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Unsettled, probably light rain in west, moderate variable winds.

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## REEDER SITE DAM WILL BE BUILT DURING PRESENT YEAR

### City Council Goes Definitely on Record for Big Water Project

#### TWO MEMBERS OPPOSE

O. T. Bergner and J. E. Thornton Think Time is Not Opportune Now

All doubt as to the determination of the new city administration to build the storage dam in Ashland creek canyon was removed last night when the council, after a spirited argument, placed itself definitely on record as favoring all the water projects for which the people last fall voted bonds in the sum of \$450,000.

The policy of the council was brought to a head through the presentation of a motion by Dr. E. A. Woods which placed the council on record as favoring immediate preliminary work in Ashland creek canyon in order that actual construction of the dam can be started in August.

More Time Urged  
This motion was passed by a vote of four to two, with Councilman O. T. Bergner and J. E. Thornton opposing it. Both opposing councilmen declared that they are not opposed to the Ashland creek dam, but they argued that before any definite action is taken, the council should wait and learn the value of the water conservation program which is being inaugurated. With the repairs and enlargements to the distribution system, together with the purchase of the Talent irrigation water and the installation of meters, they felt that enough water might possibly be conserved to eliminate the necessity for building the dam. They felt, at any rate, that this program of construction should be given a thorough trial before the council started actual construction of the dam.

The report of Consulting Engineer D. C. Henny was received by the council. This report urged that actual construction work on the dam be delayed until August for the reason that it is better and safer to pour concrete during cold weather. The report further declared that it would take several months to prepare plans and blueprints, locate sand and gravel pits and do other preliminary work necessary before construction work could be started. The report of Mr. Henny, together with his January report, will be printed in full in The Tidings, starting next Monday. Because of its length, it will be printed in installments.

**Peters Wants Action**  
Councilman Peters, who has served on many former councils, opposed the proposal to wait another year before starting construction of the dam. He said the people had been talking water improvements for 16 years to his knowledge, and by their votes last November, had stated definitely that they wanted action from this council. Councilman Woods had the same view, and he was opposed to further delay.

"I am not opposed to building the dam, but I believe we should wait until the other improvements are tried out," was the argument of Councilman Thornton. "I don't want people to think that I am against this work but I do not believe we are ready to build it."

In expressing himself in a similar vein, Councilman Bergner declared:  
"I think it is absolutely poor judgment to build that dam right now."

**Other Policies Given**  
Prior to the definite action on the dam, which will be built on the Reeder site, Councilman Woods presented a motion stating it as the policy of the council.  
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## PARK BOARD WANTS TO BEAUTIFY STRIP

### Frank Jordan Tells Council no Money is Available for Boulevard

Frank Jordan, chairman of the city park board, told members of the city council last night that the board would be glad to cooperate in any way possible if some plan could be worked out whereby the middle parkway along the Boulevard from the city limits to the library could be improved during the coming spring and summer months.

The matter was presented by Councilman White, who asked if funds could not be made available to beautify this extended parking strip. Mr. Jordan called attention to the fact that the board had budgeted \$400 for this work last fall but that the former council had eliminated this appropriation from the budget.

## SIXTEEN YEAR OLD BOY ADMITS MURDER

### Confesses to Killing Woman and Five Year Old Son With Ball Bat

CONNEAUT, Ohio., Feb. 16.—Floyd Hewitt, 16, told police today that he killed Mrs. Colla Brown, 27, and her five year old son, because "he became crazy in love with her."

Within eight hours after Mrs. Brown's husband had returned home to find the bodies of his wife and child, surrounded by wrecked furniture, Hewitt had been arrested and had confessed his crime.

"We were listening to a jazz song on the radio," the boy said. "I became crazy with love for her. She repulsed me, and blind with fury, I beat her to death. Hewitt said that he then killed the little boy to cover up his traces. A button torn from the killers coat during the struggle with Mrs. Brown was the clue which led to Hewitt's arrest.

Police learned that Hewitt, who lived across the street from the Browns had been in the habit of visiting Mrs. Brown at night when her husband was at work. Hewitt beat his victims to death with a club.

## MRS. CHAPLIN WILL RETURN TO HER HOME

### Judge Reduces Original Alimony Award \$1000 a Month

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—(UN)—Lita Grey Chaplin and the two Chaplin babies will move back into Charlie Chaplin's Beverly Hills mansion tomorrow.

She won a court order today authorizing her to take up residence in the handsome home pending her divorce action.

"I intend to move back tomorrow," was Mrs. Chaplin's only comment as she left the crowded courtroom, where she testified that Charlie had once threatened her life and had insulted guests she brought to the house.

## LAST HOPE OF KILLING OFF FARM RELIEF ENDS IN HOUSE

### Final Enactment of McNary-Haugen Bill Will Take Place Very Soon

#### SUBSTITUTE STOPPED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The last hope of killing off farm relief by a filibuster faded out today when the house voted to substitute for its bill the slightly different version which passed the senate a few days ago. The difference in the two bills are trivial and technical.

Final enactment of this measure is imminent and it will go to the White House immediately after the house takes its final vote.

This was assured by the substitution of the senate bill for an almost identical house bill. Had the house passed its own bill a conference to revise the two measures into one identical version would have been necessary. This revised bill would have had to be voted upon by the house and senate. With adjournment barely two weeks ago, a filibuster might have prevented final action. The collapse of the opposition was indicated in the fact that only 62 votes were mustered against substituting the senate, while there were 201 for it.

**Last Chance**  
This was the last chance of the opposition to throw sand in the machine. After the vote however it was said around the lobby of the house that the opponents of the bill deliberately refrained from showing their full strength, preferring to reserve that for the final vote.

The Aswell revolving loan fund bill was offered later as a substitute. This will be voted on Thursday. The house having decided to suspend consideration of farm relief tomorrow to permit action on small bills on the calendar.

The vote on substituting the senate bill undoubtedly is more one sided than the final vote on the bill will be.

The McNary bill should have 25 to 50 votes margin.

#### Letter Falls

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's letter characterizing the equalization fee as unworkable, expensive and an encouragement to unscrupulous persons who want to cheat the government has apparently changed no votes in the house.

#### THREE BOYS ARRESTED

Lyle Elton Poole, age 16 years, from Mankato, Minn., Eddie O'Malley, age 17 years, Missouri Valley, Iowa and James Clifford Faris, age 17 years, were arrested 10 miles from Ashland on the Klamath Falls highway by Geo. McNabb and Harry Isling in possession of a stolen Reo automobile, the property of W. F. Arant of Rock Street; and some cigarettes and cookies stolen from Holmes Grocery which they robbed shortly after midnight last night, before stealing the car.

After the boys were brought back to Ashland they admitted stealing a Stephens touring car in Medford and driving it to Ashland.

These boys will be given a hearing before Judge Roberts of Ashland this afternoon.

## COUNCIL URGES THE SUPPORT OF SPRING OPENING AND STYLE SHOW

Official support and approval of the big Spring Opening to be held at the armory on March 1 and 2, was given by the city council last night, when, by unanimous vote, they urged that every citizen in Ashland attend this gigantic spring display and thus show their loyalty and faith to the city, its merchant and industries.

The American Legion post, which is sponsoring this city-wide affair, reports that interest is mounting each day and prospects are that the armory will be literally packed with people on the two nights of the display.

As an added incentive to get the people down town and to the armory on these two nights, merchants generally are entering into the spirit of the affair and plan to decorate their windows with spring stocks. Free street stunts will be held from 7 to 8 o'clock on these nights, prior to the exhibition and vaudeville program at the armory.

The legion committee announced this morning that practically all its vaudeville program has been signed up, and the several

## Hi-Y Boys Name Their Delegate

The Ashland Hi-Y club held their regular meeting and dinner in the dining room in Pioneer hall last evening. One of the important items taken up at last night's meeting was the election of a group of High School boys from Central Point at the meeting next Tuesday. This was voted unanimously and an invitation extended to the Central Point boys. Conflicting dates in the form of a basketball game at Central Point that night make it impossible for them to accept, according to a telephone call received from there, but the plans will go ahead until further notice, according to members of the club. Barney Miller was elected as a delegate to the Northwest Y. M. C. A. Assembly for work with boys and young men, to be held at Rolling Bay, Washington the last of the month. Miller will go with Secretary Walter and others from here to the Assembly, which is of importance to all branches of the Y. M. C. A. work in the Northwest, according to word received from officials of the Northwest Council who are pro-

## \$145,000 IS COST OF PRESENT SESSION

### Governor's Income Tax Bill Most Important Measure Before Legislature

SALEM, Feb. 16.—Consideration of the governor's income tax bill scheduled for late today, in the Senate was the outstanding measure of a heavy calendar facing both houses. Seventy-seven bills are up for their third reading today, and there appeared to be little chance of avoiding night sessions.

Last night at a joint meeting of the Way and Means committee an item of one hundred and twenty thousand for the cost of the session was approved. This is in addition to twenty-five thousand the legislature previously appropriated making the cost of the present session one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars.

**Income Tax Up**  
SALEM, Feb. 15.—(UN)—The Patterson income tax bill will face its big test in the senate this afternoon. Under special order today, 2:30 p. m. was set as the time for discussion and final action.

Chairman Miller of the com-

## FRANCE MAKES REPLY TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE PRESIDENT

### Carefully Avoid Refusing Suggestions Made Upon Naval Armament

#### MANY DISAPPOINTED

Interpret Message as a Refusal to President's Plan of Five Power Agreement

PARIS, Feb. 16.—(UN)—France replied today to President Coolidge's proposal for further reduction of naval armaments, avoiding definite refusal of the American suggestions, but setting forth objections that are interpreted as a polite rejection.

Foreign Minister Briand delivered the French note to the American embassy, which called it at once to Washington. The reaction among American diplomats was one of disappointment. They interpreted the tenor of the note as a refusal of President Coolidge's suggestion for a new five power naval agreement.

As a counter suggestion to the Coolidge hope for a conference between France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States limiting armament of cruisers, destroyers and submarines, France proposed that Coolidge submit his proposals to the preparatory commission of the League of Nations, which is already actively considering the phases of disarmament.

The French reply carefully restated the known French position upon disarmament—that arms limitation should be considered as applying to sea, air and land armaments as a whole. The American proposal would set aside the method adopted by the preparatory commission at Geneva to consider the potential strength of each nation as a whole, it was pointed out.

The French reply also takes a stand that all powers should have equal consideration in disarmament discussion and concludes that all nations interests in naval disarmament should be included in such a meeting of the powers. It is recalled in the note that the Rome conference

## WRIGLEY PROPOSES DISTANCE SWIM

### Offers to Bet \$25,000 That Catalina Winner Can Win Any Race

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(UN)—William Wrigley today offered to back George Young, Catalina Channel swimmer, for \$25,000 against any swimmer in the world in a long distance race.

In making the offer Wrigley said he would post the \$25,000 with the understanding that this amount would be covered so that a purse of \$50,000 would go to the winner.

The chewing gum magnate said the swim should be between 20 and 30 miles in any body of water which Young's opponent may choose.

## BASKETBALL WILL END THURSDAY

### Teams Are All Paired for First, Second and Third Positions

The city basketball league will finish their schedule tomorrow night and it will be a fight to the finish, according to officials of the teams. The first game of the evening will be played between the undefeated Battery B team and the undefeated faculty team who are tied for first place. This game will start at 7 o'clock. The second game will be played between the Hi-Y Employed boys team and the Lithians at eight o'clock, and the last game will be between the Normal Seconds and the High School Seconds at nine o'clock.

A peculiar coincidence has entered into this series. Battery B and the Faculty teams have won all games and are tied for first place. The Lithians and Hi-Y Employed teams have won no games in the series and are tied for the cellar position, while the High School seconds and the Normal Seconds have each won two games and lost two games and will fight it out for the second berth in the league standing. "No one wants to occupy the cellar position if they can help it, but we would all like to have the top position, and so it is going to be a fight to the finish to hold our present standings," said one of the players. The games will be played on the Junior High gym floor tomorrow night.

## Directors for Y Are Re-Elected

All officers for the Y. M. C. A. Board of Directors were re-elected by the members of that body at a meeting held in Pioneer hall last evening. Homer Billings was re-elected to the office of President, together with a vote of appreciation for his past efforts and services. Others re-elected were: V. O. N. Smith, Vice President, Henry C. Gale, recording secretary, H. O. Anderson, treasurer, and W. M. Foley as Chairman of the Finance committee. These officers will assume their duties as usual. The Board voted to invite the Southern Oregon District Older Boys' Conference to Ashland. This conference will be held early in April and will bring some 150 older high school boys to Ashland for a three day conference on High School problems. Optimism was prevalent in last night's meeting after listening to a report on different phases of the work here in Ashland, which was given by Secretary Walter. The work shows growth and strength in all lines, according to the report.

#### San Diego Isolated

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 16.—(UN)—San Diego was absolutely isolated from all land communication with the north tonight when both the coast and inland motor routes and the Santa Fe railway tracks were pronounced impassable.

A bridge out at Poway, and long stretches under water between Bonnell and Fallbrook obstructed the inland route, while 600 feet of pavement south of Oceanside on the coast route was washed out.

Santa Fe tracks in Sorrento valley were afloat, and the San Luis Rey river, north of Oceanside was flowing over miles of other tracks.

## FIERCE STORMS IN CALIFORNIA CAUSE DEATH AND DAMAGE

### New Storms Are Forming On Coast and Expected to Sweep Inland

#### FIFTEEN ARE KILLED

Woman Leaves Kansas to Avoid Cyclones and Has Her House Blown Away

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—(UN)—Blustery winds, accompanied by heavy rains and snows have left a trail of death and damage in California. The disturbances are moving eastward over the northwestern states, but new storms are forming off the Pacific coast and are expected to sweep inland.

A snowslide at Big Creek, 70 miles from Fresno was reported to have killed three men this afternoon, bringing the total number of deaths to fifteen. Telephone wires have been blown down in that section and Coroner J. N. Kennedy has left Fresno to investigate.

Two traffic deaths in the San Francisco bay region have been attributed to the storm, while San Diego and Los Angeles each reported an additional fatality.

A small cyclone at Watsonville swept the home of Mrs. Laura Ames from its foundations. By an odd coincidence Mrs. Ames had recently come from Kansas to escape cyclones which had wrecked her home there.

Rains were general over three far western states, with storm warnings still displayed along the coast.

A tornado was reported from Bakersfield, a tight arena, a theatre and several dwellings were unroofed.

Snow on the roof of the Truckee high school gymnasium caused the structure to collapse partially.

**Floods General**  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—(UN)—Flood conditions resultant from three days of almost continuous rainfall had reached a dangerous stage in some portions of southern California tonight.

All towns in the San Fernando valley were threatened by the overflow from the Pacoima Canyon dam. Fear that the partially constructed dam might give way was expressed in some quarters.

In Van Nuys scores of families in the west and north sections of the town were removed in boats from their flooded homes. All people were ordered out of San Dimas canyon, when flood waters reached dangerous proportions. The roadbed through the canyon was said to be impassable because of landslides.

From a normal flow of 25 cubic feet of water San Antonio canyon stream was running 250 cubic feet. Travelers were warned to keep out of the canyon.

Eleven feet of snow on the mountain range in that section was said to be melting under the constant rainfall, adding to the seriousness of the situation.

## O My! Lookit the Gang Playen' Hooky



Portland — Southern Pacific Railroad Company contemplates extending its lines from Klamath Falls to Alturas, Calif.

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