

Fair today and Sunday
Max. Temp. Friday 64, Min. 48, river 5 feet, northeast-ly winds, partly cloudy.

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Average Distribution 7293
April, '32
Not paid, daily, Sunday 6785
MEMBER A. S. G.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

GRAND JURY IS ASKED TO SCAN McMAHAN ACTS

Expense, Excessive Parole List, Calling of Other Judges Among Items

Circuit Judge may Avert Probe by Failing to Retain Tribunal

Angered by cutting criticism of its work which the county court holds is unwarranted, that group yesterday addressed a letter to the county clerk asking that the Marion county grand jury be requested to conduct a full investigation of the circuit court over which Judge L. H. McMahan presides.

Five specific matters which the county court wishes investigated are outlined in its letter which late Friday was handed to Secretary Allison of the grand jury.

Whether the judge will move to block investigation will be known today inasmuch as the grand jury's term expires this afternoon unless Judge McMahan renews it.

Five Questions for Probe are Cited

The court's letter to the clerk and the grand jury includes the following five questions about which an investigation is asked:

1. What is the excess in the cost of the trial of law suits in Marion county at the present time as compared with the year over the costs thereof in the same court under Judge Percy R. Kelly, who formerly presided therein?

2. What is the condition of the circuit court criminal docket with respect to the number of paroles and suspended sentences?

3. Why in the case of the state of Oregon vs. Keller, Adams, Fetty, Stockman and Coshow referred to you as a grand jury by the circuit judge of Marion county, thereby placing upon our taxpayers the obligation of paying the costs of the trials of these cases, when the expenditure of approximately \$2,800, a trial when every other county in the state was involved in the matter as much as, or more than, Marion county?

4. Why did Judge McMahan refuse to try the cases of: State vs. Manning (murder); State vs. Ripley (murder); State vs. Erpelding (murder); State vs. Glesy and Schwab (bank frauds); and State vs. Archer (warehouse fraud); and thereby require the sending in of outside judges to try the same at extra expense to the taxpayers?

5. What do you find to be the relative degree of efficiency of department one of the circuit court for Marion county as it is now conducted?

County Court Has Records on Costs

In making its request for an investigation the county court fortified itself with investigations concerning Judge McMahan's conduct of the circuit court here and the record of his predecessor, Judge Percy R. Kelly.

During 1931, it is set forth, Judge McMahan tried 56 cases at a total cost of \$7,680.90, or an average cost of \$127.26 per trial; and 55 cases in 1930 from January to October at a total cost of \$6992.92, or \$125.51 per case.

Costs to the county in apprehending and bringing criminal offenders have also been greatly increased under the radical parole policy pursued by Judge McMahan, it is alleged, the officers pointing out that they have been kept busy running down, rearresting and retrying criminal violators who were paroled by Judge McMahan and who returned immediately in a large number of instances to their criminal pursuits.

Behind the county court's criticism of Judge McMahan's parole policy lies a record of 140 criminal cases taken into his court between the time he took office in 1929 and last November.

Alice in New Wonderland at Eighty



The original Alice of Lewis Carroll's immortal fantasy entered a new Wonderland when the liner Bengaria docked at New York on her last trip from England. But this time there was no White Rabbit, Mad Hatter or March Hare.

FIVE CITY FIREMEN OUT DUE TO SLASH

Three Others on Temporary Basis due to Illness of Regular men

Five of the eight city firemen ordered dismissed from the department as an economy measure have left their stations.

Under the new personnel arrangement, two shifts of two men each serve at the three branch stations and two shifts of 12 each at Central station.

Off duty are Captain William Hunt, who suffered a broken shoulder at the warehouse fire by the river last week, Herbert W. Savage and R. E. Oglesbe, who are recovering from operations of appendicitis.

Those dismissed from the service are: E. D. Chamlee, 1340 North 17th street; I. R. Smith, 1115 North Capitol street; C. E. Elliott, 1645 Nebraska street; R. W. Nash, 425 North Cottage street and Loney Barrett. Dismissal was based on seniority in service.

The suggestion of the city council which will enlist other contractors and set date for the next meeting. He will be assisted by H. C. Hummel and Ed O. Pratt.

Poisoning Attempt Case Heard in Justice Court

Preliminary hearing in the state's case against Mrs. Mina Foltz, Woodburn nurse charged with attempt to kill or injure by administering poison, started in justice court early yesterday afternoon, when a halt was called at 6 o'clock, the state had 10 more witnesses to call.

Chief among those on the stand yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donaldson. Mrs. Donaldson is the alleged near-victim of the supposed attempt.

According to testimony of both Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, the alleged attempt took place as result of infatuation of Donaldson with Mrs. Foltz, whom he told the court had "hypnotized" him and made him do whatever she wanted him to do.

All the witnesses called yesterday—the Donaldsons, Dr. Paul Pemberton, Marguerite and Beatrice Donaldson—told substantially the same story of the poisoning episode: how the nurse, Mrs. Foltz, in ministering to Mrs. Donaldson who was recovering from an operation, gave Mrs. Donaldson a mixture of two tablespoons of lysol and three of fruit juice, and how Mrs. Donaldson immediately spit it out, calling that she had been poisoned. This occurred last November.

Voters Frown on Consolidation of School Districts

Consolidation of three school districts into one in the county failed, according to an official canvass of the votes conducted yesterday by the district boundary board.

Official returns were: District 93, Mountain View — Yes 2; No 15; District 127, Porter — Yes 2; No 19; District 107, Hull — Yes 2; No 7.

CONTRACTORS FORM ORGANIZATION HERE

With the object of protecting themselves from arbitrary wage demands by labor, a group of Salem contractors last night decided to organize a building trades contractors' association, at a meeting at the chamber of commerce.

A. C. Nelson was elected chairman of a membership committee which will enlist other contractors and set date for the next meeting. He will be assisted by H. C. Hummel and Ed O. Pratt.

Fifty contractors from all branches of the building industry will be enlisted for the new organization, it was estimated. When the organization is effected, it is planned that the contractors shall make a wage agreement with the labor organizations.

Hawley Goes to Office But Not Ready For Work

PORTLAND, May 6.—(AP)—A special Washington dispatch to the Oregonian today said Congressman W. C. Hawley, who was injured by an automobile Wednesday, was in his office today for a short time but was compelled to go home again.

The dispatch said the White House sent Hawley a basket of roses on hearing of his injuries.

Storage Plant Burns, Altoona

ASTORIA, Ore., May 6.—(AP)—The cold storage warehouse and receiving station of the Pacific Fish company at Altoona, Wash., was destroyed today by fire of undetermined origin.

The plant, owned by the Astoria Savings bank, was valued at about \$40,000. Insurance totaled only about \$14,000.

MUSIC WEEK FINAL PROGRAM TONIGHT

800 Performers Will Take Part; Communities to Be Represented

Salem and surrounding communities will turn attention to the armory tonight, where about 800 performers will present at 8:15 o'clock the grand program planned as a finale to Music Week observations in the city and county.

Community talent to be represented on the program will be the well-known Grieg Norwegian chorus from Mt. Angel and directed by A. F. E. Schlerbaum; the Silverton trumpet quartet; prize-winning Silverton band directed by Hal Campbell; Aumsville high school mixed chorus, Mrs. Gladys Burgess, director; Woodburn girls' quartet, Woodburn glee club, Selma Saylor, director; Woodburn girls' trio, and an orchestra from Mt. Angel.

From Salem will be a chorus of six and seven hundred grade and junior high school children under the direction of Miss Gretchen Kreamer. Salem high school band will play, under direction of Elbert Derry, and high school choruses will be presented under direction of Lena Belle Taylor.

Civic groups to present music will be the Salem Madrigal club, Salem civic male chorus, and a semi-chorus, all under direction of Prof. E. W. Hobson. The semi-chorus is new in its formation and includes Lillian Scott, Gladys McIntyre Thomas and Lora Butler, sopranos; altos, Mrs. J. H. Scholsted, Ruth Bedford and Hazel Shutt; tenors, Wendell Robinson and Ronald Craven; basses, R. D. Barton, Herbert Hobson and Carl Wenger.

Each group has splendid numbers to present and the concluding number should be brilliantly spectacular, because it is an ensemble chorus.

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STATE NEARING CLOSE OF CASE AGAINST JUDGE

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French President Paul Doumer Dies From Assassin's Bullets; White Russian Fanatic Blamed

Sympathy of World Extended to France

President Hoover Sends Message; Strange Acts Of Assassin Recalled; Lindbergh Case Brought in Through Paper Found

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(AP)—The sorrow of France at the death of President Paul Doumer found a bond of sympathy tonight in official circles of Washington.

President Hoover, who himself sent a message of sympathy to President Doumer immediately after hearing of the attack, kept informed of reports from the Paris hospital and tomorrow will express the condolences of the people of this country to the sorrowing populace of the French republic.

MAY FESTIVITIES AT HEIGHT TODAY

Breakfast, Coronation and Dances, Track Meet, Play Highlights

TODAY'S PROGRAM

7:30 to 9:30—May morning breakfast at Crestmoor. 9:30 to 10:30—Tennis Match (Willamette vs. Linfield). 11:00 to 1:00—Dances and ringing of Victory bell. 2:00 to 4:00—Track meet (Willamette vs. Linfield). 4:15—Freshman-sophomore tug-o-war. 8:15—Junior play "Minnick" at Senior high auditorium.

The May festivities will be going full swing today with a full program starting with a breakfast this morning and winding up with the junior class play "Minnick" at the senior high auditorium tonight.

A large number of Willamette university students attended Willamette night at the Elsinore theatre where concerted May activities got under way. A gala atmosphere was attendant and today's program will be particularly colorful.

The principal event of the day will be the crowning of Queen Gertrude at 11 o'clock. Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette university, will be the master of ceremonies and place the crown.

Dancers and players will then appear before the Queen and her court and offer their entertainment. The feature of this year's entertainment will be "The Adventure of Robin Hood." The plot will be set on the East side of the campus amidst the natural setting of the forest in the background and the green sod beneath foot.

Special loud speakers will be installed in order that all may hear the dialogue of the players. During the noon luncheon the Willamette university band will give a short concert.

The final gesture of the May program will be the junior class play "Minnick" which promises to be one of the best worked out productions given by the university for considerable time.

CHAMBER ELECTS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6.—(AP)—Arthur L. Fields, automobile dealer, was elected president of the Portland chamber of commerce today.

Many at Grant School Are Heralds of Health

Approximately 40 per cent of the pupils at Grant grade school here have observed the rules of health during the past school year and are now free of physical defects. Of the 275 pupils registered, 109 are eligible to receive the honor title, "Herald of Health."

The "herald" pupils are: First grade—Beverly Barkin, June Gregson, Walter Elliot, Bernice Mischler, Herbert Ray, Larry Snook, Lee Snook, Stefania, Denise Verhagen, Louis Wilner, Laura Jean Bates, Horace Beidin, Bobby Clark, Larry Imiah, Lovella O'Brien, Jimmy Smith, Velma Weinstein and Gordon Weller.

Second grade—Catherine Jones, Hazel Wilson, Robert Barber, Bonnie Benson, David Berger, Joe Brownson, Fatsie Carlson, Roy Gray, Edwin Fitzsimmons, Ralph Maker, Donna Marrs and Gordon Ring.

Third grade—Carol Cook, Marjorie Lepper, Glenn Smith, Dale Bates, Lawrence Barham, Marjorie Bergvick, Mary Jean Berbeck, Ronald Birch, Marian Boyie, Edward Dietz, Jean Anne Edwards, Lois May Gregson, Dick Haynes, Vernon Johnson, Rita McLaughlin, Louise Ramage, Carolyn Snyder, Roland Stewart, Daniel Verhagen and Allan Weinstein.

Fourth grade—Genevieve Adams, Roscoe Arms, Juanita Austin, Donald Barnick, Rosemary Bell, Margaret Casey, Mary Ham, George Hochstetler, Burson Ireland, Lester Jones, Nell Koch, LeRoy Maker, Robert McKee and Jane Saunders.

DEATH ARRIVES TWELVE HOURS AFTER ATTACK

Assailant Says Purpose Is To Cause War Between France, Soviet

Affairs of State Placed in Uncertain Status by Leader's Demise

By JOSEPH E. SHARKEY

PARIS, May 7.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Paul Doumer, venerable president of France, died at 4:40 a.m. today (7:40 p.m. Friday, Pacific standard time) from a bullet wound inflicted by a "white" Russian fanatic who shot him down yesterday as he was attending a war veterans charity exhibition.

The president lingered almost exactly 12 hours. Seven physicians did their utmost to save him, resorting to numerous blood transfusions and to the use of oxygen to assist his failing heart.

When the end came the entire French cabinet was assembled in a room at Beaujon hospital adjoining the one occupied by M. Doumer. At the bedside were the president's wife, one of his daughters and several of his physicians.

Mme. Doumer, who gave four sons to the republic on the battlefields of the great war, broke down completely. As designed to bring about war.

The president was shot by Dr. Paul Gorgulov, who told police that his purpose was to "cause France to declare war on Russia." Dawn was breaking as M. Doumer died.

The president died just two months to the date after Aristide Briand, whom he defeated for the presidency of the republic a year ago. He died on a simple iron bedstead in the huge, bare hospital, only a stone's throw from the Tuileries.

His last moments were extremely pathetic. In vain he tried to bid his weeping family farewell, but he could not utter the words and sank back exhausted. He expired a few moments later.

The entire cabinet, which was sitting in the next room, showed deep emotion when the word was passed to them that the president had died. In a group they followed the body as it was removed from the hospital to the presidential palace.

The old statesman who had given four sons to France was smiling a kindly greeting to the veterans he loved so dearly when two bullets from the assassin's automatic crashed into his slender body.

But the officers were not a moment too soon. "Impossible!" he murmured. There was an instant's pause, then those in the distinguished company nearest their president sprang into action.

Claude Farrere, noted author, dashed for the assassin and grabbed the man as a bullet pierced his own arm.

Francis Pietri, minister of defense, lunged forward and knocked up the Russian's hand. A bullet crashed into a case of L'Amorce China nearby. A news photographer caught the assassin on the cheek with his camera. Then the police got him.

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There were shouts of "kill the assassin!" and many hands strove to tear the prisoner away from his captors. The crowd got his coat, tore his shirt and mauled him badly before the police could get outside the building of the Rothschild foundation, where the exhibition was held.

Buy Used Cars in Salem Now

Local automobile dealers have a very fine stock of used cars on hand at the present time and they are priced reasonably—in fact, you will find prices lower here than elsewhere. Turn to The Statesman's classified page today or Sunday and note the listings offered by responsible dealers of Salem.