

1931 Will be Big Convention Year for Salem; 12 Coming

EDITORS PLAN BIG GATHERING

Chamber of Commerce Active Securing Numerous '31 Conventions

The year 1931 will stand out as a big year for really important conventions to be held in Salem. There are, of course, all kinds of conventions but those coming to Salem in 1931 will serve as an advertising medium for the city over the entire Pacific coast.

Among the first to be scheduled was the District Business and Professional Women's clubs, which will bring to Salem representative business women from Oregon, Washington, Montana and British Columbia. The convention will be held during October, 1931.

The second convention to be scheduled was the Oregon State Editorial association and this of course will bring to the city for several days the leading editors of the state.

Plans are now under way for the entertainment of the state editors and their wives. In fact, everything will be done to show the state editors that the people of Salem appreciate their visit to the capital city.

K. G. Meet Here in Spring. Knights of Columbus from the State of Oregon will meet in Salem early in the spring of 1931. Ordinarily the business of this convention is completed in one day but efforts are now being made to make the Salem convention a two day session. Also to show the visitors not only Salem, but the surrounding country.

The fourth convention scheduled for 1931 was the Oregon State Association of Letter Carriers. It has been eight or nine years since the state letter carriers met in session in Salem and for this reason, local carriers intend to show the state carriers the difference between the city of today and that of years ago.

The Northwest Section, International Association of Electrical Inspectors will meet in annual session in Salem September 21, 22 and 23. This will be the sixth annual session of this association. The 1930 meeting was held in Bellingham. Headquarters for the northwestern section are in Portland.

According to Saidie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, the 1931 annual sessions of this organization will be held in Salem some time during February. The association met in Salem two years ago.

Labor Federation Coming. The Oregon State Federation of Labor will hold its 1931 meetings in the capital city and according to F. J. A. Boehringer, president of the Salem Trades and Labor council, this convention will bring to Salem several hundred labor representatives for a session of three days.

A convention that brings several hundred people to Salem annually but one that is not given any great amount of publicity is the annual meeting of school teachers of Marion county. Sessions are held in the senior high school building and sessions are attended by three to four hundred. Hence this annual meeting brings to the city many more visitors than the average convention.

Zonta clubs of district six, which includes Oregon, Washington and British Columbia will meet in annual sessions in Salem during 1931 and this will bring the leading women of the northwest who are interested in service club work, to the capital city. It is understood that members of other service clubs will show especial courtesy to the visiting Zontans.

400 Dentists Expected. A convention that will bring 400 of the leading dentists to Salem in February is the Marion-Polk-Yamhill Medical association, which will attract to the city leading dentists not only of Oregon but of the entire Pacific coast. The association now has plans prepared by which every

Reid, Murdoch Co. Get Under Way Here in '30

Light Crop Keeps Down Pack, But Larger Activity is Foreseen in 1931

1930 saw the establishment of the Reid, Murdoch company in their own cannery plant in Salem, in a plant which is one of the largest and most modern in the Northwest. The company operated in 1929 by leasing the West Salem cannery. Their operations there satisfied the company heads that Salem was the logical place for placing their own cannery, so they purchased the old plant of the King Food Products company on street. This plant was entirely remodeled and reconstructed and

dentist in the state will be invited. Specialists in all lines of dentistry including many of the most noted dentists in the country, have already accepted invitations to attend. Dr. David B. Hill is president of the association.

Salem is now recognized all over the state as the center of the fox breeding business which has assumed large proportions during the past few years. The annual meeting of the Oregon Fox Breeders' association will be held in the Salem chamber of commerce rooms all day Saturday, January 3, 1931. This is the first of the 12 conventions to be held in Salem during 1931.

Last but not least of the 12 conventions scheduled for Salem in 1931 is the Willamette University Police school. In 1930 the first school of this nature was held in Salem and such was the interest of law officers of the northwest, that plans are already being formed to bring to Salem next March, many of the leading police officials of the Pacific coast.

This police school this year will hold its sessions in the House of Representatives and in addition to the leading police officers of the northwest, the school will be attended by representative traffic officers of Oregon.

In all conventions coming to Salem, the chamber of commerce has cooperated in not only offering the use of all of its rooms but in securing invitations and endorsements that were instrumental in bringing all conventions to Salem.

was put into service this season. Many thousands of dollars were expended in the early part of 1930 in this plant construction. Canning equipment was bought and installed, a sprinkler system was put in throughout the plant, and all modern devices in the canning industry used to enable the plant to operate on a large scale economically.

300,000 Cases in Pack. While the size of the pack, around 300,000 cases, did not come up to the expectations of the company, it did take care of a large quantity of fruits and berries from local growers and did provide a large payroll during the year. Besides straight canning, this plant goes into specialties like preserves, fruit salads, etc.

The company manufactures in its own plants over the United States food products which it distributes through independent grocers to the consuming public. The trade name is "Monarch" and the label is used to stand for quality. The Salem plant is called on to supply choice fruits and berries and fruit products in glass and tin containers and the products are shipped from here on the various branch houses of the company over the United States. According to Frank H. Madden of Seattle, northwest sales manager for Reid, Murdoch the Salem products rank very high in quality and have met with fine reception all over the country. The Salem pack has been well disposed of and small carry-over is expected.

With better yields of berries and fruits the plant will put up larger packs than this year, depending of course upon general conditions. The company makes contracts with growers who produce high-grade crops to take their production for a term of years.

Plans for 1930 for the local plant, stated Mr. Madden, include installing a new boiler. A turbine engine and generator may be installed so the plant can generate its own electricity, said Mr. Madden.

6-HOUR DAY IS AIM OF LABOR

Way out of Depression Seen; Increased Cooperation With Capital Comes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Labor begins its fifth year of organized achievement pressing advocacy of a shorter work day as essential to solution of the unemployment problem.

The American federation of labor and the "big four" brotherhoods of railroad employees in-

st the first step in permanent adjustment "should be a reduction in the hours of labor commensurate with the trend of the times to a six-hour day."

"New Understanding." After serving almost a decade as secretary of labor, James J. Davis, the former iron puddler, says: "Our present good industrial relationship is all founded upon the new mutually of respect and understanding between employers, workers and the general public."

Organized labor is supporting legislation to limit the issuance of injunctions against union workers. It is fighting discrimination against older workers, efforts being made to secure legis-

lation in all states providing for old age pensions.

Fresh Organization in South. The federation's program for 1931 also includes vigorous continuance of the campaign to organize workers in the industrial south, the urging upon congress of amendment to the Volstead act "to permit the sale of beer," and insistence that the interests of labor be conserved in railroad consolidations.

The federation favors extending the age limit for applicants for employment in the government services and a four-hour day on Saturday throughout the year for all federal employees.

WATER DEMAND DOUBLE. Water users in the city of Salem have increased from 3,336 in 1920 to nearly 8,000 at the end of 1930.

COTTAGE CHEESE IS ADDED TO OUTPUT

During 1930 the Marion creamery has added a new product to those which it manufactures and sells. That is cottage cheese. It is developing a considerable volume in this line both locally and in Portland. Other products which it manufactures are butter, cheese and powdered milk. Butter is marketed in Oregon and California. Powdered milk is shipped in carload lots to the trade. Another new product is hominy for which a demand has been developed.

The creamery has extensive

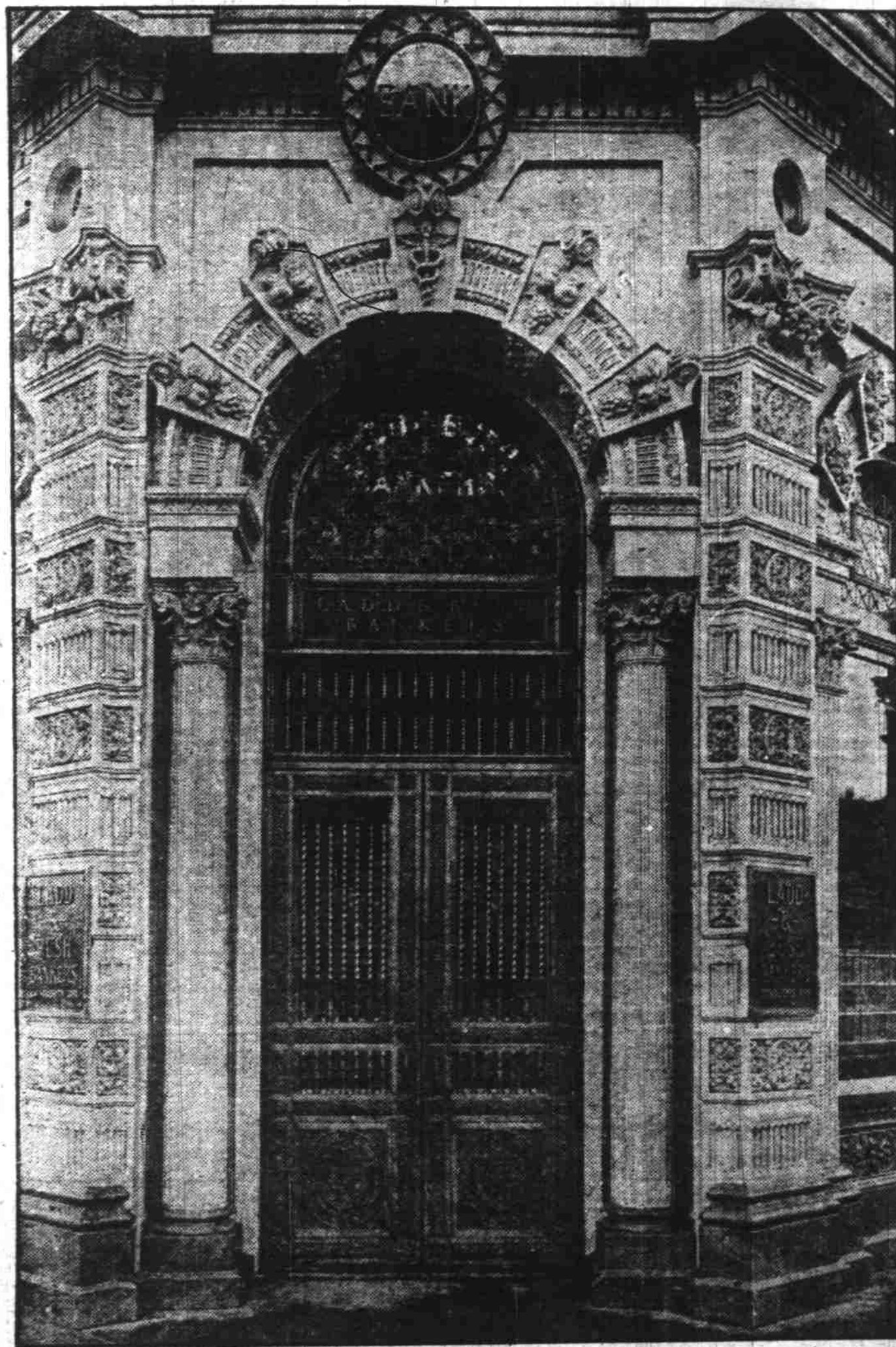
distributing facilities through the Willamette valley and in Portland. F. G. Deckebach, Sr., is president of the company and his sons, Frederick and Frank, Jr., are associated with him.

About the same quantity of milk and cream were handled as in 1929 though with lower prices, the dollar volume may run lower. Dairy production appears to be well sustained in this portion of the valley in the opinion of Frederick Deckebach.

93 PER CENT NATIVE. Salem is about as near an all-American city as one could find in the United States today. Ninety-three per cent of its 26,266 persons are native born.

171 FEET ABOVE. The city of Salem stands 171 feet above sea level.

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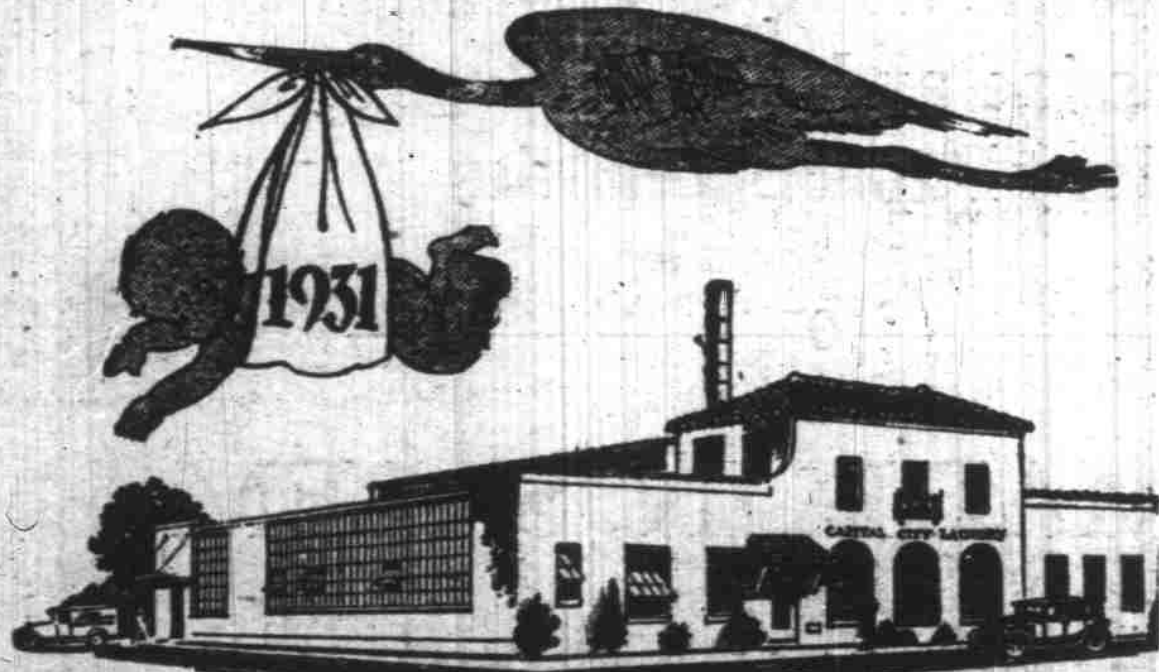
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