

WEATHER—Fair in interior; cloudy along coast; rising temperature and decreasing humidity in interior; gentle, variable winds, mostly northerly, along coast. Monday, Max., 75; min., 59; river, 1.9, falling; rain, .31 inch; atmosphere, clear; wind, southwest.

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Our local "modernists" have some reason to doubt the story of Noah taking every kind of animal into the ark. Nobody with good sense would have saved the mosquito. —Honolulu (H. I.) Star-Bulletin.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

AUTO CRASHES MAR WEEK-END

W. W. Powell 73, Hurt When Driverless Car Starts Down Grade

EARL VIESKO IS INJURED

Heavy Downpours and Slippery Pavements Result in Injuries to Many; Several Taken to Hospitals

Mainly due to slippery pavements caused by slight showers, a long list of automobile accidents, some involving more or less serious injuries, marred the week-end in Salem and the nearby country. W. W. Powell, 73, suffered a broken arm and hip when caught under the wheels of a car he had just pushed to the top of a hill. Powell and his daughter, Mrs. Eva Martin, had been riding in the car and it ran out of gas on a hillside near the feeble minded school. They pushed the car to the top of the hill, where it began to descend the other side. Powell jumped for the driver's seat, slipped and fell under the wheel, suffering injuries which necessitated his removal to a hospital.

Earl Viesko of Salem suffered a slight concussion when the car in which he was riding skidded into the rear end of a truck standing beside the highway at Knight's Rest, near Hubbard. The car was driven by Fred A. Williams of Salem, who was taking a party to a golf match in Portland. He saw a car approaching the highway, applied his brakes, and began to slip along the pavement. The rear end swung around and crashed into the truck.

Besides Viesko's injury, Frank Schaefer and Fred Manig, who were also passengers in the car, suffered slight bruises. Milton Hill received a fractured leg and scalp wounds when the car in which he and his brother Eugene were riding was crowded into the ditch and was turned over Sunday by a car driven by Anna E. Casper. According to Miss Casper's version of the story, the Hill car cut in ahead of hers too quickly, causing the accident. Hill was taken to a local hospital and removed from it to his home yesterday afternoon.

The accident occurred on the Garden road near Salem. Cars driven by W. J. Custer and Ernest Klinka collided head-on on the highway half a mile south of Salem, Sunday, resulting in a complete wrecking of the Custer car. According to the report made by Klinka at police headquarters Custer was passing a wagon and crowded him too closely so that they collided.

Thomas D. Kleczynski drove his car into the rear of one driven by Mrs. F. C. Irwin on the highway between Woodburn and Gervais Sunday, according to reports made at police headquarters. The rear

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MYSTERY IS UNSOLVED

LITTLE INFORMATION GAINED BY INVESTIGATORS

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Mystery surrounded the death today of Mrs. Blanche Haner, 32 years old, divorcee of Seattle, Wash., whose bruised body was taken from Lake Michigan. It was first believed the young woman had committed suicide, but marks on the body indicated violence, police said, and the arrest of Ed Moore followed. Mrs. Haner met Moore last night. "I gave her \$250 early in the evening and left her," he said. On leaving her apartment Mrs. Haner gave Mrs. Bella Blake, a friend, \$180 and jewelry valued at \$2000, saying "look after these for me."

Manufacturing Census Thursday

A complete list of all manufacturing plants in Salem is being compiled for publication in the Slogan issue on Thursday. To make this survey complete all firms not included in the survey made in 1925, or which have located here since that time, are asked to get in touch with the Slogan editor at once. This survey is the only one of the kind attempted in Salem. Help make it complete.

August Building Permits \$60,380 Over August '25

Total of \$191,980 Listed Shows Substantial Expansion Within City, Hospital Addition and Ladd & Bush Enlargements Important Items

A total of 45 building permits, aggregating \$191,980 were issued in August up to Monday night, according to statistics gathered from the city recorder's office. Twenty-seven of these permits were to erect new dwellings, eight were to erect garages, and five to alter or repair dwellings.

The other permits issued included one for a hospital addition totaling \$38,445, one to repair a store totaling \$750, one to repair the Ladd & Bush bank, totaling \$12,000, and one to erect a signboard amounting to \$75.



WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The de-generation of American youth may be said to be complete. Two students broke into an unoccupied house here, for the sole purpose of taking a bath.



And a bath is all they got—all that is save a rude interruption by police who have been called by suspicious neighbors. O. Tomson's O. Motel, O. Running Water!

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In 1923 Lieut. Alfred J. Williams Jr., U. S. N., drove his diminutive Curtiss racer at a speed of 260 miles an hour. For a while that record stood without serious competition. Then Capt. Bonnet, of the French air service negotiated a speed of 278 miles an hour. But Williams is convinced he can build and fly a plane which will do 280 at least, if not more. But he does not feel that



LEWIS A. WILLIAMS has should ask the Navy to build it. He has formed a small company which is now engaged in building a special racing plane. It is in heavy construction. Williams' project is offering him every aid. That speed record—the blue ribbon record of flying—must come back to America.

OTHERWISE USELESS ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Behold—the humble milkweed. For ages it has been classed, along with billboards, as the most useless plant in the world. But now it is being used as a substitute for silk. The world's most useless object. But now it is being used as a substitute for silk. The world's most useless object. But now it is being used as a substitute for silk.



ing the milkweed. Thus far the list of products which can be more or less easily obtained from the leafy seed includes—a pulp-paper form of surgical dressing of extreme fineness, various fibers for the silk and other textile industries, a form of celluloid, glucose, cattle food, fertilizer and rubber. The paper products are of unusually high quality and utility, the "silk" is really silky and the glucose is safely edible, lasting much like maple syrup. Aside from that the milkweed is pretty much the bane of our economic and agricultural life.

SPECIAL VOTE IS URGED

WATER PLANT PROJECT FAILS TO MAKE FALL BALLOT

Though it is now too late for the city council to put a measure for acquiring the Salem Water, Light & Power company's plant on the November ballot, steps should be taken at once to call a special election at which the issue can come before the public. According to city officials, a measure to be voted on, must be filed at a regular meeting of the city council at least 60 days prior to the election. The next regular meeting of the city council comes on Sept. 7, the fall election comes on Nov. 3, leaving but 56 days, a period shorter than required by law. Due to this technicality, demand for a special election is increasing.

TRAPPER KILLS BRUIN

BLACK BEAR KILLED \$1,000 WORTH OF SHEEP

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(AP)—A sheep killing black bear whose ravages have been felt keenly by ranchers of eastern Grant county district has been killed after causing damage of \$1000, according to John Lawrence, government trapper, who caught the animal. The bear's devastations were well under way this season, Lawrence said. He had been searching for the animal for a month.

STATE FINANCE REPORT ISSUED

Department of Commerce Announces Summary of Financial Statistics

ALL PAYMENTS INCLUDED

Payments for Maintenance and Operation of the General Departments of Oregon Were \$10,161,973

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The department of commerce today announced a summary of the financial statistics of the state of Oregon for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1925.

The payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of Oregon for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1925, were \$10,161,973 or \$11.98 per capita.

This includes \$414,593 appropriation for education to the minor civil divisions of the state. In 1924 the comparative per capita for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$11.06 and in 1917, \$5.90. The expenses of public service enterprises amounted to \$9,628; interest on debt \$2,546,825 and outlays for permanent improvements \$6,052,326. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments and public service enterprises, interest and outlays were \$18,710,752. The total includes all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above \$7,539,473 was for highways, \$2,131,414 being for maintenance and \$5,408,059 for

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BAR ALL AMERICANS

SENATOR HARRISON WOULD PUT BAN ON FRENCH

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(A.P.)—Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi is so convinced that France should make a debt settlement with the United States that he would bar all Americans from visiting France until such an agreement was signed.

If such a step were possible, and he had the power, he would make such a regulation immediately, he told the Associated Press here today on the eve of his departure for New York.

HE MUST HAVE PICKED THE WRONG JOB



GOVERNOR WOULD CUT FREIGHT RATE ON LIME

FARMERS NOT ABLE TO BUY LIME AT PRESENT PRICE

Proposed Tariff Would Charge Carload Lot Price of \$1 Per Ton

Reduction of the present freight rate on limestone shipped from Wilderville, Josephine county, to the state penitentiary lime plant here to \$1 per ton, and a milling in transit rate of 50 cents additional per ton from Salem to all other points of consumption in the Willamette valley and coast counties, was requested by Governor Pierce in a complaint filed in the public service commission here yesterday. The present rate on raw material shipped from Wilderville to Salem is \$2.95 per ton. The proposed new tariff contemplates a maximum rate in carload lots from Wilderville to Salem of \$1 per ton and to all points of consumption, after being milled in Salem, \$1.50 per ton.

The governor called attention of the public service commission to the necessity of lime in building up the soil, but contended that farmers were not able to purchase it at the present time because of the excessive freight rate.

YOUTH DROWNS IN RIVER

TWO YEAR OLD BOY FOUND DEAD FLOTTING FALL

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 30.—(A.P.)—Gilbert Orland Johnson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Johnson of Mapleton, fell off the dock into the Siuslaw river at Mapleton Sunday afternoon and was drowned.

No one saw the accident. His body was recovered several hours afterward.

FAMOUS PAINTER HURT

C. ROBINSON FRACTURES SKULL IN STREET FALL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Charles Dorman Robinson, internationally known as a painter of landscapes and marines, was in a critical condition here tonight as the result of a fall on a downtown street. The artist suffered a fractured skull when he slipped on the pavement late today.

Because of his advanced age, 79 years, his injury was regarded as dangerous and specialists were sent immediately to his bedside.

FALL KILLS STEVADORE

KNOCKED INTO VESSEL HOLD BY CARGO SLING

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Sigurd Anderson, 35, of this city, a stevedore, was killed here today when he was struck by a sling and knocked into the ship's hold as he was aiding in unloading a cargo. He received injuries in the fall which resulted in death a short time after.

LET RAILROADS ALONE IS PLEA

"Interference Would Be Criminal" Matthew Bush Tells President

BUSINESS TREND IS GOOD

Director of Western Roads Concludes with Coolidge, Declares Lines Are Serving the Nation Well

PAUL SMITH'S, N. Y., Aug. 30.—(AP)—All the railroads of the country need is to be let alone, Matthew C. Brush, of New York, president of the American International corporation and director of several western railroads, said today during a visit with President Coolidge.

As for any consolidation of railroad systems by legislation of congress, Mr. Brush declared that if the interstate commerce commission and the railroad executives could be let alone, consolidations would be brought about intelligently and along proper lines of economic law.

It would be criminal to interfere with the railroads under present conditions, he emphasized, adding that it is impossible to take them apart, draw a few lines and bring about consolidation.

Mr. Brush was a luncheon guest at the White Pine camp, having been invited to give his views of business conditions especially in the light of observations recently made in the southwest during a trans-continental business trip. He returned from that trip, Mr. Brush said, satisfied with America, with prosperity, with the future and with the president. He did not find a single section, he added, that was not prosperous, and he did not see any unemployment.

As for the southwest, he said it was in a great period of prosperity.

PRUNE BUYERS DECEIVED

NEBRASKA REPORT IS DEBITMENTAL TO MARKET

An organized attempt to discredit the quality of Oregon prunes is being made in Nebraska and possibly other midwestern states by an organization signing itself as the Mountain State Fruit Growers' Marketing association, according to word received here last night.

The report, which advises the Nebraska buyers that their market is being flooded with immature Oregon and Washington prunes, "worthless for any purpose except jelly making," advises buyers to wait for Idaho prunes which were described as matured on the trees and of superior quality.

The matter has been taken up with the federal horticultural authorities and the Idaho Horticultural department, C. H. Robinson & Co., of Omaha, agents of western growers, informed the authorities of the report.

MUSIC HOUSE TO OPEN

LUNSFORD TO MAKE SALEM HEADQUARTERS OF CHAIN

L. Lunsford, for five years manager of the piano department of the George C. Will music store, announces that he has become controlling owner of the Portland Music House, of which he has long been minority owner, and will immediately open a new store in the Chambers & Chambers building on North High street here. This store, to be known also as the Portland Music House, will actually be headquarters of the two store chain, Mr. Lunsford supervising all business of the two stores from the Salem end.

OREGON TO HEAR WALSH

MONTANAN TO ADDRESS BAR MEETING IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana will be the main speaker at the convention of the Oregon state bar association in Portland on October 2, Richard Montague, president of the association, announced at the meeting of the executive committee here today. The committee voted to hold the session in Portland this year on October 1 and 2 instead of at Bend, as was first contemplated.

May Head G. A. P.



Central Press Photo.

Veterans of the GAR consider Judge Hosea B. Moulton, of Washington, D. C., a possible candidate for the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is to meet in national encampment at Des Moines, Sept. 19.

GERMAN BAKER MAKES RECORD CHANNEL SWIM

ERNEST VIERKOEETER BEATS GERTRUDE'S TIME

Asks Soldiers for Smoke As He Wades Out on the English Shore

CALAIS, France, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Ernest Vierkoeter, a baker from Cologne, the champion long distance swimmer of Germany today swam across the English Channel in the record time of 12 hours and 43 minutes.

"With a little luck," said his trainer, "he would have done it in ten hours and a half." Vierkoeter not only beat Gertrude Ederle's record but he waded ashore in England so fresh that he began at once to talk about trying next year to swim the difficult stretch in both directions at the one attempt.

According to the captain of the tug Europe of Dunkirk, which accompanied the swimmer, Vierkoeter actually swam 30 and a half miles while the distance across the channel from the point from where he went into the water is only 19 and three-fourths miles. On his swim across the channel, Vierkoeter swallowed a cup of broth after the second hour and a little later had some coffee. After the eighth hour he ate two bananas and after the tenth hour he had a drink of mineral water. That was all he had until he walked ashore near the South Foreland light house and asked the cheering soldiers from the nearby barracks for a cigarette. Vierkoeter returned immediately to France.

TACOMA DRIES KILL JAP

PROHIBITION AGENTS SHOOT SUSPECTED MOONSHINER

TACOMA, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Emil Matsumoto of Tacoma, 31, was killed by federal prohibition agents of the local office this afternoon in a brief battle which followed the discovery of a moonshine still in the woods above Orting, 18 miles east of Tacoma, in which Matsumoto is said to have been interested.

According to the prohibition officers who were headed by W. H. Kinnaird and also included Mark Y. Croxall, and R. A. Lambert, Matsumoto was armed with a rifle and opened fire upon them as soon as they broke cover.

LABORING MEN CONVENE

200 DELEGATES REPRESENT ALL DISTRICTS

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The 24th annual convention of the state federation of labor opened here today with over 200 delegates representing labor unions of every city of the state in attendance. Harmony prevailed in the opening session of the convention. Ben Osborne, Portland iron worker, was appointed to serve the unexpired term of C. Y. Taylor, Portland executive secretary, who recently died. The appointment was made by D. W. Sleeman, president of the federation.

The delegates were addressed by Governor Pierce at the opening session today.

MINTO PASSES AFTER STROKE

Active Career Ends as Local Man Dies in Damascus Country Home

KNOWN HERE FOR YEARS

Born in Marion County in 1848, Leaves Long Record of Public Service; Bravery Unquestioned

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—John W. Minto, prominent in Multnomah and Marion counties for many years as a peace officer and later postmaster of Portland, died at his country home near Damascus, Or., late today. Mr. Minto suffered a stroke of paralysis recently. He was 77 years old.

Mr. Minto was a native of Oregon and during his active career gained a reputation as an efficient public officer. He served as chief of the Portland police from 1894 to 1897 and was regarded as one of the most fearless law enforcement officers in the early history of the local bureau. His last public position was that of warden of the Oregon penitentiary at Salem under the administration of Governor Withycombe.

John Minto was born in Marion county September 27, 1848, the son of John Minto, one of the leading characters in the early days of the state. He received his education at the old Pringle school near Salem, later attending Willamette university from 1863 to 1867.

Mr. Minto was elected sheriff of Marion county in 1884 and served for two terms. He came to Portland in 1888 to enter the real estate business with S. M. Barr. He was appointed United States weigher for the port of Portland in August, 1890. He accepted the

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LINEN EXPERT ADMITTED

FRANK MCKNIGHT MAY ENTER UNDER \$500 BOND

Senator C. L. McNary yesterday received a telegram from the immigration authorities that Frank McKnight, Irish linen expert, would be allowed to enter the United States regardless of the limitations fixed by the immigration quota. Mr. McKnight has been employed to superintend the installation of machinery in the proposed new \$640,000 linen mill which is now under construction here. Mr. McKnight is required to post a bond of \$500 and enter into an agreement that he would not remain in the United States more than one year.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILS

SELF STYLED GERMAN BARON QUICKLY RECOVERS

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 30.—(A.P.)—The self-styled Baron Friedrich von Krupp Jr., held here on charges of passing worthless checks and embezzlement, tonight had practically recovered from the effects of eating match tips in his cell.

The youth became violently ill but recovered quickly. Officers from Wilmington, Del., are expected here tomorrow to return the youth to the east to answer bad check and embezzlement charges here. The prisoner has declared that he preferred deportation to his native country to a trial on charges against him.

POLICE JAIL ACCOMPLICE

CLINTON PRICE RELEASED ON \$5000 BAIL BOND

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 30.—Clinton Price, alleged accomplice of Harry Davis was arrested this afternoon by Detectives Goltz, Collins, Taekberry and Phillips, and jailed under \$5000 bail requirements.

REGULATIONS CONTINUED

COAL STRIKE SITUATION WILL BE DEBATED TODAY

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(A.P.)—The house of commons tonight by a vote of 232 to 91 adopted the government's measure continuing the emergency regulations for another month in connection with the mining strike. The house tomorrow will proceed with the debate on the coal situation.