

CIRCULATION  
Average for January 5653.  
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;  
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679.  
Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk  
County, 1920, 14,181.  
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lation. Associated Press Full  
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# Capital Journal

THE WEATHER  
OREGON: Tonight and Wednes-  
day rain west, cloudy east portion.  
Moderate westerly winds.  
LOCAL: No rainfall southerly  
winds; part cloudy; max. 53, min.  
30; river 7.3 feet and falling.

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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS  
STANDS FIVE CENTS

## BLIMP BURSTS IN MID AIR

### PHONE RATE DECISION STANDS

### PETITIONERS FOR REHEARING SCORPED IN ORDER OF BOARD

Attorneys and Experts Rapped for Imposing  
Useless Expense On Taxpayers and Wasting  
Time of State Officials; Assertions of Error  
Not Supported by Evidence, Claim

The order of the public service commission of February 28, 1921, carrying with it material increases in rates to patrons of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is affirmed in every particular in an order handed down by the commission this morning, based upon the rehearing into the previous order conducted by the commission last July and August.

In affirming its previous order the commission declares that "the evidence produced at the rehearing on the part of the petitioners is insufficient to justify any changes, alterations or modifications of any provisions" of the order under which the telephone company is now operating.

Not only does the commission affirm its previous order in today's order but it takes occasion to score attorneys and experts representing the petitioners for the rehearing for what it refers to as the extraordinary manner in which they have imposed upon the people of the state and wasted the time of state officials.

"In spite of positive assertions of error in the findings of the commission not a scintilla of evidence worthy of the name was offered in support of the contentions of the petitioners," the order reads.

"In saying this we do not impugn the motives or the intelligence of the witnesses in the least. The responsibility for offering irrelevant testimony on matters at issue or on subjects already fully covered must rest on those conducting the case."

Under the order of February, 1921, telephone rates in Oregon were increased from 20 percent to as high as 200 percent in some classes of service. The order met with a general protest from all sections of the state affected by the increase and a petition for a rehearing of the order was filed with the commission by attorneys representing the city of Portland and numerous other Oregon cities as well as farmer lines. The order granting the rehearing was handed down on May 21, 1921, and the rehearing was opened in Salem on July 18, 1921, sessions being held alternately in Salem and Portland for a period of six weeks, a total of 130 witnesses being examined, 138 exhibits being introduced and a record of some 5,000 pages of testimony made.

The rehearing was asked ostensibly for the purpose of pointing out the errors in the conclusions reached by the commission in order 689 but the attacks of the petitioners were directed, not against the order but against the evidence by which the commission supported its claims at the hearing which led to that order," the commission declares. "We thus have the strange spectacle of a 'rehearing' devoted chiefly to arguments against claims made by the company and already rejected by the commission."

The commission listened with interest to dissertations on technical matters by a telephone engineer of undoubted scientific attainments, who dwelt on the advantages of equipment other than that used by the company. The responsibility, however, of prescribing the equipment to be used by the utilities of the state does not rest on the commission. The testimony of this witness was

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### Harding Names Debt Finding Committeemen

Washington, Feb. 21.—  
\* Nomination of Secretary  
\* Mellon, Secretary Hughes,  
\* Secretary Hoover, Senator  
\* Smoot and Representative  
\* Burton to be members of  
\* the allied debt finding com-  
\* mittee will be sent to the  
\* senate today. It was an-  
\* nounced at the White House.  
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### DE VALERA ADVOCATES OPEN SPLIT

Sinn Fein Leader Says  
Two Armies To De-  
fend Irish Cause Bet-  
ter Than One

Dublin, Feb. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Eamon DeValera, apparently regarding a split of the Sinn Fein party as inevitable, openly advocated such a division in addressing the Ard Fehish, the national Sinn Fein convention at its extraordinary session, saying it would be better for Ireland to have two armies, each ready to assist the other if the country were impelled, rather than one army divided in itself.

Speech Wins Applause.  
Mr. DeValera's speech was the  
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### City Council Ignored; Hotels Never Closed; Police Chief Is Scored

Moffitt Is Called On  
Carpet at Meeting;  
Warm Words Heard;  
Licenses Granted

His specious reasoning to the contrary notwithstanding, Chief of Police Verden Moffitt failed to close certain local rooming houses whose reputation he had sweepingly declared unsavory, despite the fact that the city council, at its last meeting, ordered that the houses in question be denied licenses and that their rooms be emptied forthwith.

This became known at the regular meeting of aldermen last night when Chief Moffitt was questioned on some length and with considerable heat by Acting Mayor John Giesy and members of the council who endeavored to determine by what God-given right the chief had "told the rooming houses they could operate," after the council had ordered them closed.

### Asylum Patient Takes Own Life

Frida Motz, 33, a patient at the state hospital here, committed suicide this morning by hanging herself with a bed sheet to the window guard. The body was almost cold when discovered by hospital attendants this morning indicating that the deed had been committed several hours earlier. Another patient in the room with Mrs. Motz knew nothing of the suicide until awakened by attendants. Records at the hospital show that two brothers of Mrs. Motz, husband of the dead woman, who lives in Portland, has been notified as also has Coroner Rigdon.

council Chief Moffitt, talking chiefly in generalities, had insisted that the houses in question had been harboring roomers of questionable repute, that their registers were not in proper shape, and that they had, in various ways given the police a large portion of trouble. Whereupon, over the dissenting vote of Alderman Hal Patton, the council voted to deny licenses to the houses in question and ordered them closed.

"These houses are not only still operating—they have never closed for a day—but they are operating without even a license," Alderman H. H. Vandevort charged. "What has the chief of police to say to that?"

The chief had something to say. He said that the rooming house proprietors had, in effect, promised to be good, and had declared that, if they were found wanting again, they would offer no word in protest if their licenses were revoked.

"I Told Them," Says Chief.  
"I told them that, as far as I was concerned, they could go ahead," Chief Moffitt explained to the council.

In view of the fact that the council had formally closed the houses, this assertion apparently proved a bit too much for Acting

### Mary Garden Will Quit As Director of Opera Company

New York, Feb. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Mary Garden intends to resign her position as director of the Chicago Opera company at the close of the current season, if some one can be found to take her place, but she expects to continue with the company as an artist "where she belongs." It was announced today by her secretary, Howard E. Potter.

### CITY HALL NOT TO BE DONE OVER

Plans of City Council  
Changed; Ordinance  
Held Up; Aldermen  
Called "Cheap"

The Salem police department will not get the commodious new quarters to which it was looking forward following the adoption by the city council, on February 6, of a resolution providing that the city hall be remodelled and that the police officers exchange quarters with the city treasurer.

The blow fell last night. After Alderman H. H. Vandevort, chairman of the building committee, had explained that the remodeling would require a much larger expenditure than was originally under contemplation and further announced that the building committee's financial standing wouldn't warrant the purchase of a good-sized package of nails, the aldermen voted to postpone indefinitely the proposal which was made two weeks ago by Alderman John Giesy.

Ordinance Held Up.  
Very little other business of moment was transacted by the council last night, although the  
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### Eugene Lawyer Disbarred By Supreme Court

Leon A. Edmundson, Eugene attorney, is disbarred from the further practice of law in Oregon in an order written by Justice Brown and handed down by the supreme court this morning.

Disbarment proceedings were instituted against Edmundson several months ago by the grievance committee of the Lane county bar association, on grounds of misconduct in his profession and conviction of misdemeanors involving moral turpitude. Edmundson, it was charged, had been found guilty of violating the prohibition act. In his opinion Justice Brown declares that Edmundson is a violator of the law.

"It is made his duty by statute and by oath to support the constitution and laws of the United States and of this state," the opinion reads. "He has not only failed to uphold the laws but he has knowingly become a lawbreaker. He has violated a statute denouncing as a crime the act of wilfully and knowingly, with intent to injure and defame, publishing of and concerning another false and scandalous matter. Such is the character of Edmundson the man and citizen."

The court orders that Edmundson be disbarred from the practice of law in any of the courts of this state and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys in this court.

### C. J. Koon Said To Be Recovering

C. J. Koon, of 671 North Winter street, the elderly man who was suddenly afflicted yesterday with a paralytic stroke while waiting at the Oregon Electric station to take a train, is reported improving. He is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. George. Mr. George is proprietor of the White House restaurant.

### Controls Are Carried Away Before Crash

Washington, Feb. 21.—  
\* The accident to the Roma oc-  
\* curred when the vertical  
\* controls were carried away.  
\* Captain Doyle of the naval  
\* air station at Hampton  
\* Roads said in a telephone  
\* conversation late today with  
\* Rear Admiral Moffett at the  
\* navy department.  
\* This, he said, caused the  
\* dirigible to dive nose first  
\* and in its descent it struck  
\* a high tension electric wire,  
\* causing the airship to catch  
\* fire. Captain Doyle report-  
\* ed that 38 were believed  
\* dead and that 10 or 12 had  
\* escaped.  
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### BOWMAN WILL HEAD CLOTHIERS

Bishop Elected Chief  
of State Retailers;  
Later Refuses to Ac-  
cept Office

C. P. Bishop, of Salem, this afternoon declined to serve as president of the Oregon Retail Clothiers' association, and D. E. Bowman, of Portland, was elected head of the organization. Henry Harth, of Roseburg, was chosen vice president to succeed Ben Selling.

C. P. Bishop, proprietor of the Salem Woolen mills store, was this morning re-elected president of the Oregon Retail Clothiers' association at the opening meeting of its convention held in the auditorium of the Salem Commercial club. Ben Selling, of Portland, was chosen vice president, J. Deo McClain, of Albany, was made secretary and Gus Kuhn, of Portland, was elected treasurer.

Although no formal resolutions were adopted at the meeting this morning, an informal discussion of the sales tax recently proposed by President Harding as a means of providing a soldiers' bonus, appeared to meet with favor among individuals who addressed the meeting. If such a tax is levied, however, the speakers felt that it should cover many lines of endeavor so that no hardship would be worked in any particular field.

Indications were early this afternoon that members in convention here probably will vote to reduce the association's membership fee from \$25 to \$15.

### Birth of George Washington Is to Be Observed Here

Through special program in the morning and a half-holiday in the afternoon, Salem public school children will tomorrow celebrate the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, first president of the United States.

## TWO SCORE KILLED WHEN BIG ARMY AIRSHIP EXPLODES AND CRASHES AT LANGLEY FIELD

### Survivors

Captain Reed, U. S. A.  
Lieutenant Byron T. Burt.  
Walter A. McNaire, of the bu-  
reau of standards, Washington.

Major D. Reardon —  
Harry Chapman, master ser-  
geant.

Charles D. Dworch, master ser-  
geant.

First Sergeant C. H. Welch.  
Sergeant Peck.

J. M. Biedenback, engineer.  
Roy Burley, aviation.

Lieutenant W. E. Reilly died  
while being brought to the United  
States public health service.

### Indians Run Away Are Caught

There was something of an up-  
rising at the Chemawa Indian  
school last night and seven of the  
dusky lads elected to leave their  
alma mater in the manner com-  
monly accredited to the French.  
The uprising, however, was fol-  
lowed by a downfalling.

All of the youths were taken in-  
to custody as they awaited a train  
at the Southern Pacific depot.  
They were hustled to the police  
station by Patrolman Putnam. It  
was at headquarters that they  
spent the night.

This morning school officials  
returned the boys to Chemawa.  
They are Norman Blackwell, 13,  
Alek Horton, 12, Henry Moon,  
15, Henry Hays, 16, William  
Hildeman, 16, Johnnie Sooner,  
16, and Rudolph Loranlian, 15.

### Big Stick Is Only Remedy For High Rates

Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—The re-  
hearing of the Pacific Telephone  
and Telegraph company rate case  
was granted by the public service  
commission on the petition of the  
city of Portland, the Oregon Tele-  
phone Federation and other or-  
ganizations and municipalities af-  
ter a movement had been started  
in Portland for a recall of certain  
members of the public service com-  
mission.

H. M. Tomlinson, deputy city  
attorney of Portland, who handled  
the city's case in the rehearing,  
said he was much surprised at the  
commission's action, announced  
today.

"The only remedy of the peo-  
ple is the big stick and the bal-  
lot," said Tomlinson. "I am con-  
vinced the people are entitled to  
relief."

### Indian Athletes and Oregon City Tangle Wednesday

Chemawa wrestlers and boxers  
will meet Oregon City high school  
athletes tomorrow afternoon in  
the Indians' gymnasium at 3  
o'clock.

A feature of the event will be  
a wrestling match between Ellis  
White of Salem and Howatelle of  
Chemawa who will wrestle to a  
finish.

Kream of Chemawa will meet  
Dorman of Salem in a four round  
boxing bout and the match is only  
second in importance on the card.  
Kream has fought several times in  
Salem in the company F prelimi-  
naries and has made a good show-  
ing.

Nine wrestlers and boxers will  
be down from Oregon City.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—The number of dead  
from the Roma disaster was estimated late to-  
day at 33, while it was said that there were a  
total of 43 on board when the explosion oc-  
curred. Ten persons have been rescued, many  
of them seriously injured.

Twelve men were taken from the twisted  
mass of steel and flame, but two died on their  
way to the hospital.

As the work of rescue was organized, burned  
and charred bodies were discovered in the  
debris.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Seven civilians from  
McCook field, Dayton, Ohio, were on board the  
Roma when she was destroyed today. Accord-  
ing to a list given out they were: McNaire,  
Stryker, Hurley, Dworch, Henson, O'Leugh-  
lin and Harriman.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Exploding after crashing down-  
ward during a trial flight, the army's Italian-built airship  
Roma was destroyed today near the naval base here with  
the loss of an undetermined number of lives. Estimates an  
hour and a half after the disaster placed the dead from half  
a dozen to nearly 40 out of the more than half a hundred  
persons on board.

The naval hospital at Ports-  
mouth was officially informed  
that 38 of those aboard the air-  
ship, the largest semi-rigid dirig-  
ible in the world, were killed, while  
undertakers in Newport News  
were officially notified that thirty  
or more persons had lost their  
lives.

Heat Prevents Search.

It was officially announced at  
the army base at 3:40 o'clock that  
only ten survivors have been re-  
scued from the Roma. Eight are  
seriously injured and two slight-  
ly. All are in nearby hospitals.

Difficulty in definitely fixing  
the number of killed and injured  
was caused by the fact that in-  
tense heat from the burning  
wreckage prevented close inspec-  
tion.

Eye witnesses said the Roma  
was flying at a height of from 600  
to 1000 feet when she was seen to  
be in trouble. A thin wisp of  
smoke appeared and the craft  
started downward obliquely.

Before the ship struck the bar-  
racks building a number of men  
were seen to leap, some with pa-  
rachutes and some without. Some  
of those removed from the wreck-  
age were badly burned, but others  
escaped virtually without injury.

The Roma, which was the largest  
semi-rigid airship in the  
world, was sailing in a southeas-  
terly direction, when, according to  
observers, she suddenly burst into  
flames and fell like a comet to the  
earth. The explosion occurred  
shortly after ten o'clock.

Authorities at Langley field,  
the home station of the Roma, and  
the point at which she was assem-  
bled after being brought here  
from Italy, said that fully forty  
men were aboard the big airship.

Men Seen Jumping

Reports from Portsmouth which  
is near the naval base, said the  
Roma, after a sizzling plunge of  
hundreds of feet, struck one of  
the barracks buildings at the base  
and then exploded, with a rip-  
ping crash. A sheet of flame leap-  
ed from the rent in the gas bag  
and the passenger compartments  
slung underneath dropped twenty  
feet to the ground.

One man was seen by observ-  
ers at the Standard Oil company's  
plant at Sewell's Point to jump  
from the ship while she still was  
several hundred feet in the air.

Fourteen men according to ob-  
server at Portsmouth, were  
seen to leap from the ship as it be-  
came apparent that she would

### Kiwanis Ask Federal Funds For Chemawa

Further appropriations from  
the government to supply addi-  
tional buildings and equipment  
for Chemawa were urged in a res-  
olution presented to the Kiwanis  
club this noon at its luncheon in  
the Marion hotel.

The congressional delegates of  
the state are urged in the resolu-  
tion to use their influence in ob-  
taining the needed appropriations.

No action was taken on the  
matter by the club this noon pend-  
ing a report in detail of the work  
of the institution. This report  
will be read at the next meeting.

Fred Lockley, special writer for  
the Oregon Journal, was the prin-  
cipal speaker of the luncheon, de-  
livering a brief address of "Your  
Job."

### Judge Kelly To Be Candidate

Percy R. Kelly of Albany today  
formally entered the list as a  
candidate for reelection to his po-  
sition as circuit judge for the  
third judicial district comprising  
the counties of Linn and Marion.

"Justice, after all, is harmony  
between the law and common  
sense," reads the slogan under  
which Judge Kelly will seek sup-  
port of the voters of the two coun-  
ties according to his formal decla-  
ration for the republican nomi-  
nation which was filed with Sec-  
retary of State Koser today.

Judge Kelly, in his platform  
promises to "continue to devote  
my best efforts to a full and con-  
scientious discharge of official  
duty, applying thereto the result  
of my experience for twelve years  
as a judge and 30 years as a mem-  
ber of the legal profession."