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Never having had a beard, it is something we are not qualified to talk upon, so, following our established policy, our topic for today is, "Beards

and How to Prevent Them." Beards were not invented. They just grew. Whiskers came early into the world and, the words of the



the other hand. Paul H. Hauser, ir was invented. If we remember our early history correctly, and you may be assured we do not, shaving was invented by an unemployed sheep shearer in the little Scythian community Erb. Little did he know.

It has now got to the point where shaving is almost a universal complaint. From the cradle (some youngsters are precocious) to the grave man now daily scrapes his chin, a form of self-torment which distinguishes man from the lower

Shaving has progressed from the Greeks. The Greeks had a sword for it. The Romans invented the straight edge and this continued in general use until King C. Gilette decided it would be nice to have his signature the most widely circulated in the world and invented a safety razor, Some people still prefer a piece of a broken beer bottle, but they for county commissioner. are in a minority unless the present census contradicts us.

Beards, which were formerly a sign of manhood, are still worn occasionally. Every man likes sometime to grow a beard, just for the heck of it and to win the whiskerino prize if he He would like to keep the beard and avoid the daily routine of shaving, only his wife or girl friend won't let him, Sic Transit Gloria,

Celebrations, such as is rumored in the offing hereabouts, are great occasions for beard growing. So it is that the major topic of conversation these days is to beard or not to beard. It comes to us that petitions are being circulated for bearding. No opposition has yet been en-countered, except from the fem-

A man walked into Parker's sportery the other day with an old light globe. He said it had been giving light in his bathroom for 16 years until the other day his wife, preparing to clean the shade, started to unscrew it and the glass part came away from the metal part which screws in the socket.

The man asked for a replacement because the bulb was defective

What's more he got it,

April 1-Last day for prielection candidates to

April 1-April Fool's Day. Statesman coming events colum.

WATERY WISDOM "A lot of water has gone under of the Wheatland Ferry, "but it'd be a heck of a lot better for our business if a lot of the bridge had gone under the water."

### **Mountain States May Pay Dividend**

A \$3.75 dividend, accruing since September 30, 1939, probably will be declared on new preferred stock when the newly elected Mountain States Power company board of directors meets April 6, President Zed Merrill said today.

Merrill said the company's reorganization and debt refunding plan were completed. New preferred and common stock certificates are being exchanged for the old certificates.

The new board includes E. R. Bryson, Eugene; Ben F. Dorris, Springfield; W. H. Duff, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. N. E. Irvine, Lebanon; W. D. Johnston, Casper, Wyo.; B. W. Lynch, Chicago; Z. E. Merrill, Albany; David S. Soliday, Philadelphia, Pa., and E. B. Wil

#### Socialite Spouse Of Fighter Dies

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 28 -(Thursday)-(AP)-Socially prominent Mrs. Madeline Force Astor to an Italian prize fighter in 1933 created a sensation, died late last night of a heart attack.

Mrs. Fiermonte's first husband was Col. John Jacob Astor, who was lost in the Titanic sinking of 1912. They had been married in September of 1911 and were returning to this country to- This district embraces the entire gether from a European trip when the vessel struck an iceberg. She bore a son by Colonel

in August, 1912.

In 1916, Mrs. Astor was marmore than 6000 signatures.

# In One Ear .. Page, Berning, Paul Bauser's Column Henry Werner Latest to Fi

Lanke Will not C SE for Clerkship; W & & & Back Harlan J & &

Coroner Barrick Is out for Renomination to That Office

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER When it comes to filing for public office, Marion county republicans are at the head of the parade, as they usually are also when the election returns are

So it is interesting if not unusual that a fifth republican candidate for county commissioner filed his declaration of candidacy yesterday, a fourth aspirant submitted his name to the secretary of state for the nomination as state representative and a second seeker after the party's selection for district attorney announced himself.

The three new candidates now officially entered in their respective races are District Attorney Lyle J. "Barney" Page, candidate for renomination; R. J. Berning, Mt. Angel, for the legislature, and Henry Werner, Central Howell,

In the legislative race, with four positions to be filled this year, two more candidates have announced their intention to file before Monday night's deadline and in the contest for the lone county commissionership, at least one additional office seeker may

Lanke Importuned but Will not Run

Rumors that Herman Lanke, an auditor in the state department here for 10 years, would oppose Deputy Clerk Harlan Judd for the republican nomination for county clerk were eliminated last night when Lanke announced that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

# Cost Is Proposed

Three Million Suggested as top Amount for National Races

WASHINGTON, March 27 .- (AP) A clause forbidding national political committees to spend more than \$3,000,000 each in any campaign was added to the Hatch anti-politics bill today as that senate-approved measure passed its first house test.

The bill, which would curb political activities of state employes paid in whole or in part with federal funds, was approved by a house judiciary subcommittee after Chairman Walter (D-Pa) had succeeded in adding the amendment limiting national campaign expenditures.

If written into law, the amendment would hold expenditures of both the republican and democratic national committees below the levels of the 1936 presidential campaign. In that year, the republican committee disbursed \$8,-065,524 and the democrat's \$5,-

Walter told newsmen that \$3,-000,000 should be enough to finance all the campaigning necessary to inform the voters. There was no use having a corrupt practices act, he added, if elections were to go "to the highest bid-

Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, the republican leader, predicted that the Hatch bill would pass if (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Burglars Waste Half Hour Prying at Unlocked, Empty Safe in Albany Creamery

ty minutes of practice were all 127.47 had been received. burglars got out of trying to creamery safe last night.

all the time. Also, it was empty. The intruders opened the cash

# Hats Flip Into Political Ring Sea and Air War Blazes in new Fury



LYLE J. PAGE





R. J. BERNING



L. E. BARRICK

#### \$308,349 Is Take In Tax Collection

opening the mail containing tax collections for the first quarter of 1940 had been completed today and that \$308,349.07 or 55 per cent of the 1940 tax roll of \$561,-

According to Sheriff Hooker smash the knobs on the Palace this is the best record of tax collection made during his 25 years The strong-box was unlocked of service in the sheriff's office. The March collection of delinregister but overlooked the con- 085.56 according to Hooker's re- ted under CIO contracts.

# Six Utility District Schemes To Go on Ballot for Primary

Expiration of filing time for pecent of the entire county. The cit-titions to refer peoples utility proproposals for creation of six disthe Tillamook county peoples util- 750,000. ity project will appear on special

election ballots May 17. The proposed Portland peoples \$3,830,722. This district would utility district probably is the out- embrace 175 square miles with a standing one of the six projects. population of 8000. Astor, named John Jacob Astor valuation \$270,000,000. Final pecated in Washington and Columina August, 1912.

would be excluded. The district and the NYA. tricts and three annexations to has an assessed valuation of \$12,-Assessed valuation of the Lincoln county project was fixed at

The proposed Nehalem basin city of Portland or 67 square district would include 83 square miles. The population was esti- miles with an assessed valuation mated at 340,000 and assessed of \$1,536,796. This district is lo- tion.

The Coos county district would Jenks Is Confirmed as

While Allies Plot Speed-up Methods

# Fate of Tariff **Issue Depends** On Five Votes

Administration to Need All of Them to Beat Down Amendment

Vandenberg Avers Setup Is Ruinous; George Defends Legality

WASHINGTON, March 27-(AP)eaders of both sides anxiously and apprehensively counted votes today as the senate neared a close decision on the question of submitting trade agreements to the senate for ratification.

One republican senator took a poll, which, he said, showed that the senate stood 47 for such a requirement to 44 against it, with five votes doubtful. He said that this tally jibed with a poll taken by a leading opponent of ratification. On the basis of this count the foes of the trade agreements program claimed a real chance for

The five votes counted as uncertain were those of Senators Bailey (D-NC), Holt (W-WVa), Schwellenbach (D-Wash), Pepper (D-Fla) and Donahey (D-O). The mathematics of the situation was that the administration had to pick up four of the five to obtain a tie, or all of them to win outright. Garner May Swing

It for Administration In the event of a tie, and the possibility of one was hardly discounted, it was thought probable Vice-President Garner friends that he would swing the decision to the administration.

The leaders and many others apent more time today checking up the uncertain outcome than in listening to the debate, which found Senators O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) and Vandenberg (R-Mich) speaking for the ratification re-Ga) speaking against it.

The question came up with a resolution extending for three years the authority of the president to make trade agreements changing the tariff rates. Without the legislation his power to do so would expire on June 12. The administration is so deeply opposed to it that there has been talk that President Roosevelt will veto the bill if the amendment is adopted.

amendment but against the program in its entirety, Vandenberg proval of an inquiring house comsaid the nation was about to (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

### Miners Ambushed, Several Wounded

SOUTH PITTSBURGH, Tenn. March 27 .- (AP)-Coal field gunmen today ambushed 40 miners en route to work, wounded 10 to 15, and held them all prisoners briefly to warn them against operating recently reopened Battle Creek

Those hit were believed to have suffered minor flesh wounds from

shotgun pellets but the victims Word was received late today were reluctant to discuss the outfrom T. B. Hooker, sheriff of break. There was no record of Polk county that the work of any having received hospita treatment. The mine, a small one near Orme, reopened two days ago un-

der a contract with the Progressive Mine Workers of America (AFL) after having been closed for 13 months during negotiations with the United Mine Workers

George R. Cain, company superintendent, blamed the trouble on miners from nearby Whitwell and | though no vote was taken. quent taxes amounted to \$25,- Palmer, where mines are opera-

#### 67 Million Voted For CCC and NYA

Despite cries of "How are you our national interest and to the going to pay the bill," the house satisfaction of the airplane industects to the voters at the primary together with the territory served today added \$67,450,000 to next try." Dick Fiermonte, whose marriage election yesterday assured that by the McMinnville electric plant year's appropriations for the CCC

tomorrow, the members ran Subject to final confirmation roughshod over economy forces, adding \$50,000,000 to President Roosevelt's request for \$230,000,-000 for civilian conservation camps and upping by \$17,450,000 his request for \$85,000,000 for the national youth administra-

vember, 1933, the marriage ceremony taking place in a New York
hospital, where she was a patient.

The Yamhill district would emhospital, where she was a patient.

Otis A. Snook, Drain; Harry D. missioner, Committeemen wil be to shop for valtions brought her? Wednesday
force, Gold Hill; James E. Jenks, invited to discuss relief with the
president later if they choose, lections of merci

#### HAVEN BENEATH WAREHOUSE PROVES TRAP



Two women were among the nine victims, bodies of whom were recovered by rescue workers a few hours after the floor of a Santa Rosa, Calif., warehouse collapsed beneath weight of 350 tons of prunes. The dead had sought protection from a driving rain. Rescue workers are shown removing the body of one of the women .- AP Telemat.

# Whiskerinoes Enlisting Males For Stunt to Back Centennial

### striction and Senator George (D- Plane Policy Has Committee's Okeh

Manufacturers Preparing to Handle Orders in **Billion Amount** 

WASHINGTON, March 27-(AP)-The administration's new policy Arguing not only for the of releasing late model warplanes for export won the general apmittee today, and American manufacturers immediately prepared to handle prospective allied or-

ders totalling \$1,000,000,000. Secretary of War Woodring, explaining and defending the policy kers-on its male participants. before the house military committee, asserted it had been form- city's males should be particiulated by the war department pants. Hence, the Whiskerinoes without coercion or pressure were born and Friday night they

"As long as I am secretary of war, I am not going to be pushed trade for those barbers who have around," he assured the committee bluntly, in denying he had had any "friction" with Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau over sale of planes to the allies.

Chairman May (D, Ky.) squeiched an attempt by Rep. Anderson (D, Mo.) to have Woodring answer a question as to whether Morgenthau and Ambassador William C. Bullitt had "sold" President Roosevelt the idea of letting the allies have all the planes they would buy.

Johnson, assistant secretary of war, and Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, endorse the revamped policy unqualifiedly, committee members generally expressed satisfaction with it, al-Meantime, a score of plane

manufacturers conferred with a presidential committee appointed to coordinate domestic and foreign airplane orders. Afterward, the conferees issued a statement "There was general agreement that large additional foreign or-

#### Billion Is Limit In WPA Requests

WASHINGTON, March 27-(AP)-President Roosevelt, an informed official said today, has decided not to increase his \$1,000,000,-000 budget estimate for WPA expenditures in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Consequently, congress will not "Shop get the usual spring message on First" campaigns The wasnington county district would include 536 square miles would include 536 square miles with an assessed valuation of \$22,465,214. Forest Grove and She was married to Enzo Fiermont, an Italian pugilist, in No-mont, and along the mont along the mont along the mont and along the mont president later if they choose, lections of merchandise and for facilities" demonstration.

Six Hundred Members Signed up Says H. Busick, One of Initiators; Commission Support Will Be Asked at Meeting Tonight

Whiskerinoes! Have you heard of 'em?

If not you will soon, be you a man. Be you of the gentler faction, you may become conscious, anyway, of their exist-

It's not a racket, this Whiskerino business, Harold Bu-

sick, past King Bing of the Salem O-Cherrians, declared last night in announcing that the order would Storm Does More hold its first meeting Friday

Over the coffee cups last week several of Salem's young sprouts decided the city's 1940 Centennial celebration ought to have whis-And they decided that all the will elect officers and be about their business of drumming up not forgotten how to trim a beard.

centennial more than whiskers,' Busick declared. "And besides the Whiskerinoes' plan will raise money for other forms of adver-Busick estimated at least 600 men already had signed member-

ship petitions now being circula-

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Each member pays 50 cents

"Nothing could advertise the

## After hearing Woodring, Louis Faking Injuries Charged to two

PORTLAND, March 27-(AP)jury today of faking personal injuries in order to make false claims against Portland firms. The jury indicted Kenneth A. Wallace on a larceny charge involving \$500 paid by the Pacific Indemnity company. A similar charge was placed against John D. Becker for a \$30 claim colected from a railroad by a friend. ders can be handled in a manner Deputy District Attorney Sidaffording complete protection to ney Hayes said one man presented

# Damage in Oregon

Bayocean Peninsula Chips off Again; Rogue Area Streams at Flood

Though the rain came down hard for spring showers, only about three-quarters of an inch fell in Salem yesterday, This combined with the precipitation of Monday and Tuesday for a total of approximately 3 1/4 inches, accompanied by a rise of five feet in the Willamette river, from 1.7 feet Tuesday morning to 6.7 Wednesday. The sun peered through the clouds at times and the wind blew, all to make it a real March

Creeks in the valley have all shown sharp rises and some have overflown their banks, but no serious damage has been reported. Predicted by the weather bureau are rain for today and Friday with mild temperature.

PORTLAND, March 27 - (AP) Spring rain is just as wet as the (Turn to page 2 column 2)

Nan Honeyman to Try Again, Congress Race

PORTLAND, March 27-(AP)-Nan Wood Honeyman, Oregon's first congresswoman who served from 1937 to 1939, announced her candidacy today for the democlaim for injuries in a "delib- cratic nomination to congress erate" fall and another appeared from the third (Multnomah county) district.

# Easier Shopping Facilities Available to Salem Buyers

If you are looking for "easier | ease and convenience in buying. shopping facilities," try Salem stores. That is the theme of the fifth of an eight-

Salem merchants take pride in the modern improvements to be found in their stores, made for the convenience of their custom-Shoppers find that in Salem splays are better, alsles are ventilating systems are efficient.

Twenty two merchants are parment with Seattle. ticipating today with the cooperation of The Oregon Statesman stages of negotiation, will give

## German Plant Burns; British **Losses Mount**

Demand to End Sit-Down Cited as Conference Called in England

Franco - Soviet Rift Still Indefinite; Air Duel Costly to Nazis

LONDON, March 28 - (Thursday) - (AP) - The Daily Mail says British and French statesmen are to "hold immediate talks to review methods of speeding up the

The discussions, expected to be held "somewhere in Great Britain," according to the newspaper, will give Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain his first opportunity to consult personally with the new premier of France, Paul Reynaud, on means of intensifying the allies' war efforts in the military, diplomatic, and economic fields.

"Both in Great Britain and France the demand is urgent for action on sound lines to end the present state of 'sit-down' war,' The Mail declares. "Leaders of the allied governments are keenly aware of this

and of the need, while being careful of avoiding action for action's sake, for keeping ahead of any of the complicated moves by which Germany is waging the war." (By The Associated Press) Warfare on the high seas and in the air blazed into new fury

today with mounting accounts of sinkings and air fights, an explo-, sion aboard a French destroyer and a tangle of incidents issuing out of the tightening of the British blockade. The British tallied sundry

that a German undersea raider guarded blockade base of Kirkwall in the Orkney islands, there to sink the good-sized Norwegian freighter Cometa.

The French navy acknowledged an explosion aboard the destroyer La Railleuse, reporting seven killed and others missing in the blast. Stefani, Italian news agency, estimated 100 dead, injured or missing in the explosion which occurred last Saturday as the destroyer was leaving a Moroccan port. Stefani said the destroyer broke in two and sank.

Plant Making Small Ammunition Ablaze

Fire broke out late last night in the north Berlin plant of the Bergmann Electricity company, an industry understood to have been converted to war purposes. DNB, official Germany news agency, did not mention the name of the plant in announcing flames had been confined to a large wooden warehouse filled with "highly inflammable materials."

The flames reddened the sky over Berlin. There was no evidence of casualties. Unofficial information was that the plant manufactured ammunition for small

It still was a question how Russian-British relations would be affected by the detention at Hongkong of a second Russian freighter, the Vladimir Mayakovsky, re-(Turn to page 2, col. 3)

## Farm Dictatorship Charge Is Hurled

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 27-(AP)-A charge of dictatorship was directed today at the United States department of agriculture by a farm loan association official because of the refusal of the 12th farm credit district board of directors to call a meeting for the

discussion of policies. E. F. Lyman, president of the Great Falls National Farm Loan association, declared in a letter to William A. Schoenfeld of Corvallis, Ore., chairman of the district board, that refusal to call the meeting was "evidence that the principle of supervision is being made an instrument of dictatorship to gag the owner-borrow-

Presidents of farm loan associations in the northwest asked the directors to call the conference so information might be obtained on policies affecting the federal land banks as a result of absorption of the farm credit administration by the department of agriculture.

#### **Power Exchange** Plan Is Offered

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27-(AP) - The Bonneville administrader, lighting is excellent and tion said today it hoped to sign a

The contract, now in the final in this week's "easier shopping each party access to the other's excess power, a spokesman said.