

ON POETRY
Various and sundry poems find their way to the waste basket; The Statesman announces a page to be run this fall which will contain local contributions entirely.

WEATHER
Continued high temperature today; Low humidity. Max. temperature Tuesday 82, Min. 48. River—S. A. atmosphere clear.

BLAZE CAUSES PERTURBATION AT MT. SCOTT

300-Acre Fire Shows Red in Southeastern Sky Late Yesterday

Situation in State Results in Closing All National Forests to Travel

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 10.—(AP)—Residents of this city whose knowledge of forest fires in Oregon was limited to the statements of officialdom tonight awakened to a stern realization of the seriousness of the situation when a 300-acre blaze crept within the limits of the Mount Scott district and reflected dull red against the southeastern sky.

County officials, who sent road crews out to fight the fire, described it as "not serious," but residents of the district who were reminded of its presence each time they peered from their windows or drew a breath outdoors, were visibly worried.

The fire was reported confined to underbrush and stumpage. All National Forests Closed to Campers

Confronted by what they described as the most dangerous fire situation in many years, officials of the district forest office here announced that all of the 14 national forests in Oregon will be closed tomorrow morning. C. M. Granger, district forester, said this is the second time in history that all Oregon national reserves have been ordered closed as a preventive measure against fire.

The closing order, Granger said, will not affect travel over regular highways nor camping at government supervised grounds in the forests. Unless the ban is lifted before September 15, however, and Granger said he saw no immediate possibility of such being the case, it will result in a postponement of the hunting season's opening on that date.

2000 Men Engaged in Fighting Fires

Government and state officials estimated there were more than 2000 men on fire fronts in various parts of western Oregon tonight. Coos and Curry counties, on the coast, continued to bear the brunt.

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SILVER FALLS FIRE IS UNDER CONTROL

Previous Reports About Forest Blaze Declared "Overdone"

SILVERTON, Sept. 10.—(Special)—Fire in the holdings of the Silver Falls Timber company, 30 miles southeast of Silverton, was reported Tuesday as being under control, although large crews of men were still on the scene to prevent a new outbreak.

The announcement was made by M. C. Woodard, manager of the company, who at the same time gave a statement correcting certain reports published previously.

"Some of the reports about the forest fire in the Silver Falls logging district were a little overdone," said Mr. Woodard.

"A few short trestles on spur tracks were burned out, but the main line so far remains intact for the entire distance. A few bunk-houses were destroyed in Silver creek basin, and some damage was done to homesteads in the outskirts.

"The forty women brought out were not 'rescued' as stated, as they were not in danger. They were brought down merely as a precautionary measure, so that they might not have to walk the entire distance, should bridges burn out between Camp 14, where they have been living during the summer, and Silverton.

"The telephone lines are down, as some of the poles were caught in the fire.

"The fire is under control and the damage already done can be repaired in eight or ten days.

"Logging operations had ceased before the fire broke out, as logging is always halted when the humidity drops below 30."

County Has Largest Grain Crop in History, Reports By Warehouse Firm Show

The largest crop of grain in the history of Marion county has been produced this year according to the statement of Harry Miller, manager of the Farmers' Warehouse company here which is affiliated with Kerr, Gifford & Co. of Portland.

"According to the fairest report which I can gather at this season," said Mr. Miller Tuesday, "the county has produced 250,000 bushels of wheat this season. This has a value estimated at \$287,850. The yield of oats has been

Salem Boys Spend Vacation at New Mehama Camp—Do They Like It?



Above is seen the boys at "chow" with the dining room in the background. Upper center is Paul West, Jr., scout officer while to the lower left are "Ma" and "Pa" Boyley who know how to cook their onions.

Above is a group of camp swimmers in the pool at the Mehama camp; lower center is a tent ready for inspection; to the left is a group of scout recruits. This picture donated by Salem Engraving company.

SCOUT DRIVE IS WELL ON WAY TO FINAL GOAL

Leaders Pleased With First Two Days Response to Funds Campaign

"More than satisfied over results of the first two days of the drive," late Tuesday declared scout leaders who are directing the annual finance campaign to put boy scouting over the top in Marion and Polk counties for another 12 months. Although first reports on the drive were made at a luncheon at the Spa Tuesday noon, no figures are yet available on the progress, inasmuch as all workers were not present and any report would not be complete.

"If persons who are approached today and Thursday are as liberal with contributions as have been those who gave the first two days, the complete success of the campaign is already assured," O. P. West, scout executive who is working with Douglas McKay, campaign chairman, said Tuesday.

The scouting program is so well and favorably known in the city that field workers are seldom called upon to explain the merits of the drive, and men on the canvass report very few persons who have declined to do something for the cause.

The regular rally luncheon will be held at the Spa this noon, when every worker is urged to be present to make report. Nearly 50 men are working the field, but up to report time yesterday noon only the surface has been touched. Business and professional men who are giving of their time to help make the boy program a success for another year are determined to reach "the 6300 goal set before they call the campaign ended."

Several additional men had enlisted in the cause yesterday, including: Bernard Kay, Ted Endicott, S. E. Parvine, Ellis Miller, Walter Minier, Eric Butler and C. A. Sprague.

JOHN HAINES FOUND DEAD IN BEDROOM

John Haines of Salem was found dead shortly before noon Tuesday in his bedroom at his farm home 10 miles northwest of town on the Wallace road. Neighbors first discovered the body. Death was apparently due to heart trouble, to which he had been subject, having suffered a particularly hard attack about a year and a half ago. Haines was last seen about his farm shortly after 8 o'clock Monday night, and was then doing the evening chores. He maintained a residence in town also, his family living in Salem. Funeral arrangements have not been made, remains being at the Rigdon mortuary.

Haines was 59 years old and was born in Iowa March 4, 1860. He is survived by his widow, Sina, and three children, Helen, Ronald and Mrs. R. H. Stewart, all of Salem.

Four Salemites Return to City From Long Trip

Pleased with 10 weeks spent traveling through the Orient, but happy to be back in the good state of Oregon, four Salem travelers arrived home early Tuesday evening. They were Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, Dean Roy Hewitt, of Willamette university, and his son, Ronald, and Professor Roy Lockenour, Willamette university teacher. The men were members of the Upton Close group, which left here late in June.

Crawford Named By Organization

Henry R. Crawford, of Salem, has been named as Oregon's representative in an organization formed at Sacramento recently, to systematize the placing of Pacific coast exhibits at California state fairs and other expositions. D. M. Lowe, who was in charge of Oregon's exhibit this year is president of the organization.

TEACHING STAFF COMPLETED IN CITY

Faculty of Salem Schools Approved at Meeting Of Board Tuesday

Faculty of the Salem schools for the year 1929-30 was completed with election of six teachers at the regular board meeting held last night in the city superintendent's office. Coal bids for Leslie junior high were opened and referred to the supplies committee with power to act; new linoleum approved for the high school principal's office; and a swimming program outlined by Dr. Edward Lee Russell as other items to come before the board.

Teachers elected were: Mrs. Mary Mishler, wife of Superintendent M. J. Mishler, formerly of Grants Pass, biology and science in the senior high school; Helen Gunn, graduate of O. S. C., who will teach home economics at Parish junior high in place of Mrs. Marion Glendinning, whose resignation was submitted and accepted last night; Agnes Louise Norcross, graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, who will teach geography and history at Leslie; Esther Ferguson of Washington, art at Parrish; Frances L. Welch, fourth grade at Englewood; Mrs. Elsie S. Humble of Salem and former teacher at Parrish, sixth grade at Park.

Coal bids were submitted by Larmer, Hillman and the Capital City fuel companies of Salem.

Dr. Russell recommended that to continue an effective swimming program for boys the board pay the Y. M. C. A. \$50 a month for an instructor and an additional dollar be paid by the boys for lessons once a week for an eight week period. Last year, although classes were taught, the boys had no regular instructor and paid \$3.50 for the swimming class. The board took no action in the matter.

MACLEAY SHEEP GET HIGH RATING

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Dr. Willing to Be Entertained In Salem Soon

Plans of the Salem Golf club to entertain Dr. O. F. Willing, Portland dentist, who was runner-up in the national amateur golf tournament at Pebble Beach last week, will be completed today following a conference between Fred Kay, president of the local club, and Jimmy Richardson, of the Multnomah club, who is arranging the Portland reception.

Dr. Willing will arrive in Salem at 11 o'clock Friday forenoon according to present indications, and will be tendered a reception by Governor Patterson in the executive department at the state house. The golf club's luncheon for the noted golfer and others from Oregon, who played in the national tournament, will probably follow.

Hop Season Found Quiet From Selling Standpoint

LOCAL hop dealers are experiencing the quietest season from selling standpoint known here in several seasons, with buyers making themselves scarce while waiting to see samples of the crop.

The mold which is prevalent in a number of the yards here has played havoc with both picking and selling, to a certain extent. When reports of mold first went out, the mold was rated worse than it actually is, according to one prominent grower, and as a consequence pickers were discouraged from coming. Most yards are working short of pickers, with the big Lakebrook yard of T. A. Livesley probably holding the highest quota in comparison with recent years. The amusements and general care for welfare of pickers in this yard is probably a main factor in keeping the picking crew up for almost normal. More than 500 pickers are engaged there, only some 50 or 75 short of the usual number.

Yards at Independence are quite short of pickers, so is the Horst yard and a number of the smaller yards about here. Pick-

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Believe It or Not About Salem

Salem is the hop center of the world. That is, in the Salem district about 80 per cent of all hops grown in Oregon are produced and Oregon grows more hops than California or New York.

Out of the 16,000 acres of hops in Oregon, more than 13,000 acres are within the Salem trading area. Of the 85,000 bales produced in 1928, more than 60,000 were grown in Marion and Polk counties.

The Statesman will welcome contributions from its readers of other remarkable facts about Salem.

LOCAL EXPERT WILL TALK FREIGHT RATE

Port to Port Tariffs Held Too Advantageous for Large Cities

The fourth section case which concerns class and commodity rates on freight between ports and intermediate points along the Pacific coast, will come up for hearing September 26 before the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington, D. C., according to William P. Ellis, rate expert, who will represent the cities of western Oregon in an appeal to place interior freight rates on a parity with the port to port tariffs.

"The layman often does not realize what this petition means," said Ellis Tuesday in discussing the pending hearings. "Let me give an example. The freight rate on sugar from San Francisco to Medford is 80 cents for 100 pounds. The rate from San Francisco to Portland on sugar is 24 cents for 100 pounds.

"This means that a shipper could send sugar from San Francisco to Portland and back to the Bay City and back again to Portland for less cost than from San Francisco to Medford. The interior cities maintain that such a schedule is unjust, unfair and destructive to the development of interior western cities."

The specific case on which Mr. Ellis will appear is in opposition to a request from the Southern Pacific which requests lower rates between the ports to meet water schedules now prevailing. Here—

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Newberg Bridge Held in Danger Of Brush Blaze

A fire which has burned over 100 acres of logged off land has been threatening the inter-county bridge over the Willamette river near Newberg. J. L. Cook, road patrolman of the district, has stationed guards night and day lately to protect the structure. The bridge was built several years ago at a cost of \$22,000. The danger from fire is not great during the nights and mornings, but afternoon winds stir up the flames and necessitate careful watch at all hours.

Jews Seeking to Raise Funds for Palestine Relief

Jewish folk in Salem have organized a society to raise funds for Palestine relief funds. These funds to be administered jointly by the Zionist society and the Jewish Relief Corps. Anyone wishing to contribute may send their checks by mail or take them to the Ladd and Bush bank, designating that they are to be deposited in the national Jewish relief fund.

The Zionist society and the Jewish Relief Corps are working together from headquarters in New York City, to distribute the collected money for the aid of the Jews in Palestine who have lost all their belongings in the latest massacre.

Stage Workers Renew Contract With Elsinore

Renewal of the contract between the Elsinore theater and its stage workers as well as the operators of its machines has been made for another.

Operators are granted a day off each week with a relief operator taking their place during this respite from work. A year ago a dispute over working regulations and wages resulted in a strike. Fanchon & Marco, being strongly unionized, was required to leave the Elsinore of the schedule until the matter was adjusted.

COUNT'S DEATH IS PLOTTED BY FOLSOM CLERK

Charge Advanced by James J. Smith, Former Warden Of Penitentiary

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 10.—(AP)—An alleged plot to kill Albert Sichofsky, Polish count, in Folsom prison for his money was related here today by James J. Smith, former warden of the prison, as the newest angle of the count's involvement, startling assertions that \$35,000 belonging to him disappeared after he was arrested in California on bunco charges.

Smith's story smacked of deep intrigue and involved a prison record clerk who allegedly endeavored to have the count sign a will leaving him large sums of money, then Smith backed his statements by saying that "all these things were made a matter of record when I reported them to the state prison board."

Smith's story, in effect, was as follows:

Count Transferred To Inside Position

Sichofsky had been employed in the prison quarry but was found "too light" for the work so was transferred to inside offices and made an assistant to George Jennings, free record clerk; in other words, he was not a convict. This was during the latter part of 1926.

Shortly after the transfer was made the warden found on his desk an anonymous letter advising him that Sichofsky was in the prison hospital and that he, the warden, should "see if he is all right."

This letter, Smith said, stated that Jennings would see Sichofsky in the hospital that night and have him sign a will.

Smith said that he went to the hospital as directed and secreted himself behind a screen. He said that Jennings appeared with—

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Lindbergh and Wife Return to Roosevelt Field

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., Sept. 10.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh landed here at 6:05 p. m., today after a flight from St. Louis.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Lindbergh and flew Captain Frank Hawks' plane, in which he went to New Mexico to aid in search for the Transcontinental Air Transport plane, City of San Francisco.

The colonel said T. A. T. would resume its regular schedules as soon as the plane which was utilized in the search for the missing plane are ready—probably within a very short time.

He asserted that "every safety device which could possibly be used" was utilized in the Transcontinental Air Transport system.

Opposing Forces Disrupt All Communication Along Russia-Manchurian Front

LONDON, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Complete disruption of telephonic and telegraphic communication with Prochniana from Harbin tonight hid from the world any developments in the struggle for possession of that eastern terminus of the Chinese eastern railway.

The Manchuria government officially announced that both telegraph and radio stations at Prochniana as well as the railway station had been destroyed in the almost continuous fighting between Russian and Chinese troops over the weekend. The government soldiers and 20 railway employees were continued today west of Prochniana.

Chinese officials asserted that as the result of the aerial bombardments the eastern border villages had been reduced to a state of anarchy, and that the ever present bandits took quick advantage to pillage unprotected homes and shops freely.

It was understood the soviet government had appropriated \$50,000 more for the relief of Russian citizens in China. The fund will be administered through the German consul at Harbin. Several hundred Russians, arrested on charges of subversive propaganda or of obstructing operations of the railway, are held in detention camps near that city. Russia has claimed that these are mistreated and ill-fed which China has denied.

BROWN CHOSEN TO HEAD LOCAL LEGION GROUP

Nominations Made at Harmonious Meeting of Capital Post Tuesday

Rumors of "Factional Differences" Completely Inaccurate

No indications of any "factional differences" within Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, were in evidence at Tuesday night's meeting, when nominations were made for filling the various offices for the coming year. In nearly every case there was only one name advanced, and it was apparent that no pre-arranged "tickets" were in the field.

Herman Brown, who has held the offices of chaplain, vice commander and member of the executive committee and has been active in the work of the initiation team during the past year, was the only nominee for commander to succeed Douglas McKay. The name of Newell Williams had been prominently mentioned, but he was not nominated. An additional opportunity for nominations will be given at the next meeting September 24, but friends of Mr. Williams would not say whether he would be nominated at that time or not.

Full List of Nominees Given

Other nominations were: For vice commander, Lewis P. Campbell. Mr. Campbell said after the meeting that he would decline the nomination, and was sending a letter to Commander McKay to that effect.

For finance officer, Fritz Shuler and Roy Simmons. Jake Fluere was nominated, but declined, mentioning that he had held the office for nine years and wished to be "retired."

For chaplain, Captain Earl Williams, incumbent.

For adjutant, Raymond H. Bassett, incumbent.

For sergeant at arms, Frank Cain.

For quartermaster, Don Wig—

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PUPIL GUIDANCE TO BE PROJECTED HERE

Salem High School Adopts New System Involving Advisory Method

Pupil guidance or advisory movement will be adopted in the Salem high school this fall for the first time, thus giving Salem high school its place with leading eastern schools and progressive schools of the coast in fitting the school to the pupils rather than the pupils to the school. First plans of the new program were outlined by R. W. Tawerner, secondary school supervisor, at a meeting of the senior high school department heads held Tuesday afternoon at the senior high school.

The guidance plan will be worked out through a "home room" advisory scheme, with the 1,000 or more pupils divided into 40 groups and each group assigned to one teacher, in whose rooms they will assemble the first 10 minutes of school for roll call, and again at the 40 minute period immediately after lunch. The teacher in charge of the room will be advisor to this group of pupils, will help with changes of program, will watch failures and attempt to find out the way of such and help with improvement, will advise concerning courses in the future. All program changes, from the very first day of school, will be made with the advisory teacher. Students will be assigned to their "home rooms" as soon as school opens.

Tawerner told the heads of—

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