

WAR DECLARED
ON VAN TRUMP
AND HIS WORK

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 county 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.

The fact developed Monday when the court gave additional attention to the recent ultimatum of H. S. Merriam, district commissioner 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 attention to the fact that section 8556 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 "the county inspector shall hold his office during the pleasure of the court" and yesterday the court 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 give him the job.

The matter, however, had been submitted to District Attorney Cameron 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 report to the commissioner.

If Merriam can establish that his approval of Van Trump's monthly reports is necessary to permit Van Trump to receive a county warrant, the county court is willing to admit that Merriam has blocked their move and Van Trump's scalp is bound to come off.

Rides 1200 Miles
To Receive \$5000



Marquita Nichol, selected by the Ranchers' association as the most beautiful cowgirl, after she arrived in New York on horseback from Albuquerque, New Mexico, has covered the 1200 miles in 77 days, averaging 85 miles per day.

\$278,750 IS BUDGET
FOR CHEMAWA, 1931

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 interior department appropriation bill increases by \$1,000,000 the appropriation for the Owyhee project in Malheur county.

The Klamath project calls for \$322,000 and the Baker project for \$250,000 the dispatch says. A total of \$108,000 is listed for Crater Lake national park, divided as follows: power, \$80,000; new buildings, \$7,500; and physical improvements, \$54,000.

The Indian department items include \$135,000 for the Warm Springs reservation, to be divided equally for dormitories for boys and girls.

The Chemawa Indian school is listed for \$258,750. The total sum for Chemawa, including salaries, is \$278,750. General support and administration for other reservations included: Klamath, \$126,000; Umatilla, \$91,000; and Warm Springs, \$15,000.

O. E. GIVEN EXTENSION
The interstate commerce commission has extended from May 1, 1930, to December 1, 1931, the time allowed the Oregon Electric Railway company to complete its Linn county extension from Lebanon to West Hom and the Calapooia river. A copy of the order was received by the public service commission Monday.

BATTLE ROYAL
OVER DRINK IS
NOW FORECAST

National Temperance Council
Girds Loins for Fight
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.

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 advocates met in a "national constitutional convention," listened to an assault upon prohibition and a prediction this country cannot "endure half wet and half dry."

The name of Mrs. Mabel Walker Wilbur, former assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition, and now counsel for a grape concentrate concern, was inserted into the discussions of the dry leaders in the form of a motion inviting her to address the dry to wit into a solid front, presenting "even a better detailed organization than we had in securing prohibition."

"We can safely anticipate a battle royal in both the major political conventions," he continued. "There will be an effort in each convention to write a repeal plank into the platform. The major party will be put a wet at the head of the ticket in both of the major parties."

MAN DROWNED WHEN
CAISSON TIPS UP

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—One man was drowned and three were rescued here today when a caisson under which three of the men were working at the bottom of Elliott's wharf, tipped up and the caisson was crushed.

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 before Governor-elect Julius 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.

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 25 per cent. Parliament granted the requests with a vote of 210 to 13.

Poisonous Lizard
In Soup Fatal to
30 Young Students

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Thirty young students in the London mission school at Erode, Madras, died in agony today and 15 others were in a critical condition because they had eaten soup into which a poisonous lizard had fallen. They dropped in quick succession a few minutes after they had finished their noon meal. The cook who prepared the soup also died.

SOVIET CUTS DOWN
ENGINEERS' TIME

Death Sentence Relinquished;
Convicted men Francis
With Their Joy

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Five prominent engineers who at midnight heard a fateful verdict of three years in prison, were freed today by a commutation of their sentences to 10 years' imprisonment.

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ARMER PLANNING
TO REBUILD PLANT

Exact Plans to Wait
Fortnight Until Debris is
Cleared Away
With the origin of the \$650,000 blaze which Saturday morning 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 rebuilding.

MOTHER, SLAYER
GIVEN LIFE TERM

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

Thfts of Stock
On Increase in
County, Report

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

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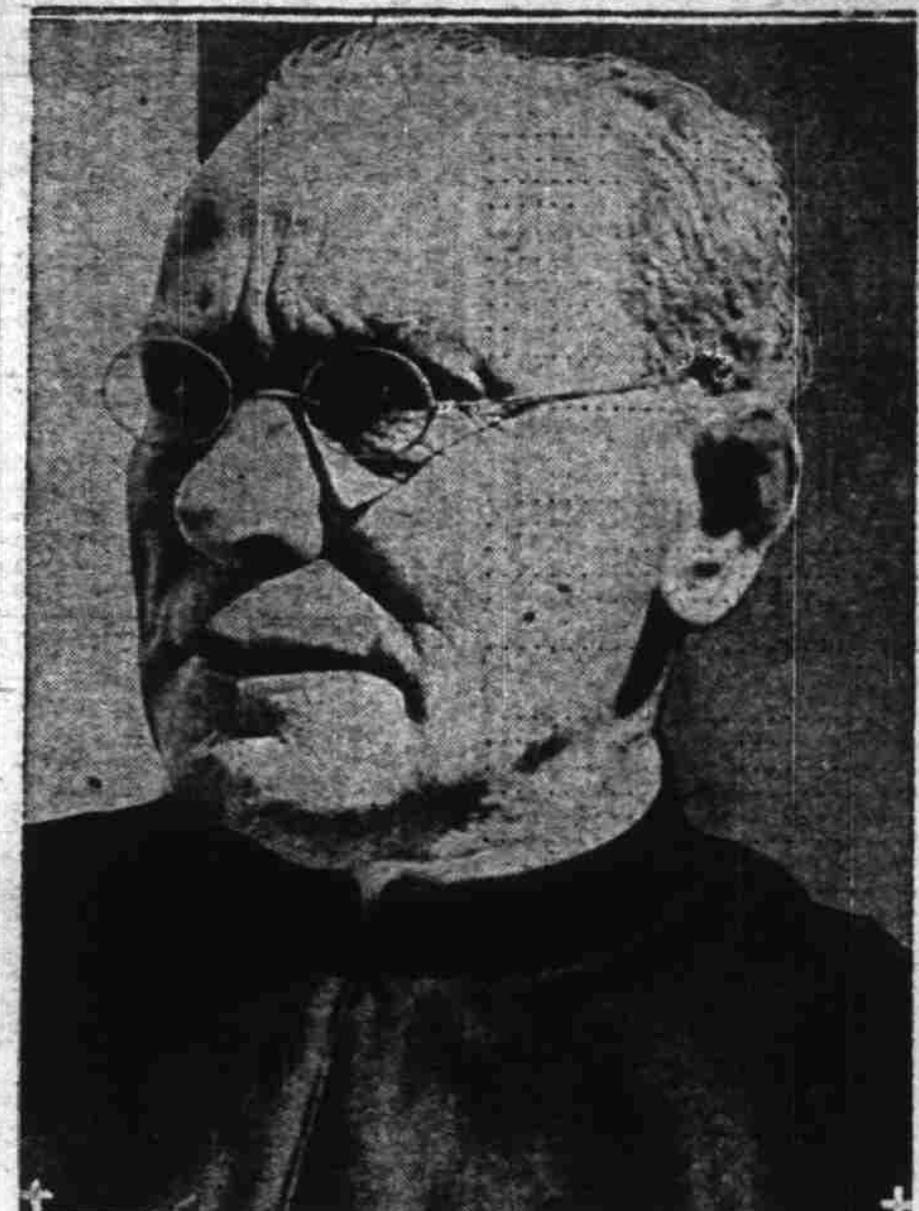
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In his death the university loses one of its oldest and most picturesque figures, and the west one of its most popular churchmen and scientists. A vigorous exponent of the Sunspot theory of weather forecasting, Father Ricard became widely known throughout 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 81 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)

"Padre of the Rains" Taken
At 81; Was Noted in His Realm



Father Jerome Sixtus Ricard who died at the University of Santa Clara infirmary last night.

\$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 sharpened their budget axes Monday and trimmed a healthy \$102,830 from the proposed outlay of Marion county for 1931.

The total levy approved by the court and the budget committee is \$1,082,125.66 in comparison to \$1,185,095 levied for 1930. This constitutes a reduction in 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.

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Funds to Help Army Come
In Slower Than Demands

An interested woman who overheard this man's story at once gave the ensign a check to be used for this man or any other purpose as the Ensign decided. The sick man was given food and was taken at once to a local hospital for medical treatment and care. Army workers checked up Monday and find that the man is somewhat improved.

Oregon
Briefs

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

COOS BAY TO BE SPANNED
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—A contract for the construction of bascule span bridge over Isthmus Inlet from Bunker Hill to Eastside was let today by the county court to Liesch and Tofts, Marshfield, on a bid of \$293,000.

RIFLES ARE STOLEN
CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Waldport postoffice was robbed early today by three men who hauled the safe away in a car. A restaurant proprietor reported he saw the men enter by a back door and carry out the safe. A hardware store also reported the theft of four high powered rifles and a quantity of ammunition.

HUGE DAMAGES REPORTED
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Oregon American Lumber company was not negligent in permitting a forest fire to spread from its operations to property of the East Side Logging company in Glatfisch county, May 21, 1929, said an opinion handed down today by Federal Judge Bean. The plaintiff had asked for \$5,500.74 for damages alleged to have resulted to equipment and property and for \$3230 as the cost of fighting the fire.

TRAIL GROUP MEETS AGAIN
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Reorganization of the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company's petition for an order restraining the interstate commerce commission from enforcing an order requiring the railroad company to build a 186-mile cross-state extension will begin here tomorrow.

STORM ROBBERS ARRAIGNED
MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—George J. Bennett, 40, and his son, Albert J. Bennett, 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, 26, alleged third member of the gang, also was returned. The three were arraigned here today and waived preliminary examination.

CLOTHES BURNED AWAY
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Gertrude Geer, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geer, near Cottage Grove, was burned fatally near her home today when her dress was ignited by a stump fire. She died soon after she was brought to a local hospital. The little girl had walked about 100 yards away from the house to watch the stump fire. No one was near but men working in the stump patch heard her scream. They rushed to her assistance but before they could extinguish the fire the girl's clothes virtually were burned from her body.

BUSINESS RUN
BY STATE NOT
SECURE-SHOUP

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.—(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 in an address before the western division of the chamber here tonight.

"Whatever else we do," Shoup said, "let us not consult any panacea. Let us not expect the government to do something we cannot do ourselves." It is the greatest importance the government keep out of business, the speaker said.

The United States tried to run railroads, he said, "and some of us have a vivid memory of the result." His statement that the national chamber was opposed to government entering business was greeted 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 1931
The depression of 1921 was as severe as the present one, he said, and only thirty-one million people were employed then whereas now there are forty million employed.

DAVID A. SKINNER, secretary of the national chamber, addressing the meeting, discussed pending legislation concerning the Mine Safety Act. 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 business of manufacturing and selling fertilizer." The sessions of the chamber will continue tomorrow.

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"If the said, would make marriage a thing of sex alone, instead of the tried and trusted and temperate thing that lasts on until middle life." The former jurist, she added, with one hand would give to girls "practical freedom in their sexual relations," and with the other would give them "the more dangerous gift of knowledge of birth control."

Doak Approved
As Labor Head
Without Debate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The senate today gave quick approval to President Hoover's choice for secretary of labor—William N. Doak of Virginia—but notice was given of a contrast on one of his tariff commission nominees—Edgar B. Brown of Utah. Doak was confirmed without debate on motion of Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama. At the same time, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, said off the floor there would be "strenuous opposition" to Brown and when the six tariff nominations reach the senate.