

Weather
Rain today, Friday un-
settled with showers; Max.
Temp. Wednesday 59.5, Min.
41, river 1.4 feet, rain .78
inch, southeasterly winds.

Travel Insurance
The travel accident policy
which The Statesman Insur-
ance Co. subscribers have pro-
vided to be a wise investment for
a number of them.

Lowlands in Danger as Willamette Rises

Governor Will Lead Group in Power Battle

Delegation for Hearing at Washington Seeks Low Rate in N. W.

Pierce Introduces Third Bonneville Bill With No Advisory Board

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—(P)—Gov. Charles H. Martin said tonight he would lead a group of Oregonians to Washington, D.C., to fight for low power rates for Bonneville.

The delegation will leave here Thursday night to attend a hearing in Washington April 19 before the house rivers and harbors committee.

"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.—(P)—Rep. Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, Ore., handed congress today his 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 distribution.

He would eliminate the advisory board provided in the bills by Repr. Martin Smith of Honyman, 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.

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 shiplocks.

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

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, drawn by President Roosevelt's power policy committee, gave preferential treatment until 1939. The Honeyman bill sets the deadline at 1940.

Labor Peace Is Sought
PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—(P)—Harold Pritchett, president of the Federation of woodworkers, said tonight a meeting of maritime and woodworking union officials would be held in Tacoma as soon as possible to settle a jurisdictional dispute involving 60 boom men there.

Shorter Working Hours May Be Roosevelt Proposal Soon
WASHINGTON, April 14.—(P)—Few persons in the capital would be surprised if Mr. Roosevelt, in his relief message next week, proposed curtailment of government expenditures and advocacy of limitation of working hours in private industry as the way to accomplish this.

Packing Young Demos' Session Charged When Delegates Are Chosen

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 compare the situation to the supreme court issue, but nevertheless, 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.

Six Persons Hurt, Missouri Tornado Cuts Swath 8 Miles Long and Quarter Mile Wide in Webster County

MARSHFIELD, Mo., April 14.—(P)—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, who suffered head wounds and severe arm and hand injuries, and Greer Dill.

A nail, carried by a flying board, was driven into Greer's head. The others injured are Joe Dibble, farmer, who suffered an arm injury, and Mrs. Walter O'Neil. Reek was driven into the armpit, shoulder and face of Mrs. O'Neil.

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 on 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

DES MOINES, Ia., April 14.—(P)—An irate Warren county 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 Norway, 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 three chickens."

"I killed him this morning. The next time a skunk gets any of my pheasants I'm going to kill him and bring him down and toss him in the middle of the damn senate."

reported Mr. Roosevelt was not convinced that the supreme court's Wagner act decisions, upholding the government's right to regulate labor relations in a 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.

Commons Vote Upholds Stand Taken by Eden

Withholding Protection at Bilbao Endorsed After Long Fight

New Accusations Hurlled Among Nations Over Troops in Spain

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

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

Foreign Secretary Anthony 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 245 votes to 130 a laborite motion of censure.

France Accused of Sending in Troops
France was accused anew in Italy of sending troops to Spain. Virginia Gayda, writing in Il Giornale d'Italia, alleged that 250 Algerian militiamen left Tangiers 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 Alicia Zamora, who became president, once traveled to proclaim the birth of the new government.

There was no celebration yesterday. Insurgent officers said prisoners told them the Spanish government had hoped to observe the anniversary with a smashing victory over the Madrid front.

But insurgent machine gunners, they said, had brought failure to the government's offensive designed to break through the siege lines west and northwest of the capital.

Rock Throwing Charged

CORVALLIS, April 14.—(P)—Fred C. Miller, a transient, was held for action by federal authorities today on a charge of throwing rocks through a window of the federal building here. Local officers were uncertain whether robbery was the motive.

Seattle Woman Domesticates Wildcat; Keeps It in at Night

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 "kitty." 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.

Fails to Reach Spain War Zone



Joe Dallet of Cleveland was leader 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

Decision to Hold Exercise 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 Wolfe'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 held for a number of years.

Largest Class to Receive Diplomas
Over 400 boys and girls, largest class ever to graduate from Salem high, will go through the

Three Are Killed in Mexican Clash
ORIZABA, Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 14.—(P)—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 paralyzing industry here, was called by the CROM which charged the CTM with starting the fighting.

One of the workmen was killed on the street in 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 official.

'Home' Hospital Sought

PORTLAND, April 14.—(P)—Trustees of the Children's Farm Home planned today to raise funds for the construction of an isolation unit for the home's hospital, declared to be urgently needed.

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.—(P)—The state police report 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 afternoon.

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 the storm continued there today. Astoria reported 5.32 inches of rain in 60 hours.

The road between Eugene and Monroe was closed today when 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 routes.

Falling rocks created a menace on the Columbia River highway. Logging roads on the coast

Council Will Scan Water Main Plans
An indication of the future extent of improvements to Salem's water distribution system will be given by the size of bids at tonight's adjourned council meeting on east iron or 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 competitive bidding conditions.

The council also may receive a recommendation 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 night.

It was possible the council tonight also might receive a committee report on an ordinance revoking long-standing power company franchises and opening the way for arranging for a new franchise.

Molloy President Bakery Engineers
PORTLAND, April 14.—(P)—George 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-elected president of the Oregon branch of the American Society of Bakery engineers.

Politics Booming on Campus With Petition Deadline Near
Petitions for student body officers of the associated students of Willamette university are being circulated with the deadline this noon. There are more candidates for the respective offices than there has been for several years.

Nominees for the presidency of the student body are Bill McAdam, Mol 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 club. He has been interested in politics 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.

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

SWOLLEN 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 correct heightened last night. The river rose at the rate of .13 foot per hour during the evening as against .23 per hour Tuesday 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 start rising suddenly. Nearly Half Inch Of Rain Wednesday

Thirty-seven hundredths of an inch of rain was added between 7 a. m. and 5 p. m. yesterday to the storm precipitation which began in earnest Monday. This week's rainfall has brought the total for the month to 5.63 inches. The next "wettest" April, from available records, appears to have been 6.12 inches in 1896. The mean average for the month is 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

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 student 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 38 states.

An effort is being made to raise funds to send the Salem team to the Illinois tournament.

BALLADE OF TODAY
By R. C.
Some weeks ago our sympathy was tendered to those eastern folk when raindrops had them "all as wet." We realized it was no joke; now lowland dwellers here may learn, as our own peaceful river fills, just what it means; we'll miss our turn, and breathe a prayer, "Thank God for hills."