

PLAN FOR NEW CAPITOL BEGUN

New Commission Will Make Extensive Study; Extra Session to Be Later

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A number of legislators expressed the view yesterday that there was no necessity to call a special session until rather definite plans were available for consideration. Earl Hill, republican leader in the house who came to Salem yesterday morning, said in his opinion the legislature would not meet for 60 days.

New Speaker May Be Needed, Observed

Asked if he would be in the running for the speakership, Hill would not commit himself. He stated that the house would need experienced leadership in the special session. John E. Coater, speaker at the last session, has all but completed arrangements to take a federal position in the state and thus would probably be eliminated from the speakership.

One reason for delaying the session lies in the continued uncertainty over "social" legislation being enacted by congress. Since a special session was contemplated to tie Oregon in with the federal program, before the state capitol crisis arose, the governor and a number of legislators feel the gathering should be delayed until federal legislation demanding state cooperation, is completed.

A political reason for delaying the session also exists. Several democratic members of the house are uncertain whether jobs they have secured since the session closed or during the last session, disqualify them for holding their legislative post. William Johnson of Multnomah county refuses to resign as representative although he has taken a job with the state liquor commission. Representative Lew Wallace says he need not resign although he is now a member of the state game board. A test suit may be brought to determine the status of these legislators before the special session convenes.

TELEPHONE SERVICE RAPIDLY RESTORED

Rapid service was given by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in installing emergency phones in temporary state offices yesterday. Harry V. Collins, manager of the local office, said that the first phone was installed 25 minutes after the order had been received.

An emergency crew, collected from Portland and valley towns, was on hand by 10 o'clock Thursday night. Equipment was rushed from the Portland warehouses of the company and by 11 o'clock 50 telephones, cable and 10,000 feet of duplex wire were ready for installation.

Ten long distance circuits were added between Portland and Salem Thursday night to handle the heavy traffic and all circuits about the capitol were cut to avoid deadening of lines in other state buildings.

Collins said the telephone company would have a loss of about \$500.

PAUL ADAMS HEADS STATE MILK BOARD

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of milk. He served one year as publicity director for the Oregon state fair. During 1928 and 1929 he edited The Pacific Homestead, published by the Statesman Publishing company.

Adams, while a resident of Portland, owns and directs a dairy farm near St. Helens. He is a graduate of Stanford university.

Government Aid Assured, Wires Senator McNary

"I feel confident of government aid in rebuilding the capitol of Oregon," Senator Charles L. McNary wired early yesterday. "I have just concluded a conference with Secretary Harold Ickes, PWA administrator," McNary added.

He expressed regret at the news, saying the historic capitol building was cherished in his memory.

Thorough Probe Of Fire Pledged

A thorough-going investigation of the cause of the fire which destroyed the capitol was ordered yesterday by Hugh E. Earle, newly named state insurance commissioner by virtue of which office he is state fire marshal. Earle said he would probe into every detail available on the fire's cause with a view of reporting to the people of the state how and why the catastrophe occurred.

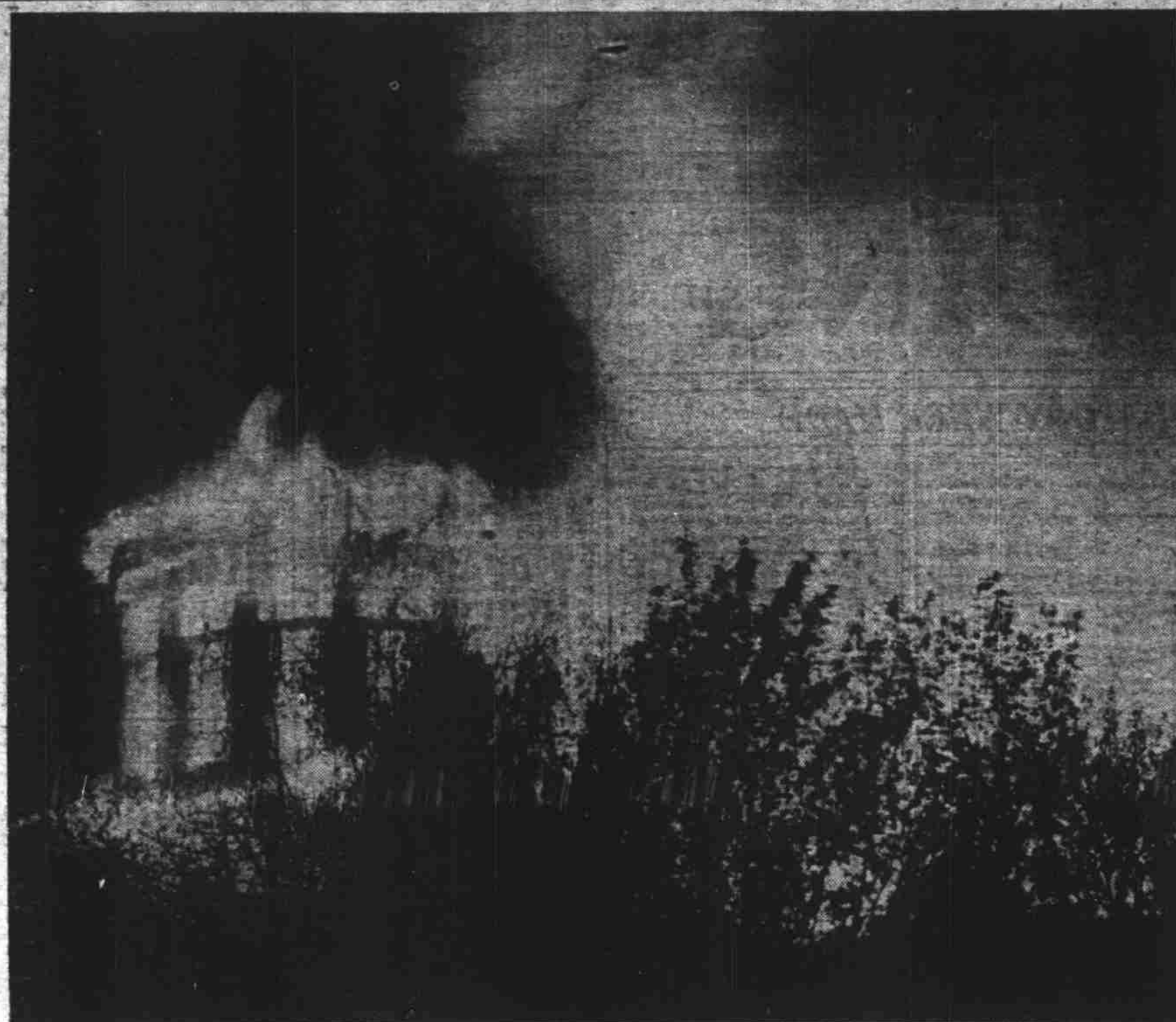
CORVALLIS, Ore., April 26.—(AP)—The Oregon State college football team won all but two firsts in winning a three-way track and field meet here today with Salem high and Corvallis.

Salem won the relay and picked up 21 points while Blackledge of Corvallis high won the shot put for five of his team's 17 points.

Too Late to Classify

19-ent. via gas pump, 1105 N. Com'l.

BLAZING CAPITOL—JUST BEFORE DOME FELL



Flames sweeping around the venerable dome of Oregon's state capitol Thursday night. This picture was taken a few moments before the dome collapsed.—Associated Press photo.

Hot Sparks of Capitol Fire

Included in the losses of the state tax commission are the field notes of the assessment being made by the commission's engineers on the business district of Salem. The outside work was 60 per cent completed. Now it will all have to be done over again. The work was done in cooperation with the county assessor's office. The job will be resumed but it will not be possible to complete the reappraisal on all the property for the 1935 rolls. It will delay somewhat the preparation of Assessor Shelton's rolls.

Douglas McKay had five trucks from his automobile company headquarters en route to the statehouse within 15 minutes after the fire engines arrived on the scene. The trucks and a big van were used to haul equipment, books, papers and files rescued from the burning capitol to the armory. Incidentally, Doug had a power of valuable property in his possession during the debacle, when Fred Paulus of the state treasurer's office, directing rescue of a large amount of state highway bonds, put the bonds in McKay's hands to hurry off to the police station where they were kept during the night.

And there are the inevitable stories about excited persons who, running in to help save the state's valuables, carried out desk lamps and "stitch" like!

A young woman employee in one of the statehouse departments decried the loss of 20 cents left in her desk as she quit work Thursday night. A leather jacket left hanging in the cloak room bothered her not nearly so much as the 20 cents.

There are plenty of women who won't admit their tears. But one such admitted yesterday she broke right down and cried when the

great copper dome settled gently off its base. "The sheer beauty of these seconds... the resignation with which the grand old dome came down... the spectacle of the flame, straight and colored, and sparks..." It was too much for her, and tears were mighty near high again.

Persons coming in from the country this morning could hardly realize the great dome wasn't there as their eyes automatically sought it. Now the steeple of the First Methodist church becomes the focus point of such attention—but in spite of the really inspiring steeple and its magnificent building, it will be a long day before Marion county folks will quit grieving the loss of the dome, whether seen by day or by night.

One lugubrious soul yesterday was going about lamenting the capitol fire, saying it meant the doom of Salem as the capital of Oregon. "Portland will grab the capital if it possibly can," he repeatedly declared. The only hope he saw was the support the upstate counties would give Salem in preference to Portland since this city is more centrally located.

John Carson Barsch, 8, was grieved by the destruction of what to him was the epitome of state government. After viewing the flames raving the historic structure of which he was so fond, he proposed to his mother that he go immediately and take out the funds in his bank account. "I want to give the money to the government to help build a new capitol," he declared.

Most observers first to reach the fire did not think the capitol was doomed. To them it was inconceivable that the wisps of smoke which first streaked skyward from the dome could be followed so soon by flames which would lick out the entire interior of the building. Not until the blaze shot up the elevator shaft and bit through the roof to crackle along the east wing of the statehouse, did it seem possible to

Former Residents Want This News

It's tragic news, the burning of the capitol, but former Salem residents will want the detailed story. Extra copies of Friday and Saturday papers available, 5c each.

the majority of onlookers that the capitol was doomed.

Of the 24 paintings which the Oregon State Art Museum had on exhibition in the north corridor and rotunda of the capitol, 20 were rescued from the flames. Among those burned were two valuable pictures, "Sunset on the Willamette" by Andrew Vincent, and "German Girl" by a famous German artist. Both of these pictures were the property of the art museum. Mrs. F. G. Franklin's prized "Tapestry of Oregon Woods" by Gailthia Vivian, was also destroyed. "Cascade Heath" and "Port Orford," property of Prof. Pierce and Prof. Fairbanks, respectively, were among those which remained in the blaze.

Charred pieces of paper were carried far to the south of Salem during the progress of the capitol fire. At the E. M. Hoffnall place about five miles south of the city half-burned papers were picked up, on one of which the printing "Oregon State" was legible. Other pieces from the fire were carried across the Willamette river. E. J. Smith, living nearly a mile from the state house, picked up yesterday charred documents, one a

deed dated March 10, 1885; another a notarial bond dated August 11, 1911 issued to Albert E. Elder of Klamath Falls; another a state warrant to E. E. Oakes, signed by Hal E. Hoss.

Motion picture houses suffered Thursday night by the counter-attraction. Ed Lewis counted noses at his establishment, found five persons there, and dismissed school. Off he went to the spectacle with his small camera. The pictures he secured were sufficiently good to be sold yesterday to the national distributors of news reels. Restauranters reported greatly improved business—after the doldrums of early evening had passed. About 2 a. m. the establishments which stayed open were packed. Walter Cline of the Senator Food shop was generous and fed the Portland firemen without charge.

"Greatest publicity stunt yet. Convention attendance assured. Don't burn hotel." Thus wired Murray Clark, circulation manager of the Yakima Herald to Gus Hixson, circulation manager of The Statesman, yesterday. The two are planning a great time when the circulation managers of daily newspapers throughout the northwest come here in May.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Randall, proprietors of the lunch stand on

FEDERAL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

Roosevelt Wires Pledge of Assistance; PWA Asked to Study Problem

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state's problems would be solved. A special legislative session might not be required in such an event, provided PWA disbursed the funds. In event the moneys went through the state treasurer's office, legislative authority would still be required although Uncle Sam was furnishing the money. The state constitution forbids disbursements by the treasurer without legislative authority.

If PWA will make a partial grant of the funds needed, the state has several alternatives for raising its share:

1. By amending its constitution it can sell general obligation bonds to the public or to PWA.
2. By issuing self-liquidating securities, with rentals or some special tax as their sole security, the state could obtain, presumably from PWA, cash for its long-term obligations, paying the latter over a long period much as the debt on the state office building is now being retired.
3. The legislature could appropriate the needed money for a new capitol and let the deficit in the general fund mount that much, looking to surpluses in tax collections in a period of years to wipe out this deficit.

BURIAL IS PLANNED FOR FIRE'S VICTIM

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McMullen's uncle, Albert F. Knight, Portland attorney, arrived in Salem yesterday to supervise arrangements for shipping McMullen's body to Hermiston where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMullen, reside.

McMullen was born in Hermiston March 24, 1913. He attended grammar and high school there, graduating from high school in 1933. He came to Willamette with unusually high recommendations and his professors said he ranked high scholastically.

He was a member of the Wesleyan, a Willamette group devoted to Christian service and the church, and was active in the affairs of the campus Y.M.C.A.

He is survived by his parents, J. W. McMullen and Esther McMullen; three sisters, Catherine, Margaret and Esther, and a brother, John. Two uncles, Albert F. Knight of Portland and George Knight of Hubbard, an aunt, Mrs. W. M. Grant of Seattle, and a cousin, Helen Knight, a junior at Willamette, also survive him.

The first floor of the capitol, suffered heavily by the fire. Not only did they lose most of the stock in their establishment but new fixtures especially built for the establishment last year were totally destroyed. No insurance on stock or fixtures was carried. Added to these losses is the larger one of loss of business; their location and their customers are gone, probably for several years to come.

Mickey Mouse Matinee, 1 P.M. "Friends of Mrs. Sweeney" Charles Ruggles - Mary Boland

Last Times Today GENE STRATTON PORTER'S "LADDIE"

EL SINORE STARTS SUNDAY

MIDNIGHT SHOW TONIGHT, 11:30 WALLACE BEERY'S GREATEST HIT!

The Star of "Hell Divers" crashes through to new triumphs in a saga of the glory, humor and romance of Uncle Sam's flying aces!

500 Seats 25c

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1000 new air thrills to cheer! And what a scintillating thrill when lovable Wally Beery risks dishonor to save his son from the wrong woman!

Robert YOUNG O'SULLIVAN Lewis STONE James GLEASON

Also BEN BENNETT "HARK YE HARK"

EXTRA—POPEYE CARTOON "WE AIM TO PLEASE"

THE WEST CHANGED HIM FROM A PLAY BOY TO A REAL MAN

GEORGE O'BRIEN WHEN A MAN'S A MAN

ADDED! Walt Disney's Newest MICKEY MOUSE "Mickey's Man Friday" Harry Langdon "His Bridal Sweet" SPORT REEL NEWS

AND—DOROTHY WILSON AN AETHERON PRODUCTION

BUCK JONES THE TEXAS RANGER 15c Till 5 P. M.

CAPITOL Last Times Today Damon Runyon's 'Hold 'Em Yale'

SUN. - MON. 2 FEATURES A COMEDY DRAMA

It Happened in NEW YORK

A Universal Picture with GERTRUDE MICHAEL HEATHER ANGEL LYLE TALBOT HUGH O'CONNELL

AND—BUCK JONES THE TEXAS RANGER 15c Till 5 P. M.

Temporary Locations of Departments Formerly Located in Capitol Building		
		Phone
Governor	NE Corner 2d Floor Sup. Court	4646
Secretary of State	103 State Office Building	4171
Treasurer	NW Corner 2d Floor Sup. Court	4570
Inheritance Tax	505 State Office Building	4570
Cashier's Department	Ladd & Bush Bank, Mr. Paulus	4570
Budget Director	Highway Commission	4181 or 4646
Property Control	Highway Commission	4181 or 4646
Banking Department	To be determined today.	4590
Land Board	905 Court Street	4590
Board of Control	Supreme Court Library	3111
Newspaper Correspondents	Lobby State Office Building	4570
Liquor Control Commission	412 Oregon Building	3514
Labor Commission	Highway Commission	4181
Vocational Education	Board of Education Sup. Court	4567
State Police	City Hall	5190
Forestry Department	Chambers Building, High Street	4570
State Tax Commission	Considering location in basement of Elks temple	4570

WATER SAFE, SAYS COMPANY MANAGER

Salem water is entirely safe for drinking purposes said J. T. Delaney, manager of the water company yesterday.

The health department had recommended boiling the water for safety for fear that the unusual pull on the water system might have opened old connections with the prison system which is drawn from Mill creek. Delaney stated that former cross connections between the state water lines and the company system were removed several years ago. "There is no cause for alarm," said Delaney. "Our

water is absolutely pure and our chlorination equipment is designed to cope adequately with any situation such as this that arises."

Dr. Vernon Douglas, health officer, said that samples of water were being sent in to the state laboratory but report would not be received before today.

"There is some sediment reported in the water," said Dr. Douglas, "but we do not know if this indicates any impurity. I have been informed by George Dunsford, superintendent of the capitol building, that the connection between the two water lines was removed some two years ago; further that he cut off the main leading from the prison just after the fire started; so it appears there is no danger from this source."

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A Paramount Picture with Joan Bennett, Charles Ruggles & Mary Boland

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A FOX Picture with RICHARD ARLEN MADGE EVANS

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