

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Tonight and Friday fair, gentle southerly winds. Local: River, 2.4 feet, rising; rain, fall, 6 inches.

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PROPOSE TWO CHARTER AMENDMENTS

SALEM MAY BE MADE PORT WITH HUGE WAREHOUSE

Petitions for Election Being Prepared; Port of Salem Would Have Immense Dock and Warehouse on River

If petitions that have been drawn and will begin circulation here within a few days, asking the county court to call a special election, are acted upon favorably, and the voters in the specified district grasp the value of the movement, Salem will be created into the Port of Salem, and will have a huge bonded dock and warehouse on the river front here.

Hugh Docks Planned. The proposed dock and warehouse would cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000, and would be fireproof, freezing proof and probably contain cold storage.

Election Is Necessary. If the petitions are acted upon favorably by the county court the special election would be called in 60 days thereafter.

Such a bonded warehouse and dock would make Salem the industrial center of the entire valley.

Hawley Paper Co. Increases Wages

Oregon City, Or., Mar. 11.—Effective March 16, the Hawley Pulp and Paper company and the Crown-Wilamette Paper company announce increases in wages that will affect 2000 men and add approximately \$225,000 annually to the payrolls of the two companies.

REST AT EASE VILLA FRIENDS SAFE

Washington, Mar. 11.—Relatives and friends of Americans kidnaped by Pancho Villa need have no concern as to their safety and may dismiss all fear that they may be held for ransom if they repose full confidence in a communication recently received from the Mexican bandit leader.

NOMINATIONS FOR RAIL BOARD GIVEN PRESIDENT TODAY

Washington, Mar. 11.—Labor's nominations to the railroad labor board, the wage board of appeals on which the public will have representation, were submitted today to the president.

The shop crafts, one of the three groups into which the sixteen labor unions were divided, named only two men. None of the names was made public, but it was learned that the shop crafts chose A. O. Wharton, president of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, and E. M. Jewell, who during the time Mr. Wharton served as a member of the railroad administration's wage adjustment board, acted as president of affiliated unions.

Non-Arrival Of Witness Delays Montesano Case

Montesano, Wash., Mar. 11.—Proceedings in the trial of ten alleged I. W. W. for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia armistice day parade victim, were delayed temporarily today because of the non-arrival of a defense witness in rebuttal, whom it was stipulated yesterday might take the stand today.

These instructions, the judge intimated, might not be given to the jury until tomorrow. He had not had time, he said, to thoroughly digest the instructions suggested by counsel.

Cars Must Park Right In Salem

Parking parallel to the sidewalk curb on streets anywhere outside of the fire limits is permissible in Salem, according to City Attorney Mayne, in answering queries today whether such action would be a violation of the law.

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HOSPITAL DRIVE NEAR GOAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS AT \$90,000 MARK AND LITTLE MORE NEEDED

With the reports of the various captains and committees soliciting in the \$100,000 Salem General Hospital campaign tonight, it was expected that campaign headquarters in the Commercial club at noon today that the goal would have been reached.

Druggists Aid

At a meeting Wednesday evening of the Marion County Druggists association support to the movement was pledged, and it is expected that the druggists will make a total subscription to the fund of at least \$2000.

The women's committee, headed by Mrs. Dr. G. C. Bellinger, were "rarin' to go" Thursday. This committee will be given the names of all residents who are known to be able to give to the cause, and a systematic poll of their support will then be made by the ladies.

YANKEE NURSE DECORATED

Portland, Or., Mar. 11.—Miss Elizabeth McVeagh, for four years a nurse with the allied forces in Egypt, Greece and elsewhere, and who was cited for bravery and gallantry, today received King George's decoration at the hands of John P. Trant, British consul in Portland.

TORNADO HITS TOWN DAMAGES BIG

Joplin, Mo., Mar. 11.—Several persons were killed and extensive damage caused by a tornado which struck Nevada, Mo., sixty miles north, this afternoon, according to reports received by officials of a telephone company. The message stated the Vernon County Trust company building was destroyed.

25 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE FOR ALL MINERS IS SOUGHT

Washington, Mar. 11.—A 25 percent wage increase for bituminous coal miners is recommended in a majority report of the commission appointed by President Wilson to settle the coal strike.

The wage increase proposed will absorb the 14 percent granted when the miners returned to work last November so that the actual increase is eleven percent over present wages.

HOOPER CALLED TO TESTIFY IN PROBE OF NAVY'S CONDUCT

Washington, Mar. 11.—Herbert Hoover will be called to testify in the senate investigation of the navy's conduct of the war.

Admiral Sims said he would like to have the former food administrator called before he proceeded here in order that there should be "no doubt in my mind that I have substantiated the part of my letter in which I described the gravity of the crisis which we faced in 1917 and pointed out how near to disaster the lack of action by the department at that time brought us."

SLAYER OF FIVE WOMEN EXECUTED

Eddyville, Ky., Mar. 11.—Petrie Kimbrough, alias Will Lockett, convicted slayer of Geneva Hardman and confessed slayer of four other women, died in the electric chair at Eddyville prison at 4:32 this morning.

HOUSTON OPPOSES BOND ISSUE TO PROVIDE BONUS

Washington, Mar. 11.—A bond issue of \$2,500,000 to pay adjusted compensation to former service men "might result in disaster" Secretary Houston today told the house ways and means committee, which is considering soldier relief legislation.

The present financial situation is not critical, Mr. Houston said. "Economy by the people, avoidance of waste in expenditures, economical appropriations by congress and prudence in

SALARY INCREASE FOR CITY MARSHAL AND PAVING METHOD CHANGE URGED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Proposals To Be Submitted To Council For Action Ask Change In Assessing Costs Of Corner Paving And Distribution Of Frontage Expense Along Blocks.

An amendment to the city charter, changing the salary of the city marshal from \$1200 to \$1800, is proposed in plans submitted to the board of directors of the Salem Commercial Club by the tax and legislation committee, at the directorate's meeting Wednesday evening.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the proposed amendments to the city charter, respectfully report that we have given the matter our careful consideration, and recommend that the Commercial club get behind these proposed amendments and request the city council to refer them to the people for adoption May 21st, 1920.

No one can question the justice of the proposed raise in the salary of the marshal. Many subordinate city employees draw more money. Common labor is better paid than the marshal. This is not just. The city should pay fair and reasonable salaries.

The merits of the proposed change in the method of assessing the cost of street improvements is apparent to all. Street intersections should be paid for by the city, instead of soaking two-thirds of it into the corner lot as a penalty for being a corner lot.

The present method of assessing a corner lot for the full cost of improving a side street is extremely unfair and unjust. Every piece of property in a block is benefitted by the paving of the streets surrounding it, and should pay accordingly.

One of the greatest objections to paying in the outlying sections of the city has been the "high cost of paving." The proposed plan will materially reduce the cost, and will distribute it more equitably. The greatest beneficiary of the change will be the owners of corner lots.

We believe the adoption of this amendment will be an impetus to paving in the residential sections, thus improving and beautifying the city. It is no argument against the proposed plan to say that we have done well enough under the present system. The only wonder is that we have done so well. It is never too late to do justice, or to right a wrong.

Proposed amendments to the charter of the city of Salem, follow: "Proposed amendment of a portion of section 19 of the charter. "The salary of the marshal shall not exceed the sum of \$1800 per annum, and he shall not receive from the city of Salem, any fees or compensation whatever in excess of the sum at which his salary shall be fixed by the common council.

Section 43. For street improvement purposes, the term 'block' is hereby defined to be a parcel of land bounded by three or more streets, as laid off in platted additions, or a parcel of unplatted land bounded by four streets, of the average size of platted blocks in the city of Salem. Acreage is hereby defined to be, all property not laid off into blocks.

All adjacent and abutting property shall be proportionately liable to assessment for the full cost of the improvement of one-half of the street or streets adjacent thereto or upon which the same abuts, and shall be assessed on the following basis:

In blocks, property shall be assessed back to the alley, or in lieu of an alley, to the center of the block. Acreage shall be assessed half way to the next parallel street, but in no case more than 200 feet distant perpendicular from the street under improvement.

In the case of triangular and small irregular blocks and parcels of land, the assessment for the cost of street improvement shall not exceed the average superficial area rate of assessment upon the regular blocks within such improvement district. The excess shall be assumed by the City of Salem.

All unit items of cost in any street improvement such as excavation, fill, drainage, grading and rolling or other items affecting the improvement as a whole, shall be distributed proportionately over the whole area of property liable to assessment in proportion to the area of surface pavement charge-

SHIRT FACTORY AND TWO SHOPS SEEKING LOCATIONS IN SALEM

Salem may be the home of a mammoth shirt factory, and two new machine shops within a short time, providing suitable sites for the buildings can be obtained. Raw materials used in the shirt factory would be purchased in Salem and Marion county, and the plant will be of such size as to enable it to compete with like establishments anywhere on the coast.

T. B. Kay, head of the T. B. Kay Woolen Mills, has assured the shirt factory interests that his mill will provide the cloths and materials for the shirts, and will aid in any way possible to induce the factory to locate here.

The home factory is at Portland, Mr. Schmidt said. The proposed plant for Salem is equally as large as the metropolitan plant, and would employ many men and women.

Keeley's Suit To Recover Dibbern Award Revived

If the Marion county circuit court refuses to grant the petition filed by Leo Roy E. Keeley of Portland for permission to file a suit for the forfeiture of the bond of Wm. A. Marshall, chairman of the state industrial commission, for malfeasance in office in connection with the Dibbern compensation award, other means will be taken to secure this end, according to Keeley who was here Wednesday.

Keeley filed his petition with Judge Bingham of the Marion county court last week and Judge Bingham has turned the case over to Judge Keeley, Keeley stated. Keeley is attacking Marshall for his connection with the Dibbern award which he charges was made in order to protect the Grant Smith Porter Ship company of Portland and to prevent the establishment of a precedent in the matter of ignoring the workmen's compensation act in favor of a suit under the admiralty laws in collecting damages for accidents while in the performance of a duty on navigable streams.

Keeley was in Salem Wednesday to argue his application for permanent admission to the Oregon bar which was denied by the supreme court several weeks ago, the order being subsequently set aside in order to give Keeley a hearing in court.