Fair in the south, the north, with showers.

Five Million Dollar Relief Fund is Requested by the Red Cross

EIGHT STATES SUFFER ituation Instead of Improving is Rapidly Growing Much

WASHINGTON, April 23 .- (LP) -President Coolidge has appealed to the country for a \$5,000,000 relief fund for Mississippi river

flood sufferers. A special Red Cross committee under the chairmanship of Secretary of Commerce Hoover, was named to direct collection and ex-

penditure of the money. The president in his proclama-

tion said: "Bight states are suffering one of the most extensive floods in the history of the country. For more than two weeks the Mississippi has been overwhelming the country, breaking through the levees raised to confine them within their courses. They have deluged millions of acres of agricultural land, inundated many towns and driven thousands of people from their homes. The crest of the flood is advancing southward, daily creating new ruin.

Situation Worse "In the past few days the situation, instead of improving, as had been hoped, has been rapidly growing worse. The flood waters have continually forced n e w breaches in the levees despite the with consequent increased destruction.

ports that, by a most conservathan 75,000 refugees from the flood who must be cared for by the Red Cross. While this emer- products, potatoes and onlons. gency continues which will be for weeks, these refugees must be fed, sheltered and clothed. Their railroads contested the order in health must be protected.

"In the event that the floods whose most primary needs must as reasonable and just. be cared for will quickly be tion is indeed grave.

Government Helps danger and carry refugees to \$1,000 for each offense. safety. The war department is providing the Red Cross with tents for housing refugees. The national guard, state and local authorities are assisting. But the thorities are assisting. But the burden of caring for the homeless rests upon the agency designated by government charter to provide relief in disaster, the American National Red Cross.

"For so great a task additional funds must be obtained immediately.

"It therefore becomes my duty as president of the American National Red Cross to direct the sympathy of our people to the sad plight of thousands of their fellow citizens and to urge that generous contribution be promptly

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED With all arrangements completed for baseball here this year it now remains for Ashland enthusiasts to complete their share of the work. The games were scheduled in Ashland, due to a promise being made to prepare and keep the grounds in excellent shape. Volunteers are asked to meet at the ball grounds south of Ashland in the marning for the purpose of clearing the dia-mond and putting it in first class shape. No mi has been set for meeting but many have expressed a desire to cooperate, and they will meet at an early hour and get the work finished within a short time.

The members of Ashland Camp No. 243, Woodmen of the World. are elated over the success of their bership drive. Lacking but wenty-two members of reaching their goal. Several committees their goal. Several committees who are hard at work are confitop" by Monday night. Thirtyone business men have taken out protection in the society, and a personal invitation will be extended to all those who have not signed up for membership.

Plans are well under way for the big class for initiation which will be held about May 12. On this date prominent members from throughout the state will be present, including Congressman W. C. Hawley, who is chairman of the board of head managers of the

Woodmen of the World. On this night they will celebrate the landing of the national convention of this society which will be held in Ashland June 28, 1928. This convention will bring to Ashland the banner crowd in the history of the state, as the Woodmen of the World is the largest fraternal benefit society in the nine western states,

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# RAILROAD COMPAN

Are Asked to Show Why They Have Not Reduced Some Freight Rates

SALEM, April 23 .-- (P)-The public service commission today efforts of hundreds of workers, cited the Southern Pacific comnany and the O. W. R. and N. "The American Red Cross re- commission at its Portland oforder providing reduced freight rates on hay, grain and grain made Friday night to the

The order of the commission was issued August 29, 1924. The courts and in a decision handed Lieut. L. R. Hewitt, U. S. A., indown by the supreme court a few rise to the predicted higher levels weeks ago, the rates established in the next few days, the number by the commission were upheld

According to members of the doubled or trebled. The situa- commission however, the carriers refugees in no immediate danger. are refusing to put the new rates. into effect, notwithstanding the "The government is giving such court decision. Penalty for vio- and thousands of persons living highway to coast. aid as lies within its power. Gov- lation of the orders of the comernment boats that are available mission, it is pointed out, is fixed grave danger, Meadows reported. are being used to rescue those in by tomorrow at a maximum of The flood is traveling southeast

News Reel Men Lose Lives While Photographing Explosion

KELSO, Wash., April 23. (IP) - Three men taking pictures of a gigantic blast on the Ocean Beach highway, 20 miles below here this afternoon were killed when a great wave caused by hundreds of tons of rock falling into the Columbia river engulfed their boat, drowning them.

The dead: T. G. Randolph, cameraman for the International News Service of Seattle.

F. H. Randolph, also employed Arthur Bassett, driver of the tor complete. Monticello hotel bus at Long-

DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Word was received this morning immediate trial, officials said.

The body will be sent to this city for jurial but the funeral St. Helens - Contract let for

of Farm Land

MANY MORE ARE DEAD

Estimated Fatalities During Last 24 Hours Run as High as Forty

ST. LOUIS, April 22.-Hunger disease and exposure added to the suffering of thousands of flood refuged in the lower Mississippi valley today. As the big Mississippi river spread out fan-like over the rich farming communities and villages of eight states between Illinois and the Gulf of Mexico, the machinery of American Red Cross was set motion to aid the 100,000 who have been rendered homeless.

The Red Cross announced it would undertake to collect \$5 .-000.000 to aid the sufferers.

Simultaneous word came from Memphis, Tenn., that approximately 8,000 square miles had pitt, U. S. A., whose alleged to been inundated, that whole towns were marooned and that many families had floated away on the dismissed from the service. roofs of their own homes when they were torn from their found- quarters, here Friday rec ations by the swirling waters.

Estimates of the dead during the last 24 hours ran as high as forty, with dozens of small towns in the flood area unable to com- dained Baptist clergyman, municate their plight to the out- haled before a courtmartlab a side world because of broken tele- charges of misconduct with graph and telephone wires.

Condition Unchanged LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 22 (IP) At least 100 square miles

of territory in seven south fice May 4, to show cause why Arkansas counties will be flooded according to an official report military department. The report was made by Major

4. W. Meadows, commanding the 154th observation squadron, and happened to be stopping: structor, who made an airplane Vancouver Barracks, Wash. survey of the situation today.

The men reported the situation between Little Rock and Pine Bluff as unchanged with scattered The Kansas river broke in

two places near Pendleton today in the threatened area are in toward McGehee and Arkansas

National guard planes stationed at McGehee and Bonticello spent Friday afternoon warning inhabitants within threatened areas. Avators report the Pendleton break will inundate fifty more square miles in south and west Arkansas before Sunday.

# CASE AGAINST ACTOR THOUGHT COMPLETE

State Will Ask for an Immediate Trial of "Bare Knuckle" Slayer

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—(LP) -While counsel for Paul Kelly, screen juvenile and alleged "bare knuckle" slayer, was attempting to round up defense witnesses the district attorney's office anas a cameraman by the I. N. S. nounced its case against the ac-

When Kelly is arraigned Monview, Wash., and an amateur day on an indictment charging the first degree murder of Ray Raymond, musical comedy, star and husband of the woman Kelly loved, the state will ask for an

by Dodge and Sons Under- "The case against Kelly so far taking parlors that Mr. A. W. as the state is concerned is com-Harper, formerly a resident of plete," Deputy District Attorney Ashland, had passed away Thurs- Eagan said. "We will ask that day night at his home in San the case so to trial within the next three weeks."

> nts have not been com- new \$32,000 Knights of Pythias hall.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 2 LP) Ralph Perry and

forton, 18 year old cousin St. Louis, Mo., who confessed the murder of Allen H.

The two youthe have after celved 70 year sentences on so

A plea of guilty was entered er the protect of James R. Pa prosecutor, who demanded. It stand trial before a jury where hoped to obtain the death panel Young Perry and Norton returned here from Los Ang Cal., last week, where they I after the crime.

Alleged Lieve Affairs We Subjects of Two Militar Investigations

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22. (LP) Chaplain Orville I. Ole affairs were the subject of the military investigations, has been

The ninth corps area he word from Washington that I young captain had been rele "for the good of the service" The chaplain, a regularly

cille Swallow, who said that she knew Clampitt while he was st Leavenworth, Kas., and who dared he had given her b for all illegal operation.

charges, but later became the filed, ten applicants from various charges, but later became the sections of Southern Oregon preafter it was discovered that he sented themselves at the designathad registered under an abunded of place of examination this morn-name at a Santa Crus kotel, ing, the Junior high school, and where a comely roung San Fran-are taking the prescribed test,

Cushman - New camping plants

oing rushed to completion for this year's use.

Willamina - Contract let for Portland - Southern Pacific building Salmon river cut-off buys 18 acres in Eastmoreland, Th bulk of the estate is bequeath-

## Ashland Electric In New Show Room The Ashland Electric Company

have moved their complete stock of electrical goods into the fine new room in the Hersey Building, and with workman rapidly completing the installation of fixtures, will soon have one of the finest electrical stores Southern Oregon.

The new place is open for business now and by the first of the Briggs Auto Company Comweek Manager Billy Sams, expects to have every thing in place and be ready to welcome old customers as well as new.

# CHANGE MAY BE MADE

Board of Directors and R W. Price Working on Settlement Plan

Due to the fact that Medford papers last night carried a story of a possible change in the management of the Lifnia Springs Hotel. V. O. N. Smith chairman of the board of the hotel, today in an interview stated that some few days ago, R. W. Price, present lessee had expressed a desire to be relieved of his lease. That the board had been working out details of a plan to comply with his wishes and that at this time they were not in a position to make a definite statement as to there future plans. Mr. Smith further stated that insofar as he knew the settlement would be worked out on a friendly and satisfactory basis.

## TEN SEEK MAIL SERVICE

An examination is being con-

ducted in Ashland today by the local U. S. Civil Service Examining Board, of applicants for amployment in the railway mall vice. Of twelve , applications. cisco matron of his acquaintance under the direction of Clark E. H. Weren of the Ashland postoffice, Champitt is now stationed at a member of the local examining ancouver Barracks, Wash. board. Those who successfully pass the tests will be placed on the eligible list for employment in postoffice department.

pletely Destroyed When

MANY ARE INJURED

Possibility of Hundreds of Bodie Being Found in the Ruins

pany was practically destroyed portion of the plant was ruined. former lover without the neces-

Twenty seven men were taken sity of cross examination could in the presentation of argument. to hospitals, one dieing during not be confirmed. the noon hour. Seven more were thought to be fatally injured. A number of the workmen may have been trapped in the fire as there were more than two Judd Gray was a fine fellow and the winning team, upheld the negthousand at work when the ax- an upright citizen. Many others ative and Jessie Winchell and plosion occurred. It is believed are anxious to testify that the John Dodds, Eugene debaters; possible that hundreds of bodies blonde, Mrs. Snyder, was with- took the affirmative. Including will be found in the ruins,

charged the jurors not to discomplete reports to President John H. French of sthe Brigg selves, and adjourned court uncompany indicated that no worktil Monday when the Snyderers had been trapped in the au-Gray trial will get under way tomobile body plant which was after a whole week at anchor to partially destroyed by fire.

dollars.

## OLD RESIDENT REMEMBERED

NEW YORK, April 22 .-- (UP)-Sophie Garfunkle refused to close the windows for her father when he was ill in bed six years ago, so Kiwanis Club noon day luncheon his will cut her off from his es tate with a \$50 legacy.

The will of Isador Garfunkle, disposing of his \$10,000 estate cites the window episode as his daughter's first offense, and also tells of her refusal to prepare a cup of coffee for her father one day when he felt he needed it. ed to Garfunkle's widow.

twelve middle aged, middle class citizens, twelve distinguished by nothing you could concentrate death for Mrs. Ruth Brown Sny-Blaze Starts der and Henry Judd Gray.

45, art editor of Motor Boat-

Three hundred and eighty eight

Easier to confirm was the de-

fense plan in regard to the char-

actor of the divided defendants.

Many witnesses will swear that

ont a pecr as a wife, mother and

cuss the case, even among them-

Regular Weekly

The French, Jews, Irish and

English, played a part in the

held yesterday in the Lithia

accompanied on the piano by

Mary Galey. Floy Young de-

Rose Festival at Portland. .

CITY MUCH TROUBLE

Officials of Kansas City

Are Called Upon to Aid in Fight

white ants, otherwise known as

termites had invaded many homes

here, city health officials have

been bombarded for the past 24

hours by calls for help from hys-

terical housewives who fancy

their homes overrun by the in-

Investigations by health au-

thorities has disclosed the fact

that white ants have appeared in

a number of homes where they

have proceeded to honeycomb

window ledges, joints, timbers

Spie and span dwellings are

particularly favored by the in-

Because of "ant hysteria," au-

thorities have been unable to

letermine the exact extent of the

white ant menace. The pests are

believed to have migrated here

from Julian, Neb., where they

St. Helens-6,000,000 feet of

umber shipped out in one week.

appeared several weeks ago.

sects in their depredations.

and floors.

WHITE ANTS CAUSE

model of suburban virtues.

cross questioning and even of

threatening to obtain the jury to weigh the strange and gruesome murder of Albert Snyder,

DETROIT, April 23. - (LP) ing. The five million dollar automobile plant of the Briggs Comwere examined before the jury was completed. by fire following an explosion today, which may have taken at A rumor that Mrs. Snyder has number of lives. At noon the volunteered es a state's witness, flames were still running one ready in this manner to testify exhibited a high class of debate hundred feet high and the major to Cx the crime solidly on her

DETROIT, April 23.-Fairly

an unfilled fery box. The reports said that 170 men. who were working in the shop where the explosion occurred, KIWANS CLUB HAS where the explosion occurred, The property loss is estimated at around two and a half million

## Joke Contest is Staged at

## DOUBLE MUNDEN TRIPL Week of Laborous Work Results in Jury of Twelve Men NEW YORK, April 23. - (LP) Twelve stout, solid men,

your attention upon, are ready Local Debaters Defeat Eu-to consider the matter of life or gene Last Night by a Vote of 3 to 0

It took a week of laborious TO MEET McLOUGHLIN

Champions of North Will Now Debate Locals in Elimination Contest

By winning a three to nothing decision from the Eugene High talermen. a dozen at a time School debate team last night in the local high school assembly, the Ashland High School debaters became the champions of the Southern Oregon district. Both teams that pleased the audience but the local team outclassed the visitors

The question debated last night was resolved, that a severance tax should be made a feature of the system of taxation in Oregona Dena and Dick Joy, who composed the debate of last night Eugene has won 16 judge's votes out of a Justice Scudder solemnly possible 21 and Ashland now had won 20 out of a possible 24. Harold W. Allison is coach of the local debaters and Frank Palmer. head of history department and debate coach; Miss Mae Kinsey, head of the English department; Jessie Winchell and John Dodds. the debaters and Wallace Campbell, debate manager, composed

the Eugene delegation. Ashland high will meet the champions of the Northern Oregon district Friday, May 6, in the final debate for Western Oregon honors. The winning team will School team from Milton-Freewa-ter, which has won the Eastern Oregon championship, at the University of Oregon on May 20.

V. O. N. Smith of the local citizens Bank acted as chairman and Walter Redford, geography in-Springs hotel when a joke tellstructor at the Ashland Normal: ing contest was staged. Profes-B. H. Conkle, principal of the sor I. E. Vining gave a brief Medford high school and T. H. talk on his proposed eastern trip, Temple, pastor of the Medford and the club was entertained by Methodist church, were the two vocal solos by Eunice Hagar, judges. A debate team is rarely compos-

ed of as interesting a personal as lighted the club with a violin is the local team. Dens and Dick Joy are not only brother and sis-President Wirt Wright apter but are twins as well. Their pointed H. L. Claycomb, Dr. brother, Barnard Joy, was a R. L. Burdic and C. J. Read on member of the local high school a committee to cooperate with team which won the state chamthe Chamber of Commerce in the pionship two years ago. He is preparation of a float for the now debating for the Rooks of the Oregon Agricultural College. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Joy, were instructors in the old Southern Oregon Normal school, Mrs. Joy being critic teacher.

Woodburn - Sixty men work; ing on new Ray-Brown cannery.

Oiling Oregon Trail, Heppner unction to La Grande, will take KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 23. - (P) - Following the discovery yesterday that myriads of



## The Whole Darn Family is Full Again

