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GENERALLY FAIR  
Tonight and Thursday, slightly cooler in extreme northeast portion tonight; moderate northwest winds.  
Local: Max., 56; min., 55; rain, traces; river, 3.3; atmo., part cloudy; wind, northwest.

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 120 SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

# BALLOT TITLE HELD LEGAL

## WITNESS GONE; PROBE IS STARTED

### ACCUSER OF GERM SLAYER DISAPPEARS

#### Prosecutor Asks Inquiry Into Circumstances Behind Disappearance of Shepherd Witness.

Chicago, May 20.—(By Associated Press)—Grand jury investigation of the disappearance of Robert White, important witness in the trial of William Harding Shepherd, charged with the murder of his foster son, William M. McChintock by administration of typhoid germs is understood to have been ordered by State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe today.

The state's attorney called a special session of the grand jury for 2:30 p. m., and although he and assistants refrained from divulging the purpose of the call it was generally believed in the criminal courts building that the vanishing of White was the subject of it.

Earlier it had been reported that White had been located by representatives of the defense but Attorney William Scott Stewart, chief counsel for the defense, declared there was no foundation for such reports.

Information has been obtained that White, with his wife and two children abandoned his home and vanished with a rented automobile last Friday. A letter, written by Mrs. White to Mrs. Marie Hudlove, a friend said: "We had to leave. Our lives were in danger."

#### Letter Gives Clue

Mrs. Hudlove has turned the letter over to the prosecutor. He said every effort would be made to find White and when he is found "there will be action," he warned. He put several detective squads on the search and a police message was broadcast asking White's detention if located.

The Chicago Herald and Examiner says it learned from William Adams, a blind news vendor, of an alleged \$25,000 offer made to White ten days ago to leave for

### OFFICERS NAMED BY ODD FELLOWS

Medford, Or., May 20.—At the state convention of Odd Fellows, held in Ashland today the following officers were elected:

Patriarch militant—President, Brigadier General W. E. Wade; vice-president, Major George Ely of Salem; clerk, Brigadier General H. M. Bedwith of Portland; treasurer, Major F. P. Ellis of Portland.

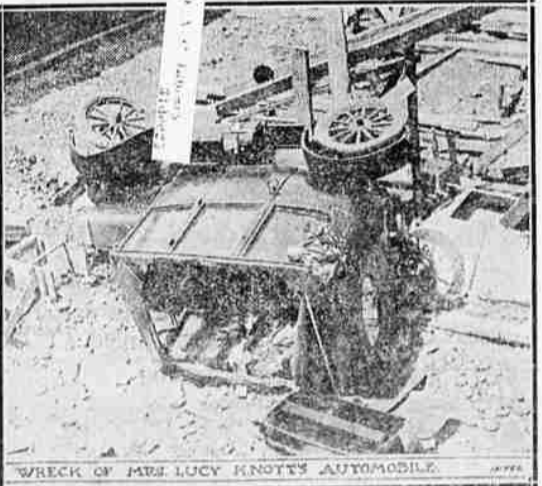
Grand encampment—R. H. Henderson of Chemawa, grand high priest; Jesse T. Jones of Eugene grand senior warden; E. E. Shannon of Portland, grand scribe; A. H. Knight of Conby, grand treasurer; James Shannon of Oregon City, grand junior warden; H. K. Sickett of Monmouth, grand representative; G. W. Hall, grand marshal; J. E. Pickens of Roseburg, grand sentinel; William Linklater of Hillsboro, grand outside sentinel.

### LINEN MILL SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

(Cut out, sign and mail)  
Chamber of Commerce, Salem, Oregon:  
I hereby agree to subscribe for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of preferred stock of the par value of \$100, and \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock of the par value of \$10.00 in a corporation to be organized for the purpose of manufacturing flax fibre products within the City of Salem or its immediate vicinity and agree to pay for the same in four installments at the call of the Board of Directors of said company.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Miraculous Escape in Crash



WRECK OF MRS. LUCY KNOTT'S AUTOMOBILE

A heavy truck sideswiped the small auto of Mrs. Lucy Knott, and knocked it into an excavation in Los Angeles. By a miracle Mrs. Knott and her daughter, who was riding with her, climbed out of the wreck safe, uninjured.

### FARM CHILDREN OUT TO MANUAL LABOR, CHARGE

New York, May 20.—(A. P.)—Assertions that children from eastern foundling homes are taken in "wholesale lots" to southern and western states and legally adopted by farmers for heavy farm work were made yesterday by women delegates to the child welfare conference in America. Miss Bennett Smith of Temple, Texas, who said she was a lifelong friend of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson of Texas, asserted that each year many trainloads of children over six years old are brought to Texas, adopted and made to do heavy work on the farm.

Mrs. B. F. Vestmores of Spokane, Wash., told the conference that very young children are taken in large groups to the northwestern farming regions for seasonal harvesting of the beet, apple and onion crops.

Judge Samuel L. Levy, of the New York children's court, presiding at the session, said he did not know such conditions existed.

Governor C. C. Moore of Idaho, addressing the conference yesterday, said he offered his state as a refuge for "the homeless children of the congested cities of the east."

Dr. Hastings B. Hart, of the Russell Sage foundation, today charged that officials in a great many foundling institutions dispose of their surplus as "one would dispose of chickens or puppies."

"I have seen crimes committed in the placid of children in family homes that make one's blood run cold," he said.

### GERMANY APPEALS TO COURT FOR SETTLEMENT

Geneva, May 20.—(A. P.)—It was officially announced today that Germany has appealed to the world court of justice to settle her dispute with Poland concerning the expropriation by Poland in Polish Upper Silesia of German owned industrial rural property.

### HANDSOME HANS IS SUED

Portland, Ore., May 20.—John E. "Handsome Hans" Fagerlie, special police agent, who has been recovering from wounds received when shot recently in the course of a raid, was today made the defendant in a \$15,000 damage suit for alleged alienation of affections. Guy A. Allmon, longshoreman, filed the suit, charging that Fagerlie had paid attentions to his wife and that as a result she had obtained a divorce.

### ESPEE ADDS TWO UNITS TO RAIL SYSTEM

#### Eastern Haul Shortened By 413 Miles Through Control of Strahorn And Another Line.

Portland, Or., May 20.—The Southern Pacific company announced last night here and at San Francisco that steps had been taken to obtain a substantial interest in the Nevada, California and Oregon railroad which is to be converted into a standard gauge line, and that arrangements had been completed with President R. E. Strahorn of the Oregon-California and Eastern, under which funds will be advanced to aid in the construction of the line of his company from Klamath Falls to connect with the Nevada, California, Oregon railway. Both these arrangements are subject to approval of the interstate commerce commission.

#### To Rebuild One

The arrangement with President Strahorn will give the Southern Pacific a substantial stock interest in the Oregon-California and Eastern, which now extends forty miles from its connection with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls easterly to Sprague River, Or.

Under the arrangement with President Charles Moran of the Nevada-California, Oregon line, the Southern Pacific will aid him in securing the money for the work of rebuilding the line as a broad gauge railroad, its entire

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### SALE OF RELIEF IS POSTPONED

The auction of the river steamer Relief, which was to have been held this afternoon at 2 o'clock was today postponed for one week, or until Wednesday, May 27. Postponement was by order of the federal court at Portland, and is understood to have been effected at the instigation of the attorneys for the Relief's owners.

The auction was ordered to pay a judgment for some \$3300 awarded to the insurance company. The company sued to collect that sum, alleging that it had been spent in raising the boat and repairing it, and that the sinking occurred as a result of deliberate neglect on the part of the ship's owners.

### RUM SHIPS JAM HALIFAX HARBOR

New York, May 20.—(A. P.)—Rum ships, driven from off American shores by the coast guard blockade, are jamming Halifax harbor as one result of the determination of the administration from President Coolidge down to enforce prohibition to the limit.

Thirteen steamers and schooners are tied up at Halifax. Five arrived yesterday. They don't know where to turn. Some of them intend discharging their cargoes and returning to legitimate freight traffic.

The Halifax situation confirms statements in coast guard circles that rum row has virtually been cleaned up. One ship of the fleet of 80 rum ships remains. It is a Danish vessel, anchored 40 miles off Sandy Hook.

### ECONOMY MOVE FIZZLES

#### Colleges Seek Peace FEAR PUBLIC SENTIMENT

For those of the taxpayers of the state who gloried in anticipation of a readjustment and economy housecleaning in the administration of Oregon's institutions of higher learning to grow out of the now more or less subdued controversy between the University of Oregon and the agricultural college there remain two very obvious courses to be pursued.

#### Public Must Act

Or they may roll up their sleeves, assert the voice to which they are entitled as regards the manner in which their money is spent, and demand an accounting

(By Harry N. Crahn.)  
What results are attained from the university's appeal to the state board of higher curricula for a readjustment of courses of study in the two institutions to eliminate waste, extravagance and duplication of effort and expense rests entirely with the public and the insistence with which it demands a sweeping reform.

#### Fear Investigation

So far as the university and the college are concerned there will be no further serious controversy, particularly if it must be carried on publicly, and publicity apparently cannot be gracefully avoided. Alarmed by revelations that have been brought to light by their own searching inquiry into

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### DEBT FUNDING OUTLOOK LOOMS BRIGHT, CLAIM

Washington, May 20.—(By Associated Press)—With France, Belgium and Bohemia leading the way, officials here are optimistic that the six other European debtors soon will find the way clear to begin negotiations looking to funding their war obligations to this country.

President Coolidge shares with Secretaries Kellogg and Mellon the hope that the entire debt situation will be clarified within a reasonable time, but there is no desire or intention to unduly press the question. Neither do officials expect the foreign governments whose notes are held here to rush to Washington with complete detailed plans for settlement.

It is hoped, however, that those powers will find the occasion suitable for at least discussion with the American debt commission of terms of settlement upon which agreement could be reached.

News from Paris that Premier Painleve, Foreign Minister Briand and Finance Minister Chollons had discussed together the debt situation evoked much interest here. An official spokesman of the Quai d'Orsay announced that the debt question could be said to have entered the state of "real official negotiations" and that the three leaders would confer later this week with experts of the foreign office.

The conference will consider suggestions for a settlement proposal which will be sent simultaneously to Washington and London, the impression in Paris being that it would be ready this week for transmission.

### WIFE OF PORTLAND NEWSPAPERMAN DEAD

Portland, Ore., May 20.—Mrs. N. J. Levinson, 43, wife of N. J. Levinson, well known Portland newspaperman, died last night at the family residence, following a general breakdown. Mr. Levinson, who has been ill, was informed of her condition a short time ago, and bore it philosophically. His recovery is expected unless unforeseen complications develop.

### GIRL SHOTS WOMAN FOUND WITH FATHER

#### Daughter and Mother Find Man With Another Girl and Shooting Follows; Victim Will Die.

Chicago, May 20.—When Lucille Wunch, 15-year-old high school girl, last night with her mother, found her father, William, in company with Miss Agnes Simmeck, 23, she shot and probably fatally wounded Miss Simmeck and slightly wounded her father and mother who attempted to intercept her.

The girl was held by police in Riverdale, a suburb, where the shooting occurred. Her mother, who threw herself before the girl to prevent her shooting the father, said she did not know the daughter was carrying the weapon when they confronted Wunch and Miss Simmeck.

#### Victim Will Die

Miss Simmeck, wounded in the side and in both limbs, will die, hospital surgeons said.

Lucille was detained by the chief of police at her home and Riverdale officials were said to be reluctant to prosecute the girl, at least pending some development in the condition of Miss Simmeck. She is one of Riverdale's younger village belles and her father is a member of the village board.

#### Goaded to Shooting

The girl is said to have been goaded to shooting because of gibes of schoolmates who knew of her father's friendship for Miss Simmeck. The latter and Wunch had returned from an automobile ride when the shooting occurred.

Miss Simmeck told hospital doctors that Mrs. Wunch and Lucille did the shooting and while the county highway police accept this version, the Riverdale police said both Lucille and Mrs. Wunch asserted the former had shot Miss Simmeck.

### FARMERS UNION OPENS SESSION

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, May 20.—More than 100 delegates from all parts of the state met here Tuesday morning in the 14th annual state convention of the Farmers' Union.

Delegates were welcomed by E. T. Reid, president of the Corvallis chamber of commerce. The executive committee was entertained by the chamber at luncheon, and in the afternoon all delegates made a tour of inspection of the college building and experiment station.

An open meeting at the "Y" building was held at night when J. P. Brumbaugh, professor of psychology spoke on "The Natural Law and the Political World."

Committees appointed by President Herbert Egbert were: Credentials, Frank Emerson, Wason, chairman; Harry Jackson, Lane; J. H. Bones, Polk; Mrs. G. B. Jones, state secretary; Polk, Order business committee, A. R. Shumway, Umatilla, chairman; Mrs. Betty Kappau, Lane; L. H. McBeck, Polk; A. V. Swift, Baker.

### STERLING ONLY CENT BELOW PAR

New York, May 20.—Sterling exchange is now less than one cent from parity. Demand bills were quoted in the New York market today at 44.85%, the highest quotation since November 1914. Buying of British bills in this market was inspired by the strength of sterling in the London market where cables on New York were quoted at 44.85.

### \$75,000 FIRE SWEEPS TOWN IN WASHINGTON

Nespelem, Wash., May 20.—Business houses on one side of the main street here were destroyed by fire that started in H. E. Hopkins meat market early today. The loss is estimated at \$75,000 to \$75,000 with insurance of probably \$11,000. Property destroyed includes the general merchandise store, hotel and residence of F. M. DeCamp; Smith and company's drug store; Gene Smith's restaurant, D. C. Pursey and Sons pool hall and Fred R. Howard's motion picture theater and dance hall.

### EARL OF YPRES LOW

London, May 20.—(A. P.)—The condition of the Earl of Ypres, former field marshal French, was described today as very grave. He underwent an operation March 29 but improving soon thereafter to the improving.

### TOBACCO TAX REFERENDUM SUFFICIENT

#### Court Declares Granting of Petition Would Be Grave Attack Upon Direct Legislation.

Declaring that to grant the prayer of C. C. Chapman in his attack on the ballot title to the referendum petition on the cigarette license law "would establish a precedent which would within itself constitute the gravest assault ever made upon the principle of direct legislation," Circuit Judge L. H. McMahon today dismissed the petition.

In his order of dismissal he called attention to the fact that the code grants 20 days after certifying of the ballot title to take an appeal from the ballot title of the attorney general, and that there could be no appeal from the decision of the circuit court in such cases. He points out that in the present case the relator failed to file his appeal within the time allowed by the code and attempted to secure an order by injunction, which, if allowed at this late date he says, "would render all signatures now obtained by the proponents of the measure valueless and deprive them of the opportunity to complete their petitions within the time prescribed by law therefor. If this can be done in this case it can be done in all cases and every attempt to invoke either the initial

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### ASKS \$1000 FOR TWO TEETH LOST

Howard Swartz, by his father and guardian ad litem, Jacob S. C. Swartz, has instituted action in circuit court seeking to recover from the Salem Baking company \$1000 for two teeth alleged to have been knocked out when a baking company truck hit a bicycle ridden by young Swartz. The complaint asks for \$1000 for the teeth and \$52.50 for bridge work done.

In addition Young Swartz would recover \$1.75 for attire that got onto his overcoat when he was knocked down, \$7.50 for damages to his bicycle and \$3 for a wrecked lunch kit. The accident is alleged to have occurred November 5, last.

### TWO KILLED IN ELECTION RIOT

Williamson, W. Va., May 20.—(A. P.)—Sherman Parsley, a merchant of Kermit, near here, and Buck Kirk, president of the board of education, are dead and three other men are wounded while six others are under arrest on a charge of shooting at the result of yesterday's pistol fight at a poll at Kermit, where an election was held on the question of creating an independent school district.

The fighting is understood to have started when Lee Curry took two negroes to the poll. Dr. E. T. Stepp, an election official, questioned the negroes' right to vote and Curry struck him, witness reported.

### THE VELVET HAMMER

By Arthur Brooks Baker  
DR. H. H. OLINGER  
The aims of education have been variously said. Some view it as a simple operation on the head, while others insist that it should be a massage of the soul, and that it should be a process of teaching to teach them everything the taxes can afford.