

GOOD CROPS

In general, crops in the Willamette valley this season are very good and prices are above average.

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WEATHER

Generally fair today. Slightly cooler. Max. temperature Friday 71; Min. 47. River -1.4; Part cloudy; No rain; Wind west.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

'WITCH' KILLED BY 2 IN GRIP OF SUPERSTITION

Effect of "Evil Eye" Feared by Confessed Slayers of Woman, 75

Etta L. Fairchild is Quoted as Having Boasted of Deaths Caused

KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 19.—(AP)—Admitting they killed Mrs. Etta L. Fairchild, 75, because they feared the effect of her "evil eye," on their 17 year old daughter, Eugene Burgess, 53, and his wife Pearl were being held on a murder charge here today.

The couple was arrested last night after officers called to the home on a "tip" discovered a blood spattered living room and later found the body of the woman in the cistern back of the house.

Court action against the Burgess has been held up pending questioning of their son, Burnett, by Prosecutor Paul M. Tedrow, to determine whether the youth was in the house when the crime was committed and took part in the slaying.

Amazing Belief in Witchcraft Related

In his confession, to officers Burgess coolly revealed an amazing belief in spells and latter-day witchcraft reminiscent of the "hex" murders in the vicinity of York, Pa.

Burgess and his wife blamed Mrs. Fairchild for the ill health of their daughter, Eugene, and also for a spell which they believed the entire family to be under. Yesterday, when Mrs. Fairchild called at the Burgess home they said she boasted of a "mental power," to annihilate whomever she chose.

They said she told them she had killed more than 100 persons a year for the past 25 years. Mrs. Burgess said the woman had a long list of persons she claimed were victims of her "evil eye," including her husband, and prominent Kalamazoo citizens.

Method of Murder.

Described to Officers

Burgess is said to have told officers he came on the woman from behind as she was eating dinner at their home last night, and beat her with a lead pipe and a hammer.

Then he and his wife wrapped the body in a rug, weighed it, and threw it into the cistern, he said.

Eugene became ill last April while visiting her uncle and grandparents in Detroit. She was at the home of a neighbor when the slaying took place.

BANDITS GET LARGE AMOUNT IN HOLDUP

NEW ORLEANS, July 19.—(AP)—Masked bandits stole an armored money truck containing \$42,000 in cash and negotiable checks off the streets of New Orleans early today and disappeared.

After an all day search the police had been unable to find any trace of either the robbers or the motor car. The only clue they had was a description furnished by the bank guards, who were thrown off the truck by the bandits and chased into a restaurant, while the thieves escaped in the car, firing their pistols as they sped away. No one was wounded.

Apparently the robbery had been carefully planned. The truck was making its daily rounds at the branches of the Hibernia Bank and Trust company, when it was forced to the curb by a grey sedan, out of which jumped three bandits, wearing black hoods over their heads and black raincoats. As they sprang on the running board of the truck, they fired their pistols. The guards were thrown out as a bandit grabbed the wheel of the truck.

One bandit chased the guards into the restaurant, another turned the sedan, which was stolen, and drove away. A third, a blacked cross street with a second machine and all of them escaped the armored truck and boarded the car.

Repeating today to a question of a newspaper correspondent whether he proposed to name any more commissions, the president replied: "Certainly do." He added, however, that he had no more specific inquiries in mind at this time.

American Legion Headquarters To Be Opened Today

Convention Commission Established at Local Armory in Preparation for Big Meeting Of War Veterans Early in August

Headquarters of the American Legion convention commission will be opened this morning in the officers' rooms at the armory, by H. G. "Fod" Maison, executive secretary of the commission. He will be on duty there all day from now until the convention is over.

Establishment of convention headquarters is a reminder that the big convention is less than three weeks away. The dates are August 8, 9 and 10.

F. F. Ellis, representative of the firm which has contracted for the elaborate decorations downtown in connection with the convention, was in Salem Friday and announced that he would be here permanently beginning next Wednesday.

At present he is in charge of decorations at Eugene for the Sunset Trail pageant.

The decorations here according to plans previously outlined, will be probably the most elaborate ever arranged, featuring the American Legion emblem and patriotic insignia. In addition to the general street decorations and those at the armory and at the capitol building where the business sessions of the convention will be held, a number of business houses will arrange displays. Mr. Ellis will hold conferences with proprietors of these business houses when he returns here next Wednesday.

Registration Headquarters Transferred Friday

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GOVERNMENT'S EXPENDITURES WILL INCREASE

White House Announces Big Boost in Appropriations Next Four Years

\$300,000,000 Rise to Put Expenses Up Above Four Billion Mark

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—An increase in governmental expenditures of approximately \$300,000,000 during the next four years was forecast by the White House today after a study of appropriations made by congress and other mandatory obligations.

The increase, if it materializes, will send the total government expenditures out of ordinary receipts above \$4,000,000,000 for the first time since the years of heavy war expenses. For the fiscal year closing last June 30, the total government expenditures aggregated \$3,848,463,189, while the increase for this year was estimated at \$1,150,000,000.

Of this amount farm relief was expected to account for at least \$150,000,000 while the increases in the three divisions of government activity was expected to total \$1,000,000,000.

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Babe Ruth Forced Out of Lineup For Indefinite Period

CLEVELAND, July 19.—(AP)—Injuries sustained by Babe Ruth in the first of today's games between Cleveland and New York, will keep the home run hitter out of the Yankee lineup for the rest of the series here, and perhaps the rest of the season, Miller Huggins, Yankee manager said tonight.

The sultan of swat pulled a muscle in his left leg while rounding the bases and was forced to retire. He did not appear in the second game, and tonight Huggins said that Ruth's absence from the game will be indefinite.

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Strictly fresh eggs ranked second, with an advance of seven percent to take third place. The greatest decrease was reported for cabbage, which was eight percent cheaper. Onions dropped five percent, and lamb, hens, and flour two percent.

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Hit-Run Driving Charged Against Salem Resident

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Thatcher's car collided with one driven by G. B. Wynkoop, 4280 Oxford street. When brought before the police, Thatcher admitted being in the collision and driving on, thinking the accident was not worth bothering over. He will appear in municipal court this afternoon.

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Farm Board



James Stone, above, of Lexington, Ky., has been appointed vice-chairman of President Hoover's Federal Farm Board and spokesman for tobacco, while Carl Williams, below, of Oklahoma City, also appointed to the board will be representative for cotton.

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Russians Will Not Arbitrate

Intervention of Any Outside Parties to be Resisted, is Announcement

Obligations Under Kellogg Pact Nevertheless to be Complied With

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Hoover Adopts Policy of Naming Commissions For Specific Investigations

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Both the chief executive and his cabinet members have followed this method of fact-finding since the administration took office. President Hoover has named a