

## School Supervisor Issue Debated by Board

Weather  
Fair today, Thursday, becoming unsettled with rain; Max. 70; Min. 45; Tuesday 62; Min. 34; Wednesday 5.1 feet, southwesterly wind.

### Langlie Beats Meyers Easily In Mayor Race

Unofficial Final Totals 78,997 to 48,114 for Young Councilman

### Labor Factions Eclipsed by Result; Both Said Fully Satisfied

SEATTLE, March 8.—(AP)—Running up another vote of landslide proportions, Councilman Arthur B. Langlie, 38, was elected Seattle's next mayor today, defeating the CIO-supported Lieut. Gov. Victor A. Meyers. Langlie takes office June 6.

After a slow start, the Langlie landslide gained momentum and by the time half the returns were in, little doubt remained the self-styled "good government" candidate would be elected.

Langlie polled an unofficial 78,997 votes, while Meyers received 48,114. Langlie held a 2 to 1 edge in the primaries. Meyers made the most of the labor issue, and credited his nomination over outgoing Mayor John F. Dore to opposition to Dore's labor policies.

CIO leaders were largely behind Meyers but they conceded his defeat several days ago and indicated privately they were satisfied with Langlie's attitude on labor—"impartially toward rival factions and recognition of the rights of both under the law."

AFL leaders, who went down to defeat with Dore, took no active part in the final, although political observers reported their support went quietly to Langlie. Langlie himself made no attempt to solicit their support. Dave Beck, AFL teamster leader, was silent.

While Langlie piled up an ever-increasing lead, Meyers conceded the election, saying: "I think Arthur Langlie is a fine, clean-cut and intelligent young man and I know if he is permitted to administer the city with freedom from interference by any groups and cliques and does his own thinking, he will make an outstanding mayor."

### Oklahoma Has Showers

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 8.—(AP)—Showers pelted much of Oklahoma's panhandle and western wheat belt tonight.

### Oddities

... in the News  
PITTSBURGH, March 8.—(AP)—A young father of three children who works by night and attends classes by day is the only straight "A" freshman at suburban Elizabeth high school.

He is Lawrence Stragand, 29, whose ambition to "get some where" in the Carnegie Illinois steel corporation chemical laboratories led him back to the school he quit 13 years ago.

Ready to "work my head off," he hopes to complete the four-year course in three years and enter the University of Pittsburgh.

WASHINGTON, Ga., March 8.—(AP)—Merchant W. L. Johnson hopes to be able to hoist the "sold out" sign over his buggy department in 1948—if business continues at its present pace.

Five years ago he sold a buggy and had two left. Another sale yesterday cut the inventory 50 per cent.

CHICAGO, March 8.—(AP)—Sam Salkin has this little sales talk in mind: "Good morning, I'm working my way through college. Would you like to buy my pickled snake?"

Sam—he's 18 and a senior at Austin high school—plans to rely upon his specialized salesmanship in financing his course at a university and medical school.

He already enjoys a thriving trade, gathering pig embryos and parasites at the stockyards, and preserving them until biological laboratories in many parts of the country place an order.

### FR Calls Parley After Freight Boost Granted

### Former Police Leader Admits Poison Deaths

Yagoda Confesses Order Resulting in Death of Predecessor

### Gorky and His Son, Also Five-Year Plan Chief Said His Victims

MOSCOW, March 8.—(AP)—Genrikh G. Yagoda, secret police chief who "wanted to become a Russian Hitler," faced the Moscow treason trial court tonight and pleaded "full guilt" in four medical murders.

He admitted ordering the death of his predecessor in office and trying unsuccessfully to poison Nikolai Yezhov, present secret police chief. He also testified he had sent \$100,000 to Leon Trotsky, exiled former soviet leader.

The gray-faced, broken man had retracted partially his pre-trial confession, but after a recess in which he was taken back to prison he repudiated the retraction.

Yagoda, who was the most-dreaded head of the soviet secret police has known, and who knows all of its methods, kept silent on his reasons.

In his testimony at the morning session he admitted he had ordered the over-dose deaths of Maxim Gorky, famed Russian writer, and Valerian V. Kublitz (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

### Republican Club Hears Candidates

The Marion county republican club heard candidates and discussed recommendations for a declaration of party policy in a well-attended meeting at the Marion hotel last night.

Senatorial candidates, Douglas McKay, Ronald E. Jones and Edward Keech made brief talks; and Charles L. Paine, of Eugene, candidate for governor, also made a speech. McKay emphasized the need for greater interest on the part of citizens in governmental affairs. Jones discussed public finances, pointing out the heavy proportion of taxes which are for local purposes, and expressing the view that the state should relieve communities of part of this load. Keech warned against the mounting public debt which he said would reach \$5 billion dollars in a few years and urged republicans to develop (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

### Court Martial Is Asked for Martin

OAKLAND, Calif., March 8.—(AP)—The Alameda county industrial labor council (CIO) will seek a court martial for Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon for his asserted remark that John L. Lewis "will get a warm reception if he comes to Oregon." E. E. Ward, council secretary, said tonight.

Ward said the governor, a retired army major general, is a reserve army officer and hence subject to court martial. Ward said the council would petition President Roosevelt and army officials for the court martial on the specific charge of inciting violence.

### Showdown on TVA Charges Now Demanded by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, obviously disquieted, demanded today that the embattled director of the Tennessee Valley Authority justify their bitter charges and counter charges, if they can.

Stepping directly into the row between Chairman Arthur E. Morgan, on the one hand, and Vice-Chairman Harcourt Morgan and Director David Lilienthal, on the other, he announced that he had called all three into a conference Friday.

Grimly and emphatically, he told reporters he would demand proof of the charges of bad faith that have been flying back and forth and added that he wanted facts, not opinion; nothing but facts.

### Leader of GOP Is Gravely Ill



Ralph E. Williams of Portland, vice-chairman of the republican national committee, who is reported critically ill in a hospital in Mexico City.

### Hewlett, Libby up For County Court

Jefferson Man to Oppose Incumbent; Is Native of Marion County

The contest for the single Marion county commissionership to be titled by the voters this year opened yesterday with announcements of two republican candidates, those of Leroy Hewlett, incumbent, and Harley Libby of Jefferson.

Commissioner Hewlett, now in his first term, said he would file his formal declaration and issue a campaign statement later.

Libby, in his declaration filed with the county clerk, gave as his slogan: "A business administration: honest and impartial; courteous and efficient."

A native of Marion county, Libby has lived all of his life near Jefferson. He is a farmer and taxpayer and has a wife and one son. He has served as school director and precinct committeeman but this is the first time he has sought county office. Libby is active in Farmers Union organization, and was on the committee which sponsored forming a public utility district for the county two years ago.

"I am not making a lot of promises," said Libby in discussing his candidacy, "in fact, if I should be elected I want to go into office and be able to give just as good an administration as I can, free from political promises."

### Japanese Apology Given to Hospital

WUHU, China, March 8.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The Japanese commanding officer expressed regrets today after a Japanese armed force unsuccessfully attempted forcible entry of the American-owned Methodist hospital here.

The Japanese sought entry to rescue a Chinese woman doctor, Edith Huang, for questioning. Despite bayonet enforced threats, Dr. Robert B. Brown, of Danville, Ill., Dr. L. S. Morgan, of Galena, Ill., and the Rev. Frank Gale barred the hospital gates, insisting upon inviolability of American property.

The Japanese officer finally agreed to enter alone. The Chinese woman doctor and Dr. Brown later were called to Japanese headquarters and assured similar incidents would not occur again.

### Vandalism Drives Will Continue Says Martin

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin, in an address to the Willamette Heights post of the American Legion, promised no retreat in the investigation and prosecution of vandalism.

### Alexander Confirmed

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Nomination of George F. Alexander of Oregon as United States district judge for the first division, District of Alaska, was confirmed by the senate today.

### Further Steps To Aid Carrier Systems Loom

Ten per Cent Increases Allowed; Half That on Farm Produce

### Not Full Solution, View of Some ICC Members; 270 Million Year

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission granted a \$270,000,000 annual increase in freight rates tonight to save the railroads from threatened insolvencies and possibly to stimulate industries which sell railroad equipment.

Railroad men, who had pleaded for a flat 15 per cent increase amounting to about \$470,000,000, were frankly disappointed, however.

President Roosevelt, who had been waiting for the rate decision before searching for a permanent solution to chronic ills of the railroads, immediately summoned a group of congressional, ICC, railroad and labor leaders to meet next week to discuss the next step.

Briefly, the ICC gave the railroads a five per cent increase on farm and forest products and 10 per cent on virtually everything else that moves by rail. These increases, however, are inclusive of (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

### Salem Girl Tells Of Flood Ravages

### Pomona Students Fight to Divert Waters, Writes Miss Flavia Downs

Hardships and tragedies due to the southern California floods are described in a letter received yesterday by Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Downs from their daughter, Miss Flavia, who is a junior at Pomona college at Claremont, where as she wrote last Thursday the green pastures and lawns were under a six-inch covering of silt.

"The Pomona campus and Scripps campus and the 'wash' east of us were in direct line of the path of gushing water full of debris down from the mountains," Miss Downs writes. She recounts the work of the Pomona student body president and other students did in diverting the roaring waters from the path of the new student union building on the Pomona campus.

As she wrote, Claremont folks were apprehensive that Thompson and San Dimas dams above them would go out.

"One road a block east and south of Scripps was eroded on one side as deep as 12 feet and two cars were overturned. The man who owned one of (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

### Pyle Undergoes Brain Operation

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Dr. John Raaf probed the brain of State Police Officer Ray Pyle today to remove a shotgun pellet lodged near the middle lobe.

Pyle was wounded in the face near Bend, November 7, when he attempted to arrest a Terrence rancher who later killed himself. A coroner's jury found the man killed his chicken ranch partner.

Pyle was given one blood transfusion in three hours on the operating table.

Dr. Raaf said Pyle's condition was serious and "he might not recover."

### Family-Owned Business Levy Fight Awaited

Publicity for Income of \$75,000 or More Is Placed in Bill

### Revisions of Corporate and Capital Gains Taxes Approved

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—The house tried to compromise with President Roosevelt today by putting into the tax bill a section requiring the treasury to make public lists of all persons paid \$75,000 or more a year by corporations.

Sponsors of the measure had been confronted on the one hand by a house vote last year to repeal a publicity requirement for salaries of \$15,000 or more and on the other by a presidential assertion last week there was no valid reason for repeal.

Then, when Representative Fuller (D-Ark.) submitted an amendment for publicity for salaries of \$75,000 and up, Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the ways and means committee, immediately agreed to let it go through.

With that question out of the way, Speaker Bankhead predicted the biggest battle over the bill would center about a proposed levy on family-owned or closely-held corporations. He expressed belief the house would approve the tax.

Democratic leaders decided to delay that fight until tomorrow. Just before the house quit for the day it tentatively approved the bill's major provisions for revamping the present corporate and capital gains taxes.

These clauses provide: A 12 1/2 to 16 per cent income tax on corporations with incomes of \$25,000 or less annually. These firms would pay no undistributed profits tax.

What amounts to a 16 per cent income tax, plus a 4 per cent surtax, on undistributed profits of most corporations with incomes in excess of \$25,000 a year.

A modification of the capital gains tax to fix maximum rates of 16 to 39.2 per cent on gains realized upon capital assets retained more than 13 months.

### Victory Apparent In School Strike

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., March 8.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Striking students of the National Farm school apparently won today their two-day strike to oust Dean Cletus L. Goodling.

James B. Work of New York, a member of the school's board of trustees, said the board had agreed to install a "new executive head" and that Goodling would "eventually be out."

Samuel Lupinacci, Jr., president of the student council, said the student body of 175 would "favor the proposition."

### Report on Valley Project Goes to FR, Mott Asserts

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Representative Mott (R-Ore) said tonight the army engineer's report on the \$55,000,000 Willamette flood control project had been submitted to President Roosevelt for approval.

"I have written the president asking him to transmit the document directly to congress, rather than routing it through the national resources committee," he said.

"Thus, if it is favorable—and I have high hopes that it is—we will have it in congress in time to include in the pending flood control appropriation bill."

### Late Sports

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—MacLaughlin union high school tonight won a place in the Oregon state basketball tournament by defeating Hood River, 25 to 20, in the second of a three-game series.

### Elementary Schools' Supervisor In Salem for 15 Years Resigns



CARLOTTA C. BRIEDWELL

### Control Board to Fight Eckles Suit

Seeks to Quash Summons Service; E. W. Powers Contests Default

The state board of control through Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle filed a motion in circuit court to quash service of summons in the automobile accident damage action recently instituted by F. W. Eckles against E. L. Vanbarlcom and the board members. The motion alleged the state could not be sued without its consent and such consent had not been given.

Two suits involving the Eckles-Vanbarlcom accident were filed. In both the latter was alleged to have been driving a state-owned car.

Edwin W. Powers yesterday filed a motion in circuit court to set aside the default judgment entered against him and in favor of Salem Collectors, Inc., March 4 on a note on the grounds that his failure through his attorney to file an answer came about by excusable negligence and mistake.

An accompanying answer set up as a defense to the note action that the statute of limitations had run against it and alleged that an \$8.24 payment credited on the note out of Powers' bank account by the United States National bank of Salem April 25, 1932, was made without his authority or acquiescence. Wheat stored at Turner and given by warehouse receipt as security for the note was destroyed by fire, it was further alleged by Powers.

### Gronn Plans Saemill on Former Linn Fair Site

ALBANY, March 8.—(AP)—H. F. Gronn of Salem and Fred E. Lock of Oregon City said today they had purchased the old Linn county fairgrounds and would erect a 20,000-foot-per-shift capacity sawmill. They said the mill would employ approximately 12 men per shift.

### Spread Bonneville Benefits, Is Martin's Advice to Ross

Governor Charles H. Martin, who announced Tuesday that he would announce Friday that he would run for reelection, also issued on Tuesday a letter to J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, a letter urging the lowest possible power rates to the greatest possible number of people and types of users, reiterated his earlier contention that the government should build the transmission lines and went on record for public ownership under certain conditions.

"Recent action in Washington with respect to the budget indicates that approvals will be forthcoming and that the lines may be under construction soon," Governor Martin said relative to transmission lines.

"Bonneville is unique among the major hydro-electric projects of the world in its location with respect to freshwater and navigation. Its tremendous power at such a strategic location gives Oregon and the Pacific northwest a potential asset of great value. This potential asset can be made

### Supervisor's Work Praised by Gaiser

Mrs. Briedwell Factor in Building Outstanding System Here, Says

Carlotta C. Briedwell, whose resignation as elementary supervisor of the Salem school system was accepted by the board of directors last night, has given "unselfish service to the Salem schools," Supt. Silas Gaiser declared.

"Salem has built one of the finest elementary school systems in the state through Mrs. Briedwell's leadership," Gaiser said. "She has been an inspiration for a progressive point of view in classroom procedure. She is professionally a leader in elementary education in this state and her influence has extended into Washington, in curriculum work and preparation of bulletin material (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

### Seek to Condemn Patton Property

Condemnation proceedings to acquire the property of Mrs. Hal D. Patton, on the northwest corner of Summer and Court streets, in connection with expansion of the capitol grounds will be started in circuit court here within the next two weeks, J. A. McLean, member of the capitol reconstruction commission, announced Tuesday.

It was reported that the commission had offered \$32,000 for the property but that Mrs. Patton had set a price of \$57,000. This is the last piece of property sought by the state in the state in the two blocks located directly north of the new state capitol building now under construction.

Purchase of all other property in the two blocks previously was negotiated and all of the dwellings either have been removed or wrecked.

### Incumbent to Leave System At Term's End

Cupper's Motion Tabled After Discussion of General Policies

### Resignation Submitted in January, Revealed by Superintendent

A surprise proposal to abolish the position of elementary supervisor in the city's school system broke the quiet of an otherwise routine meeting of the Salem school board last night only to be followed by announcement of the hitherto undisclosed fact that Carlotta C. Briedwell, who has held that position for 15 years, submitted her resignation last January 24. The resignation, effective July 1, was accepted.

The board declined to act at once on the motion of Director Percy A. Cupper to eliminate the position and instead tabled it. Cupper said he would ask that the matter be considered again when I see fit."

After objecting that the merit of the elementary supervisorship "is purely an education problem," Supt. Silas Gaiser declared that "this has never come to my attention" and, pointing out that a special committee was appointed recently to study possible reorganization of the teaching system, asserted that "this has never come to the committee and the committee has made no report."

No Personalities, Officials Agree  
"It's not a matter of individual persons," Gaiser added later when discussion turned to the probability that other positions would be open to the supervisor. He then produced Mrs. Briedwell's letter of resignation, which he said he had not previously been at liberty to disclose.

Director Cupper remarked after the resignation was acted upon that "there was no personality in this as far as I'm concerned."

In raising the supervisorship question as the board appeared about to adjourn, Cupper said it seemed "very pretty heavily overloaded with supervision." He said the city system had 13 persons in supervisory capacities, including eight principals, four supervisors in full or part time service and the superintendent, over 70 grade school teachers. He explained that in considering the situation "for a considerable length of time" he had come to the conclusion that "in our present setup I frankly haven't been able to see the place of the elementary supervisor."

Preparatory to moving that the elementary supervisorship be abolished at the end of the present school year, Cupper said it was not his thought "to expel (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

### Pendergast Vote Heavy in Primary

KANSAS CITY, March 8.—(AP)—Tom Pendergast's democratic organization outvoted the newly formed coalition party two to one in the first one-third of the 460 precincts counted tonight after today's "no contest" primary. The majority vote in 156 precincts was: Mayor Bryce B. Smith (Pendergast), 25,575; Lieut. Col. Fred Whitten (coalition), 11,353.

The totals included numerous precinct reports from the north side, a Pendergast stronghold. Automatic nomination in both tickets for the March 29 runoff election, since only two were entered, turned attention to the respective voting strength.

### Rabbit Plays Tag With Motorist on Downtown Street

Salem's claims to metropolitan status suffered a rude blow Tuesday night when a rabbit played tag with a motorist on downtown State street, just barely outside of the traffic light zone. The rabbit was apparently of the common "jack" variety, although that could not be determined definitely and it was possible that it was of a domesticated type and had escaped from a nearby pet shop.

### BALLADE OF TODAY

The railroads, all financially distressed, are granted rights to charge a higher rate; the shipper won't agree that this is best, but it's better than no train to haul their freight.

By R. O.

"Whether they do or not, it is my aim to make electricity available." (Turn to page 2, col. 2)