Gunmen Rob Passengers, Shoot, Slug Crewmen in Train Holdup

2 Men Killed in Mt. Angel Blast In West

Blast in Creamery Results in Deaths

MT. ANGEL, March 9 - Stephen Sprauer, 33, and John Po-linsky, 55, died today after a milk cooler tank blew up suddenly at about 4 p.m. in the Mt.

Angel Cooperative Creamery.

Both men died in a Silverton hospital where they were removed after the blast. Sprauer died shortly after arrival at the hospital and Polinsky succumbed to ammonia burns and other in-

juries at about 8 p.m. Polinsky and Sprauer, both creamery employes, were stand-ing on a platform above the cooler when the mechanism ex-ploded. They were blown off the platform onto the cement floor. Members of the Mt. Angel fire department donned oxygen masks to drag them out of the ammonia fume-filled room five

A third man, Paul Wachter, was also in the room near the

By Charles A. Soraque

only the representatives by the people directly.

In states governors, senators and

representatives were elected by popular vote; but as far as legis-lation was concerned this was a form of representative government.

city, the Quay-Penrose machine in Pennsylvania) people came to lose confidence in their elected representatives. To break the grip of the political machine reformers planned fresh implements which involved a transfer of more power

REBUILDING CROOK DIKES

"Do you realize there's only

290 days 'til Christmas!"

U'Ren played a le

door at the time of the blast. He crawled to freedom through the door. He was treated for ammonia burns about the hands and face at Silverton hospital and

The new ammonia tubular milk cooler was installed only three days ago and had been working satisfactorily, according to Frank Hettwer, creamery manager. He said he had not determined the cause of the freak

Services for both men are bein arranged by the Unger Fumery and it will continue to opsurvived by his widow and sev- train arrived in Cumberland. en children. (Additional details Took All Cash on page 2.)

Bar to Liens Requested; Anti-Red Bill Approved emergency cord a few minutes after it left Martinsburg. There were about 100 persons abourd.

Managing Editor, The Statesman

An outright bar to state liens on the property of most persons getting old-age pensions was approved by a 6 to 3 vote of the house welfare committee Wednesday, apparently on the basis of protests aired at a public hearing the previous night.

The committee wrote the anti-lien provision, which exempts property up to \$5000 in value, into the bill calling for \$50 minimum monthly assistance to persons over 65 years old. But the provision will get a going-over in the joint ways and means committee, which has offered a bill of its own demanding liens to insure repayment of state assistance.

> Compromise Possible There was talk Wednesday of a \$2500 compromise in the lien pro-

> Meanwhile, the senate unanimously passed and sent to the house Sen. Jack Bain's proposal to bar communists from state emplayment. Dismissed persons would have the right of appeal.

Living on to the age of 90 Wil-ham S. U'Ren outlived his own fame. Few in Oregon knew him personally these later years, and probably the majority of present citizens would fail to identify his name with the political revolution that occurred about the turn of the century. Yet in that revolution U'Ren played a leading part. The senate also passed and sent to the house measures putting school-bus inspection under the secretary of state; raising from \$75 to \$100 a month the income erick W. Mulkey. That overturn was in the direc-tion of pure democracy. Some might call it evolution but in fact

Passed by the senate and sent to to, governor were house-apmight call it evolution but in fact it involved a radical departure from the political ideas of the founding fathers. Our government, both federal and state, was conceived as a republic, with power vested in representatives chosen by the people. The president and vice president were to be elected by an electoral college, not by the people directly. Senators were to be elected by state legislature, only the representatives by the proved measures creating a state potato marketing commession, increasing the mileage allocation in sparsely-settled school districts and asking President Truman to spur U. S. delegates in the United Nations to work for a world police, and reduced armament and a limited world federation. New Bills Entered

The senate received nine new bills Wednesday, including those to increase the salary of supreme court justices from \$8500 to \$10, 000 a year; prohibit livestock from running at large; license dental hygienists and permit children to be excused from physical education classes.

The political party system came into flower with Martin Van Buren and after the civil war, with the rise of industrialism, business and politics came into close alliance. As political power came to reside chiefly in the political machine (like Tammany hall in New York city, the Cusy-Penrose machine in The senate has a fairly full Kansas did calendar today, and the house sets to celebrate. the session's record—it has 29 bills up for final passage, including its it this way: own measures proposing amend- "Legal liquor take ments to the withholding tax law, out of drinking it." the licensing of practical nurses, licensing of building contractors, changing the "deadline" for dams on the Rogue river to permit construction of a \$90,000,000 project, altering the milk-grading act, and requiring that initiative measures must provide means of financing must provide means of financing whatever is proposed.

Both the senate and house will resume at 10 a.m. today. (Additional details on page 1, 3)

WOOL OUTPUT DROPS

involved a transfer of more power to the people.

William S. U'Ren, a Portland lawyer who had served in the 1897 session of the legislature (a blank because of the deadlock over election of a U. S. senator) was one of these reformers. He was the "idea-man." The tools he devised included the direct primary to replace the caucus-convention system (Continued on editorial page.) PORTLAND, March 8-(A)-Oregon's wool production dropped to a 39-year low in 1948, the federal of the 1937-46 average.

Robbery Virginia

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., March 9-(A)-Two gunmen in a melodramatic holdup reminscent of wild west days robbed everybody aboard a Baltimore and Ohio express train, shot one person and slugged several tonight.

The robbers forced the Ambassador, Detroit bound from Baltimore, to stop outside this small town in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. They were joined by two accomplices and escaped in a car they stole from a nearby night club.

A chef was shot in the leg when neral home here. The blast did the robbers fired twice to make not damage the rest of the crea- passengers open the club car which they had locked. A passenger and erate, Hettwer said tonight. three trainmen were slugged with Sprauer is survived by his wife gun butts. None required more and four children. Polinsky is than first aid treatment when the

Terrorized passengers said the gunmen went through the cars twice, taking everybody's cash. The robbers, who boarded the train at Washington, brought the train to a halt by pulling the Pulling what passengers said ap-

peared to be .45 caliber revolvers, they started pushing around the riders and demanding their money. Rebecca Davis, a negro girl going to Detroit, was hit behind the ear. Shoot into Car Club car passengers locked the

door when they became aware of what was happening. The gunmen shot twice into the car, one bullet richocheting and inflicting a flesh wound on a chef's leg. After making a clean sweep of

money among the passengers, the gunmen headed for the front of the train. They met Engineer C. C. Moore who had come back to to investigate the emergency signal. He was banged on the head and herded back to the cab where the three crewmen were held at gunpoint. Backed Up Train

Engineer Moore was ordered to back up the train to a grade crossing siding. There the two gunmen forced the crewmen out of the cab, robbed them and fled.

Martinsburg police in scouring the area for the robbers were informed at a night club that four exempt from garnishment, and armed men had shown up there, providing for a plaque on the new stolen a sedan and left. The car state office building in Portland was found abandoned a short disbelieved stolen by the quartet was discovered empty.
(Additional details on page 2.)

Drinks Legal, Kansas Sober

TOPEKA, Kas., March 9 -(P) Kansas took its legal liquor sob-erly today after a 69-year Officials said they saw no in-

crease in drunkenness. Publication of the state's newly-enacted control law made it pos-sible for a Kansan to possess liquor without facing a manda-tory jail sentence, although they won't be able to buy it in stores pefore July 1. Kansas didn't go on a spree

One man in the street here put "Legal liquor takes half the fun

To Open Office

MILL CITY, March 9—Tempor-ary Detroit dam project offices for Consolidated Builders, Inc., will be Among the signs established early next week, offi-cials announced Wednesday. The quarters will be over the fire hall and in the Presbyterian church recreation hall.

Only a few men are to be as- JOE E. BROWN IN HOSPITAL signed here at first, growing as PHILADELPHIA, March 9 -(P) the contractor's work on the dam Comedian Joe E. Brown, suffercrop reporting service said today. the contractor's work on the dam The total was estimated at 6,100,progresses. Eventually the offices of from a recurrence of malaria est commercial producer, announced from in 1947 and only 50 per cent less than in 1947 and only 50 per cent R. A. Hoffman, superintendent for II, was removed from his hotel Consolidated, will be in charge. to a hospital today.

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Increased Car, Gas Tax Likely

'Axis Sally' Trial Jury Deadlocked after 10 Hours Program

New Fighting Reported Between Israel, Arabs

Trans-Jordan Claims Jewish Force Stopped

98th Year

AMMAN, Trans-Jordan, March -(AP)-The defense ministry reported tonight a clash between Trans-Jordan's Arab legion and Israeli armed forces moving toward the Gulf of Aqaba...

(In Tel Aviv the Israeli ministry of foreign affairs said it had no knowledge of any such clash. A spokesman declared that no Israeli units are stationed or operating outside Israeli's territory.) The Trans-Jordan defense minstry announcement said:

"The Arab legion stopped Israeli forces proceeding toward Agaba at a point 50 kilometers (32 miles) from Agaba. A Jewish force has proceeded toward Aqaba since March 7." No further details were given. But there were reports that fight-

ing broke out last night and con-The Gulf of Agaba is a joint Red Sea outlet of Israel and Trans-Jordan, who are not engaged in armistice talks at Rhodes. Trans-Jordan's port of Aqaba, where British troops are stationed is flanked on the west by a 10-

Negev desert which the United Nations assigned to the Jews. It was reported Israeli armored forces moved south in two lines, from Beersheba and from positions south of the Dead Sea, and that a clash developed last night.

mile coastal strip of Palestine's

Anti-Filibuster **Leaders Claim GOP Support**

WASHINGTON, March 9 -(P) Senate anti-filibuster leaders claimed "unexpected" republican claimed "unexpected" republican support tonight for a showdown attempt to break the southerned talkathon tomorrow.

The debate, directly involving the right of filibustering and indirectly keyed to the bitter civil rights controversy, has jammed the senate's legislative machinery for nine days.

Majority Leader Lucas (D-III)

told newsmen late this afternoon that 33 senators so far had signed a petition to end the Dixie filibuster against a proposed change in senate rules. Only 16 names are required on the so-called cloture (debate lim-

iting) petition, which Lucas said he will file tomorrow. But if Vice President Barkley rules that the petition can be entertained a majority of those

entertained a majority of those present will be necessary to uphold his ruling. And to put an actual limit on debate requires a two-thirds majority. The sentents has 96 seats.

The has 96 seats. Among the signers of the peti-tion were 17 democrats and 16 The GOP signers included Senator Morse (Ore).

Pressmen End Strike; Jurors Locked **Publication Still Stalled**

PORTLAND, March 9-(A)-The strike of AFL pressmen against Portland's two daily newspapers ended today, and employers said publication would be resumed "as soon as production problems can

The end of the 20-day strike was announced in a joint statement by publishers of The Journal and The Oregonian and the Web Pressmen's Local 17. It did not mean, however, that

Plea Rejected



WARHINGTAN, March 9-Sovie

Ambassador Alexander S. Pan-

partment today to ask Secretary of State Dean Acheson to se-

cure the release of Valentin A.
Gubitchev, arrested in New
York on an espionage charge.

Acheson rejected the demand.

(AP Wirephoto to the States-

PITTSBURGH, March 9-(AP)-A

to tell if it means your furnace

Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal Co., often called the world's larg-

in coal-from some of its northern

Bankers Plan

Farm Conclave

Western Oregon farm trends in

farm woodlands will be the theme

of the annual western Oregon

agricultural conference of the Ore-

gon Bankers association scheduled for Portland March 18 in the Ben-

son hotel. The conference is held

in cooperation with Oregon State

The program recently distributed calls for many brief reports

from farmers, college specialists,

and bankers concerning the situ-

ation in the four enterprises emphasized this year. OSC extension specialists scheduled include N.

L. Bennion, poultry; H. A. Lind-

gren, livestock; H. P. Ewalt, dairy-

ing, and Charles R. Ross, farm-

on pages 6 and 7).

coal will be cheaper.

each April 1.

man).

pay increase of \$3.25 weekly, re-

once, since the AFL printers have

announced they will not go back

The printers, laid off with other

of the papers' 2,000 employes

February 19, asserted they were

locked out, and indicated they

would demand pay for the period

The CIO American Newspaper

Guild local also has announced its

members would not return to work

until the situation has been dis-

cussed in a meeting of members.

The Guild is in negotiation for a

wage revision under an interim

opening clause in their contract

The joint statement said the

with the two newspapers.

Agreement Reached

conditions" have been settled.

Claim Lock Out

The pressmen originally asked a publisher-financed pension plan -of which no mention was made

in the new contract—and up to \$110 weekly, although this later was scaled down to an approxi-

Stadter Asks For Opinion on Pyramid Clubs yushkin arrives at the state de-

Marion County District Attorney E. O. Stadter, jr., said Wednesday he wrote to Portland and Multnomah county authorities regarding the legality of Pyramid clubs, which are sweeping Salem.

Inquiries from local residents wanting to know the status of the clubs have been increasing at the district attorney's office and at that of the city attorney.

Recently one Pyramid party was raided in Portland, arrests made and several participants fined. Local officials expressed in-terest in the mathematical calculations involved in the clubs where a payoff is promised those who crack opened today in post-war soft coal prices. But it's too early reach the apex.

Stadter said recently, although he was doubtful as to the backgrounds of the clubs, he could find no statute barring them.

Man Held in The price cuts are being made in several new yearly contracts being negotiated with industries. The contracts usually are effective Jewel Robbery

Claud Farrell, 23, Cottage Grove, was held in jail here today following the theft of \$10,000 worth of jewelry at Cottage Grove.

Police Chief C. A. Nordstrom of Cottage Grove said the man's pockets were bulging with diamond rings, carrings, watches and mond rings, earrings, watches and Western Oregon farm trends in necklaces when arrested there. turkeys, beef cattle, dairying and The store robbed was the Community Jewelers. Nordstrom said it was the third

THE WEATHER

theft in Cottage Grove in a week.

Willamette river 4.1 feet.
Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau,
McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy
today and tonight with occasional light
rains today. High today near 52 degrees; low tonight near 35 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to March 10) Year Last Year Av 23.60 forestry. (Additional Farm News This Year

In Hotel Rooms **Until Morning**

federal jury weighing the government's treason case against Mildred E. (Axis Sally) Gillars was unable to reach a verdict tonight and was locked up until morning. publication would be resumed at

The jurors started their deliberations at 12:03 p.m. (EST). More than 10 hours later they to work until "future working were still not ready to announce a verdict in the case of the Portland, Me., native who broadcast for the nazi radio in wartime. Marshals took them to a hotel where they were to be sealed off

for the night under guard. Charles Ward, chief U. S. dep-uty marshal, said the jurors will be brought back to the courthouse after breakfast in the morning. Federal Judge Edward M. Curran turned the case over to the jury at 12:03 p.m., after admon-ishing them to "weigh the evidence dispassionately. If convicted, the 48-year-old former broadcaster for the nazi

radio would face a possible max-imum penalty of death in the electric chair, As the seven-week trial here pressmen and the newspapers had entered the climactic phase, Judge state institutions and at higher Curran instructed the jury at education centers might be referreached an agreement on a new Curran instructed the jury at length on defense claims that red to the people.

"coercion, compulsion and neces"coercion, compulsion and neces"coercion, compulsion and necesways and means committee intwo-vear contract. It provides a

Church Bingo Games Safe

PORTLAND, March 9 -(P)
Church bingo games are safe in
Portland, and punchboards are,
too—at least for a while.

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee
said today she had no intention
of ordering police to molest
the church games and raffles.

The punchboards were spared
impending seizure when Circuit
Judge Alfred P. Dobson issued a
temporary restraining order temporary restraining order order against the city on a plea from Martin Kors, a punchboard

Minimum Pay **Hike Advances**

through a formal vote approving the bill in final form. It passed 15

Turner-Aumsville EUGENE, March 9 - (AP) - Elize School Issue Talk **Tonight at Lyons**

STAYTON, March 9-Another meeting for information and answering questions regarding the proposed merger of union high school districts 4 and 5 will be at Lyons at 8 p.m. Thursday. Sponsored by the Lyons grange, it will be in Rebekah hall, open

to the public. A representative is expected from the state department of education.

The Stayton and Turner-Aumsville union districts will vote Friday on whether to consolidate. Polling places are the high school in Stayton and the school gymnasium in Aumsville.

Set for Assembly

Doubled car license fees \$10 instead of \$5) and an extra cent of gasoline tax (6 cents instead of 5) appeared in prospect for Oregon today to raise an additional esti-mated revenue of \$7,500,000 a year. WASHINGTON, March 9-(P)-A ederal jury weighing the government's treason case against collections of the second statement of th

house highway committee. The ex-tra gasoline tax would be effective July 1, the new truck tax and the car license increase January 1. Cities, Counties Share The state highway commiss would get the entire estimated \$2,-

500,000 increase in car license fees but cities and counties would share the increased gasoline tax estimated to produce \$5,000,000 an-

The proposed truck tax bill calls for fixed license fees according to weight — similar to the system abolished two years ago when a

ton-mile tax basis was adopted.

The legislative joint ways and means committee also joined the drive for adjournment Wednesday by sending to the floor for final action the first of its big budge measures—appropriations for state institutions for the next two years.

Referendum Likely

No money was provided for new buildings, and it was indicated proposals for construction both at

"coercion, compulsion and necessity" drove Miss Gillars to make ways and means committee ineher propaganda broadcasts from Germany during World War II.

The statement said, "it also embraces an alteration in the operation of the presses when color is run on black units and a two-year term with an interim opening for discussion of wages and hours."

Other dealls were not disclosed.

"coercion, compulsion and necessity" drove Miss Gillars to make ways and means committee ineher propaganda broadcasts from Germany during World War II.

These factors, he said, could not be used as an excuse for treason unless the jury believed that Miss Gillars suffered a well-grounded fear of "immediate death or great bodily harm" if she had refused to obey her German masters."

"And a fear that she might be sent to a concentration eamp is not sufficient," Judge Curran said.

Other dealls were not disclosed.

The ways and means committee also approved a bill requiring the state liquor commission to buy all its supplies (except liquor) through the state purchasing agent.

Meanwhile, representatives of the county judge's association complained to the ways and means committee that the countles are unable to meet demands of the public welfare commission for funds greater than provided in county budgets.

(Additional details page 3)

Rocket Range

WASHINGTON, March 9-(P) or Two defense moves to guard the United States against sneak aeria attack and to develop long-range missiles for counter-attack was unanimous approval in the house today.

By voice vote, the lawmakers passed and sent to the senate:

1. A bill authorizing the signer force to set up a "radar fence" to warn of the approach of enemy

WASHINGTON, March 9-(P)The house labor committee today approved a bill to raise the national minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75.

After more than six hours of heated discussion, several republican-sponsored amendments were tentatively voted into the bill.

Then Rep. Bailey (D-WVa) moved to substitute the original bill for the amended measure. His motion carried 13 to 12, with three democrats voting with the committee's nine republicans.

After that, the committee went through a formal vote approving the planes.

2. A measure approving construction of a 3,000-mile range for testing guided missiles.

Military witnesses have testified that robot missiles capable of traveling \$00 miles will be ready for testing this year. This compares with the wartime German v-2's record of about 250 miles.

At the outset, the bills would limit expenditures 'to \$85,500,00 for the radar warning system and \$70,000,000 for the missiles range Ultimately, the radar net is expected to cost \$161,200,000 and the rocket-test range about \$200,000,000.

Runtiters

Butter Prices Skid in Salem

Decrease in butter and butterfell prices in Salem continued Wede

Butter dropped one cent per pound, to 69 cents wholesale and 4 cents retail. Butterfat prices were 66 cents for premium, 64 for No. 1 and 55 for No. 2.

PORTLAND, March 9 - (P) Butter went down a cent at most Portland retail butlets today, re-ducing the price range to 71-76 cents a pound for grade A.

Santiam Flax Growers Exporting Tow, Mexico

carload of tow is being loaded More than 200 persons attended an "information" meeting at Stayton high school Tuesday night. Questions were answered for more carload of Santiam Flax Growe ers to be shipped out this week to Mexico, as part of a contract made with a Mexican company than two hours by Mrs. Agnes several months ago. It will be the Booth, Marion county school sup-erintendent, and Cliff Robinson, state director of secondary educa-tion.

first time that tow produced in this country by private enterprise has been shipped to another coun-try.

Republican Women Crowd Galleries at Capitol



State legislators Wednesday worked under the watchful eyes of hundreds of members of Oregon Republican Women's Federation who descended on the legislature from all parts of Oregon. Pictured above is the senate gallery packed with interested women speciators. (Statesman photo).