

Fourteen Plead Guilty in Gambling Cases

Woman Beaten by Unknown Man

Victim Now In Hospital With Head Injuries

Each Aspirant Is Pleased at Illinois Count

Mrs. O. J. Sigurdson Not Able to Describe Her Assailant, Report

Accepts Ride; Threat is Made With Hammer, Officers Told

Her Slaying in Gotham Apartment House Remains Complete Mystery



Mrs. Nancy Titterton, 34, wife of noted playwright, H. L. Titterton, who was slain apparently by a maniac in a New York apartment house last week. Police have found only the slenderest of clues to follow, and have arrested no one seriously suspected.

Mrs. O. J. Sigurdson, about 45, was badly beaten about 10 o'clock last night, after she had accepted a ride with an unknown man as she walked to her home on Cascade drive above West Salem.

Mrs. Sigurdson suffered lacerations about the head. Physicians were not able to determine if she had received a fractured skull from the blows of her assailant.

The woman could not give state officers a description of the man with whom she battled. She declared that he was about 25 years old and was driving a small black coupe.

Knox Delegate List Now Up to 130, Claimed; 29 in Home State

"Moral Victory" is Seen by Borah; Landon is Likewise Elated

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(AP)—Scanning closely the returns from yesterday's presidential preference primaries, Washington tonight noted five tangible points.

Knox, a persistent New Deal critic, found his plurality largely confined to Chicago and its environs.

Ice Plant Blast Is Fatal to One

Employee Dies, President of Clarkston Firm in Critical Condition

Huge Bond Theft Case Held Solved

Eight Men Arrested Says G-Chief; Loot Valued at \$590,000 Taken

Borah, seeking party reform in the direction of liberalization, held a slight lead in most down state rural sections, with many precincts still to be heard from.

President Roosevelt, unopposed in simultaneous democratic primaries, polled more than a million ballots, nearly 500,000 more than the combined Knox-Borah total.

Route Is Changed For Blossom Day

Glenn Creek Road to Be Included; Camp at Airport Is Lure

CLARKSTON, Wash., April 15.—(AP)—One man dead and another reported dying was the toll of an ammonia explosion which wrecked the basement of the Twin Cities Ice company plant here late this afternoon and rocked the north-east section of Clarkston.

William Driskill, 22, Clarkston, employee of the company, could not be revived after being dragged out of the plant by the Lewiston firemen equipped with gas masks.

The plant did not catch fire after the explosion, but great clouds of ammonia gas were blown by the wind, forcing crowds of spectators to run to avoid being overcome by the fumes.

Mountain Falls Down

And Beats Little Man

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—"Man Mountain" Dean, 317, Stone Mountain, Ga., took a one-half mile run tonight from Paul Boesch, 215, Brooklynn, when Boesch missed a flying drop kick and Dean landed on top of him. Time was 6:09.

Baxter to Speak

At Republican Dinner

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, will address the East Side commercial club here tomorrow night on "Real Values."

Rebel Club Given One More Chance

No. 7 Officers Fail Once More to Meet Weir; Object to Logan

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—Failure of Townsend club No. 7 officers to appear at a meeting called by State Manager James Logan led John H. Weir, regional representative, to say tonight he would give the unit "one more chance."

Farmers to Hear Of Soil Program

Farmers from all sections of the county convene here today with Harry L. Riches, county agent, to outline tentative districts for the administration of the new soil conservation act in the county.

Dairymen Hear Of Industry's Issues

Members of the Salem unit of the Dairy Cooperative association gathered at the chamber of commerce last night for a general discussion of the dairy situation.

Initiative Measures Total 19; Many to Reach Ballot

To appear on the ballot the petitions must carry the names of 16,371 bona fide voters and be filed with the secretary of state, by July 1.

Of the 19 now in circulation, eight are amendments to the state constitution and the remainder statutes. The topics covered by the proposals range from tax measures, automobile regulations, advertising, fish, power, liquor proposals to abolition of compulsory military training in the state's institutions of higher learning.

The Homestead tax exemption provision up to a \$2,000 assessed valuation.

An amendment prohibiting the enactment of a law which forbids truthful advertising. This is directed at the recent statute regulating advertising by dentists.

Warren L. Creech told the meeting the Farmers Union organization hopes to have its livestock commission yard within the Portland stockyards set up and operating by May 1, at less than \$1500 remains to be subscribed. Setting up this deal will stimulate Salem market to the Portland level, he declared.

France Would Deny Support, British Fleet

Will Withdraw Support if Lone Hand Played Against Italians

War Success of Latter Removes Most Hopes of Agreement Now

(By The Associated Press) France threatened to withdraw support of the British fleet in the Mediterranean Wednesday and an Anglo-French rift seemed a show-down.

In effect, Paris unofficially warned her most powerful ally that if she "plays a lone hand against Italy" a French agreement to aid the British fleet if it is attacked in the Mediterranean no longer holds good.

This development in the somber European situation came as League of National officials admitted little hope of early peace in Africa and as fascists in Rome joyfully shouted that the "days of the Ethiopian empire are numbered."

Flushed by military successes, Italy appears little inclined to negotiate for peace under League auspices unless she virtually dictates the terms.

Delegates arrive from Rome, through France, warned that she would refuse to allow her Ethiopian campaign to be "frustrated."

Aggregate of Fines is \$1950 As Indictments Due to Probe Are Cleaned Up; Few Remain

Penalties \$50 For Operation of Slot Machines, \$100 For Gaming in Each Case; Big Sum Paid

DEFENDANTS promise no illegal games will be conducted in future; Moody advises on fines

FOURTEEN self-confessed operators of slot machines or gambling games or both, marched into circuit court here yesterday afternoon, admitted through their counsel that they were guilty as charged by the Marion county grand jury in indictments returned March 16, and received fines of \$50 each for operation of slot machines and \$100 each for conduct of gambling games.

Ralph E. Moody, special prosecutor assigned by the governor to conduct an inquiry into alleged gambling here last fall, recommended to Judge L. H. McMahan that the fines be imposed as the court set them.

Moody made no recommendation until each pool hall and card room operator who was in the courtroom had orally pledged himself to Judge L. H. McMahan that gambling would not be resumed in their places of business in Salem.

Demurrer Denied in Leek Bus Case

Exclusive Franchise Not Valid But Defendant Loser Otherwise

In an extended written opinion, City Judge A. Warren Jones yesterday overruled demurrers to a complaint filed against Vernon D. Leek, charging him with operating a bus in the city contrary to the provisions of the city ordinance, but held that the city council had no authority to grant an exclusive franchise.

Attorneys for Leek announced they would take the decision to the circuit court by asking for a writ of certiorari.

Demurrer was filed against the complaint by Leek's attorneys on three grounds.

1. Ordinance 1728 creating the franchise for bus rights was invalid.

2. That the city of Salem has no right under its charter to grant a franchise.

3. That the city of Salem has no right to grant an exclusive franchise.

Citing an Oregon City case (Turn to page 10, col. 1)

Unicameral Legislature is Favored by Pomona Grange

NORTH HOWELL, April 15.—Obtaining all funds for state expenses from an income tax, abolition of one house of the legislature and adoption of the Bone bill for utilizing Bonneville power rather than the McNary bill, were some of the policies favored by the Marion county Pomona grange in resolutions passed at the meeting attended by 200 grangers here today.

The county-wide group however laid on the table a resolution proposing the establishment of a producer-consumer cooperative. In the resolutions committee it was felt that the grange would be called upon to support all cooperatives if it gave endorsement to one.

Steering Committee System Not Liked

Williams, O'Hara Back From Jaunt

Fred A. Williams and David O'Hara returned last night from a trip into Washington with Carl T. Pope, secretary of the Salem's Taxpayers league. The trip was made to investigate the well water supply of a number of Washington cities.

Williams and O'Hara are members of a special council committee to investigate wells as a possible source of supply for the Salem water system.

Williams said last night that the trip had proved interesting but he had no report to give on his findings.

Recipes Must Be in Today; Halibut Topic

Today at noon is the deadline for halibut recipes to be turned in to the Statesman office. Judging takes place this afternoon and prize winners will be announced Friday morning.

Three cash prizes are awarded each week by The Statesman Round Table for the best recipes submitted on the current topic. Watch for the new topic to be given out Friday.

The Weather
Increasing cloudiness today, Friday unsettled with rain; Max. Temp. Wednesday 81, Min. 39, river 5.7 feet, variable winds.

Gibson Is First On Battle Scene

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 15.—(AP)—Wrestling huskies, who hope to struggle their way from Lehigh university's mats to Europe, began pouring into Bethlehem today from all corners of the country, ready for the final American Olympic team tryouts.

The three-day eliminations get under way tomorrow. Some 125 collegiate, Y.M.C.A., and A.A.U. contenders will make up the field for the trials.

First arrivals came from 3,000 miles away—Albert Gibson, a 123-pounder from Northwestern Dental college at Portland, Ore., and Al Hennifer, a light-heavyweight, undefeated in five years of wrestling for the Tacoma, Wash., Y.M.C.A.

Arthur Hyde to Speak At Republican Session

CHILOQUIN, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—Arthur W. Prault, chairman of the republican state central committee, said today Arthur Hyde would speak at a republican rally in Portland May 6. Hyde formerly was governor of Missouri and secretary of agriculture in the Hoover administration.

Breaks Leg, Drives Car Home Following Accident

EUGENE, Ore., April 15.—(AP)—X-rays taken following an auto accident showed Tom Vernon had a broken leg. His car plunged over an embankment, somersaulted and landed upright. He drove it home, losing consciousness twice but managing to stop the car without damage each time.