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ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

BOWLES TELLS ABOUT TRAGEDY

PENDLETON TO BATTLE SALEM FOR PENNANT

Championship of State At Issue in Final Game Of Series Tonight

Astoria Defeats Jefferson and Benson Tops Baker in Consolation

GAMES SATURDAY NIGHT
7:30—Benson vs. Astoria. (Consolation).
8:30—Salem vs. Pendleton. (Championship).

For the first time since 1922 eastern Oregon has a chance to reign supreme in interscholastic basketball. For Coach Fritz Cramer's Pendleton's Cowboys, with the memory of their startling victory over Jefferson high of Portland still fresh, will take the floor Saturday night at 8:30 in opposition to Coach Huntington's crew from Salem high in the final game of the four day tournament. And as a result of their showing against the Democrats and Buckaroos have been named as favorites in the championship fracas. Even the staunchest backers of the red and black left the gymnasium Friday afternoon almost bewildered at the ability of the boys from the ranges to score from almost every conceivable angle.

ANOTHER CUT IN GAS MADE

San Francisco, (AP)—Another reduction in the retail price of gasoline was forecast Saturday when major oil companies, including a "gas war" with independents, cut tank wagon prices one cent a gallon.

TWO WARSHIPS GREET HOOVER

U. S. S. Arizona (AP)—The impressive sight of two warships along the rail greeted President Hoover Saturday morning on the third day of his vacation voyage to Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

TULE LAKE LAND ALLOTTED VETERANS

Klamath Falls, Ore. (AP)—The announcement was made here Friday night of the allotment of 24 homesteads in Tule lake in northern California to World war veterans.

McKenzie Boat Closure Bill To Be Referended

The legislative act closing the upper McKenzie river to boat fishing will be subjected to the referendum. Preliminary papers were filed Saturday with Secretary of State Hoss by David Robinson of Portland, and will be referred to Attorney General Van Winkle for a ballot title preliminary to circulation for signatures.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper
By DON UPJOHN

Spring was born at 4 minutes past 6 a. m. this morning before breakfast. While the mother is gone the child seems to be doing nicely among the daffodils, anemones and other early flowers. But spring doesn't worry us much in these parts seeing as how we've been having it all winter.

The stamina and endurance of the Oregon pioneer is famed in song and story. But never has the stamina and endurance of the pioneer against heavy odds been more clearly exemplified than in the fact that a few of them have been found who have been reading the Statesman for over 50 years.

Mrs. W. W. F. writes us: "Please do not lay the blame too heavily on my shoulders in regards to ad in Purity News. I sent ad in: Trade-Bills (milk goods) and I can't help it if they originated a new breed to make their ad brief. However, I want to thank you for double service and if I get nannies for same will give you all the credit." Well, this milking billy kind of got our nanny, as well.

The bunch of hoodlums who have been boozing and making asses of themselves generally when a visiting team appeared on the floor at the basketball tournament may not know it, but they are doing all in their power to get the tournament removed from Salem to some spot where there are fewer bum sports. It's all right for the boys to have a good time but there are limits.

We have a report that Clyde LaFollett, Wheatland farmer, is driving a farm wagon around with "Meier for President" signs emblazoned on it. Well, why not? The way Meier has been doing the past few weeks he'd do a darned sight better than Hoover. Besides, it wouldn't be bad to have an Oregon LaFollett as secretary of agriculture some day. He'd be entitled to it for launching the boom.

If the city wants a filter With no further rows or jars, We suggest for speedy action That the mayor let down the bars.

Now comes report from Woodburn they plan to have an oleo burning bee down there and quit selling the product. If this keeps up we wonder what a lot of dairy farmers will use to spread on their bread.

FLORIDA COAST SWEEP BY STORM

Pensacola, Fla. (AP)—Barges were beached and shipping hindered here Saturday when a 48 mile southeast gale accompanied a heavy rainfall which struck the coast. Velocity of the wind was higher than had been predicted by weather officials. Even steamships felt the force of the wind.

BEND FLOODED BY IRRIGATION BREAK

Bend, Ore. (AP)—Bend residents Saturday set about repairing lawns and pumping water from basements, and the city undertook a survey of damage caused Friday when an irrigation ditch broke five miles from the city and sent a flood of water into the low part of town.

Son of Ex-Kaiser Clubbed by Police

Berlin (AP)—How he—a Hohenzollern prince and son of the former kaiser—was rudely clubbed by German policemen in Koenigsberg Friday night, was related Saturday by August Wilhelm himself, fourth son of the ex-emperor, on his arrival from East Prussia.

PEACOCK'S CAR ABANDONED ON TONGUE POINT

Impetus Given to Search For Assistant Postmaster at Astoria

Shortage in Accounts Said to Exceed Amount Of Bond, \$6000

Astoria, Ore. (AP)—Further impetus was given the search for Henry F. Peacock, 44, missing postmaster here, with the finding of his abandoned automobile shortly before noon Saturday, on Tongue Point, just east of Astoria.

A widespread search throughout the Northwest has been instituted by postal authorities for the veteran postal officer, whose disappearance has amazed all those acquainted with him, and particularly his fellow-workers in the postal service, who considered him one of the most reliable and efficient men in the service.

Postmaster Halderman gave out no further word Saturday regarding (Concluded on page 10, column 4)

MILADY LUCK RULES NEVADA

Reno, Nev. (AP)—Roulette wheels whirled and dice clicked throughout Nevada Saturday as "the last frontier of America" turned back to the hardy pioneer era for a whirl at legalized gambling.

Building trades enjoyed a sudden increase in demand for their services when gambling operators engaged in an exciting race to build new lavish casinos or enlarge old ones. The famous Bank club in Reno will be trebled in size.

WOULD WALLOP LEWIS AGAIN DREISER SAYS IN SPEAKING OF ROW

New York (AP)—Theodore Dreiser, who slapped Sinclair Lewis twice across the face at a dinner of literary celebrities at the Metropolitan club Thursday night, has a deep admiration for Lewis' works, but he would promptly give him two more cracks across the face, if the Nobel prize winner ever says the same things to him again.

LUPER RETAINED BY BOND HOLDERS

Rhea Luper, former state engineer, has been retained as secretary of the bond holders committee of the Warm Springs irrigation district.

WIFE STABBED SELF IS STORY OF DEFENDANT

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Liner Strikes Hidden Reef 200 Landed

Glasgow, Scotland (AP)—Two hundred passengers were landed safely on Little Cambray island in the Firth of Clyde Saturday after the Canadian Pacific liner, Montclare, inboard bound for Greenock, was grounded on a hidden reef on the northwestern side of the island Saturday in a dense fog.

The Montclare developed a dangerous list as the tide receded and life boats were lowered to carry the passengers ashore.

NAB SILVERTON SAFE CRACKERS

Silverton—Two safe-crackers, one of them said to be a former convict, were captured single-handedly by Night Policeman Iverson when he found them hiding behind the safe in the Club pool hall here early Friday morning.

Following a preliminary hearing in Justice Brown's court, the men were bound over to the grand jury and were placed in the Marion county jail when they failed to raise \$1000 bail, each. The two men, Lawrence Reed and L. E. Darkens, both known locally, had been cutting wood for several months at Drake's Crossing, in the Silverton Hills district.

Friday morning, about 4 o'clock, Officer Iverson became thirsty, and he carried a key to the Club pool hall, decided to stop there for a drink of water. Immediately upon entering the building, he became suspicious. He investigated the premises and found the two men. They were unarmed, but had a quantity of tools which he alleged they carried from a filling station a short time earlier. Their car was found nearby containing more tools and equipment.

Roosevelt Silent About Removal

New York (AP)—The belief among Tammany leaders grew stronger Saturday that Mayor J. J. Walker would be vindicated by Governor Roosevelt of the charges of incompetency and misfeasance filed against him by the city affairs committee.

There was no apparent basis for the belief, however, for Governor Roosevelt continued his policy of silence, and announced at Albany that there would be no developments before Monday.

Weather Outlook For Week Is Given

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Income Tax Collections Show Deficit

Totals for Month \$150,000,000 Below Same Period Last Year

Treasury Deficit Now \$628,000,000—Serious Crisis Faced

Washington (AP)—The handwriting of millions of taxpayers warned treasury officials Saturday that the government income for this year would be found wanting.

Income tax payments shrank far below the totals for the same period of last year. Despite the inflow of collections, the treasury deficit remained above the \$600,000,000 mark. The total collections for the month have been \$239,123,891. For the same period last year they were \$384,853,426. The treasury deficit for last Thursday, the same day for which the collections were reported, stood at \$628,702,172. On the same day last year, the treasury had a surplus of \$22,370,706.

Two paths have been indicated by financial students as courses which would be necessary to lead the government away from the deficit side of the ledger.

Survivors Of Viking Sought

St. John's, N. F. (AP)—Search for the missing and completion of the rescue of survivors of the wreck of the sealer Viking, depended Saturday upon an improvement in weather and ice conditions.

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A. A. Schramm, state bank superintendent, has been authorized by a court order, signed by Circuit Judge George Stapleton of Multnomah county, to pay a third dividend of 7 per cent to claimants in the savings department of the Bank of Kenton, insolvent. Approximately 1000 checks, aggregating \$21,591, were mailed to depositors.

Council Caucus To Plan Solution Of Water Problem

By HARRY N. CRAIN
Still firmly deadlocked in their consideration of three separate plans for dealing with the problem of municipal purchase of the city's water system, two of which also involve proposals for the immediate completion of the filter plant, Mayor Gregory and members of the city council were still floundering around in an endless circle Saturday with only two days left in which to formulate a definite program of procedure before the special council meeting Monday evening when the water question will be a special order of business.

NO MONEY TO PAY OFFICIALS

Only by special appropriation by the next legislature can \$103953 in claims for salaries and expenses of employees of the board of inspectors of child labor and the industrial welfare commission for the months of January and February of this year, Secretary of State Hal Hoss has advised Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, he paid, secretary of the two organizations.

Eugene Co-Ed Killed In Crash

Eugene (AP)—Miss Helen Fenstermacher of Portland, senior at the University of Oregon, was killed Saturday near Corning, Calif., according to a telegram received Saturday by sorority sisters of Miss Fenstermacher.

CANNERS AGAIN URGE FILTER

Canners at a meeting Saturday morning reiterated their expressed wish that good water be provided for Salem for the 1931 pack and issued a formal statement setting out their position. It was signed by all the canners. The statement follows:

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Eugene Boy Victim Traffic Accident

Eugene, Ore. (AP)—When he darted in front of an automobile, Clell Arthur Pryor, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clell K. Pryor was instantly killed in front of his home on the Pacific highway late Friday.

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POISE OF CAPITALIST SHAKEN ONLY WHEN HE REFERRED TO CHILDREN

He declared the attractive society matron stabbed herself to death in the apartment of Miss Irma Loucks, Bowles' former secretary, jointly accused of the murder.

Fowler Case Goes To Jury

Baker, (AP)—Admitting the woman's records show a shortage of more than \$112,000, attorneys for Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city treasurer of La Grande, attributed the discrepancy to a "bookkeeping error" as in their arguments to the jury here Saturday they declared Mrs. Fowler had "never stolen a dime and the state has failed to prove she did."

HOPES OF FINDING LOST FLIER WANE

Manila, P. I. (AP)—Hopes were waning Saturday that G. W. Brophy, American aviator missing in a flight from Shanghai to Manila, would be found alive.

Wild Spree Ends Veteran's Bonus Borrowing of \$779

San Francisco (AP)—Frank Lowther, 33, war veteran, who Friday received \$779 as a bonus loan and started out to put it into circulation had \$70 of it left Saturday and it was in escrow as bail for himself and six friends at city prison.

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