

WEATHER FORECAST—Unsettled, probably light rains. Maximum yesterday, 67; minimum, 50; river, 2.0; rainfall, .08; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southeast.

The Oregon Statesman

Susanne Lengien's skill with the racket is equaled only by her skill in raising one. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 1, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

LEGION DRUM CORPS TO PLAY

Crack American Legion Musical Units to Compete for Honors Today

APPEAR AT FAIR TWICE

Competition Set for 4 o'clock; Drill at Horse Show Also; Attendance Assures Financial Success

Twelve drum corps from 12 Oregon cities will take part in the drum corps competition this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the fair grounds in celebration of American Legion day at the state fair. In the evening the drum corps will hold a massed drill at the horse show, according to Vjc McKenzie, local American Legion post commander.

The cities to be represented by drum corps are McMinnville, Portland, LaGrande, Bend, Roseburg, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Pendleton, Hood River, Medford, Sheridan and Salem.

Arrangements for the American Legion's participation in the fair are being handled by the fair board this morning at 10 o'clock by the legion itself, according to Mr. McKenzie.

When the Portland American Legion drum corps arrives in Salem this morning at 10 o'clock for its participation in the drum corps competition, it will have a major guard of marines, according to a statement made last night by Sergeant F. E. Karnes, recruiting sergeant here for the marine corps.

A party of 37, including Royal Rosarians of Portland and high railroad officials arrived at the fairgrounds station on a special Oregon Electric. Spokane, Portland and Seattle train and officials represented the City of Roses at the fair yesterday. The Cherrians welcomed the visitors and conducted them on a tour of the fair grounds where the party witnessed the races.

Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad company representatives were: J. D. Dyer, general manager; Roberts Crosbie, controller; R. W. Pickard, general freight agent; R. H. Crozier, general passenger agent; G. E. Votaw, superintendent; John Dickson, superintendent of motive power; Elmo Edwards, purchasing agent; W. C. Smith, tax agent; Charles Whitfield, superintendent of maintenance; George A. Williams, assistant general passenger agent; J. M. Ballingall, assistant general freight agent; L. F. Knowton, traveling passenger agent; J. H. Brady, traveling freight agent; W. W. Starkey, assistant engineer; L. G. Ketchum, chief clerk to the president and Clark Blags, assistant purchasing agent.

W. P. Powers, traveling agent for the C. B. & Q. accompanied the party.

The guests had luncheon at the Marion hotel and returned to Portland late in the afternoon after visiting the fair.

A total of 40,000 persons viewed the fair on Wednesday, Salem Bay, according to figures given out by Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, fair board secretary yesterday. There were 21,850 paid admissions that brought \$13,274 into the fair treasury.

Financial success of the fair is assured by this large attendance, according to Mrs. Wilson. Receipts for the first three days of the fair exceed receipts for the first three days last year by \$3,245, and guaranteed that the fair will break even financially, at least. All money taken in afterward is profit.

R. R. Ryan, 80, Salem civil war veteran, and Clara Ayers, 66, both of Minnesota, were married yesterday in front of the G.A.R. cabin before an audience of hundreds. Dr. James Lisle of this city read the service.

OFFICERS FINE WOMAN

CAROLINE WELLS FAILS TO DECLARE FOUR GOWNS

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP.)—Caroline Wells, the writer, was fined \$450 by the customs authorities for failure to declare four gowns which she brought from Paris yesterday. It was learned tonight. The gowns were appraised at only \$225.

"I just brought in a few dresses," said the writer today. "A friend of mine told me it was unnecessary to declare them—you know how women are."

In private life the author is Mrs. Hadwin Houghton. She lives in this city with her husband. Since 1898 she has written more than 40 books, some of them volumes of poems for children.

Oregon Trail Drill Wins Praise; 35 Horses Enter

Three Day Driving Contest Opens With R. C. McCroskey Taking Lead, While Aaron M. Frank Wins \$250 Single Harness Event

By AUDRED BUNCH
A three-day driving contest opened last night in the ring with R. C. McCroskey of Garfield, Wash., making the initial score.

Aaron M. Frank, prominent Portland fancier, won the \$250 stake in the single harness event. The ladies' cup went to Miss Flora Jane McBride of Portland, while Dr. and Mrs. Julius H. Held won the Corinthian with Topsy Sinclair. Portland day at the state fair brought an audience into the stadium which filled to capacity.

Listed among the preliminaries was a parade by 35 show horses in the ring; an "Old Oregon Trail Episode"; and vocal numbers by Miss Eva Roberts, soloists with the Salena Cherrian band.

To R. C. McCroskey of Garfield, Wash., went the first ribbon "for honors in the first showing in the three-night driving competition. The Portland Damascus Milk company which won first prizes three nights in succession in the show ring failed to surpass when driving ability alone was considered. They were awarded second place last night. George W. Mills of St. John, Wash., made third.

Excluding all entries but five—and these professional—the light harness stake competition for the \$250 stake was a stirring contest. Aaron M. Frank, for the second time during the week, captured first. On Tuesday Marguerite won the honor for her master, while on Thursday the judges proclaimed another champion in the Frank string—Patty Miller.

A roadster from the Olympic Riding and Driving club scored second for the stake; Teddy, owned by W. M. Kerron of Garden Home, third; while Mrs. C. Edward Grelle's Shikara was reduced to last place.

Polo ponies were introduced onto the tanbark for the first time last night. A Portland horse, Matt McDougall's Gypsy Queen, qualified for the blue emblem, while the second and third awards went to OAC ponies.

Ruxton and Seaton Septimus who won the \$250 stake for their owner, J. D. Farrell of Seattle, on (Continued on page 2.)

HOFF SUIT IS EXPLAINED

BREACH OF CONTRACT CAUSE OF COURT ACTION

LQS ANGELES, Sept. 30.—(AP.)—The ordering of Charles Hoff, Norwegian pole vaulter, from this country by the immigration authorities because his file permit is up, has nothing whatever to do with the suit Hoff filed here yesterday against the AAU for \$100,000. Hoff told the Associated Press today.

"I filed this suit simply because the AAU failed to pay my expenses as they promised, and forced me into professionalism to support myself," he said. Also because they suspended me without reason."

VETERANS GIVEN LOANS

COMMISSION APPROVES 184 APPLICATIONS HERE

The world war veterans state aid commission yesterday approved 134 soldiers loans, involving \$317,000. Applications of 150 other veterans for loans were also approved. The number of loans approved is the largest at any one meeting in several years.

The total number of loans made under a state bonus act is now 1135, with a total amount of \$19,897,525. Many veterans have completed buying lots and hence are eligible for loans, according to Major W. P. Simpson, secretary, so the number of applications made recently is quite large.

BOY CRUSHED TO DEATH

BUS CARRYING SCHOOL CHILDREN OVERTURNS

MODESTO, Cal., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—Roy Merrifew, 12, was crushed to death and five other children were injured when a bus bearing 40 students backed into a gulley and overturned on the Orange Blossom grade near Oakdale today.

ROBBED AS HOUSE BURNS

SAFE HAULED AWAY AS OWNERS WATCH EARLY FIRE

CLARKSTON, Wash., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—While citizens tumbled out of bed to watch a beautiful residence burn at 3 o'clock this morning, burglars broke into a drug store here and carted away a safe weighing 200 pounds and containing \$100 in cash and some valuable papers.

NEW BUILDING ASKED AT FAIR

Increased Livestock Display Facilities Urged by Pure Bred Group.

MORE JUDGES REQUESTED

Awards Should Be Complete by Wednesday Is Claim in Resolutions Commending Fair Board's Work

About 150 members of the Oregon Pure Bred Livestock association and their friends banqueted at Mrs. Olmsted's restaurant at the fair grounds last night. This is an annual affair and is looked forward to by the members. Ed Schoel, Albany, president of the association, presided. O. M. Plummer acted as toastmaster. The meeting took on more the appearance of a political gathering than one dedicated to more and better livestock.

The principal speakers were Governor Pierce, Robert N. Stanfield and I. L. Patterson. Each was well received and made interesting talks. The resolutions committee presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

"We of the Oregon Purebred Livestock association, do hereby express our appreciation of the good work done by the members of the state fair board in planning and executing this most successful fair now drawing to a close and especially do we realize the effective work of the secretary, Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson.

"Each year shows a greater interest in the boys' and girls' club work. Each year brings out a better class of livestock in these classes. Each year shows the boys and girls have been better trained in their work. We fully realize that the future of the livestock industry is in the hands of these juvenile exhibitors. We appreciate the splendid work that has

HOUSE BURNS TO GROUND

PROPERTY IS COMPLETE LOSS, DIRECTIONS SCANT

Fire yesterday afternoon completely destroyed the two-story residence of Mrs. F. S. Bock, in Salem Heights, just outside the city limits. The origin of the blaze is unknown. Loss is partially covered by \$4000 insurance, it is reported.

The fire department here received an alarm that took them to the Salem Heights store, but did not give the location of the house. They couldn't find it, so returned just in time to get another alarm.

Officer Warren Edwards was sent to investigate and found the flames shooting from the roof. A little furniture was saved, but aside from that the house was a total loss, he states.

WILLOS-KELLEY FIGHT MAY REACH U. S. COURT

CONVICTS WILL BE HANGED HERE ON NOVEMBER 5

Trial "Unfair," Conviction Due to Press Comments They Tell Judge

Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, convicts, yesterday were resentenced by Judge Percy Kelley of the Marion county circuit court to be hanged in the execution chamber of the Oregon state penitentiary on Friday, November 5. Kelley and Willos were convicted of first-degree murder in connection with the slaying of Milton Holman and John Sweeney, guards, during a break at the prison here in August, 1925. They originally were sentenced to be hanged on January 8 of this year but later appealed their cases to the state supreme court.

Will R. King of Portland, attorney for Kelley and Willos, contended that under the statutes his clients could not be executed legally until such time as their present terms in the penitentiary expired. He also alleged that the jury was prejudiced against Kelley and Willos for the reason that they were brought into court attired in prison clothing, and were guarded closely by penitentiary officials.

Willos told Judge Kelly that he had not received a fair and impartial trial, and denounced his attorney for waiving the right of separate trials. Willos said he was not consulted by Judge King, and that he had no knowledge that he was to be tried jointly with Kelley until a few days before the trial.

Kelley attributed his conviction to the "underground work" of political hirings and influence of the Portland newspapers.

Judge King indicated that he would make application to have the cases appealed to the United States supreme court.

MANY FALL CANDIDATES

95 DISTRICT, 11 STATE OFFICES TO BE FILLED

Voters at the general election in November will fill a total of 11 state offices, 95 district offices and pass on 19 measures of state wide effect. This was set out in a statement issued by the secretary of state here yesterday.

Fifteen members of the senate are to be elected for full terms of four years, while the 21st district comprised of Union and Wallowa counties will elect a senator to fill a vacancy. The full complement of 60 members of the lower house of the legislature will be elected at the November contest.

In addition to state, county and district offices there will be selected at the November election seven trustees of the Salmon River-Grand Ronde Highway Improvement district. The district includes parts of Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties.

FLOODS THREATEN FARMS

FORT SMITH, Ark., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—Threatened floods tonight were driving farmers in the Arkansas and Poteau river bottoms to seek safety on higher levels with livestock and equipment.

TRESSES DROP TO HELP AIMEE

Evangelist Takes Hair Down to Prove "Switch" Disguise Is False

BASE MOTIVE 'ABSURD'

Miss Emma Schaeffer, State's Witness, Reveals Previous Knowledge of Mysterious Toughs

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Sept. 30.—(AP.)—Aimee Semple McPherson took down her mass of bronze colored hair in the court room here today and demonstrated that no part of it was false.

The demonstration was made voluntarily after Deputy District Attorney E. J. Dennison had questioned Miss Emma Schaeffer, Mrs. McPherson's secretary, as to whether the evangelist wore switches.

Reading of the transcript of Mrs. McPherson's testimony before the grand jury revealed that the evangelist had requested permission to make a statement after District Attorney Asa Keyes had questioned her before the body. She said she realized that her story appeared unusual and that she knew that various motives for a possible deliberate disappearance had been advanced. Among these she mentioned "bas-

CITIZENS JOIN MAN HUNT

FOUR ROBBERS ESCAPE IN CAR WITH LARGE SUM

NEW ROCKFORD, N. D., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—Citizens deserted their business places and homes to join with officers in trailing four robbers who today held up and robbed the First National bank of New Rockford escaping in a motor car with between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Part of the loot is in registered bonds. The posse formed and started in pursuit a few minutes after the robbery occurred.

The automobile has a Minnesota license plate. All towns in the vicinity of New Rockford were notified and highway patrols were established along every thoroughfare leading from New Rockford.

While one man sat at the wheel of a motor car in front of the bank the other three ordered, drew pistols and forced eight customers into a corner and four bank employees into a vault. They attempted, but failed, to lock the cashier, two assistants and a book-keeper in the vault.

YOUNG VETERAN ENROLL

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GETS WORLD WAR MASCOT

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—Mascot Packer, mascot in Company D of the 162nd infantry, AEF, during the world war, the youngest member in the American legion by six years, has enrolled as a freshman in the University of Oregon for this term.

Packer is but 19 years old and is registered from Salem.

Running away from his home during the latter part of the war, Packer, then a boy of ten, was first adopted by the 162nd and later by the Sixth cavalry in France. At 12 years, the lad was an enlisted private and upon his return to America was discharged at Camp Lewis, along with other members of his company.

EIGHT MEN ARRESTED

POSTAL INSPECTORS BELIEVE STAMP THIEVES HELD

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AT.)—The arrest of eight men here and up-state is believed by postal inspectors to have broken up a gang that in eight months has robbed banks and postoffices in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania of more than a million dollars.

Four of the men were arrested at the Cedarhurst Inn, West Sand Lake, near Troy, by postal inspectors. Three were arrested here and the eighth was arrested in his home at Delmar.

Postal Inspector Charles H. Clapham, who directed the investigation that led to the arrests, said the eight were suspected of theft of a "half million" in stamps in various cities, and also of post-office and bank robberies in three states.

PROFITS REPORTED LOW

BLALOCK DISTRICT WILL NET \$8 TO \$4 PER TON

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—Prune growers of the Blalock district are finding they will net but \$3 or \$4 a ton for their fruit this year. The returns less freight are about \$10, but the cost of picking and packing has cut down the net returns.

BURNING SHIP RACES

FIRE SEEN 14 MILES AWAY AS SHIP SAILS TO RESCUE

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—The American steamer New Britain is afire off the Georgia coast and is speeding toward Savannah, the steamer Firmore reported by radio tonight.

The Firmore said she was then 14 miles from the New Britain and that flames were visible above the hatches. The message added that the Firmore was crowding on all steam to keep as close to the burning ship as possible in its dash toward Savannah.

The New Britain, a vessel of 5,174 tons gross, has a crew of 39. She left New York September 26 with a general cargo for San Francisco and other west coast ports. She is chartered by the Williams Steamship line.

BRAMWELL TO APPEAL

SALEM OFFICE RULING OFFICE MUST BE MOVED HERE, SAYS SKIPWORTH

"Law Is Supreme for All" Court Holds, Reviewing Facts in Case

There is no law in the state of Oregon which authorizes the superintendent of banks to maintain his principal office in the city of Portland, according to an opinion handed down here yesterday by Judge G. F. Skipworth of Lane county in mandamus proceedings brought by George Putnam, Salem newspaper publisher, to compel the state superintendent of banks to maintain his principal office in Salem.

"The evidence showed," read the opinion, "that the defendant now occupies as an office one room in the capitol building in the city of Salem. In this room is a desk. The defendant employs in this office one clerk or stenographer. She has no authority to open mail received by the defendant at this office but she redirects such mail to the defendant to his Portland office.

"The defendant occasionally visits the Salem office. The defendant has established offices in other cities, such as Astoria and branch offices. It appears from the evidence that the defendant, his chief clerk and chief deputy occupy the Portland offices which comprise four rooms in the Henry building. Very little of the banking business under the supervision of the defendant is transacted in

STILL FOUND BY POLICE

MRS. F. J. JENKINS, IN JAIL, FACES CHARGE

Mrs. F. S. Jenkins was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Roy Bremner and Officer Warren Edwards, charged with possession of a still and was lodged in the county jail. The still was found in the basement of a house she had rented on the river road just north of Salem, and has a capacity of about 20 gallons.

According to the story she said to have told local police, Mrs. Jenkins bought the still in Portland for \$35 a few days ago and brought it to Salem. She rented the house through a real estate broker. Wednesday the owner of the house, who did not yet know it had been rented, brought another party to look it over.

He went in and found the still just set up and ready to operate, so he reported the matter to local police. When they searched the house they found besides the still several barrels, three burners, and nearly 10 gallons of corn mash.

FINANCIAL DEAL CLOSED

TRANSACTION ONE OF LARGEST IN SEVERAL YEARS

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—All the assets of the Ladd Estate company and the Oregon Iron & Steel company, amounting to approximately \$5,000,000 or more, are being acquired by Frederick H. Strong and Paul C. Murphy of Portland. The deal has been closed except as to the final details, which will be disposed of tomorrow, it was learned tonight.

The transaction is one of the largest in years and involves holdings in Washington and California, as well as in Oregon.

SNAKE CHARMER IS HELD

MINTO GOES THROUGH POCKETS, REPTILE MISSING

J. W. Bellamy, snake charmer with the Browning shows at the fairgrounds, got drunk yesterday and is said to have stolen a snake. He wandered at large about the grounds until arrested and was brought to the city police station. Frank Minto, chief of police, volunteered to go through his pockets in spite of the possibility of a snake being in them, but found no snake. Bellamy was locked in the city jail. The snake is still at large, but it is said no one need be worried, as it is only a garter snake about a foot long.

GAS PRICE WAR REACHES SALEM

Local Stations to Retail Petrol for Twenty and Half Cents Today

EFFECTIVE IN 3 STATES

Public Benefits from Four Cent Drop While Dealers Will Be Allowed Greater Margin of Profit

Gasoline prices in Salem will fall four cents today in service stations serving this community. It was learned last night from local distributors of several of the oil companies operating here. While some of the companies had received no word of the scheduled drop it was expected that orders lowering the price would be received here this morning.

The retail price today will be twenty and a half cents. The former price prevailing was twenty four and a half cents a gallon.

While the price to the public is four cents lower, in most cases, the price to the dealer has been cut only three cents, giving them a profit of three cents a gallon instead of four cents as formerly.

S. H. Starr, local manager of the Shell company, received word last night of the scheduled drop in price. He was at the company booth at the fair grounds when the telegram reached him.

Hugh McCammon, local manager of the Associated Oil company, received word of the price cut last night and said that it would be effective in all their stations today.

While no official word of the price cut in Standard Oil service stations was available it was understood from unofficial sources that the new price would be effective in all their stations this morning.

W. R. Speck of the General Petroleum company, had received a word of the price cut but said that if the price drop was widespread according to the dispatches that he would probably receive a telegram early this morning, as he understood the Portland office had already received the price cut order.

H. E. Oliver, local Union Oil company manager, said late last night that no word of the gasoline price cut had been received by the local office but that preliminary telegrams of the contemplated cut had been received and that official word was expected this morning.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP.)—The price slashing war which has been going on in California among the leading gasoline companies has reached Portland, with the result that the gasoline sold at least five of the big companies—Associated, General, Shell, Standard and Union—may be obtained at service stations tomorrow at 19 cents, a reduction of 4 cents a gallon.

Officials of the Union Oil company and of the Shell company of California, said tonight that the reduction, already were in effect. Those of the Standard Oil company and the Associated Oil company declared they would be in effect tomorrow morning, and officials of the General Petroleum company, although stating that they had not yet received authorization from headquarters declared they would cut likewise to competitive prices tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—(AP.)—The large distributors of gasoline today more than met the price cut of three cents a gallon (Continued on page 2.)

SOMEBODY ELSE WHO LIVES IN A SHOE



FRIDAY AT THE STATE FAIR

- Booster and American Legion Day, Astoria
- 8:30—Concert by Pilo and Drum corps of Grand Army of the Republic.
- 9:30—Judging of county exhibits in Agricultural pavilion.
- 10:00—Concert by Salem Concert band under direction of Oscar Steinhilber.
- 10:30—Canning and cooking demonstrations in educational building.
- 11:00—Arrival of American Legion drum corps.
- 11:30—Address in art department in educational building.
- 1:00—Concert by Pilo and Drum corps of Grand Army of Republic in front of Administration building.
- 1:30—Race on Lons Oak track, featuring:
 - 2:20 trot, 3 heats—\$1000
 - 2:25 pac, 3 heats—\$1000
 - Claming, 6 furlongs—\$ 250
 - Claming, 7 furlongs—\$ 250
 - Claming, 7 furlongs—\$ 250
- 2:30—Amusement attractions, a Boys' and Girls' club department.
- 4:00—Evening attractions and demonstrations on fairgrounds.
- Evening
- 7:30—Concert in new horse show stadium by Salem Concert band under direction of Oscar Steinhilber.
- 8:00—Horse show in horse show stadium.
- 8:30—Amusement attractions on White Way.