

It is Planting Time for Trees and Shrubs and Soon it Will be Time to put in Vegetable Seeds and Flowers

City News

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Local rains in west and rain or snow in east portion tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy; moderate variable winds. Temperature today, minimum 35 degrees. Maximum Sunday, 50. Precipitation today, .29 of an inch. Stage of river, 3.2 feet. Direction of wind, southwest.

Snowstorm Reported

Residents of Eugene were surprised this morning when they awoke to see Spencer butte covered with snow. Although the minimum temperature recorded in Eugene was only 35 degrees above zero, mountain regions around the city experienced a light snowfall during the night. In the Cascade mountains the snow has been heavy and prolonged in some sections. Motor visitors to McKenzie bridge yesterday reported a fall of snow, so heavy in some places that they could see only a few feet ahead in their automobiles. The snow was of great heavy water content, however, and melted soon after it struck the ground. The white cap to Spencer butte disappeared before noon today.

Soldier is Retired

Having completed 30 years in Uncle Sam's service, Sergeant George A. Westover, in the quartermaster corps of the army, and stationed in the Philippine Islands, visited in Eugene today in the local recruiting office on his way to Seattle, Wash. Upon his arrival in Seattle the soldier will be retired as master sergeant, and will receive \$133 a month for the rest of his life. Sergeant Westover expects to stop in Portland in the Railway Exchange building and visit Colonel C. F. Andrews and Captain Neal R. Simms, officers of the recruiting service in that city. Sergeant Westover was a sergeant under command of Colonel Andrews several years ago. He is traveling by automobile from San Francisco to Seattle.

Masters Lecture Canceled

Edgar Lee Masters, American poet, who was to have given a lecture in the Woman's building this evening, is ill in San Francisco, and word was received this morning that his appearance in Eugene had been indefinitely postponed. The lecture was being sponsored by the University of Oregon, and the chairman of the committee arranged for the Masters lecture announced today that later other interesting lectures would likely appear, but that it is not definitely known if Mr. Masters will be able to come in Eugene.

Bonus Aid Given

Application blanks for the soldiers' bonus are available at the United States Army recruiting office situated in the postoffice building, it is announced by the officer in charge, Veterans of the war are aided in filling out the blanks, and the office has equipment for taking the finger prints required by the law. In addition to taking enlistments for army service for the west and coast states, Panama, Hawaii, China and Philippines, the office also takes enrollments for the Citizens' Military Training camps.

State President Here

Mrs. Gertrude Perkins, of Portland, state president of the Parent-Teacher association will be in Eugene Tuesday on an official visitation to the local branches of the association. A general meeting has been called to be held in the ladies' parlor of the chamber of commerce at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. All officers and members of the various school circles of the Eugene Parent-Teacher association are urged to be present. Mrs. Perkins is to give an address but her subject has not yet been learned.

Opera Singer Noted

Eleonora Easton, prima donna soprano, who sings tomorrow night at the Methodist church auditorium, gave a convincing demonstration of her ability on the Metropolitan opera stage when, at less than a day's notice, she stepped in to fill the role of Norma in "L'Amo del re" made famous by the sickness of Claudio Manno. It is said on reliable authority that Miss Easton learned this role in 10 hours—a remarkable feat of memory and musicianship, for not

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LEADER
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by those
WHO USE
THE **WANT-AD** COLUMN
for a
MARKET PLACE

GEM BANDITS ESCAPE

Amortization Losses Charged

INVESTIGATORS FILE EVIDENCE WITH SENATE

Millions of Dollars in Taxes Involved in Losses, is Charge as Made

Steel and Aluminum Companies Involved; Hundreds of Others Cited

WASHINGTON, March 9.—A charge that the international revenue bureau tried to "discipline" him through assessment for additional taxes because of revelations made in the senate tax investigation was made today in the senate by Senator Coughlin, republican, Michigan.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—Evidence designed to show that the federal government has lost millions of dollars in taxes through war amortization allowances to the United States Steel corporation, the Aluminum Company of America and hundreds of other companies, is contained in official transcripts of hearings filed with the senate by the Warren investigating committee.

Counsel and engineers for the committee contended that an amortization allowance of \$55,000,312 to the United States Steel corporation, was \$27,926,014 in excess of what it should have been and that there was involved a difference of tax of \$23,478,518. This case has not been closed, however.

Over-Allowance Shown
An over-allowance of at least \$6,500,000 to the Aluminum Company of America on the amortization total of \$15,589,014 was alleged by counsel and the engineers.

A loss of some \$50,000,000 in taxes from the various copper companies also was alleged because of the failure of the treasury department to extend to years 1917 and 1918 a system of re-evaluation ordered recently by Secretary Mellon.

L. C. Manson, counsel for the committee said with reference to the Steel Corporation case that there was

HEAD FOR SCHOOLS WILL BE SELECTED

Election of a new superintendent for the Eugene school district will probably take place at the meeting of the board this evening. No official announcement has as yet been made as to the selection but it is understood that agreement has been made that David John Jones, principal of the high school, will be the choice of the board and that the vacancy as head of the high school will be filled by the election of P. E. Christensen, now head of the department of history at E. H. S. This plan which has been under discussion for some time will, according to present indications, be ratified by the board.

Painter is Found Dead at his Home

N. R. Adelhart, 1145 1/2 Eleventh avenue west, was found dead at his home this morning. Death was apparently from heart disease.

Mr. Adelhart was a local painter, and is survived by a widow, Mrs. N. R. Adelhart, who is to arrive this evening to make arrangements for the funeral. The body is at the Branstetter chapel, from which an announcement will be made later.

Mrs. Pierce Dies



Mrs. Walter M. Pierce.

MRS. PIERCE DIES AT HER HOME AT AGE OF 54 YEARS

SALEM, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, wife of Governor Pierce, died at the family home here Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m. after an illness of more than two years. She was 54 years old.

Mrs. Pierce's death had been expected many times since the inauguration of Gov. Pierce in Jan., 1923, and her attendance at the inaugural ceremonies was the only appearance she has ever been able to make to the state house since her husband has occupied the executive chair.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church of this city, with Rev. Ward Willis Long officiating. Interment will be in City View cemetery.

Laura M. Pierce was born in what

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ROAD BEAUTIFYING PROGRAM IS URGED

A plea for citizens to aid in the campaign to prevent the destruction of roadway flowers and shrubbery, and to aid in the replanting of places already despoiled was sounded at today's meeting of the Kiwanis club by Professor A. H. Sweetser, head of the botany department, University of Oregon.

Professor Sweetser, who is a member of the state committee empowered to work a systematic plan for the beautifying of Oregon highways, declared a campaign of education among citizens of the state was first necessary before any constructive program could be put across.

Miss Margaret Hyatt gave a soprano solo, accompanied by Miss Esther Church. Next week's program committee, as announced, will be composed of Dean Walker, Darwin Yoran and Jerry Sheppard. The pep committee will include Fred Chambers, C. L. Collins and Alec Cockerlin.

4-Year-old boy is Dead From Accident

Lloyd J. Johnson, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan J. Johnson, of Trent, died in the Eugene hospital yesterday as the result of an accident at his home Saturday afternoon.

Playing with a pitchfork, the little boy fell upon the implement in such a way that a prong pierced his skull. He was brought to the hospital immediately, where physicians made a hard fight to save his life, but death came at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The funeral will be held at Pleasant Hill Tuesday, and interment will be in the Pleasant Hill cemetery at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. Ross Guiles will be in charge of the services, and Vench chapel in charge of arrangements.

NEUNER STEPS IN AS STATE'S NEW ATTORNEY

Roseburg Man Succeeds Mr. Coke of Marshfield in His Office

Mr. Neuner Promises to be Considerate and Courteous in Duty

PORTLAND, Ore., March 9.—Geo. Neuner of Roseburg, today became United States district attorney for Oregon, succeeding John S. Coke, formerly of Marshfield, who resigned to enter private law practice in Portland. The ceremony of swearing in the new official was witnessed by a crowd of attorneys and others.

After paying a tribute to Judge Coke, Judge Wolverson asked District Attorney Neuner if he had anything to say.

Praises Judge Coke.
"It would be presumptuous upon my part to say anything about this office and its duties," said the former district attorney of Douglas county, and the man who brought Dr. Richard Brumfield to the bar of justice. "I am mindful of the duties connected with this office and I feel my inability to carry out the work as ably as Judge Coke has done. But I hope to have the strength to carry on with all the power and earnestness that should go with the office."

"Judge Coke did his duty well and I will do all in my power to be as considerate and courteous as he was."

"I assure the court that I will discharge the duties of this office earnestly and conscientiously, and I will ever be faithful to my oath of office."

Judge Wolverson Speaks.
Judge Wolverson then congratulated the new official.

"I feel the court will not regret that you have been placed in the high position you now occupy," Judge Wolverson declared. "The duties are hard and very numerous."

But I am sure you will do the tasks dutifully and that the interests of justice will be faithfully carried out in your hands."

Just after the oath had been administered and the newspaper photographers had put over their last barrage, Judge Wolverson called upon the retiring official for a few remarks.

Senator Stanfield Named Chairman of Lands Committee

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—With most of the democrats voting present, the senate today elected Senator Stanfield, republican, Oregon, a chairman of the committee of public lands and surveys in place of Senator Ladd of North Dakota, who was retired from the republican party.

The vote was Stanfield 36; Ladd 13; Jones, New Mexico, democrat, present 27.

Two democrats, Copeland, New York, and Wheeler, Montana, voted for Ladd, while one democrat, Bruce Maryland, voted for Stanfield.

PLEBISCITE ORDERED
WASHINGTON, March 9.—A plebiscite to determine the question of sovereignty over Tacoma-Artes was ordered in an award handed down today by President Coolidge in the controversy over the territory between Chile and Peru.

OFFICIALS FOR BOND ELECTION ARE ASSIGNED

Polling Places Listed in Four Wards of Eugene; Nine Bond Issues Up

Date for Balloting Will be May 15; Proposed Bonds Total \$697,000

Polling places, judges and clerks for the city election to be held in Eugene May 15 to vote on \$697,000 in bond issues, were announced by Judge George A. Gilmore, city recorder today. The issues to be voted upon, are as follows:

\$50,000, sewer reconstruction.
\$25,000, purchase of new fire apparatus.
\$20,000, street intersections.
\$375,000, new pipe line and water supply from McKenzie.
\$135,000, water reservoir and feeder mains.
\$10,000, enlarging fire hall.
\$30,000, street intersections.
\$25,000, municipal incinerator.
\$9,000, paving one-half of University street and Eighteenth avenue.

Polling Places Fixed.
The following polling places and officials are named:

First ward, public library—Martin Scarverud, 1807 Fairmount boulevard, chairman; George Melvin Miller, judge 1775 Fairmount boulevard; F. S. Snodgrass, 1522 Orchard street; Mrs. John T. Shilons, 1506 Orchard street; Mrs. J. W. McArthur, Garden street.

Second ward, the armory—Al. D. Mitchell, chairman, 659 Pearl street; A. H. Hinkson, judge, 272 Seventh avenue east; Mrs. A. H. Hinkson, 272 Seventh avenue east; Mrs. C. R. Loomis, 272 Seventh avenue east; Mrs. E. V. Callaway, 356 Eighth avenue east.

Third ward, Hampton building, Sixth avenue and Willamette street—

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FOUR ARRESTED ON GAME LAW CHARGE

Fines totaling \$400 were passed out today by Judge Harold J. Wells to four men arrested Sunday charged with killing two haw in the lower Wolf creek district. The four are Allick Lilla, Avery Heison, Fred Gregory and Ira Boies, Lilla and Heison paid their \$100 at once and the others late this afternoon had not yet paid. The men are residents of the Crow-Noti district.

The fawns were about nine months old, according to Rodney Roach, deputy state game warden, who with two other deputies made the arrests. This is the second case of the killing of fawns since the close of the deer season and the game warden states that action against these violators of the game laws will be drastic.

B. F. Jones, Pioneer Drainage District Assessment Made

Reports of the commissioners on the damage assessments and benefits the J. D. Cox drainage district have been filed by the county court after several of damages amounting to \$20 and benefit assessments of \$5.

This is the first drainage district to be organized in Lane county. It was formed last August to provide means of draining an area adjacent to the Long Tom near Junction City by cutting a ditch across a basin in the slough. More than 30 property owners are included in the district organization.

Fight on "Baby Bride" Laws is Opened



Above is sketch of Marie Zello, and below (inset) is George A. Hall.

667,000 Children Wedded In America; 14 of States Allow Girls of 12 to Marry

NEW YORK, March 9.—More than two-thirds of a million persons living in the United States today have been child brides who were less than 16 years of age when they married or have been married to brides under that age; the great majority of these, contrary to popular belief, are native white of native parentage. These are a few of the many startling facts revealed in an extended study of child marriages, a preliminary report on which was made here by the Russell Sage foundation.

This situation is due in large measure to two causes, says the report: The fact that many states require no better evidence of age than the affidavit of one of the candidates for a marriage license and that the legal minimum marriageable age is still only 12 years for girls and 14 years for boys in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Louisiana, Virginia, Florida, Maryland, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Colorado, Idaho, Maine and Mississippi.

By ALEXANDER HERMAN (SEA Service Writer)
NEW YORK, March 9.—Twelve-

Thousand Turned Away From Game

SALEM, Ore., March 9.—More than a thousand people had been refused tickets to tonight's Oregon-O. A. C. basketball clash by 11 o'clock today. The Willamette gymnasium, where the game is to be played, has a capacity of 1500.

The game is the final one of the three game series between the two schools to decide the championship of the northern section of the Pacific coast conference.

The University of Oregon squad composed of 14 men and Billy Reinhardt, coach, arrived in Salem at noon today. The O. A. C. squad was expected to arrive early this afternoon.

THEFT ACT VALID
WASHINGTON, March 9.—The national motor vehicle theft act was declared valid and constitutional today by the supreme court. The court also held that in seeking convictions under the act it was not necessary to prove that the person prosecuted knew he had come into the possession of stolen motor car.

HOME EDITION

RINGS BITTEN FROM FINGERS BY HOLD-UPS

Woman Beaten When She Refuses to Reveal Where Her Jewels Are

Door to Apartment Chopped Down to Provide Entrance for Robbers

NEW YORK, March 9.—(AP)—Three masked men broke into the studio apartment of Mrs. Fay Perkins in West 58th street early today and escaped with jewelry valued at \$50,000 after beating Mrs. Perkins and blinding and gagging her escort, Milton Abbott, wealthy cotton broker.

The robbers chopped down the doors of the apartment in making their entrance. They are believed by the police to have been members of the same gang that robbed the apartments of several women well known on Broadway, including Louise Lawson and Dorothy Kenan, who were murdered.

Beaten With Guns
After choking Mrs. Perkins and biting rings from her fingers, and taking bracelets and necklaces from her, the robbers beat her with revolver butts until she revealed the location of all her jewelry.

Mrs. Perkins was a frequenter of Broadway cabarets, as were the victims in the other apartment robberies. She is separated from her husband, Benjamin Perkins, who is the wealthy proprietor of a cafe.

Torture Threatened
The bandits prepared to torture Mrs. Perkins by fire when she refused to tell where the jewelry was hidden, she told the police. One robber struck a match and then a confederate knocked her to the floor with a kick. All three then went to a dressing table and emptied a jewel casket.

The robbers then placed a pillow over Mrs. Perkins' face and escaped. The woman's clothing was torn to shreds and her face and head were covered with blood when police arrived.

SAFE IS CRACKED
SEATTLE, Wash., March 9.—Jewelry valued at more than \$8,000 was stolen by burglars who last night cracked the safe in the office of the Black Manufacturing company in this

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EUGENE CHURCH IS DEDICATED SUNDAY

Dedication of Eugene's new \$40,000 Congregational church at Thirteenth avenue and Ferry streets, took place Sunday at three services in the new building. The building was packed for all meetings, and it is estimated that more than 1500 visitors inspected the church during the day.

Tomorrow afternoon all Eugene friends of the church are invited to the open house from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and for the reception for Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Clark from 8 to 10:29 o'clock in the evening.

New Membership Added.
At yesterday morning's service 75 new members were received into the church, and baptismal services were held. A solo by Miss Lora Teschner and vocal solo by Miss Gertrude Porter, Portland, were music features and Rev. Fred J. Clark spoke on "The Obedience of the Heart."

Recollections of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Condon, founders of the church in the 80's, and for whom Condon chapel is dedicated, were interesting features of short talks at the afternoon assembly. A. E. Wheeler, one of the charter members of the church with Dr. Condon, told of the church's early history and of events leading up to the Whitman massacre, which brought Dr. Condon to Eugene.

Professor F. S. Dunn recalled Dr.

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