

### Pupils Unhurt In Explosion

#### Heating Plant Boiler at Sublimity School Gives Way

SUBLIMITY, Jan. 25.—The boiler in the heating plant of the Sublimity St. Boniface parochial school exploded Monday morning at 9:45 o'clock, virtually demolishing the boiler room, smashing windows in other parts of the school building, ripping open two outside doors in the playground and destroying a partition between the playground and the boiler room.

But not a one of the 85 boys and girls attending classes was injured. In the primary room on the first floor some confusion reigned momentarily when steam from the boiler poured into the room. However, the sisters quickly took the situation in hand, and the entire school was emptied in short order.

Modern Plant Next The explosion presumably was due to a minute imperfection in the boiler, said to be more than 40 years old and originally used at the state hospital. A modern heating equipment will be installed in the school there, beginning at once.

School was being held yesterday, with heaters and electric stoves providing warmth for the various classrooms.

Joseph Heubeger, janitor at the school, reported that he inspected the pressure gauge on the boiler shortly before the explosion Monday morning, and that he found the reading down to 5 pounds, when it should be 15 pounds. He fired up, and was just outside the door when the explosion shook the building. He was not hurt.

Hayes Just Misses Jack Hayes, deputy state fire marshal, was in Station and Sublimity Monday to inspect the school buildings, a regular routine of the fire marshal's office. He went to Station, or otherwise calculated he would have been in the St. Boniface school basement just about the time the explosion came.

Hayes, after conferring with plumbing and heating experts, declared the explosion probably was caused by a structural defect which close inspection would not have brought to light.

Rev. Scherbring is in charge of the parochial school.

### Disposal Problem Viewed by League

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answered by R. S. Bryson and Herman Kehrl, field consultant and executive secretary of the Oregon League of Women.

While "the success of your community life will depend upon the character of the men and women, boys and girls who go to make up the district," the public officials are being depended upon "to be the eyes which will direct the activity along the right road."

Delegates to the convention registered as follows: David O'Hara, Salem; J. J. Wick, Dallas; J. R. Craven, Dallas; Van Wierder, Salem; J. R. Vinyard, Canby; Louis Lent, Canby; W. J. Avisor, Molalla; O. B. Lindland, Molalla; R. L. Mangus, Canby; R. S. Millin, West Linn; Alden E. Miller, Oregon City; E. L. Sinfus, Oregon City; F. McCansid, Oregon City; George W. Knight, Hubbard; R. S. Bryson, Eugene; Harry Hutton, Salem; S. A. Hofer, Woodburn; G. C. Newgent, West Salem; Elmer D. Cook, West Salem; W. L. La Due, West Salem; Orey Hammond, Molalla and Sandy; C. W. Starr, Salem; J. Berchtold, Mt. Angel; P. N. Smith, Mt. Angel; Douglas Harris, Mt. Angel; Lewis B. Howard, Monmouth; T. R. Bowersox, Monmouth; J. W. King, Oswego; Earl G. Goes, Oswego; Paul R. Hendricks, Salem; Dr. V. A. Douglas, Salem; Carl E. Green, Portland; H. H. Olinger, Oregon; Fred H. Paulus, Salem; Thomas J. Sheridan, Salem; Merrill D. Olling, Salem; A. J. Swett, Tillamook; C. W. Barrick, Tillamook; C. F. Gillette, Monmouth; Fred A. Williams, Salem; J. L. Frazer, Oregon City; V. E. Kuhn, Salem; Herman Kehrl, Eugene; A. Warren Jones, Salem; George F. Bates, Canby.

### Runte Appointed Temporary Chief

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It was decided that sale of wine to retailers henceforth must be on a cash basis, as in the case of beer.

Bottling of wine by retailers was barred. The additional enforcement officers, the commission said, will bring better discipline and remove complaints of Knox law violations.

"These men must be people who have no previous connection with breweries or the liquor business," Arthur K. McMahon, commission chairman, said in commenting on the move.

### Pupils Uninjured as School Boiler Explodes



View of the back of the boiler in the St. Boniface school at Sublimity which exploded Monday morning as 85 boys and girls and the sisters who conduct the school went about their school routine. No one was hurt.

### Urgent Plea For Subsidy Is Sent

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retting and scutching mill. One-third of the crop could be retted after the harvest season this year. The remainder of the crop would be stored and would be retted in 1937. Payments of approximately 75 per cent of the value of the flax could be made to the growers, before the processing was completed, through advances made on the crop by the cooperative bank.

The state board of control, anxious to see the cooperative plants developed, has offered to sell them flax seed for this year's plantings with payment not being made until September, when the crop has been harvested and enough seed sold to enable the cooperatives to obtain working capital therefrom.

While the state has already signed 1500 to 1500 acres of flax for the present year, here it has indicated its willingness to let some of the acreage be used by the new plants provided the latter have any difficulty securing enough flax for their first year's operations.

L. L. Laws, office manager for the flax industry at the state plant, said yesterday that the payment of the subsidy would be a great boon to the flax industry of the valley. He said he had no doubt that \$10 a ton bonus from the federal government would result in enough flax being planted in the valley this year to handle all the needs of the state plant as well as the three projected plants.

### Accidents Due to Flat Tire, Heater

A flat tire and a car heater caused two Salem women to be injured in automobile accidents Monday afternoon and night, according to police and hospital records yesterday.

Mrs. A. A. Gueffroy of Salem was recovering satisfactorily, her condition not considered critical, at Salem General hospital last night. She received a displaced neck vertebrae when an automobile in which she, her daughter, Claudine and Mrs. H. A. Gueffroy, were driving to Portland ran into a ditch near Hayesville. A flat tire was blamed.

Ruth Ahrens, 23, of 740 Breys avenue, lost control of her automobile Monday night when she leaned over to adjust the heater and the machine struck telephone pole on Center street near the state hospital. She suffered injuries to her head, legs, back and chest.

### Gus Moore Talks, Active Club Meet

Gus Moore, physical director of the local Y. M. C. A., spoke before members of the Salem Athletic Club Monday afternoon at the club at Idanha Sunday, February 2.

The members completed final plans for attending in a body the dedication of the Winter Sports area at Idanha Sunday, February 2.

Dr. Clifford W. Kuhn was installed as a new member of the organization and E. S. McClain and Garland Simpson were presented with past president's and past secretary's pins.

### Disorderly Conduct Gets Daniels and Stokes Each \$15 Fine in Woodburn

WOODBURN, Jan. 25.—Martin Daniels and Maurice Stokes of Gervais, who were arrested at a dance at Broadacres Saturday night, appeared in Justice Overton's court Monday afternoon to answer charge of disorderly conduct. They pleaded guilty to the charge and were given a fine of \$15 each and costs. John Wolfe, arrested at the same time and charged with being under the influence of intoxicating liquor on a public highway, also appeared in court Monday afternoon and entered a plea of not guilty. His trial was set for a later date.

### The Call Board

ELSINORE Today—Double bill, Barbara Stanwyck in "Annie Oakley" and "The Leavenworth Case" with Donald Cook.

GRAND Today—Double bill, "Guard That Girl" with Robert Allen, and "Too Tough to Kill" with Victor Jory.

Saturday—Richard Arlen in "The Calling of Dan Matthews."

CAPITOL Today—Double bill, Admiral Byrd's "Little America," and Tim McCoy in "The Square Shooter."

Thursday—Double bill, "Show Them No Mercy" with Rochelle Hudson, and "Dancing Feet" with Ben Lyon.

HOLLYWOOD Today—"The Black Room" with Boris Karloff.

Friday—Double bill, "Superspeed" with Norman Foster, and "Red Morning" with Steffi Duma.

STATE Today—W. C. Fields in "Tillie and Gus."

Thursday—First run, Clive Brook in "Loves of a Dictator" plus March of Time No. 9.

Saturday—First run, Big Boy Williams in "Cowboy Holiday," and Chapter 2 of "Rex and Kinty."

Events in the life of one of America's most colorful characters, a woman who astounded the world with her amazing rifle shooting, form of the theme of the new screen drama, "Annie Oakley," in which Barbara Stanwyck is starred. It opens today at the Elsinore.

The story of "Annie Oakley" is the story, true in its historical setting, of the young and beautiful country girl who shot quail to earn a living, later joined the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, defeated every man who challenged her and became the most deadly rifle shot in the world.

All of the drama and romance of Annie Oakley's strange life is said to be presented against background authentic in every detail. Players suitable to their characterization were selected for the cast. Preston Foster as Miss Stanwyck's male lead, Melvyn Douglas, Moroni Olsen, Pert Kelton and Andy Clyde enact principal roles.

SCOTT'S MILLS, Jan. 25.—Scott camp, Royal Neighbors of American installed new officers recently. Mrs. Theresa Nicholson being installed officer. Officers installed were: Oracle, Norma Ettlin; vice oracle, Margaret Fry; past oracle, Vera Moberg; chancellor, Vina Loisinger; recording secretary, Famine Swanson; receiver, Nellie Anderson; marshal, Elva Landstrom; assistant marshal, Elva Landstrom; inner sentinel, Annette Hicks; outer sentinel, Nora Littlepage; flag bearer, Theresa Nicholson; path, Edith Kallis; modesty, Grace Dart; usefulness, Rose Magee; endurance, Ada Geran; courage, Amanda Moberg; musician, Edith Hog; manager, on year, Elva Landstrom; manager, two years, Grace Dart; manager, three years, Edith Kallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith, Gale Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Magee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Magee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Nicholson and Jim Nicholson attended a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gray at Rickreall Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were recently married in Vancouver.

### Live Platform Is Held Party Need

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ed and self-appointed gentlemen to select a candidate for the presidency without consultation or advice of the voters will not satisfy the millions of voters in this campaign who are wrestling with the problem.

Touching upon the Townsend plan, Borah flatly asserted he did not believe it practical, although he said he has long believed in a federal pension plan assuring aged persons between \$50 and \$80 a month.

He also voiced his old antagonism against monopoly, asserting that "government regimentation" was preferable to "monopoly regimentation."

Borah made sarcastic reference to the address of Alfred E. Smith before the American Liberty league.

"Last Saturday night over the radio I listened to the most eloquent and the most pathetic funeral oration that I have ever heard," he said.

Attack Upon Dead Platform Won't Do "It was your brilliant and distinguished ex-governor, speaking over the dead body of the Chicago platform."

"Nothing like it since Marc Anthony stood over the body of Julius Caesar. And as the adroit orator of the evening drew back the shroud from the dead platform and pointed to the numerous wounds inflicted by those whom he called traitors, you could hear the anti-Roosevelt democrats and the regular republicans cheering to the echo.

"How they do love an insurgent when he is in the other party. "It was fine. But, republican friends, let us not make the fatal mistake of assuming that this election will turn upon the question of a dead platform. And if the republican party does not give the people a living platform, you may be assured that the election will not be gratifying in its result.

"And if you are going to give them a living platform, a platform which represents the aspirations and the ideals of the American people, and the men and women who have suffered in recent years, if you are going to give them that kind of a platform, then I say to you: get just as close to the voters as you can when you are selecting delegates to select the candidate for the presidency of the United States."

### Delay in Payment Of Bonus Viewed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Pondering new taxes, President Roosevelt estimated the job of paying the bonus was of such magnitude that the first baby bonds might not reach the veterans until two weeks after they become payable.

While the bonus law says they will be redeemed in cash on June 15, the chief executive told a press conference that distribution of the bonds would begin about July 1 and be completed some six to eight weeks later.

At the same time, the president let it be known that due to the effect on the treasury of bonus payment and the invalidation of AAA's processing taxes the administration is studying the whole tax situation to determine whether new levies are necessary.

### Pay of Solons Is Vote Issue

#### Sets Record For Number of Times Brought up For Ballot Test

(Continued from Page 1) legislature showed little eagerness to raise state salaries and wages at the 1935 session. As a result most persons on Oregon's payroll are receiving nearly the same salary as they did at the depths of the depression. Why should the legislature receive a boost? All Other Costs Higher Since 1859

A valid argument for increasing legislative pay from the 1859 level is that all other costs have increased since that time. The governor's base pay is five times the amount set when the state was founded. The treasurer's base pay is almost seven times the initial salary paid that state official. Clerks and junior officials in the state's service receive far higher salaries than prevailed a few decades ago. Legislators should not be made the goat—authorized to raise every other state employee's pay but hamstringed by an antiquated constitutional provision from making any change in their own compensation. Moreover, if any state in the union, with the exception of a few, should pay its legislators at a rate somewhat commensurate with the responsibility and power the official holds. Mayhap there are some legislators who are not worth \$3 a day; nevertheless the responsibility entitles a man, who properly fills his post, to a pay far in excess of \$3 a day.

If one believes that the legislature will not abuse the unlimited power granted it to increase its own rate of pay, the proposed bill should be supported. If one believes there is danger in allowing a constitutional restriction on legislative pay, leaving assemblymen free to prescribe their own salaries, the pending amendment should be voted down.

Most citizens will agree that Oregon, with the lowest rate of pay to legislators of any state in the union, with no increase granted since 1859, could afford to deal more squarely with her representatives; could afford them salaries sufficient to pay their expenses while here in Salem, thereby avoiding the prevailing practice of meal-chiseling and favor-searching which is particularly an outgrowth of the stipend the state now pays its lawmakers.

### Van Vlack Insane Says His Mother

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Douglas Van Vlack's mother testified today he is insane and has been with that way for several months.

Mrs. Carl Van Vlack, continuing her testimony as the first defense witness in her son's trial for the murder of Mildred Hook, his former wife, underwent a grilling cross-examination at the hands of attorney General Bert H. Miller that brought her to tears at one point.

Near the conclusion of her direct examination, which began yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Van Vlack was asked by Leo Teats of defense counsel:

"I ask you to state whether or not in your opinion you believe Douglas to be insane—based on his life as you know it."

She replied he is insane and has been for some months, and said she reached that conclusion "about October 30, 1935," when she wrote a letter to her sister, Mrs. Ray J. Bennett of Cortland, N. Y.

### Lehman Sentenced and Paroled For Aid Given To Weston and Fiedler

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Hewitt sentenced A. C. Lehman to two years in the state penitentiary and then paroled him today when Lehman pleaded guilty to a charge of being accessory after the commission of a crime.

Lehman was alleged to have taken Ferdinand Weston and George Fiedler to Vancouver, Wash., after the youths left Deputy Sheriff Ernest Loll's bullet-riddled body on Stephenson road last fall.

Weston and Fiedler were previously sentenced for the slaying.

### Back Yard Is Topic

"Beautifying the Backyard" will be the topic of Ernest Iufer's landscape gardening class tonight at the Y.M.C.A. beginning at 8 o'clock, C. A. Kells, general secretary, announced last night.

25c IT'S LEAP YEAR WE PROPOSE THE "MELLOW MOON" DANCE TONIGHT FREE BUS leaving State & Commercial Sts.—9:15 - 9:45 - 10:15—returning after dance. 25c

### Scene from Shakespeare



Olivia de Havilland and Dick Powell in a tender scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which comes to the screen of the Elsinore theatre February 6th for two performances only.

### Meat Is Unloaded Despite Picketing

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dered drivers' and helpers' union members to leave the Packing company's plant. Six men were affected by the order. Two worked on a part-time basis yesterday morning in the shipping room. They handled meat butchered by union workmen last week.

Freble said his union had made no demands on the Valley Packing company. He said his union did object to having non-union men put in to displace its members. "We'll put union drivers back to work just as soon as the Valley Packing company reaches an agreement with the meatcutters," Freble said.

Threats at Train Employees Claimed The railroad company received the carload of meat late Monday. Because pickets threatened the engineer and fireman on the switch engine, delivery was not attempted to the plant until yesterday morning.

Curtis Cross, manager of the Valley Packing company, said the meat was unloaded without difficulty. He said the carload was from Morrell & Co., the firm to which the unions objected last Friday. Cross said there had been no further negotiations with representatives of the meatcutters' union. Thirty-five of the union's employees are on strike now from the packing company here. Cross said the plant could continue to supply its customers this week from meats already processed and on hand.

### Young Republican Meet Set Tonight

The Marion county Young Republican club will elect officers at a special meeting in courtroom number one at the county courthouse at 8 o'clock tonight, David Hoss, president, announced last night. Future club plans, he said, include an installation banquet and group attendance at the Lincoln day banquet in Portland at which ex-President Herbert Hoover will be the principal speaker.

Membership in the Young Republican organization here, which has been in existence for six months, is limited to persons between 18 and 35 years of age.

"There is still room for many more members," Hoss said, "and I should like to see the republican-minded young people of Salem all turn out at Wednesday night's meeting."

### Hubbard Postmistress Attends Meeting Held In Multnomah County

HUBBARD, Jan. 25.—Vernon Kauffman is seriously ill in the Deaconess hospital at Salem. His brother is taking care of his farm while he is laid up.

H. C. Mack, local druggist, is back at work again after a tonsil operation.

Biancho M. Brown, local postmaster, attended the Multnomah county postmaster's banquet held at the Red Steer tavern in Portland.

### Storm Halts Search

LONGMIRE, Mt. Rainier National Park, Wash., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Abandonment of the search for Delmar Fadden, 23, of Seattle, loomed as a definite possibility tonight when new storms threatened on Mt. Rainier.

### Power Utility Studies Begin

#### Commission to Pay More Attention to Reports of Its Engineers

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Engineers retained by the hydro-electric commission are surveying rural electrical facilities now offered residents of the nine counties where there is sentiment for a public district. When the findings are made, the commission will include estimates of the cost of extending electric service to territories now served. The cost of installing an entirely new distribution service in the various districts will also be used. Power now being sold in the area will be determined from the privately owned companies now operating in the counties. The reproduction value of existing services will not be computed by the commission, this amount being a determination subject to controversy and one which the commission feels is unwise to spend time in ascertaining.

Survey of Number of Homes Goes On A crew of five engineers is now working for the hydro-electric commission making surveys of the number of homes not served by electrical companies. The cost of building lines to serve these homes is being projected.

Most observers think that any form of public utility districts, when formed, would need to include existing private lines, acquired by eminent domain, a right given the public utility district when it is formed. Otherwise the operators of the utility districts would have no basis on which to compute their possible income, not knowing how many customers the publicly owned utility could secure. Without such data sale of bonds would be impossible.

A. J. Derby of Hood River is chairman of the commission; George Joseph II of Portland is vice-chairman; C. E. Strickling state engineer, is the third member.

### CAPITOL LAST TIMES TODAY 2 FEATURES

A LOST EMPIRE CONQUERED

Richard E. BYRD'S Second Antarctic Expedition

HIT NO. 2 "SQUARE SHOOTER"

THURS. - FRI. - SAT. TWO FEATURES

### SHOW THEM NO MERCY

ROCHELLE HUDSON

HIT NO. 2 "DANCING FEET"

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### ELSINORE STARTS TODAY

2 MAJOR FEATURES

Barbara Stanwyck in "ANNIE OAKLEY" with Preston Foster

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