transportation from 9 to 3 o'clock for all who come to the chamber of commerce on North Liberty street for that purpose. Cherrians Snapped In New Uniforms.

Prominent Cherrians journeyed yesterday and tarried under the trees in one place long enough to have pictures taken. In the group was King Bing Hixson, Captain Carl D. Gabrielson, Drum Major Tiny McNamara, A. A. Gueffroy, Howard Hulse, Hal D. Patton, George C. Will, C. E. Wilson and Earl Dase.

## TENEMENT BLAZE TAKES FOUR LIVES

NEW YORK, Apr. 16.—(AP)—Four persons were burned to death and two children seriously injured in a fire that swept a four-story tenement house in Bronx shortly after midnight this morning.

The bodies, so badly charred no immediate identification could be made were found on the stairway at the third floor. Apparently they were members of a single family.

## Pair Injured in Crash Improving

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Nelson, injured in an automobile accident south of here Thursday night, last night were getting along well, considering their injuries, hospital attendants reported. Their condition was said no longer critical.

Mr. Nelson suffered skull and arm fractures.

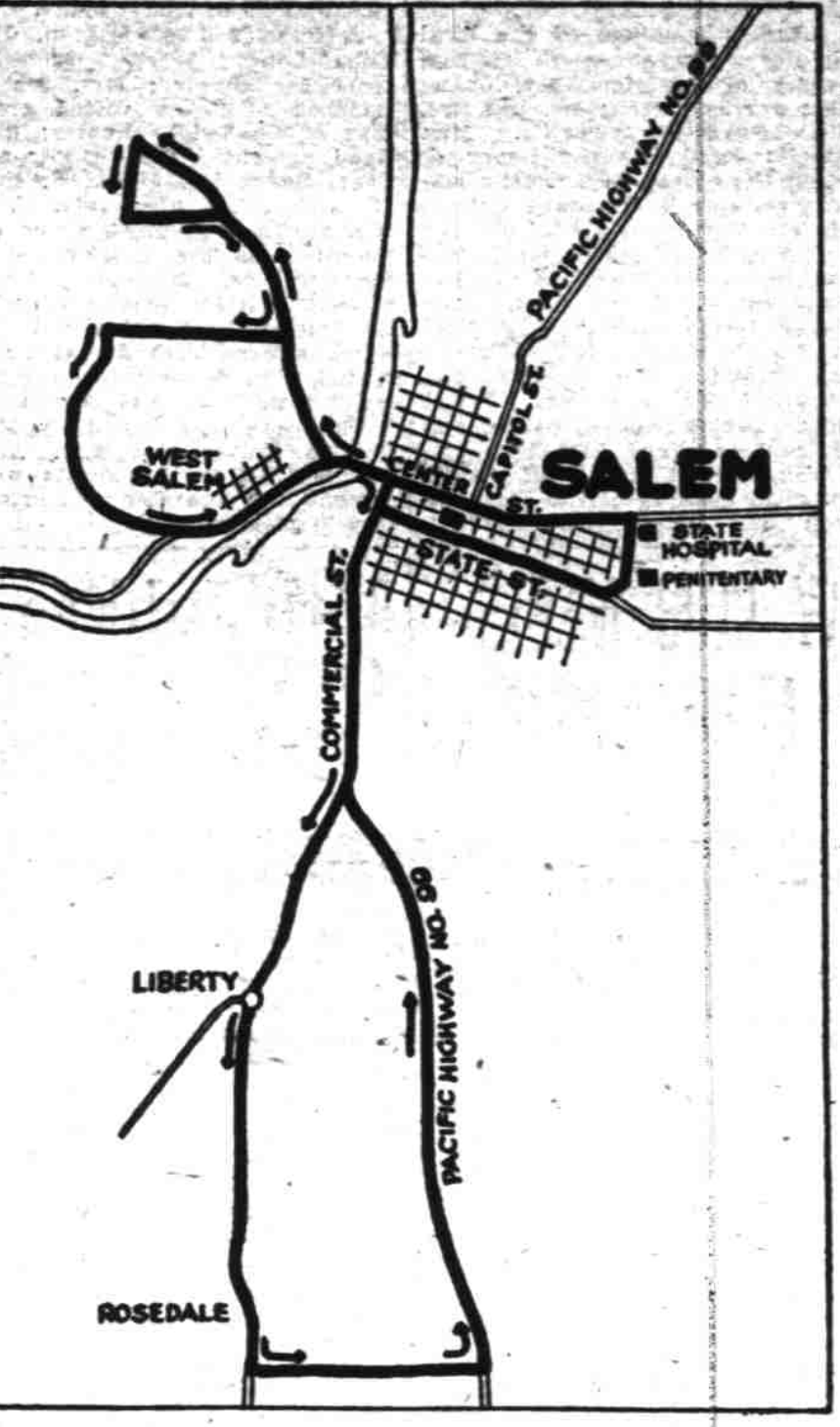
## Nurses' Home Robbery Is Confessed by Youth

In the person of Kendall Lucas, 18-year old youth whom city police arrested last Wednesday for investigation, the officers are certain they have the burglar who last Saturday entered the nurses residence of Salem general hospital and stole two diamond rings, two pearls containing \$2,000.

## Special Tax at Aurora Passed

AURORA, April 15.—The special election held Thursday by order of the city council to vote upon a tax levy not to exceed \$800 for the purchase of a force pump to add to the equipment of the fire department, carried by a majority of 25 to 14. Only 49 people went to the polls to decide whether a tax increase should be placed upon all property in Aurora.

## Follow Signs on This Route if You Want to See Best Blossoms



## ENTHUSIASM SEEN AT CAMP BANQUET

Large Group at Meeting to  
Build up Interest for  
Oceanside Jaunt

Fifty-two boys waxed enthusiastic over past and coming Y. M. C. C. camps at the campers' banquet held at the Y last night. In the group were Charles Crumley, Oregon State college Y secretary, who will be a leader at the coming summer's camp at Oceanside, and eight Corvallis boys.

## JAPANESE NOT TO ATTEND SESSIONS

TOKYO, Apr. 16.—(Saturday)—(AP)—The Japanese government today instructed its Geneva delegation not to attend sessions of the League of Nations assembly committee of nineteen appointed in China, with the Japanese conflict.

The League assembly appointed the committee of nineteen after it had approved a three-point program for peaceful settlement of the conflict at its meeting a month ago.

These three points were a declaration that agreements reached by military pressure would not be recognized, an assertion upholding China's thesis that the assembly was competent to deal with the entire far eastern question, and provision for supervising peace-making problems through the committee of sixteen.

## AUCKLAND RIOT FLARES AGAIN, MANY INJURED

150 Hurt, 300 Arrested as  
Men and Women Fight  
With Fists, Rocks

Church Damaged in Fire set  
By Marauders; Help to  
Be Sent Into City

AUCKLAND, N. Z., April 15.—(AP)—There was pandemonium tonight in the streets of Auckland. The embattled unemployed who fought off the police yesterday stormed through the streets again, looting stores and defying the forces of order.

The trouble began yesterday with a parade of civil employes protesting against pay cuts. After order had been restored tonight a check-up showed a casualty of more than 150 for the rioters. More than 20 police had been hurt, almost 300 rioters were under arrest and property damage was estimated at more than \$500,000.

## NO DRIVERS FIGURE IN UNUSUAL CRASH

A rear-end automobile collision that resulted in the struck car crashing through a plate glass window yesterday afternoon was one accident without any drivers involved. Neither car contained any occupants.

## FRANCE AND U. S. Nearer In Disarmament Policies

PARIS, April 15.—(AP)—Definite progress toward the elimination of differences in the disarmament views of the United States and France was reported today after Secretary of State Stimson and Premier Andre Tardieu met at the foreign offices.

## Elderly Admirer Held For Death Of Young Woman

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Opal Brink, 57, died here late today from an abdominal pistol wound said by police to have been inflicted by T. H. Ramsauer, 49, her admirer.

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