

WONDERFUL CROPS IN THAT DISTRICT

The Santiam Irrigated Lands
Are Turning Off Some
Fine Products

A visit to the Santiam irrigation district yesterday showed some wonderful crops being harvested now, especially of Kentucky Wonder beans and an early variety of tomatoes, going mostly to the Station cannery.

The beans are grown on a guarantee of \$70 a ton, this being \$5 higher than last year. The canning is a cooperative concern, and the growers will likely finally get more than the guarantee. Several forces of pickers are in the bean patches now, having only recently started. They receive 1 1/2 cents a pound for picking. Fast pickers make as high as \$5 a day, picking 400 pounds, but the average is not that high.

The guarantee on the tomatoes is \$10 a ton. The growing of canning tomatoes was an experiment last year, and it proved successful. That section, around West Station, produces a peculiarly fine canning tomato, and a large tonnage to the acre.

The Statesman has heretofore mentioned the fact that Oscar Stoll of West Station grew last year 8 1/2 tons of Kentucky Wonder beans to the acre. His beans this year look like they will produce as large a per acre tonnage as that.

E. R. Clark of West Station gave a sample of his tomatoes to the reporter, and they are displayed in the window of The Statesman office. They are worth seeing—a fine sample of what that rich district will do under irrigation. Mr. Clark has also commenced picking his Kentucky Wonder beans, with a good sized force of helpers. The picking will last a month or so. He is also growing some wonderfully fine muskmelons and other vegetables.

That district produced an immense per acre tonnage of strawberries, raspberries and loganberries, and there are along the ditches thousands of tons of evergreen blackberries; some of the very finest being produced in Oregon.

On the George Vick place, a commencement has been made on the cutting of the 40 acres of mint, and the mint still for extracting the oil is about finished, ready for operation.

No one can visit that district without getting a vision of the immense crops that future years, and perhaps near future years, too, will show on the 27,000 acres of land under irrigation, capable of supporting more than 50,000 people, when all the land is used as it is destined to be used; with perhaps the surest guarantee of ample and inexhaustible irrigation water of any tract of that magnitude in the whole country. Not for occasional years, or nearly every year, but for all time—even to the extent of having fillings for storage water in the Marion lake district, back near Jefferson's eternal snows.

Manager Wilson of the Salem Chamber of Commerce was having photographs taken yesterday afternoon of some of the crops of that district, for use in making cuts for pamphlets, to show what this section has to offer in the way of enormously productive lands.

PRESIDENT TAKES HAND IN PATCHING OLD FARM

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into the orchard and with a long saw cut off a huge limb of an apple tree which had outlived its usefulness. Then he went into the garden with a hoe and attacked weeds for an hour.

The day, however, did not pass without both he and Mrs. Coolidge visiting the hillside cemetery not far from the house, where are buried four generations of the Coolidge family, including the

Fervor of Mexican Catholics, Dominance of Church Vividly Shown in Photos Rushed From Mexico City



The unusual grip which the Catholic church has on the religious folk of Mexico accentuates the seriousness of the anti-church decree of the Mexican government. These photos, taken just before the Sunday on which the religious "boycott" began, give some indication of the extreme importance of the church in the lives of the people. Above, thousands of worshippers are seen gathered about the Gaudalupe cathedral which they entered as a final demonstration of their religious fervor before the ban fell. Below is seen one of the last formal funerals leaving Notre Dame de Gaudalupe; under the boycott funerals lack all ceremony and display.

younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge, and the father of the president.

The cemetery was the first place they went to yesterday, before even they came to the house. This morning Mr. Coolidge went there with Walter H. Lynde, general workman about the village. Work which it is desired be done on the lot is understood to have been discussed at that time.

In the afternoon Mrs. Coolidge went to the cemetery and placed sweet peas on the graves. For the most part, however, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge remained at the farm, often seated on the porch, the president reading and Mrs. Coolidge knitting or patting Prudence Prim, her favorite collie who was brought here from the Adirondacks. And always crowds of residents and of tourists who came from all sections of the state and from many other states, stood at a distance and watched them.

YOUTH KILLED BY NOOSE

16 YEAR OLD BOY DIES WHILE PLAYING HANGMAN

WICHITA, Kansas, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—While playing the game of hangman, Newton Snyder, 16 years old, met death at his home in Derby, south of Wichita, this afternoon.

Tiring of other games, Newton, his brother Wilbur, and other boys of the neighborhood decided to play hangman. First one and then another placed a rope with a knotted noose about his neck and jumped from a box. The rope was attached to a rafter in the garage at the Snyder home. Newton arranged the noose for his own neck, but it in place and then jumped from the box. The noose had not been arranged properly and before help could be summoned the youth had strangled to death.

GAINES TRIAL OPENS IN SEATTLE COURT

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sued not to do so, but she insisted that she would leave her father's home. Arrangements were completed for her to live with her uncle.

This uncle is William A. Gaines of Seattle, chairman of the King county commissioners.

Colvin related that after the decision for Sylvia to go to her uncle's home to live, word was sent to the step-mother to return to Seattle. Mrs. Gaines, after attempting to end her own life with a rifle in the basement of the Gaines home, went to San Francisco in February. She was on her way to Seattle when Sylvia was found dead, and reached here June 19.

"The day Sylvia was murdered," continued the prosecutor, "her father was suffering from a malady which kept him in bed in the morning until after she had left."

"After she left for work her father went out and helped some friends haul material and do painting. Throughout the day he drank continually, whenever he could get anything to drink. That evening he met her and took her home. There was a quarrel and the girl left the house about 8 o'clock, walking away in a huff."

"Sylvia," according to the prosecutor, was fond of walking. That was the way she got her exercise. One of her favorite walks was around Green lake. The father knew that.

"Wallace had made a tentative appointment with one of his companions of the day for 9:30 or 10 that night. Sylvia left the house and did not speak to him, though she did to neighbors. After that her father talked with one of the neighbors, invited him into the house and offered him liquor. When the neighbor refused, Wallace drank again."

Colvin added that at 8:30 the

neighbor to whom he said Gaines had offered a drink left.

"The father," said the narrative, "drives an old 1918 roadster easily distinguished in 1926. You can see its rust and pick it out of a crowd. He drove the machine through Woodland park to Green lake."

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STALLARD REQUESTS CAMPAIGN DEBATES

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Governor to Discuss
Situation

Governor Pierce said last night that he had no comment to make on a letter received from H. H. Stallard of Portland, independent candidate for governor at the November election, in which Mr. Stallard challenged the executive to a series of debates on campaign issues.

"You are aware," reads Mr. Stallard's letter, "that I have announced myself as an independent candidate for governor on an anti-prohibition platform. Under the circumstances I am, therefore, obliged to express my opinion of your administration from time to time on the public platform."

"In my judgment you have made a failure in practically every phase of your administration," he stated.

THREE KILLED IN RAID ALLEGED LIQUOR RUNNERS DIE IN PITCHED BATTLE

HOMESTEAD, Fla., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Three men were shot and killed this afternoon in a pitched battle with seven Federal prohibition agents on the Cape Sable road, 13 miles from Royal Palm state park. None of the federal men was injured.

The dead are:
M. P. Merritt, former constable; Clyde Parrish, son of a former policeman and J. A. Brinson, of Homestead.

Reports here were that the federal men were returning from a series of raids in the Everglades and that the three men opened fire from a pursuing machine. The federal officers, riding in closed cars killed them in an exchange without suffering injury. They declined to divulge their names.

Merritt was removed from office recently by Governor John W. Martin and the father of Parrish recently was discharged from the Homestead police force by order of the mayor.

WINDS FAN FLAMES
SEATTLE, Aug. 5.—High winds today fanned western Washington fires.

GRAND JURY IS PLAYED BY CALIFORNIA COURT

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called to my attention through the action of a certain committee of the grand jury commending another county official who was a candidate at this present time for office, he said:

"Whether the commendation was justified or not is entirely aside from the question. To the public it may be open to the inference that the grand jury is playing politics. That such an inference is possible is intolerable."

The jury stood in Judge Keetch's court room and listened to his lecture.

District Attorney Keyes issued his long promised statement shortly before 2 o'clock in which he stated he was unwilling to assume the responsibility of incurring the enormous expense of a criminal trial "unless and until the grand jury is prepared to justify it."

He stated he had placed all the evidence in the case before the grand jury and that body considered it insufficient for an indictment of any one.

Keyes declared that the ironing out of the McPherson case had been one of the most difficult ever presented to a prosecutor. Because of the prominence of the persons involved, he said the case had been investigated in the full glare of publicity.

"Excessive zeal in seizing upon the slight clue over a suspicion of evidence, and almost hysterical vehemence in reporting ill-considered information as to the facts, has given the public a false impression as to the nature of the evidence in the hands of either

district attorney or any one else interested in bringing out the true facts in the case," Keyes said.

He declared the evidence was not ready nor sufficient to sustain a prosecution. The first reports from Carmel, he said, were very positive, but later witnesses there who believed they had recognized the evangelist in company with Kenneth G. Ormiston, her former radio operator, were not so sure.

"I have told the grand jury that after careful examination I do not at the present time find myself as

district attorney in possession of the weight of evidence which the law requires to disprove testimony of an alleged abduction. I informed the grand jury that my further activities in this case would be guided by their actions or express desire."

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