

Circulation
Average for 1920, 5250
Population of Salem 1900, 4258;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679
Marion County 1920, 47,177;
Polk County, 14,181
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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Wednesday generally fair; moderate southwesterly winds.
LOCAL: No rainfall; southerly winds; clear; maximum 80, minimum 42, set 54; river 3 feet and falling.

Forty-third Year—No. 130

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday, May 31, 1921

Price Three Cents ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

BOMB EXPLODES IN PLANE; 2 DEAD, 12 HURT

Injuries Perhaps Fatal To 2 Others; Proving Ground At Aberdeen, Md., Is Scene

Baltimore, May 31.—Two soldiers were killed and twelve, including three officers were injured, two perhaps fatally by the explosion of a bomb at the army proving grounds at Aberdeen, Md., today according to a brief official statement issued by order of the commanding officer late this afternoon.

Troops Asked In Paper Mill Strike Trouble

Madison, Wis., May 31.—Request was made of Governor Blaine today by the sheriff of Brown county for immediate dispatch of troops to Green Bay to quell disturbances which are said to have grown out of a strike in three paper mills there.

Location Of Salem Explained

Willamette University Center of Earliest Pioneer Settlement Here

That the location of Salem was practically determined by the existence of Willamette university here in the early pioneer days was the statement of Mrs. Eva Emery Dye of Oregon City, writer and authority on Oregon and northwestern history, who spoke at the regular chapel services in Waller hall today.

Train Drags Car 50 Feet; 3 Uninjured

Two Women and Girl of 5 Years Escape Death In Crash On Capital Street

Mrs. S. E. Drew, of Silver Lake, Wash., her mother Mrs. E. L. Drew, of Castle Rock, Wash., and her daughter, Dorothy, five years old, narrowly escaped death yesterday afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a freight train at the corner of Capitol and Union streets.

Chester Takes Stand In Own Trial Today

Kansas City, Mo., May 31.—The defense developed an alibi today in the trial of Densel Chester, accused of the murder of Miss Florence Barton near here the night of October 2 last, with testimony that Chester was seen on a downtown street corner at about the time the state alleges Miss Barton was fatally wounded.

Book Store Host To Business Men

Business men of Salem are entitled to tickets to the Liberty theatre either tomorrow or Thursday night as the compliments of the Commercial Book store.

First Concert Given Tonight

The first band concert of the series to be given throughout the summer, will be given tonight in Willson Park, according to announcement made this morning by Oscar Steelhammer, leader of the band.

Shoppers Laid Off

Topeka, Kan., May 31.—Approximately 650 men will be laid off at the Santa Fe shops in Topeka and a corresponding reduction in forces will be made at various other points, A. G. Wells, of Chicago, vice-president of the road, announced here today.

Decision On Rail Wage Cuts Ready

Labor Board Completes Work and Will Make Announcement Public Tomorrow

Chicago, May 31.—The United States Railroad Labor Board today completed work on the decision which it will hand down tomorrow cutting the wages of employes of 104 railroad. Eventually the new rates to be established will apply to every road in the country.

British Soldiers Attacked; 4 Dead, Fourteen Injured

Cork, Ireland, May 31.—Four soldiers were killed, two mortally and twelve slightly wounded when they were attacked this morning while marching from the Youghal barracks to the rifle range.

Body of Young Boy Is Found Near Stayton

The body of an unidentified boy has been found on the banks of the Santiam river about one and one-half miles from Stayton, and an investigation is being conducted today by Coroner Rigdon.

Woman Slayer Sentenced to Serve 10 Years

Los Angeles, May 31.—Mrs. Marie Bailey, convicted of "voluntary manslaughter, for the slaying of Clarence Hogan, salesman of Oakland, Cal., at Pasadena last New Years eve, was sentenced to a term of from one to ten years imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary in the Los Angeles superior court today.

Budget for School Has Board's O.K.

Meeting Is Held By Committee of Ten; Approval Is Given Ten Mill Levy

The proposed budget for the Salem public schools which calls for \$125,000 on which to operate the educational institutions for the coming year and which would necessitate a levy of 1 1/2 mills in excess of the six per cent tax limitation law, was this morning formally approved by the budget committee composed of members of the school board and five Salem business men.

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Freight Tariffs To Drop

Santa Fe President Says Rail Rates To Be Cut to Meet Competition by Water

Washington, May 31.—Transcontinental railroad freight rates are being altered to meet ocean competition via the Panama canal, Edward Chambers, vice-president of the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe declared today before the senate committee investigating the railroad situation.

Informal Feelers Already Sent Out On Disarmament

Washington, May 31.—"Informal feelers" with respect to an international agreement for a reduction of armaments already have been put out by the American government, it was learned today, in high administration quarters. The purpose, it is understood, is to develop the attitude of foreign governments on the question before any formal negotiations are undertaken.

From Navy Building Fund Fails

Washington, May 31.—An effort to cut \$15,000,000 from the \$90,000,000 provided in the naval appropriation bill for continuing the 1916 building program failed today in the senate. The vote was 85 to 20, ten republicans and ten democrats voting to reduce the building fund and seven democrats voting with the majority of the republicans to stand by the committee recommendations.

Mail Privileges Restored To Newspapers by Postoffice

Washington, May 31.—The Milwaukee Leader and New York Call were restored today to the second class mailing privilege, it was announced by the postoffice department. Use of the mails were denied those two daily newspapers by former Postmaster General Burleson because of the character of the matter appearing in their columns in relation to American participation in the war.

Plunge Into Cold Water Is Fatal To Boy's Rescuer

Alliance, Neb., May 31.—John V. Vance, 60, died suddenly yesterday a few minutes after he had jumped into a pool of water to save a 3 year old boy from drowning.

Break In Dike Floods 5000 Acres Near Woodland; Crops Damage Held Over \$390,000

Woodland, Wash., May, 31.—Flood waters of the Columbia river which broke through 75 feet of six miles north of here last night, were spreading today after having flooded nearly five thousand acres to a depth of eight to 10 feet. No loss of life was suffered as warning was given all residents of the flooded area. Damage was chiefly to crops and was estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Harvard Free-For All Fight Banned

Cambridge, Mass., May 31.—Harvard heads have put the ban on the annual free-for-all fight between the seniors and freshmen on the steps of Widener Library, and on the equally celebrated senior picnic down the harbor.

May Delivery Wheat Jumps 12 Cents Today

Chicago, May 31.—Wheat for May delivery made a sensational upward swing in price today as a result of demand from shorts who had waited until the last of the month before fulfilling contracts. Little was for sale and the market ran up 12 1/2 cents to \$1.82 as compared with Saturday's finish.

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