

The Willamette valley this fall is fundamentally prosperous; everywhere are evidences of better times than a year ago.

Continued fair today; High temperatures and low humidity. Max. temperature Wednesday 91; Min. 50; River -2.4; Part cloudy.

PRISON BOARD DENIES CHARGE OF J. J. SMITH

No Plot Formed to do Away With "Count" Sichofsky, is Claim

More Than 2 Hours Consumed Making Decision To Issue Statement

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 11. (AP)—Following a conference lasting more than two hours Governor C. C. Young, Warden Court Smith of Folsom prison and Charles Neumiller, president of the state prison board, issued a statement late today denying charges that an attempt had been made in the prison to "do away" with "Count" Albert Sichofsky and accounting for his moneys received and expended by them.

Sichofsky who claims to be a Polish count, is held at Ellis Island and awaiting deportation following his release from Folsom prison where he served a term on the charge of buncoing a San Francisco physician.

The count filed with federal officials in Washington a petition for writ of habeas corpus so that he might return to California and attempt to recover moneys he claimed mysteriously disappeared while he was held in the Los Angeles county jail and at Folsom. Prison Officers Are Called to Conference

In the endeavor to straighten out the conflicting statements relative to the case Governor Young called to his office today Warden Smith, Neumiller, Bert B. Meak, a member of the prison board at the time Sichofsky was held in Folsom, and George Jennings, Folsom prison record clerk. Jennings was called into the conference to explain his side of the story related yesterday by J. J. Smith, former warden of Folsom prison to the effect that he discharged Jennings after he caught the clerk trying to induce Count Sichofsky to sign a will leaving \$2000 to Jennings and smaller sums to two prisoners. Warden Court Smith re-employed Jennings when he took office.

Jennings Says Story Is "Diabolical Lie"

Jennings today branded J. J. Smith's story as "a diabolical lie and bunk." He declared he was dismissed the day following the will episode for reasons unknown to him but stated he had expected for some time to be "let out" because of "politics" and other, more personal reasons.

Warden Court Smith issued a statement explaining what he knew of the will incident. The details of this statement did not give in a single respect with the story told by the former warden but both Court Smith and Jennings maintained that their version was the correct one.

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RUMORS STATE GAS WAR TO END TODAY

Changes in gasoline retail prices which may mean the end of the present phase in the local "gas war," are scheduled for today, according to reports current Wednesday. The changes probably will include a reduction of the price ranging down to 18 cents a gallon which have been charged recently by several of the larger dealers.

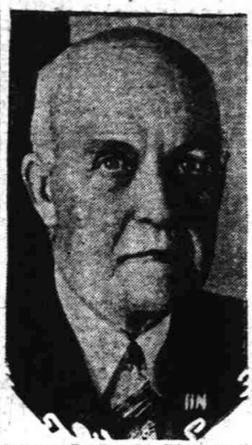
Just what this move signifies, dealers were hesitant to say Wednesday, but it was stated that no agreement had been reached with dealers whose price-cutting resulted in the latest "war." The change in prices today probably will mean that for the present, every dealer will be "on his own" and privileged to set any price he sees fit, with no attempts being made to reach a uniform price.

Waggoner Has Only \$400 In His Possession When Taken in Wyoming Town

NEWCASTLE, Wyo., Sept. 11. (AP)—C. D. Waggoner, the small town banker who jolted the financial powers in New York with execution of his scheme to get half a million dollars by faked telegrams to protect depositors of his bank, had just \$400 in his possession when he was arrested here.

With a warrant from New York speeding by air mail, charging him with defrauding six of the largest banks of the country by his manipulation, Waggoner waited in the little jail here today to begin a journey either to New York or Denver in custody of federal authorities. Waggoner indicated that his extradition to New York may be questioned on the ground that the offense with which he was charged might legally be determined to have been committed in Denver, whence tel-

Director



William D. Steuart, Director of the Bureau of Census in the Department of Commerce, has already started plans for taking the 1930 census of the United States. Special tabulating machinery has been installed in the bureau to enable the workers to make fast time.

CHINA MAY DRAW OUT OF LEAGUE

Resolution for Revision of Treaties Rejected by Geneva Assembly

GENEVA, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The Chinese delegation to the tenth assembly of the league of nations threatened to withdraw tonight following rejection by a committee of a resolution submitted by Dr. C. C. Wu, minister to Washington and leader of the delegation here.

Dr. Wu asked adoption of a resolution for revision of treaties, which have become inapplicable. Article 19 of the covenant of the league says that the assembly may from time to time advise reconsideration of such treaties. To the dynamic ambassador these treaties are those covering extra territorial privileges in China to foreign powers.

By a vote of three to four the agenda committee of the assembly tonight decided it was unable to transmit the resolution to the judicial committee of the assembly on the ground that it opened up a question of too vast an importance.

The Chinese representative thereupon announced that if the committee did not find a way to change its decision his delegation might be obliged to leave the assembly, adherence of the new Nationalist China is of importance to the league and leaders of the international organization tonight were seeking to adjust the crisis.

Later it was announced that the delegates of India, France, Roumania and Chile, who opposed the resolution, also did so on the ground that the covenant article was sufficiently explicit in itself and required no reinforcement by assembly action. They argued that any country already entitled to bring a treaty to the attention of the assembly and advocate revision on the ground that it is out of date or holds a menace of war.

Arrest of Indian Is Sought by Cops

Complaint was filed in the justice court on Wednesday for the arrest of Jonnie Suntuus, father of Juna Moody Suntuus, 18-year-old Indian boy, who died in the local hospital Tuesday night as the result of an automobile accident on the Pacific highway on Tuesday morning.

The case in which W. J. Mulkey, state traffic officer, accuses the defendant with reckless driving will likely be referred to the grand jury for investigation.

ograms were sent August 30 directing the Bank of Telluride in the Chase National bank in New York.

Declaring that he had engineered the deal solely for the purpose of protecting the depositors of the Bank of Telluride, Waggoner indicated he believed sufficient funds had been deposited to the credit of the bank to meet all obligations. The bank has been placed in the hands of the Colorado banking commissioner since news of Waggoner's financial deal became public. He showed little sympathy for the New York banks which had provided the funds.

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3000 AT WORK; CANNERIES PUT UP LARGE PACK

Eight Local Plants Running in Bartlett Pears and Blackberries

Season Expected to be Heavier and Continue Longer Next Summer

There are probably over 3000 people now employed in the eight Salem canneries, and in the industries serving them directly. This number will be so employed at least throughout the Bartlett pear and evergreen blackberry canning and packing season, and it will likely be slightly increased during the prune canning season, which will begin in a small way in the early part of next week, and perhaps be general by the last of the week, and will likely last for about three weeks longer. In some of the plants, pear canning will go on even after prune canning is over—using pears that are arriving from southern and eastern Oregon and eastern Washington in large quantities and being put in cold storage in order to prolong the season or rather enable the putting up of a much larger number of cases than would otherwise be possible with available facilities.

GIRLS GREATER IN NUMBER THAN BOYS

Infants of Feminine Gender Most Numerous During Month of August

Girls born in Marion county during August greatly outnumbered boys according to the report of the Marion county health unit given Wednesday noon at the Marion home. Forty young ladies made their initial bow during the month while only 28 boys were born. Girls hold the advantage in numbers for the yearly report with a total of 294 born in the county to 248 boys born.

The meeting, which is a regular monthly affair, was attended by Judge J. G. Siegmund, chairman, Ellis Parvins, Frank Neer, T. M. Hicks, Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, Dr. Etietta Ford Warner, Mark McAllister, member of the Salem school board, was a special guest at the meeting.

A number of interest facts were brought out at the report. Of the births in the county during the month, only 25 per cent were in hospitals. There were no maternal deaths, while infant deaths for the entire month were only two for children below the age of one year. Cancer and heart disease were the most prevalent causes of death, 10 people being stricken by the former disease and 14 by the latter.

Comparatively few cases of contagious disease were reported in the county. Mumps were most prevalent with ten cases being listed and new tuberculosis came next with eight cases listed. These included residents of Marion county in state institutions. Three deaths resulted from tuberculosis during August.

There were four cases of whooping cough, three of chicken pox, two of smallpox and two of venereal disease reported, none of which were fatal. Total deaths from contagious disease in the county this year have been 49.

MAN KILLED WHEN CRANKING HIS CAR

DALLAS Sept. 11.—J. A. Moore, clerk for the Shell Oil company of Dallas, was killed Wednesday afternoon, the result of a fractured skull, sustained when he was run down in attempting to crank his car.

Mr. Moore had been to the court house on business and parked his car at the south entrance to the grounds. He had evidently left his car in high gear and his starter was apparently not working. On cranking the car it was observed by employees of the court house that he was doubled over and thrown down the car passing over his head and shoulders on the street curbing. The car kept going until it was stopped by impact with walls of the court house, a distance of nearly 100 feet.

First aid was rendered by Dr. L. A. Bellman and his ambulance called. The accident occurred about 2:15 and Mr. Moore died about 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and his family came here about six months ago, and have been running a fox farm on their place on Fairview avenue. These are four children in the family, the youngest about 4 years old.

Gas, Main Being Finished Rapidly From Portland

Rapid progress is being made in laying the six-inch gas main which will reach from Portland to the middle section of the city and intermediate points with a greatly increased amount of gas within the next few months.

Two ditch digging machines as well as several crews of men have been working out from Salem north during the past month and ditch has been dug as far as Gervais. Aurora has been made the base of supply for pipe line and line has been laid but not welded together or placed in the ditch, as far north as Woodburn.

The line is placed alongside the highway under a franchise privilege obtained from the county and the state.

Electrical War Still in Status Quo, is Report

All was quiet along the front lines of the "quiet" conflict between electrical shops and workers here Wednesday with the decision of Saturday to maintain open shops being adhered to by all dealers. Several shops are reported to have employed non-union men, but not all the positions left by the 17 union men who walked out a fortnight ago, have been filled. No overtures were made Wednesday by union men seeking to reach a wage agreement with the employers.

Garter Snake Has More Heads Than Appear Necessary

Born: To unknown snake parents, in Salem, a double-headed garter snake, weight unknown and size small. The snake has two honest-to-goodness heads attached at a v-shaped angle to the body. Each head is fully formed and "complete" with normal tongue and a bright pair of eyes.

John Hendrickson who lives at 1540 South Cottage street caught the snake and exhibited it to friends Wednesday as the first of its kind he had ever seen. He said his young pet was not in the best of health and he was doubtful if the creature would survive many more days of captivity.

POLICEMAN IS ARRESTED FOR BRIBERY WORK

Bootlegger's Confession Involves Another Officer in L. A.

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SHIPBUILDING PROBE ORDERED BY SENATE

Naval Committee Will Begin Investigation of Activities Today

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Investigation of activities of American shipbuilding corporations at the unsuccessful Geneva naval limitations conference of 1927 was ordered today by the senate and will start tomorrow by its naval committee.

An executive session will be held in the morning to determine the witnesses to be called and the procedure to be followed. Open hearings are expected and William B. Shearer, who has sued three shipbuilding corporations for money alleged to be due him for his services in their behalf at Geneva, is slated to be the first witness.

No voice was raised against the investigation in the senate today as the resolution of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, was adopted without even a roll call. Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, asked if the resolution were broad enough to permit investigation of American naval officers who have been "reported" to have been in touch with Shearer. Senator Borah said he believed the resolution was broad enough to permit that.

Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, expressed hope that later an inquiry would be made into a manner of naval propaganda including that issued by "the other side." Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the democratic leader, insisted, however, that this particular inquiry be limited to this specific case which he contended "involves interference in what is essentially the foreign relations of the United States."

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Believe It or Not - - - About Salem

Near Salem is the largest Franquette walnut orchard in the United States. It is owned by Clarence W. Noble, now living in Salem, and is known as the Sky-Line orchard.

There are 212 acres in the orchard. It is located a few miles southwest of Salem. To go there, you drive south to Liberty, thence southwest and keep on going until you get there.

Rumor says that a few years ago Mr. Noble was offered \$125,000 for his Sky-Line orchard. He still owns the orchard and it isn't for sale.

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

Bids Are to be Opened Shortly For Building

Bids on construction of the proposed new building to be erected by Dr. B. L. Steeves on Court street between Commercial and Liberty for occupancy by the Eoff Electric company, were opened Wednesday, and a contract may be awarded today. The cost is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

The plans call for tearing down the old Stewart building and erection of a two story fireproof structure with stucco front varied by a hollow tile coping. The entire building will be occupied by the Eoff company, a ten year lease having been agreed upon.

On Mission of Peace

The German cruiser "Emden," first war vessel of the German Republic to visit our shores since the world conflict, is seen as she entered the harbor of San Diego, California, on a good will mission around the world. The German ship carries 400 officers and men as well as a number of naval cadets, and toured the South Seas before it reached the West Coast.

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Chemist Believes Wars Impossible

Millions Offered President Hoover For Use in Discovering Possibilities of Science As Agent of Peace

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 11.—(AP)—War has been made impossible by chemistry and airplanes, Francis P. Garvan of New York told the American chemical society tonight in a written communication.

As president of the chemical foundation he formally offered President Hoover the use of millions of dollars to investigate the "vast possibilities of chemistry as an agent of peace."

Ill in New York he sent his communication to be read at the presentation by the chemical society of the Priestly medal, the highest honor of chemistry, given him as America's most distinguished "lay chemist."

Chemist Held Able to Protect Public Health

Garvan also sketched the chemist's power to protect public health, and D. Irving Langmuir, president of the American Chemical society, announced a new research sponsored by the society to search for the cause and cure of cancer.

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NUDE PARADE NETS LONG JAIL TERMS

CANORA, Sask., Sept. 11.—(AP)—When 59 of their adult members sentenced to serve six months in the Prince Albert jail as the outcome of a nude parade near Mikado today, 96 members of the Sons of Freedom, a Doukhobor sect, were sleeping under guard here tonight. The boys and girls in the group will be handed over to the child welfare bureau at Prince Albert.

The women and children were guarded in a house obtained by the Royal Canadian mounted police, while the men were held in the police quarters.

All those in custody here are members of the Doukhobor party which stormed the bridge at Kamask last Friday, only to be dispersed by mounted police. Since then they have been wandering along the highways, sleeping out at night by the roads.

The disrobing today near Mikado was the first occurrence of its kind since the nude parade at Slocan, B. C., more than two weeks ago. Today's remonstrance followed the arrest of eight Doukhobor leaders. Women and children appeared without clothing but men who attempted to disrobe were restrained.

The 96 jailed tonight is the remnant of 250 Doukhobors who were halted at Kamask five days ago.

Bollier Puts up Fine and Clears Out of Bastille

After staying in jail only a few hours, Cliff Bollier decided to raise \$10 fine assessed against him Wednesday when he appeared in police court to answer charges of speeding and driving with five persons in the driver's seat.

Bollier had first elected to serve out the fine at the rate of \$2 a day. He was arrested Tuesday night. Bollier is now a resident of Long Beach, Cal., having moved there from Salem a few months ago.

FIRE SITUATION GROWING MORE SERIOUS, WORD

350 Men Fight Conflagration Upon One Three Mile Front Near Coast



All 11 National Forests are in Grave Danger Says Federal Officer

SILVERTON, Sept. 11.—Nothing new was reported in the conditions in the Silver Falls Timber company holdings Wednesday. The fires, while apparently under control, are still burning in the slashings and are still being closely guarded. The women have not returned to camp and will not do so for the present.

Silvertown itself is covered with a mantle of smoke.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 11.—(AP)—Unleashed Monday by an incendiary's torch, Coos county's worst fire, in the Rough creek section of Camas valley, raged on into valuable stands of fir and Port-Orford cedar today. On one three-mile front a force of 350 men was being steadily pushed back while the blaze swept forward on the wings of a stiff northwest wind.

Near Powers in the same district another dangerous fire broke out late yesterday and today had resisted a force of 30 men to spread over more than 100 acres of green timber. The Coos Bay Lumber company faced another outbreak of the fire which swept over its holdings Monday, destroying logging equipment and bucked logs and for a time threatened the town of Powers.

The Sixes river fire was still out of control today and dozens of new fires were reported in Coos county. Forest Reserves Are in Grave Danger

Major John D. Guthrie of the district forest office here described the fire situation in national reserves as "alarming."

"Not one of the 14 national forests in the state escaped this year," he said, adding that the Sitka probably has been hardest hit.

The Triangle lake fire in the Siuslaw national forest today had leaped a ridge between Deadwood and Greenleaf creeks and was sweeping toward a highway, where fighters hoped to halt it. Fifty men were sent from the district office to assist in fighting a 1,000-acre fire in the Waldport district of the same forest. Two other large fires were reported consuming green timber.

Four dangerous incendiary fires were said to have been started in the Umpqua national forest. Supervisors reported the fires had gained considerable headway before being discovered because of poor visibility.

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PALESTINE TROOPS BEING WITHDRAWN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Quietness in Palestine where Jewish-Muslim disturbances have continued for almost a month, has resulted in the withdrawal of detachments of British troops from areas where normally has been restored. An official bulletin today said that apart from incidents the situation has considerably improved during the past week.

A system of mobile patrols will be maintained in districts where detachments have been withdrawn. The number of troops at present in Palestine are considered fully adequate to deal with any disturbances which might arise. The British police force is being augmented. The first group of newly recruited constables from England being due here soon.

Hearings and investigations of charges arising from the recent troubles are proceeding in all parts of the country.

Woman Suffers Burns on Hands

SILVERTON, Sept. 11.—Mrs. J. N. Case of Monitor today was brought to the local hospital where she is being treated for burns. She was badly burned on one hand and received some minor burns on other parts of the body when a boiler that she was removing from the stove slipped from her hands.

Less Than Full Regiment Of G.A.R. Vets Make Way Before Reviewing Stand

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Nine hundred "Boys in Blue," their faltering footsteps stirred by martial airs which they followed into battle more than 60 years ago, strode for a mile today in the parade opening the 63rd National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The less than a regiment of veterans was but a remnant of the host that rallied to its country's defense in the '60's. Besides the marchers, 500 others enfeebled by the passing of time, rode in automobiles.

Only one of the marchers was forced to give up. He wore and was assisted into an automobile. The rest stepped sturdily on, some on canes, some on crutches and some on the arms of younger persons. Two refused to give up until they had passed the reviewing stand and then were taken in ambulances to emergency hospitals.

Although many appeared weary and tired as they neared the end of the march they all drew erect and snapped to salute to their com-

mander in chief, John Reese, of Broken Bow, Neb.

Massachusetts had the largest contingent, 132, while Idaho had a lone representative carrying the department flag. Oregon and Georgia each had only two men in line and they staggered somewhat toward the end as the weight of the large American and department flags began to tell on them.

The proposed reunion of the soldiers of the North with those who fought for the Confederacy probably will come before the delegates tomorrow. Commander Reese today said that he, as an individual favored it. Richard A. Sneed, commander in chief of the veterans of the confederacy, by telegraph last night, voiced his approval of the move, but a number of the delegates have said they objected.

Following briefly on the fast diminishing ranks of the G. A. R., Commander Reese in his address said that the present death rate of veterans and their widows is about 125 each day, or one every 12 minutes.