

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	53	41	.56
Portland	57	41	.56
San Francisco	60	47	.00
Chicago	41	26	.00
New York	41	24	.00

Willamette River 4.1 feet
 Forecast (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with showers today and tonight. Little temperature change with high today near 55, low tonight near 40.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
 Since start of weather year Sept. 1
 This Year Last Year Normal
 46.04 37.30 30.48

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Crime Prober Asks Senators to Reopen O'Dwyer Fund Case

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—Senator Tobey (R-NH) predicted today that senate crime probes will reopen their investigation of William O'Dwyer's campaign funds if their committee is allowed to continue its work.

And Tobey, ranking republican member of the committee, said he thought public pressure would force an extension of the committee's life beyond next Saturday, the day it will run out of existence unless the senate votes it more time.



By Charles A. Squire

Well, what did you think of the Easter bonnets yesterday? Perky little things, weren't they? The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la, had something to do with the case. In fact they were so numerous on women's hats it looked as though spring had burst out all over. Daisies, black-eyed susans, lillies of the valley, violets, roses (and some not in the garden catalogs) topped the neat straws.

The weatherman thought it was a garden too for he tilted his water can just a trifle to give them an unwanted drink.

But milady's hats aren't what they used to be. Some will remember the gorgeous plumes in the Lillian Russell era, and the hats of the Floradora sextette, and the floppy brims of the Merry Widow period. They are gone with the styles of yesteryear. They couldn't be worn now anyway—no way to anchor them to the head with its Mary Martin crew cut. And how would one get in and out of an automobile with one of them?—they'd be about as bad for the motor age as the hoop skirt.

Gone too are the birds that used to perch on the crown of the hat of the lady of fashion. It took a great crusade to induce women to leave them off so as to stop the slaughter of birds for millinery adornment, but now only an occasional plume or bright feather is seen.

The change in hat styles is not all that has happened to millinery—its economy has changed. At the turn of the century and before and after millinery was largely a local industry. Shapes were bought from the wholesalers and ribbons and velvets and trimmings, and then the hats were made to order in the local shop. Nowadays hats are the (Continued on editorial page, 4)

Easter Egg Causes Crash

An Easter egg Sunday caused an auto wreck in which one Salem child was injured and four others were shaken.

Police said the car crashed into a walnut tree when the driver reached down to retrieve the egg, which one of the children had dropped.

The children were returning from Church of God Sunday school with their teacher, Esther M. Trietch, 940 S. 22nd st., whom police listed as driver.

Bruce Anderson, 5, veterans' housing colony, suffered a cut lip and head bruise, according to city first aidmen. They said Miss Trietch suffered slight shock.

Officers said the crash damaged the car's front wheel, fender, grill, bumper, hood, body and radiator. It happened in the 700 block of South 19th street.

BUILDING SEARCHED

Police were flushing the Livesly building early this morning following a custodian's report of a prowler on the fourth floor. First check indicated no doors had been forced open.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Hey! How about giving somebody else a chance to bowl!"

City Park Swept Clean of Eggs by Eager Children

Several hundred Salem children Sunday afternoon found every one of the 3,000 candy eggs the Easter bunny had hidden at Willson park. And it took them only 20 minutes.

Raindrops fell just as the hunt ended. Nearly all of the kiddies were three to eight years old, and most were accompanied by parents.

Sponsoring 20-30 club members saw that nobody got a head start with the aid of a public-address system which was loaned by city police.

Spellers from 6 Schools to Vie Tuesday

FALES CITY, March 26—At least six schools will be represented in a semi-finals of The Statesman-KSLM Spelling contest at Falls City high school at 8 p. m. Tuesday, March 27. (Another semi-finals is set for Mt. Angel on Monday, March 26.)

The winner will go to the grand finals in Salem April 19 to compete with the winners of 13 other semi-finals being conducted throughout Marion and Polk county schools. Six of the finalists already have been chosen. All six are girls.

The schools to send entrants here and the names, ages and grades of the entrants, are as follows:

Orehead View—Alvin Brandt, 13, 8th.

Bridgeport—Mary-Verne Allen, 13, 8th.

Antioch—Carol Sue Wheelchek, 13, 7th.

Guthrie—Opal Penrose, 14, 7th.

Falls City—Jennie Ames, 14, 8th.

Oakhurst—Duane Fehrenbach, 14, 8th.

Every school in this county zone certified a champion for the contest except Oakdale, which still is eligible to send a contestant for the Tuesday event.

The spell-down is open to the public and there is no charge or collection of any kind.

Host principal here is Herschel Bond. Judges will include Evelyn Lewis, Media Foster, Anna Kliever and Gertrude Gragg. Representatives of the sponsors will pronounce the words and aid in conducting the event.

Auto, SP Train Crash Hurts 3

ALBANY, March 25—(AP)—Three persons were injured today when the car in which they were riding was hit by a Southern Pacific freight train at a crossing here.

Most seriously hurt was Elmer W. Keese, Jefferson, the driver, who suffered a head injury. Less seriously hurt were his wife, Myrtle, and Lester L. Borders, Albany. They were under treatment at a hospital here.

The car was demolished.

Deadline at 1 p. m.

Because of the mechanical work entailed in the publication of Wednesday's 104-page "Cavalcade of a Century" edition, the deadline for classified advertising for Wednesday's Statesman will be 1 p. m. Tuesday.

Kite Flying Gains Popularity



Kite flying has been a popular sport in Salem during fairly nice days with sprightly winds. Getting their kites off to a good start are Jimmy Pero, left, 1469 D st. and Jimmy McKinney, 1492 Center st. The boys were playing safe by flying their kites in a wide field with no power lines nearby to endanger either their kites or themselves. (Statesman photo.)

Allied Columns Draw Abreast of Boundary

TOKYO, Monday, March 26—(AP)—Rain-pelted troops today moved the main United Nations line so close to Korea's 38th parallel that they could cross it anytime at several points.

Patrols already have ranged two miles beyond it into North Korea. Hit-and-run raiders struck the west coast this week end 50 miles above the old political boundary—and near the port of Pyongyang, North Korean capital.

South Korean army headquarters said its troops already were at the parallel on the east coast. Today's U. S. Eighth army communique reported the South Koreans advanced Sunday against "scattered opposition."

Rain drenched the peninsula, mirroring roads. The back-tracking rears have been reported awaiting the rain season—a cover for their hard-hit supply lines—before attempting a counter-offensive.

Despite the unfavorable weather denying heavy air cover, allied troops advanced Sunday even on the western front north of Seoul, where their line is within 10 miles of the 38th parallel.

Allied commanders said the rears in that sector were employing delaying tactics. The enemy there has dug defenses in depth all the way to the parallel.

Saturday, South Korean soldiers and sailors darted onto the west coast at Wolsa peninsula, 50 miles north of the parallel near Chinnampo, Pyongyang's port city. Going ashore from mine layers, they killed 100 rears, captured 69 and seized equipment.

1,000 at Early Morning Rite

Sunrise services attracted an estimated 1,000 Salem-area residents to the state capital grounds early Sunday. Predicted cloudiness kept the sun from breaking through, and a light rain started to fall as the 45-minute services were ending.

Young folk predominated in the throng at the union service which was sponsored by the Salem Ministerial association. The Rev. Oscar Brown, pastor of South Salem Friends church, was speaker.

FOOD PRICE RECORD

PORTLAND, March 25—(AP)—Portland's food prices hit a new record high in February, the Federal Bureau of Labor statistics reported today. February food costs jumped 1.6 per cent over January.

Peron Aloof to Skepticism Of Atomic Energy Claims

Argentina's Report Fits Predictions

Duplication of Sun Heat Said Successful

By Howard W. Blakelee
 Associated Press Science Reporter

NEW YORK, March 25—(AP)—The Argentine claim of a new source of atomic power seems merely to enlarge on predictions made in the last several years by numerous American and European scientists.

These scientists have said frequently that the same reaction the sun uses to make heat, the same that would make a hydrogen bomb, namely fusion of two atoms to make one new and bigger atom, may become a source of power.

This power plant would be a reactor duplicating the principle of the sun's heat.

But without a single exception all of the scientists said prospects for success were very remote.

American comments are numerous. Possibly the only clue to date comes from some American comments, to the effect that it may be possible to produce these fusion reactions on a tiny scale in laboratories.

None held hopes for extending the reactions to useful power.

The Argentine report, made yesterday by President Juan Peron and Dr. Ronald Richter, the Austrian physicist who is credited with the Argentine discovery, differ from the previous predictions only in one respect. They claim success. They fall completely to give any reason for success.

Chesep Power
 Richter said his new thermo-thermion would make power more cheaply than electricity. This is an amazing prediction. However, the Argentines claim they are in the pilot stage. In industry, pilot stage means that the laboratory work has been so successful that real trials can be made, and the pilot plants make these trials.

Richter said the atoms he uses are different than those considered by scientists elsewhere. This is possible but surprising, because American and other scientists have considered using just about all of the light-weight atoms, and have found theoretical reasons why some atoms might succeed.

Millions of Degrees
 Richter and Peron speak of attaining the heat of the sun without any explanation of how to get it. In the U. S. the sun's surface heat was long ago exceeded by the heat of arcs in vacuum bulbs, but nothing has been said to indicate this heat reached the millions of degrees claimed by the Argentine report.

Peron dragged in cosmic rays, saying that the energy of X-rays and of particles in the thermion showed that the sun produces cosmic rays. These sun cosmic rays have been known to all physicists for some time. They are mostly the nuclei of hydrogen atoms.

They would be expected to appear in atomic fusion.

Sea Search for Plane Continues

SHANNON AIRPORT, Ireland, March 25—(AP)—The U. S. navy sent three warships tonight to join one of the biggest air-sea searches in history for a U. S. air force Globemaster which disappeared in the Atlantic on Good Friday with 53 American airmen aboard.

Today about 35 planes, a British submarine, an ice breaker and two weather ships criss-crossed the search area, but found no trace of the Globemaster. Hope faded fast that any of those aboard would be found alive.

Easter Week End Toll Exceeds 200

NEW YORK, March 25—(AP)—More than 200 persons lost their lives in accidents over the Easter week end throughout the nation.

Shortly before the holiday ended total accidental deaths reported were 202. Highway accidents were responsible for 144 deaths. Miscellaneous mishaps, such as fires, drowning and plane crashes, accounted for 58 others.

Salem Produces Good Samaritan

City police said Salem produced a good Samaritan on Easter Sunday.

A stranger found a billfold containing \$60 cash on the sidewalk, promptly took it to the police station and didn't even leave his name. Policemen contacted the grateful owner.

'I Do Not Lie' Statement Said Aimed Only At Argentina



BUENOS AIRES, March 25—President Juan Peron whose announcement of atomic energy in Argentina drew skeptical comment today around the world.

Spain 'Ready To Sign' Arms Pact with U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—The Spanish government is reported ready to sign a direct military alliance with the United States modeled after the North Atlantic defense pact.

Generalissimo Franco, officials said, has informed American Ambassador Stanton Griffiths of this during informal talks in Madrid.

The Spanish leader is also reported to have expressed willingness to consider a triangular defense alliance linking Spain, Portugal and the United States.

Both these offers, however, were said to be conditioned on a firm American guarantee the United States will ship Spain enough arms to modernize its armed forces.

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School Vacation Ends—and Begins

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Fire Chief Crawls To Mouth of Oil Well to Quell Fire

KILGORE, Tex., March 25—(AP)—A heroic fire chief crawled through oil to the mouth of a flaming oil well tonight to shut a valve and possibly save an entire business block of this oil center from going up in flames.

While other firemen threw a wall of protective water with their hoses ahead of Fire Chief Bill McBride, he crawled into the intense heat to close the valve. The well was amid office buildings and department stores.

When the valve was shut, the flames died out almost at once. An explosion of a treating unit at the well's mouth started the blaze. It was out 12 minutes later.

Several other oil wells were a short distance away. They and all nearby pipelines were shut down when the fire broke out.

RABBIT FREED ON EASTER

CHICAGO, March 25—(AP)—In police court Easter Sunday morning a charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed against Miss Alice White Rabbit, 23.

Eric Johnston Warns Against Build-Up of Inflation Pressure

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston said today that if business profits or farm prices keep going up, or if laboring men ask for wage raises beyond the present 10 per cent limit, it could "blow the roof off inflation."

In a television interview, he again used tough language as a part of a developing government drive to combat signs of a public letdown in the anti-inflation fight.

Johnston said that sometimes the people grow "hot and cold" in accordance with what happens in Europe and what the Russians say at Lake Success.

"Are we simply going to base our whole program on what the communists do or say at Lake Success?" he asked, and answered "of course we're not!"

Johnston said business profits in 1950 were 30 per cent above 1949, in spite of increased taxes, and "we simply cannot allow business profits to keep going up."

He said farm prices have gone up 27 per cent since Korea. He expressed hope working men will not ask for wage increases beyond the present formula which permits ten per cent above the levels of January 1950.

100 Years Young March 28, 1951 The Oregon Statesman There Wouldn't Be Room for the Rig Now



SILVERTON—This picture was taken long before Silvertown had spread to the so-called West Hill district. The site now is covered with houses. The threshing rig in the 1896 picture was being operated by Elmer Hubbard, as shown. In the white shirt in front row is Walter Scence. Between Scence and Hubbard is Charlie Wolfard, and at the right is Claude Wolfard. On the water wagon behind is Allen Shindler.