

Suicide Mars Jury's Probe

Deputy Treasurer Shoots
Self on Being Called
for Testimony

OLYMPIA, Aug. 21.—(AP)—O. S. Pritchard's death here today, described by Prosecutor Smith Troy as suicide, brought a recommendation from the grand jury that legislation be passed "so irregularities being found in counties throughout the state could be kept at a minimum."

Saying it could not be unkind of the increasing amount of irregularities in treasurers' offices of counties throughout the state, the jury recommended the governor set up a commission of experienced persons to "outline legislation which would remedy the present inadequate system."

When informed of the recommendation, Governor Martin said he would be glad to "cooperate in any program that would minimize these discrepancies."

Ordered Before Jury
Pritchard, former deputy county treasurer, was ordered before the jury, which has been investigating shortages in that office, at 10:30 a.m. today, but shortly thereafter the jury received word he had shot himself through the heart, in the bathroom of his home.

Prosecutor Smith Troy said there was no doubt his death was a suicide, and that there would be no inquest.

The jury said the money shortage in the county treasurer's office was in excess of \$3,000, and the audit is "still far from complete."

Salem Milkshed Report Is Made

There are 24 distributors and producer-distributors licensed to sell milk in Salem and 64 producers shipping milk to city plants for distribution, according to a report issued yesterday by the Marion county health department.

Sanitation and quality of the product are the basis for grading. Approximately 2500 cows are required to produce Salem's milk supply.

Pasteurized—Capitol, Curly's, Dave's, Independent, Hazel Dell, Meadow Grove, Salem Sanitary and Waldo Hills.

Raw—Capitol, Cooley's, Creamland, Curly's, Dave's, Independent, Foshay, Bruce, Fox, Goode's, Hazel Dell, Hurley's, Judson, Nelson View, Maple, McMillin, Meadow Grove, Pine Tree, Radiant, Salem Sanitary, Sneider's, Springer's, Sunshine, Valley Farm, and Waldo Hills.

Salesman's Action Nabs Highwayman

FOSSIL, Aug. 21.—(AP)—William M. Scott of Idaho, faced a five-year term in the state penitentiary tonight because of the quick thinking of W. V. Rumble, Portland salesman.

Rumble found Lester Simpson of Bandon badly beaten on the highway near Prineville. Simpson said two men and a woman who offered him a ride to Baker beat him and took \$33.

The victim and Rumble pursued the trio in the salesman's car, overtaking them near Mitchell. Rumble, posing as an officer, arrested them and called the Mitchell town marshal.

Scott pleaded guilty to robbery and was sentenced to five years by Judge Carl Hendricks. Francis Moore, Portland, and Maude Hagerman, Portland, were held.

Fuel Oil Service Inaugurated Here

A new fuel oil service for Salem and vicinity was inaugurated yesterday with announcement of the opening of the Valley Oil company in headquarters at 175 S. High street. The new fuel oil concern will be operated by J. J. Hague, with his sons, James, Jr., and George, managing the business.

The firm will supply Standard Oil company's fuel, stove and burner oils. Distribution will be accomplished by a new fully-equipped streamlined truck, said to be the last word in vehicles of this type.

Both George and Jim Hague were connected with Standard Oil company, George for six years and Jim for three. Both men are married and are moving to Salem with their families.

Nilsen to Appear In Opera Film

SILVERTON—Sigurd Nilsen, son of Peter Nilsen of Silvertown, has been signed with MGM film company for work in an operatic extravaganza planned for release during the coming year.

Mr. Nilsen has been spending the summer in Europe. He spent May and early June at Silvertown as a guest of his father and at Portland as a guest of his sister, Mrs. John Elder, formerly of Silvertown.

BACK TO MIDWEST
SILVERTON—Mrs. O. J. Mithun and two children, Calvin and DeLores, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, and her sister, Miss Edith Johnson, left this past week for their former home at Stanley, N.D. The group came here several months ago to dispose of the Mithun household goods. Mrs. Mithun and children left here a year ago upon the sudden death of Rev. Mithun.

MEASLES STRIKE TWO
WEST STAYTON—Addie Lou Snodgrass and Jack Baker are ill with the measles.

Chita Laughs at Danger



Riding madcap of the Big Show, writers term her, the gallant, graceful and radiant, Chita Cristiani, the first lady among the equestriennes of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined circus, coming to Salem Thursday, August 31, who races her rearing and high jumping horses around the show's vast hippodrome track to the wonder and delight of the thousands in the stands. Opening its performance at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. with the revolutionary new spectacle designed by the noted Charles Le Maire, the Big Show will present the most imposing array of new wonders, features and innovations ever assembled.

New WPA Pay Rates Slated

Schedule of new Wages,
Mostly Raises, Is
Received Here

A schedule of the new wage rates for WPA workers which will go into effect September 1 was received yesterday by the Salem district WPA office, showing wage increases for all classes of workers in this county. Although some indication of the amount of increases to be effected had been received by the office last week, this was the first definite schedule received, W. M. Bartlett, supervisor of the operations division of the office, said.

Unskilled indoor labor will, under the new rate for Marion county, receive \$48.10 a month, while unskilled outdoor labor will receive \$52. Both formerly were paid \$45. Intermediate labor, which previously got \$55 will now receive \$62.40. Skilled labor is raised from \$70 to \$81.90 and professional and technical labor from \$77 to \$84.50.

The new schedule, which divides counties according to the population of the largest city in each, raises pay for all types of Multnomah county where monthly pay for unskilled labor will be \$55 in all counties except in lower counties where it is \$52.

In Linn county the range will graduate from \$46.80 for unskilled indoor labor to \$81.90 for professional and technical labor. Unskilled outdoor labor will get \$50.70, intermediate \$61.10 and skilled \$79.50.

In Polk county unskilled indoor labor gets \$44.20, unskilled outdoor \$49.40, intermediate \$59.80, skilled \$76.70 and professional and technical \$78.

Dairy Exhibits' Deadline Sept. 1

Entries on the creamery, butter and cheese exhibits at the Oregon state fair will close September 1. Entries already in give promise that the dairy products show will be the largest yet, fair officials state.

First prize for the best butter will be \$35, and the same is offered for the best entry of cheddar cheese. Fifty seven other prizes, ranging from \$20 to \$3 will be given in the butter contest, and 23 others, ranging from \$20 to \$3, will be given in the cheese competition.

Last year Roy Thompson of the Eugene Farmers' co-op creamery carried off top honors in butter-making, with 78 entries judged and buttermakers over the state are showing lively interest in who will wear the fair toga this year. Butter mailed for competition at the fair, which opens Labor day and closes September 10, should be addressed to the Terminal Ice and Cold Storage company, for state fair, Salem.

Portland Is Tops In Moose Drilling

Portland lodge took first prize honors in the drill team contests for men held at Olinger field Sunday afternoon as the annual state convention of Loyal Order of the Moose drew to a close. Klamath Falls team won second. In the women's drill contests, the Klamath Falls team won first place, with Corvallis second. Klamath Falls also walked away with first place in the ritualistic contest Saturday night, with Merrill, a lodge sponsored by Klamath Falls, in second.

Judges were Captain William H. Hammond of the secretary of state's office, assisted by Lieutenant Dow H. Lovell of company B, 162nd Infantry, and Staff Sergeant Levinsky and Hodges of the regular army.

State Gasoline Taxes, Originated Here, Now Lead State Revenues, Report Says

WASHINGTON, DC, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The motor fuel tax, enacted first by Oregon in 1919, is the most important single source of state revenues, the commerce department reported today.

From 1927 until 1937 revenues from the tax nearly quadrupled. The total collected by all states in 1937 was \$627,000,000, Oregon's collections being \$9,550,000. In 1930 Oregon collected \$5,741,000.

Washington collected \$14,334,000 in 1937 compared to \$6,260,200 in 1930. The tax brought California \$21,918,000 in 1937 and \$22,525,000 in 1930.

Since 1931 the amount collected from inheritance, estate and gift taxes has declined in the states. In 1937 only 2.8 per cent of all state revenues were from such taxes compared to 6.6 per cent in 1932.

Oregon has an inheritance and gift tax but no estate tax, and Nevada was the only state in the union which had no succession or gift tax, the commerce department reported.

Estate taxes in Oregon in 1937 amounted to \$550,000 compared to \$1,230,000 in 1930. Pennsylvania led all states in revenue obtained from the motor fuel tax. It collected \$46,654,000. Nevada, with \$1,108,000, was the smallest.

Spanish Royalty Shunning Franco

ROME, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Members of the dethroned royal family of Spain, most of whom live in Italy, have "engagements" elsewhere next month when Spanish Generalissimo Francisco Franco comes here to visit Premier Mussolini.

Spanish royalists explained there was no friction between former King Alfonso and other members of his Bourbon family and General Franco, but that it was considered tactful for them to withdraw during the celebration of the 11th anniversary of the victory of Spain's civil war.

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Arrest by Sketch



On the basis of a sketch (top), drawn by a woman artist who witnessed a bank holdup at Long Beach, Calif., a complaint was issued by the district attorney's office accusing Morris Kessler, 30, of Chicago of the holdup. Police said this picture (bottom), of Kessler, received from Chicago, completed the identification.

Chatters Favors Lessened Control

Finance Officers Chief
Raps Struggle to Get
Matching Money

City and county governmental units are suffering from overregulation by federal and state governments and straining to make ends meet because, in part, of their struggle to match federal PWA and WPA funds in recent years, Carl H. Chatters, director of the Municipal Finance Officers association of the United States and Canada, told a luncheon gathering of city, county and state finance officers from Willamette valley points here yesterday.

Chatters declared more local control of government was needed but warned that state and federal government must stand by in a guiding capacity. He qualified his statement as to PWA and WPA operations by inquiring "what we would have done if the federal government had not helped out with unemployment relief."

What government now needs most, the speaker said, is "leadership from people willing to face political suicide if necessary to do what is right."

Chatters was introduced by S. W. Starr, supervisor of the state division of audits.

Decentralization of the federal government was advocated by State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson.

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4.75-19	13.35	6.68	20.03	6.67	6.50-18	19.35	9.68	29.03	9.67
5.00-18	15.95	7.98	23.93	7.97	7.00-15	21.35	10.68	32.03	10.67
5.00-20	16.50	8.25	24.75	8.25	7.00-18	21.95	10.98	32.93	10.97
					7.50-16	27.80	13.90	41.70	13.90

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5.00-18	13.20	6.60	19.80	6.60	4.50-21	8.60	4.30	12.90	4.30
5.25-17	12.00	6.00	18.00	6.00	5.00-18	11.00	5.50	16.50	5.50
5.50-16	14.35	7.18	21.53	7.17	5.25-17	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
6.00-16	17.40	8.70	26.10	8.70	5.50-18	11.95	5.98	17.93	5.97

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