County Court in Quandary As to Whether Merriam's **Power Supreme**

If Approval of District man Is Imperative, Long-time Worker is Doomed

Although the position of country horticultural inspector was included in the 1931 budget, it is by no means certain that S. H. Van Trump will be retained throughout the year by the court. This fact developed Monday

when the court gave additional attention to the recent ultimatum of H. S. Merriam, district com-missioner of the state board of horticulture.

Merriam, long a Van Trump opponent, served formal notice to the court that Van Trump was not recommended by Merriam on the grounds that "the present inspector is not performing his duties in a competent and satisfactory manner."

Merriam cited the court's at-Merriam cited the court's attention to the fact that section 8856 of the Oregon laws of 1927, provides that the county fruit inspector shall be recommended and certified to be competent by the commissioner.

The question before the court is whether, once appointed, an inspector can be removed for failing to meet the requirements of the commissioner. A phrase from the law reads that "said county inspector shall hold his office during the pleasure of the court" and yesterday the court for department appropriation bill was leaning to the view that Van Trump, appointed two years ago and agreed to by the fruit commissioner then in office, was satisfactory and should hold office as long as the court desired to \$362,000 and the Baker project

The matter, however, had been submitted to District Attorney Carson for an opinion.
In the law of 1927 it is also provided that the fruit inspector shall report monthly to the commissioner. This Van Trump has done, sending a copy of the re-port made to the county court. The treasurer has not required any okey from the fruit commis-

If Merriam can establish that his approval of Van Trump's monthly report is necessary to ers included; Klamath, \$136,000; permit Van Trump to receive a Umatilla, \$91,000; and Warm county warrant, the county court is willing to admit that Merriam has blocked their move and Van Trump's scalp is bound to come

"If Merriam's okey for Van's went on to say that Van Trump er than cooperate in any way was received by the public service commission Monday.

Rides 1200 Miles



Marquita Nicholi, selected by the Ranchers' association as the most beautiful cowgirl, after she arrived in New York 'on horseback from Albuquerque, New Mexico. She covered the 1200 miles in 77 days, averag-ing 35 miles per day. In New York she is attending the offi-cial opening of the Dude Ranch and will receive an award of 35,000.

Owyhee Project may get Million More if new Bill is Passed

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8 AP)-A special dispatch from the Oregonian's Washington correspondent today said the interincreases by \$1,000,000 the appropriation for the Owyhee pro-ject in Malheur county. The item is for \$3,000,000.

The Klamath project calls for for \$250,000 the dispatch says. A total of \$106,000 is listed for Crater Lake national bark, divided as follows power, \$30,000; new buildings, \$7,500; and physical improvements, \$54,000. The Indian department items includes \$135,000 for the Warm Springs reservation, to be divid-ed equally for dormitories for

boys and girls. The Chemawa Indian school is sioner to reimburse Van Trump listed for \$258,750. The total sum for Chemawa, including salaries, is \$278.750. General support and administration for oth-Sarings, \$15,000.

The interstate commerce commission has extended from May 1, 1930, to December 1, 1931, the salary is necessary, we'll have to time allowed the Oregon Electric let him go," said Commissioner Railway company to complete its "Jim" Smith yesterday. Smith Linn county extension from Lebanon to Sweet Home and the Calahad repeatedly stated that rath- pools river. A copy of the order

> \$293,000 Bridge bid let Lumber Company Freed Girl, 6, Burned; Dies Postoffice Safe Taken

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank

ed about 100 yards away from the

one was near but men working in

the stump patch heard her scream.

They rushed to her assistance but before they could extinguish the

RAIL HEARING RESUMED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—
(AP)—Rehearing of the Oregon-Washington Railway and
Navigation company's petition
for an order restraining the in-

terstate commerce commission from enforcing an order requir-ing the railroad company to uild a 185-mile cross-state ex-tension will begin here tomor-

TRAIL GROUP MEETS AGAIN PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8. — (AP)—Reorganization of the Ore-

Walter Meacham, formerly of

STORE ROBBERS ARRAIGNED

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 8.—
(AF) — George J. Benett, 40, and his son, Albert J. Benett, 19, were returned here from Tacoma last night to face robbery charges in connection with the robbery of a clothing store here-last week. C. B. Smith, 28, alleged third member of the

house to watch the stump fire. No

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 8 .- Geer, of near Cottage Grove, was (AP) — A contract for the con-struction af bascule span bridge day when her dress was ignited over Isthmus inlet from Bunker by a stump fire. She died soon hill to Eastside was let today by after she was brought to a local the county court to Liesch and hospital. The little girl had walk-Tofte, Marshfield, on a bid of

Briefs

Second low bid, \$298,000, was submitted by the Pacific Bridge company, Portland, Construction of the bridge will be financed by a \$300,000 bond fire the girl's clothes virtually issue authorized at the May pri- were burned from her body.

RIFLES ARE STOLEN CORVALLIS, Ore., Bec. 8.—
(AP)—The Waldport postoffice was robbed early today by three men who hauled the safe away in a car. A restaurant proprie-tor reported he saw the men en-ter by a back door and carry out the safe. A hardware store also reported the theft of four high powered rifles and a quan-tity of amountition.

HUGE DAMAGES REPORTED PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8. . gon Trail association was begun at a meeting of interested persons (AP) - The Oregon American Lumber company was not negliate a meeting gent in permitting a forest fire here today. to spread from its operations to preperty of the East Side Logging Baker but now a Portland resident, was named temporary chair-man and E. G. Harlan, of the state chamber of commerce, was company in Clatsop county, May 21, 1929, said an opinion handed down today by Federal Judge named temporary secretary. Mea-Bean. The plaintiff had asked for cham appointed an organization group which will arrange for an-other meeting at which a perman-ent organization may be formed. \$59,560.76 for damages alleged to have resulted to equipment and property and for \$8330 as the cost of fighting the fire.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ENTERED
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 8.
—(AP)—Police said today rebbers had broken into the Catholic church and the Episcopal
church here Sunday morning.
Two dollars was obtained in the
Catholic church. The interior

damaged.

CLOTHES BURNED AWAY

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)

Gertrude Geer, six-year-old ination.

damaged. Week. C. B. Smith, 28, alleged third member of the gang, also was returned. The three were arraigned here today and waived preliminary examination.

To Receive \$5000



For dry Planks Parties to Face Issues Says McBride: Referendum in

Nation Opposed By JOHN F. CHESTER WASHINGTON, Dec. 8-(AP) A prohibition "battle royal" in the 1932 party conventions and defeat for the republican party if its candidates show wet leanings was the forecast made behind the closed doors of the national temperance council today by F. Scott

McBride, superintendent of the anti-saloon league. The dry leaders present subsequently con demned almost unanimously all proposals for a national referendum on prohibition, but argued for more than two hours over the wording of their resolution. Finally the subject was held over for a later meeting.

Meanwhile President Hoover's law enforcement commission put in a full day of deliberation and in still another quarter of the capital a small group of wet advo-cates, met in a "national constitutional convention," listened to an assault upon prohibition and a prediction this country cannot "endure half wet and half dry."

Motion to Hear Mabel Is Laid on Table The name of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition, and now counsel for a grape concentrate concern, was inserted into the discussions of them. The council, however, declined to consider the proposal and the motion was tabled.

In his discussion of the politibition, McBride asserted there was "an absolute necessity" for the drys to rally into a solid front, presenting "even a better detailed organization than we had in securing prohibition." The prohibition issue in the 1932 presidential campaign, he said, "will be on

"We can safely anticipate a battle royal in both the major "There will be an effort in each convention to write a repeal plank into the platform. The ma-jor effort will be to put a wet at the head of the ticket in both of the major parties.

The republican convention will meet first and the wets will fight in all probability for two things. First a repeal plank and second a wabbling wet candi-

"The second is their great ob-If they succeed in the jective. second, the candidate will, in my judgment, be the worst defeated republican of any year in the history of the party, unless it might be 1912 whenthey secured but two states' electoral vote."

Karlier, McBride said he con sidered the election of President Hoover in 1928 "the greatest leap forward since the coming of pro-

Meier Lease Taken, Royal Court Suite

It's an apartment. So the family doctor-in the guise of a real estate agent—announced to a breathless public Monday after Governor-elect Ju-lius Meier had made up his mind on where to live while in Salem. Following a visit here Sunday, word was given out that the governor had taken a two-year lease on a portion of the fifth floor of the Royal Court apartments. Remodeling for the executive-elect will begin a day or so.

Salem persons who have hoped that Meier would choose to purchase or build a home here may console themselves with the idea that he might do that for the last two years of his term; but the wise ones haw haw at that and say it means Meler has an eye to running for Senator Steiwer's

post in 1932.

And now the governor-elect will devote his time to preparing his maiden message to the legisla-

King Carol in Lead to Reduce Royal Expenses

BUCHAREST Rumania, Dec. 8
—(AP)—King Carol today asked parliament to reduce the government appropriation for upkeep of the royal family by 22 per cent. Parliament greeted the requests with cries of "Hail, Carol!"

The king's request followed upon an announcement by Premier Mironescue that the 1931 budget called for a 20 per cent reduction

called for a 20 per cent reduction of the salaries of state employes, included in a general lowering of the budget from \$214,000,000 to \$186,000,000.

Poisonous Lizard In Soup Fatal to 30 Young Students

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 8. —(AP)—Thirty young stu-dents in the London mission school at Erode, Madras, died in agony today and 15 others were in a critical con-dition because they had eat-en soup into which a poisonous lizard had fallen.

They, dropped, in. quick succession a few minutes af-ter they had finished their noon meal. The cook who prepared the soup also died. Physicians found the lizard

in the soup pot.

Fatal poisoning by deadly reptiles of this kind is not uncommon in India but this is the first case in which such a thing has happened in a well regulated institution like the mission school.

Death Sentence Relinquished; Convicted men Frantic With Their joy

MOSCOW, Dec. 8. - (AP) -Five prominent engineers who at midnight heard a fateful verdict of four supreme court judges decree they must die for plotting intervention in soviet Russia, were made joyous today by a commutation of their sentences to 10 years' imprisonment.

Three others, condemned to 10 years' imprisonment by the verdict after a great public trial that has lasted since November 25, were given commutation to eight years' imprisonment. All are deprived of citizenship rights for five years and their property will be confiscated.

The men whose lives were saved were Leonid Ramsin, leader of the dry leaders in the form of a the conspirators; Alexander Fedomotion inviting her to address toy, oldest of the group, who had begged piteously for mercy throughout the hearing; Victor Larichev, first assistant to Ramsin; Nicholai Charnovsky and Those whose imprisonment was

reduced from 10 years to eight, were Vladimir Ochkin, 30, and youngest of the band; Sergel Kup-riancy and Xenophon Sitnin. The commutation was decided the central executive committee of the union of socialist so-viet republics, which declared that since the defendants had confessed and repented the soviet power political conventions," he continu- could not be guided by a mere desire to revenge.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8- (AP) One man was drowned and three were rescued here today when a calsson under which three of the men were working at the bottom of Elliott bay overturned. They were removing sand for concrete pillars for the new American Can company's dock.

Eddie Sproule lost his life when he attempted to escape by diving out under the bottom of the calsson. His two companions, Arthur Llewellyn and L. McLeod, scrambled up the sides to the top ahead of the rising water. Jack Har-vey, lock tender on top of the caisson, clung to it as it fell and

was rescued from the water with Llewellyn and McLeod. W. F. Way, engineer in charge, said he was unable to determine immediately the cause of the accident, the caisson was sixty feet under water. Deputy coroners started an investigation.

The caissons are shaped like huge hour glasses of steel. The ball end, which is open at the bottom is lowered down and when in position compressed air is pumpd in and all water forced out. The men then descend by means of a double set of doors in the can at the top.

CARDINAL HONORED BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 8 .- (AP) "Cardinal of the working peole," was the title conferred on William Cardinal O'Connel, dean of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States, by a long-shoremen's union today, his 71st birthday.

Thefts of Stock On Increase in County, Report

Thefts of stock in the county aren't stopping with the live animals. John G. McKillip, St. Paul stockman and butcher, yesterday reported to the sheriff's office that six dressed hogs had been stolen from his alaughter house. He had clues as to identity of the robber or robbers.

Report was received over the telephone yesterday from a West Stayton man that 36 head of sheep which had been missing from the pactures were back in the fold. The owner reported the matter to the sheriff last week, but said at that time it was barely possible the animals had wandered into another

Santa Clara College Jesuit Priest was also man Of Astronomy

Theory Advanced That Spots On sun Were Basis for Weather Forecast

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA, Cal., Deca 8—(AP)— Father Jerome Sixtus Ricard, venerable "padre of the rains" of the University of Santa Clara, died at the university infirmary tonight. In falling health since he suffered a heart attack in April, 1929, he was confined to his bed most of the time since, his life several times despaired of.

In his death the university loses one of its oldest and most picturesque figures, and the west one of its most popular church-men and scientists. A vigorous exponent of the Sunspot theory of weather forecasting, Father Ricard became widely known throughout the Pacific coast for his monthly weather forecasts which he issued regularly for the last quarter century. For 12 Years Head of

Astronomical Work Father Ricard was almost \$1 years of age, had been a member of the society of Jesuits for 59 years, and an ordained priest for 44 years. For more than 50 years (Turn to page 10, col. 4)

Exact Plans to Wait Fortnight Until Debris is Cleared Away

With the origin of the \$650,ing consumed the Larmer warehouse and contents still a deep mystery and likely to remain so, D. A. Larmer is preparing to have the site-cleared as quickly as possible with a view to re-

A crew of men will start this morning to tear down the south wall, should it still be standing. wall has remained solidduring the terrific heat to which it has been exposed, but has constituted a menace to an apartment house nearby. Razing of the wall will get under way whether the structure has cooled

Mr. Larmer said last night he would have no definite plans for rebuilding until after the ground is cleared, but that as soon as the ashes and debris are cooled enough to clear them away, a crew would be put to work doing this. This job will take fully two weeks, and possibly run to nearer a month's time, he esti-

Oil tanks are being rebuilt, and delivery of oil will be started again this morning, Mr. Larmer stated.

DENVER, Dec. 8-(AP)-A district court jury tonight named Pearl O'Loughlin as the slayer of 10-year-old stepdaughter,

The woman who had sat through ten days of her trial with hardly a show of emotion, received the verdict and walked from the room to the prisoners dock unassisted.

Judge Henley A. Calvert re ceived the verdict from the jury foreman, F. E. Tousely, intoned the finding of the 12 men and pronounced a sentence of life imprisonment.

The jury was out one hour and 36 minutes before it rapped on the door to indicate it had reached a decision. Judge Calvert gave John M.

Keating, chief counsel for Mrs. O'Loughlin 30 days in which to file a motion for a new trial. Should that be denied, Keating said he would take an appeal to the state supreme court.

"All Quiet" is -Cause of Riot By Berlin Lads

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Boys who were babies in 1914 rioted noisily through the fashionable west end of Berlin tonight in protest against the alleged pacifism of the motion picture "All Quiet on the Western Front,"

Prior to this the American movie version of Germany's part in the world war played tonight with a crowd inside the theater

At 81; Was Noted in His Realm

"Padre of the Rains" Taken



Father Jerome Sixtus Ricard who died at the University of Sants

\$102,830 Slash Made In County Budget; Tax Down 9 Per Cent

County Agent Left Out; Health Work is Cut Nearly \$2000; No Tax Levy for Market Road Bonds, License Fees Suffice

County Judge Siegmund, Commissioners Porter and Smith, with W. M. Service, C. M. Smith and T. B. Jones saying "amen" and County Clerk Boyer smiling approvingly, made good their promise to lower taxes when they sharp-ened their budget axes Monday and trimmed a healthy \$102,830 from the proposed outlay of Marion county for in business was noted in Febru-

The total levy approved by the court and the budget committee is \$1,082,125.56 in comparison to \$1,185,095 levied for 1930.

This constitutes a reduction in O the total levy of nine per cent and presupposes that the levy of the state of Oregon which last year was included in the county budget at \$318,822.65 will not be raised.

Change Looms but State Levy may go Down State Tax Commissioner Fisher yesterday was uncertain what

the exact tax levy for the state would be but there was an indication that it might be somewhat reduced and if so, when the county budget comes up for final decision December 30, at 10 a. m. at the courthouse there may be a further reduction in sight for the taxpayers.

The court turned a deaf ear to the plea of a score of organizations in the county for a county agent and left the \$4600 sum asked for the movement out of its budget. It pared \$2000 from its former budget for county health work but indicated during the day in discussion over the budget that if Salem as a city, went back to the \$8000 mark adhered to last year but cut to \$6000 in the pending bud-get, the court would follow suit and favor a restoration of the \$7860 levied a year ago.

The chief economy was made (Turn to page 10, col. 2)

IS BELGIAN REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- (AP)-The mysterious "death fog" of the Meuse valley of Belgium which last week claimed more than three score lives was not due to communicable disease, in the opinion of Belgian health authorities, and they so informed the British ministry of health today.

The Belgian statement, which expressed the belief the fog was clearly a matter of local conditions, was in reply to a communication from the British ministry of health.

Inhabitants of England became uneasy over fears that the intense fog which has shrouded the isle for the last few days might carry the deadly effects of the Meuse

Their anxiety was increased by reports of the death yesterday near Grosmount, Yorkshire, of 10

Funds to Help Army Come In Slower Than Demands

'GOOD-WILL FUND' Previously reported \$180.89
F. G. Bowersox . 1.00
J. C. Nelson . 1.00
W. E. Ingalls . . 2.00
W. E. Sandling . 1.00
R. P. Boise . . . 5.00
Jessie Martin . 1.00
Capital Ice & Cold
Storage Co. . 10.00 Storage Co. ... 10.00 Street Kettles, Mon-day, Dec. 8, ... 14.86 TOTAL TO DATE \$165.78

Verne E. McIntyre, manager of the Elsinore, is planning on swelling the 'Good-Will Fund' by stag-ing a 'potato matinee' at the Elsi-nore Monday, December 22.

A good start has been made, but it is a long way yet to the \$2,000 goal.

the property of the death yesterday near Grosmount, Yorkshire, of 10 cattle from an unknown malady. The fog in the Meuse valley killed a large number of cattle and livestock.

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The former jurist, she added, with one hand would give to girla "perfect freedom in their sexual relations," and with the other would give them "the more dangerous gift of knowledge of birth control."

She said Lindsey had become so warped in his viewpoint by his contact with delinquency that he offered "this ridiculous solution of a problem that doesn't erist."

Doak Approved

As Labor Head

Without Debate

Washington, Dec. 8—(AP)

The senate today gave quick

treatment for such a case is to bolster up his morale as a sick man is an easily tempted man. He further stated that "it is re-markable how a little kindness will help in restoring a sick, lone-ly, discouraged person back to health again."

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President Espee Declares Panacea for bad Times Not U. S. Treasury

Speaker Draws Applause at Chamber of Commerce Meet in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8 - 8
(AP)—Government operation of any business that can be conducted by private enterprises usually results in failure, Paul Shoup, president of the Southern Pacific and vice president of the United States chamber of commerce said n an address before the western division of the chamber here to-

"Whatever else we do," Shoup said, "let us not consult any panacea. bet us not expect the gov-ernment to do something we cannot do ourselves."

It is the greatest importance the government keep out of business, the speaker said. Many governments have entered business in past years and in almost every instance the result has been failure, he said. In 1908, he said. Brazil attempted to fix the price of coffee and the price was cut in two; Japan tried to fix the price of silk with the result rayon became a strong competitor with silk; Great Britain failed in its attempt to fix the price of rubber and Italy failed in its efforts to do the same in the sulphur in-

dustry. Sovernment as Rail Victim is Recalled "The United States tried to run railroads," he said, "and some of us have a vivid memory of the re-

His statement that the national chamber was opposed to govern-ment entering business was greet-

ed with long applause. Discussing business conditions Shoup said the present depression is but one of a series of 20 the nation has experienced. Each time, he said, the country has come out without disastrous results and it will do so again.

Looks for Improvement in Spring of 1981 The depression of 1921 was as severe as the present one, he said, and only thirty-one million peoary, 1922, and Shoup predicted a similar improvement would be noted early in the coming year.

David A. Skinner, secretary of
the national chamber, addressing the gathering, discussed pending legislation concerning Muscle Shoals. He voiced opposition to government control saying it

cannot be so effective as private enterprises.

"The national chamber believes the government should get out of the business of manufacturing and selling hydro-electric power and should stay out of the busi-

ness of manufacturing and selling fertilizer." The sessions of the chamber will continue tomorrow.

Novelist is Against Ben Lindsey, Too

PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 8—
(AP)—Kathleen Norris, novelist today strongly criticized Ben
B. Lindsey, companionate marriage advocate, and in a talk before fore a parent-teacher congress characterized the former Denver judge as "not fit to be allowed to

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)

The senate today gave quick approval to President Hoover's choice for secretary of labor—william N, Deak of Virginia—but notice was given of a contrast on one of his tariff commission nominees—Edgar B.

with a crowd inside the theater and no prospects.

But in addition to the above. But in addition to the above. bilities and, as such, it receives to be alone and in agonizing pain, member of the reichstag, would is the acme of human misery speak in protest against the film. which came to Ensign Earl Wil-