

City News

THE WEATHER
Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably rain in the west portion; cooler in east portion tonight; moderate southeast winds. Temperature today, Minimum, 36 degrees. Maximum Tuesday, 51. Precipitation today, .09 of an inch. Stage of river, 3 feet. Direction of wind, southeast.

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COVELL IS SENTENCED

Dodge Motor Company Sold

SYNDICATE IS SAID TO TAKE OVER CONCERN
Salem, Ore., April 1.—The Dodge Brothers automobile company has been sold to a syndicate headed by the banking firm of Dillon, Read and company of New York, it is prominently published here today as one of the most important financial transactions in the history of the automobile industry.

Cop Gives His Star to Maid; Both Vanish
Klamath Falls, Ore., April 1.—R. E. Knowles, county traffic cop, was wearing a new star in his morning. Knowles went to a dance, and succumbed to the plea of a fair feminine partner when she asked him to pin the star on her for the evening.

HARBORS FUND FOR STATE IS GIVEN BOOST
The new allotments included: Coquille river \$10,000. Coos Bay \$750,000. Coos river \$3,000. Columbia river and tributaries above Celilo Falls and mouth of Snake river, Oregon and Washington, \$4,000. Snake river, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, \$14,000. Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Ore., \$688,000. Clatskanie river \$7,200. Willamette river, above Portland and Yamhill river \$17,400.

LEAGUE IS AIM FOR REPUBLICS OF AMERICAS
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HERE'S PICTURE FOR APRIL 1



Ralph Graves, motion picture comedian with Mack Sennett, loves modern American journalism. But while he seems much in earnest and all that, still it seems to us that there's something wrong with the picture. Turn to page 2.

CRIPPLE WILL HANG MAY 22 FOR MURDER

L. W. Pearce Sentenced to Death on Same Date For Slaying

Covell Declares Alton Covell Is Innocent of Taking Part

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 1.—Arthur Covell, crippled astrologer, convicted of first degree murder for the death of Mrs. Ebba Covell, his sister-in-law, at Bandon in 1923, was today sentenced by Judge J. C. Kendall, at Coquille, to hang on May 22. L. W. Pearce, convicted of the murder of James Culver, in 1922, was sentenced at the same time to die on the same date. Both were brought from the state penitentiary at Salem to hear the sentence. Both indicated they would appeal to the governor for clemency. Both have lost appeals to the supreme court.

Covell Speaks
Covell made a statement before hearing his sentence, declaring that his nephew, Alton Covell, who is serving a life sentence for the execution of the murder, which the state charged was planned by Arthur Covell, was innocent. The astrologer said the boy took the blame to clear the name of his father who was arrested after the murder, adding that the boy felt it was his duty to do so. He declared that the confessions made by Alton and himself were untrue, and that both were innocent of the crime as charged.

Sale Said to Have Involved Approximately \$100,000,000 in Cash

Consummation of Financial Battle, Declares New York Report

NEW YORK, April 1.—News that the Dodge Brothers Automobile company of Detroit has been acquired by a syndicate headed by the banking firm of Dillon, Read and company of New York, is prominently published here today as one of the most important financial transactions in the history of the automobile industry. The sale is said to have involved more than \$100,000,000, practically in cash. Representatives of the banking firm declined either to affirm or deny the sale and Clarence Dillon declared, that, while final negotiations had not been completed, some announcement relative to the deal would be made within a day or two.

Rock Crusher Moved—
In preparation for the starting of work at the Thorne gravel pit on the London Springs route the big county rock crusher which has been in operation near Vida on the McKenzie highway is being moved to the new site. It will probably be two to three weeks before the crusher starts operations. The Thorne pit, according to members of the county court, it was planned to bring the crusher to the barn here but as this would entail an unnecessary trip it was decided to move the equipment direct to the new scene of operations.

Oratorio Dates Set—
Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16 have been selected as the dates for the presentation of "Creation" at the Eugene Oratorio society, according to announcement of George H. McMoran, president. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening until the concert and as there are only a few more periods for this a request has been made to all members to attend all the rehearsals. Mr. McMoran states. The presentation will be held at the auditorium of the Methodist church.

HENRIETTA KING, RANCHER, IS DEAD

KINGSVILLE, Tex., April 1.—Mrs. Henrietta King, 93 years old, virtually unknown to the outside world and yet possessing the world's largest ranch and rated as one of the country's wealthiest women, died last night.

Proprietor of a ranch bordering the Gulf of Mexico for 100 miles and comprising 1,280,000 acres, which came to her at the death of her husband, Captain Richard King, pioneer Texas cattle man, Mrs. King's fortune rose to an enormous figure through the advance of land values from a few cents to many dollars an acre. Her herd virtually were countless, more than 100,000 calves being branded each season.

Coming to the ranch as a bride, Mrs. King's first home was a block-house, due to the constant menace of Indians and bandits. Her last home was of concrete and marble and was described as the most scrumptious farm home in America. Kingsville, a town of 4770 is in the center of the vast estate and is largely supported by the industries of the ranch.

Thomas Woodlock Takes up Duties As Commissioner

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Thomas F. Woodlock, who was given a recess appointment to the interstate commerce commission by President Coolidge took the oath of office today. The senate failed to act upon Mr. Woodlock's nomination at both the last regular and special sessions, but under his appointment he can serve until the end of the next regular session of congress.

RANGERS DISCUSS FIRE SUPPRESSION AT FINAL SESSION

Further discussion of methods of suppressing forest fires occupied the attention of employes attending the rangers' conference today. The emergency measure of indirect method of fighting fires, when it is impossible to check it by any other method, was brought out by W. P. Osborne of Portland, fire chief. This method consists in starting from 100 yards to a quarter of a mile from the fire and backfiring the intervening strip.

More active discussion on the part of the rangers took place today than at any other time during the session. Chief arguments centered around the location of the indirect method of attacking the fires. Which the fire is sweeping up the ridge there are three locations for the line: on the summit, in the saddle or near side. It was the consensus of opinion that the side nearest the fire would be the best place, as it would leave the other two areas free.

The parallel method, where a trench is dug from six to 50 feet ahead of the flames, was also discussed. The morning session closed with a discussion of fires on a bench line, and it was generally agreed that the line should be on the break of the slope. This afternoon the "sawamping out" process—the cutting out of brush for establish the line, will be considered. Cutting of logs and backfiring will also be discussed.

California to use Convicts on State Game Farms, Report

The new state pheasant farm at Polson, Cal., will be modeled after the game farm at Eugene announces Gene Simpson, state game farm superintendent. Convict labor will be used by the California game commission, and Mr. Simpson expects to make a trip in the next few days to help the contractors get started on the construction work.

La Grande Officers After boy Thieves

Two boy thieves, each 15 years old, are on their way to Eugene, and may stay in the city tonight, according to a telegram received today by W. G. Judkins, chief of police from Jessa Breeshars, sheriff at La Grande. The boys broke jail, the telegram stated, and made away in a stolen touring car of ancient Frank in vintage. The miscreants' names are Joe Busch and James Ferris. Each is 5 feet 5 inches in height and weighs 130 pounds. Busch wears overalls and light brown coat, wool shirt, and stocking cap. Ferris is described as being light complexioned, wearing overalls, blue shirt and cap. Filling station operators and others are asked to keep watch for the boys, says Chief Judkins.

COOS BAY AND RIVER AND COQUILLE RIVER EACH GAIN ADDED ALLOTMENT

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Additional river and harbor allotments announced today by the war department bring the total of such allotments for the current year up to \$30,688,510 or more than three-fourths of the lump sum of \$40,000,000 appropriated by congress.

POWER COMPANY REPORTS FILED

SALEM, Ore., April 1.—The operating income of the Portland Electric Power company for 1924, according to the annual statement filed with the house service commission was \$3,370,440.53, an increase of \$156,458.02 over last year. Operating revenues were \$10,555,204.12, an increase of \$96,990.15 over the previous year, and operating expenses were \$8,125,191.21, an increase of \$60,557.51.

The report of the Puget Sound Power and Light company, shows the following statistics: Operating revenue, \$8,509,206.01, an increase of \$1,054,206.27; operating expenses \$3,887,951.74, an increase of \$1,015,183.18; taxes assignable to operations, \$749,477.98, an increase of \$165,398.07; uncollectible operating revenue, \$31,544.75, an increase of \$11,072.53; operating income, \$5,364,625.15, an increase of \$922,644.50.

Revenue Increases For County Noted

Steady increases in the business at the office of the Lane county clerk are noted in the reports on income for the past month compiled today by R. S. Bryson, county clerk. The total return of the office for the month, including all sources of revenue, is \$1072.45. This is an increase of approximately 50 per cent in the income at the office during the past five years. The following are the income reports for the months of March covering the past six years: 1924, \$1,442.15; 1923, \$1344.90; 1922, \$1280.12; 1921, \$1222.55; 1920, \$1194.82; 1919, \$1160.12.

SERIES OF THIRTY DRAFT CONVENTIONS PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION

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The million dollars have vanished now admittedly into the coffers of the gambling resorts, which dot sections of continental Europe. "But I still have plenty," Wood told newspaper men upon arriving yesterday from Spain aboard the shipping board steamship West Chetae.

CONTRABAND BOOZE POURED INTO SINK

Fifteen bottles of high-powered whiskey, ranging in quality from alleged "Scotch" to hair tonic and denatured alcohol were poured into the sink in the corridor of the city hall today, by W. G. Judkins, chief of police, and John Macey, captain.

MISS GISH WORE RING, SAYS DUELL

NEW YORK, April 1.—Lillian Gish wore Charles H. Duell's ring when "officially" engaged to him as well as when the engagement became "official," Duell has testified. He is suing the actress to enforce a contract whereby she was to make pictures for his company.

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RAIL DEVELOPMENT OF OREGON IS TOLD

Rail development in Oregon especially the extensive increase in the truckage of the Southern Pacific including the Eugene-Klamath Falls cut-off was the subject of a talk today at the noon meeting of the Lions club by T. O. Russell, construction engineer with the Minarets and Western railroad with headquarters at Fresno, Cal. Mr. Russell who makes his home here was one of the engineers on the Southern Pacific construction of the Coos Bay line. The Lions club will hold a business meeting next Wednesday noon.

SHEPHERD FILES NEW AFFIDAVITS

CHICAGO, April 1.—New affidavits charging that William D. Shepherd, under indictment charged with murder, was the victim of framed testimony were taken to the criminal court today by Shepherd's counsel.

LOCAL PEOPLE PLAN TO WITNESS REVIEW OF TWO U. S. FLEETS

Several Eugene people are planning to view the great peace-time mobilization of the combined United States fleets, with 31,000 officers and men, at San Francisco harbor Sunday, April 5, announces J. L. Graham, district freight and passenger agent.

CHAMBER OFFICIAL COMING TO EUGENE

Paul Clagstone, manager of the western division of the United States chamber of commerce, will be a Eugene visitor Wednesday, May 6, according to announcement at the offices of the local chamber today. The regular weekly luncheon of the chamber will be held on that date instead of Thursday as it is not feasible for a change of itinerary for the visitor to be here the following day, is the announcement. The weekly luncheon of the Lions club that week will not be held as the club members have been invited to meet at the chamber luncheon.

Case Reviewed

Mrs. Ebba Covell, sister-in-law of Arthur Covell, was the wife of Dr. Covell, brother of the slayer. At the time the body was put in the coffin, and the lid screwed down, the body was normal in color. Just before burial, however, a woman asked that the lid be raised so that she might put in a little keepsake. The lid was raised, and the face of the dead woman was observed to have a discoloration resembling a huge birthmark.

Sister Tells Story

It was a younger sister of Alton Covell who finally told the whole story of the murder. The crippled astrologer had planned the murder for three months. His motive was a slight grudge against Mrs. Covell. He led the boy into it. Eventually the boy walked up behind Mrs. Covell as she worked, placed an ammonia-soaked rag over her mouth, and held her until she strangled from the fumes.

Warning to Drivers Issued by Officer

A final warning to automobile drivers in Eugene whose auto licenses are concealed by bumper stickers, issued by A. H. Shorten, traffic officer, today. Unless the plates are in full view, and unobscured by mud or dust a number of arrests will be made, says Mr. Shorten. This is in compliance with orders from the state traffic department. The officer also calls attention to the state law prohibiting the placing of more than one auto license plate on an automobile.

Mrs. R. A. Booth Is Critically Ill

Mrs. R. A. Booth is critically ill at her home at 1472 Oak street, according to reports late this afternoon. Mrs. Booth who has been ill only for the past week took a sudden turn for the worse today. Members of the family are here.

HELP! ALWAYS WANTED If You Are Out Of A Job - Look In The - HELP WANTED COLUMN