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# Lowlands in Danger as Willamette Rises

at Washington Seeks Low Rate in N. W.

Pierce Introduces Third Bonneville Bill With No Advisory Board

tonight he would lead a group of Oregonians to Washington, D.C., to fight for low power rates for Bonneville dam. The delegation will leave here Thursday night to attend a hearing in Washington April 19 be-

fore the house rivers and har-"Industry is needed here more than anything else, and only low power rates for Bonneville will bring it here," Walter W. R.

May, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce, said. Los Angeles interests have requested an amendment to Bonneville legislation that would establish a uniform rate for Bonneville and Boulder dams and other federal power projects.

WASHINGTON, April 14-(AP)-Rep. Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, Ore., handed congress today its third Bonneville dam administrative measure. He said he was dissatisfied

with two previous bills introduced this session. His measure, he said, would place an administrator in charge.

of power generation and distribu-He would eliminate the advisby Reps. Martin Smith of Hoquiam, Wash., and Nan Honeyman of Portland, Ore., and leave the administrator responsible solely to the power commission

and secretary of interior.

Advisory Board Not Advisable, Belief "I feel the administrator must be responsible to the secretary of the interior and not to an advisory board which lacks authority to administer the dam," he said. "Should an advisory board be set up, administration of the

Smith's bill would give the administrator control over the giant Columbia river dam, the power house and the fishways, as well as power distribution. The army would control the ship-

dam might degenerate into pol-

The Honeyman bill, drafted by Sens. Homer T. Bone and Lewis D. Schwellenbach of Washington and Frederich Steiwer and Charles McNary of Oregon, gave the administrator control of power distribution and left the army in charge of the physical prop-

Pierce also would extend to 1941 the period in which 50 per cent of the power would be held for public agencies and cooperatives. Smith's measure, crawn by President Roosevelt's power policy committee, gave preferential treatment until 1939. The Honeyman bill sets the deadline

#### Labor Peace Is Sought

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14-(AP) -Harold Pritchett, president of the federation of woodworkers, three chickens. said tonight a meeting of mari-

# Governor Will Packing Young Demos' Commons Vote Lead Group in Session Charged When Upholds Stand Power Battle Delegates Are Choos n Taken by Eden

Delegation for Hearing McLeod and Miss Schroeder Elected But Downtown Members Charge Meeting Set at Hour When Few of Them Are Able to Be Present

> BEING loyal democrats, none of the members would comtheless, charges of "packing" the meeting were hurled when the Young Democratic club of Marion county convened late Wednesday afternoon to elect delegates to the state convention at North Bend. The meeting was scheduled for

5:15 p. m. and got under way at

precisely that time, members said

later. Nominations were heard

without delay, the first nominees

of the organization, and Miss

Elise Schroeder, employe in Gov-

placed in nomination by Dr. E. L.

Stanley Price was nominated by

Thompson then declared that

Marvin Headrick and Mrs. Ted

the "skids were greased" and

charged further that the situa-

tion had been the same in some

previous meetings. His remarks

Gosslin, private secretary to Gov-

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Long-Short Haul

Failed to Act at Last

Congress Session

The house passed today for the

second time in two years the Pet-

tengill bill designed to give the

nation's railroads greater leeway

in making rates to compete with

water and truck carriers for long-

The measure would repeal the

long-and-short haul" clause of

the interstate commerce act, which

prohibits railroads from charging

lower rates for a long haul than

for a shorter one on the same

session the house passed the mea-

sure by a vote of 215 to 41, but

the senate did not act. Now the

legislation goes to the senate

intermediate, non - competitive

points to make up losses from rate

Otto N. Hoppes, mentioned Tues-

day as a probable Salem school

board candidate, announced last

night that he had decided def-

initely to run for the director-

ship which will be left vacant in

June by the expiration of Chair-

men should take an interest in

the schools," Hoppes said. "I do

not wish to be thought criticiz-

ing the present board members;

I think we who have children in

school should have a part in their direction and, anyway, we are the ones who will be paying

Hoppes declared he had no

specific platform but was inter-

ested in a business administra-

tion. He was president of the

Englewood parent-teacher asso-

ciation last year and has been in

Be in Best Class

Ray Doan, transient who claims

he has been in every jail on the

Pacific coast, must have taken a

Doan came back to the Salem

fancy to the Salem calaboose.

jail last night after being ar-

rested on a charge of drunken-

ness. He was found sleeping in

He was arrested Tuesday night

on charges of being drunk ad

a hall in the Barr apartments.

that he leave town.

Salem Jail Must

"I feel some of us younger.

man Frank Neer's term.

Passage came after nearly four

route in the same direction.

distance traffic.

WASHINGTON, April 14-(AP)-

were obviously aimed at W. L.

Thompson charged that the

Brabec by Avery Thompson.

#### PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.-(A)-Gov. Charles H. Martin said Six Persons Hurt, Missouri Tornado without delay, the first nominees being George McLeod, president

Cuts Swath 8 Miles Long ernor Martin's office. They were and Quarter Mile Wide in Webster County

MARSHFIELD, Mo., April 14-(AP)-At least six persons were seriously injured by a tornado which cut across the north central part of Webster county early tonight. It was the second tornado in that section of the country in two months.

Full extent of the damage was not determined.

At the Houston Dill farm, about 11 miles northeast of here, four persons were injured. They were Dill, who suffered severe head wounds; his wife, Mary, who had head wounds and several broken ribs; two sons, Ed, w. suffered wounds and severe arm and hand injuries, and Greer Dill. board, was driven into Greer's Bill Goes to Senate Which A nail, carried by a flying

The others injured are Joe Dibble, farmer, who suffered an arm injury, and Mrs. Walter O'Nel. Rock was driven into the arms shoulder and face of Mrs. O'Nel. The storm cut a swath about a

quarter of a mile wide, and as far as could be determined tonight, about eight miles long. Telephone communication with the neighborhood was cut off. A Red Cross disaster relief director paid her last visit here last week, making final checks of the February storm damage and restoration.

Tonight's storm first appeared as two funnels, a few miles east of Marshfield. The smaller of the two broke up, while the larger one scraped the earth.

#### Skunk Thrown in **Iowa Statehouse** By Irate Farmer contended the measure would

DES MOINES, Ia., April 14-(P)-An irate Warren county clause. pheasant farmer tossed a dead skunk into the west entrance of the Iowa statehouse today and threatened to "throw one into the middle of the senate." A brisk northwest breeze soon

filled the statehouse with the skunk's perfume. Shortly after the farmer left he

called the senate telephone exchange and asked to talk to a newspaper reporter.

"Are you a reporter?" he asked.

"Well, I'm a farmer over by Nor-'Well, I'm a farmer over by Norwalk. I raise pheasants.

"Your silly senate passed a bill yesterday putting a closed season on skunks in my county. Last night a skunk got at my coops and killed eight pheasants and

"I killed him this morning. The time and woodworking union offi- next time a skunk gets any of my cials would be held in Tacoma as pheasants I'm going to kill him soon as possible to settle a juris- and bring him down and toss him dictional dispute involving 60 in the middle of the damn sen-

## Shorter Working Hours May Be Roosevelt Proposal Soon are the ones who will the bills the longest."

WASHINGTON, April 14-(AP)- reported Mr. Roosevelt was not Few persons in the capital would convinced that the supreme be surprised if Mr. Roosevelt, in his relief message next week. proposed curtailment of government expenditures and advocated limitation of working hours in private industry as the way to

Recent utterances of the president and his chief lieutenants have placed repeated emphasis upon retrenchment.

Roosevelt himself called upon all government agencies yesterday to economize. Senator Robinson, the democratic leader, warned legislators a short time previously that increased expenditures would mean new taxes. Marriner Eccles, chairman of the federal reserve board, still earlier advocated balancing of the budget and reduction of the federal debt to forestall inflation.

court's Wagner act decisions, upholding the government's right to regulate labor relations in a business in Salem for 20 years. vast sector of industry, had assured that wage and hour legislation would be upheld.

Now there is widespread speculation whether the president may make a direct, or indirect, argument for supreme court reorganization and new labor legislation in his message recommending the relief appropriation for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Many of the president's advisors contend that reducing the hours of work in private plants would tend to spread employment and absorbed thousands of those now on relief,

Some other economists contend, however, that new wage Almost equal emphasis was and hour legislation would in-placed by administration leaders crease production costs, boost this week upon their desire for prices of manufactured goods, new legislation fixing maximum discourage consumption and en a ten day suspended sentence hours and minimum wages in in- thereby reduce private employ- in municipal court on condition

Withholding Protection at Bilbao Endorsed After Long Fight

New Accusations Hurled Among Nations Over Troops in Spain

(By The Associated Press) The British government's poliy on withholding protection from British merchantmen entering the Spanish Basque port of Bilbao was endorsed by the house of commons last night after a sevenhour debate.

Opposition spokesmen charged the cabinet with "running up the white flag" to help Spanish insurgents "starve out women and chil-

Foreign Secretary Eden calmly replied: "In my view, an act of cowardice would be if, in order to score some cheap success, he (the foreign secretary) was to run risks of damaging peace which were not justified by the situation." The house then defeated by 345 votes to 130 a laborite motion of

meeting had been called at a France Accused of Sending in Troops

censure.

terday.

of the capital.

France was accused anew in Italy of sending troops to Spain. Virginio Gayda, writing in Il Giornale d'Italia, alleged that 250 Algerian militiamen left Tangiers Repeal Is Voted March 7 with Spanish passports, landed at Marseille and then went to the Spanish government front. "Between March 17 and 18 there also left for French ports and Spain another 1000 combatants," Gayda wrote. In Spain, the day marked the

sixth anniversary of the establishment of the Spanish republic. Insurgent shells screamed into streets where Alcala Zamora, who became president, once traveled to proclaim the birth of the new government. There was no celebration yes

Insurgent officers said prisoners told them the Spanish government had hoped to observe the anniversary with a smashing vic tory on the Madrid front. But insurgent machine ners, they said, had brought failure to the government's offensive The vote was 268 to 120. Last

designed to break through the

siege lines west and northwest

#### Rock Throwing Charged

hours' debate in which proponents CORVALLIS, April 14-(AP)-Fred C. Miller, a transient, was place therailroads on an equality held for action by federal authoriwith water and truck carriers, ties today on a charge of throwwhich are not governed by the ing rocks through a window of the federal building here. Local Opponents argued it would give officers were uncertain whether Salem high, will go through the the railroads power to destroy the robbery was the motive. nation's merchant marine and truck lines and to hike rates to

#### Fails to Reach Spain War Zone



er of a band of American volunteers arrested at the French frontier as they sought to cross into Spain to join the Loyalist forces. He is pictured giving the clenched fist salute of the Popular Front.

#### Graduation to Be In New Structure

There Finally Reached; Over 400 in Class

Salem high's class of 1937, over 400 strong, will have the honor of being the first class to graduate from the new high school building, Principal Fred D. Wolfe announced yesterday. Members of this year's senior

class have been eager to hold their commencement exercises from the auditorium of the new building since construction was first started but have had no definite assurance that they would be awarded the honor until Wolf's announcement yesterday. The decision to make the new

high school scene of this year's commencement exercises also gave last year's graduating class the distinction of being the last to receive its diplomas in the Elsinore theater, where exercises have been hold for a number of years. Receive Diplomas

Over 400 boys and girls, largest class ever to graduate from (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

#### Seattle Woman Domesticates Wildcat; Keeps It in at Night



vagrancy after he and another Mrs. Ethel Palmer of Seattle is pictured with her pet wildcat, Sonny Boy, which she domesticated and trained until he is as docile as an ordinary house "tabby." The woman says she would rather put out her alarm clock than put Sonny Boy out for the night, because she is afraid he would have the advantage over the regular members of the back fence brigade. Sonny Boy is 10 months old and weighs 25 pounds.—International Illustrated News photo. transient were found sleeping in a garage belonging to Herbert Lange, 1960 Broadway, and giv-

## New Storm Is Due; Highways Still Flooded

Corvallis River Reading 16 Feet, Snows Are Melting Rapidly

Rainfall Records Topple in Portland; Service by Rail Impeded

PORTLAND, April 14-(AP)-The state police reported tonight flood waters over both the east and west Pacific highways south of Albany and Corvallis had isolated Eugene from motor vehicle traffic from the north.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14— (P)-Flood danger continued and traffic moved with difficulty in many sections of western Oregon as the state's record breaking mid-April storm continued for the third day.

The Willamette river was 16 feet above low water stage at Corvallis tonight, with a 20 foot crest expected by Friday. The crest stood at 13 feet at Eugene and was rising at the rate of four inches an hour this after-

The Rogue river dropped three feet at Grants Pass, where the skies cleared this afternoon. A warm south wind raised the mercury 18 degrees at Medford, and the effect of fast melting snows was feared. Scores of piers used by salmon fishermen were carried away by the ravaging Rogue. Rivers in Tillamook county continued to run bank full as Decision to Hold Exercise the storm continued there today. Astoria reported 5:32 inches

the Long Tom river flowed over a bridge at Monroe. Junction City was cut off from the north. Water flowed over the Pacific highway in other places, slowing traffic, and slides made one-way traffic necessary on numerous

Falling rocks created a menace on the Columbia River high-Logging roads on the coast (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7.)

### Council Will Scan **Water Main Plans**

An indication of the future extent of improvements to Salem's given by the size of bids at toon cast fron or steel pipe and valves for the cross-town 12th street arterial main. Water department officials know that pipe prices have risen sharply but will be interested to ascertain just how high they have gone under com-petitive bidding conditions. The council also may receive a

ecommendation from the fire department committee for acceptance of one of the bids submitted last week on fire trucks. Action on traffic signal bids, received last week, will be delayed until the regular meeting Monday It was possible the council to-

night also might receive a committee report on an ordinance revoking long-standing power company franchises and opening the way for arranging for a new

#### Three Are Killed In Mexican Clash

ORIZABA, Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 14 - (AP) - Three workmen were killed today and five wounded in a clash between rival supporters of the regional confederation of Mexican workers (CROM) and the confederation of workers of Mexico (CTM). A general strike, virtually para-

by the CROM which charged the CTM with starting the fighting. One of the workmen was killed as he fled into the home of John Harrison, British vice-consul in Orizaba, and proprietor of the Mirafuente textiles factory. It had been reported at first

that Harrison himself was killed as he ran into his home, near the factory, for shelter when the shooting started, but it was learned later the reports referred to the workman who was mistaken for the British consular offi-

"Home" Hospital Sought PORTLAND, April 14 .- (AP)-Trustees of the Children's Farm Home planned today to raise funds for the construction of an

# All Ferries Across River Are Stopped; Crest May be Near

20-Foot Peak Deemed Probable With Rate of Advance Decreasing and **Drop Noted Late at Eugene** 

Santiam Stationary; Additional Rain Comes During Day; One Silverton Road Blocked, Among Others

WOLLEN by what is believed the greatest April rainfall the Willamette valley has experienced since 1896, creeks and rivers continued yesterday to rise, to give lowland farmers cause to prepare for high water and to send motorists on detours around flooded highways.

All ferry crossings on the Willamette were discontinued yesterday as the river climbed from its 13.1 foot level here at 11 p. m. Tuesday to 17.4 feet at midnight last night. New reports of roads being blocked by racing waters began coming in yesterday afternoon.

Hope that the weather bureau's forecast of a 20-foot crest Friday, exactly flood stage for Salem, might prove cor-

### Quest of Seelert Continues Futile

Not Found at Hiding Place on Highway; Ryan Not Former Salem Man

SEATTLE, April 14-(AP)-Seat-The road between Eugene and the detectives returned from a Monroe was closed today when hurried and heavily-armed sortie inch of rain was added between 7 tonight and reported they searched | a. m. and 5 p. m. yesterday to the a house on a Tacoma-Seattle storm precipitation which began highway but found no evidences that Walter Seelert, charged with the first degree murder of a Lewis county sheriff's deputy, had

They had been informed Seelert, wounded in the eye by buckshot, was en route here for surgical treatment and was hiding at

Claud Ryan, Seelert's co-defendant in the slaying of Deputy Seth R. Jackson, 58, and wounding of Deputy J. D. Compton, was arrested at Orting, near Tacoma, last night and was taken to Che-halis, Lewis county seat, late to-A belief entertained here Wed-

nesday that Claude Ryan, held in water distribution system will be Chehalis in the Jackson murder case, might have been a former night's adjourned council meeting Salem man proved erroneous last night when Tacoma officials said Ryan's record showed he was a native of Washington and contained no reference to troubles which a man of similar name had in Salem. The man referred to in reports here spelled his first name "Claude" and was a native of Sa-

#### Molloy President **Bakery Engineers**

PORTLAND, April 14-(P)eorge L. Baker, representing Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., urged northwest bakers at their annual session here to utilize home products "if they are as good as others. W. T. Molloy of Salem was re-

night and upstream from Eugene came the word that it had dropped .4 foot at 8 p. m. from the 5 p. m. reading of 13.9 feet. The Santiam river at Jefferson remained virtually stationary throughout the day at 13 feet, the telephone operator there reported at 9 p. m. No flood problem was likely unless that stream should

orect heightened last night. The

river rose at the rate of .13 foot

per hour during the evening as

against .23 per hour Tuesday

start rising suddenly. Thirty-seven hundredths of an in earnest Monday. This week's rainfall has brought the total for the month to 5.68 inches. The next "wettest" April, from available records, appears to have been 6.12 inches in 1896. The

2.68; last year only 1.13 inches was recorded. Only the north Salem-Silverton highway was blocked off because of high water yesterday, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs reported last night. The old south, or Brush creek, road was open. Pudding river, cause of this overflow, also (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

mean average for the month is

#### Salem's Debaters Invited, Illinois

Salem high's debate team has received the honor of being invited to represent Oregon in the national speech tournament for high schools to be held in Jacksonville, Illinois, May 3 to 7. Selection of the Salem team came largely as a result of its showing in the state contest held at Linfield college.

Bill Thomas, Salem high stu-dent body president, received a special invitation to participate in the extemporaneous speech contest. Thomas last year won state extempore speaking contests at both Linfield and Willamette tournaments:

The National Forensic league which sponsors the national tournament, is the largest organization devoted to forensics in the United States. It has chapters in 36 states.

elected president of the Oregon An effort is being made to branch of the American Society of raise funds to send the Salem team to the Illinois tournament

#### Politics Booming on Campus With Petition Deadline Near

Petitions for student body of- | nis team is another probable ficers of the associated students of Willamette university are being circulated with the deadline lyzing industry here, was called this noon. There are more candidates for the respective offices than there has been for several

Nominees for the presidency of the student body are Bill Mc-Adam, Mel Viken and Ralph Gustafson. McAdams is from Palmdale, Calif., and has been on the football squad for three years and is now president of the "W" club. He has been interested in forensics for two years and has a leading part in the junior play "Mrs. Moonlight." Viken and Gustafson are both from Portland. Viken is now second vice president of the student body. Gustafson has been president of his class, Freshman Glee manager and a member of Blue Key. Viken and McAdam are independent men and Gustafson is a memisolation unit for the home's hos-pital, declared to be urgently bot Bennett, a junior in the law school, and a member of the ten-

For first vice president, Margaret Hauser and Irma Oehler, both of Salem, and Norma Fuller of Portland are candidates. Miss

Hauser has been active in W.A.A. and Y.W. work, has been on the Wallulah staff and is a member of Delta Phi sorority. Miss Ochler has held a class office, is prom-(Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Some weeks ago our symple thy was tendered to those eastern folk when raindrops had them "all at sea;" we realized it was no joke; now lowland dwellers here may learn, as our own peaceful river fills, just