

SALESMAN MAY BE VICTIM OF FOUL MURDER

Body of A. A. Almour of Seattle Found in Woods by Farmer — Bullet Hole Hints at Crime.

LETTERS FROM WOMAN FOUND IN POCKETS

Dead Man Last Seen by Acquaintances in Early Part of Last March

SEATTLE, Wash., May 26.—With a bullet hole behind the left ear, the body of A. A. Almour, Seattle salesman, was found late today in the woods near Stanwood near here, by Lars Chroneth, a farmer while searching for his cows.

The position of the wound was said by Coroner C. J. Gunderson to make it unlikely that it was self-inflicted.

Two Men Seen

Chroneth told the authorities that while looking for his cows several weeks ago he saw two men enter the woods in which he found Almour's body today. He said that later one man emerged from the woods, entered a small automobile and drove away.

Almour was employed by a Seattle business concern and was last seen here March 8. The following morning the car, said by Chroneth to have been the same one he saw standing near the spot where Almour's body was found, was found on a Seattle street.

Woman's Letter's Found

George M. Wood, another salesman, a friend of Almour's, said he saw Almour last on March 6, at which time he indicated he expected to spend a week on the road. Letters were found among Almour's belongings written to him by a young woman from Boise, Idaho.

FIRE PATROL TAX IS HELD INVALID

Unless Supreme Court Reverses Decree Counties Cannot Collect Levy

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 26.—Oregon's fire patrol tax law today declared unconstitutional by Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton, in handing down a decision in the case of the First State bank of Sutherlin against Kendall Brothers.

The law which applies to all delinquent patrol taxes in the state was pronounced invalid because it carries no opportunity for a hearing for those who have any protest to make regarding the assessment and collection of the tax.

The law was amended by the recent legislature and as it now stands a hearing is provided but the law covered by the decision is the one under which all assessments between 1914 and 1920 were made.

Unless a reversal of the decision is made by the supreme court, to which the case probably will be appealed, counties now having delinquent patrol taxes will be unable to collect the amounts carried on their books.

Salem Seeks to Have Next Vets' Convention

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 26.—Delegates to the second annual convention of the state department, Veterans of Foreign Wars gathered here today and attended the military ball tonight following preliminary business this afternoon.

George E. Sandy, Portland, was made chairman of the resolutions committee. Other members are C. E. Hageman, Salem; William H. Butler, Portland; S. C. Clark, Corvallis, and Glen W. Richards, Lebanon.

Salem, Eugene and Lebanon are in the race for the next convention.

Five towns—Forest Grove, McMinnville, Sheridan, Medford and Roseburg—are applying for charters. If granted they will bring the number of posts in the state to 12.

1922 PRICES FOR MISTLAND PRUNES ARE MADE PUBLIC

The Oregon Growers Cooperative association yesterday announced the prices on Mistland prunes, packed in 25-pound boxes, for plants as follows:

1922	
30-40s.....	11 cents
40-50s.....	9 1/2 cents
50-60s.....	8 1/2 cents
60-70s.....	7 3/4 cents
70-80s.....	7 cents
80-90s.....	6 1/2 cents
90-100s.....	6 cents

The opening prices for Petites are:

40-50s.....	11.5 cents
50-60s.....	10 cents
60-70s.....	9 cents
70-80s.....	8 cents
80-90s.....	7.5 cents
90-100s.....	7 cents

Compared with the prices of last year, there are some marked differences. This year the prices are aimed to protect the "common" grower to something more nearly his real value to the food market, by equalizing between the big and little fruits.

Prices After Last Year

The 1921 prices were not announced until almost three months later in the season than this first announcement this year, though the lateness alone had little or nothing to do with the better values this year for the grower of the smaller fruits. In 1921 the quotations were:

30-40s, 12.25 cents.
40-50s, 10.75 cents.
50-60s, 8.75 cents.
60-70s, 7.75 cents.
70-80s, 6.75 cents.
80-90s, 6.25 cents.
90-100s, 5.75 cents.

While there is a difference in the desirability of the different sizes, the market apparently is willing to concede that the little prune is worth more money than

PAVING BEGUN AT STAYTON

County Plant Starts Laying Material on Salem-Mehama Highway

The task of paving Stayton's main streets on the Salem-Stayton-Mehama route was started yesterday when the first batch of asphalt material was put out by the plant which has been rented from Marion county.

The work is being done by G. F. Pyle, Portland contractor, who expects to complete the 15,000 square yards of pavement within a month's time.

With the paving of its principal streets, Stayton gets on the "paved city" map and also blots out the jolting stretch of rock road which has for several years been the dread of motorists.

While the county's plant is in use at Stayton, County Roadmaster W. J. Culver has all of his crews busy grading and graveling roads which will be paved in this district during the season.

JURY HANGS

NEW YORK, May 26.—The jury which heard the evidence against cement manufacturing firms and several of their officials, charged with violations of the Sherman anti-trust law, failed to agree after 35 hours deliberation and tonight was discharged by Federal Judge Knox.

MEXICAN ILL

EL PASO, Tex., May 26.—Adolfo de la Huerta, secretary of finance of Mexico arrived in El Paso this afternoon on his way to New York so sick with appendicitis that his friends in El Paso and Juarez were prohibited from entering his private car.

WEATHER

Saturday fair and warmer; light to heavy frost in early morning east portion.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Statesman carriers will call to make their monthly collections today. Your newspaper boy is just starting in business for himself. This is his first effort to learn business and his success or failure depends to a considerable extent on your good will and cooperation. A pleasant smile and a cheery word will encourage your boy and help him make a success of this, his first venture in business life. He will appreciate it and show his good will in any way he can.

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DAY EXCITING IN TREASURY, CHILDS FIRED

Dozen Ohio Congressmen Sign Petition to President Urging That Major Be Given Job Elsewhere.

OTHER SUSPENSIONS MADE DURING DAY

One Official Thinks Room Was Searched by Agent of Revenue Office

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The treasury remained intact tonight after a day of explosions in connection with the removal of A. D. Sumner of Iowa, former deputy commissioner, and Major C. C. Childs of Ohio, former supervisor of collectors.

No Other Announcements

No other corporation or association has as yet announced its prices for this year's prunes. The Oregon Growers, after a careful study of the market as well as of the probable production, and with the known costs of handling, have figured out a good living price for the producers, and this price is their announced schedule, made known last night.

On account of the late season the association has been unable to make accurate estimates on this year's crop. Although it is reported that the crop will be large and of excellent quality, no really accurate estimate can be made until after the June drop. It is reported from California, where the early summer drop is already well over, that the loss has been unusually heavy. The Oregon trees are still in a stage of development that cannot be fairly estimated.

Congressmen Sign Petition

Carrying the signature of more than a dozen Ohio congressmen, a petition addressed to President Harding was presented at the White House today by Representative Foster, Ohio, regretting the dismissal of Major Childs and asking that his abilities be utilized somewhere in the government service.

Shawhan to Atlanta

At the same time it developed that Joseph H. Shawhan, former assistant to Major Childs, had been transferred to Atlanta and E. P. Smith, another assistant had been transferred to Boston.

Although bureau officials were non-committal as to the significance of the investigation, it was indicated at the treasury that further suspensions were possible before the incident of the removal of the papers would be regarded as closed by the bureau.

Room Declared Searched

An unexpected factor was injected into the situation tonight by James P. Shrook of New Orleans, an accountant of the income tax unit, detailed for special duty with the accounts unit, which was under Mr. Sumner, who declared his room at a local hotel had been searched by some one whom he believed connected with the revenue bureau, although he did not know whom to suspect. He exhibited a room full of belongings turned topsy-turvy and asserted he had been followed recently.

Religious Phase Mentioned

Elmer L. Irey, chief of the special intelligence section of the bureau which is conducting the investigations, declared he knew nothing of this affair and took occasion to deny reports current in Washington that the bureau was probing into political and religious connections of employees.

Blue Laws Opposed in Letter to President

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Memorials opposing enactment of Sunday blue laws, addressed to President Harding and the senate, were unanimously adopted by the world conference of the Seventh Day Adventist church here today. One of the memorials stated that "a legal religion is un-American and contrary to the ideals of true Americanism as conceived by the founders of our republic."

Membership of Club

The charter members of the club as signed up now are: Edgar M. Rowland, Roy Bohannon, L. T. Reynolds, C. F. Bretthaupt, Ross C. Miles, Edmund R. Chastain, Merrill D. Ohling, Harry W. Scott, J. E. Badley, C. B. O'Neill, A. E. McCain, Oscar B. Gingrich, Dr. C. L. George, Z. J. Riggs, Glenn H. Gegg, F. E. Shafer, H. M. Rogers, E. M. Page, E. W. Hobson, R. M. Gilbert, Roy Bohler, C. M. Irwin, Knight Pearey, E. F. Smith, Claude Stensloff, C. Leland Smith, Ed R. Viesko, R. E. Boatwright, C. G. Olson and George A. Cherrington.

SALES CONTRACTED

LIVINGSTON, Mont., May 26.—Sweet Grass county wool growers contracted for sale of their clips today with eastern buyers at 40 cents a pound. A total of 120,000 pounds was sold.

MORE MONEY DOLED OUT AT SESSION

Financial Figures in Bonus and Loan Offices Now Amount to High Point

Eighty-two applications for loans aggregating \$205,500 were considered and 18 loans, totaling \$45,600 were actually passed for payment at a meeting of the World war veterans' state aid commission yesterday.

Eleven thousand one hundred seventy cash claims aggregating \$2,813,278 have been approved to date, according to Captain Harry Brumbaugh, secretary to the commission.

Thus far, it was said, there have been 1082 loans aggregating \$2,498,000 passed on.

Captain Brumbaugh announced last night that C. W. Hayhurst of Portland had resigned from appraisal board No. 2 of Multnomah county and that the commission had appointed as his successor E. B. Holmes of Portland.

LIONS CLUB FORMED HERE

First Meeting Held Yesterday—Chastain is Temporary President

The first meeting of the newly organized Salem chapter of the International Association of Lions clubs, at the Marion hotel yesterday at the luncheon hour, was a lively one, with an elaborate luncheon, some interesting addresses and a healthy spirit of fellowship manifested among the members who were present.

Temporary Officers Named

The election of temporary officers resulted as follows: Ed Chastain, president; E. M. Page, vice president; M. D. Ohling, secretary treasurer; E. F. Smith, C. L. Smith, C. L. George, Glenn Gregg and C. B. O'Neill, directors; Ross C. Miles, "tall-twister."

At a later meeting to be called by the president permanent officers will be elected. The club voted to meet every Friday at noon.

Copeland Tells History

Arthur J. Copeland, field director of the international association, spoke briefly on the history and ideals of Lions clubs. Referring to the youth of the organization and its rapid growth, he said that the first club was organized at San Antonio, Texas, in 1915. The first convention was held at Dallas, Tex., in 1917; when the constitution and by-laws were adopted. The convention of 1918 was held in St. Louis and that of 1919 in Chicago. At the latter convention the international aspect of the clubs became pronounced.

Mr. Copeland said that 500 clubs have been organized in the United States and that they are composed of men of the highest type and representing the loftiest principles.

Tenets Enumerated

Rev. Carl S. Dunn, a member of the Lions club at Portland, spoke more at length on the ideals of the organization. He referred at length to the code of ethics, embracing the following principles:

1. Loyalty to county, community and home.
2. Individual integrity by word and deed.
3. One flag, one language.
4. New ideals, new hopes and new ambitions in business and for the community.
5. Service that is founded on the golden rule.

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GREAT THROUG HEARS CHORUS GIVE ORATORIO

First Production of Kind in Salem in More than Twenty Year Proves to Be Musical Triumph.

VISITING ASSISTANTS HIGHLY COMMENDED

Dr. John R. Sites as Director Lauded for Ability in Training Singers

More than 1400 persons heard Hayden's great oratorio, "The Creation" in the armory last night. "Standing room only" was the rule even before the production began.

This oratorio marked the first night of the first Willamette Valley May festival, which it is hoped by those who have sponsored the affair, will be made an annual event. The aim has been educational and the second night of the festival, tonight, will be given over to posing by living models, 13 masterpieces of art.

Repetition Requested

"The Heavens are Telling," the great chorus which closed the first part of the oratorio, had hardly ceased when a request for a repetition was handed to Dr. John R. Sites, director. The number was repeated following the end of the oratorio.

The great chorus sang almost as one person and one adverse criticism only has been voiced regarding it—"too few men's voices." And as Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, who took the part of Gabriel, said yesterday, "You cannot help that, if more men do not join the chorus."

John B. Siefert, who took the part of Uriel last night, expressed the same regret, saying that notwithstanding this fact the men's voices which were included in the chorus made a good showing.

Mrs. Albert Conquers

Mrs. Jane Burns Albert as Gabriel, took her hearers by storm and it is to be hoped that Salem will hear her again in the not too distant future. Her full and rich voice rang out clear as a bell and she sang so easily as to win admiration. In "The Marvelous Work" in which she sings with the chorus her clear voice was plainly heard above the chorus. Other solos which were specially well received were "With Verdun Clad," and "On Mighty Pens."

John B. Siefert as Uriel sang "Now Vanish before Holy Beams" in a way to emphasize the spirit of greatness of God as the Creator of all. Especially appreciated was his "In Native Worth," which was perhaps his best solo of the evening.

Solo Work Excellent

John Claire Monteith as Raphael opened the oratorio and gave a number of recitative numbers for which his voice seemed particularly well suited. His tones were clear and carried unusually well. His solo work included "Rolling in the Foaming Billows," and "How Heaven in Full-let Glory Shone."

The trio numbers by these three, Uriel Gabriel and Raphael, were particularly well given and included the part with the chorus in "The Heavens are Telling," "The Lord is Great" and "Most Beautiful Appear."

The duet by Adam and Eve—Charles Cone of Salem and Mrs. J. S. Landers of Monmouth—"By Thee With Bliss" and "Our Duty Now We Have Performed" were both unusually well given and the chorus rounded out the first number splendidly.

First in Two Decades

"Sing the Lord, Ye Voices All" with chorus and quartet, closed the great production, the first oratorio which has been given in Salem in more than 20 years, according to local musicians. The Salem Symphony with Mrs. William H. Burghardt, Jr., at the piano, gave splendid support to the chorus. The Salem portion of the chorus, as well as the combined chorus, has been under the direction of Dr. John R. Sites.

Mr. Siefert, speaking of Dr. Sites yesterday, expressed the opinion that Salem was to be congratulated on having Dr. Sites, since many larger towns would be happy to have such a good director.

He also expressed the opinion that those who had directed the

HUNDREDS OF HOUSES ARE BEING BUILT

All Parts of Salem Benefited by Building—Trade in Material is Good

A rough estimate has it that close to 300 houses have been built or are now building in Salem since the first of last October. There are some really fine homes; a number of excellent, commodious homes; and oodles of desirable, comfortable little homes, few of them with fewer than five rooms.

The building has been going on in almost every portion of the city. Out in South Salem, between the Lincoln and the McKinley schools, dozens of homes have been finished or at least started. On the north streets, new houses are springing up like mushrooms over night. They are building in East Salem, and across the river in West Salem. Everywhere the lumber delivery wagons and the trucks with the plasterers' and other mechanics' supplies are choo-chooing down the street, on the dead run to and from their jobs.

Salem is needing homes faster than they can be built, but the builders are hot on the trail of the home-hunters, and if they don't altogether catch up, at least they promise to have home roofs for part of them before another winter.

Union Free of Legal Action

Phex Company Fails in Attempt to Secure Receivership for Concern

A petition that a receiver be appointed for the properties and holdings of the Salem Fruit union, of this city has been denied by Circuit Judges George G.ingham and Percy R. Kelly.

The decree states:

"The court finds that the fruit union has not in the past wasted, squandered or misused its assets from the legitimate purposes of its business and that it is conserving its resources in an effort to meet its obligations. The plaintiff's petition for a receivership of these properties is denied. Leave is granted, however, for the renewal of this application should the defendant attempt to dispose of its assets without a court order."

Outcome of Suit

This action against the fruit union was filed by the Phex company, of Salem, as a result of the latter's suit to recover \$300,000 on alleged contract violations lodged against the union.

The case was heard recently in Department No. 2, both judges sitting. The Phex company is represented by Attorneys Roy F. Shields and Oscar Hayter while W. C. Winslow, John McNary and Walter E. Keyes are counsel for the fruit union.

Man Sentenced to Life

Pardoned by Governor

DENVER, Colo., May 26.—Harold Frank Henwood, serving a life sentence in the Colorado state penitentiary for the murder here May 24, 1911, of George E. Copeland, prominent Cripple Creek mining man, was pardoned today by Governor Oliver H. Shoup.

Henwood's pardon is the result of a personal appeal to Governor Shoup by John W. Springer, husband of Isabel Springer, the cause of the shooting affray during which Copeland, an innocent bystander, was struck by a bullet intended for Tony von Phul, with whom Henwood had quarreled over Mrs. Springer. The shooting occurred in the bar room of a downtown hotel.

Longshoreman's Bill is Passed; Goes to Harding

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The senate bill urged by the international longshoremen's union which amends the present law so as to permit state workmen's compensation laws to extend their protection to longshoremen was passed today by the house and sent to the president.

SEVERAL INJURED

CLEVELAND, May 26.—A number of persons were injured tonight when a portion of an outdoor stand on the grounds of the college for women of the Western Reserve university fell. The mishap occurred during the exercises incident to "tree day."

OREGON LEADS WHOLE NATION IN EDUCATION

Greater Proportion of Citizens Are in College Than of Any Other State, Says Zook's Report.

STATE REBUKED FOR LACK OF NORMALS

Six Institutions, Including Willamette, Placed in Standard List

Six Oregon colleges and universities are established as standard in a report of Dr. George F. Zook, specialist in higher education of the federal bureau of education, who in March completed an inspection of Oregon institutions and who has filed his report with J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools.

The six institutions are University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural college, Willamette university, Reed college, Linfield college and Pacific university.

Oregon Leads Nation

A striking comment in the report is that there were 7020 residents of Oregon attending colleges and universities last year, which is one student to every 112 people in the state, a proportion of students to population which is higher than that of any other state in the union. Oregon is followed by Iowa, Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, Washington, Nevada, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota and Montana, all west of the Mississippi river.

In making his inspection Dr. Zook visited all the institutions examined records, inspected the material and equipment, including buildings, grounds, laboratories and libraries. He conferred with college officers and teachers, visited classes and made a careful survey of all angles.

Youth Kept in State

The report points out that Oregon, through its privately controlled as well as its state controlled institutions, is taking care of a high percentage of its college students in its own institutions.

California is the only state that exceeds Oregon in educating its young people at home. California cares for 89.9 per cent of its students and Oregon 85.3 per cent. The average of the states of the union is 74.3 per cent.

Statistics for last year show that in all its colleges and universities Oregon is caring for 8015 students, while the total number of students in colleges and universities over the country claiming Oregon for a residence is 7020.

Among students who have come to the state from other places are 179 from foreign countries. Oregon received from California 419 students and sent 312 in return; from Washington received 781 and sent 404; from Idaho received 243 and sent 19.

Normal Policy Scored

Following are some excerpts from Dr. Zook's report: "In the number of students attending normal schools Oregon is by no means so fortunate. In the proportion of normal school students to population the state ranks 43rd in the union. Last year there were only 517 normal school students from Oregon, nearly one-half of whom went to other states, notably California and Washington. Only 15 students from other states were registered at the Oregon State Normal school. It seems clear that the state is not doing its duty in providing sufficient normal school facilities and of such grade as to keep at home a large proportion of the small number of Oregon students who now attend normal schools.

State Schools Crowded

"Turning again to the situation in the colleges and universities of the state it may well be, as has already been stated, a source of pride that the state has a larger proportion of its population in colleges than any other state in the union. Indeed the tremendous growth in the number of students has taxed the capacity of the state institutions and the better privately supported colleges and has made necessary numerous popular appeals for the support of higher education both in the state and private institutions.

"Considering the fact that in Oregon as much if not more has been done through the board of