

Spring Opening
Legislature is over, basketball tournament comes soon; interest this week centers in Spring Opening, Thursday night.

The Weather
Unsettled, probably showers today and Thursday; Max. Temp. Tuesday 61, Min. 42, river 7.8 feet, rain .67 inch, southerly winds.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Roosevelt Disavows Intent to Pack Court

Safe and Sane Session Ended; Result Viewed

Republican Senate Aids Democrat Governor to Avoid Boat Rocking

Building Program, State Pension System Seen Among Highlights

By JOHN D. MINTO
Along with its predecessors, the 33rd Oregon legislative session became history yesterday.

Strangely or perhaps rightly, it was not the democratic house where democratic Governor Martin found his support but the republican senate.

Few bills of importance were introduced or passed. Of the 226 bills introduced, the legislators killed nearly half.

Portland also fared well in the matter of state buildings. An appropriation for a tuberculosis hospital was approved along with an enabling act for the purchase or erection of a state building there.

Johnson Is Freed Of Murder Count

EUGENE, March 9.—(AP)—A jury of ten men and two women tonight acquitted George T. Johnson of the second degree murder charge placed against him in the fatal beating of John Vaughn Dec. 13, 1936.

Following an altercation on the McKenzie highway six miles east of here, Vaughn was beaten with a pick handle in the hands of Johnson after the latter had gone out to protest the loud tooting of the horn on Vaughn's truck.

Land Grant Fund Claim \$13,103.64

Marion county claims on the Oregon and California land grant fund for the tax years 1934 and 1935 will aggregate \$13,103.64.

Men Who Represented Industrial Union in U. S. Steel Negotiation



When the committee for industrial organization succeeded in obtaining formal recognition from the Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation, it was hailed as a triumph for labor.

Mott Objects to Smith Power Bill

Premature, Says; Measure Like One Introduced Last Year Sought

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—Senators Homer T. Bone and Lewis B. Schwellenbach set out tonight at President Roosevelt's request to "post" 1,200,000 fertile central Washington acres against land gamblers.

Meanwhile, dissension flared over another Columbia river development—the Bonneville project 60 miles east of Portland, Ore.

No Faint, Record Must Be Correct

The fact that Director Percy A. Cupper didn't faint at a recent meeting of the school board was taken jestingly at last night's session as evidence bearing on a mooted cost figure in connection with the new high school shops.

Dancing Is Crowning Event Of Spring Opening Thursday

Dancing at Crystal Gardens will be the crowning event of the annual Spring Opening which the Salem Ad club in cooperation with a large number of Salem merchants is sponsoring this week.

Three Deaths In Salem Are Held Suicides

Laundry Worker, Convict Are Hanging Victims; No Messages Left

Oswego Ex-Judge Leaves Farewell Note, Other Papers on Bridge

Their deaths so close together that they could be compared with the wave of self-destruction which reputedly struck Europe following publication of the song "Gloomy Sunday," two persons took their own lives Monday night and circumstances indicated that a third had also committed suicide.

Confessed Slayer Of Four Now Here

Enechi Kato in Local Jail For Night; Goes North to Face Court Fate

Enechi Kato, self-confessed murderer of his wife and four children in a gruesome massacre at Auburn, Wash. February 12, was lodged in the Salem city jail last night by King county sheriff's officers returning him to Washington to face charges of murder in the first degree.

Memorial Chapel Honors E. W. Kirk

A memorial chapel was held yesterday at Willamette university in honor of Prof. William E. Kirk who passed away March 6.

Hunters, Anglers Discuss Program

Plans of the Salem Hunters and Anglers for providing cabins and boats for rental at Marion lake or Elk lake, were discussed at the club's meeting Tuesday night in Kennedy hall by W. M. Park, reaction engineer of the U. S. forest service.

To Shoot Movies In Clatsop Area

ASTORIA, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—James Cosgriff, writer, investigator and director of a motion picture of forest scenes today preparatory to the expected arrival Friday of 60 actors, actresses and extras headed by Jack Holt and Grace Bradley.

Youth Is Injured When Hit By Auto

Chu Sun, 15 year old son of Sule L. Sun, route 2, was taken to the Deschutes hospital yesterday afternoon after being struck by an automobile on Capitol street near Parrish school about 4 o'clock.

Teachers Win Increase

ST. HELENS, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—St. Helens school teachers won a \$10 per month increase in salary, under action of the school board here. Pay of janitors also was boosted.

Colgaard Dies, Murder Charge To Face Brown

EUGENE, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—Held in an unnamed jail, Elwin S. Brown faced first degree murder charges today as a result of the death of Peter Colgaard, elderly Elmira storekeeper who was robbed and beaten last week.

Relief Rolls Will Be Cut One-Third

Able Bodied Persons All Dropped by March 15, Committee Plans

With March 15 set as the deadline a resolution adopted by the Marion county relief committee and released yesterday by Glenn C. Niles, executive secretary, will have the effect of cutting present relief rolls of nearly a third as "able bodied persons" now receiving emergency relief are removed from the rolls.

Suspend License Of Pilot Turppa

PORTLAND, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—The state board of pilot examiners ordered a 90-day suspension of Captain Isaac Turppa's license today.

Old Line Oratory Contest Is Today

Willamette university forensic department will be host for the "Old Line" oratorical contest sponsored by the Oregon Forensic association at the university this afternoon and tonight.

Zehner Indicted, Charges of Aiding Juvenile Delinquency

Eight true bills, including two secret indictments, and two not true bills were returned by the Clatsop county grand jury late yesterday afternoon.

Union High Issue Petition Invalid

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—A new obstacle to the proposed construction of a union high school at Philomath to serve 12 districts arose today when Deputy District Attorney Walter Durgan ruled Beaver Creek's election petition was invalid.

Fail to Stop, Charge

W. H. Herring was arrested by city police last night for failing to stop at a stop sign.

School Board Audit Dispute Is Carried On

Board Turns Down Move Sponsored By Cupper; McMahan Is Topic

School Band to Get New Uniforms With Some Aid From District

Salem's school board last night granted a near-record delegation's request for financial aid in buying new uniforms for the Salem high school band and then plunged again into the dispute over Director Percy A. Cupper's proposal to have a state audit made of the district's affairs.

Packers Lift Pay To Highest Level

(By the Associated Press) The strike deadlock which persisted yesterday in the automobile industry left 75,000 idle and threatened further unemployment.

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Proletarian Novel Influence Limited

The proletarian novel will not, as some liberals hope and conservatives fear, turn either the literary world or the economic and social world upside down, declared Alexander Hull, novelist, playwright and music composer, in his address before the Salem Arts league Tuesday night in the Salem chamber of commerce auditorium.

Held For Dayton Cutoff Solicited

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—A delegation of Amity business men sought support in Corvallis today for the immediate completion of the Amity-Portland cut-off road, designed to save four miles on the West Side Pacific highway to Portland.

Hammerly Held On Check Charge

Roy Hammerly, who resides at the Four Corners on the State street road, was arrested by Salem police last night on a charge of check forgery after he had allegedly cashed bogus checks at two local business houses.

Boon Worker Drowns

ASTORIA, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—Herman H. Porath, 39, Warrenton, drowned when he fell from a log boom into the Skippano river near his home today.

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Way to Appeal to Constitution From Judiciary Sought; Long Process of Amendment Is Disdained

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In outspoken fashion, the chief executive asserted the high tribunal had "improperly set itself up" as a "super-legislature," and had read into the constitution "words and implications which are not there and which were never intended to be there."

At the same time, he disavowed any intent to "pack" the court with "spineless puppets who would disregard the law" and decide cases as he might wish them decided, and asserted the processes of constitutional amendment were too slow for the pressing problems of the day.

"We must find a way to take an appeal from the supreme court to the constitution itself," he said. "We want a supreme court which will do justice under the constitution—not over it. In our courts we want a government of laws not of men."

Wants Refusal to Amend Basic Law as all Americans want an independent judiciary as proposed by the framers of the constitution. That means a supreme court that will enforce the constitution as written—that will refuse to amend the constitution by the arbitrary exercise of judicial power—amendment by judicial fiat."

A major section of the address was devoted to answering the three most-frequently heard criticisms of his proposal—that it is an effort to "pack" the court, that it would create precedent which a future president with dictatorial ambitions could turn to his advantage and that the solution of the problem lies rather in a constitutional amendment.

Of the "packing" charge, the president said: "If by that phrase the charge is made that I would appoint and the senate would confirm justices worthy to sit beside present members of the court who understand modern conditions—that I will appoint justices who will not undertake to override the judgment of the congress on legislative policy—that I will appoint justices who will act as justices and not as legislators—appointments of such justices can be called 'packing the courts,' then I say that I and with me the vast majority of the American people favor doing just that thing—now."

Amendment Process Held Too Dilatory And of the amendment process: "It would take months or years to get substantial agreement upon the type and language of an amendment. It would take months (Turn to page 2, column 8)

Revolt against good taste in the use of words, revolt against taboos of various kinds in situations and in style, and a dash for freedom of speech, freedom of sex, and freedom in discussion of political, social, and industrial life were live points accentuated by Hull, who spoke on the subject: "Modern Times" (Turn to page 2, column 3)

Company and union officials conferred at Detroit on the strike which shut down Chrysler corporation plants there Monday and threw 55,000 wage earners into idleness but reported no progress.

Bill Clemes will represent the men for Willamette and Josephine Gillstrap the women. Each coach judges each contestant but his own. Prizes are \$15 and \$7.50 in each division.

About 3 1/2 miles of the cut-off road already is graded, graveled and a standard width. Another five miles remains uncompleted.

The Amity delegation asked a large attendance at the next meeting of the state highway commission in Portland March 25.

Police said Hammerly received cash and merchandise for two checks he passed and signed "H. B. Thompson."

Arrested with him on a charge of vagrancy was Margaret Huck, Salem. The woman was with Hammerly, police reported, when he cashed the checks.

A true bill charging assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon, based on the pistol point robbery of Adolph Krehbiel at Pratum March 5, was returned against Lowell William Cottlew. The young man is in the county jail in lieu of posting \$2,500 bail.

Threat to Commit Felony Is Charged The jury also accused Forrest Smith of threatening to commit a felony in that he allegedly said he would kill Mabel Smith; Luther H. H. of larceny of two heifers belonging to Raleigh Harold, and William Haskins, of larceny of a pile driver belonging to Rufus B. B. in each instance was set at \$500. Hook already (Turn to page 2, column 4)

Nine justices still hold the fort while Roosevelt goes on the air to urge a bigger, better court and promises he will be fair; and other noted men debate the pros and cons of issues grave—and common folk led dinner wait, they too from doom the nation save.

BALLADE OF TODAY By R. C.