

REGISTER AT ONCE

Registration for the primary election of May 20 closes Tuesday, April 19. If not registered do so at once so you may vote.

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WEATHER

Fair today, Monday unsettled with rain; Max. Temp. Saturday 50, Min. 44, river 4.3 feet, rain .14 inch, S. W. wind.

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GETTING NAMES ON POLL BOOKS BIG ISSUE NOW

Registration Ends Tuesday And Voters Rushing to Meet Requirement

Wet Stand Taken by County G. O. P. Convention Gets Many Repercussions

By SHELDON F. SACKETT
Two weeks ago the candidates were hurrying, eager that their declarations reach proper officials before the zero hour for filing arrived. Now the voters, kings for a day next May 20, are doing their bit of hurrying lest 5 o'clock, Tuesday, April 19 find them unregistered and thus deprived of their vote at the primary elections.

Registration requirements have been made more stringent in recent years. Swearing in is taboo and now registration is required if the voter has not exercised his or her franchise within the two year period preceding the election where one seeks to vote.

Extra help has been secured at the office of U. G. Boyer, county clerk of Marion county, to handle the rush expected tomorrow and Tuesday while deputies in various parts of the county will also register voters.

Crowds filling in to register names Saturday saw a continuous stream of men and women going to the courthouse offices here to register. County Clerk Boyer estimated that the registration today was the largest since the main event of a month from now will have been completed.

As soon as Tuesday is past, Boyer will determine how many ballots will be needed, election notices will be posted and all preliminary matters before the main event of a month from now will have been completed.

The week now past was devoid of outstanding developments in politics, county or state. The candidates were busy as an energetic farmer sowing his seed, but their movements were quiet, no political cannon crackers were exploded and the public was scarcely informed a political race was on.

Much discussion of G. O. P. plans were heard.

An aftermath of discussion followed the republican party's platform adopted a week ago Saturday. In general party leaders disapproved the platform saying the prohibition referendum, question had no place in it and holding that the formation of a platform of any kind was of little value and of much embarrassment. A number of the delegates at the convention declared the meeting had been "packed" with hop growers and others opposed to prohibition who came early and stayed late to vote the referendum plank forced through. It also came to light that Hal D. Patton, convention chairman, knew the referendum plank was pending, saw to it that Louis Laemmle and Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, avowedly "wet" were named on the committee and then gave the tying vote to another anti-prohibitionist, Fred J. Schwab of Mt. Angel.

Several church groups came out in resolutions of protest during the week against the party's action. The Jansen Lee Brotherhood went further and decided that every candidate from this county would be probed on his stand on prohibition in a manner which would not permit evasion and which would put each man and woman seeking office on record. Mark Wilbur, Dr. Lloyd Hockett and H. D. Watson are members of the committee which will prepare the put-up-on-the-spot questionnaire to be sent out early this week.

Tax League Keeps Away From Issue

The Marion County Tax Reduction and Equalization league sidled away from the republican party platform and its dangerous or supposed dangerous plank on a prohibition referendum. Instead the tax league declared through its executive committee Friday that it would remain a strictly non-partisan organization, devoting all its energies to the matter of lower government costs and thus lower taxes.

The league did reaffirm its prior decision to poll all candidates, seeking to know their exact stand on matters of economy and tax reduction. The value of the questionnaire seems small to the casual observer for all-candidates in all years are for tax reduction and economy. For a candidate to announce any other platform would be political suicide, especially with a special league organized to defeat anyone who smacks of exhibiting any anti-Scott financial policy. The questionnaire on prohibition is not so readily answered by a candidate for here the issue is sharply divided and whichever way a candidate elects to answer he will find opposition and plenty of it.

As the week closed the recurrent matter of higher education's part in the scheme politic came to view. First there was the tax league's announcement that the

Retrenchment Issue Facing City Fathers At Monday's Session

Closing Three Fire Stations, pay Reduction For Firemen to be Considered; Probe Of Fines may be Reported on

SALEM'S city council, seeking to avoid added warrant indebtedness for 1932, will be face to face Monday night with the problem of retrenchment. Chief among the proposals pending is the closing of the south, north and east Salem fire stations, an action suggested in a motion at the class council meeting by Alderman Chris J. Kowitz. The matter comes out of committee tomorrow night, presumably with a favorable report.

At the same meeting the council will vote on 10 per cent pay reduction for all firemen. Proposed a fortnight ago by W. H. Dancy, chairman of the fire department committee in the council, Dancy will oppose strenuously the closing of any of the three outlying fire stations. His salary cut move is thought to be a measure designed to meet and overcome demands for the reduction of the department.

Another matter involving the fire department is that of civil service for all firemen, a bill for which is now held in committee and may be reported out Monday night. The measure is modeled after the civil service provisions for Portland's civil employees.

Certain councilmen, bent on obtaining more miscellaneous revenue for the city's coffers, have been investigating receipts from fines over a recent period. It is their opinion that a number of instances where fines are levied for traffic violations or other misdemeanors, collection of the money is not made. The councilmen expect to report their investigations to the city aldermen and to demand and secure better collection of fines in the recorder's offices.

SILVERTON TAKES CLASS BAND TITLE

Tops B. Section; Salem Is Eighth in Contest of Larger Schools

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 16—(AP)—Jefferson high school of Portland won the class B section band championship here today. Eight class A bands participated in the contest.

La Grande's band, led by W. W. Nussbaum, placed second with Corvallis third and Klamath Falls fourth. Albany, last year's champion, had been expected to finish well in front this year but had to be content with fifth place. Eugene, Medford and Salem placed sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively.

Hill Military academy of Portland won the class C championship, Irrigon placed second, Seaside girls' band, third, Beaverton, fourth, Hood River and Estacada tied for fifth.

The Silverton band, conducted by Hal L. Campbell, won the second and Gresham, last year's winner, was third. West Linn placed fourth and Marshfield and Bend tied for fifth place.

More Prejudice Claims Offered
Affidavits of prejudice and request for a new trial judge were filed here Saturday against Judge L. H. McMahon by J. E. Winegar of Independence, defendant along with A. F. Courter and the John Deere Plow Co. in an action brought by W. T. Krause, Winegar says McMahon is prejudiced and since the case is not one of fact for a jury to decide but one alone for the court, he believes a new trial judge should be appointed. Representing Winegar is Oscar Hayler of Dallas.

Veteran of Six Wars on Way to Sign Up for More

Veteran of six wars, and hungry for more fighting service. That was Captain Albert Wood, who stopped at police headquarters yesterday, enroute to Seattle where he will, he said, embark for China and naval service under the Kuo Min Tang, nationalist party.

The soldier of fortune is one of 12 who recently were enlisted by Kuo Min Tang representatives in New York City, he told a bystander. He went to San Francisco but missed his boat and so headed north to catch the next steamer sailing for the orient and his wars.

"Bert" Wood went to France in 1915 to serve in a world war ambulance corps, was his story. There he enlisted with other Americans in the famous Lafayette escadrille of fliers. When the United States entered the war, he changed service and worked up to the rank of major.

After the armistice, still thirsty for battle, he fought in the Polish-Russian fracas in the Maroccan "Riff" skirmishes and later

FOUR DROWNED AS HEAVY SEA SWAMPS BOAT

Portland Party at Nehalem Figures in Tragedy; one Body is Recovered

One Boat Makes way Back To Land After Drift Seward Started

WHEELER, Ore., April 16—(AP)—Four Portland residents were drowned today when heavy seas swamped their rowboat at the mouth of Nehalem bay.

The dead: John T. O'Kief, Jr., 42, Mrs. Spencer Greatwood, 28, Marjorie Sporn, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sporn, Frederick Greatwood.

Only Mrs. Greatwood's body had been found late today. She had removed her clothing and apparently had swum nearly a mile through the waves before she became exhausted. Her body was found by coast guardsmen who continued to patrol the beach in a search for other bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Kief, their daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Greatwood, and Greatwood's father, Frederick Greatwood, and Miss Sporn, were spending a few days at Rockaway. Early today they rented two rowboats to go crab fishing. Alex Steenson, owner of the boats, warned them against the ebbing tide and rough seas.

One Boat Loughed Away Both boats soon began drifting seaward but Spencer Greatwood managed to land his boat with Mrs. O'Kief and Ruth O'Kief on the rocks of the south jetty. The other boat drifted past the jetty and was swamped.

The tug Melville immediately put out across the bar but could find no trace of the boat. A strong northerly drift brought Mrs. Greatwood's body up on the north jetty. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sporn were on their way to Rockaway to join the party when the accident happened.

COSTS OF EMPIRE TRIAL ARE HEAVY

Costs for the trial of ex-officers of the Empire Holding corporation in progress now in Polk county will accrue to Marion county, which is the venue provided that when a change of venue is granted, the county where the case originated bears the costs.

Officers of the county court have been asked the mounting costs with alarm since the total budget for circuit court expenses, apart from "judges' salaries, is only \$9500 for this year. Of this \$3000 has already been spent.

Costs of the Empire case are mounting fast. Forty-one witnesses are on the stand and the plaintiffs alone and these witnesses draw pay at \$3 daily. They also obtain traveling expenses to and from the trial at five cents a mile under the Marion county rule and ten cents under the Polk county rule. The court officials here hope the Marion county allowance will prevail.

The present case will continue through next week.

FARM AND WOODS JOBS OPENING UP

While no marked change occurred last week in the amount of employment gained through the U. S.-Y. M. C. A. employment bureau, aside from that on state highways, farming and woodcutting jobs increased in number. Placed at work were 123 persons, as against 139 the previous week. With the halting of the state highway emergency employment, 70 jobs came to an end.

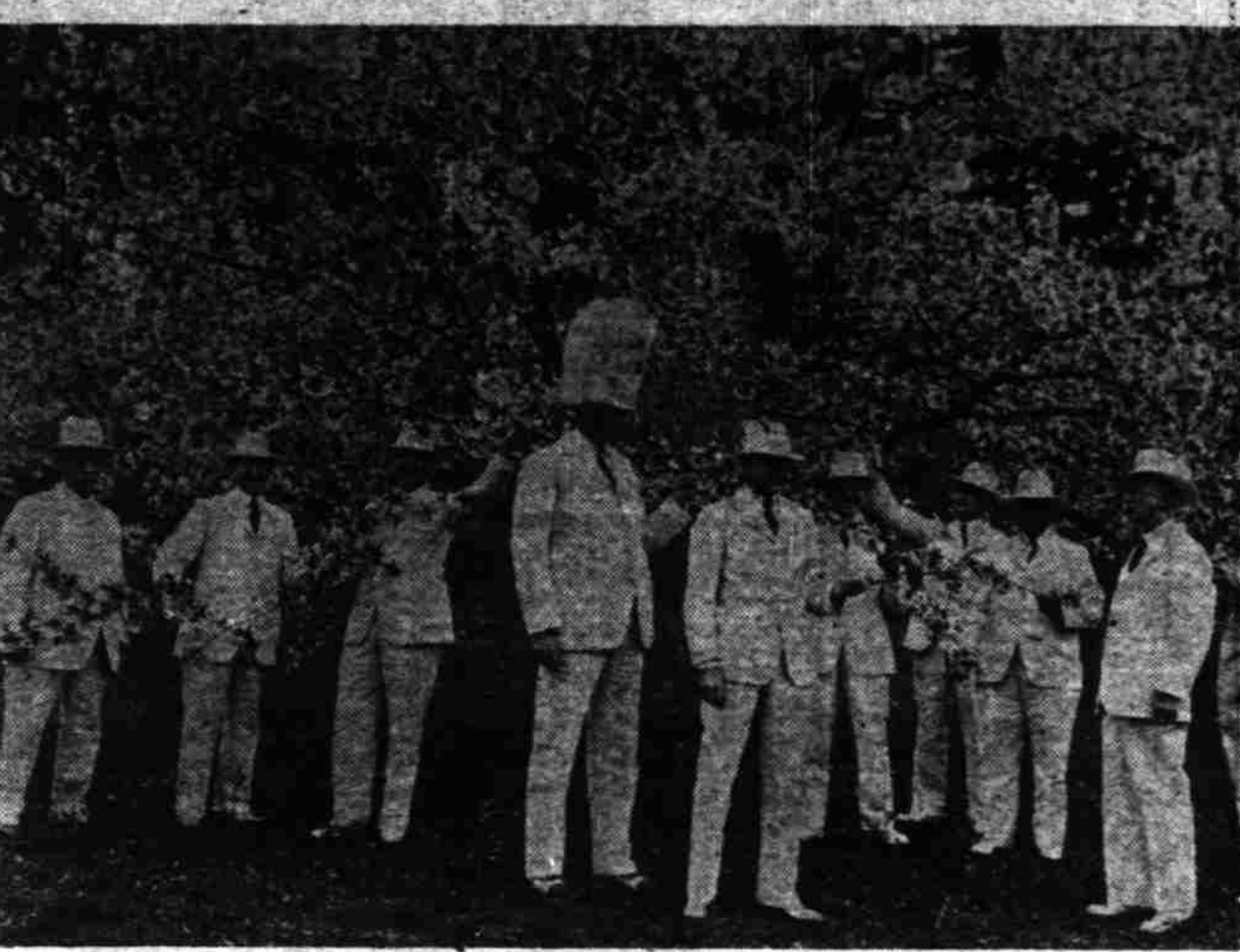
Applications for work were five less than the 35 of the week before. Six of the eight women applying were placed at house work. Men were given jobs as follows: woodcutters 19, common labor 21, farm hands 26, mechanic one, cook one, and other 15.

Registrations for the emergency work reached 1443.

Alderette Hurt When Squeezed Between Autos

While crossing a downtown street yesterday, S. F. Alderette, 1790 D street, was caught between two automobiles with the result he suffered a bruised left leg and minor cuts. According to police reports Alderette was passing in front of the parallel-parked automobile of R. W. Wilhoit of Portland when a car being driven by Thomas Hughes, 533 Jerrie avenue, backed up, squeezing him between the two.

Blossoms, Cherrians, Linen Uniforms



Spring blossoms and those new linen suits of the Salem Cherrians vie for honors in the above picture. "shot" in the Kugel orchards in Polk county. The Cherrians, left to right, are: George C. Will, Hal D. Patton, A. A. Gueffroy, Drum Major V. F. McNamara, King Bing Gus Hixson, T. A. Windishar, Elmer O. Duce, Howard Hulsey, C. E. Wilson and Captain Carl Gabrielson.

NAZARENE SESSION WILL CLOSE TODAY

Galloway to Remain Here, Forecast on Listings For Conference

Business sessions of the 14th annual assembly of North Pacific district of the Church of the Nazarenes came to a late close shortly after 10 o'clock last night. Rev. L. E. Channel of Newberg was elected district treasurer for the new year, and Rev. DeRand Pierce of Vancouver, B. C., district secretary.

Chief event of today will be announcement of conference appointments for the new year. List of which was not complete last night. However, those in authority gave assurance that Rev. Fletcher Galloway, pastor of the local church, will remain here for another year.

The conference in session since Tuesday will come to a close tonight, after three big meetings today. This morning Dr. Reynolds, general superintendent from Ohio, will ring the message, and this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock ordination services will be held for four candidates. Tonight at 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Donald J. Smith of Portland First church will preach.

Alternate lay delegates to the general conference to augment the list which appears elsewhere in this paper, were elected late yesterday as follows: Mrs. A. G. Crockett, Portland, R. T. Juve, Portland, M. L. Thompson, Portland, David Figg, Seattle, H. J. Cook, Olympia and Mrs. Manfield, Portland.

VETERANS TO HEAR VICTORY BROADCAST

To hear the nation wide "Victory Membership" radio broadcast, members of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, will assemble at Fraternal temple at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening. A potluck supper will be held first, followed by the broadcast at 7 o'clock and Legion and auxiliary meetings at 8 o'clock.

Music for the program will be provided by Lyman McDonald, vocalist, and the Legion Auxiliary quartet, composed of Grace Zee, Bernice Bove, Marie Robertson, Mildred Wyatt and Grace DeHarport, accompanist. Arrangements are in charge of Walter Zee.

Guest speakers from other posts will be Deputy Commander Alex Barry and Deputy Adjutant Carl R. Moser.

All Legion members of recent standing have been invited to attend, regardless of whether or not they have paid their 1932 dues.

Diphtheria and Typhoid Cases Reported Here

One case each of diphtheria and typhoid fever were reported to the Marion county health department as the week ended. As far as could be learned by health officials, neither case was severe. The diphtheria patient is a Parrish junior high school student, a child who has not received the immunization treatment offered by the health department. This is the fifth diphtheria case this year. Last year there were seven.

Blossom Day Route Listed For Visitors

The Blossom Day route for today is as follows:

Down Center street to cross the Marion-Polk county bridge, turning right at end of it to Wallace road, past the Franklin tulip fields to Brush College corner, from there west through the orchard districts and back to the Wallace road to stop at the tulip farms.

Take Glenn creek road at right on Wallace road short distance south of tulip farm, following Cherrian signs through hills and Kingwood Heights region, driving out to Salem-Dallas road and back into Salem on Center.

At Center turn south on Pacific highway, driving out through Liberty and Rosedale districts. Turn east to Pacific highway at Rosedale and back to Salem; then out State street to state institutions. On road from Rosedale to highway, be sure to witness the view from the crest of the hill.

GRANGE DENIES IT WOULD CURB KOAC

MILWAUKEE, Ore., April 16—(AP)—Reports that the Clatsop county Pomona Grange had gone on record recommending curtailment of the service of radio station KOAC on the Oregon State college campus, were denied here today by M. S. Shrock, master of the grange.

Shrock said that at a meeting at Parkside last Wednesday the Grange definitely rejected a proposal to recommend elimination of the appropriation for the college radio station.

Likewise the group reported adversely on a recommendation that the state legislative delegation be instructed to work for passage of a bill making it mandatory for the county courts to be governed by the actions and recommendations of the county budget committees insofar as these recommendations comply with statutes.

Ripley, Manning Delay Pleas Until Early May

Pleas of Robert Ripley and Frank Manning, under indictment for first-degree murder for the shooting of James Iverson, Silverton night policeman, were delayed yesterday in circuit court here when counsel for Manning was unable to appear. Chris Kowitz, attorney for Ripley, said he was not willing to ask his client to plead until a conference could be held with W. O. Sims and Emerson U. Sims, Portland attorneys who will represent Manning.

Judge Fred M. Wilson who came here from the Dalles to hear the pleas will return at a later date to hear the defendants answer to their indictments and to set the dates for trial. Judge Wilson said yesterday that the pleas were not to be heard until early May.

Only Ripley appeared in court yesterday. He is a thin, sallow youth, 24 years old with prominent features and black, tousled hair. He was dressed in a salt-and-pepper suit and was clean shaven. His long fingers are heavily yellowed from steady cigarette smoking. Ripley appeared calm and unconcerned.

WILLAMETTE WILL NOT CUT EXPENSE

And Will Finish Year With No Deficit, Declares Business Official

Willamette university will finish the school year without any cutting of expenses or deficit in the budget, announced Business Secretary N. S. Savare yesterday.

At a time when many colleges are making severe slashes in expenses or salaries and still running behind, Willamette university has not given a salary cut to a single professor and will finish the year without a deficit.

Willamette has been able to accomplish this because of the strong endowment fund which was built up in preference to launching a building program.

Also a larger enrollment this year brought additional funds from tuition paid in by the students. Faculty wage cuts were considered, but were not made.

Willamette will be in good condition to start the coming school year next fall. There will be no summer school this year and what money would have been used for it will be on hand to help with expenses during the current year.

There is a possibility that the enrollment of entering students may not be so great as it was last fall because of the more stringent entrance requirements. Only students in the upper third of their class in high school will be admitted.

While this may cut down the enrollment for one year, it will tend to strengthen the school and increase enrollment in years to come.

Rate Slash May Be 10 Per Cent

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16—(AP)—C. E. Lester, chief engineer for the state utilities department, in summarizing his studies of property valuation and rate structures for the Northwest Electric company, proposed an indicated reduction of about 2.8 per cent in the rate of return on the fixed capital and a consequent reduction in power and light rates of about 10 per cent.

W. O. Sims, in a letter to John H. Carson, district attorney who read the first-degree murder indictment of Ripley to the court, said his son was in San Diego while he himself was in court in Portland on Saturday. He indicated he would not demur to the indictment of his client but would ask Manning to plead not guilty.

Sims stated in his letter that he was cooperating with authorities in trying to pick up DePrece Poe, claimed by Manning and Ripley to be the man who shot and killed Officer Iverson.

The death of Iverson occurred early on the morning of May 2, 1931. For months authorities were unsuccessful in picking up the alleged killers. Through the offer of a reward they picked up clues which led to the apprehension of Ripley and Manning.

BLOSSOMS ARE AT BEST, MANY TO VIEW THEM

18th Annual Tour to Find Blooms Prettiest in Many Years, Word

Big Crowd Assured Even if Rain Keeps Some Away; Route is Marked

Hail Blossom Day! Rain or shine, this morning dawned upon the 18th annual Blossom Day sponsored by the Salem Cherrians; and whether or shine, hundreds of townspeople and visitors are expected to enjoy the spectacle of nearly 10,000 acres of prune orchards in blossom along the 14-mile route.

Cherrians who were over the route late last week declared the blossoms would be more nearly at their best today than for any Blossom Day in years, according to King Bing Gus Hixson.

In addition to the prune blossoms which will be viewed in the hill districts west of the river in Polk county and south of Salem as far as Rosedale, the throngs will have opportunity to view the Franklin tulip fields along the Wallace road, and also the beauty of the state house lawns and the grounds at the two major state institutions, the penitentiary and asylum.

Guides Provided At State Grounds At the state grounds, Secretary of State Hal Ross has announced, escorts will be on hand to direct the way to choice plantings.

That traffic jams may not mar the Blossom drives, state traffic officers will be posted along the route, and especially on Wallace road, to relieve congestion on the road.

The event has received additional advertising this year through two radio announcements from Portland last week, and with sunshine prevailing, a record crowd will probably appear.

Crowd Assured Even if it Rains However, if rain descends, a good crowd is still anticipated, as last Blossom Day, when it rained almost constantly, a huge crowd traveled the route.

For those who do not have means of transportation, Cherrian cars will be at the chamber of commerce from 9 to 3 o'clock to accommodate such persons without charge.

The Blossom route appears elsewhere.

BLAZE DESTROYS MCDONALD'S HOME

Fire, blown fiercely by a strong wind, early yesterday afternoon destroyed a four-room house belonging to J. A. McDonald, one mile south of Salem on the 12th street highway cutoff near McDonald had moved the furniture into the yard while he did some painting, further loss was averted.

Two Salem firemen went to the fire in the squad wagon. Because of the high wind and lack of water, they could do little to prevent the destruction.

McDonald said the fire started around the fire in the kitchen. He had started a fire to keep warm while painting. As he had disconnected the home heating system, not a bucketful of water was at hand to fight the blaze when it started.

No estimate of the loss was made.

Receipts Pass Million Mark, Special Taxes

Receipts from the personal income, intangibles and corporation excise taxes for the year 1931, based on incomes for 1931, have passed the million mark, it was announced at the offices of the state tax commission Saturday.

Members of the tax commission estimated that the total receipts for the year would exceed \$3,000,000. This money, under the 1931 law, will be applied to ward reducing the property tax.

A large number of taxpayers were said to have taken advantage of the opportunity to pay in two installments, while in other cases extensions of time were allowed. This accounts for the fact that only one-third of the total tax receipts for the year have been received up to the time, and deposited with the state treasurer.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16—(AP)—John A. Hughes, 33, railroad engineer, was struck by an automobile and killed here tonight. Paolo Garbarino, 33, of Portland, driver of the car which struck Hughes, was absolved of blame by police.