

Weather
Fair today and Saturday except partly unsettled today; Max. Temp. Thursday 50, Min. 39, river 21.2 feet, rain .75 inch; SW wind.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR

River at Flood Stage; Linn Folk Evacuate

Revised Plans Of Courthouse Are Presented

Ideal, Declares Hewlett and Melson Also Eyes Them With Favor

Enlarged Quarters Will Be Provided for All Agencies, Shown

Revised according to county court recommendations, floor plans for the new Marion county courthouse were brought to Salem yesterday by Architect Leslie Howell of Portland. Cost estimates may be ready for presentation along with the plans to the building committee next week, he indicated.

Commissioner Leroy Hewlett, himself an architect, declared the revised plans were ideal. Commissioner Roy S. Melson also believed they would work out well. Judge J. C. Stegmund, busy with probate matters, did not have time to study the drawings in detail.

Hewlett reported that financing of the courthouse would be aided by the tax foreclosures program. Proceeds from sale of foreclosed properties, which he estimated at \$35,000 over a five-year period, can be used to purchase furnishings for a new building, he explained.

Quarters Roomier For All Offices

In addition to providing all county offices with greatly enlarged quarters, the new plans contain two unassigned rooms, one 22 by 60 and the other 34 by 60 feet and a 37 by 45 foot public assembly hall that may be converted to office space in future years. The assembly hall as planned would have a 12 by 20 foot stage and a 16 by 29 foot committee room.

The latest floor plans should provide amply for county offices for at least 25 years, Hewlett predicted, and the arrangements are such that the size of the building could be doubled by the addition of two wings around a light well at some future date.

The location of the various offices are virtually as decided upon by the court two weeks ago. The groupings of major offices are as follows:

- Ground floor—Relief and health offices and old files storage.
- First floor—Sheriff, assessor, tax collector, treasurer, school superintendent, county agent and assembly hall.
- Second floor—Clerk, recorder, county court, engineer, surveyor and juvenile officer.
- Third floor—Circuit courts, justice court, district attorney, judges' and jurors' rooms and law library.
- Fourth floor—Jail.

He's Legally Dead So Cannot Appear

OAKLAND, Calif., April 15—(AP)—John J. O'Neil, 36, who says he is legally dead, complicated his argument in an arson charge today by contending he was not present.

O'Neil, who disappeared from his Stamford, Conn., home in 1924 and subsequently was declared legally dead there, was brought into the court of Police Judge C. B. Fox on charges of starting four small fires in a hotel Tuesday.

"John J. O'Neil," the judge called out, and an officer led the defendant up to the desk.

"That's my name, but I'm not here," said O'Neil.

"What do you mean you're not here?" asked Judge Cox.

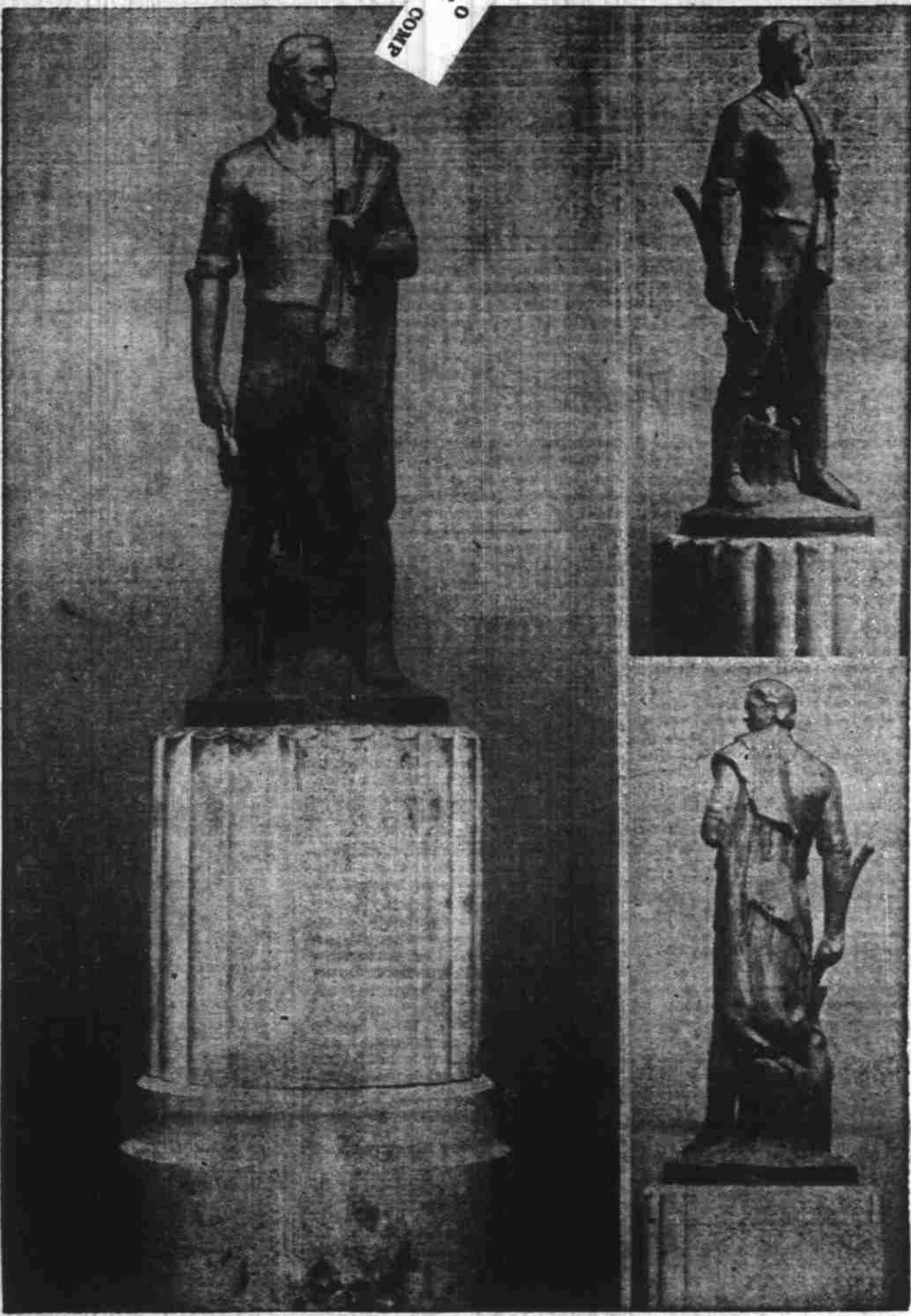
"Well, maybe I am here, but I am dead, so I fail to see what you can do to me," replied O'Neil.

The judge scratched his head and ordered the case continued until April 20.

Parent-Teachers Officers Elected

PORTLAND, April 15—(AP)—The Oregon congress of parents and teachers elected Mrs. F. W. Walls of Portland president for the coming two years at its session here today.

FIGURE WHICH WILL ADMOUNT CAPITOL



The Pioneer—the 40-foot statue which will adorn the tower atop the new Oregon capitol, pictured from three different viewpoints. The Pioneer, standing on a stump, has a buckskin robe over his shoulder and holds an ax in his hand. Ulrich Ellerhusen of New York is the sculptor.—Cut courtesy The Oregon Journal.

Governor Opposes Walt Pierce Plan

Franciscovich is Acting Chief Again; to Make Trip Here Monday

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15—(AP)—Governor Charles Martin expressed opposition to Bonneville dam legislation proposed by Representative Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, providing for an administrator for the project, as he departed for the national capital tonight.

The governor heads a delegation from Oregon and Washington to appear at a house rivers and harbors committee hearing at which a proposal for uniform power rates for Bonneville and Boulder dams will be discussed.

Others in the party are Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland, President Hamilton Corbett of the Portland chamber of commerce and W. C. Douglas, representing the port of Camas-Washougal.

ASTORIA, April 15—(AP)—Preparing to divide his time between public and private business, Senator Frank Franciscovich, president of the senate, will go to Salem Monday to take over duties of acting governor during the absence of Governor Charles Martin.

Controlled Judiciary Fatal To Religious Freedom, Held

Christians must insist upon a judiciary "that is not in the hands of any political group which a nation may bring to the top for the moment," just as they must insist upon a free church, a free school and a free press if the Anglo-Saxon tradition of a religious freedom is to be preserved, Bishop Titus Lowe of Portland told more than 350 Methodists assembled here last night at First church for a banquet meeting which closed a day's educational program.

Bulletin

NEW YORK, April 16—(AP)—A strike of seamen and wireless operators which threatened to stop 17 ships, two of them richly appointed trans-Atlantic liners, was settled early today at a conference attended by the regional director of the national labor relations board.

OCHANDIANO, Spain, April 15—(Delayed)—(AP)—Gen. Emilio Mola's northern insurgent army struck with renewed force at the Basque capital of Bilbao today, recapturing the strategic mountain peak of Salbi and leaving its slopes littered with the bodies of government dead.

Forensic Contests Open Today on W. U. Campus

High school students from thirteen different schools in the state began arriving on the Willamette campus last night for the annual Oregon high school extemporaneous speaking and interpretation contests which will be held today and tomorrow. Preliminary events will be held today with semi-finals and finals on Saturday.

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Wright Democrat For Over Century

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15—(AP)—The Willamette democratic society voted a life membership to Dr. J. B. Wright, 102, today "in recognition of over 100 years service to the party."

Workers Over 65 Restored to WPA

If Under 70; Order Will Affect 800 or More in State, Claim

PORTLAND, April 15—(AP)—J. C. Albright, deputy WPA administrator for Oregon, said today all persons between the ages of 65 and 70 years dropped from WPA work relief rolls late last year will be immediately reinstated.

Albright said between 800 and 1000 in Oregon are effected by the ruling. He made the announcement after conferring by long distance telephone with E. J. Griffith, state administrator, now in Washington, D. C.

Those eligible for old age pension benefits under the Social Security program will not be dropped from the WPA work rolls, the deputy administrator said, and persons who apply for Social Security assistance will remain eligible for employment on.

30-Minute Rule's Extension Asked

After hearing complaints over the new 30-minute parking limit effected last week, city councilmen were somewhat startled last night when they received a request for establishment of such a zone in a block where no restrictions now exist. The request, for 30-minute parking, came from the W. E. "Dan" Burns store at High and Ferry streets.

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Nurses' Benefit Dance Given Special Permit

The city council last night granted Salem General hospital nurses permission to extend a benefit dance at the armory Saturday night one hour past the ordinary midnight deadline. The dance, a letter from William Galsdorf, hospital manager explained, is to raise funds for a new nurses' home.

Rail Tie-up on West Coast Is Likely Tonight

Firemen, Trainmen Avert Mediation Move Not to Be Accepted

Insist Their Quarrel Is With S. P. Though Favoritism Cited

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15—(AP)—In the face of President Roosevelt's move to forestall a strike, officials of two railroad brotherhoods asserted tonight their call for a walkout of 8,500 Southern Pacific employees would become effective at 6 p. m. tomorrow unless the company meanwhile met the workers' demands.

C. V. McLaughlin, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, said neither his union nor the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen could accept the presidential mediation move because it named the Brotherhood of Engineers and Conductors as parties to the dispute.

"Our grievance is against the company and we are not involved in any controversy with the engineers and the conductors," said McLaughlin. "Their presence in the negotiations would only complicate matters."

Favoritism Shown Other Unions, Held

In presenting their demands the firemen and trainmen charged the Southern Pacific "favored the engineers and the conductors and refused to abide by mediation board awards affecting individuals."

The situation presented (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Lynch Bill Voted By Lower Branch

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—The house overrode a bristling southern opposition tonight to pass 277 to 119 the Gavagan anti-lynching bill. It would authorize the federal government to intervene in mob crimes to punish participants and negligent officers. The bill now goes to the senate.

In general republicans joined with northern democrats in supporting the bill. The measure would subject an officer who permitted a prisoner to be taken from his custody and injured or put to death, to a fine ranging from \$5,000 and to as much as five years in prison. Participants would be subject to from five to 25 years imprisonment.

Opponents from the south sought in vain to strike from the bill provisions that would subject a judge to a fine of \$5,000 and to as much as five years in prison, if he suggested a going to trial, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000, the money going to a victim's family.

New Parking Rule Declared Popular

Sentiment is growing steadily in favor of Salem's 30-minute parking limit, Mayor V. E. Kuhn told the city council last night. He remarked the rural visitors especially were commenting favorably on the availability of parking space under the new regulations.

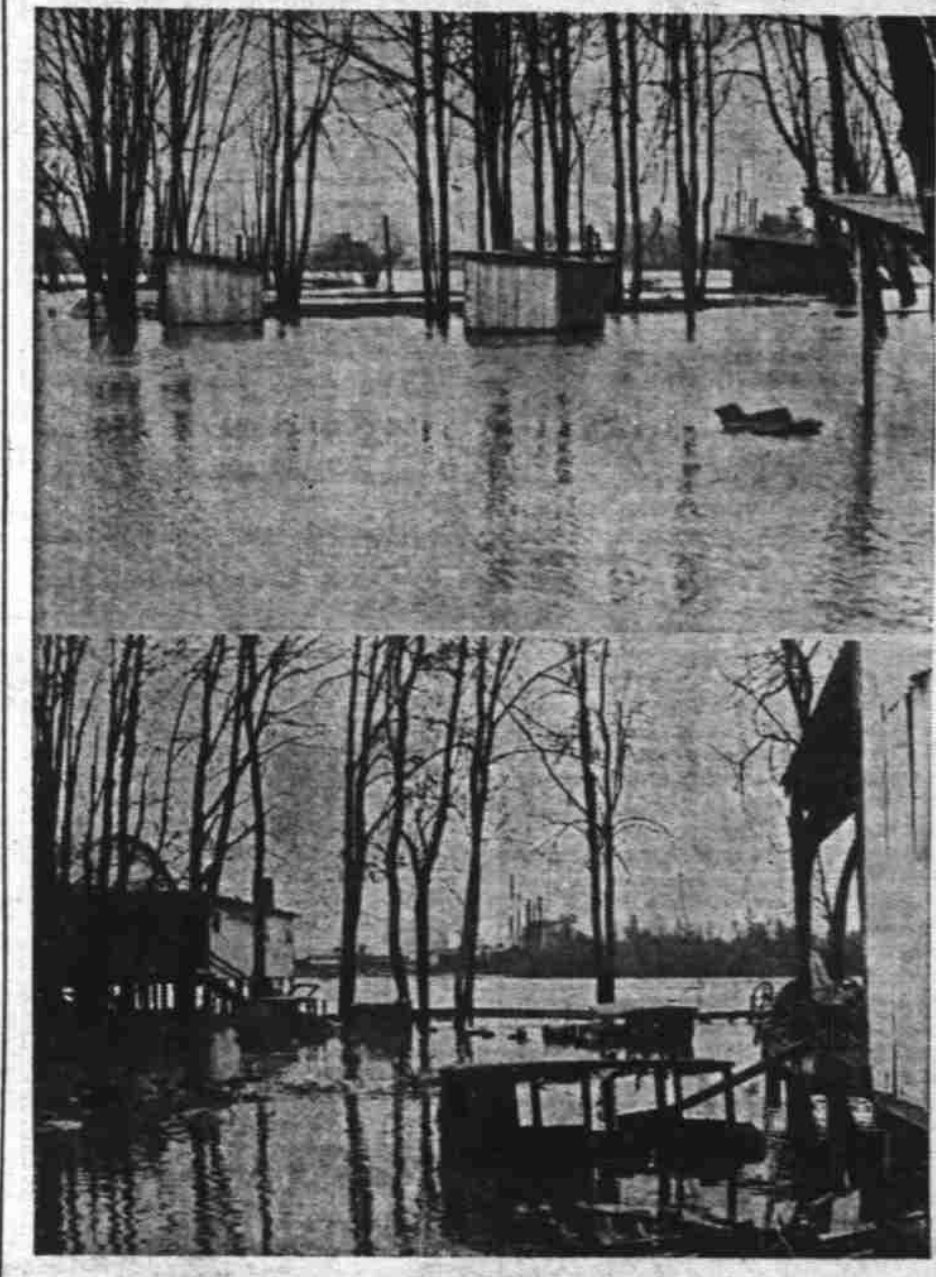
At a meeting of the special traffic committee later the mayor urged that an effort be made to iron out inequalities in special business parking privileges. He suggested a zoning plan designating the 30-minute district unchanged but converting present two-hour zones into one-hour zones.

The committee after conferring with Brazier C. Small, attorney for a group of automobile dealers, agreed to confer with representatives at a meeting next Thursday night.

City Recorder A. Warren Jones and City Attorney Paul H. Hendricks outlined a proposed resolution setting up all parking time limits in one measure, leaving the 30-minute district unchanged but converting present two-hour zones into one-hour zones.

Lowland Residents Are Moving Out; Rain Ends

How Old Man River Looks at Flood Stage Here; West Salem Gets Wet



The Willamette river at flood stage. Both pictures taken from West Salem; top view, auto camp buildings inundated, Salem in background. Below, ancient automobiles caught in flood back of a garage in West Salem; Mellow Moon dance hall surrounded by water; looking across river to paper mills and Salem, both pictures revealing that despite high river bank on east side, "flood stage" comes within a few feet of meaning actual flooding in the city though that hasn't happened since the '90's.—Statesman Staff photos.

Labor Relations Appeal Launched

First Since Confirmation of Wagner Act Relates to Jurisdiction Row

(By the Associated Press) Peace moves and an employer's appeal to the national labor relations board, the first since the supreme court upheld the Wagner act, were added to the labor picture last night as new strikes developed on both sides of the Canadian border.

Workers quit their posts in automotive factories at 8 p. m. and shops and shipping ports, but plans went on for a consolidated drive by John L. Lewis followers to unionize all phases of the communications industry. At Picher, Okla., affiliation with the American Federation of Labor was announced by the tri-state metal mine and smelter union.

As strikes in Canadian mass production industries spread, Premier Mitchell Hepburn asked representatives of General Motors of Canada, Ltd., and of the 3700 strikers at the company's Oshawa, Ontario plant to meet him this morning in a peace conference.

At New York, the International Mercantile Marine company called on the labor relations board yesterday to ascertain who are the duly authorized representatives of its employees in various ship departments.

Following the strike of seamen (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Over Foot of Rain Recorded, Valsetz

Mill Pond Water Lapping at Doorsteps, Sawing at Mill Delayed

VALSETZ, April 15 — Other parts of Oregon may be getting April showers and Oregon rains but in Valsetz it has been raining this week. From Sunday evening, when it started raining, till Wednesday evening, when it was still raining, 12 1/4 inches of rain had fallen. The greatest period of precipitation was during a twelve hour period Tuesday night when 3 1/2 inches accumulated.

The mill pond has raised a couple of feet and is lapping at the doorsteps of some of the houses. It is impossible to get logs under the bridge to the mill so operations have ceased until Old Jupe desists.

HAZEL GREEN, April 15. — Pudding river is in the boat-house and over the footbridge crossing to the dressing rooms on the north bank at the Hazel Green park. No serious damage has resulted so far.

Krohn Funeral Today

PORTLAND, April 15—(AP)—Final rites will be held at the Portland crematorium tomorrow at 3 p. m. for Robert H. Krohn, director of physical education in the Portland public schools, who died yesterday. The ceremony will be in charge of the Masonic bodies.

Favorable Bids Received on Water Mains; Blasts Probed

Unexpectedly favorable bids were received by the city council last night for pipe and valves to be used in constructing the 12th street arterial water main. Totals of the 22 proposals offered by 16 bidders located on the coast and in Alabama will not be cast by the water department engineers until today.

R. E. Koon, consulting engineer who conducted the bid opening, declared the figures submitted appeared to be "very favorable."

A combination contract award, split among two or more bidders, probably will be the recommendation the council will be asked to adopt at its regular meeting Monday night. A number of alternatives in type of pipe and fittings were included in the specifications in order that the lowest possible total cost of the materials could be obtained.

Repercussions from the dynamiting of the sunken South 11st street bridge over Shelton ditch Wednesday developed at the council's adjourned session and resulted in Mayor V. E. Kuhn's appointing a special investigating committee consisting of D. O. Lear, W. H. Dancy and Van Wierder, chairmen of the bridges, drainage and street committees, respectively. Permit Not Given Mayor Contends The mayor declared it was necessary to obtain a permit from his office for any blasting, that this had not been done by City Engineer Elmer Rogers and that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Willamette at 21.2, Probably Close to Peak

Dropping at Eugene, Is Word; Second Oregon Death Is Reported

Eight Feet Above Flood Stage Is Predicted in Corvallis Area

The Willamette river passed the 20-foot Salem flood stage yesterday afternoon, a day ahead of weather bureau forecasts, and continued rising during the early part of the night.

At midnight the gauge read 21.2 feet, a level at which strong currents begin flowing across downstream lowlands. The reading was 20.9 feet at 6:30 p. m., 18.6 feet at 9 a. m.

The rate of rise last night was slightly greater than on Wednesday night.

While the river had dropped a foot early last night at Eugene, residents of the mid-valley bottom lands were preparing for the crest of the April freshet.

Across the river in West Salem the Mellow Moon dance hall was surrounded by water, which extended to the highway embankment and flooded campgrounds and used car lots.

Mill Creek Dike Near Priston Is Out The highway department had staked the Salem-Dallas roadway near the Carroll hopyard in preparation for high water but the early state police patrol last night reported no water encountered.

Mill creek renewed its threat to southeast Salem briefly yesterday afternoon when a dike a short distance below the penitentiary annex started to wash out. County Engineer N. C. Hubbs quickly mustered a force of 20 county workmen and reinforced the levee with earth and sandbags. Two hours' delay, he said, would have meant a repetition of the flooding of Saturday afternoon. The Turner road and of much of the low southeast section of the city.

A small slide temporarily impaired traffic over the county road between Taylor's grove and the old transient camp and the north Salem-Silverton road remained closed on account of overflows from Pudding river.

(Copyrighted, 1937, by Associated Press) Fair weather, with possible morning frost, was forecast by the Seattle weather bureau today after a stormy, northwesterly storm killed two sailors, injured two others and damaged roads and crops.

Peter Johnson, Bellingham, and John M. Moore, Seattle, lost their lives when the Pacific Astor (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Ousting Foreign Fighters Talked

LONDON, April 15—(AP)—Russia and Italy, by seemingly burying the hatchet over Spain, paved the way tonight for non-intervention committee deliberations on a plan to withdraw all foreigners from the Spanish civil war.

A subcommittee earlier had set midnight of next Monday, April 19, for the start of an international land-and-sea blockade to enforce the neutrality group's alicet barring additional men and arms from Spain.

The measures are intended to keep the Spanish strife from spreading to the rest of Europe—one to guard against new sources of international discord, the other to remove threats because of foreigner already involved.

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BALLADE
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By R. C.

"How beautiful is the rain" the poet sang, and we'll agree; 'twould be a barren, bleak terrain, no fit abode for you and me if the heavens, now and then, did not cloud up and do their duty. But at present—well, amen; we'll break down and cry "Enough!"