

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

CHICAGO—Our emergency board is making slow progress on the case of railway conductors and brakemen who seek a graduated basis of pay similar to that used for engineers and firemen.

In this solid week of hearings they concluded their presentation of testimony; then the railroads (carriers, they call themselves) began offering their testimony. Both sides have submitted quantities of statistics which have the board pretty well covered up. The hearings will probably run another two weeks, then a recess will be taken after which the board will prepare its report to President Eisenhower.

This is taking much longer than I had anticipated; but the case is of such importance to the parties that we do not want to crowd them in presenting their testimony and arguments.

The proceedings are conducted like the usual administrative hearing. While they follow the lines of the trial of a lawsuit, we are not embarrassed by frequent objections such as punctuate judicial proceedings. The disinterested auditor would find the case quite dull. Usually witnesses are explaining exhibits consisting of pages of statistics on earnings of various operating crafts over a long term of years, and on train operations. One of the factors is the reputed effect of the advent of more powerful locomotives (diesels in tandem).

We have the exhibits and a copy of the day's transcript for study or review as one sees fit after the day's session is concluded. However, one needs a diversion to keep his mind

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Legislature Starts Second Week Today

Oregon's 1955 Legislature will open its second week at the Capitol today.

The Senate will meet at 10 a. m. and the House of Representatives at 11, but much interest also centers in two of the day's committee meetings.

Due before the joint ways and means committee at 9 a. m. is a report from Barrington Associates, a private survey firm, on the results of its study of the state salary and job classification plans.

The Senate education committee at 1 p. m. will conduct a hearing on legislation to make Portland State Extension Center an independent state college.

The House taxation committee will continue its public seminar series on tax background, holding its session today at 9:30 a. m. instead of the usual hour of 8:30, in room 6.

De Rothschild Succumbs to Heart Attack

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP)—Baron Louis de Rothschild, 72, died of a heart attack suffered while swimming here Saturday.

The baron was a member of the internationally famous banking family and central figure in a record wartime ransom from the Nazis.

The body will be flown to South Rayallon, Vt., where the baron, who arrived here Wednesday for a holiday, had a home. He also maintained a home in New York.

At one time Baron de Rothschild was head of the Vienna bank and the Austrian branch of the family. He was arrested when Hitler seized the country in 1938, and was released a year later only after the family paid a ransom of 21 million dollars.

THE WEATHER			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Balem	44	36	.75
Portland	44	36	.12
Baker	35	19	.12
Medford	43	32	.02
North Bend	45	38	.22
Roseburg	45	33	.38
San Francisco	52	42	.97
Chicago	52	35	.09
New York	38	29	.00
Los Angeles	56	48	.57

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1		
This Year	Last Year	Normal
17.56	23.42	21.40

ANIMAL CRACKERS



"Lucy got herself a husband — he's government surplus."

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Bargain-Rate Fighters to Help Costa Rica

Wintertime Work Puts Parks in Shape for Summertime Play



One of the parks throughout the state which will benefit from a \$500,000 improvement and development program for 1955 will be Holman State Park west of Salem. Park department employees are shown (left) keeping the park ship-shape. Holman Park is scheduled to receive additional tables, toilets and water systems. Parks in the Salem area are scheduled to receive \$60,000 for develop-

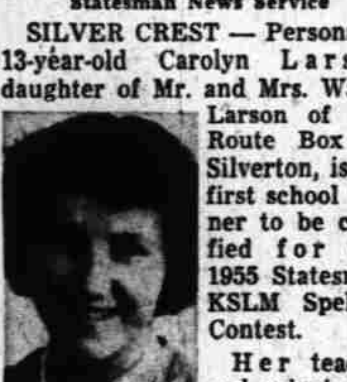


ments and improvements. Seidom used in the winter time, this outdoor fireplace came in handy for workmen at Holman State Park (right) during their lunch hour recently. The men—Noah Kessel, 4350 Dallas Rd., and Roland LeCompte, 1042 3rd St. (right)—are employed by the state parks department which has slated \$3,800 for improvements of the park. (Story on page 5, sec. 1.)

Polk County Crash Takes 2nd Victim

DALLAS — The toll in a Saturday evening highway accident near New Grand Ronde rose to two when Mrs. Edith P. Bennett, 55, of Oceanlake, died Sunday

Silver Crest Girl First In Spelling Bee



Carolyn Larson compete in a semi-final of the contest at Mt. Angel with winners in 10 other schools.

Second-place winner at Silver Crest is Wanda Fetters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ennos L. Fetters of Star Route Box 30, Silverton, and third place went to Beatrice Breneman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Breneman, Star Route Box 70A, Silverton.

All the girls are 13 years old. Carolyn and Wanda are in the 8th grade, Beatrice in the 7th. All will receive certificates of merit.

Carolyn, who won third place last year, is active in all school and community activities, likes athletics, helps in the school cafeteria and is a member of the junior Grange. She is also interested in reading, playing the piano and sewing.

ELEVEN DROWNED

BILBAO, Spain (AP)—Eleven fishermen drowned Sunday when the 74-ton Spanish fishing boat Germanos Arriola sank in heavy seas near here.

In the Interest Of Spelling!

More than 3000 7th- and 8th-grade students of Marion, Polk, Linn and Yamhill Counties are competing in the 5th annual Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest. Following are among words being studied:

Transfusion Count Now 216 Pints; Bleeder Improved

DURHAM, N. C. (AP)—Willie Cooke, the 31-year-old hemophiliac who has been bleeding for 12 days, was reported Sunday to be "slightly improved" by doctors at Duke University Hospital here.

The constant bleeding began when Cooke, a radio repairman from Four Oaks, N. C., had a tooth pulled. A hemophiliac is a person whose blood won't clot normally. Late Sunday doctors said they have given Cooke 216 pints of blood since the bleeding started. This includes 100 pints of whole blood and 116 pints of plasma.

Mama Busy With Quintet Of 1-Year-Olds

RAHWAY, N. J. (AP)—An harassed and harried mother, with visions of bottles and diapers dancing in her head, celebrates a noted occasion Monday.

'Escape' Tool Theft Worry For Warden

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP)—Prisoners at Marquette State Prison are watching construction workers with longing fascination these days — and it's making Warden Emery E. Jacques a bit edgy.

Hint of Snow On Forecast

Slightly lower temperatures, rain and a possible mixture of snow are included in the Salem area's weather outlook for today and Tuesday.

Chiang's Guns Damage Red China Warship Off Tachens

By SPENCER MOOSA
TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—A Chinese Communist warship was reported damaged by shore guns off the Tachens Sunday and there was another air raid alert in that island group 200 miles north of Formosa.

U.S. Standard of Living Doubled in 50 Years

CHICAGO (AP)—America's standard of living has doubled in the last 50 years, despite the dwindling purchasing power of the dollar, a University of Chicago sociologist reported Sunday.

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By CARLOS ESCUDERO
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Noonday Blackout Panics Londoners

LONDON (AP)—A thick belt of darkness wrapped itself around London early Sunday afternoon mystifying and frightening thousands of people and driving the birds to roost.

Freakish in every way, it lasted only 10 minutes and disappeared with the swiftness and suddenness with which it came. But while it lasted one of the world's biggest cities experienced a near mass panic.

Air Base Site Not Likely In Turner Area

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Air Force will retain its base at the Portland International Airport and "there is currently little likelihood of a move," in the opinion of Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.).

Thieves Cart Ballast Along With Sanders

Thieves must have groaned under the burden as they carted away loot taken in a Saturday night theft at Trux Oil Co., 205 Columbia St.

Only Two Injured In Airliner Crash

LONDON (AP)—A British European Airways (BEA) Viscount airliner crashed while taking off from Rome Sunday. All but two of the 30 persons aboard escaped injury.

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