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Weather

Unsettled with occasional rain today and Wednesday, continued cool; Max. Temp. Monday 55, Min. 38, river 4.3 feet, south-southwest wind.

DETROIT General Walkout Decision Delayed

First Steps in Group Capitol Task Launched

Application for Federal Aid Is Authorized at Joint Gathering

Governor Opposes Use of Highway Funds Now as All Deemed Needed

Members of the state board of control and of the state capitol reconstruction commission, meeting jointly in Salem Monday, shaped first steps toward carrying out the group capitol program authorized by the 1937 legislative session.



Senators Connally and Pittman are seen in the foreground. Mrs. Tydings and Mrs. Ashurst are seated at the table. A sign reads 'before senate committee'.

Attack on Pinball Bill Opens Today

Referendum Petitions to Go Out; Measure Will Be Filed, Forecast

PORTLAND, March 22—(AP)—Walter L. Tooze, attorney for a group of merchants, said a referendum bill got under way Tuesday against the Martin and Carney bills passed by the legislature at its recent session, providing for destruction of slot and pinball machines. Application for a ballot title will be filed with the secretary of state at Salem, he said.

Claim Violation, Suspend Loading

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 22.—(AP)—Suspension of ship loading and unloading at the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor, effective tomorrow morning, was announced tonight by the Waterfront Employers' association.

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Way Cleared for Local Linen Mill To Get RFC Loan

With the adjustment of the claim of the state flax industry against the Salem linen mills which was completed yesterday at a session of the state board of control the final step was accomplished in the reorganization of the linen mills so it can obtain an RFC loan for additional working capital. L. C. McLeod, mill manager, and E. F. Slade of the RFC attended the board of control meeting.

Wagner Law Case Hearing Goes On

PORTLAND, March 22—(AP)—Three of the 62 former employees accusing Montgomery Ward & Co., of violating the Wagner Labor Relations Act, testified at the National Labor board hearing today that pay raises followed the first indications of unionization in the plant here.

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WASHINGTON, March 22—(AP)—Minority Leader Charles L. McNary of Oregon said in the senate today President Roosevelt's failure to include a member from the Pacific coast on the new maritime commission was "unfair."

School Strike at Scio Is Continued

SCIO, March 22—Scio high school's student strike, called to protest the school board's failure to retain the athletic coach, Cecil Elder, was still "going strong" tonight and had spread to the upper grades of the grammar school. Some of the 7th and 8th grade pupils refused to attend classes this afternoon because their teacher, Winfield Johnson, had not been tendered a contract for next year.

Warrant Debt of District Reduced

The Salem school district's effective warrant indebtedness has been cut to below the \$100,000 mark despite the fact that in recent months \$67,000 has been paid on two bank notes aggregating \$190,000 which were due May 1. It was reported at School Clerk W. H. Burghardt's office yesterday.

Ogden's Students Strike for Prexy

OGDEN, Utah, March 22—(AP)—Ogden high school students went on strike today and, encouraged by Mayor Harmon W. Peery, proclaimed they wouldn't call it off until the student body President Homer Olden and Vice President Mary Fister are reinstated.

Ex-Judge Clarke Avers President's Proposal Is Constitutional

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Hughes Claims More Justices Aren't Needed

Would Retard High Court Work; View; Silent on Question of Policy

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Envoy of Bandon Ask Federal Help

WASHINGTON, March 22—(AP)—Mayor Gilbert Gable and Publisher L. D. Felshelm of Bandon, Ore., conferred today with the Oregon congressional delegation before asking the government for \$450,000 with which to reconstruct the public works of their fire-ridden community.

Ickes Hits Army Bonneville Views

WASHINGTON, March 22—(AP)—Secretary Ickes took issue today with a war department recommendation that it be given control of the physical properties of the huge Bonneville dam across the Columbia river between Oregon and Washington.

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Planning Started For Blossom Day

The Salem Cherrians last night at their monthly meeting accepted an invitation to attend the Portland Rose festival June 11 and voted unanimously to enter a float representative of the capital city in the parade.

Selma Man Killed When Car Hurled

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Irving E. Davidson, 46, of Selma was instantly killed when the car which he was driving skidded on a slippery pavement on the Redwood highway west of here today.

Dike at North Slough In Cools County Slough In Bill By Rep. Mott

WASHINGTON, March 22—(AP)—Bills introduced today included the following by representatives: Mott (R-Ore.)—Authorizing construction of a dam and dike by the state of Oregon to prevent the flow of tidal waters in North Slough, Cools county, Ore., to reclaim land for farming.

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Catholics Renew Fight for Rights

(By The Associated Press) The Catholic church has renewed its fight for rights in Germany after the bitter conflict with modern-day governments for the right to control religious education of its youth.

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