

**The Weather**  
Cloudy today and Sunday, no change in temperature; Max. Temp. Friday 36, Min. 20, river 3.8 feet, northerly winds.

EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR

## Gang Slayings Break Out at Chicago Again

### Machine Gun Sounds Out Death Message for Ex-Capone Aide

### McGurn Slain in Bowling Alley Early Today; Men Get Away

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Machine gun Jack McGurn, gangster, was shot and killed in a bowling alley at 805 Milwaukee avenue early today.

The victim was identified positively as McGurn by Sergeant Kyrin Phelan of the detective bureau. The scene of the shooting was on the near northwest side.

McGurn was allied with the forces of "Scarface Al" Capone, now serving time in a California prison for evasion of federal income taxes.

The slain gangster was reputedly one of Capone's gunners in the days of the prohibition era, when the Capone gang was one of the most powerful and bloody in the history of the city.

McGurn's death came just seven years and a day after the bloody St. Valentine's day massacre in which seven George "Bugs" Moran gangsters were slain in a near northside garage. The Moran gang was previously a rival of the Capone mobsters.

First reports of the shooting (Turn to page 8, col. 4)

## Officer Is Freed Of Drunk Charge

### Physicians Disagree But One Records Opinion and Other Doesn't

John D. Kilgreen, arrested last month on a charge of driving while intoxicated, was freed late yesterday after an all-day hearing before Justice of the Peace Hayden. The court held the evidence was insufficient to prove the state's case.

Kilgreen, a lieutenant with a CCC camp near Falls City, was alleged by George Wesley Tabler to have driven into the Pacific highway at Woodburn shortly after midnight, in an intoxicated condition, and to have struck the car Tabler was driving.

The state produced Dr. Paul Pemberton of Woodburn as a witness to prove Kilgreen was intoxicated. The court rejected the testimony as expert when the defense proved that Pemberton's examination had not been recorded as a matter of record at the courthouse within 24 hours after the examination was made. The recording of such an examination is made compulsory under a 1935 amendment to the Oregon traffic code.

In putting on his case, Kilgreen summoned Dr. P. A. Toben of Falls City. The latter testified that he had examined Kilgreen at the Salem police station and had found him not to be intoxicated. Toben's examination report had been recorded.

Justice Hayden ruled the state had not made a case which did not leave a reasonable doubt as to Kilgreen's innocence.

Bail of \$250 had been put up for the defendant. His home is near Oregon City. This winter he has been employed near Falls City.

## Fund For Defense In West Is Voted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The largest army appropriation bill in peace-time history—calling for \$545,226,318—was passed by the house today without a record vote and sent to the senate.

It would appropriate \$376,866,333 outright for national defense purposes and \$168,359,985 for rivers and harbors and flood control work.

Some of the big measure's steps toward tightening up land defenses included:

Stipulation that the enlisted army strength be brought to at least 150,000 by June 30, 1937.

A total of \$8,589,994 for sea-coast defense on the west coast, in Hawaii and at the Panama canal.

## Jackson Tells Parley Of Improvements at Chemawa Institution

YAKIMA, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Facilities of the Chemawa Indian school in Oregon have been installed to handle an enrollment increase from 250 to 300. Paul Jackson, head of the school, told agents from seven northwest Indian reservations meeting here today. Trade courses will be stressed, he said.

## Bearcats Seize Early 10-Point Lead but Go Down Before Whitman

### Clark of Missionaries Scores 23 Points but Held Late in Game; Score Frequently Tied With 33-All Last Deadlock; Versteeg Hot

### WALLA WALLA, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Whitman took the wildest basketball victory of the season here from Willamette tonight, 44 to 37, with a closing sensational spurt from a 33-33 deadlock.

A brilliant one-man scoring performance by Frank Clark, brought the Missionaries the first win in the two-game series and kept them atop the Northwest conference standings.

Whitman leaped into an early 10 to 0 lead to stagger the high-sailing Missionaries, undefeated in conference play, but Clark's sensational scoring spurt pulled Whitman to even terms at 18-18 and to a 25 to 21 halftime lead. The score was tied at 19-19 and 21-21 in frenzied battling. Clark scored 17 of his points in the first half.

### Tied Up at 33

Before Final Spurt  
Mike Reser and Oscar Bierwagen came to his aid in the second half and quickly pulled Whitman into a 30 to 23 lead, but the Bearcats came back fighting to tie it at 33-33, with Weaver and Versteeg leading the attack. Three quick field goals put Whitman safely ahead again.

Reser took second high scoring honors with 12. Versteeg was high for Willamette with 11.

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## Rules Winter Sports Event



Miss Ann Hopkins, daughter of President Ernest Hopkins of Dartmouth, was the attractive coed chosen to reign as queen of the 26th annual Dartmouth winter carnival at Hanover, N. H.

## Clackamas Cited, Planning Success

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Achievements of the Clackamas county planning board were cited today by Oregon state and regional planning officials as the outstanding county work in the northwest states.

County Commissioner Bernard Schoenburg, chairman, and L. C. Stoll, executive secretary, outlined the Oregon county's program to the county planning division of the regional planning conference.

The two officials described a well-rounded program of three phases: Emergency employment projects, permanent public works and long-time planning. Stoll said the secret of the county board's success was in knowing when to say "no" to impractical projects.

Schoenburg listed a total of \$2,261,958 in projects for the county of 45,000 population.

## Dock Work Looms

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Immediate construction of Marshfield's proposed WPA city dock loomed today with the city's announcement of acceptance of the \$16,783 bid entered by the Coos Bay Dredging company.

## Democrats Will Seek Full Slate but Remain Neutral

Visions of a complete democratic victory for all county offices in the 1936 elections, and fears of a return to a convention system of picking candidates for party positions were expressed at the regular meeting of the Marion County Democratic society held in the court house last night.

The meeting, attended by more than 60 members, became involved over a motion made by Avery Thompson to the effect that a committee be appointed to consider the proposition of having a candidate for every office on the county ticket, to interview possible candidates, and report at the next meeting its recommendations for the positions.

The motion came after the suggestion was made by Dan Fry, secretary of the state board of control, that the club take steps to see that there was a candidate for every office, pointing out that in previous elections there had often been no effort made by the democrats to secure some of the positions.

Appointed on the committee by President George Custer, were Avery Thompson, John Marshall, Marvin Headrick, Oliver Brougher, H. M. Potter, E. S. Martin, A. M. Dalrymple, A. J. Bell, E. G. Neal, G. W. Potts, Dan Fry, Dr. Paul Feihen and L. R. Reed.

Business Men For Offices Wells' Plea  
Sam Wells was the speaker for the meeting. His subject was "Our part in good government and prosperity."

Wells urged democrats to pick good men for office and to get good business men in the responsible positions.

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## Peace Parleys Over Mongolia Flareup Asked

### Japanese Army However Talks Trouble, Says It's Quite Ready

### Russia Willing to Talk Things Over; Feb. 12 Offer is Recalled

TOKYO, Feb. 15.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Press dispatches from Manchoukuo reported today the Japanese army was "preparing to cope with the challenging attitude of Soviet Outer Mongolia."

(Outer Mongolia is now an independent state, but Soviet influence here is generally admitted to be strong.)

The reports said the Japanese army in Manchoukuo feels that this "attitude" threatens the prestige of the army and the safety of its "ward"—Manchoukuo.

High officials here, however, expressed confidence that the clashes on the frontier of Manchoukuo within the past two weeks will be settled without becoming more serious or leading to war.

MOSCOW, Feb. 15.—(Saturday)—(AP)—The Soviet and Japanese governments have agreed in principle to the appointment of a mixed commission to investigate clashes on the Soviet-Manchoukuo border, an official communiqué said early today.

Soviet Government Pleas  
The offer of the Japanese government to enter into such an arrangement was communicated to the foreign office by Japanese Ambassador Tamekichi Ota. G. S. Stomoniakoff, Russian vice-commissioner for foreign affairs, pointed out that the Soviet government frequently has made similar proposals in the past.

The Soviet government, Stomoniakoff said, "learns with satisfaction that the Japanese government, which until now has rejected all proposals by the Soviet government for an investigation into the border incidents by mixed commissions, now considers it possible to accept the offer suggested by the staff of the Soviet Far Eastern Army Feb. 12."

On that date, the Far Eastern headquarters promised full Russian collaboration in the work of mixed commissions.

## Fishing Schooner Reported Sinking

### Distress at Sea General As Snow and Gales Create Havoc

(By the Associated Press)  
Lashed by snow and gale, the North Atlantic churned up a saga of distress at sea Friday.

An unidentified fishing schooner was reported foundering off Nantucket lightship, Massachusetts, in a 75-mile-an-hour blow. Two coast guard cutters were searching for her.

The trawler Winthrop, with a crew of 15 aboard, reported her crew 400 miles east of Boston with her engines disabled and requested a tow. The coast guard cutter Cayuga, 200 miles away, started for her.

Aboard the Cayuga were 11 members of the crew of the fishing schooner Gertrude M. Fauci, which sank Wednesday. They were picked up by the Canadian trawler Lemberg and were transferred to the Cayuga.

Another coast guard craft towed the fishing boat Natalie Hammond into Boston after she had collided with a freighter. A seaman aboard the Natalie Hammond was injured.

## Nomination Goes To Ruth Kellogg

Ruth Kellogg received the highest vote in a close election among Salem high school seniors yesterday to become the candidate of Chemeketa chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to represent Oregon on the Ruth Bryan Owen pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., and the D. A. R. continental congress in April. Miss Kellogg was one of three senior nominees selected by the school faculty Wednesday.

Names of 28 Oregon high school girls are expected to be "in the hat" at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning when C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, presides over the drawing by which the Oregon girl delegate to the national congress will be selected, according to Mrs. C. C. Geer, regent of Chemeketa chapter. Competition was sponsored only in cities in which there were D. A. R. chapters, she explained.

Mrs. Geer and other D. A. R. officers from over the state will be present at the drawing in Superintendent Howard's office Tuesday.

## Van Vlack Enters Idaho Prison to Await Death; Appeal May Delay Fate

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 14.—(AP)—In a cell that would provide standing room for possibly 10 men, Douglas Van Vlack, convicted murderer of his former wife, Mildred Hook of Tacoma, tonight began serving a term in the state prison that is scheduled to end April 3 with death on the gallows.

The execution date probably will be delayed, however, as his attorneys, Leo Teats of Tacoma and E. V. Larson of Twin Falls, have announced they will appeal the case.

## Late Sports

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—(AP)—University of Southern California basketballers vanquished the University of California at Los Angeles 36 to 32 in a fierce battle tonight and moved back into a tie for conference southern division leadership with Stanford.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Phil Brubaker punched his way into the national heavyweight picture tonight with an impressive ten-round decision over King Levinsky, Chicago's best known fish peddler.

## Cold Spell Most Severe Ever; Mercury Sinks Again in Salem

### Season Record Likely; Flouts All Forecasts

### 35 Highest Temperature During Day; 21 is Midnight Mark

### Some Clouds, Continued Frigidity Expected During Weekend

Laughing at forecasts of warmer days, Old Man Weather started a sudden descent last night toward a new low record for the season and by midnight indications were ample that his objective would be reached.

A northeasterly wind and a clear sky added to the discomfort caused by the cold.

Yesterday's clear skies did not permit the mercury to rise above the 35-mark throughout the day. By 6 o'clock last night the thermometer was falling rapidly, having reached two degrees below freezing at that time. By midnight last night the mark was 21 degrees above zero.

No Change Forecast For This District

Official predictions from the United States weather reporting bureau at the airport were for partially cloudy today and Sunday with snow or rain in the extreme southern portion of the state. In the eastern and northwestern area of the state, including the Willamette valley, no change in the cold weather was expected. Fresh east by north (Turn to Page 3, Col. 3)

## Prior Death Issue In Estate Matter

In the murder-suicide of Mary T. Johnson—George W. Johnson on December 3, 1935, who died first?

That question came to light yesterday in the estate of Johnson, administrator of the state probate estate, filed probate papers claiming that she probate her husband and her estate thus is entitled to one-half of all his personal property.

Johnson, a paroled inmate of the Oregon state hospital for the insane, went berserk one night last December and attacked his wife near their home east of Salem. He then went into the house and hanged himself.

Emmons asserts that Johnson was actually dead before his wife. Property in the estate of Johnson includes 15 shares of stock in Hawkins & Roberts, stock in the Oregon Pulp & Paper company here and stock in the Portland General Electric company.

## Widening of WPA Eligibility Asked

Senator Charles L. McNary yesterday advised Governor Martin by telegraph that he had asked federal agencies to extend the registration date for employment on Works Progress projects in Oregon from May 1 to November 1.

The state of Idaho and Montana already have received this concession, Governor Martin said. Governor Martin recently telegraphed Harry Hopkins, federal emergency relief administrator, that there were 3843 persons in Oregon who would be eligible for employment on Works Progress projects, provided the May 1 registration period was changed to November 1.

## Grading Project Will Be Started

Work is to start shortly on a 4-mile grading project on the Pacific highway immediately south of Salem, the state highway department announced yesterday, concurrently with release of word that Roy L. Houck of Independence had received the contract for handling the grading of the project.

The new route runs from Pringle creek to Taylor creek and leaves the present paved road to the west, eliminates many curves and grades in the present route. The cost of the grading project will be \$95,931. In addition to the grading, four timber culverts will be installed and 33 feet of treated timber trestle will be built.

## Heroism Not Lost Virtue; Frigid Midwest Still Has Fearless Men



Scene at Charlevoix, Mich., where coast guardsmen were taking desperate chances in an effort to save three men marooned on an ice floe. Three had previously been rescued. One of those believed lost, Clayton Brown, 25, fisherman, crawled seven miles across rough ice to shore after his companions had frozen to death.—International Illustrated News photo.

## Highway Program Lined Up Rapidly

### Nine Millions Soon to Be Allocated; Top Amount Since Early '20s

Within a few more weeks, the entire state highway construction program for 1935-1936 will be under contract with allocations of state and federal funds running to \$9,029,965. Whether more contracts will be let by the state this summer and fall depends upon the amount of federal help received for the 1936-1937 year.

The total construction over the current 12-month period will equal all made back to the 1921 and 1922 period when the state was issuing its own bonds in large quantities and hurrying through a program of paved roads.

In the past 12 months the federal government has authorized (Turn to page 8, col. 6)

## Miss Smart Third In Peace Oratory

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Jesse Leonard of Oregon State college won first prize of \$50 tonight in the state peace oratory contest sponsored by the Oregon State Forensic league.

Second prize of \$30 went to Charles Franch of Linfield college and third prize of \$20 to Constance Smart of Willamette university.

Best school was the University of Portland.

Miss Smart's prize-winning topic was "Peace: Positive." She was accompanied by Portland by Prof. Herbert Rahe, head of the speech department at Willamette university.

## Soil Conservation Plan Awaits Vote

### Export Debenture Scheme Turned Down; Tariff Proposal Waits

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Bowling over all major amendments including the export debenture plan, the senate today established a strong bipartisan support for the administration's soil conservation-subsidy bill but postponed a final vote until tomorrow.

Democratic leaders set tomorrow's session an hour earlier than customary in an effort to drive the AAA replacement legislation through to the house well before nightfall.

Pending when a recess was taken late this afternoon were republican substitutes calling for increased tariffs and for huge acreage purchases by the government, and a minority move to recommit the bill for public hearings.

The export debenture plan, offered by Senator Connally (D-Tex.), was rejected 42 to 32 on the closest roll call of the day. It had carried twice in 1929 during the Hoover administration, but both times failed in the house.

## Permit For High School Is Issued

Salem building records for 1936 soared by more than half a million dollars yesterday when permits were issued for the senior high school construction and three small jobs. The high school cost was listed in the city permit at \$75,518. Other permits yesterday were as follows:

Block Shoe store, alter store at 176 North Liberty street, \$800; Hanna M. Turley, alter dwelling at 1025 Shipping, \$300; Jack Henningsen, erect garage at 1135 North 13th, \$45.

## Length Worst Feature, Says Federal Chief

### Some Records Shattered With -40 Lowest Yet Officially Noted

### Rescue Expeditions Set Out for Snowbound Midwest Areas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The present cold spell was reported today by the weather bureau to be the most severe in history in many places, and, possibly, the forerunner of more severe winters generally.

J. B. Kincer, chief of the division of climate and crop weather, said the current siege is remarkable primarily because of its length rather than the severity of the cold.

Nevertheless, he said, it has shattered records over the northern part of the country—and the end apparently is not in sight.

Thus far in February the lowest temperature officially recorded here was 40 degrees below zero at Devil's Lake, N. D., this morning. The same frigid mark was reached at Landor, Wyoming, on February 8.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Rescue expeditions prepared for new attempts to reach snowbound communities today as one of the severest cold waves of the midwest's record breaking winter swept toward the east.

Hundreds of deaths from storms, cold, snow and fire were counted throughout the northern hemisphere while concern over the welfare of the residents of more than a dozen marooned South Dakota villages prompted formation of relief parties.

Plane Equipped With Skis For Survey  
An airplane was equipped with skis at Belle Fourche, S. D., for an aerial survey of the isolated meadow county settlements. A huge tractor and snow plow was wheeled (Turn to page 8, col. 6)

## Drivers in Fatal Accident Accused

SILVERTON, Feb. 14.—Russell Scott of Silverton was arrested on a reckless driving charge today, following the head-on collision here last night in which Erno Thornton Allen, 24, was fatally injured. Allen died at 8 o'clock this morning.

The complaint against Scott was signed by Theodore Lamm of Mt. Angel. Scott signed a similar complaint against Lamm but his arrest had not been reported early tonight. Bail for each was set at \$500. The two drivers and Gordon Blom of Mt. Angel suffered minor injuries.

Funeral services for Allen will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Eckman chapel here.

He was born in Colorado, and was married in 1931 at Stevenson, Wash., to Catherine Lytell. She and a son, George, survive.

## Jones Will File For Same Office

A. Warren Jones, who won the city recharter two years ago on a law enforcement and efficient administration platform, within the next two or three days will file notice of his intention to run for reelection, he said yesterday.

He is expected to continue under the old platform.

Jones, former deputy county assessor, during the past year in his role as municipal judge has established some concern over the future of this city, at least in clearing his docket of drunken driving cases promptly, imposing uniform penalties and attempting to keep the bothersome parking tag situation cleaned up.

## Main State Roads Are in Use Again

All main highways in Oregon were back in use yesterday as snow and ice blockades became less serious, the Oregon State Motor association announced here.

The Columbia river highway, however, was reported "very icy" and the Old Oregon Trail to the eastward still offered large quantities of snow to impede motor traffic.

The Dalles-California highway, little touched by recent blizzards, was open throughout its length, with only a slippery section over Sams mountain near Klamath agency reported.

## Brings Out Power

The "Kamennol Ostrov" by Rubenstein utilized the full orchestra with tuba, harp and brass section claiming the spotlight. In the recapitulation, the "cello section distinguished itself in carrying the melody and the trumpets rang out over the heads of the second violins with clear, piercing voice.

Each's "Air for the G' string" was smooth, measured and dignified as in demonstrating the ability of the cellists.

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