

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SCHOOLS IN COUNTY COST OVER MILLION

Nearly 12,000 Enrolled Is Shown in Annual Report of Mrs. Fulkerson

MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS

Daily Average Attendance for Entire Year in Grade and High Schools Approximately 95 Per Cent

A total of 11,788 boys and girls attend the schools of Marion county, according to the annual report issued yesterday by Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent. Of this number, 5958 are boys and 5780 are girls. There are 9005 children in the grade schools of the county, and 2733 in high school. The average daily attendance at both high and grade schools was approximately 95 per cent for the year.

The report was finished in record time this year, and has been worked on for the last four weeks. It will be forwarded to the superintendent of public instruction immediately. General statistics covering all departments of school work are included in the report.

School expenses for the past year, including both grade and high schools, amounted to \$1,194,941. A balance of cash on hand is \$47,521. The office received \$381,606.50 from the county treasurer from the district tax, and \$25,110.04 from the county school fund. The elementary school fund netted \$91,475 to the treasury, and state and federal funds for vocational educational brought in \$3,432.71. Other sources of revenue include \$789.82 from the tuition for pupils below high school grades, \$65,777 received from high school tuition, and \$23,859 from the sale of bonds.

Total receipts amount to \$1,064,733. Outstanding warrants issued during the school year amount to \$197,429, leaving a total of \$1,249,072.26.

The amount of bonded indebtedness on Marion county school property is placed at \$554,435. The amount of outstanding warrants is \$67,388. The total indebtedness, including other minor amounts, is \$651,847, an extremely low figure for this county. The estimated value of school houses and grounds owned by the county is set at \$1,159,645, with school furniture and apparatus further valued at \$146,831. Insurance on school houses and property is placed at \$789,901.

A total of 452 teachers are employed in the Marion county schools. Of this number, 69 are men and 384 are women. In the high schools there are 160 teachers, of whom 40 are men, and in the elementary schools 29 of the 292 teachers are men. The average number of days taught during the year is 170, with an average daily attendance of 7939. The aggregate days' attendance during the year was \$1,192,274 for the grade schools, and 385,985 for the high schools.

There are 127 organized school districts in Marion county, only two of which are not in operation. In these districts, 145 school

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FRENCH TROOPS ARRIVE SITUATION ON RIFFIAN BORDER SAID IMPROVED

FEZ, Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The situation in Morocco is much improved, from a military viewpoint, it was said today in official circles. The French reinforcements recently arrived have made themselves felt, and French troops along the Ouergha front are in a much better position today than when the rebel drive began.

The French military command has information that Abd-el-Krim, the rebel leader, is getting less confident and becoming irritable. He is reported to be exercising reprisals on his own followers for failing to break the French lines. One chieftain was imprisoned for alleged timidity of his forces.

The French and Spanish are still undecided as to the publication of the peace terms decided upon at Madrid, as they fear Abd-el-Krim will take as evidence of weakness any further efforts on their part to get the peace terms officially before him, and they will probably await further developments. The feeling in official circles now is that the Riffian leader will ward off all official peace parleys, hoping to hold out on the Ouergha front until the middle of October when Spain is expected to come to his aid, giving him all water to push his propaganda, if a military decision is not reached sooner.

MYSTERY SURROUNDING PRETTY YOUNG WOMAN

INTOXICATED, DRESSED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO

Attempt Made to Denude Self in Jail; Stopped by Acting Police Matron

Mystery shrouds the identity of a young woman who early yesterday afternoon was brought to police headquarters dead drunk by two tourists who claimed to have found her several miles north of Salem on the Pacific highway when she narrowly escaped injury by staggering in front of their car. No mark of identification was found upon her person and police were unable to learn from where she had come or by what circumstances she fell into the condition in which she was found.

The woman, who appeared to be about 25 years of age, was violently drunk when brought to the station and remained in that condition throughout the day, singing and shouting in her cell and at one time attempting to tear off her clothes. At nine o'clock last night she had not yet regained her calm sufficiently to aid officers in establishing her identity or to answer questions regarding her past.

A suit case which she was carrying at the time tourists gave her the ride into Salem failed to reveal any clue to her name or home. So violent did she remain during the day that officers held to be possible that a drug had been given to her as well as liquor. She was fairly well dressed when she appeared at the station. Police failed to note the names of the tourists who brought her to the station, they declared.

Late last night and after more than an hour of questioning Mrs. Nora White, acting chief police matron, declared that she had learned the identity of the strange woman brought to police headquarters yesterday afternoon but declined to make public further information. The woman became drunk of her own volition, it is declared and police have ascertained full details of the circumstances which account for her presence on the Pacific highway several miles north of Salem in a dead drunk condition.

HOOVER VISITS COOLIDGE COAL STRIKE AND NAVY PLANS SUBJECT OF TALKS

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Secretary Hoover, coming here today ostensibly to invite President Coolidge to a jubilee celebration in San Francisco next month, discussed the anthracite situation with him, went over with him a proposition for commercial operation of the navy's big airship, the Los Angeles, and gave him a glowing report as to business and industrial conditions. Later he accompanied him on the Mayflower to the Boston navy yard.

Despite announcements at White House that the president had no intention of talking to the commerce department head about the hard coal wage controversy; and did not expect Mr. Hoover to bring up the subject, they did discuss the situation briefly immediately after the cabinet officer arrived at the summer White House.

Later Mr. Hoover made this brief statement to newspaper men: "The president's view is that industry should settle its own labor relations and therefore he is hopeful that the anthracite industry will find its own solution of its problems."

The proposal for operation of the Los Angeles was laid before the president and Mr. Hoover by John Hays Hammond, Jr., young millionaire inventor; Herbert Satterlee of New York, a son-in-law of J. P. Morgan, and Fred S. Hardisty of Washington, who are interested in a commercial company which would like to take over the airship for transportation of passengers and freight between New York and Chicago, and perhaps cities farther west.

FOREIGN BURIAL PERMITTED

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—For the second time in history an American Jew will be buried in Palestine. The body of Louis Gans, founder of the New Britain Zionist organization is to be taken from its resting place in this city and sent to Jerusalem for burial among the remains of the ancient rulers of the Kingdom of David.

2 DIE; FIVE Hurt IN CRASH

FULTON, Ky., Aug. 8.—Two men were killed and five injured, two seriously, early tonight when a train of the H. W. Nelson construction company, including 60 cars plunged through a trestle and crashed into a ravine six miles east of Fulton.

MODERN CINDERELLA WILL BE SENT HOME

Millionaire Denounces Mary Spas as Imposter; Adoption Repudiated

GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Death Attempt Frustrated When Bottle of Poison Is Knocked From Lips of Hysterical Girl

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Edward W. Browning, millionaire real estate operator, tonight completely repudiated Mary Louise Spas, the "modern Cinderella," whom he adopted this week. After a conference with Queens county authorities, Mr. Browning and his attorney, Francis Dale, said steps would be taken to prevent Mary Louise from making any claim upon Mr. Browning's fortune.

After the conference, Mary Louise, who, earlier in the day, had attempted to take her life by drinking poison, was placed in the home of a family approved by District Attorney Newcombe of Queens county and Commissioner of Public Welfare Coler. The name of the family was not made public. Mr. Browning said one of his business associates, Robert H. Dunnett, would care for her in his Brooklyn home.

"I will not only take such legal proceedings as will be necessary to make the adoption proceeding null and void," Mr. Browning said, "but I will prevent Mary Louise from sharing in any way in possible property rights."

Although the girl left the meeting with Mr. Browning, there were no exchanges of words between them and she was quickly taken away to her temporary

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WATER MEETING MONDAY APPRAISED VALUE OF WATER PLANT IS SOUGHT

Plans have been completed for the public meeting called for the Chamber of Commerce rooms Monday night by Mayor Gleay, in order to arrive at a conclusion as to how best and most economically an appraisal of the Salem Water company's plant can be made.

Before any further step is taken toward insuring an adequate and satisfactory supply of water for the city the city must first acquire the water company plant. When figures are available the matter can then be placed before the people for a vote.

Efforts are being made to place the water question before the people at a special election, probably October 20, when charter amendments are up for consideration.

CREEK IS DRAGGED FOR BODY OF BANDON YOUTH

HOWARD OHMAN CAUSES EXCITEMENT AT SCHOOL

Lad Ran Away From State Institution Is the Conclusion Reached by Officers

After 24 hours of search on the theory that Howard Ohman, escapee from the state training school for boys, had been drowned in a creek near the school, authorities late yesterday discovered what is believed to be certain proof that the lad escaped and is headed in the direction of his home in Bandon. Discovering in the brush some distance from the swimming hole of a handkerchief, a packet of letters and a pencil, identified as his property, are responsible for this later theory.

Ohman was swimming with a group of 22 boys who compose the kitchen and dining room force at the school and who were enjoying the sport in the creek at the bottom of the training school hill under the supervision of the carpenter at the school when he disappeared.

Two boys saw Ohman disappear into the brush and notified the supervisor, who immediately began a search. Tracks near the creek indicate the possibility that the lad had re-entered the water, and the fact that Ohman at one time suffered from infantile paralysis and had physical deformities lent plausibility to the drowning hypothesis.

Thirty boys from the school were called to aid in the task of dragging the creek bed which was done thoroughly without discovery of a body. Ohman has been restless for several days to return to his home in Bandon. Superintendent Gilbert declared last night and it is now believed that he escaped with that intention. He has run away from the school once before, to return of his own volition the next morning, and school officials are expecting his return from this escapade before morning.

Ohman is described as having light complexion, blue eyes and light hair. He is five feet tall, weighs 104 pounds, and his right leg is three inches shorter than the left. He was received at the school from Bandon on February 20 of this year.

FIVE DIE AT CROSSING

GOWANDA, N. Y., Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Five men were killed at a railroad crossing near here today when a Buffalo-bound Erie passenger train struck an automobile in which state highway workers were returning from work because of rain.

WAGE INCREASE ASKED

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—Wage increases aggregating more than \$500,000 annually were asked of the city today by employees of the municipal street railway.

THE KINDEST CUT OF ALL!



SEARCH FOR MISSING CHEMIST CONTINUED

Entire Nation Scoured for Man Believed Perpetrator of Death Hoax

PROSECUTOR DOUBTFUL

District Attorney Not Convinced Body Is Not That of Schwartz; Investigation Is Made

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—While the nation-wide search for Charles Henry Schwartz, missing Walnut Creek chemist, continued today, authorities of Contra Costa county and the bay district devoted themselves to clinching the identity of the man whose charred body was found on the night of July 30 in the partly burned plant of the Pacific Cellulose company as that of Gilbert Warren Barbe, itinerant laborer and self-styled evangelist.

While three persons have expressed themselves as positive in their identification of the body as that of Barbe, district attorney A. B. Tinning of Contra Costa county said today he was not inclined to accept the identification as conclusive.

"On the contrary," said Tinning, "I have some doubts as to whether the body is that of some man other than Schwartz. Confidential identification which cannot be made public at this time has further clouded the issue."

The three who have positively identified the body as that of Barbe are Cecil Barker, Placerville undertaker and close friend of Barbe; C. S. Morrill, head of the state bureau of criminal identification and Hart Schraeder, Jr., handwriting expert who declared the uncompleted portion of a letter found near the charred body by Barbe to Barker were written by the same person.

In an effort to trace Barbe's movements after he left Los Gatos, where on July 18 he wrote the letter which Barker produced, Sheriff R. R. Veale of Contra Costa county spent today at San Jose and Los Gatos.

Late today Sheriff Veale telephoned the information that he had succeeded in locating two persons who said they had seen Barbe in the vicinity of Los Gatos subsequent to July 18. One was Marshal H. O. Baird of Los Gatos and the other was John Garrett, who said Barbe spent several days with him last fall in his cabin near Los Gatos and had called on him during July of this year.

The partially burned letter found near the charred body in the ruins of the cellulose plant was dated May 24, 1925, "in the Big Trees, Santa Cruz, Cal."

Why this letter was not mailed authorities have been unable to determine. The receipt by Barker of a letter from Barbe written

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MINERS TRAPPED BY FIRE

TWO MEN NEAR DEATH WHEN BLAZE CLOSES TUNNEL

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Two men, Vic Pella and Frank Carlson, both of Wallace, narrowly escaped death by suffocation today when a forest blaze of Lake Gulch, two miles west of here, set fire to a portal of a mine tunnel in which they were working. The heat was so intense it was over an hour before fire fighters were able to enter the mine to rescue the two men who were working 1,000 feet underground. The fire, of unknown origin, destroyed a cabin on the dump of the Wallace group mining company property and spread to thick timber on a nearby hillside, and for a time threatened destruction of the surface workings of the Galena Mining company. The fire tonight was under control.

The fire which Friday threatened the two small towns of Taft and Saltese, Mont., was beyond the control of nearly 250 fire fighters tonight and great danger to the towns still exists. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad is reported to have 200 men guarding its power lines near Taft.

Forty men asleep in a fire fighting camp at the head of Pine creek were forced to flee for their lives when the flames destroyed the camp this morning. Fires in the north fork country were being held on the outskirts of a big white pine belt, reports tonight indicated.

HEAT PROSTRATION IS RESULT OF HOT SPELL

MRS. HARRY CRANE TAKEN FROM AUTO AT BROOKS

Mercury Reaches 96 Saturday; Enormous Dry Spell Record Shattered Today

The first heat prostration of the year occurred Saturday when Mrs. Harry Crane was overcome and removed from the Crane automobile at Brooks and brought to the city early in the evening by the Golden ambulance service.

Mrs. Crane, with her husband, had returned from a two weeks' vacation in southwestern Oregon and motored on to Portland Friday, returning to Salem yesterday. She was taken home and reports last night were to the effect that her condition was not serious and that she was resting easily. Neither Mr. Crane, managing editor of the Capital Journal, nor their daughter, Barbara, were affected by the heat.

Within two degrees of the hottest August day on record the mercury came to rest at 96 degrees late Saturday, standing at 93 degrees at 5 o'clock.

Saturday was the third hottest day this year, June 24 being the hottest with 100 degrees. The following day saw but a drop of one degree in the temperature. The hottest ever reached in August is 98 degrees while the record for all time is 102 degrees, established during a July.

With every indication that it is never going to rain any more, the longest dry spell on record is anticipated today, with the passage of 57 rainless days. This figure was established in 1883, according to records.

SILVERTON, Ore., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The hottest day of the year so far at Silverton was experienced Saturday when the thermometer tipped a little over 100 degrees.

BOARD VOTES FOR CORPS

LEGION DRUMMERS COMPLETE FOR \$1000 PRIZES

At a meeting of the state fair board yesterday, \$1000 in prizes was appropriated for the American Legion drum corps competition which will be held on Monday, the opening day of the fair. It is declared that not less than seven drum and drill corps will participate in the event. The Salem Legion has undertaken to sell sufficient tickets to cover the amount voted by the fair board.

The excellent drilling and costuming of the Legion corps let the fair executives to vote the appropriation. Wherever they appear in competition, enthusiastic receptions are given.

Another feature for this year's fair will be International club day. A beautiful silver trophy cup will be awarded to either the Kiwanis, Rotary or Lions club having the largest registration for that day. Members of each club will register at the fair and the totals will be determined in the evening.

CAR REGISTRATION GAINS

HIGH RECORD IS ESTABLISHED DURING MONTH

Registration of passenger vehicles for July this year sets a new high figure for the month according to a statement prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Plates were issued for 14,613 vehicles of this type in comparison with 13,074 in 1924; 13,266 in 1923; 12,642 in 1922 and 7025 in 1921.

Registrations from January 1 to July 31 are 180,729 against 162,721 for the same period last year and 136,740 in July, 1923. There were 169,299 registered in 1921. Trucks registered for the period are 14,954 against 13,402 last year. Motorcycles and dealers registrations are decreasing, the report shows.

Fees received this year amount to \$5,036,126.23 against \$4,552,997.96 for the same period last year. The figure this year is more than double the amount collected in 1921, which was \$2,338,118.50. The 14,613 registrations last month are 6756 old and 7857 new ones. There were 762 registrations of trucks and 733 new registrations.

PLANE RECORD IS MADE

FRENCH FLIERS SET ENDURANCE AND DISTANCE MARK

CHARTRES, France, Aug. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The French aviators, Drouhin and Landry, landed at the airfield here today at 5:42 a. m. this morning after having covered 4400 kilometers in 45 hours 11 minutes 59 seconds, creating a new world's nonstop record both for duration and distance.

STATE FAIR PLANS NEARLY COMPLETED

Sixty-Fourth Annual Event Will Be Banner Exposition It Is Indicated

SUPERINTENDENTS BACK

Only One Change Is Noted This Season; County Displays Will Be Representative of All Communities

Plans for the 64th annual Oregon state fair, now nearing completion, forecast another successful year for the great institution. Everyone in the organization, from officials to department heads, is working ardently this summer in a concerted effort to make the fair this season eclipse any that has gone before. The opening date has been set for September 28.

With the exception of R. C. Fowler of Medford, all the superintendents of departments remain the same as last year, and in some instances heads of the various divisions are returning to positions held through many years. The Medford man, formerly farm manager of the W. E. Ayer stock farm at Carlton, now county club leader for Jackson county, will superintend the department of dairy cattle. J. E. Finnium of Dayton will again head the division for beef cattle.

Edward Shearer of Estacada, superintendent of the poultry department, has been with the state fair longer than any other superintendent, entering now upon his 11th year. William Schumlerich of Hillsboro, superintendent of the horticultural and agricultural departments, is second, with a term of ten years to his credit.

Others who are coming back to old departments this fall are: Thomas W. Brunk, Salem, hogs; C. M. Nelson, Corvallis, sheep; H. A. Scullen, Corvallis, bees and honey; L. B. Ziemer, Portland, dairy and dairy products; Mrs. U. G. Smith, Gresham, art; Mrs. W. Melton, Salem, textiles; J. Reynolds, Corvallis, horses, and G. W. Morrow, Portland, rabbits.

Exhibits this year will be drawn from the four corners of the state, with county agents expressing new enthusiasm because of the ruling going into effect this fall that county displays shall be representative of the various sections rather than entered and arranged upon a competitive basis.

The dairy department will feature an exhibit of dairy products this year, second to none ever made at the state fair. This will be due largely to the buttermilkers' convention to be held in Portland shortly, when makers of butter and cheese from all parts of the country will be in attendance.

Little need be said to forecast the livestock and agricultural features. For years the Oregon state fair has been universally recognized as one of the leading livestock and agricultural exhibitions in the country.

Flax, the most conspicuous product in the state at this time, will be shown in a large and comprehensive exhibit to be put on by the state penitentiary. Not only the fiber but the finished product

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BRYAN WILL IS FILED

FUNDS PROVIDED FOR RICHMOND SCHOOL FOR BOYS

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Written by himself shortly before he departed for his last earthly battle—the Scopes trial—the will of the late William Jennings Bryan, filed here today in Dade county probate court, provided for the needs of his entire family and in addition perpetuated his fight in the cause of religion by setting aside funds for various churches and for a school for boys, under the supervision of some evangelical church.

Full of characteristic Bryan phases and idealisms, the last testament of the great commoner placed those close to him first in the distribution of his worldly possessions but only a little ahead of the principles which he preached by voice and pen.

Mary Baird Bryan, his wife, it was provided, should receive all household furnishings and other personal belongings in addition to one-third title of the entire estate. Next in his final legal document were named his two daughters and son, Ruth Bryan Owen, Grace Bryan Hargreaves and William J. Bryan, Jr., who are to receive one-fourth each of the remaining two-thirds of the estate.

The other fourth of the remainder is divided among distant relatives and the funds for "the entwining of the spiritual with the intellectual."