

Travel Insurance
Many Statesman readers have found it to their advantage to have the protection of the \$1 per year policy offered by this newspaper.

Weather
Fair, some cloudiness today and Friday, rising temperature; Max. Temp. Wednesday 54, Min. 31, river 8.2 feet, southwest wind.

Second US Bomber Missing; Crash Kills 5

Two Escape in Initial Mishap Of War Games

Three Climb Upon Wing, One Dies but Other Pair Reach Shore

Details of Craft Which Is Overdue not Told in Early Reports

HONOLULU, March 30—(P)—The navy announced that another of its planes was missing from the Pearl harbor base tonight. Officials declined to state the identity of the plane, the number aboard, or how long the craft was overdue.

Word of the missing ship came as the navy was searching for the bodies of five men who were aboard a long-range bombing plane when it crashed into the sea early today off Waianae, on the northwestern side of Oahu, principal island of the Hawaiian group.

The big twin-engined bomber, engaged in the great mock battle for control of Hawaii, crashed while flying low in a heavy rain squall.

Silverton Court Costs Explained

High Because of Transfer Cases, Said; Releases all Deemed Valid

Alf O. Nelson, Silverton justice of the peace, in a letter to The Statesman has challenged some statements appearing in recent newspaper items. Nelson called attention to an article (not in The Statesman) which stated that "average costs in my court were \$10 as against \$4.50 in Overton's court," which he said were erroneous.

"The fact is," he said, "during the year 1937 I handled 205 criminal cases in which the average justice court cost was about \$4.85 per case. The record is open to the public and speaks for itself," he added. Nelson explained that the cost in his court would of necessity be a little higher than in other justice courts outside Salem. This he pointed out is due to the fact that many of the cases started in Salem are transferred to the Silverton court.

Referring to the question arising over the way "my costs are collected," he said: "The requirement that costs be paid may be one condition of spending the sentence. When the defendant fails to comply with that condition the court has the right to revoke the order . . . and reinstate the sentence. That," he said, "should never be done purely for the purpose of collecting costs." He explained that if the defendant were placed (Turn to Page 17, Col. 7)

Shriners' Hospital Gets Concert Fund

PORTLAND, March 30—(P)—A check for \$2,601.80, the net proceeds of a recent appearance here of the Eugene Gleemen to assist in raising funds for the purchase of orthopedic equipment for the Shriners' hospital for crippled children, was in the hands of Al Kader temple of the shrine today.

The money was turned over by the Portland Rotary club and marked the largest amount ever raised by the club in its six years of concerts. The club, in that period, has contributed \$11,970 for the assistance of the hospital. Gleemen donated the concert.

Democratic Heads Plan Pendleton Convention
PENDLETON, March 30—(P)—Allan Greenwood, Portland, state president of the Young Democratic club, and W. L. Goslin, Salem, secretary to Gov. Charles Martin, will arrive here tomorrow to complete arrangements for the state convention April 22-24.

Earl Nott to Ask Bourbon House Choice

(By the Associated Press) Swinging in on the heels of the basketball season, the popular game of politics won six new players today.

At Portland, announcements of candidacy included: Thomas F. Wold, attorney, for reelection as Multnomah county state representative. Coe A. McKenna, business man and civic worker, for republican nomination as Multnomah county state representative. Mrs. Florine O. English, appointed by the board of Multnomah county commissioners as democratic state representative to fill a vacancy, to succeed herself.

Paul A. Richards, restaurant operator, for democratic nomination as Multnomah county state representative. Earl A. Nott of McMinnville, Yamhill county district attorney, said he would seek the democratic nomination for congress from (Turn to Page 4, Col. 5)

Life for Ledford

Verdict Returned After 10 Hours; Defendant Takes It Calmly

Mother of Children Says She's Satisfied With Results of Trial

ST. HELENS, Ore., March 30—(P)—A circuit court jury convicted Mrs. Agnes Joan Ledford, 35, today of the first degree murder of her stepdaughter, Ruth, 13, by poison last fall and recommended life imprisonment. The jury reported its verdict after less than 10 hours deliberation. Mrs. Ledford, sitting in (Turn to Page 4, Col. 6)

Held Guilty of Poisoning Girl



AGNES JOAN LEDFORD

Dorm Intruder Flees

CORVALLIS, March 30—(P)—Authorities attempted today to trace an intruder who was frightened away from Waldo hall, women's dormitory, by lusty screams after attempting to enter through a window. He escaped in an automobile.

27 Death Toll Of Tornadoes Over 5 States

Columbus, Kansas, Gets Brunt With 7 Killed, Over 100 Injured

Pekin, Ill., Reports Five Dead; Oklahoma, Also Arkansas Suffer

(By the Associated Press) Tornadoes spread death and destruction through five middle-western and southwestern states yesterday and last night, leaving at least 27 reported dead, hundreds injured, and staggering property damage. Heaviest hit was the town of Columbus, Kan., in the lead and zinc mining tri-state corner of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, where seven were dead, more than (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Spring Opens Officially Here Tonight; to Unveil Windows At 7:30; Parade Starts Then

Oregon Officials Attack Rate Rise

Holman and White Among Foes as Intrastate Hearing Opens

Application of Oregon railroads for an increase of intrastate freight rates in line with interstate freight rate increases granted recently by the interstate commerce commission received the first hearing before State Utility Commissioner N. G. Wallace here Wednesday. The interstate rate increases ranged from five to 10 per cent, with agricultural products in the lower brackets.

Among witnesses who appeared at the opening hearing was State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, representing the state board of control. He protested against any increase in agricultural lime. Holman said fertilizer lime was essential in building up Willamette valley lands and any increase in freight rates would prove a handicap to the farmers. The proposed freight rate increases also are being opposed by representatives of a large number of chambers of commerce and (Turn to Page 17, Col. 8)

Colorful Show Result of Preparation Carried on for Weeks; Animated Windows Totally new Feature

Spring Styles to Be Worn by Living Models; Drum Corps, Five Bands in Parade; Weather Promising

Spring opening tonight, 7:30 p. m. Promptly at that hour the siren atop the city hall sounds, merchants unveil their windows and one of the most colorful evenings Salem has seen in years gets under way officially inaugurating Salem's spring shopping season.

Tonight's show culminates weeks of preparation by scores of business houses and individuals. The gala evening's principal diversion—window shopping—will be supplemented by a host of special entertainment features including an automobile show, a parade, music by five bands, a visual broadcast conducted by KSLM, and a dance at Crystal Gardens.

Store windows were curtained off yesterday and this morning as merchants worked feverishly to have their window displays in readiness for the window unveiling ceremony at 7:30 tonight. Animation, theme of this year's Spring Opening, Mammiquina modeling new spring styles will appear in the windows of department and ready-to-wear stores. Quality of the window displays is expected to reach a new high with keen competition developing among the stores for the Ad club's prize to the store with the "most unique" window arrangement.

Numerous Groups To Be in Parade The American Legion drum corps, members of the five bands, Cherrians, and a detachment of 150 Boy Scouts will meet at 7:30 at Marion square to form for the parade. Special transportation to and from Leslie school where Boy Scouts are holding a campers' reunion, is being provided by the Ad club.

Music from the following bands will lend to this evening's gaiety: Salem high school band, Gordon (Turn to Page 14, Col. 3)

Kingwell in Race For County Court

Has Held Public Office in England, Canada and US; Tells Policy

E. G. Kingwell, Salem real estate man who has held government offices in England, Canada, and the United States yesterday filed his notice of candidacy for the democratic nomination for (Turn to Page 4, Col. 5)

Salem Box Plant To Start Monday

Orders Exceed Dry Lumber Supply, Reported by Manager Friesen

With orders exceeding capacity because of a dry lumber scarcity, the reconstructed Salem Box company plant will go back into production Monday, John S. Friesen announced yesterday. The plant will start with a 15-car order for box materials and operate on a two-shift basis with approximately 30 employees. Friesen declared he could obtain orders for 50 carloads if he could obtain dry lumber for shooks. Most of the impending (Turn to Page 4, Col. 4)

Linn Election on Power Requested

Application was filed Wednesday with the state hydro-electric commission for a special election May 20 on the question of forming the proposed Linn county people's utility district and electing five directors. Candidates for directors include J. W. Moore, Frank Betser, Gordon P. Ryals, Walter S. Hense and Frank Bartu, jr.

If this election is called it will be the second time the voters of Linn county have balloted on the proposal. The first election was held November 3, 1936, when the proposal to organize the district was defeated.

The law provides that a second election may be requested within two years after the voters have voted against the creation of a district.

Girl Thinks She Is Wanted; Right

A girl giving the name of Dorothy O'Dell, Salem, appeared at the city police station late last night to inquire if there was a justice court warrant out for her arrest on a larceny charge. Such a warrant had been issued so the young woman was held in the city jail, police stated.

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