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**THE WEATHER**  
Unsettled and cool today. Saturday probably fair, warmer; Max. Temp. Thursday 65, Min. 55, River -9 feet, rain .44 inch.

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## HOP PICKERS WIN PAY BOOST

### ADDED DATA ON SCHOOL AFFAIR IN HOSS' HANDS

Supplemental Audit not to Be Released to Anyone Secretary Asserts

Understood to Confirm one Made by Buell; Meier May Order Probe

Release of a supplemental audit of affairs in the buildings department of Oregon State college was refused here Thursday afternoon by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

The last audit, which was filed with Hoss in August, 1933, by Otto Kubin, chief auditor, is in refutation to contentions set up by Oregon State college officials in their 57-page statement made March 18, 1933.

Hoss said the latest report consisted of two pages, neither of which he had read. He said he had sent no copies of the report to any members of the board of education or to Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of the higher educational system. Hoss asserted that he would not release the report in the future, either to the public or to the board.

Kubin Reveals He Made New Report  
Knowledge that such a report existed was revealed Wednesday when Kubin said he made such a report in August. That such a supplemental audit of affairs at Oregon State college was to be made was learned through the complete audit of higher educational affairs submitted to the board at its June meeting.

There are certain statements contained in the above mentioned answer which will be the subject of separate report in order that we may be on record and reiterate that our position in this matter is fully justified," Kubin states in his main report. The special report followed in August.

Other Papers Now Public Property  
The present status of the audits and report on state higher education and affairs at Oregon State college is the subject of a report filed August 23 with secretary of state and duly released to all members of board of higher education and to the governor, as prescribed by law.

Special report and preliminary audit filed February 10, 1933, released Wednesday, September 13, by Dr. W. J. Kerr to board and public from Corvallis office. Audit previously released to Kerr, C. L. Starr, board chairman. No copies released to governor or to members of board of higher education other than Starr.

Reply of Oregon State college to special audit, dated March 18, 1933, released to public Tuesday, September 12, by Hal E. Hoss. Released also Wednesday, September 13, by officials at Oregon State college. No previous release to board of higher education.

Special supplemental audit of Otto Kubin replying to state college unit, filed August, 1933, with secretary of state. No copies released to board, or chancellor or public. Hoss says report will not be released. Kubin reiterates in latest report "our position in matter of (Oregon State irregularities) is fully justified."

The latest development of the controversy is an intimation that Governor Meier may take a hand in the affair in the hope of determining just what the facts are. He is known to have ordered copies of the various reports, and the Oregonian asserts this morning that he is expected to make an independent investigation.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 14.—(AP)—A member of C. L. Starr's family told press representatives that Mr. Starr, president of the Oregon board of higher education, was unable to talk over the telephone tonight, when they called him in an attempt to secure his version of the suppression of the special audit, released at Oregon State college last night.

### "Miss America" Receives Beauty Crown; Western Girl Runner-Up



Miss Marion Bergeron of West Haven, Conn., is shown here in the act of being crowned "Miss America" at the close of the beauty pageant in Atlantic City. Miss Blanche McDonald of Hollywood, "Miss California," and "Miss New York" look on.

### STUDENT OFFICERS TO FEEL CLUB BAN

Not Over 200 Salem High Youths are in Societies, But Many Leaders

Probability that the banning of secret societies members from classes at Salem high school, will have a disintegrating effect upon the present student body organization was expressed at the high school office yesterday. While Principal Fred Wolf is of the opinion that members of the illegal organizations will not make such a material difference with the enrollment as some persons deem possible, with probably far less than 200 refused entrance during the first week or two of the school year, he was pretty sure that a very noticeable percentage of student body and class officers will be in that group.

In past years societies have gone in for politics in a big way and, although their numbers have never amounted to a majority, they have quite often succeeded in putting in a full ticket of affiliated officers because of their organization. High school "barbs" like their older brothers of the college campus have seldom organized here for political purposes.

Talk about town yesterday indicated that the move barring society members from classes and activities will be felt more on the football field than in the classroom. While no definite checkup was available to any of the con-

### Oregon Briefs

**APPLICATIONS VIEWED**  
PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—(AP)—A program providing for the disposition of public works projects throughout Oregon based on unemployment, was adopted and sent to Washington, D. C., today following a meeting of C. C. Hockley, state engineer, Bert E. Haney and Dr. James Gilbert, members of the state advisory board.

The meeting marked the first time finished applications for allocation of funds were in position to be submitted to the board and certain of these were approved and forwarded to Washington.

Members of the advisory board and Mr. Hockley also discussed present unemployment and state estimates thereof, types of labor, the necessity of immediate employment and the status of applications now pending or about to be submitted to the administration.

Robert N. Stanfield, member of the board, was not present due to absence from the state.

### PORTLAND'S RELIEF CLAIM IS OPPOSED

Highway Work Here in Peril If Multnomah Gets all It Requests, Held

When the state highway commission meets in Portland tomorrow to award road contracts aggregating \$600,000 it will be met by a delegation from Multnomah county which will urge the allocation of 84 per cent of the \$6,000,000 federal relief funds for road work in Oregon to Multnomah county. It was reported that representatives of more than 200 organizations met yesterday to plan the attack to be used tomorrow.

A highly Multnomah's move prove successful, some of the immediate results would be the abandonment of North Santiam highway work, the widening of Capitol street, and other pieces of relief work scattered over the whole state which it was thought had been definitely provided for under the distribution of the federal funds.

The \$6,000,000 allocation to Oregon was made on the basis of population, area covered by roads, and mileage of road projects. Multnomah county will make its heavy claim on the basis of its population. If it had received its share on the basis of population alone, it would have had approximately half of the total sum.

### Public Works Plan Sent Murder Possibility Eyed

Public inspection of the buildings will be held the afternoon of September 16.

**WOMAN HELD SLAIN**  
ASTORIA, Sept. 14.—(AP)—The possibility of murder in the case of the woman's body washed up by the Columbia river near here, was strengthened today by a cranial post-mortem performed on the order of District Attorney West.

A verdict that the direct cause of death was "fracture of the base of the skull and laceration of the middle meningeal artery, causing hemorrhage," resulted from the post-mortem.

**WOMAN IS IN COMA**  
ASTORIA, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Edith May Coffin of Seaside was brought to a hospital here late today in an apparent coma after what police said was an attempt to take the life of her three-year-old daughter, Edith May, and that of a son Melvin, aged six.

Police reported that Mrs. Coffin had poured a poisonous solution down the throat of her daughter and then taken some herself after her son, refusing to drink the potion she offered, ran from the house and called neighbors.

### GOAL INDUSTRY CODE SPEEDED TO END STRIKE

President Demands Action, Apparently Gains it; 15 Hurt in Riots

Credit to Enable Business Firms to Comply With NRA is Arranged

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—(AP)—In a significant White House conference President Roosevelt tonight demanded action from the bituminous coal industry upon an NRA code and apparently got it. He announced a few minutes after the representatives of mine operators and miners had left his oval study, the long-controverted charter for the troubled soft coal fields probably would be negotiated by tomorrow night.

Removal of this obstacle from the path of the recovery program was plotted as Chairman Jones of the reconstruction corporation made public a broad plan for helping industries which are attempting to carry on under the NRA with federal loans through banks, and trust and mortgage companies.

The conference called by the chief executive to end the impasse in the coal industry was brief. Mr. Roosevelt outlined to the assembled spokesmen of operators and miners the need for speed to prevent more serious trouble in the coal regions where shootings broke out today. He told them a code could be delayed no longer.

The reconstruction corporation chairman said the credit to stimulate the recovery program (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

### LOWER LIGHT COST IS SHOALS SCHEME

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—(AP)—As a part of the federal experiment to see whether the light bills could be cut for American households, the Tennessee valley authority today outlined a list of rates for Muscle Shoals power that were just a little more than half of the average power rate for the nation last year.

The authority, the first of the governmental agencies by which President Roosevelt proposed that power costs be measured, set rates that called for a resale maximum of three cents a kilowatt hour.

"For the typical general consumer, this is an average of about two cents a kilowatt hour," said David Lilienthal, a member of the authority, "and for a fully electric home, which is our objective—the rate would average seven mills per kilowatt hour."

The average August utility rate for the country was just under 6 cents a kilowatt hour for domestic users. It compared with an average of around 3 cents charged consumers by the Ontario hydro electric power commission, a Canadian government owned concern.

### Minister Seeks New Peace Pact With Neighbors

TOKYO, Sept. 14.—(AP)—A report that he will work to establish a new basis of understanding with the United States was published today as Japan's new foreign minister, Koki Hirota, expressed belief the future is bright for friendly relations with that country's three strongest neighbors.

These three nations are the United States, China and Russia. The newspaper Nichi Nichi said Hirota intends to seek the negotiation of a new treaty with the United States embracing either a pact of non-aggression or of arbitration.

### SEVERANCE TAX NEWEST RELIEF FUND PROPOSAL

Issue of Highway Bonds is Also Suggested When Committee Meets

Majority Report of Group Considering Amount May be Rejected

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 14.—(AP)—The addition of a severance tax and a provisional issue of highway bonds to the list of suggested revenue sources to be reported back to Governor Meier's relief committee, a sub-committee, assigned to the task of ascertaining the means available for revenue needed in state unemployment relief, today gave indications that a majority report of the other sub-committee may be disregarded.

The other committee, designated the task of determining the amount of funds to be needed until the end of 1934, saw three of its members agree on a total of \$17,794,372 earlier in the week, while the remaining two members favored an amount lower by several million dollars.

No estimate was given of the amount that might be obtainable through a severance tax, which would be applied against products of the forests, mines, quarries and oil and gas wells, if any.

Ray W. Gill proposed the bond issue and it was supported by the remaining members of the committee in the event that other means of revenue fall short of returning the amounts estimated they will bring.

Bert E. Haney and John F. Logan, members of the means for revenue and the sum was particularly outspoken in their opinion that the majority of the funds group estimate was far too high and practically impossible due to present economic conditions.

Haney was of the opinion that if \$3,000,000 was obtained from revenue and the sum was matched by federal funds the total would be sufficient for a relief program. This would be to provide a program until May 1, 1934, when the people could enact any further relief measures they deemed necessary.

### NRA PARADE PLAN FOR FALL OPENING

Salem merchants and industrial firms eligible to display the blue eagle are invited to participate in the NRA street parade to take place on Tuesday, the night of Fall Opening.

The Salem Ad club, sponsors of the event, will furnish 20 banners to each participating merchant, the banner to be displayed on both sides of the car or float entered in the parade. Business firms wishing to enter cars should get in touch immediately with Vern Suko in the New Bligh building so that the banners may be prepared.

The NRA parade, annual showing of fall fashions in downtown store windows, flower show in the Oregon building by the Salem Garden club, "Why I Should Buy Now" contest, and the official Ad club dance at the Salem Armory featuring Kenneth Allen, nationally known radio entertainer, and Cole McElroy's Great Oregonians, are features of this year's Fall Opening.

### ROMAN MENTIONED AS BANK MANAGER

Reports were current here yesterday that J. E. Roman, formerly of the Astoria Bank of Commerce, was under consideration as manager of the Salem branch of the First National bank of Portland. Keith Powell, conservator of the bank, would not confirm the report, nor would Roman when interviewed by the Associated Press in Portland.

## Success of Striking Group May Mean Firm Demands by Others; Some Growers Make Concessions

### Varying Situations Reported in Fields

Strikes Spread to Some Yards, Growers say At Others That Pickers are Satisfied; Some Agree to Small Increases

INCIPENT labor troubles were reported here Thursday night in several Marion and Polk county hop yards with labor leaders predicting more walkouts and strikes Friday if hop pickers had not been raised above their present rate of \$1 for each one hundred pounds of hops.

Meanwhile a number of growers in the territory adjacent to Salem declared that all was peaceful in their yards with hop pickers content with the \$1 a hundred rate prevailing. Not all of the owners could be reached for an interview but the majority declared they were adverse to raising the picking rate. Several of the growers expressed themselves as sanguine that no labor troubles would occur in their yards. Most of the growers were at the yards yesterday throughout the picking time.

From Independence last night came reports of varying situations in the yards adjacent to that city. A strike was reported at the Catlin yard Thursday morning but the management could not be reached by telephone.

The Horst yard reported its pickers were satisfied and that there was no trouble. The management, however, had seen fit to grant an increase in rate, the pay now being \$1.25 a hundred pounds. The Wood's yard was paying \$1.20, with two days of picking left.

Dean Walker at the Hanna yard stated that he thought a picking bonus was inevitable. Growers there organized Thursday night and demanded an agreement on \$1.20 by noon today.

INFLATION LOOMING HARRISON ASSERTS  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Chairman Harrison of the senate finance committee, in a talk with newspapermen today, strongly indicated the administration was contemplating some monetary inflation at an early date to help raise commodity prices.

"My belief, from those conferences the last two days with President Roosevelt, Budget Director Lewis Douglas and Governor Eugene Black of the federal reserve board, refused to predict what specific steps the administration had in mind.

"I believe, from those conferences I have had, is that something will be done and is being done," he said. They might decide to go ahead and try to get results without notifying the world what they are doing, but I have faith they are going to utilize every agency to do more than open market operations to get higher commodity prices."

## Boys' Dreams Come True But Finally They Awaken

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 14.—(AP)—Every boy's dream came true! A golden stream of money, ten and twenty dollar bills, blowing around like dried leaves; sodas and suckers; footballs and automobiles, all to be purchased merely by peeling from the big roll.

This supreme thrill came to 4 Puyallup boys when they found a gummy sack under a Puyallup house containing over \$4000 in money. Last night their dream was shattered when police investigated and began the difficult task of recapturing the money for the probable owner.

A rabbit that started it all is contentedly nibbling lettuce in his pen, but the wave of juvenile money, which he caused to sweep Puyallup and wash over into Tacoma in the past few days has at last been explained and stopped. The results: Four Puyallup boys are in the Pierce county detention home, being held for investigation. The Puyallup police station looks more like a bank with gold currency and liberty bonds am-

## RAISE OFFERED AT McLAUGHLIN YARD ACCEPTED

\$1.50 a Hundred Pounds is Agreed to by Lachmund To end Difficulty

Cites Agreement Made by Growers; Bonus Given By Others Cited

INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 14.—(Special to The Statesman)—Striking hop pickers won a signal victory here at 2:30 p.m. today when Louis Lachmund of Salem, owner and proprietor of the McLaughlin hop yard, abruptly changed front on their demands and announced to 1200 assembled strikers that he would pay \$1.50 a hundred for the picking of his hops for the rest of the season. The strikers had sought \$2 a hundred pounds when they walked out at 10 a.m. Wednesday but the Lachmund offer appeared to meet their demands reasonably well and the bulk of the pickers were working when rain forced a stop late this afternoon.

"To show you that I'm not such a bad fellow, I am going to set a mark for others to follow," Lachmund declared. "Am going these growers who have been paying 20 cents a hundred bonus, 30 cents better, I offer you \$1.50 a hundred for picking."

The breakup of the strike at the McLaughlin yard came after a day filled with tense drama. Two of the leaders in the strike movement, Ray Gorman and William Mackie, were arrested by deputy sheriffs from Dalles. Striking hop pickers jeered Lachmund and his superintendent, F. B. Gwinn and refused to return to the yards. An organization committee which had previously presented "demands" to Lachmund, continued its work. It was then that the tide turned. Lachmund upped the payment rate, and the back of the labor disturbance, the largest in the valley this summer, was broken.

The strike had been on for 29 hours when the turn came. Early Thursday morning, aided by a heavy rain which kept all pickers from the yards, organization of the strike continued apace. Germer, a dark complexioned young man, in dirty cord trousers, took the lead in the organization move, addressing 1200 pickers from the amusement grounds platform. He advised the crowd that it could win its demands if it stood fast.

As Germer was speaking, Officer Thomson of the state police drove into the yard. Germer remarked that "the supervisors had their watch dogs out."

A clash was imminent. Thomson walked to the platform and demanded an apology from the speaker and advised that the police department was left out, saying the state police were there only to see that order was kept and intended to take no part in the strike. Germer apologized.

At Germer's suggestion a strike committee was organized with W. T. Birdwell named chair man. In ten minutes the committee returned with these demands:

1. Full pay left in the field Wednesday when the strike started.
2. Two cents a pound for picking fairly clean hops.
3. Better sanitary conditions.
4. No pay for time out during strike.
5. No discrimination by growers against leaders in the strike.
6. The committee will prevent any act of violence on the part of strikers.
7. The company to recognize the committee officially.

It was in the afternoon that Lachmund and Gwinn met the strikers. Officers arrested Birdwell on the charge of treason and disturbing the peace. At once William Mackie assumed leadership and later he was arrested on similar charges. The arrest angered the pickers who refused to start for the yards and hood Lachmund.

A conference between Lachmund and the strikers was held. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)