# Fourteen Plead Guilty in Gambling Cases

# Woman Beaten by Unknown Man

## Victim Now In Hospital With Head Injuries

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

Accepts Ride; Threat is Made With Hammer, Officers Told

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 Threatens Her With

Hammer, Is Story The man threatened Mrs. Sigurdson-with a heavy flat hammer, she said, and after hitting her on the head left her lying on the ground unconscious as he drove

of Kingwood heights where the Simmons family called police, State police had to delay further investigation of the case until this morning, when they hoped

Mrs. Sigurdson would be able to show them the location of the fight and be able to give a description of the man.

### Route Is Changed For Blossom Day

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

for Blossom day, officially declared for next Sunday, the Cherrians | gas. at their monthly meeting dast night, announced a slightly different route for the cherry district across the river.

The blossom route will lead north, from the west end of the overcome by the fumes. Marion-Polk bridge to the Frank-

mile, it will take the Orchard Heights road, west three miles to the A. B. Southwick farm. The route will lead through fully blossomed cherry tracts through the farm to the Glen Creek well trav-

Thence to Kingwood Heights to the Dallas road, returning to Salem. The prune route will be as in the past, south past the Liberty district, through the red hills to Rosedale, turning east there past the Friends church, the Paeific highway, thence to Salem.

Pictures Today Photos of the Cherrians will be taken this morning. Sunday morning Cherrians and Boy Scouts will be placed at the leading corners of the city to help in directing traffic. As usual, the blossom day cards will be posted along the

Another unusual attraction for Blossom day will be the Salem airport, headquarters for the 382d Infantry contact camp. Two bombing squadrons from Tacoma will arrive from Tacoma and more than 200 officers will take part in the contact ceremonies. A matter of interest at the airport Sunday morning will be the air force attack against infantry.

#### 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 the current topic. Watch for the new topic to be given out Friday.

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.

### Coming to, Mrs. Sigurdson wan- Ice Plant Blast Is Fatal to One Case Held Solved

of Clarkston Firm in Critical Condition

CLARKSTON, Wash., April 15. ed the basement of the Twin Cities

William Driskill, 22, Clarkston. partment, employe of the company, could not men equipped with gas masks.

J. M. Madison, about 65, president of the company, was in a \$310,000 in bonds recovered. Preparing for proper publicity critical condition at a Lewiston hospital, suffering from burns and 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 Rumors that three other per-

sons were trapped in the wreck-Then returning quarter of a age were discounted by firemen after a search of the ruins.

Mountain Falls Down And Beats Little Man

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15 .- (AP) "Man Mountain" Dean, 317, Stone Mountain, Ga., took a onefall wrestling match tonight from Paul Boesch, 215, Brooklyn, when Boesch missed a flying drop kick and Dean landed on top of him.

#### Baxter to Speak

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

# **Huge Bond Theft**

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

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- (AP)-(A)-One man dead and another A partial solution of the mysterireported dying was the toll of an ous theft of \$590,000 of bonds. ammonia explosion which wreck- taken when a clerk stepped for a and Knox, and Landon, as well, moment from his cage in the Unit-Ice company plant here late this ed States Trust company of New afternoon and rocked the north- York on December 13, 1934, was claimed tonight by the justice de-

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the be revived after being dragged out federal bureau of investigation, of the plant by the Lewiston fire- summoned newspapermen to his office tonight to announce that eight men had been arrested and (Turn to page 10, col. 2)

#### **Break Ground For** Third Flax Plant

EUGENE, Ore., April 15 .- (AP)-Governor Charles Martin envisioned a rapid growth of Oregon's the new retting and scutching plant at Springfield.

The governor said a substantial portion of the \$141,000,000 spent each year outside the united States for flax products will come to Oregon as the industry is developed in this state.

The governor, state WPA Chief E. J. Griffith, Secretary of State Egrl Snell, State Treasurer Rufus Holman and L. L. Laws, secretary of the state flax board, participated in the ceremonies at Spring-

The ground-breaking was the signal for actual construction of the flax plant, a WPA project as-

#### Initiative Measures Total 19; Many to Reach Ballot

on November 3, will carry 19 and titions must carry the names of possibly more initiative proposals 16,371 bona fide voters and be sided. Dave Saucy, representative should petitions on all those for filed with the secretary of state, which ballot titles have been re- by July 1. quested be completed.

There are now 19 petitions in Included in List the field, most of which are reported to be active while the sta-

initiative petitions in circulation stitutions of higher learning. but by November only three were voted upon. David O'Hara, election clerk in the state department, estimated the number to succeed this year may reach three times that number, despite the new law

prohibiting paid eirculators. The time for starting other initiatives is growing short, but retiatives is growing short, but reports are current several more lating advertising by dentists, initiative bills will be attempted.

Oregon's general election ballot | To appear on the ballot the pe-Eight Amendments

Of the 19 now in circulation, eight are amendments to the state tus of several others could not be constitution and the remainder ascertained. Rarely are half of statutes. The topics covered by them filed with the required the proposals range from tax meanames, but the activities this year sures, automobile regulations, adindicate a larger number than vertising, fish, power, liquor prousual will be up to the electorate. posals to abolition of compulsory Two years ago there were 20 military training in the state's in-

The constitutional amendments proposed are: The Homestead tax exemption provision up to a \$2,000 assessed

enactment of a law which forbids ing by May 1, as less than \$1500 lem water system. (Turn to page 5, col. 6)

#### Knox Delegate List Now Up to 130, Claimed; 29 in Home State "Moral Victory" is Seen

by Borah; Landon is

Likewise Elated

**Each Aspirant** 

Is Pleased at

Illinois Count

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- (AP) -Scanning closely the returns from yesterday's presidential preference primaries, Washington to-

night noted five tangible points. Col. Frank Knox of Chicago, seeking the republican nomination, led Senator Borah of Idaho in Illinois by close to 80,000 votes, but the number of delegates won by each remained to be finally decided. (Supporters of the Chicago publisher claimed 29 of the 49 delegates evening while many ballots remained to be counted.)

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

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 mile lion bailots, nearly 500,000 more than the combined Knox - Borah

In Nebraska, where Roosevelt and Borah were unopposed in their respective party primaries, some republican voters wrote in the name of Governor Alf Landon of Kansas.

The supporters of both Borah said they drew comfort from the (Turn to page 5, col. 4)

#### Farmers to Hear Of Soil Program

Farmers from all sections of the county convene here today with Harry L. Riches, county agent, to sen to address them after Eggertoutline tentative districts for the sen was barred by the state manadministration of the new soil ager. conservation act in the county. Riches said yesterday that he

had received no new data regarding the act. It will be administered on a district plan within the county, he said, and the purpose in calling farm leaders to today's conference is to get an outline of an organization determined so the flax industry today in a talk at actual administration of the new a luncheon which preceded act can start as soon as final deground-breaking ceremonies for tails are received from Washing-

> From data in the press, sufficient idea has been received by farmers to permit many of them to sow spring crops which will bring them conservation benefits, the county agent averred. The exact payment per acre for taking out soil-exhausting crops is not known for this county but will approximate \$10. The average yield of the soil-depleting acreage will be taken into considera- are serving their terms, to plead tion by the government in making the payments.

### Dairymen Hear of Industry's Issues

the Dairy Cooperative association gathered at the chamber of commerce last night for a general discussion of the dairy situation. R. H. Clark, unit chairman, preunit to the state coop board, answered the questions and gave his personal viewpoint of the attitude of the independents toward the cooperative, an' attitude which he said he felt is due to lack of understanding of the situation.

R. W. Clarke, manager of the Dairy Co-op office here, reported 100 tons of baled hay available in and vetch and \$17 per ton for alsaid, have reported difficulty in finding hay.

Warren L. Creech told the meet- ington cities. ing the Farmers Union organiza-

# 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 neared a show-

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 num-

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

Sans Instructions Italy, through France, warned that she would refuse to allow her Ethiopian campaign to

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#### 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 officials 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

What would happen if leaders continued to defy citations was not made clear. The officials were cited to ap-

pear to explain why they defied Logan in allowing Luther Eggert-J. W. Rounds, secretary of club

said "We're willing to meet Weir but not Logan. The club is (Turn to page 10, col. 2)

#### Andersons Given Heavier Penalty

Robert, Harold and John Anderson, who had received light sentences of six to nine months for sheep stealing, each received sentences of three years each in the state penitentiary yesterday when they were brought before Judge Arlie G. Walker in Dallas. The three youths were secretly indicted by a Polk county grand jury Monday and were brought if Banks was freed, were first of six bombs, sent through the from the state prison, where they

The three young men had conessed to a series of thefts in four different counties. Robert, the elder of the three, was sentenced to nine months when he was brought before Judge L. H. Mc-Mahan here. The other young men received sentences of six months. Rufus Boatwright, former alderman here, was granted a post-

guilty to the charges in Polk

ponement until next Monday to plead on his indictment of driving while intoxicated. He was arraigned in Polk county early yesterday afternoon.

#### Williams, O'Hara Back From Jaunt

Fred A. Williams and David O'Hara returned last night from town at \$17.50 per ton for oats a trip into Washington with Carl T. Pope, secretary of the Salem's falfa, f. o. b. Salem. Farmers, he Taxpayers league. The trip was made to investigate the well water supply of a number of Wash-

Williams and O'Hara are members of a special council commitcommission yard within the Port- tee to investigate wells as a pos-An amendment prohibiting the land stockyards set up and operat- sible source of supply for the Sa-

market to the Portland level, he but he had no report to give on declared.

| Declared declar

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

Valid But Defendant

Loser Otherwise

In an extended written opinion,

City Judge A. Warren Jones, yes-

the provisions of the city ordin-

1. Ordinance 1728 creating the

franchise for bus rights was in-

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**Bombing Is Dead** 

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 16

He died a short time after the

A ruling permitting shipment

funds for the use of the agricul-

Harlan Judd, A. A. Geer and

Herbert Michelbrook were mem-

bers of the resolutions commit-

tee, which brought in several of

speaker of the day, discussing "Scenes Behind the Mike" and

the method of electrical transcrip-

resolutions without recom-

tural committee.

Some Resolutions

Third Victim of

exclusive franchise.

#### Dessye's Capture Claimed by Italy

Badoglio Expected to Get Drive to Addis Ababa Started at Once

ROME, April 15-(AP)-Italy's ex-peditionary force in Africa was on the high road to Addis Ababa following the fall of the strategic city of Dessye, fascists claimed tonight.

(The Ethiopian government officially denied Dessye had been

taken. Premier Mussolini ordered flags displayed throughout the kingdom tomorrow in celebration of the unopposed capture of Dessye, former field headquarters of Emperor Haile Selassie, by the northern army.

Occupation of Addis Ababa, the capital, and the remaining heart of the African empire was considered by fascists to be only a question of days. Rapid Advance on Capital Forecast

Military sources said there was a probability that Marshal Pietro Badoglio, commander - in - chief, would organize a vast motor column for a swift drive along the road between Dessye and the capital. The road was described as a

good one and Addis Ababa lies hy for the have been to the empire's center since the war began.

Crowds gathered in Colonna square and in Venezia square, in front of Premier Mussolini's palace, tonight for a big victory demonstration. "The days of the Ethioplan

empire are numbered," said the

correspondent of the Stefani (Italian) news agency. A communique from the veter- ance, but held that the city counan Marshal Badoglio said terse-

"Our troops entered Dessye this morning."

### Kellaher Granted Time to File Plea

Time for arraignment of Dan Kellaher, former state parole officer under indictment for allegedly agreeing to receive a bribe remained uncertain last night after District Attorney Trindle had stated that he would not delay a plea until May 1 unless he had a formal affidavit presented in court, declaring that Kellaher was too ill to appear until then.

J. G. Murphy, Kellaher's attorney, asked yesterday that the case be delayed until the end of his month so Kellaher could consult with another attorney who will be associated with Murphy in defending Kellaher. He early today, third victim of the also said that the former parole "Easter gift" bombs in this Wyoofficer was in poor health and should not be brought to Salem | week. to plead for a fortnight. suicide of a miner, who blew him-

Kellaher is out on \$3000 bail set last August when the charges self to death with powder in a that he entered into a contract colliery, started local and state with L. A. Banks, life-termer at police and federal investigators on the penitentiary to get \$50,000 a new angle of their investigation gan pouring into Bethlehem topresented." Kellaher was indicted mails in the guise of Easter gifts by the grand jury here last week. last Thursday night.

ing attended by 200 grangers here

laid on the table a resolution pro

posing the establishment of a pro-

ducer - consumer cooperative. In

the resolutions committee it was

felt that the grange would be call-

ed upon to support all coopera-

tives if it gave endorsement to

adopted during the special session

System Not Liked

Unicameral Legislature is

Obtaining all funds for state ex- the special session.

NORTH HOWELL, April 15 .- | cial regulation applying only to

penses from an income tax, aboli- of mixed carload lots of vegetables

tion of one house of the legisla- was asked in another resolution.

ture and adoption of the Bone Still another asked that the

bill for utilizing Bonneville power Grange Bulletin be required to

rather than the McNary bill, were publish all resolutions passed by

some of the policies favored by Pomona groups, within 30 days

the Marion county Pomona grange after their adoption. Another re-

in resolutions passed at the meet- lated to providing state grange

Other resolutions passed includ- tion of programs. He also talked

ed one condemning the rule which at the North Howell school, Mrs.

the state house of representatives Kirkham accompanied him.

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** 

OURTEEN 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 con-

duct 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 Demurrer Denied places of business in Salema Wiped Off Docket

In Leek Bus Case When the tally had been made at the end of the short but incisive court session, 26 gambling indictments had been disposed of only 175 miles from the Italian Exclusive Franchise Not by the pleas of guilty by the men ndicted, 15 men indicted pleaded guilty, two through their counsel, Guy Smith, and 14 through Custer E. Ross who had his clients in the courtroom. Fines levied by Judge L. H. McMahan totalled \$1950. Collection will not terday overruled demurrers to be demanded until Monday, April complaint filed against Vernon D. 20, but payments were rolling into Leek, charging him with operatthe county's coffers yesterday afting a bus in the city contrary to ernoon with \$400 received within

ten minutes after court adjourned. The action yesterday came as cil had no authority to grant an a sudden, dramatic climax to the impending prosecution of a series Attorneys for Leek announced of gambling and slot machine cashey would take the decision to es in circuit court. Shortly bethe circuit court by asking for a fore the men pleaded guilty. Judge L. H. McMahan had over-Demurrer was filed against the ruled demurrers to the indietments which defense counsel had omplaint by Leek's attorneys on

Special Prosecutor Moody then recommended to the court that nine indictments made by the 2. That the city of Salem has no grand jury March 17 be dropped because of insufficient evidence.

right under its charter to grant a Custer E. Ross then arose, and 3. That the city of Salem has no reading rapidly through the list right to grant an exclusive franof indictments which he held, entered pleas of guilty for his clients Citing an Oregon City case in rapid order.

> Moody followed. "The state does not want to be vindictive,' he said. "What the state wants to do is to cure an evil. It wants to rid this county of gambling and of gambling de-vices. If each of these men would pay a fine of \$1000 and then go

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#### (AP) - Thomas Maloney, former president of the virtually disband-Gibson Is First ed United Anthracite Miners, died On Battle Scene ming valley anthracite area last

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 15 .-(AP)-Wrestling huskies, who hope to grapple their way from Lehigh day 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 who will make up the field for the trials. Favored by Pomona Grange

First arrivals came from 3,000 miles away - Albert Gibson, a 123 - pounder from Northwestern Dental college at Portland, Gre., 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. Priaulx, 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,

#### Art Kirkham of KOIN was the Breaks Leg, Drives Car Home Following Accident

EUGENE, Ore., April 15-(A)-X-rays taken following an auto accident showed Tom Vernon had a broken leg. His car plunged over last fall, whereby a steering com- was explained by Harry Riches, an embankment, somersaulted