

Basketball

Daily entries for the state tournament are being received in district meets throughout the state. The Statesman brings you all the basketball news—first.

The Weather

Increasing cloudiness and cooler followed by rain today, Wednesday fair; Max. Temp. Monday 63, Min. 41; river 8 feet, variable winds.

EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR

Five Councilmen to Handle Water Program

Self Defense Story Is Told By John Kyle

Battle in Dark, Demands of Unknown Visitor Related to Jury

Drinking Recalled; Case is Nearing Close in Circuit Court

Waiving constitutional rights, John Kyle took the stand here yesterday as the major defense witness in overcoming the state's first-degree murder charges against the thin, peevish Broadacres farmer who admitted he killed his "best friend."

Stubbornly resisting efforts of the state to break down his story of self-defense to the shooting of Hugh Jean Sloan, Kyle waived only slightly in declaring to the jury in Judge L. H. McMahan's crowded courtroom that "I didn't know it was Jean."

Until neighbors had been called in, Kyle declared, he did not know whom he had shot early on the morning following a New Year's celebration in Salem.

Memory not clear

On some of events

Kyle admitted, under penetrating cross-examination, that his memory had not been clear on some events of the fateful night when he was first questioned by officers. In conflict with testimony of Parley Morgan, state policeman, and Joe Smith, neighbor at Broadacres, Kyle denied he had re-ran the covers on the bed where Sloan died. Once under vigorous questioning he spoke of "turning to the bed where Jean was" only to explain to the jury that he did not know who his neighbor there and that he used the reference in the light of later discovered facts.

The state contends Kyle shot Sloan, knew he did so, re-ran the bed, then went for "help." A blood soaked handkerchief under Sloan's mouth, found by police, was not put there by Kyle, Kyle asserted, as declared by the district attorney sought to break down his story.

Kyle declared he had been sound asleep when he was awakened by someone choking him and saying "Come across, you - - -"

"Quit choking me; I'll give you anything I've got," Kyle asserted he answered. He then reached for his gun, and allegedly while Sloan's hands were on his throat, fired the fatal shots.

Defense Expected To Wind up Today

Paul Burris, defense council, will put his final witnesses on the stand today. The bulk of their testimony will be to show that Sloan was subject to fits of intoxication, and that he was frequently violent when drunk. Kyle finished his story late yesterday.

In his direct story to the jury, Kyle said Jean Sloan had come to his house in the morning, that the two had mixed some Tom and Jerry to drink and defense attorneys that they consumed two and a half of liquor. Sloan left, reappearing at about 1:30 to go with Kyle to the fights in Salem.

On cross examination, District Attorney Trindle demanded to know where Kyle got the liquor, but objection of the defense attorney on this was sustained and the question was unanswered.

Several Drinks are Recalled by Kyle

Kyle's story went ahead to tell of their start for Salem, of the breakdown of Sloan's car and return to get Kyle's machine, of Sloan's producing whiskey after they left Woodburn and each man taking two drinks before arriving at Salem. After the fights he said, the two ate at a Chinese place, then went back to Woodburn, stopped at Broadacres at Jones' store, where Sloan and Kyle drank a glass of beer, and then went on to Kyle's place, reaching there sometime between 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock. He described their entry to the house, and said they sat down and drank some whiskey, estimated at a half pint, or what Kyle said with a smile said "must" (Turn to Page 10, Col. 1)

Two More Burglaries Solved in Confession As Staples Sentenced

Store Robbery Three Years Ago, Theft of Church Collection Money Admitted; Youth Waives Indictment, Gets One-Year Term

LIGHT was shed on at least two burglaries which had previously never been solved when Arthur Arley Staples, 22, 1145 Hoyt street, admitted at the county jail last night that he had been implicated three years ago in the robbery of the 20th Century store, then on High street, and in the theft of a collection from the St. Joseph's Catholic church.

Burke to Run For Treasurer's Post

Yamhill Senator to Enter Fight Against Former Ally, Rufus Holman

State Senator W. E. Burke of Newberg yesterday announced his candidacy for the position of state treasurer. In seeking this office, he will oppose Rufus Holman, incumbent, in the state republican primaries.

It had been predicted for several days that the Yamhill county senator, recognized as a liberal, would seek the office of state treasurer, which carries with it a position on the state board of control, and it had been known for some time that he would seek some important state office.

Senator Burke, an advocate of public ownership, had long been a supporter of Holman, but broke with the state treasurer several months ago. He has favored the Townsend old age pension plan and when Dr. F. E. Townsend spoke in this state last summer, he appeared with him on the platform.

Ruhl Appointed, Education Board

Robert W. Ruhl, editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune yesterday was named to the state board of higher education, succeeding Leif Finseth of Dallas whose term expired.

Ruhl, a supporter of Governor Martin in the campaign of 1934, was said to be reluctant to take the position but to have consented at the governor's urging.

He is a graduate of Harvard university. He came to Medford in 1911 and has been continuously in newspaper work since that time. In 1934 he won the Pulitzer prize for his editorial fight against the Good Government league in Jackson county where civic disorder had resulted from the inflammatory writings of L. A. Banks.

Ruhl has been in California the last week but the governor's office said it had been assured Mr. Ruhl would accept the appointment.

Nine members comprise the board of higher education. William D. Marks of Albany is chairman. Ruhl's appointment is for a nine-year term.

P. O. Sets Record

BAKER, Ore., March 2.—(AP)—Postmaster Sanford Adler said today Baker's postoffice receipts in February exceeded those of any previous month in the unit's history.

Progress in Raising Funds To Aid Mill City Reported

One thousand dollars in subscriptions to preferred and common stock in the Mill City Lumber company were lined up here yesterday in the first day's canvass of Salem business men for support of the new milling operation in the Mill City community.

With the help of chamber of commerce members, five men from Mill City, divided into two teams, solicited a sizeable portion of the business community in their first day of work. The drive to sell \$5000 in stock will be continued today.

"We were well pleased by the first day's response," J. F. Potter, who will be manager of the new mill, said late yesterday. "We think the mill's operations is going to be of decided benefit to Salem. Naturally the people of our community will be inclined to the support of Salem merchants who believe in this institution we are founding."

Hammond Company Cooperating, Word

Potter reported that 48-hour work shifts are being worked to

Second Death Noted in New Gang Flareup

DeMory, Half-Brother of McGurn, Assassinated in Billiard Room

Method Duplicated When Holdup is Announced, Guns Bark Chorus

CHICAGO, March 2.—(AP)—Anthony DeMory, 24, a half-brother of machine gun Jack McGurn, was assassinated in a pool room tonight by three gunmen whose methods resembled those of the bowling alley killers of McGurn.

DeMory, who used the name Anthony Gebardi (McGurn's real name was Vincent Gebardi) was singled out of four men in a card game. He stood with the others at the marked gunmen's command, witnesses said, and was shot four times.

Two bullets struck him in the arm, one in the head, one near the heart. An hour later, without having regained complete consciousness, he died in a hospital.

Same Device Used

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Mott Excoriates F. R. Brain Trust

Professors Kept Recovery Still Around Corner, Avers Over Radio

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(AP)—A "weird crowd of professors and sub-professors" were charged tonight by Representative Mott (R-Ore.) with keeping industrial recovery and farm solvency "just where they were when the new deal came into power."

The president and his "brain trust" Mott asserted, "have substituted executive dictatorship for representative government and regard the constitution merely as a necessary evil."

Industrial Recovery, Agriculture are Problems

In a radio address (Columbia Broadcasting system) under the auspices of the national republican congressional committee, Mott said two major problems—industrial recovery and the destiny of agriculture—faced the Roosevelt administration at the outset.

The NRA was the solution to the first and the AAA to the second, he said.

"But with the NRA held in check" (Turn to Page 10, Col. 3)

Baldock Named to Survey Committee

SALT LAKE CITY, March 2.—(AP)—A committee of highway planning standards of the Western association of state highway officials was appointed today by Preston G. Peterson, president.

Members include:

K. C. Wright, chief engineer of the Utah highway commission; T. S. O'Connell, Arizona; Lacey Murrow, Washington; Charles D. Vall, Colorado; R. H. Baldock, Oregon state highway engineer.

The committee will investigate uniform practices in highway planning surveys and will report to the association convention at Phoenix, Ariz., April 29 and 30.

Postal Receipts Gain in February

Postal receipts, one recognized business index, scored a sizeable gain again here last month, Postmaster H. R. Crawford announced last night. February, 1936, receipts totaled \$19,349.34 as against \$18,398.78 for the same month last year.

The increase to date this year amounts to \$9600, Crawford said.

\$500 in Gold Coin Found in Basement, St. Helens

ST. HELENS, Ore., March 2.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Calhoun unearthed \$500 in 320 gold coins and \$680 in gold certificates in the basement of the home of George Morrell, recluse, who died last week. The search was undertaken at the instance of Henry Morrell, brother of the deceased, who said his relative confided the location of the money just before he died.

Anti-Burglar Device Okeh; Errors Human

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 2.—(AP)—Two Phoenix, Ariz., bankers visited a branch of the Bank of America here just before closing time today to examine a newly installed device to make the bank "holdup proof."

"You press a button and all the money in the tellers' cages slides down into the vault which is closed automatically and the time lock set for 30 minutes," Robert L. Gordon, district Bank of America vice president, explained to his guests.

At this moment three robbers, two of them carrying machine guns, entered, lined up Gordon, his guests, 30 customers and 14 employees against the walls, scooped up \$6,100 and escaped.

Somebody remembered to press the button about the time the robbers left.

Hearing Delayed, Vacation of Park

Seaplane Base Here, WPA Project Proposal Put Before Aldermen

The scheduled hearing on the vacation of a portion of Willson park for use by the state as land for the new capitol was postponed by the city council last night when it was discovered that insufficient notice of the hearing had been possible. The hearing was deferred until the night of April 6.

A "communications night" appeared to be in effect at last night's meeting from the variety of requests received.

From the national aeronautical chamber of commerce came a suggestion that the city construct a seaplane base as a WPA project. A seaplane landing float would cost \$3166, or a marine railway storage base \$25,569, the chamber's letter stated. The letter was jokingly referred to the water construction committee.

Cigarette Sample Distribution Protected

To the utilities committee the council referred a letter from the Salem Women's council of churchwomen protesting the recent distribution of sample cigarettes by telegraph messenger. The council branded this type of tobacco advertising "an affront to decency."

The police committee was asked to study a resolution suggested by Commissioner Ralph C. Clyde of Portland condemning Los Angeles authorities for turning back from the California state lines "people lacking in worldly wealth and victims of the depression." Seasonal laborers are wrongly being kept from traveling from state to state, Clyde charged.

In another letter, the Salem Business Men's league requested the council to grant the Dollar stage lines an extension of time in using the street in front of a hotel as a loading zone. This letter and a similar one from the stage company were referred to the police committee.

Other council actions were as follows:

Fire zone of block bounded by 13th, 14th, State and Court streets changed from No. 2 to No. 3 making building regulations less stringent; school board authorized to use wood lath, contrary to the building code, in the new senior high school building on condition the first floor and corridors be of concrete construction; granted Mrs. C. G. Wain \$25 damages for injuries sustained in fall on a defective sidewalk.

Approved sanitary sewer for north end of Semeketa street before it was over. (Turn to Page 10, Col. 2)

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Elevators Are Idle, Gotham's Tall Buildings

Mayor Declares State of Emergency; Necessary Trips Will Be Made

Many Other Centers are Afflicted With Labor Trouble, Revealed

(By the Associated Press)

Strikes afflicted more than half a dozen cities of the nation last night, the most spectacular a walkout of New York building employes which crippled residential and business skyscrapers in many parts of the metropolis.

A proclamation of emergency was issued by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York as the strike stopped elevators, curtailed telephone service and heat in the affected buildings.

Under the declared "state of emergency" the health department was called upon by the mayor to see that heat was supplied and necessary elevator trips made in buildings higher than six stories.

A deadlock in negotiations to end the two weeks' old walkout (Turn to Page 10, Col. 3)

Fifteen Killed in Railroad Tragedy

Runaway Tender Collides With Locomotive Near Revelstoke, B. C.

REVELSTOKE, B. C., March 2.—(AP)—Fifteen men were killed today by a runaway locomotive tender on the Canadian Pacific main line east of here, crushed to death in a collision between the tender and the derailed locomotive in a snow cut.

The men, who had been clearing snow slides from the tracks, were working near Downie, 26 miles from here. They were caught between 15-foot snow-banked walls. Some were in the engine cab.

All railway service east was tied up.

The slide came down yesterday, about 100 yards long and 15 feet deep.

Work gangs cut through it, railway officials said, and then attempted to put the derailed engine back on the tracks. The tender was uncoupled and started back to Illecillewaet, attached by cables to an auxiliary crane.

A mile up the heavy grade, another slide was heard. The engineer halted the locomotive and the tender pulled loose, breaking the cable and starting backward down the grade. It crashed into the cut.

Over the weekend, a chinook wind caused upwards of 100 slides along the line.

Feeding of Birds Added Expense of Cold Period

The recent cold weather placed more than the burden of increased fuel consumption of Salem taxpayers, it was revealed last night when the council voted the monthly statement of accounts and current expenses. The statement showed that \$1 had been spent by the parks department to feed the Willson park squirrels while snow and ice covered the ground. The food consisted of corn.

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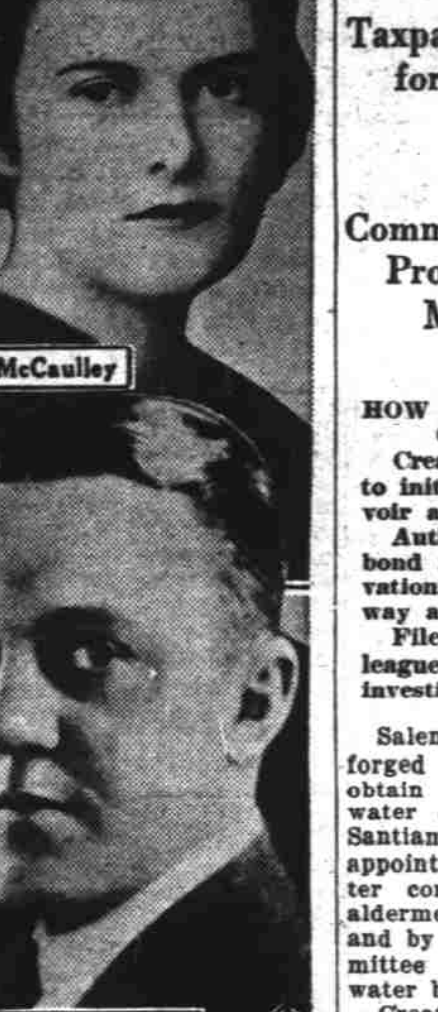
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'Most Eligible' Bachelor Falls

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"America's most eligible bachelor," Richard K. Mellon, Pittsburgh banker-nephew of Andrew Mellon and one of the richest young men in America, was eliminated from the "leap year competition" when his engagement to Mrs. Constance McCaulley, New York widow, was announced.

Fund For Armory Promised, Report

Additional Grant Looming For Similar Projects, Legion Informed

President Roosevelt has promised to have additional funds provided for armory projects such as has been proposed for Salem, Brigadier General Thomas E. Riley of the national guard told members of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, last night in reporting on his recent trip to Washington, D. C. Present armory funds, however, have become so bound by restrictions that construction of a new armory here, for example, is impossible until new money is made available, he added.

The post has gone "over the top" in its membership drive with 468 veterans now paid up for 1936. Adjutant William Bliven announced. The quota for the year is 600. Membership stars, for obtaining ten or more members, were presented by O. E. "Moose" Palmator to Herman Brown, W. A. Merriott, C. K. Logan, George Averett, R. H. Bassett, Hans Hofstetter, Irl S. McSherry, William Bliven, Jerrold Owen, J. H. Brady, George Edwards, Dr. V. E. Hockett and R. D. Woodrow.

First prize in the "big mo" (Turn to Page 10, Col. 2)

Construction Committee to Be Selected by Kuhn Today

Mayor V. E. Kuhn not later than today will appoint the four councilmen who with himself will constitute the water construction committee created by the council last night, he said after the meeting.

Two aldermen were considered certain to be named by the mayor. Brazier B. Small, who took the lead in designating the North Santiam river as the city's "mountain" supply, and E. B. Perrine. Alderman Merrill D. Ohling was believed likely to be a third appointee. The mayor will serve as chairman.

Water Commission Members Appointed

The council's designation of a committee from its own membership to push construction of the new waterworks met with the approval of the water commission.

"The main thing is to get a good water supply for Salem," Chairman Edward Rosten of the

Authorize Use Of Bond Funds For Reservoir

Taxpayer League Request for Further Test of Wells is Filed

Committee for Handling Project Essential, Members Decide

HOW COUNCIL ACTED

ON WATER PROBLEMS

Created five-man committee to initiate and supervise reservoir and pipeline construction.

Authorized use of \$46,308 in bond fund for reservoir excavation, engineering, right of way and water rights.

Filed Salem Taxpayers' league petition urging further investigation of wells.

Salem's city council last night forged ahead with its plans to obtain a "permanent mountain water supply" from the North Santiam river by authorizing the appointment of a five-man "water construction committee" of aldermen headed by the mayor and by turning over to this committee \$46,308 remaining in the water bond fund.

Creation of the special committee was authorized by an oral vote but a standing vote, as follows, was required on the Alderman Brazier C. Small's motion to turn the \$46,308 over to the committee:

Aye—Armistead, Goodman, Ohling, Olinger, Perrine, Small, Wiedner and Young.

No—Daupe, Fuhrer, Minto and Williams.

Absent, Evans and O'Hara.

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Without comment the council shoved aside via the "received and placed on file" route a petition from the Taxpayers' League of Salem which urged that the city attempt first to secure a water supply from wells.

The league petition, signed by Frank W. Durbin, president, and Carl T. Pope, secretary, declared that Frank Knowles, geologist, had held that it was possible to obtain a sufficient quantity of water from the city's needs from the test drilling site near Turner and asserted that this source would cost \$500,000 less than the North Santiam supply.

Mayor Kuhn was designated chairman of the water construction committee, in a resolution introduced by Alderman Merrill D. Ohling, and directed to name four other councilmen to serve with him. The resolution provided that the Salem water commission should serve with this special committee in an advisory capacity.

Council Required to Take Responsibility

"From a very exhaustive study of the charter by the city attorney, it appears that in spite of what we might want to do the council must shoulder the responsibility of constructing the new water system," Alderman Small, the only speaker on the resolution, explained. "It is felt that if a committee can be appointed to work in harmony with the water commission, we can carry on this work almost as effectively as the water commission itself.

Coomes Candidate

PORTLAND, Ore., March 2.—(AP)—J. A. Coomes of Trail announced today he will be an independent candidate for Oregon congressman from the first district. He said he advocated the Townsend plan and managed currency.

Tuna Fish Is Current Topic For Recipes

Tuna fish, the current Round Table topic, is as versatile as chicken when it comes to different ways in which it may be prepared. Cold or hot, alone or combined with other fish or vegetables, tuna fish is always good and always on hand.

Send in as many recipes as you like this week to The Statesman but be sure that they reach the office by Thursday noon. Cash prizes totaling \$2 are awarded weekly.