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The Weather
Unsettled today and Mon-
day, probably rain Monday;
Max. Temp. Saturday 62,
Min. 33, river 8.1 feet, rain
.06 inch, southwest wind.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

State Hoop Tournament Lineup Complete

Steel Arriving for Pipeline's Construction; Delayed Months

Pipe Making Is To Be Speeded Officials Aver

Maritime Strike Hampers Project But Windup in September Hoped For

Concrete Pipe Laying Is Well Along; 150 Men Are Working Now

Three months late, the first shipment of steel plate from eastern mills to the Portland firm which will manufacture 52,500 feet of pipe for Salem's new water supply line is scheduled to arrive by steamship Monday according to work received by Engineer R. E. Koon and relayed to the water department here.

"If the material arrives on the expected date, laying of steel pipe from Salem eastward toward Stayton will begin about May 1. The delay in arrival of the steel was caused by the maritime strike.

Despite the strike setback, the American Concrete & Steel Pipe company will finish the \$647,985 contract by the end of September, L. L. Jenkins, local superintendent, said last night.

"We will push things to the limit in order to finish as soon as possible," Jenkin promised.

The steel pipe will be manufactured by the Steel Pipe and Tank corporation in Portland but the task of placing it will be retained by Jenkins' firm, which is now making and laying concrete pipe from Stayton westward at the rate of approximately 2000 feet a week. Nearly 8000 feet of the 34,250 feet long into the concrete section of the pipeline is now in place.

The water department's construction program is giving an average of 150 men employment. In addition to 120 working for Jenkins' company, there are 20 on Stayton Island developing the underground water supply and 10 doing cleanup work on Fairmount reservoir.

The Stayton Island development is about 75 per cent completed, according to Water Manager Cuyler Van Patten. Twelve hundred feet of perforated pipe remains to be laid deep in the island gravel beds to finish the water-collecting system.

Water Hammering Work on Island

Water is pouring through the island's porous gravel formation so rapidly that the crew can excavate for and lay but one section of pipe at a time. In the 18-foot deep trench in which the men are working, the water at times rises five feet over the top of the pipe a short distance below their power shovel.

Work began last week on a light, permanent roadway from the Stayton-Mehama highway to the North Santiam river. A 250-foot cable suspension bridge with four-foot walkway will be strung across the river to provide year-around access to the island.

At the new reservoir, the west section has been sterilized and refilled for its second test and workmen for Kern & Kibbe, contractors, are cleaning and calling expansion joints in the west section as soon as the reservoir is pronounced satisfactory. It will be placed in service along with the new 100,000 high level tank.

Prisoner Release Starts This Week

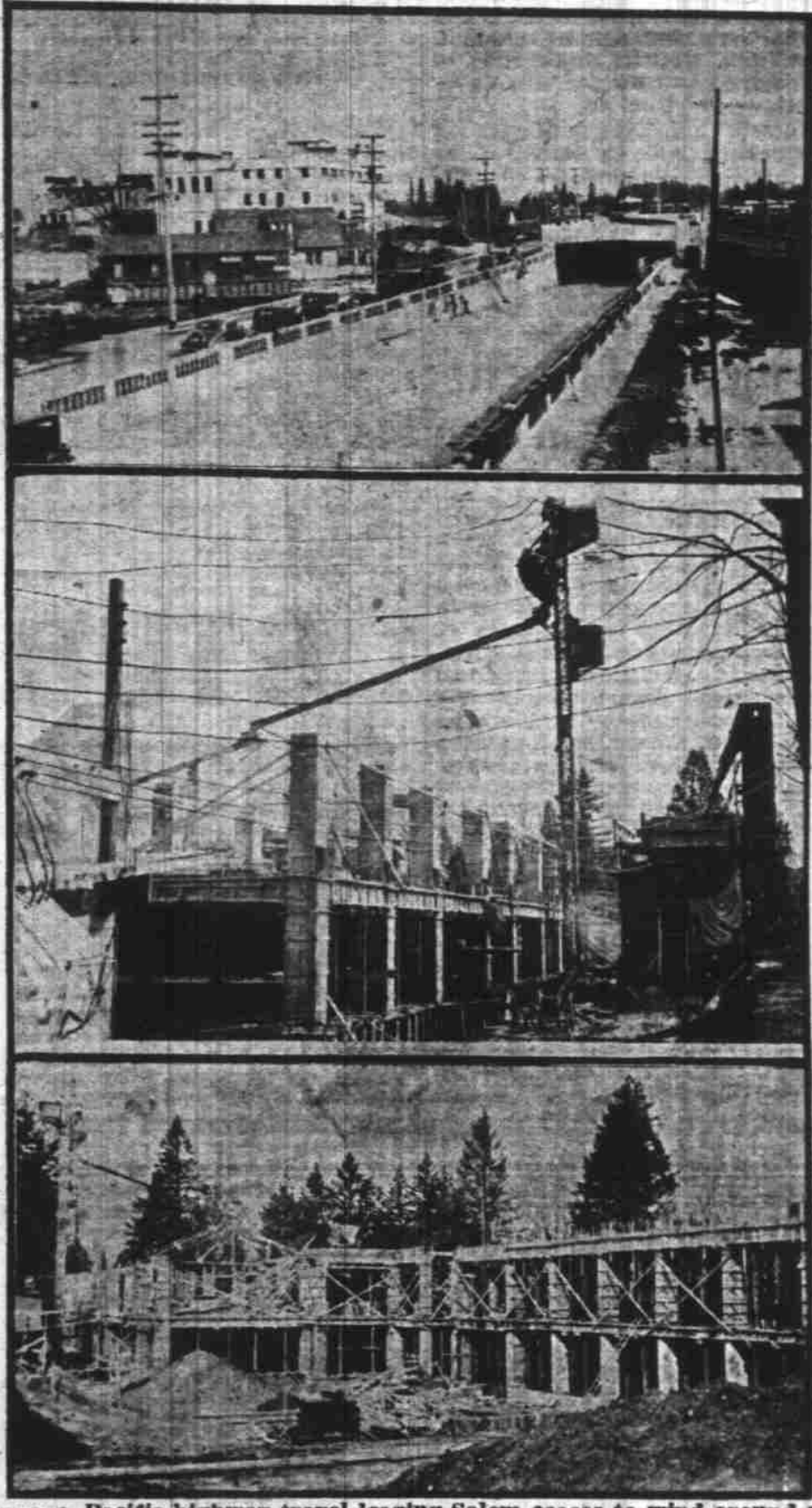
Seven Oregon convicts entitled to "good time" credits under the recent legislative enactment, will be released from the institution early next week. Gene Halley, deputy warden, declared Saturday.

Halley said 195 men were eligible for release and that seven or eight would be discharged each week.

Governor Charles H. Martin asked penitentiary officials Saturday for a complete list of all the men eligible for release, together with information regarding their conduct while in prison, and the crimes for which they were sentenced.

Halley said the release of these prisoners would relieve temporarily the crowded conditions at the prison. There are now approximately 1150 prisoners in the institution, originally constructed for a capacity of 800.

Undercrossing in Use; Capitol Rising, Outlines Visible Soon



Above, Pacific highway travel leaving Salem ceases to wind around a circuitous detour and instead, streams through the biggest undercrossing in Oregon, completed during the past week at a cost of \$280,000 by the state highway department in cooperation with F.W.A. Two lower pictures, framework of the Oregon capitol rising above the first floor level and beginning to reveal the building's eventual outlines and extent.

Picket Violence Cases Dismissed

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(P)—Municipal Judge Julius Cohn dismissed disorderly conduct charges against Claude Stennett and Charles Reimer, arrested February 3 while on picket duty at the Oregon Worsted mill.

Judge Cohn ruled that "a reasonable doubt as to guilt of these defendants exists," in dismissing the charges after hearing conflicting testimony from nearly a score of witnesses.

The defendants were alleged to have used abusive language toward women employees of the mill as they left work.

Corvallis Campus Project Approved

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 13.—(P)—W. A. Jensen, executive secretary, said he had been notified through the Portland office of the WPA that a \$23,000 project for improving Bell field and practice fields at Oregon State college had been approved.

Jensen said the government would contribute \$15,000, principally for labor. He said the college's cash contribution will be small, but that the school is to provide landscaping materials, and engineering supervision.

Albany Boy Found Drowned in Pool

ALBANY, Ore., March 13.—(P)—Mrs. James Corwell investigated when her son, Raymond, 9, failed to answer a call to accompany her downtown.

Big Union Grip Extending Out Across Nation

Communication, Electric Industries Are Next Leaders Declare

Mass Demonstration for C. I. O. Is Staged by Detroit Members

(By the Associated Press)
The committee for industrial organization thrust another iron into the blazing labor fire yesterday—aiming at the unionization of the million or more workers in the electrical manufacturing and communication fields.

The executive board of the United Electrical and Radio Workers of America, C.I.O. affiliate, prepared to open collective bargaining conferences with the General Electric company at New York tomorrow and plans to seek similar parleys with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, and the American Telephone and Telegraph company. General Electric employs 60,000; Westinghouse 45,000. Looking beyond these "big three" William Mitchell,

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Amelia to Start Despite Weather

Low Pressure Area Moves Eastward But Clipper Also Makes Flight

OAKLAND, Calif., March 13.—(P)—In the face of near storm conditions over the Pacific, Amelia Earhart today declared her intention of starting her world flight tomorrow. She made two test flights and arranged all but final details for the 27,000-mile adventure.

A low pressure area 400 miles out was moving toward the California coast. United States Meteorologist E. H. Bowie said it would cause unfavorable flying conditions between here and Honolulu until Monday noon.

Bowie added the prospects were for brisk headwinds along 1500 miles of the course to Honolulu and cross-winds from the north for the remainder of the route.

The forecast daunted neither Miss Earhart, who planned to leave around 5 p. m., Pacific Standard time, tomorrow, nor Pan American Airways, whose Hawaiian clipper departed for Honolulu with two passengers this afternoon.

On her first test flight of the day Miss Earhart ventured over the Golden Gate and maneuvered her \$50,000 "flying laboratory" offshore for a test of compass and radio equipment.

Famous Scientist Thomson Called

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., March 13.—(P)—Death today ended the long career of Dr. Elihu Thomson, world-famous scientist.

Like his friend of many years, Thomas Edison, he won fame as a pioneer in electricity.

Long before the turn of the century, the 83-year-old English born inventor won his first patent. In the years that followed he won nearly 700 others. Best known of these was electric arc welding.

An illness that began in January marked the end of his activity and caused death.

Dr. Thomson was twice married. His first wife, Mary L. Peck of New Britain, Conn., died in 1916.

Passengers of Burning Vessel Are Taken Off

Crew Remains, Will Take Chance on Reaching Port, 400 Miles

Cruiser Louisville Aids Silverlarch as Help Calls Broadcast

HONOLULU, March 13.—(P)—A burning freighter and a fast moving man-of-war furnished the mid-Pacific with a maritime drama today when the cruiser Louisville ran more than 350 miles in less than 12 hours and rescued eight passengers adrift in lifeboats from the British ship Silverlarch.

The Louisville took aboard four women and four men passengers while the Silverlarch's crew of 40 battled against the flames in her hold and decided to risk getting their ship to Honolulu, 400 miles away.

The Louisville radioed the Associated Press it had transferred the Silverlarch "with mishap" and listed them as follows:

Miss Catherine Grenfell Washington, D. C.; Miss Helen A. Weller and Mrs. Michael Weller, Stroudsburg, Pa.; Miss Gladys Morris, New York; I. C. Lewis, Harrison, N. J.; Harry Lambert, New York; G. N. Camp, New York, and Dr. A. T. Wilson, Cincinnati. Passengers Adrift Less Than 3 Hours

The message said the passengers were on a world cruise, and had expressed a desire to return to Honolulu. The Louisville will place them aboard the destroyer Waters, with Honolulu as her destination "if the weather moderates sufficiently," the radiogram reads.

The message said the Louisville transferred the passengers at 12:01 today zone ten time (2:01 p. m., PST). The Louisville arrived at the scene at 1:46 p. m. (PST). The passengers had been adrift less than three hours.

Freighter Captain F. H. Henderson wireless congratulations to Captain Farber on the seamanship and speed shown by the Louisville and thanked him for rescuing the passengers. Neither ship reported details of the transfer.

Cutter Will Attend On Honolulu Trip

The cutter announced her intention of proceeding to meet the coast guard cutter Roger P. Taney "and with Taney in attendance" (Turn to page 14, col. 4)

Pact With Motor Firm Now Signed

DETROIT, March 14.—(Sunday)—High officials of the United Automobile Workers of America affixed their signatures at 12:55 o'clock this morning to an agreement on the issues that precipitated widespread strikes in General Motors plants in January.

General Motors officials, who already have signified their approval of the document, will sign it either today or Monday.

Delegates from locals in General Motors plants in six states ratified the agreement shortly before midnight after a 13-hour meeting during which vigorous objections were raised to some of the terms.

Now, as in 1936, the legion stands for "God and country and the American form of government," Temmey said.

Guests of honor included "Comrade" Charles H. Martin, governor of Oregon; Major General George B. White, and others who with White attended the initial American legion caucus in Paris, March 14, 1919. The group included Carl Abrams, Salem, and Ray Dorris, Portland.

Church Safe Robbed

PORTLAND, March 13.—(P)—While a hard-of-hearing janitor slept, burglars broke into the Westminster Presbyterian church here early today and took \$100 from the office safe. Pastor Perry C. Hopper reported the loss to police.

F. R. Faction Doubtful Of Success, Jockeying On Committee Hearing

Group Apparently Evenly Divided; Ashurst Asserts Discussions May Run Until Last of April; Delay Enhances Prospects, His View

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Administration leaders, still doubtful of their ability to get a favorable vote from the senate judiciary committee on the Roosevelt court legislation, hinted today that the hearings might continue for more than a month.

Although some committee members were already showing reluctance at what they called repetitious testimony, Chairman Ashurst (D., Ariz.) said the hearings might be permitted to run until the latter part of April.

Asserting that the division within the 18-man committee is now about 9 to 9, Ashurst said he might be "stymied" in trying to get the bill out to the senate. He expressed the belief that the longer the measure is delayed the better its prospects will be.

The schedule for next week's hearings was suddenly changed today, when opposition leaders notified Ashurst they would not be ready to open with testimony by Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) as planned.

The committee chairman announced (Turn to page 8, col. 1)

Building Program Is Eyed By Board

Officials to Give Initial Consideration Monday Governor States

Initial consideration of the state building program as amplified by the action of the 1937 legislature in measures which Governor Martin signed late Friday, will be taken up at the Monday meeting of the board of control, the governor said Saturday.

The measures reserve to the board of control, final authority in the matter of any construction entered upon under these bills' provisions, with the Salem program directly under the jurisdiction of the capitol reconstruction commission.

One bill authorizes the capitol construction commission and board of control to purchase all or part of four blocks of residence property lying directly north of the present capitol site and erect a building or buildings. An appropriation of \$850,000 to be paid out of the general fund of the state was provided.

Of this amount, \$300,000 was set aside for the purchase of property (Turn to page 8, col. 3)

Lumber Workers Seek Dime Raise

Negotiations With Plants' Committees Objected to by Employers

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(P)—A possible hitch in negotiations between mill owners and the lumber and sawmill workers' union, arose today in union insistence that they be carried out through plant committees. At a meeting this afternoon, members of the Portland local expressed full confidence in their committees.

The managers of 12 mills have declared they wished to negotiate with the Columbia River council of the union rather than with the various plant committees.

"Negotiations will start immediately and may terminate at whatever time the plant committees deem best," Ward Wilmarth, union president, said after today's meeting.

The whole situation depends (Turn to page 8, col. 3)

Portland Woman Victim of Crash

PENDLETON, March 13.—(P)—Mrs. Ida Olmstead, about 50, Portland, died instantly and Mrs. Esther Mohr, Gresham, suffered serious injuries when an automobile operated by Allen Mohr, Gresham, struck a telephone pole at Hartman shortly before 6 o'clock this morning.

Mohr escaped with minor cuts and bruises. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Olmstead, was killed when she was hurled through the windshield.

Chiloquin and N. Bend Round Out Final List

Cagemen to Converge on Salem Early in Week; Wednesday Big Day

Some Favorites to Fall Early Since Pitted in Initial Games

FIRST DAY PROGRAM FOR STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

- 1 o'clock—Bellfountain vs. Amity.
- 2 o'clock—Athena vs. Chiloquin.
- 3 o'clock—Franklin vs. Milwaukie.
- 4 o'clock—Astoria vs. Eugene.
- 5 o'clock—Klamath Falls vs. Ashland.
- 7:30—McLoughlin vs. LaGrande.
- 8:30 o'clock—Salem vs. McMinnville.
- 9:30 o'clock—Lincoln vs. North Bend.

By PAUL HAUSER

Battle lines drawn and decks cleared for action, 16 of the state's capitol prep basketball teams last night turned their thoughts toward Salem and the Willamette university gymnasium where Wednesday at 1 o'clock they will begin their four-day battle for the golden trophy that connotes a state basketball championship.

It will be the 13th annual tournament, sponsored by the O.H.S.A.A. on the Willamette university floor and again will see Willamette's gymnasium packed to the rafters by eager fans cheering on their favorites.

North Bend and Chiloquin, an A and B team from the above Oregon districts, were the last two teams to fight their way into the starting lineup of teams which hope to survive unbeaten through the grueling four-day tourney.

Chiloquin Battles 3 Overtimes to Win North Bend easily defeated Roseburg 36 to 21 in the finals of the district No. 8 tournament at Marshfield last night.

Chiloquin won from Merrill 22 to 20 last night after three overtime periods to gain its first trip to the state tournament.

With no defending titlist in the lineup, Corvallis having been eliminated by Eugene in the district No. 7 finals, and with many experts declaring that no team in the state has shown itself head and shoulders above the rest, this year's tournament is expected to be a dog fight from the opening blast of the whistle.

The B teams, who for the second year will decide their own championship before competing with A teams, will open the show at Bellfountain. Bill Lemmon's classy defending champs, meet Amity in the kick-off game at 1 o'clock.

Favored over the other B teams because it is practically the same club that last year speeded through its B games to a state title and then gave Corvallis a scare in the semi-finals, Bellfountain has not lost this year to another B team and has twice defeated Salem, only team which can boast of that feat.

Athena Also Has Good Reputation Athena, which meets Chiloquin in the second game, has a sturdy reputation of successes in previous tournaments behind it. Athena competed in the state (Turn to page 8, col. 1)

Rogue River Puts Mayor Hatch Out

MEDFORD, Ore., March 13.—(P)—Voters of Rogue River, a north Jackson county town, in a special election today voted to recall Mayor Charles Hatch. The vote was 74 for recall, 71 against.

Recall of two councilmen failed. Vote on Fred Gardin was tied at 73-71. The vote on William Milton was 79 against recall, 66 for.

The recall election was based on the asserted opposition of the officials to the issuance of any further beer licenses to Rogue River establishments.

BALLADE of TODAY
By R. C.

The big week draws when basketball becomes the king in Salem's sight; no other interests at all distract us from this stirring fight; young hopefuls from throughout the state, home championships already won, all striving to eliminate the rest and seize the goalpost.