EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR

Unsettled with rain today and Friday, temperature unchanged; Max. Temp. Wed-nesday 46, Min. 37, river

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His words clearly were an ef-

fort to stifle the anxiety of the

ered around radios and loud-

speakers to hear Il Duce's assur-

ances that Italy's borders were in-

violable and that Anschluss was

"First of all Italy, this Italy,

does not allow itself to be easily

impressed," he declared. "This

Italy has a firm will, a firm

quiescence to the annexation of

Austria as consistent with her

past policy of defending Austria's

independence. But, he declared,

it would have been "an historical

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Wooden Bridge on

Santiam Goes out

MEHAMA, March 16 .- For the

first time in several years snow

fell in Mehama during March.

There was about an inch of snow

on the ground this morning

the school bus, and the men at

This morning the children were

heard the timbers tearing loose.

Another man had just crossed it

and other parts are scattered

the president's power to shake up

critic of the bill. A vote had been

expected today, but backers of

the bill prolonged debate until

To many observers this indi-

Wheeler declared sarcastically

that proponents of the measure

were "filibustering" against their

own bill. However, Senator Bark-

ley of Kentucky, democratic lead-

cause the proponents had not had

time to answer criticisms by the

Boycott Refused

By Marine Union

PORTLAND, March 18 .- (AP)-

today a CIO lumber workers' pro-

AFL lumber products had been

Action taken yesterday approv-

Meantime, Kenneth McIntosh.

president of the West Oregon

to the CIO plant committee and

other employes warning they had

to lift an AFL boycott or the mill

Backstroke Record Set

ng retaliatory steps was recon-

er, said the vote was delayed be-

cated a close division of sentiment

boards and bureaus.

the senate adjourned.

on the issue.

opposition.

Vote Is Delayed

along above here.

but it was melting fast.

England and France Maneuver for Peace

Close Battles **Mark Opening** State Tourney

East, Southern Quintets Loom as Favorites in Championship Race

B Title Will Be Decided Today; Large Crowds out Despite Rain

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS Amity 42, Adams 30. Chiloquin 32, Thurston 28. University Hi 50, Woodburn 38. Mac Hi 25, Salem 23. Sandy 27, Dallas 24. Baker 31, Klamath Falls 29. St. Helens 39, Myrtle Point 19. Medford 39, Eugene 34.

TODAY'S GAMES Consolation Series 9 a.m. Adams vs. Thurston. 10 a.m. Salem vs. Woodburn. 11 a.m. Dallas vs. Klam. Falls. 2 p.m. Myrtle Point vs. Eugene Championship Flight

3 p.m. Amity vs. Chiloquin. (State "B" Championship) 4 p.m. University Hi vs. Mac Hi. 7:30 p.m. Sandy vs. Baker, 8:30 p.m. St. Helens vs. Medf'd.

By RON GEMMELL Not a soul was reported to have too acute a case of "sititis" as the curtain rang down on the first round of the 19th-annual OSHSAA basketball tourney at 10:54 last night in the Willamette gymnasium. General concensus of opinion of

the throngs that crowded the place throughout the eight games Golden Tide from University high of Eugene would eventually scrap it out for top holor. Climaxing tilts saw St. Helens

hand Myrtle Point the worst trouncing taken by any team in the opening round, 39-19, and Medford withstand a valiant lastquarter bid by Eugene to win

Not even the eclipsing of the main entrance to Willamette university by the old postoffice building, that is on its way to become a part of the institution, nor the incessant drizzle that prevailed throughout the day, kept enthusiastic fans from filling the gym-

Just about the time the ball les, natural mother of the chil-went up in the opening tipoff of dren, said five children were born they the first game of the tourney, to her and George Ledford. They the old postoffice building nosed were divorced in 1932, after its way almost directly in front which Ledford agreed to support of the university's main entrance. two of the children in his home. Baker and Klamath Provide Thriller

day's eight was the Baker-Klam- that she visited the Ledford home ath Falls whirlwind tussle; toughest loss was that of Salem | the girls and noticed Mrs. Ledford to McLoughlin, the district 2 ti- was congenial with Dorothy but tlists-the Pioneers plucking the winning points in an overtime, the only time they were ever in the lead; easiest win was the St. Helens gallop over Myrtle Point,

While Coach Eddie Frantz' 'Saints" were to the fore but 5-4 "Saints" were to the fore but 5-4 at first quarter's end, they put on Rickman Will Not the pressure in the second period to completely dominate the play and emerge with a 22-6 halftime advantage.

With Daggett, sparkplug guard, directing the play and driving through the defense either for haskets of his own or for sharp January 1, 1935, will not be a passes to teammates for ultimate | candidate for reelection, he anbaskets, it was just a breeze for nounced last night.

Daggett drove four field goals through the hemp and converted hope the people will elect a once from the keyhole stand to candidate in my place who will dominate the scoring with 9 take an interest from labor's points, despite playing but two- standpoint, as I have tried to thirds of the fray.

Demend, lanky Myrtle Point pivoter, was the only district 8 courtster to hit the hoop consistently. He hooped three affeld and cember. Both his position and two from the gift mark for 8 that of E. B. Gabriel, present

St. Helens Meets Medford Tonight

The Saints, by virtue of their win, walk into the driving Pearpickers from Medford tonight at

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. . . in the News

GALESVILLE, Wis., March 16 -(P)-Casca Hudson, whose health federal court jury tonight conwas too frail to permit service in demned John Henry Seadlund to the Civil war, died today at the die in the electric chair for the age of 98 after outliving every \$50,000 ransom kidnaping of veteran of that war in this area. Charles S. Ross, Chicago manu-He died of heart disease.

ST. LOUIS, March 16-(AP)-A "bellboy" employed at a down- commend that the defendant, town hotel for seven years was discovered to be a woman when examined today by city hospital physicians, Police Capt. Robert their verdict at 6:15 p.m. It was Kaiser announced.

aiser announced.

Picked up for routine questionter Judge John P. Barnes, attoring, the bellboy, 27 years old, neys and Seadlund, handcuffed to gave the name of John Brock. two guards, arrived in court. Kaiser said his suspicions were Counsel for Seadlund immediaroused when he talked with the ately moved for a new trial and prisoner and he ordered the hos- Judge Barnes set Saturday at 9



The Woodburn Bulldogs, Willamette Valley Interscholastic league champions, went down to defeat before one of the strongest teams in the state tournament, University high, 50 to 38, but put up a hard battle and showed why they had run up such a long record of league victories. They play Salem high at 10 o'clock this morning.

Berries Contained Benefits Paid to No Poison, Claims

State Officer Asserts He Ate Some; Mother of Girls Testifies

ST. HELENS, Ore., March 16ard testified today in the murder trial of Mrs. Agnes Joan Ledford, was that the Baker Bulldogs and blackberries from a patch where the defense contended two of her stepdaughters were poisoned.

with the death of Dorothy, 15, last September. Clyde Watson, owner of a po-

tato field from which Defense Atty. Glen Metsker asserted poison spray was blown to the berry patch, testified he had eaten without washing a dish of berries from another nearby patch.

Howard, who examined the from the southeast corner of the

potato field. Mrs. Pearl Turner, Los Ange-

She was followed to the stand by two daughters. Mrs. Thelma Hardest played game of yester- Flippin, Los Angeles, testified about six weeks before death of seemed to resent Ruth.

Letha Ledford, 10, said she once lived at Ledford's with Ruth, whom Mrs. Ledford slapped "more than once." She said Mrs. Ledford was nice to her.

Run, Water Board

J. M. Rickman, member of the Salem water commission since

"I feel I have put in my time," Rickman said. "It is my

Rickman was elected as a labor candidate in 1936 for the four-year term expiring next Dechairman, are to be filled by the voters in May.

Chairman Gabriel and Van Wieder, former city councilman, are the only declared candidates for the two positions on the com-

Seadlund to Die In Electric Seat

CHICAGO, March 16 - (AP) facturer.

The jury answered "yes" to the question: "Do you the jury re-John Henry Seadlund, alias Peter Anders, be punished by death?" The case was given to the jury at 4:45 p.m. (CST). They reached

a.m. for a hearing on the motion.

Convicted Goons' Families, Stated

PORTLAND, March 16 -(AP)-Jacob Schlaht, acting business agent of local No. 162 of the AFL Teamsters union, testifying before a special master in federal court said today that the local has paid (A)-State Police Sgt. Ray G. How- families of members involved in labor terrorism cases benefits generally amounting to \$25 a

The question was asked Schlaht in a hearing of the United Union Brewers of Walla Walla, Wash., Mrs. Ledford is on trial for the against the Teamsters, the Brewpoison death of Ruth, 13, and is ers seeking an injunction to recharged in a second indichment strain alleged interference with deliveries. The hearing will be resumed March 28.

"Is it true (that benefits are paid) if a man pleads guilty to a crime?" asked John W. Kaste, attorney for the brewers.

"It is an act of humanity as we see it," replied Schlaht. "The families are not responsible for their husbands' actions. Therebushes, said they were 130 feet fore, we support the families whether the husbands plead guilty or not."

Columbia Defense

WASHINGTON, March 16-(AP)-Secretary Swanson, writing the senate naval affairs committee, said today that "no additional naval aviation requirements are foreseen at present" and thus apparently spiked for the immediate future Oregon hopes for a naval base at Tongue Point on the Columbia river.

The secretary, saying that the McNary bill providing for the base was "not in accord with the program of the president," remarked that he was opposed to the bill because the site was "too close to the primary base at Seattle to justify its selection, even were it capable of economical develop- al Woodworkers of America,

San Diego, said the secretary.

not Rival of Coulee,

"We are working now to assure that there will be no conflict between the rates from the two projects, keeping in mind the navigation and reclamation features of the projects," he said. "There will be a new era later.

will put these two projects to-gether and administer the joint product of the one great pool." the Grand Coulee project is our first interest. Power is second-

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Woodsawyers Who

from the AFL and joined the CIO last summer, reaffiliated with the AFL this week.

dorsed a resolution approved by from the United States.

Linking of Power **Markets Favored**

Spokane Hearing

when a new power administrator Ross assured Charles Hebberd, ville commission had full cog-Hebberd had testified "development of the 1,200,000 acres in

PORTLAND, March 16.-(P)- with complete confidence that this cowardly attack will be sawyers' union, who withdrew brushed aside."

The central labor council en-

Ross Declares Bonneville

SPOKANE, March 16-(AP)-The power markets of the Bonneville succeeded by heavy rains. and Grand Coulee dams on the Columbia river are one and the same and must be so treated, two hours late following ministrator, said at the public amounted to 1.95 inches. hearing on Bonneville rates here

Spokane business man, the Bonne-ville commission had full cog-day on a charge of reckless drivnizance of the reclamation needs ing, announced his candidacy toat the Grand Coulee project after day for the democratic nominaing Mahoney's automobile on the

To Hebberd's fears the Bonne

Quit AFL Rejoin

the Coos Bay central labor council to bar Harold J. Pritchett, president of the CIO Internation-The navy's plans for the west department of labor granted

Severe Storm Causes Havoc

off Troller; Oregon Rainfall Is Heavy

Death Toll in Tornadoes in Midwest Rises to 22 After Checkup

PORTLAND, March 16 .- (AP)-Rain and hail, thunder and a roaring March wind drenched western Oregon today, while snow fell in high areas to the east of the Cascades.

Shipping was disrupted at the mouth of the Columbia river when a 64-mile wind whipped the entire width of the bar. Nine ships stood outside and five in-

side awaiting moderation. The coast guard cutter Onondaga, scheduled to convoy a seal herd north, was unable to leave, Observers said the stormy condition of the bar, particularly the surge inside, was one of the worst they had seen. The wind at North Head dropped to 31

miles per hour. Rainfall in the Astoria region was 4.03 inches; Portland .90 inches; Newport 1.79; Eugene 1.16; Albany 1.35; Salem 1.34, and Roseburg 1.18. Snow fell at La Grande and

Klamath Falls. Hail, preceded by thunder briefly on Portland, only to be

The Roseburg-Coos bay highway was closed by torrential

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Willis E. Mahoney Files for Senate

PORTLAND, March 16-(AP)-Willis E. Mahoney, former mayor of Klamath Falls indicted by the tion as United States senator. The indictment, which did not

date, November 28, 1937, he said was returned "on the eve of the close of filing and the primary "I was competely exonerated on the scene and by subsequent investigation by the state police

and the only two witnesses," Mahoney declared. "I demand an immediate trial, with complete confidence that

Martin Wins Support in Petitions at Silverton

SILVERTON, March 16-More than 300 signatures on petitions supporting Governor Charles H. Martin in his candidacy for recoast provided for only three stra- Pritchett, a resident of Vancou- election were obtained here today. who were watching a yacht race tegic bases, Seattle, Alameda and ver, B. C., a three-month visitor's Many of the names were those of republicans, it was reported.

Mussolini Says Border Safe; Hitler Summons In Northwest Reichstag Into Session On Czech Land

Two Men Reported Lost Speech of Il Duce Aimed at Quieting Fears; Says German Union Natural: Lithuanian-Polish Crisis one Problem for Fuehrer

> ROME, March 16—(AP)—Premier Benito Mussolini approved Adolf Hitler's absorption of Austria today, but warned any invasion of Italian frontiers would mean war. "Our frontiers are sacred!" Il Duce shouted in a nationwide broadcast. "We will not discuss them. We will defend

> > spirit.

ahead."

Two Plead Guilty To Forgery Count

them!"

Women Say Innocent, Held to Grand Jury and Are in Jail

Andrew Sedar, 21, and Dan Zivanich, 22, pleaded guilty and their two women companions, Cleo Zivanich, 25, and Grace Nelson, 22, not guilty in justice court yesterday to charges of uttering a forged instrument. The young women waived preliminary hearing and all four were bound over to the grand jury.

The quartet was arrested by city police Tuesday night as the culmination of a hunt for the perand gusty winds, fell heavily but son who had passed several forged checks at local service stations. The checks were signed with and At Grants Pass, a southbound made out to the fictitious names Southern Pacific train arrived of Antone Melich and Steve Strelrespectively, police charged J. D. Ross, Bonneville power ad- at Dillard. Rain in 14 hours Police suspicions were aroused by the fact that both names appeared

to be the same handwriting. Sedar was identified by police as the one who passed the checks and Zivanich as the man who wrote them. The Zivaniches said they were man and wife and lived at Oak River, Ida., while Sedar

Farley Mogan, state police sergeant, said he had located seven new inner tubes in the Hayesville district which he linked with the forgery utterance cases. Sedar as an excuse for cashing the checks bought inner tubes. None of the four prisoners was able to post the \$350 bail required by Judge Miller B. Hayden.

mention a fatal accident involv-Attempted Kidnap ranch, so people are not stranded. Parts of the timbers floated down

NASSAU, Bahamas, March 16 -(A)-Police records showed Forrester Scott, Philadelphia attorney, and two fliers were detained today in connection with an attempted airplane abduction of Scott's two daughters.

The girls, Eva, six, and Zoe

three, are here with his divorced wife, now Mrs. Harry Clarke Bo-Scott and the pilots, Stanley Boynton of Philadelphia and F.

B. Miller of Miami Beach, were booked for investigation. The girls' nurse said they were playing in a park on the waterfront when two men drove up in a taxicab and attempted to seize them. The nurse and spectators

intervened.

Legion May Take Over Falls Camp For Boys' "State"

SILVERTON, March 16-Plans of the Oregon American Legion to take over the Silver Falls CCC camp in case it is vacated by the government, and operate it as a 'Beaver boy state" were announced here tonight by George L. Rauch of Portland.

The announcement was made

at a Silverton chamber of com-

merce dinner at which the organization's new rooms in the Legard & Adams building. Tom Anderson, president of the chamber, presided. James Stevens, manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association and author of the Paul Bun-

yan stories, and C. M. Gartrell of

the First National bank were the

speakers, both discussing phases

of the new federal housing loans. 'Hitch Auto Thief' Strikes, Corvallis

CORVALLIS, March 16 .- (AP)-A thief who abandoned a stolen automobile when it ran out of gasoline and stole another was reported today by Sheriff W.

M. Harper. stolen at Philomath and aban- Jersey amateur athletic union taxes and customs duties to meet doned at Independence. meet. The new mark is 1:04.2. estimates.

Halifax Warns Against Attack

Nations Plan to Defend Africa Route: Won't Take Hand, Spain

Insurgents Blast Caspe but Meet Resistance Upon Some Fronts

LONDON, March 16 .- (AP)-Britain today thrust the issue of peace in Europe squarely before Reichs-

Italian people, with Austria now fuehrer Adolf Hitler. only a province of Germany and She and France particularly the nazi frontier at the Brenner were active in a sudden wave of war fears that involved most Throughout Italy millions gath-

countries of Europe. There was a crisis in the Spanish situation, tension between Poland and Lithuania, fresh alarm in Czechoslovakia, while in Italy Premier Benito Mussolini declared Germany was right in taking

Foreign Secy. Viscount Halifax, in a vigorous statement in the It marches straight house of lords, called on Germany to respect assurances to Czecho-Mussolini defended Italy's ac- slovakia that Austro-German union was not aimed at her.

A Polish-Lithuanian border in cident suddenly added new danger in a situation already tense over Germany's next move in central Europe and the growing possibility of Italo-German domination in Spain through a victory of the insurgents in the 26-month-old

civil war. France, alarmed by the presence of Italians and Germans in Spain, appealed to Britain for joint action to seek a Spanish armistice and won a British promise of concerted naval action should French communications with North Africa be threatened. The price of the pledge was

continued French non-interven-This snow was in part respontion in the Spanish conflict. sible for the wooden bridge, at Excited by the possibility of a the old Crabtree mill above Taylor's, going down the river. This German move against her ally, bridge has been closed to cars for Czechoslovakia, France also had sought British aid in event of some time past, but the school action by Hitler to "liberate" the children used it to cross to meet 3,500,000 Germans in the war-

the mill used it to go to their created republic. Soviet Russia reaffirmed her pledge of armed aid to Czechojust putting on their coats to slovakia, her ally as well, in case cross and go to school when they of aggression.

about a half hour before. They Britain promised France naval all just narrowly missed being on aid tonight if Italian and German the bridge. There is another road forces in Spain menaced France's into the mill by way of the Taylor North African communications. In return, Premier Leon Blum told his cabinet France would

PARIS. March 16-(AP)-Great

the river, possibly past Mehama, maintain non-intervention in Spain. By this decision, France kept her border with government Spain shut to men and munitions and dropped her plans for an immediate effort with Britain to nego-

On Bureaus Bill diate effort with Brita. That the Spanish government appeared to have stopped the in-WASHINGTON, March 16.-(AP) surgents' drive toward the Medi-Supporters of the administra- terranean, at least temporarily. tion's reorganization bill backed also was cited as enabling France way from a test vote today on a to keep her frontier shut, proposed amendment restricting

HENDAYE, France, at the Spanish Frontier, March 16-(AP)-The amendment was offered by Insurgent field artillery blasted Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), a Caspe into ruins today in an effort to dislodge government troops menacing the left flank of the insurgent army marching toward the sea.

While trying to drive this stubborn government force northward across the Ebro river, the insurgents ranged widely through their 3000 square miles of newly-conquered territory, mopping up straggling government units and reestablishing lines of communi-

Gen. Francisco Franco's fastmoving troops, which in less than a week penetrated more than 60 miles into government territory east of the old Zaragoza-Teruel line, seized control of the important Montalban-Alcaniz highway and sent advance parties through the San Just mountains southeast of Montalban.

C. W. Atkin, secretary of Columbia River Council No. 3, Maritime Early Income Tax

budget picture tonight.

15 days of March, an increase of 18 per cent over the similar period last year. If this rate of payment is

maintained to the end of the fiscal year, the treasury will wind TRENTON, N. J., March 16 .- up with about \$170,000,000 more (P)-Dick Hough, captain-elect of income tax money that was pre-Princeton university swim- dicted in President Roos stolen from F. P. Powell of To-ledo was recovered near Philo-four-tenths seconds off his would provide, officials intimatmath. The gasoline tank was world's record for the 100-yard ed, a badly needed offset against empty. Another automobile was breast stroke tonight in a New the probable failure of excise

Payments Record posal for a retaliatory boycott on WASHINGTON, March 16 .- (AP) Record-breaking income tax collections brightened the federal

The treasury announced that Lumber company, issued a letter the unprecedented su- of \$615,-947,718 was collected in the first

MILLIONS CHEER HITLER IN VIENNA



Adolf Hitler, pictured as he arrived in Vienna after his bloodless conquest of Austria. A huge throng of about a million people forced the fuchrer to make a speech. Hitler declared he had been deceived by Schuschnigg and that a betrayal was something he would not tolerate.—IIN photo.