

CIRCULATION
Average for June, 1923:
Sunday only.....6008
Daily and Sunday.....5408
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1923:
Sundays only.....5974
Daily and Sunday.....5492

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SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 27, 1923

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TAX BOARDS OF COUNTIES ARE SELECTED

Governor Pierce Appoints Lists for All Except Multnomah, Morrow and Clatsop—Dissension Heard

CONSERVATION AND SUPERVISION PURPOSE

Politics Not Considered by Executive; General Meeting in Fall

County tax supervising and conservation commission for 33 Oregon counties were announced yesterday by Governor Pierce, totaling in all 99 appointments, are created by an act of the 1923 legislature.

No appointments were made for Multnomah, Morrow and Clatsop counties. Multnomah already has a commission created by a previous legislature. The governor has not yet been able to make a satisfactory selection for Morrow county, and in Clatsop county factions are at war, causing the appointments to be delayed. Recommendations are being received by the governor from that county, but no sooner is a recommendation in than another faction sends in a protest and recommends someone else. The governor is disposed to allow the situation in Clatsop county to cool down a bit before he makes his selections.

Politics Not Considered

In a statement given out yesterday at the time the appointments were announced the governor declared the selections had been made without regard to politics, the executive asserting that he had tried to procure the best equipped men in every county. All appointments were made contingent upon the appointees not being members of tax levying bodies and in the event any man appointed should have become a member of such a body he is requested in the governor's letter of appointment to return his oath of office resigned, unless he desires to resign from the other body.

General Meeting in Fall
Governor Pierce also yesterday announced that a general meeting of the commissions from all counties will be called in Salem early the coming fall.

"At this meeting," said the governor, "the whole problem of taxation in Oregon is to be gone over, and I indicate in my letter of appointment that I expect the bodies will consider not only retrenchment, but new sources of revenue in order to reduce tax burden on the productive classes."

Present Situation Bad

In this letter the governor calls attention to the present tax situation and over that the future prosperity of the state depends upon "arresting the rising tide of taxation," and that there must be of more equitable distribution of the tax burden. The governor said he had not decided on a date for the general meeting.

The letter of appointment says in part:

"I consider the duties which I am asking you to assume as being of the very highest importance to the commonwealth at this time. We have reached a point in taxation where much of our productive land is threatened by confiscation. Our state continues to face a situation that demands a reduction of the tax burden. Our future growth and prosperity rest upon our success in arresting the rising tide of taxation and in more equitably distributing the burden that now oppresses our productive classes."

Concerted Action Needed

"Concerted action by all tax levying bodies in Oregon must be applied to the solution of this problem. All parts of our state and all political subdivisions that have to do with the raising and spending of tax monies must join in an organized determination to accomplish this result, and must assist in the enactment of laws that are sorely needed (a) to bring about a more equitable assessment of properties, and (b) to reach other sources of revenue in meeting the expenses of government."

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SOVIET GUARDS ARE OVERPOWERED; CREW BRING VESSEL HOME

Russians Placed in Irons Upon Arrival of Trading Schooner in Tacoma; "Iskum" and Three Other American Ships Seized by Siberian Authorities in June for "Alleged Violation of Commercial Laws."

NOME, Alaska, July 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The crew of the trading schooner Iskum of Tacoma, Wash., which was held in Siberia by soviet authorities on the charge that Russian commercial laws had been violated, overpowered guards stationed on the vessel, placed them in irons and brought the craft here, arriving today.

The guards seized on the Iskum were turned over to the authorities here.

STATE OFFICERS WILL MAKE TOUR

Five Reclamation Projects to Be Inspected by Securities Board

Members of the state irrigation and drainage securities commission and of the advisory board will make a tour of inspection of four irrigation projects in Klamath county and one in Deschutes county, leaving Salem for the purpose August 7.

The projects to be visited are Shasta View, 5600 acres, asking for certification of bonds in the sum of \$120,000; Malin district, 4555 acres, asking for bond certification in the sum of \$100,000; Pine Grove project, 1000 acres, requesting bond certification in the sum of \$135,000; and the Snow creek project, 3000 acres, asking for bond certification in the sum of \$40,000.

The party will leave for Ashland on August 7, arriving there at 11:20 the following day, and going by automobile immediately to Klamath Falls. An inspection of some of the projects will be made in the afternoon of August 8 and completed the morning of the following day. Governor Pierce will leave the party at Bannock, going east to Lakeview and Burns. The remainder of the party will return to Ashland if possible in time to take the 5:30 p. m. train for Salem. The governor will proceed to Burns and will spend August 12 and 13 there, returning to Bend about noon August 14. The other members of the commission will leave Portland for Bend at 7:10 p. m. August 13, arriving at Bend on the morning of August 14. The inspection of the Snow creek project will be made in the afternoon of August 14, the party returning to Bend in time to take the 8 o'clock train for Portland.

Fifteen Men and Women Arrested in Yakima Raid

YAKIMA, Wash., July 26.—Fifteen men and women were arrested here this afternoon on joint charges in the largest series of raids, according to the police ever made in Yakima. All of those arrested, it was alleged are owners or managers of drug stores, hotels, and soft drink parlors. The first 14 were arrested within 15 minutes after the dry squad men and special officers left the county jail.

Unqualified Fire Chief Said Potential Murderer

BEND, Or., July 26.—"The unqualified fire chief is a potential murderer." With these words Jay W. Stevens, representing the Fire Underwriters' bureau of San Francisco, entered a plea for a careful study of the psychology of selling fire prevention to the public, when he delivered the chief address today at the Oregon State Fire Chiefs' association, at its fourth annual convention. Stevens' address was on "The Fire Chief as a Fire Prevention Salesman."

WEATHER FORECAST

OREGON: Fair and continued warm Friday.

COAL STRIKE THREAT MADE FROM MINERS

Operators Refuse Ultimatum of Closed Shop and Check Off for Industry

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—An ultimatum demanding establishment of the closed shop and the check off throughout the anthracite industry, with a strike on September 1, as the penalty for rejection, was flung into the joint wage negotiations conference today by the miners and refused point blank by the operators.

All that prevented the immediate collapse of negotiations after the miners declared there was "no more use in conferring," was their concession to the operators' petition for a truce and another session tomorrow in order that both sides might "sleep on the question and someone might have a change of heart."

ROTARIANS MEET IN GRANITE CITY

Big "Get Together" Banquet Held in Ashland; 125 in Attendance

ASHLAND, Or., July 26.—More than 125 Rotarians from Oregon and California met in Ashland today for a "get together" banquet.

Fourteen cars loaded with California Rotarians and their ladies were met at the Oregon-California state line by a pilot car with Bob Stewart, president of the Portland Rotarians, at the wheel and escorted to Ashland, where they were met by over 10 cars of Portland Rotarians, as well as representatives from Eugene, Klamath Falls, Roseburg and Medford.

A banquet was held in Lithia Park, after which speeches were made, with M. L. Walther of Medford, presiding. Charles Walters of the San Francisco club was the principal speaker.

ARE ELIMINATING TWELVE-HOUR DAY

Steel Corporation Making Start; Session Will Be Continued Today

NEW YORK, July 26.—Heads of manufacturing subsidiaries of the United States Steel corporation and Chairman Elbert H. Gary, made a start in their plans to eliminate the 12-hour day in the industry at a conference behind closed doors today.

At the same time, Eugene G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, announced his company was making progress in formulating plans for the discontinuance of the much criticized 12-hour shift, and expected within a very short time to begin the actual rearrangement of the working forces.

Chairman Gary declined to make any statements other than that the conferences would be continued when the meeting with the United States Steel officials adjourned late in the day.

BERRY RE-CAPTURED WHILE STROLLING ON STREET IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—Hubert Berry, one of three convicts who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary at Salem last Tuesday, was recaptured here tonight, strolling along a prominent street and dressed in a new and fashionable suit of clothes.

Berry told the arresting officers that Hobson and Moore, the two others who escaped had come to Portland with him, but had left him earlier in the day. He said that the clothes he was wearing had been cached for him at a designated place by a friend prior to his escape and in preparation for it.

HUGE WELCOME GIVEN HARDING BY CANADIANS

Enthusiasm Said as Great as That Displayed When Prince of Wales Visited on Dominion Soil

PRESIDENT RIDICULES TALK OF ANNEXATION

American Nation Banished Such Schemes Years Ago, He Tells People

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—History was made today in Vancouver.

An American president for the first time stepped on Canadian soil and spoke to a Canadian audience. Realizing the significance of the occasion the people of Vancouver gave him—Warren G. Harding—a reception that was most impressive in its enthusiasm.

Though not desiring to make comparisons, Vancouver newspapermen, accustomed to gauging the degree of enthusiasm in receptions of distinguished visitors, declared the greeting given Mr. Harding was at least equal in its warmth to that accorded the Prince of Wales three years ago.

Three members of the president's party, also undesirous of making comparisons, did not hesitate to say that no American city gave the chief executive of the republic during his recent trans-continental tour a more genuine welcome than was accorded him today in this Canadian city.

Spirit is Neighborly
The president himself, frankly admitted that neither he, Mrs. Harding nor the members of his party had been prepared for such a reception as was given them, and declared that he regarded it as "new assurance that the United States and the dominion of Canada will go along hand in hand and side by side toward fulfillment of the destinies of the two great democracies."

The manifestations of welcome were continuous, beginning this morning when the naval transport Henderson, bearing the president and his party home from Alaska, steamed into Burrard Inlet and received from the British light cruiser Curlew a salute of 21 guns and continuing until 9:30 tonight when, after attending a state dinner given by the governments of the dominion and of the province of British Columbia Mr. Harding returned to the Henderson for the overnight voyage to Seattle.

Throughout it all ran the spirit of neighborliness, and it was this feeling that the president stressed in the two addresses he made during the day, one at Stanley park to a gathering estimated by Vancouver newspapers to number 40,000, and the other to the 500 or 600 persons who attended a luncheon given in his honor by the city of Vancouver.

Annexation Ridiculed
The president termed talk of the United States scheming to annex Canada as an "ancient bugaboo" long ago banished from the minds of the American people, and this assertion was greeted by applause that later was equalled.

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AVIATORS TRY NON-STOPPING NIGHT FLIGHT

Reports From Ohio Cities Show Progress Between Chicago and New York

CHICAGO, July 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Driving the same all-metal monoplane in which he established a former world's duration record, Eddie Stinson, accompanied by Charles Dickenson, president of the Aero club of Illinois, and Arthur Gray, mechanic, hopped off at a suburban flying field at 11:00 p. m. (Chicago daylight savings time) in an attempt to make the first non-stop flight at night between Chicago and New York.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 27.—The monoplane in which Eddie Stinson is attempting to make a non-stop flight from Chicago to New York passed over Sandusky, Ohio, at 2:17 o'clock this morning, according to information received here.

CLEVELAND, July 27.—Eddie Stinson, flew over Cleveland at 2:52 o'clock this morning.

DOCTOR BORN IN SALEM STOPS OVER

Dr. Giesy of Los Angeles Had Not Visited Capital City in 20 Years

Dr. Norman Giesy of Los Angeles was a Salem visitor yesterday between the morning and evening Southern Pacific overland trains, accompanied by Mrs. Giesy. They are on the last leg of a trip that took them to New York, Philadelphia and other cities of the east, into Canada to near the Alaskan border, and to the hospital city of the Mayo Brothers, the famous surgeons, in Minnesota, where Dr. Giesy spent some days in research work, as he had done at Denver and other cities.

Dr. Giesy was born in Salem, but he had not been here before for 20 years—and Salem had almost grown out of his memory. He is one of the five Drs. Giesy who had their beginnings at Aurora. His father was August Giesy, county treasurer of Marion county, and his mother was Emily Webb Giesy. They were married in Salem, and Dr. Giesy was born in this city. His grandfather, John Giesy of Aurora, was a member of the Marion county court when the present courthouse was erected. He is a nephew of Mayor John B. Giesy and Mrs. R. J. Hendricks.

Dr. Giesy has a large practice in Los Angeles. He is one of the rising young surgeons and physicians of that city. He has already driven in his automobile over 125,000 miles in that territory. There are over 2600 miles of paved roads in the city of Los Angeles, and there are more automobiles owned there than in any county of the world in proportion to its population.

Dr. Giesy was very much impressed with Salem and the surrounding country. He was surprised at the paved road mileage here, and at the many evidences of progress he saw. He declared that he would not wait another 20 years before coming back to view the scenes and haunts of his childhood. His mother has been a resident of San Francisco for many years. She was for nearly all that time head of the travelers' aid, and one of the best known women of the Bay City. Her father, Rev. J. W. Webb, formerly pastor of the First Christian church of Salem, though about 86 years old, is still in the harness near San Francisco, and as active and vigorous as he was in the old days in Salem—and many old Salem residents remember how active he was then.

William Hardy Killed At Greenville Camp

SILVERTON, July 26.—(Special to The Statesman.)—William Hardy was killed at Greenville logging camp Wednesday and the body was brought to Silverton. Nothing is known of Mr. Hardy and his body is being held at Silverton while information is being sought. He was said to be about 40 years of age.

CITY NOT TO ROUSE PRESIDENT WHEN HE GOES THROUGH HERE

Oregon Capital Very Polite and Will Allow Nation's Executive to Slumber Undisturbed—Chamber of Commerce Announces it Will be Content with Tossing Bouquet Through Window.

Salem is the most gentlemanly and ladylike and Chesterfieldian city in all America. That's taking in a lot of territory, but here's the proof: President Harding is to come through Salem Saturday morning at a little before 6 o'clock on the presidential special. Salem people voted for Harding. He's their president by a whaling big majority. As one of their hired men, they might rightfully order him up, to stand at attention when they come around to inspect him. They might even crack the whip, and see if he'd jump.

But the Chamber of Commerce will officially forbear. Why call a man up in his pajamas just barely after sunup, and ask him to appear in this sort of deshabille, or to robe fastidiously at this unchristian hour of the day, and parade before a few people who can read the whole story in the newspapers—and save their own sleep?

So Salem, much as the people would desire to see their president, is not wiring him to jump lively and make them a train-tail speech in the grey dawn. The train is to stay in Salem for 15 minutes, for oil and water—but there will be no gas. He escapes the predatory handshaker and the voracious handshaker who believes that it is a mark of appreciation to break as many bones as possible. And the people escape the sinking sensation of worrying a tired and sleepy man out of two good hours of hard-earned sleep.

Salem will sleep decorously in its own downy cot, and let the harassed president do likewise in his. The president will miss seeing the state house, and the avalanche of faces that might greet him. The avalanche will stay at home and dream of trout streams and ocean waves and a barrel of gas in the old flivver. Everybody gains by this program.

Bon jour, M'sen President. We never saw you, but we could-of and so that's that.

The Chamber of Commerce, however, will gather a wonderful bouquet of Salem flowers for Mrs. Harding, and have them in to the car with the best wishes of the city. The president himself will be remembered in some other appropriate fashion—probably with a glorified card greeting, "Pleasant Dreams," and the keys to the city if he should ever wish to return.

The trunk business has grown to immense proportions. It almost rivals the fruit business in volume, and it saves oodles of broken springs and swear words on the part of the tourists.

About \$5000 Remains to Gather for Hospital

There is still about \$5000 to raise for the Salem hospital, the reports made on Thursday show. The committees are still working steadily, though without very vivid hope of landing any more big subscriptions. However, Chairman Henry Morris says they'll fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.

While no especial drive has been made for the smaller subscriptions, they are ready to take anything that any one will offer. Five hundred subscribers at \$10 each, or 1000 who will pay in \$5 each, or 5000 at \$1 each, would clean up the whole bill.

Send it in to Henry Meyers, care Salem hospital, or to Dr. Henry E. Morris, or to the Chamber of Commerce. It will be accepted for and turned in with a hurrah.

Enrollment Increases in Wasco County Schools

Enrollment in the high schools of Wasco county for the last school year totaled 624, an increase of 72 over the previous year, according to the annual report of the county school superintendent submitted to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools.

In the county are 31 men teachers who receive an average monthly salary of \$146, and 110 women teachers whose monthly wage is \$102. There are 69 schoolhouses in the county, says the report, 51 of which have but one room each. The total enrollment in all schools is 3018, and the average daily attendance is 2855, a percentage of 94.

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