The Oregon Statesman

Thanksgiving Date Changed By Roosevelt

President Decides Labor Day too far Away From Nov. 30

Football Coaches Groan as "big Games" Are "Reorganized"

CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, New Brunswick, Aug. 14-(AP)-President Roosevelt is going to move Thanksgiving day up a week this year, he said at a press conference today at his mother's summer home.

For the last six years, he explained, a great many people have been complaining that there is too long an interval between the Labor day holiday early in September and Thanksgiving day toward the end of November, and that the time is too short between Thanksgiving and Christ-Sounds Silly,

Says He This sounds silly, he said. But he added that stores, working people and retailers had proposed that Thanksgiving be changed from the usual ast Thursday in November. This year Thanksgiving would normally fall on November 30, and Mr. Roosevelt has decided to issue a proclamation setting aside November 23 as Thanksgiving day.

He recalled that in the early days of the republic a day in .'ctober was marked down for thanksgiving and that it was ..ot until after the Civil war that the last Thursday in November was selected for observance.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 - (AP) -President Roosevelt's plan to move Thanksgiving day ahead a week provided a headache to-night for football schedule-mak-

If he goes ahead with his idea of proclaiming November 23, they will find their climactic classics day in November. Clamor May Be Kicked up

So far as many a traditional big game is concerned the Roose velt plan might kick up more clamor than a hot halfback running the wrong way.

All over the country, football games aranged well in advance are booked for November 30-"Thanksgiving," the schedulemakers trusted.

To move them back to the pro posed new Thanksgiving date, November 23, might mean playing two games in three days or even three within seven days in the event there were engagements on the preceding and following Saturdays.

If the "Thanksgiving" games remain scheduled for that bleak step "will depend upon what November 30 when even the tur- Burckhardt brings back with him key hash will have vanished and in the next few days from his the prospective customers will talks with Halifax." have returned to work, some of the games may be played in comparative privacy.

Coach R. S. "Spec" Keene of Willamette university indicated last night that a forward shifting of the Thanksgiving date would necessitate changes in ette's football schedule.

Willamette is now scheduled to play Whitman at Walla Walla on Thanksgiving day, which would now be Nov. 23, and College of Idaho at Caldwell November 24. Keene said the College of Idaho game would probably be switched to November 18.

Governor Charles A. Sprague would be inclined to concur should President Roosevelt proclaim Thanksgiving day for one week earlier than has been customary, he said last night.

First word the governor had of the president's proposal came in a telephone inquiry as to his opinion, made by a New York newspaper last night.

The governor said he had not looked up the Oregon law as to Thanksgiving day and would, of course, be opposed to observance of separate state and federal holi-

UO Class 1879 Member Is Dead

BEND, Aug. 14 .- (AP)-Funeral first students at the University of ger, Albert Olson, were unhurt.

Oregon, was held today.

year the university was founded, Blew sold his farm near Eugene and entered the preparatory de partment. The next year he enrolled in the college proper.

He was a member of a pionee: family and came to Bend from Portland in 1915.

83-Year-Oldster Shows Them how

HEPPNER, Aug. 14.-(A)new styles, life for girls "with the new corsets, but didn't have sion but no definite action reYoung swimmers of this eastern hips" would be "a dream." She it on at the moment. She said she sulted.

May Mediate Row. Over Danzig City



Dr. CARL BURCKHARDT

Burckhardt May Mediate Danzig

League Commissioner Is to Talk Settlement With Halifax

BERLIN, Aug. 14 .- (AP)-Prof. Carl J. Burckhardt, League of Nations commissioner for Danzig, emerged tonight as a possible mediator of the German-Polish dispute over the Baltic free city.

Burckhardt, a Swiss professor, who has returned to Danzig after a conference with Adolf Hitler at Berchtesgaden, was unofficially reported in Berlin to be preparing to go to London to discuss with Lord Halifax, British foreign secretary, a plan for a peaceful settle-

relegated to a mere late Thurs- solution by which Germany could stand." take over the free city without bloodshed and gain a strip of land through the Polish corridor to East Prussia.

Informed political circles here expressed the belief that Hitler, Foreign Minister Joseph Beck of Poland and Albert Forster, nazi leader in Danzig, had accepted such a plan as a basis for discussion.

Following his visit to Hitler, Burckhardt conferred in Danzig matic representative, Marian Chodacki.

Official Germany declined to had been charged with a highly important mission to London.

In press and party circles, however, one heard that Hitler's next

Courthouse Probe Start yet Unset

Returning to the bench after a week's vacation at the coast, Circuit Judge L .H. McMahan said yesterday he had not yet received word as to when Mark Y. Weatherford, Albany attorney, would return to the valley and open the judge's proposed investigation of county officials. He expects a message late this week from Weatherford, who has been in eastern Oregon overseeing the wheat harvest

on his ranch there. Weatherford was appointed special prosecutor by Judge L. H. Mc-Mahan following proceedings designed to show District Attorney Lyle J. Page was not qualified to

Saturday Crash Fatal for Youth

ROSEBURG, Aug. 14-(AP)-One person was killed and another injured here Saturday when William D. Bale swerved from the road to avoid colliding with another au-

Jack Victor Gynn, 28, of Rose burg, died of a fractured skull, broken neck and crushed chest yesterday. Betty Boyer was slightly hurt. Bale and another passen-

Leech Denies Dies Probers Coaching Him

Two 7 Hearing, 1ess Savs

to Get Doyle From Minneapolis

Leech, undergoing extensive cross-examination after his earlier testimony that Bridges was a member of the communist party, denied that the Dies committee investigator had told him what to say on the witness stand.

The former Los Angeles house painter said he gave one of the George Hurley, an affidavit concerning the CIO west coast leader, several months ago at Port-

Leech said he had talked with Hurley and the other investigator, " a man named Randall" during the past week.

ley your testimony here?" Aubrey Grossman, defense attorney, asked the witness.

About Trial "I did not, at any time," Leech

German hopes tended in the di- Thomas B. Shoemaker, governrection that Burckhardt's conver- ment attorney, said "I feel confisations with German, British and dent Mr. Hurley was not in here Polish officials would result in a every time Mr. Leech was on the

their attempt to discredit his for-

mer testimony. New efforts were made today to obtain the presence of Stanley Morton "Larry" Doyle one-time commander of the American Legion 40 et 8 society and anti-radical activities leader, wanted by the defense as a witness, Bridges' attorneys claim Doyle, reported to be in Minnesota, was the key figwith Forster and the Polish diplo- ure in an asserted conspiracy

against the alien. Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure is sued an order which was airmailaffirm or deny that Burckhardt ed to Minneapolis directing Doyle to appear in court here before August 28 and show cause why he should not be ordered to testify at the hearing. This was the second such order, the previous one lapsing after the United States marshal at Minneapolis reported he was unable to serve it

Plane Flies Away; **Owner Is Worried**

A minor airplane tragedy occurred yesterday about noon when a gas model plane, constructed and flown by Glenn Smith, 15year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Smith, 35 Lansing avenue, was caught in an up-current of air under a cloud and disappeared. When last seen it was flying south from four corners, and the young owner fears it may have flown as far south as Albany before cooler

The model, "Comit Clipper," is outfitted with a midget motor. is 52 inches long and has a wing spread of 6 feet. It is blue trimmed with red. Glenn has been building model planes for the past six years.

Young Angler's Body

body of Jackie Jewell, 13-yearold fisherman who disappeared last Saturday, was recovered yesterday from the Rogue river. Coroner Frank A. Perl said a deep gash over the lad's right eye indicated he fell while leaping from one rock to another and was drowned while unconscious.

Alumni records listed him as a member of the 1879 class. The Breathe Deep, Girls, They Say Corsets Are in Again

NEW YORK, Aug. 14-(AP)-Take deep breath, girls corsets are That's the word Mrs. Adam Gimbel, wife of a Fifth avenue

from a preview of the new fall fashions in Paris. Mrs. Gimbel said that, with the

fortable," she added, "but women will wear them. Women will wear anything if it's the fashion. . . We have had comfort for years. Now release the names of the commit-(Saks-Fifth avenue) department we are going back to dignity. You tee until acceptances have been store owner, brought back today have to hold your head up with a received. corset. Everybody has to be dignified wearing corsets."

Mrs. Gimbel said she had one of

table again."

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ffort Is Started

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14-(P) -John L. Leech, former communist and a witness in the Harry Bridges deportation hearing, revealed today that two investigators for the Dies congressional committee on unAmerican activities have been attending the hear-

investigators, whom he named as land, Ore.

"Did you discuss with Mr. Hur-

derer.- (AP photo)

Pair to Be Held on Theft

Charge of Federal

Government

Russell Brown alias Robert

Carter, 22, and Wayne Lee, pair

accused of robbing Mr. and Mr.

5, will face a federal car theft

charge instead of being released

for return from Redding, Calif.

under extradition to Salem as re-

quested, District Attorney Lyle J

Page was notified yesterday after-

A telegram he received from

Emmett J. Seawell, assistant Unit-

ed States attorney at Sacramento

said the two men would be taken

before a federal grand jury on a

charge of violating the national

motor vehicle theft act. They were

reported to Page to have been in

automobile when they were ap-

prehended at Redding last Thurs-

McIntire signed a complaint in

Jefferson justice court last week

charging the pair with assault

with intent to rob, after identi-

Brown, known as Robert Car-

residence in Salem, is on parole

Gun Ban Prompts

Refusal of a Yamhill county

Paul R. Kelty, chairman of the

Kelty said the man was sen-

he had sent a bullet into a neigh-

cow's tail. The bullet narrowly

and would refuse the parole

rather than to surrender such a

The parole was recommended

by Sheriff Manning of Yambill

county and other officials. The

prisoner's name was not divulged.

Kelty said the man has

state parole board Monday.

missed a little girl.

rears yet to serve.

left them tied.

Denies He Talked

After Leech said he did not know whether the investigators had been in the little hearing room at the Angel Island immigration station on each of the several days he had testified during the five weeks of the hearing,

Defense attorneys questioned Leech on his past activities in Roy McIntire near here August

currents of air brought it to earth.

Recovered From River

MEDFORD, Aug. 14.-(AP)-The

Committee Asked To Form SS Bill Governor Charles A. Sprague Monday sent letters to a number of prominent Oregon men urging

"They are beautiful but uncomprepare a legislative bill providing social security for state, county and municipal employes. The governor said he would no

> A bill seeking retirement benefits for these employes was con-sidered at the 1939 legislative ses-

McIntire Robbers | Rome-Berlin Peace Held | Prune Men Meet Aren't Extradited Try for Another Munich

Wreckage of the streamliner City of San Francisco strewn across the Hmblodt river canyon in northeastern Nevada after 23 persons were killed and scores injured in a Saturday night crash. The wreck was caused deliberately by persons who tore up an outside rail, moved it inward and respiked it. Police, FBI men and railroad investigators are running all suspects to earth in a search for the mass mur-

TWISTED STREAMLINER AFTER DEATH STRUCK

Diplomats Point out That Events Leading up to Apparent Bid for Four-Power Parley Similar to Munich Meet

LONDON, Aug. 14-(AP)-Reports of peace moves in Rome and Berlin were interpreted by informed London quarters tonight as an attempt to lead Great Britain and France back to the policy of Munich.

The same four powers at Munich last September 30 decided the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia. The latest proposals would be for disposition of the German-Polish dispute over **Bartlett Returns** the free city of Danzig.

ment on the reports. To WPA Job Here Diplomatic circles, were quick to point out the similarity of the apparent bid for a possession of a stolen Washington Reorganization Is Seen four - power conference to the events which led to the Munich for Office Here to conference.

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pressure on her.

tesgaden plan.

will attend.

British officials refused to com

They recalled that there had

been the same intense propaganda

campaign in Germany and Italy

and the same heavy troop move-

ments and that the same four

powers were mentioned as par-

The question uppermost in the

minds of London diplomats was

whether Britain would enter into

a conference on the Danzig ques-

tion. Official circles have main-

tained there could be no settle-

ment without Poland's consent

and that Britain would put no

If the governments adhere to

that policy it would be difficult

to take part in a conference in

which Poland was not included.

Diplomatic sources were gener-

ally agreed that Poland was not

likely to accept a settlement along

the lines of the reported Berch-

They said they could see little

difference between Hitler's "fi-

nal" demands, which were re-

jected by Poland last spring, and

the new plan which was said to

include annexation of Danzig by

Germany and guarantee a passage

Convening at Portland

PORTLAND, Aug. 14-(A)-The

36th annual convention of the

Rural Mail Carriers' association

will open here tomorrow, with

Ambrose O'Connell, second assist-

across the Polish corridor.

Country Mail Carriers

Cut Costs W. M. "Jack" Bartlett, former Salem WPA executive, returned fying them as the men who held here yesterday to take over duties him and Mrs. McIntire up at their as new supervisor of operations residence south of Salem, then at the district WPA office. He has served for the past two years as planning engineer at the state ter during more than a year's WPA office in Portland and previous to that was with the Salem office for 15 months as district

from a six-months jail sentence engineer and assistant director. It is understood that extensive reorganization of the office is planned to cut administrative costs in compliance with the law recently passed by congress requiring that from 5 per cent to 3. per cent of

Parole's Refusal Although no official announcement has been made concerning reorganization plans, it is underfarmer to accept a parole from stood that G. R. Boatwright, forthe state penitentiary because of merly supervisor of operations, a condition that he should not and Fred Bates, area engineer, possess a gun, was reported by will become field project directors. Other engineers now working in the office will probably also be assigned to project direction. tenced to the penitentiary after Bartlett's position, besides supervision of operations, will inbor's house on suspicion that one volve coordination of the four of the tenants had cut off his branches of the WPA office, operations, finance, employment and professional and service projects The prisoner was quoted as indivisions. forming the parole board that he could not get along without a gun

Mrs. Bartlett and daughter are remaining in Portland for a short while before moving to Salem.

Columbia Forest **Blaze Gets Away**

forest out of control.

Embers carried across fire lines kindled snags, windfalls and timber in two sections which promptly burned together. Crews began hewing a line around the new them to serve on a committee to blaze.

The fire proper covered approximately 6000 acres inside the national forest and 6000 outside. Crews began mop-up operations n Oregon's Dutch Canyon and Saddle Mountain fire areas. Both fires were burning themselvesout within fire lines.

Canadian Mounties Due

Young swimmers of this eastern Oregon city got some pointers to day from 83-year-old W. G. (Gran) McCarty, retired wheat farmer.

McCarty, learning that Heppher's new pool was open, bought a pair of streamlined trunks—his pld suit was filled with moth holes a pair of streamlined trunks—his sld suit was filled with moth holes —and gave the youngsters a lession in diving.

Young swimmers of this eastern Oregon city got some pointers to day from 83-year-old W. G. (Gran) McCarty, retired wheat clothes will be "a dream." She was going to wear it, though.

Tamars, Russian singer for the reopening of the Broadway hit show "Leave It to Me." thought would provide deff-nite retirement benefits for state employes and that an enabling act wound give the counties and cities authority to fix their benefits in a smaller or larger amount.

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For Parley Here because he answered the description of an "earless man" whose

Governor Calls Session to Mull Stabilizing Means for Mart

sented at a conference called by stabilizing and extending the prune market. The meeting will open at 2 p. m. in the hearing room in the basement of the capi-

The governor called the conference following a meeting of agricultural leaders last week at which prune growers' problems were discussed. He told the gathering he had been informed the prices offered for 1939 green prunes were below cost of production and said steps should be taken to protect this large in-

A large majority of the prune growers, processors and packers invited by the governor to attend today's conference have accepted. Use of a special 28-pound box

for fresh prune shipments, which growers claim will cut packing costs and bring a market premium, was authorized yesterday by the state department of agri-

Johnson's Trout To Be FDR's Fish

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 14-(A)-President Roosevelt will have Rainbow and Eastern Brook trout for his table, thanks to a catch made here today by Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war.

Johnson, who said he "wouldn't trade the trip for \$10,000," made the catch on the Warm Springs Indian reservation. The fish were taken aboard an army transport plane that will take Johnson to California for a session of the California department, American

The catch of Dinty Culp, The Dalles, member of the Johnson fishing party, was ruined when a skunk invaded the camp during

Claim Transient's Body ALBANY, Aug. 14.-(P)-The body of Blucher V. Lawson, 28,

of Harpster, Ohio, was en route to relatives at Sandusky, O., today. He succumbed Saturday night ant postmaster general, as printo a compound skull fracture apcipal speaker. Approximately 3000 parently suffered when he was hit by a freight train.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1-(P)Strong winds late today whipped the 12,000-acre forest fire at the Where 14 Died Is Salvaged

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 14-(P) ing at the end of a flight from Salvagers today lifted from Miami, Fla., slanted sharply. Guanabara bay the shattered cab-harbor and crashed. in of a Pan American "Baby Clipper" which yesterday became the in two, one section falling ashore tomb of 14 persons, including six and the other, including the cab-Americans, in one of Brazil's in, plunging into the water. worst air tragedies.
The crumpled wreckage of the

with holding up and robbing Rob-The twin-motored craft broke

Only two persons aboard

clipper survived. Besides airliner was towed to the Rio De James Harvey Rogers, the Amer-Janeiro airport where Brazilian ican victims included Henrie May and Pan American officials joined in a search for a clue to the cause brarian at the University of Florida; Robert Landman of New

Rail Saboteur Hunted; Crash Death Toll 23

First "Earless" Suspect Proves Alibi, to Be Released

Railroad Man Who Raved Against Road Sought by Police

RENO, Nev., Aug. 14.-(AP)-Deaths mounted to 23 today in the crash of the streamline train "City of San Francisco" as police pushed a general roundup of suspicious characters in railway yards in quest of the mass murderer blamed for last Saturday's tra-

Two men were questioned in jails of two states as rescue crews found the bodies of two women and a man. Two other men died in an Elko hospital of their injuries. One hundred fourteen others on the train were injured or badly shaken up, nearly 100 of them requiring at least first aid treatment, when the \$2,000,000 train was hurtled into a rocky Nevada canyon by a deliberately moved

Albert Johnson, 647 East 75th street, Chicago, at first reported by the Southern Pacific to have perished in the wreck, was found tonight to be alive, though seriously injured, in an Elko, Nev., hospital.

"Earless" Suspect To Be Released Chief of Police Andy M. Welliver announced tonight that tomorrow he would probably release Bob La Duceur, 28, after federal, local and railroad police had spent all day questioning him.

Welliver said he was arrested

tion of an "earless man" whose strange action made him one of the main objectives of the search. The police chief said T. J. Mc-Laughlin, federal bureau of investigation agent, had established that La Duceur was at Pyramid lake, Nev., Saturday night and All Oregon prune growing and Sunday morning and could not packing districts will be repre- have participated in the wreck. Governor Charles A. Sprague this riding a freight train from Portafternoon to discuss means of land, Ore., to Fernley, Nev., but was left behind at Pyramid lake

when the freight pulled out while he was getting a drink of water. "He had breakfast with members of the Southern Pacific section crew there Sunday morning

according to members of the crew," Welliver said. Special Investigator Sked of the railways said the man was "sore at the railroads. He said a train cut his foot in half in Montana two years ago. But he denies any connection with the

Nevada wreck." Part of the man's right ear was missing and half of his left foot. He said he was from Lewistown, Mont. Five Men Held At Utah City

Five men were taken from an eastbound freight train at Ogden, Utah, and held for questioning. From Ogden to Oakland, Calif., police watched railway yards for the "earless man" and a railroad man who raved against the railway the day before the

In his fury against the railway, which he said "never gave me a break," the worker lit his cap and hurled it at a Chinese early Saturday morning. Chief Welliver said the earless man had been reported "acting suspiciously at Fernley, and had inquired yesterday morning at a Fernley garage, 'Has anything hap-

The interstate commission commission sent five investigators from Washington, DC, to be scene of the wreck where crews began rebuilding a 60-foot steel bridge which the train smashed down into Humboldt river. Of the known dead nine were

pened?'

passengers, four of them women. Seven of the railway emplores killed were negroes. They were hurled screaming to their death when the rocking dining car caught in the bridge superstructure and pulled the train

and the bridge into the ravine.

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Attempted Escape Gives Jail Term

PORTLAND, Aug. 14.-(AP)-George E. Pohrman, 28, a cook. who was shot in the right arm when he attempted to break away from a detective, was held under guard in the city jail today. He is charged with assault and robbery. Detective Sergeant Bill Browne said the prisoner was charged

ert G. Petticard of \$12. Detective Floyd Smith shot him when he attempted to escape. Browne said the guard was ordered after he slashed his wrist

in jail with the edge of a tin cup.

14 Blood Donors Fail Saving Life